



Prelims Practice Questions 07-03-2019

1) Consider the following statements

1. They are awarded the first ever Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for the year 2019.
2. They are also known as “Angels in Orange”.

Identify the agency that correctly matches with the above description?

- a. Fire Fighters of Indian Navy
- b. Safety Engineers Association of India
- c. National Disaster Response Force
- d. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research

Answer : c

- For the year 2019, 8th Battalion of **National Disaster Response Force** located at Ghaziabad has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for its commendable work in disaster management.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar

1. It is an annual award presented every year since 2005.
2. It will be presented for outstanding contributions to science and technology.

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 government has **recently instituted** an **annual award** titled Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar.
- It will be announced every year on **23rd January**, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- The Award carries a certificate and a cash prize of 51 lakh rupees.
- For the year 2019, 8th Battalion of **National Disaster Response Force** located at Ghaziabad has been selected for the Award for its commendable work in disaster management.
- The award has been instituted to acknowledge the contribution and selfless service of organisations and individuals to humanity in the aftermath of any disaster.

3) *Deep Water Horizon* is a site well known for which of the following?

- a. Oil Spillage
- b. Nuclear winter
- c. Plastic Mountain

d. Longthiest Trench

Answer : a

- Deep water Horizon site is well known for the second biggest oil spill after the Persian Gulf War oil spill of 1991.
- The deep water horizon oil spill came in 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico when a gas blast in the Deepwater Horizon oil platform killed 11 workers and released some 134 million gallons of oil, polluting about 2,100 km of the US Gulf Coast.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *East Rennell Island*

1. It is the largest raised coral atoll in the world.
2. It is the only natural World Heritage Site in the Pacific that is on the Danger List.

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

- An oil spill has occurred recently near the **East Rennell**, the **only** natural World Heritage site in the Pacific that is on the **Danger List**.
- East Rennell was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1998 and is **the largest raised coral atoll in the world**.
- East Rennell was inscribed on the List of World Heritage in **Danger** in 2013 for threats to its Outstanding Universal Value posed by commercial logging of its forests and the introduction of invasive rats.
- The site also suffers from over-exploitation of its marine resources of which little is known to date.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to Swachh Survekshan Awards 2019

1. It is an initiative of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
2. According to the survey, Mysore is India's cleanest city for the 3rd straight year.

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

- **Indore** was recently adjudged **India's cleanest city for the third straight year** in the central government's cleanliness survey "Swachh Survekshan 2019".
- The second and third positions in the category were grabbed by Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh and Mysore in Karnataka.
- Swachh Survekshan 2019 covered all urban local bodies in the country, making it the largest such cleanliness survey in the world.
- The cleanliness awards are given by the Union **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**.

6) *Forward Search Experiment (FASER)*, is a new project to look for particles associated with the mysterious dark matter was recently approved by which of the following?

- a. European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN)
- b. China National Space Administration (CNSA)

- c. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- d. Indian National Physical Laboratory (NPL)

Answer : a

- **European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN)**, which hosts the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator is planning a new experiment **FASER**, or **the Forward Search Experiment** to look for particles associated with the mysterious dark matter which makes up about 27% of the universe.
- FASER will complement CERN's ongoing physics programme, extending its discovery potential to several new particles.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to *Official Secrets Act, 1923*

1. The Indian Official Secrets Act was first enacted during the time of Lord Curzon.
2. The Act states that one cannot approach, inspect, or even pass over a prohibited government site or area.

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 Official Secrets Act has its roots in the British colonial era.
- Its predecessor law, The **Indian Official Secrets Act, 1904** was enacted during the time of Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India from 1899 to 1905.
- **It was an amended and more stringent version of The Indian Official Secrets Act (Act XIV) of 1889**, brought in at a time when a large number of powerful newspapers had emerged in several languages across India.
- It states clearly that actions which involve helping an enemy state against India are strongly condemned.
- It also states that one cannot approach, inspect, or even pass over a prohibited government site or area.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to Model Code of Conduct (MCC)

1. It refers to a set of norms laid down by the Election Commission of India, with the consensus of political parties.
2. It is not statutory.

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 model code refers to a set of norms laid down by the Election Commission of India, **with the consensus of political parties**.
- It is **not statutory**. It spells out the do's and don'ts for elections.

9) Consider the following statements with respect to National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)

1. It is a constituent board of Quality Council of India (QCI).

2. It comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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

- National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) is a Constituent Board of Quality Council of India (QCI).
- It has been established with the objective of third-party assessment of the technical competence of testing including medical and calibration laboratories, proficiency testing providers and reference material producers.
- It provides accreditation in all major fields of Science and Engineering.
- It also offers accreditation for Proficiency testing providers.
- *NABL has recently launched a scheme called Quality Assurance Scheme (QAS) for Basic Composite (BC) Medical Laboratories.*

10) Consider the following pairs with respect to GI tag

- 1. Erode Turmeric - Tamilnadu
- 2. Alphonso mango - Madhya Pradesh
- 3. Shahi Litchi - Bihar

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

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

Answer : c



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