



Prelims Practice Questions 21-01-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas (PBD)-2019

1. Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) is celebrated once in every two years to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots.
2. It is for the first time, the event is being held in Varanasi.
3. The theme for this year event is "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India".

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

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

Answer : d

- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated **once in every two years** to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots.
- The 15th PBD Convention is being held on 21-23 January 2019 in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.
- The theme of PBD Convention 2019 is "**Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India**".
- PBD every year has been taking place on 9th January to mark to arrival of father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi back to India from South Africa in 1915 but this year it is taking place on 21st to align it with Kumbh Mela and Republic day so that diaspora can have a rich experience of India's culture at Prayagraj and grandeur at Rajpath.
- It was also **made a biennial event from an annual event** earlier before 2015.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to NGO-DARPAN portal

1. It is mandatory for all NGOs seeking FCRA services to register under this portal.
2. It is being maintained under the aegis of NITI Aayog.

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

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

Answer : b

- In a relief to thousands of Non-government Organisations (NGOs), the **Union Home Ministry** has recently **relaxed the mandatory requirement** of getting NGOs registered on a **NITI-Aayog-run online portal NGO-DARPAN** to receive foreign donations.
- Now, it is **optional** for all NGO seeking FCRA services to register under the DARPAN portal.
- However, associations/NGOs, already registered with the Darpan portal or those required to register under the portal since they receive subsidies/grants/contribution from public funds,

may still continue to quote their DARPAN identification number while seeking Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) related services.

3) Consider the following statements

1. It is one of the tiger reserve governed under the Project Tiger.
2. It constitutes an important component of a forest landscape comprising Nagarhole, Mudumalai and Sathyamangalam.
3. Recently, Environment ministry has opposed a proposal to construct elevated roads over this Tiger Reserve.

Identify the Tiger reserve using the description given above

- a. Wayanad Tiger reserve
- b. Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger reserve
- c. Sharavati Tiger reserve
- d. Bandipur Tiger reserve

Answer : d

- The Centre has recently opposed the elevated road, proposed to come up in **Bandipur Tiger Reserve** to overcome the night traffic ban from 9pm to 6am.

4) Consider the following statements

1. A foreigner cannot seek information under RTI act.
2. Central Information Commission does not have jurisdiction over State Information Commission.
3. A complaint or appeal can be filed in Central Information Commission against an order of a State Information Commission.

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

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

Answer : b

- As per section 3 of the RTI Act **any Indian citizen** can seek information under the Act.
- Central Information Commission **does not** have jurisdiction over a State Information Commission **nor** a complaint or appeal can be filed in this Commission against an order of a State Information Commission.

5) Kohassa also known as *White-Bellied Sea Eagle* - a large bird of prey, sometimes seen in the news recently, is endemic to

- a. Keibul Lamjao National Park
- b. Chilika Lake
- c. Gulf of Mannar
- d. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Answer : d

- To enhance the operational capability of Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), Naval Air Station (NAS) Shibpur will be commissioned as INS Kohassa.
- INS Kohassa has been named after a White - Bellied Sea Eagle, which is a large bird of prey endemic to **Andaman and Nicobar Islands (ANI)**.
- INS Kohassa will become the third Naval Air Base in the Andaman and Nicobar islands after INS Utkrosh at Port Blair and INS Baaz at Campbell Bay.

6) Consider the following statements

1. It is one of India's oldest port cities.
2. It is located between the Bhogavo and Sabarmati rivers near the Gulf of Khambat.
3. The name of the site means "the mound of the dead".

Identify the Indus Valley Civilisation site using the description given above

- a. Dholavira
- b. Lothal
- c. Mohenjo-daro
- d. Kalibangan

Answer : b

- Lothal is located between the **Bhogavo and Sabarmati rivers near the Gulf of Khambat**.
- The word Lothal, **like Mohenjo-daro**, means the mound of the dead.
- **Mohenjo-daro** is an IVC site in the province of **Sindh, Pakistan**.

7) The term "Urban Heat Island" refers to

- a. Islands formed due to volcanic activity
- b. Warming up of Islands due to rapid urbanisation
- c. Urban area that is warmer than its surrounding rural areas
- d. None of the above

Answer : c

Urban Heat Island - Urban area that is significantly warmer than its surrounding rural areas.



8) "Formosa Strait" connects which of the following?

- a. South China Sea and East China Sea
- b. South China Sea and Philippine Sea
- c. East China Sea and North China Sea
- d. East China Sea and Yellow Sea

Answer : a

- The **Taiwan Strait** or **Formosa Strait** separates the island of Taiwan from mainland China.
- The strait is part of the **South China Sea and connects to the East China Sea** to the north.

9) "Global Economy Watch report" is published by which of the following organisation?

- a. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- b. World Bank
- c. International Monetary Fund
- d. None of the above

Answer : d

- India is likely to cross the United Kingdom in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019, Global Economy Watch report published by **global consultancy firm PwC** stated.
- PwC's Global Economy Watch monitors trends and issues affecting the global economy and details its latest projections for the leading nations.

10) Varthur Lake, sometimes seen in the news recently, is located in which of the following cities?

- a. Chennai
- b. Kolkata
- c. Bengaluru
- d. Mumbai

Answer : c

*Spontaneous fire has been spotted recently on **Bengaluru's Varthur Lake.***

