



## Prelims Practice Questions 02-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Concessional Financing Scheme

1. It is aimed at supporting Indian Entities bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad
2. Only those companies which have 75 per cent shareholding by Indians would be supported
3. The Ministry of External Affairs is responsible for selection of projects that requires support

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : b

1. Under the CFS, the government has been supporting Indian entities bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad since 2015-16.
2. The scheme has now been liberalised and any Indian company, irrespective of the ownership will be eligible to benefit from the scheme
3. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) selects the specific projects keeping in view strategic interest of India and sends the same to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).

2. Consider the following statements about National Rural Drinking Water Programme

1. It is a central sector scheme that aims to make water accessible at all times and situations with a minimum quality standard
2. National Water Quality Sub-Mission is a sub-scheme that focuses only on Arsenic & Fluoride affected habitations

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not** correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

1. NRDWP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 50.50 fund sharing between the Centre and the States.
2. National Water Quality Sub-Mission to tackle Arsenic & Fluoride affected habitations, JE / AES areas

3. In which of the following regions in India Shale gas is found?

1. Cambay

2. Assam- Arakan
3. Indo- Gangetic basin
4. Gondwana region in central India

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 2, 3, and 4 only
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4

Answer : d

Shale gas is found in

1. Cambay (Gujarat)
2. Assam-Arakan (North East)
3. Gondwana (Central India)
4. Krishna Godavari onshore (East Coast)
5. Cauvery onshore
6. Indo-Gangetic basins.

4. Consider the following statements about GSLV MK-III

1. It is a three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle with a cryogenic third stage
2. It can carry 4 ton class of satellites into Low Earth Orbit or about 10 tons to Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

GSLV Mk III is designed to carry 4 ton class of satellites into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) or about 10 tons to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), which is about twice the capability of GSLV Mk II.

5. Consider the following statements about GI tags

1. It is valid for a period of 20 years after which it has to be renewed
2. The GI tags are administered by the same authority that manages Patents in India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b



1. GI tag is valid for 10 years and has to be renewed after that.
2. Both are administered by Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademarks

6. Consider the following statements about 'Swati'

1. It is an indigenous Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) developed by DRDO
2. It has a range of 100 km and it can perform two operations namely Weapon Location Mode for enemy Artillery and Direction of Own Artillery Fire

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

Its range is 50 km

WLR has two roles to perform i.e. Weapon Location Mode for enemy Artillery and Direction of Own artillery Fire (DOOAF) Mode for our own Artillery.

7. Consider the following statements about 'Irulas'

1. These are aboriginal ethnic group of India that inhabit the Nilgiri mountains in Tamil Nadu and Kerala
2. The Biodiversity Act of 2002 recognises the tribe's possession of traditional knowledge of snake venom extraction



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Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

The Biodiversity Act, 2002 underlines the principle of 'Access and Benefit Sharing' is set to benefit tribe for its possession of traditional knowledge

8. Consider the following statements about PowerTex India scheme

1. It is a comprehensive scheme that aims at upgrading existing plain powerlooms to semi-automatic or shutterless powerlooms by giving financial aid
2. The Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries (SAATHI) is part of PowerTex scheme

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

**SAATHI** is an initiative of Ministries of Power and Textiles with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to procure energy efficient Powerlooms, motors and Rapier kits in bulk and provide them to the small and medium Powerloom units at no upfront cost

It is not part of PowerTex scheme

9. Consider the following statements about Public Interest Litigation (PIL)

1. It can originate only in the High Courts for the enforcement of the constitution or legal rights of a person or a group of persons
2. It cannot be filed against a private party

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b

PIL can be filed in either High courts or Supreme court

It can be filed against State/Central Govt., Municipal Authorities, and not any private party.

10. Consider the following statements about 'State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index '

1. It is being brought out jointly by Ministry of Power and NITI Aayog
2. Kerala stands first among states in terms of adopting energy efficiency measures

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b

1. The first edition of State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index was recently brought out by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and NITI Aayog
2. Kerala (77 points), Rajasthan (68) and Andhra Pradesh (66.5) are top three performers
3. The Index takes into account sector-wise energy consumption, energy saving potential and States' influence in implementing energy efficiency