



### **Prelims Practice Questions 08-10-2018**

1. With respect to National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2017-18, consider the following statements

1. It is conducted by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation to review the progress of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan
2. The Survey is part of the World Bank Support Project

Select the right answer using the codes from below.

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

Answer : b

- The survey is conducted by an Independent Verification Agency (IVA)
- It is part of World Bank Support Project
- It was conducted earlier this year. It found that 93.4% of the households in rural India who have access to a toilet use it, confirming that behaviour change is happening on the ground.
- It also re-confirmed the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status of 95.6% of villages which were previously declared and verified as ODF by various districts/states
- It was conducted between mid-November 2017 and mid-March 2018
- The survey covered 92040 households in 6136 villages across States and UTs in India.

2. Consider the following statements about Voyager- 2

1. It recently made its entry into the Interstellar space
2. It is the only mission till date to have visited the outer planets Uranus and Neptune

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

- It is a mission of NASA
- The mission has not yet entered the Interstellar space and it is believed to be fastly approaching it.
- It will be second only to Voyager-1 if it reaches the Interstellar space.
- The mission objective of the Voyager Interstellar Mission (VIM) is to extend the NASA

exploration of the solar system beyond the neighborhood of the outer planets to the outer limits of the Sun's sphere of influence, and possibly beyond.

3. Consider the following statements about Mount Kilimanjaro

1. The Uhuru peak of this mountain is the highest point in Africa
2. It is located in Tanzania
3. The mountain is part of the East African Rift System

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 : d

4. Consider the following statements about Iron Age in India

1. It is the period where the Indus Valley Civilization emerged in the Northwestern part of India
2. People of this age used Painted Grey Ware pottery

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

- Iron Age emerged during the period of transition from the later Bronze Age (end of Harappan civilization) and the emergence of the Vedic Age
- It is India's first culture to start systematic smelting of iron. The people made Painted Grey Ware pottery.
- This is the period where people used iron for various purposes, important of them being agriculture
- Recently, evidences which hint the presence of one such civilization was found in Vattakadu, Kerala

5. Consider the following statements about Community Reserves

1. They are buffer areas which act as connectors between established national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and other reserved and protected forests
2. They were introduced for the first time by Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act of 2002

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

1. These protected area categories were first introduced in the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment

Act of 2002 – the amendment to the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.

2. It is declared by the concerned State Government
3. Such areas are designated as conservation areas if they are uninhabited and completely owned by the Government of India but used for subsistence by communities and community areas if part of the lands are privately owned.

6. The Eastern Ghats are spread over which of the following states?

1. Maharashtra
2. Karnataka
3. Odisha
4. Kerala

Select the right answer using the codes given below.

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

Answer : c

7. Consider the following statements about Securities Transaction Tax (STT)

1. It is a direct tax
2. STT is collected for government of India by the stock exchanges

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 : d

Securities Transaction Tax (STT) is a type of financial transaction tax levied in India on transactions done on the domestic stock exchanges

The rates of STT are prescribed by the Central / Union Government through its Budget from time to time. It is considered as a Direct Tax

8. The Director Identification Number (DIN no.) in India is issued by?

- a. Ministry of Finance
- b. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- c. Ministry of Human Resource Management
- d. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Answer : b

DIN Number or Director Identification Number is a unique 8 digit number that is required

for any existing or proposed Director of a Company.

Director Identification Number (DIN) has been introduced in India by way of Companies Amendment Act, 2006.

It is allotted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

9. Consider the following statements about S-400 Triumph

1. It is a Modern short- range Surface- to- Air missile system developed by Russia
2. It can engage aerial targets such as aircraft, ballistic and cruise missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV)

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. It is modern **long-range** surface-to-air missile (MLR SAM) system
2. The missile system integrates a multifunction radar, autonomous detection and targeting systems, anti-aircraft missile systems, launchers, and command and control centre.
3. It can provide a layered defence as it is capable of firing three types of missiles.

10. Consider the following pairs

Ship	Role
1. INS Satpura	Fleet Tanker
2. INS Kadmat	Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, Missile Corvette
3. INS Shakti	Multi-purpose stealth frigate

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 only
- d. All of the above

Answer : c

- INS Satpura is a Multi-purpose stealth frigate belonging to the Shivalik Class
- INS Shakti is a Fleet Tanker belonging to the Deepak Class