



Prelims Practice Questions 16-03-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to High Courts in India

1. Every High Court shall have the power to punish for contempt of itself under Article 129 of Indian Constitution.
2. Every Judge of a High Court shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

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

- **Article 215:** Every **High Court** shall be a court of record and shall have all the powers of such a court including the power to punish for contempt of itself.
- 217 (1) **Every Judge of a High Court** shall be appointed by the **President** by warrant under his **hand and seal** after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, the Governor of the State, and, in the case of appointment of a Judge other than the Chief Justice, the Chief Justice of the High Court.
- **Article 129:** The **Supreme Court** shall be a court of record and shall have all the powers of such a court including the power to punish for contempt of itself.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Lokpal Act, 2013

1. The Leader of Opposition from both houses of the Parliament are members of the Selection Committee.
2. When no person has been recognised as the Leader of Opposition, the leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government would be the Leader of Opposition.

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 Chairperson and Members of the Lokpal shall be appointed by the President after obtaining the recommendations of a Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee consist of:

Chairperson: Prime Minister

Members

1. Speaker of the House of the People
 2. Leader of Opposition in the **House of the People**
 3. Chief Justice of India or a Judge of the Supreme Court nominated by him
 4. One eminent jurist
- There is **no provision** in the Lokpal Act to include the leader of the single largest party in the opposition as a member of the selection committee.
 - Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge has, for the seventh time, rejected the government's invitation to him to attend the meeting of the Lokpal selection panel, arguing that there was no provision for a special invitee to attend such a meet.

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- According to Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003, Central Vigilance Commissioner and the Vigilance Commissioners shall be appointed by the President after obtaining the recommendation of a Committee consisting of

Chairperson – Prime Minister

Members

1. Minister of Home Affairs
 2. Leader of the Opposition in the House of the People
- The Leader of the Opposition in the House of the People shall, when no such leader has been so recognised, include the **leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government** in the House of the People.
- 3) In which of the following countries, River Kaladan flows?
1. India
 2. Bangladesh
 3. Myanmar
 4. Thailand

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 and 3 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : a

- Kaladan is a river in eastern Mizoram State of **India**, and in Chin State and Rakhine State of western **Myanmar**.
- The Kaladan River is called the Chhimtuipui River in India.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Kaladan Project

1. It aims to provide an alternate outlet to the landlocked North East by providing connectivity through road, air and seaways.
2. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is the nodal agency for implementation on the Indian side.

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 Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project is a project that will connect the eastern Indian seaport of Kolkata with Sittwe seaport in Rakhine State, Myanmar **by sea**.
- In Myanmar, it will then link Sittwe seaport to Paletwa, Chin State via the Kaladan **river boat route**, and then from Paletwa **by road** to Mizoram state in Northeast India.
- **Ministry of External Affairs** is the nodal agency on Indian side.

5) Which of the following can negatively impact the competitiveness of Indian Agri-products exported?

1. Increasing Minimum Support Price
2. Decreasing Minimum Support Price
3. Appreciation of Rupee
4. Depreciation of Rupee

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 and 3 only
- b. 1 and 4 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 2 and 4 only

Answer : a

- Indian non-basmati rice exporters have begun to lose the white rice market in Africa, the largest buyer, to competitors such as Vietnam, Myanmar and Pakistan as a **hike in the minimum support price** for paddy and an **appreciating rupee** have impacted the competitiveness of the cereal.

6) Consider the following pairs

1. Sariska Tiger Reserve - Rajasthan
2. Rajaji Tiger Reserve - Uttarakhand
3. Dampa Tiger Reserve - Mizoram

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

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

Answer : d

7) Consider the following statements with respect to Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)

1. It is responsible for the enforcement of Drugs price Control Order (DPCO).
2. It functions under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

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 **Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)** under Directorate General of Health Services, **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** is the National Regulatory Authority (NRA) of India.
- Under the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act**, CDSCO is responsible for approval of New Drugs, Conduct of Clinical Trials, laying down the standards for Drugs, control over the quality of imported Drugs in the country and coordination of the activities of State Drug Control Organizations by providing expert advice with a view of bring about the uniformity in the enforcement of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.
- **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** implements and enforces the provisions of **Drugs price Control Order (DPCO)**.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to SWAYAM programme

1. It is a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24X7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite.
2. It comes under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

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

- **Study Webs of Active Learning For Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM)** is an indigenous IT platform for hosting the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).
- The objective is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged.
- It targets those students who could not complete their studies and professionals who wish to upgrade their knowledge.
- This is done through an indigenous developed IT platform that facilitates hosting of all the courses, taught in classrooms from 9th class till post-graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time.
- It covers diverse disciplines such as arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities subjects, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture etc. in higher education domain.
- It was indigenously developed by **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) with the help of Microsoft**.

Swayam Prabha

- It is a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24X7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite.
- The channels cover higher education, school education and assist the students (class 11th & 12th) prepare for competitive exams.
- Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of UGC maintains the web portal.
- It widens the scope of SWAYAM and Channels for telecasting educational programmes dedicated to teacher training are also available.

9) Consider the following statements with respect to *United Nations Security Council (UNSC)*

1. The council consist of 5 Permanent members and 10 members elected by the General Assembly for 5 year terms.
2. All the members have one vote and permanent members have veto power.

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 : a

- UNSC has primary responsibility for the maintenance of International peace and security.
- The council has 15 members: 5 Permanent - US, UK, Russia, France & China and 10 members elected by the General Assembly for **2-year terms**.
- While other organs of the UN can only make recommendations to member states, the Security Council has the power to make **binding decisions** on member states.
- All the members have one vote and permanent members have **veto power**.

10) *Global Terrorism Index (GTI)* is released annually by which of the following?

- a. Interpol
- b. UN Security Council
- c. Institute for Economics & Peace
- d. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Answer : c

- **Global Terrorism Index** is a report released annually by the Sydney-based **Institute for Economics & Peace**.



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