



Prelims Practice Questions 12-02-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Gateway of India

1. It is an arch monument built during 20th century.
2. It was erected to commemorate the Indian soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the British Army during the World War I.
3. It is built in Indo-Saracenic style.

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 : c

- *The Maharashtra government has recently initiated a plan to clean, restore and beautify the iconic Gateway of India in South Mumbai.*
- The Gateway of India is an arch monument built during the 20th century.
- The iconic structure, which overlooks the Arabian Sea, was erected to commemorate the visit of **King George V and Queen Mary** at Apollo Bunder to Mumbai.
- The foundation stone of the monument was laid on March 31, 1913 and its construction was completed in 1924.
- It is built in **Indo-Saracenic style**.
- **India Gate** which stands at the centre of New Delhi commemorates the 70,000 Indian soldiers who lost their lives fighting for the British Army during the World War I.
- The memorial bears the names of more than 13,516 British and Indian soldiers killed in the North-western Frontier in the Afghan war of 1919.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS)

1. It is the annual flagship event organised by NITI Aayog.
2. WSDS 2019 will focus on the theme, 'Attaining the 2030 Agenda: Delivering on our Promise'.

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

- The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is the **annual** flagship event of **The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**.
- WSDS 2019 will focus on the theme, '**Attaining the 2030 Agenda: Delivering on our Promise**'.

- The “mega themes” to be addressed during the event are clean oceans, climate finance, energy transitions, mobility and sustainable agriculture.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to Swachh Shakti-2019

1. It is a national event attended by women Panches and Sarpanches from across the country.
2. The First edition of the event Swachh Shakti will be held in Kurukshetra, Haryana.
3. It is being organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in association with the Govt. of Haryana.

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

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

Answer : a

- Swachh Shakti-2019 is a **national event** which aims to bring in to focus the leadership role played by rural women in Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Women **Sarpanches and Panches** from **all over the country** will be attending the event.
- The Ministry of **Drinking Water and Sanitation** in association with the **Govt. of Haryana** is organizing the Swachh Shakti-2019.
- Best practices from grass root level in the rural areas for Swachh Bharat will be shared by them.
- The event will showcase the achievements of Swachh Bharat and the recently conducted Swachh Sunder Shauchalay, (neat and clean toilet) - a unique and first of its kind in the world campaign.

4) *Blue Flame Revolution* sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with which of the following?

- a. Nuclear Energy
- b. Clean cooking fuel
- c. Fishing and its allied sectors
- d. Offshore oil production

Answer : b

- Recently, Prime Minister of India has declared that a ‘Blue Flame Revolution’ is under-way.
- LPG coverage has reached more than 90% percent, from 55% five years ago.
- The Union Minister for petroleum and Natural gas has recently stated that, “In addition to the general development of the hydrocarbon industry, we have also focused on improving the ease of living of the common people by enhancing access to clean cooking fuel which we have called the **Blue Flame Revolution**”.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme (CHYLP)

1. It envisaged enriching awareness of Indian culture amongst the youth in order to promote fondness for India’s rich cultural heritage.
2. Currently, it is being implemented by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

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

- The scheme for Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme (CHYLP) envisaged **enriching awareness of Indian culture** and heritage amongst the youth in order to promote, understand and develop fondness for India's rich cultural heritage, **with a view to develop appropriate leadership qualities amongst youth**.
- The focus of the programme was to be on less privileged children residing in **backward areas** by interacting with them in **vernacular languages** for their better understanding.
- **Intermittently** programme was given to **Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT)**, an autonomous organization working under the purview of Ministry of Culture.

6) DD Arunprabha, a dedicated 24x7 Doordarshan satellite channel was launched recently for which of the following states?

- a. Jammu and Kashmir
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Chhattisgarh
- d. Uttarakhand

Answer : b

- A New dedicated DD Channel, for **Arunachal Pradesh - DD Arun Prabha** was launched by PM at IG Park, Itanagar.
- The channel will be the 24th channel operated by Doordarshan.
- Through this channel news of even remote places in the state will reach the people.

7) Every Finance Commission has a special theme. What is the special theme of the Fifteenth Finance Commission?

- a. Health and Education
- b. GST Restructuring
- c. Poverty and Unemployment
- d. Global warming and Climate Change



Answer : a

- Every Finance Commission has a special theme.
- 'GST Restructuring' was the special theme of the Thirteenth Finance Commission headed by Shri Vijay L. Kelkar.
- **Health and Education** would be a special theme of the **Fifteenth Finance Commission** headed by Shri Nand Kishore Singh.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to *e-office Project*

1. It is a mission mode project under the National e-Governance Plan.
2. It seeks to replace the physical files and documents with an efficient electronic system.
3. It is being implemented by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

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

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

Answer : d

- The e-Office is a **Mission Mode Project under the National e-Governance Plan** and is

being implemented by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** to improve efficiency in Government Process and Service Delivery Mechanism.

- The e-Office is a Digital Workplace Solution that ***replaces the physical files and documents with an efficient electronic system.***

9) *Dard Aryan tribes* sometimes seen in the news recently, inhabit which of the following states?

- Jammu and Kashmir
- Odisha
- Chattisgarh
- Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : a

- Dard Aryans Tribes inhabit Dha, Hanu, Beema, Darchik and Garkone villages in ***Leh and Kargil*** districts and are together called the Aryan valley.
- The people of this region have unique physical features, social life, ethnic culture and language.
- Researchers believe that the 'Aryans of Ladakh' or the 'Brokpas' are descendants of Alexander's army and had come to the region over 2,000 years ago.
- *A delegation of the Dard Aryans recently submitted their charter of demands to Minister of State for Tribal Affairs.*

10) Consider the following statements

1. India is the second largest producer of silk after China.
2. India is the largest consumer of silk.

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

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

Answer : c

