



Prelims Practice Questions 06-04-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Flying squirrels*

1. They are strictly nocturnal and fly above the canopy.
2. They are found in the North East India and the Western Ghats.

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

- Flying squirrels are strictly **nocturnal and fly above the canopy**.
- Flying squirrels do not actually 'fly'; their forelimbs and hind limbs are attached together with a fold of skin, a membrane.
- When they jump above the canopy, the membrane unfolds and it seems that the squirrel is in flight.
- Flying squirrels make their homes in tree holes, if flying squirrels are seen making nests in tree branches, it can be understood that the forest is disturbed.
- Flying squirrels are found in India's two biggest diversity hotspots: the **North East** (Mostly in Arunachal Pradesh) and the **Western Ghats** (Mostly in Kerala)

2) Which of the following countries has recently launched the world's first nationwide 5G mobile networks?

- a. Japan
- b. China
- c. South Korea
- d. Australia

Answer : c

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Operation Greens*

1. Its main objective is to reduce price volatility in agriculture commodities such as vegetables.
2. It comes under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

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

- **Operation Greens** was launched by the **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** on the lines of Operation Flood.
- The idea behind Operation Greens is to double the income of farmers by end of 2022.
- It aims to promote farmer producers organizations, Agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management.
- It is essentially a price fixation scheme that aims to ensure farmers are given the right price for their produce.
- The main objective of the project is to reduce price volatility in agriculture commodities such as vegetables.
- Initially, Government has decided to start focusing on three basic vegetables namely tomatoes, onions and potatoes.
- NAFED will be the Nodal Agency to implement price stabilisation measures.

4) Consider the following with respect to *Stubble Burning*

1. It is prevalent only in the north and north-eastern states of India.
2. The smoke from stubble contains carbon monoxide, which adversely affect human health and environment.

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

- In Kuttanad, the rice bowl of Kerala, farmers are burning fields to destroy stubble, to check the germination of weedy rice and prevent diseases, as part of preparing their fields for the next crop season.
- They believe setting the fields on fire will improve the soil fertility.

5) *Konyak Tribes* live mainly in which of the following regions?

- a. Nagaland
- b. Assam
- c. Odisha
- d. Tripura

Answer : a

- **Konyak** is one of the 16 Naga tribes and people of this community live mainly in the **Mon district of Nagaland**.

6) *LaQshya Initiative* comes under which of the following ministries?

- a. Ministry of Defence
- b. Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances
- c. Ministry of Home Affairs
- d. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer : d

- **LaQshya Initiative** - Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative's objective is to reduce preventable maternal and new-born mortality, morbidity and stillbirths by improving the quality of care provided in the labour room.
- It will be implemented in Government Medical Colleges besides District Hospitals, and Sub-District Hospitals and Community Health Centres.
- The initiative plans to conduct quality certification of labour rooms and also incentivize

facilities achieving the targets outlined.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to *Neelkurinji*

1. It is a tropical plant species (shrub) endemic to the shola forests of the Western Ghats in South India.
2. Neelakurinji blooms once in 12 years and each shrub reproduces once in its life time and dies after flowering.

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

- Neelkurinji is a tropical plant species (shrub) found in **Asia and Australia**.
- In India, it is found in the shola forests of the Western Ghats in South India.
- It belongs to the genus *Strobilanthes* which has around 250 species.
- Blooming periods of different species of Kurinji differ from each other.
- Neelakurinji blooms once in 12 years.
- Each shrub reproduces once in its life time and dies after flowering.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to *Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)*

1. Under the Scheme, Social audit has to be done by the gram sabha atleast once in every 6 months.
2. Under the Scheme, at least one-third beneficiaries shall be women.
3. It comes under the Ministry of Rural Development.

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 : d

9) Consider the following statements with respect to *National Investment Infrastructure Fund*

1. It is an Indian-government backed entity established to provide long-term capital to the country's infrastructure sector.
2. It is being considered as an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) under SEBI regulation.

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

10) Which of the following countries has recently granted its highest civilian award "*The Order of Zayed*" to Indian Prime Minister?

- a. United Arab Emirates

- b. Indonesia
- c. Qatar
- d. Palestine

Answer : a



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