



Prelims Practice Questions 28-01-2019

1) Consider the following statements

1. It is located in Western Indian Island which is also known as the Island of Gharapuri.
2. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site.
3. It is a glorious abode of Lord Shiva and an epitome of Hindu cave culture.

Identify the world heritage site using the description given above

- a. Ellora Caves
- b. Bandar Khayran Caves
- c. Elephanta Caves
- d. Silvassa Island Temple

Answer : c

- Elephanta Caves near Mumbai is a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.
- The Elephanta Caves are located in Western India on **Elephanta Island** (also known as the Island of Gharapuri (City of caves)).
- The masterpiece "Sadashiva" dominates the entrance to one of the caves in Elephanta.
- *A unique event "Artisan Speak" which will showcase the rich handloom and textile tradition of India is being held at Elephanta Caves recently.*
- *The first-of-its-kind event at Elephanta Caves is being organized by the Ministry of Textiles, in partnership with IMG Reliance.*

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Pariksha Pe Charcha 2.0 programme

1. It is a unique interaction platform, where students can directly register their grievances with respect to exams, with the Human Resource Minister.
2. Only Delhi / NCR students were allowed to participate in this programme.

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 : d

- It is a unique interaction where **students, teachers, parents** and the **Prime Minister**, will come together to **discuss issues** related to exams and the **stress connected to that**.
- *A total of 2000 students, parents and teachers will be participating at Talkatora Stadium from all over India in another exciting edition of **Pariksha Pe Charcha 2.0** on 29th January, 2019.*
- For first time, **students from all over India and also Indian students residing abroad** are participating as compared to last year where only Delhi / NCR students were called.
- The participants from abroad include from countries like Russia, Nigeria, Iran, Nepal, Doha, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to Technical textiles

1. They are manufactured primarily for technical performance and functional properties rather than aesthetic and decorative characteristics.
2. Use of technical textiles is restricted only to medical applications in India.

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 : a

- Technical textiles are textile material and products manufactured primarily for technical performance and functional properties rather than aesthetic and decorative characteristics.
- They find application not only in clothing but also in areas like **agriculture, medical, infrastructure, automotive, aerospace, sports, defence and packaging**.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)

1. It was set up by a resolution of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. It is headed by the Prime Minister of India.
3. Its headquarters is located in Chennai, Tamilnadu.

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

- a. 3 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. None



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Answer : d

- The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a **statutory** advisory body on Animal Welfare Laws and promotes animal welfare in the country.
- It was established in 1962 under Section 4 of the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960**.
- Its headquarters was **shifted from Chennai, Tamilnadu to Ballabgarh** in Faridabad district of Haryana in 2018.
- *With several objections raised against his functioning by Union Minister Maneka Gandhi and several animal rights activists as the backdrop, retired IAS officer SP Gupta has resigned from the **chairmanship** of AWBI.*

5) Consider the following statements with respect to Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)

1. It was set up by a resolution adopted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in 2013.
2. It is a multi-disciplinary organization works under the Ministry of Finance.

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 : d

- SFIO is a **statutory** corporate fraud investigating agency in India.

- Initially, it was set up by a resolution adopted by the Government of India in 2003.
- Later, Section 211 of the Companies Act, 2013, accorded the statutory status to the SFIO.
- SFIO is a multi-disciplinary organization under **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**.

6) DAMaN initiative, an inspiration for global fight against malaria, is an effort by which of the following Indian states?

- Chattisgarh
- Odisha
- Meghalaya
- West Bengal

Answer : b

- Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran (**DAMaN**), is an initiative of **Odisha** government.
- It aims to deliver services to the most inaccessible and hardest hit people of the State.
- Through its DAMaN initiative, Odisha has emerged as an inspiration in the global fight against malaria.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to National Chilika Bird Festival

1. It aims to promote eco-tourism and preservation of birds in India.
2. It was jointly organised by the Ministry of Tourism and Odisha Tourism Development Board.

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

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2



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Answer : d

- The 2nd National Chilika Bird Festival began recently at Mangalajodi, with the aim to promote eco-tourism and preservation of birds in **Odisha**.
- The two-day festival, jointly organized by **Odisha Tourism and Chilika Development Authority**, includes photo exhibition seminars and visit to **Nalbana island** inside Chilika.

8) In which of the following states, Schedule VI of Indian Constitution does not apply?

1. Assam
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Meghalaya
4. Manipur
5. Nagaland
6. Mizoram

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- 2 and 6 only
- 1, 3, and 6 only
- 2, 3 and 5 only
- 2, 4 and 5 only

Answer : d

- The Union Cabinet has recently approved the constitutional amendment which seeks to increase the powers of the autonomous council recently.
- The amendment to Article 280 and Sixth Schedule of the Constitution has been approved.

- It will significantly improve the financial resources and powers of the autonomous districts councils in **Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura**, fulfilling longstanding aspirations of the tribal population in these North-eastern states.

9) "Nalbana Island" is located in which of the following states?

- Maharashtra
- Karnataka
- Kerala
- Odisha

Answer : d

- The two-day National Chilika Bird festival includes photo exhibition seminars and visit to **Nalbana island** inside Chilika lake.

10) Consider the following pairs

- Satkosia Tiger Reserve - West Bengal
- Simlipal Tiger Reserve - Odisha
- Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary - Karnataka

Which of the Pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?

- 2 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Answer : c

- The Karnataka Forest Department has issued permission to expand a private mini-hydel project in the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of the **Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary**, located in Karnataka, though it was rejected by the State Board for Wildlife twice.
- **Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in **Tamilnadu**.
- Patrolling in the Satkosia Tiger Reserve, **Odisha** is set to be strengthened as two trained elephants would be deployed there shortly.
- The two elephants are being brought from the Similipal Tiger Reserve, **Odisha**.
- Trained elephants will help ground-level forest guards' patrol deep in the forest where jeeps cannot go.