



Prelims Practice Questions 23-02-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Indus Waters Treaty

1. Under the treaty, all the waters of rivers, Ravi, Chenab and Beas were allocated to India for exclusive use.
2. The treaty has no provision for either country to unilaterally walk out of the pact.

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 Indus Water Treaty (IWT) is about sharing of water of six rivers — Indus, Chenab, Jhelum, Beas, Ravi and Sutlej — between India and Pakistan.
- The water-sharing formula is governed by a treaty the two countries signed in 1960 under the leadership of the then Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Pakistan President, Ayub Khan.
- The deal was brokered by the World Bank after nine years of negotiation.
- Under the treaty, India has control over water flowing in the eastern rivers — **Beas, Ravi and Sutlej**, while Pakistan has control over the western rivers of **Indus, Chenab and Jhelum**.
- The wording of the treaty has no provision for either country to unilaterally walk out of the pact.
- Article XII of the IWT says, “The provisions of this Treaty shall continue in force **until terminated by a duly ratified treaty** concluded for that purpose between the **two governments**.”

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Seoul Peace Prize

1. It was awarded biennially to reflect the wishes of the people of Korea and to crystallize their desire for ever-lasting peace on earth.
2. It was initially established to commemorate the success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

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 : c

- Set up in 1990, the Seoul Peace Prize is **biennially** awarded to personalities to commemorate the success of the **24th Summer Olympic Games** held in Seoul.
- The prize was established to reflect the wishes of the Korean people and to emphasise on their

desire for ***everlasting peace on earth.***

3) Consider the following statements with respect to Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

1. It is one of the 15 specialised agencies of United Nations (UN).
2. Recently, FATF had listed Pakistan under its 'Black list' category.

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

- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is ***an inter-governmental body*** established in 1989 by the Ministers of its Member jurisdictions.
- The objectives of the FATF are to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.
- *Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has recently decided to continue Pakistan in the 'grey list', despite New Delhi's push to blacklist the neighbour over terror funding.*

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Repurpose Cooking Oil (RUCO) Initiative

1. It aims to collect and convert the used cooking oil into bio-fuel.
2. It was launched by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

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 : c

- The ***Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)*** has launched the ***Repurpose Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative*** to collect and convert used ***cooking oil into bio-fuel.***
- *Recently, Dehradun-based Indian Institute of Petroleum has successfully finished a pilot test to convert used cooking oil into bio-aviation turbine fuel (Bio-ATF), which can be blended with conventional ATF and used as aircraft fuel.*

5) *ImTeCHO Mobile App*, which significantly improves maternal health, is an initiative of which of the following states?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Tamilnadu
- c. Kerala
- d. Odisha

Answer : a

- ImTeCHO or Innovative mobile-phone Technology for Community Health Operations is an initiative of the ***Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Gujarat*** and is being implemented within existing primary health care system and centered on front line health workers.
- ImTeCHO is an innovative mobile phone application to improve performance of ASHAs through better supervision, support and motivation for increasing coverage of proven maternal, newborn and child health interventions among resource-poor settings in India.

6) Consider the following statements

1. No two recognised political parties can have the same symbol.
2. A party that loses its recognition as a state party or national party loses its symbol immediately.

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

- Two or more recognised political parties can have the same symbol **provided they are not contenders in the same State or Union Territory.**
- **A party that loses its recognition doesn't lose its symbol immediately.**
- A party that is unrecognised in the present election but was a recognised national or state party in not earlier than six years from the date of notification of the election can be allotted its reserved symbol.
- The extension in the use of symbol doesn't mean the extension of other facilities provided to recognised parties like free time on Doordarshan/AIR, free supply of copies of electoral rolls and so on.

7) Attukal Pongala is a famous festival celebrated in which of the following states?

- a. Telangana
- b. Tamilnadu
- c. Kerala
- d. Maharashtra



Answer : c

- Attukal Pongala is one of the largest religious congregations of women.
- Preparing 'pongala' (a sweet offering) is considered an auspicious all-women ritual as part of the annual festival of the Attukal Bhagavathy Temple, which is popularly known as the "Women's Sabarimala".
- As per the locals, the Pongala festival commemorates the hospitality accorded by women in the locality to **Kannagi**, the heroine of the Tamil epic Silappadhikaram while she was on her way to Kodungallur in Kerala, after destroying Madurai city to avenge the injustice to her husband Kovalan.
- In 2009, the Pongala ritual had made it to the Guinness Book of World Records for being the largest religious gathering of women on a single day when over 25 lakh women took part.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to National Informatics Centre (NIC)

1. It is a premiere S&T institution of the Government of India providing nationwide ICT infrastructure to support e-Governance services and various initiatives of Digital India.
2. It functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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

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

Answer : d

- National Informatics Centre (NIC) was established in 1976, and has since emerged as a "prime

builder” of e-Government / e-Governance applications up to the grassroots level as well as a promoter of digital opportunities for sustainable development.

- It provides nationwide ICT infrastructure to support ***e-Governance services and various initiatives of Digital India***.
- It functions under the Ministry of ***Electronics and Information Technology***.

9) According to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, which of the following animals *cannot* be hunted by any person except under some provisions provided by law?

1. Leopard
2. Nilgiri Tahr
3. Pygmy Hog
4. Black Buck

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a. All except 1
- b. All except 2
- c. All except 1 and 4
- d. All of the above

Answer : d

- All of these are protected under schedule-I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

10) Consider the following statements

1. In India, there are two species of flamingos: Greater and Lesser Flamingo.
2. Greater Flamingos are widespread in India and they migrate to South India during winter.

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 : c

- In India there are two species of flamingos

1. Greater Flamingo - *Phoenicopterus rosues*
2. Lesser Flamingo - *Phoeniconaias minor*

- The Greater Flamingos are widespread in India, and they migrate to South India during winter and spend their time in large reservoirs and mud flats.
- *First-ever count of flamingos is being undertaken by Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) in collaboration with NGOs and local birdwatchers across the country.*
- *'Flamingo Count' will be conducted in two phases at a pan-India level.*