



Prelims Practice Questions 10-09-2018

1. Consider the following statements about World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2018)

1. It is a biennial event conducted by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), India
2. The summit will focus on the issues and opportunities in achieving Outcome-based Accreditation

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

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

Answer : c

1. The 4th World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2018) is happening in New Delhi from 7th to 9th September.
2. It is a biennial event, and it was previously conducted in 2012, 2014 and 2016.
3. The Summit will facilitate exchange of information on various challenges being faced during the transition between input-output based accreditation to outcome based accreditation
4. WOSA is an opportunity for academia and the industry to explore avenues for future partnerships and to create an environment for open dialogue to facilitate mobility of students and professionals world-wide to gain international experience.
5. The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) was established for periodic evaluations of technical institutions & programs according to the specified norms and standards as recommended by AICTE.

2. 'Mobilise Your City (MYC)' was seen in news recently. Which of the following statement(s) about it is/are true?

1. It is an initiative of UN Climate
2. It aims to make transportation sustainable by implementing low-carbon transit solutions
3. Kochi, Nagpur, and Ahmedabad are the pilot cities selected in India for this programme
4. A grant of 3.5 million Euro will be given to the selected pilot cities

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

Answer : c

The MYC is an initiative combining urban mobility objectives and climate considerations. It is part of an international initiative which is supported by the French and the German Governments.

It was however launched at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) of United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Paris in 2015.

Recently, India and France signed an implementation agreement on MYC.

The MYC will support the 3 pilot cities Nagpur, Kochi and Ahmedabad in their efforts to reduce their Green House Gas (GHG) emissions related to urban transport.

The MYC will provide technical assistance with a grant of €3.5 million for the three cities through French funding agency Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD).

3. Consider the following statements about Bonnethead Shark

1. It is found in the South Atlantic Ocean near Africa
2. It is the world's first species of omnivorous shark to be discovered

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

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

Answer : a

It is found primarily in the North American shore and around the Gulf of Mexico

It is the first-ever species of omnivorous shark to have been discovered. A recent study found that seagrass may make up 60% of a Bonnethead's diet.

4. 'BirdLife International' was in news recently. Consider the following statements with respect to it.

1. It is an intergovernmental organisation that works on conservation of birds and their habitats
2. It recently held that Pix's Macaw, the Cryptic Treehunter, and the Poo-uli are among the bird species which became 'Critically Endangered' in this century.

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

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

Answer : d

1. BirdLife International is an **International NGO** that strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity. With 121 partners, it is one of the largest NGOs working for conservation of nature.
2. It recently held that Pix's Macaw, the Cryptic Treehunter, and the Poo-uli are among the bird species which became '**Extinct**' in this century.

5. Consider the following statements with respect to Preventive Detention

1. A person cannot be detained for a period of more than 6 months in case of a preventive detention
2. Article 22 (1) and (2) will not be available for a person arrested under the laws governing

Preventive Detention

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

A person cannot be retained for a period of more than **3 months** under Preventive Detention. The period can be further extended only based on the approval from an Advisory Board.

Article 22- Protection against arrest and detention in certain cases

(1) No person who is arrested shall be detained in custody without being informed, as soon as may be, of the grounds for such arrest nor shall he be denied the right to consult, and to be defended by, a legal practitioner of his choice

(2) Every person who is arrested and detained in custody shall be produced before the nearest magistrate within a period of twenty four hours of such arrest excluding the time necessary for the journey from the place of arrest to the court of the magistrate and no such person shall be detained in custody beyond the said period without the authority of a magistrate

The protection offered under Article-22 is not available to an enemy alien, and a person detained under a preventive detention law.

6. Consider the following statements about Paris Agreement

1. It aims to keep the global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre industrial levels and further limit it to 1.5 degrees celsius in the long run
2. The Agreement binds the Developed nations to help the Developing nations reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through financial aid

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

The Paris Agreement formally entered into force on November 4, 2016. It was facilitated by the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)

Under the Agreement, there are no binding goals. Member states determine their own "nationally determined contributions" which they may even withdraw from later.

7. Consider the following statements about Sohrai and Khovar paintings

1. These are styles of folk paintings found in parts of Jharkhand
2. Sohrai refers to paintings done to decorate marriage chambers and Khovar refers to paintings done after the harvest season as an act of 'thanks-giving'
3. They are largely confined to domestic spaces and is mostly practised by women

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

Khovar refers to the decoration of the **marriage chambers**

Sohrai is the **harvest** painting on the mud houses, repairing it after the rains and offering a thanksgiving to the forces of Nature.

8. The Dawn mission is

- a. A mission of NASA to study objects in the Kuiper belt
- b. A mission of ESA to observe the rings of Saturn
- c. A mission of NASA to study the protoplanets of the asteroid belt
- d. A mission of NASA to send a solar probe

Answer : c

1. Dawn is NASA's space probe to study the Asteroid belt. It was launched in September 2007
2. It was majorly tasked to study two of the three known protoplanets of the asteroid belt Vesta and Ceres which when combined make up 45% of the mass of the main asteroid belt.
3. The spacecraft is likely to run out of a key fuel known as hydrazine and will lose out on communication with earth between September and October, 2018.
4. It will, however, remain in a silent orbit around Ceres for decades.

9. Consider the following species

1. Wattle
2. Pine
3. Lantana
4. Parthenium
5. Eupatorium

Which of the given species is/are found to be invasive in the Western Ghats region?

- a. 1, 2, 3, 4 only
- b. 1, 3, 4, 5 only
- c. 2, 3, 4, 5 only
- d. All of the above

Answer : d

All the given species are invasive species and they are found to be rampant in the Western

Ghats.

10. Consider the following statements about International Sugar Organisation (ISO)

1. It is the only worldwide forum for the exchange of views by major sugar producing, consuming and trading countries at an intergovernmental level.
2. India signed the International Sugar Agreement (ISA) in 1992 but did not ratify it
3. ISO strives to encourage increased demand for sugar, particularly for non-traditional uses.

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

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

Answer : c

India ratified its membership of ISO in 1993.

The ISO is based in London. The 87 member states ((based on data for 2016) of the ISO represent:

- 87% of world sugar production
- 68% of world sugar consumption
- 92% of world exports
- 40% of world imports



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