



### **Prelims Practice Questions 24-04-2019**

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Kimberley Process Certification System (KPCS)*

1. It came in to effect through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution.
2. It is a binding agreement to remove conflict diamonds from the global supply chain.
3. India is one of the founding members.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. None

Answer : c

- Kimberley process is a joint initiative of Government, International Diamond Industry and Civil Society to stem the flow of Conflict Diamonds.
- Conflict Diamonds are rough diamonds used by rebel movements or their allies to finance conflict aimed at undermining legitimate governments.
- It came into effect in 2003 through a UNGA Resolution with representation from 81 countries including EU.
- India is one of the founding members.
- It is a binding agreement to remove conflict diamonds from the global supply chain.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna*

1. The scheme covers Insured Persons (IP) covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 and aims to provide cash relief to unemployed insured person.
2. It was launched by Ministry of Labour and Employment.

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

- **Employees' State Insurance Corporation** under **Ministry of Labour and Employment** has recently rolled out Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna.
- The scheme covers Insured Persons (IP) covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.
- It aims to provide cash relief to unemployed insured person.
- The relief will be payable in cash directly to their Bank Account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)*

1. It promotes transparency and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies.
2. India and China are the members of this group.

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

- It aims to limit the spread of ballistic missiles and other unmanned delivery systems that could be used for chemical, biological, and nuclear attacks.
- It has 35 members, which include most of the world's key missile manufacturers, including India.
- It seeks to restrict the exports of missiles and related technologies of any type of weapon of mass destruction.

4) *Global Education Monitoring Report* is published by which of the following organisations?

- a. UNESCO
- b. World Economic Forum
- c. UNICEF
- d. European Commission

Answer : a

5) Consider the following statements with respect to *Stars*

1. Stars are huge celestial bodies made mostly of hydrogen and helium that produce light and heat from the churning nuclear forges inside their cores.
2. The colour of a star depends on the distance of the star from the observer.

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

- Stars come in lots of different colours, and their colour depends on the **temperature** of the star.

6) Consider the following statements

1. India is Iran's largest oil buyer after China.
2. India is the world's third-biggest oil consumer, meets more than 80% of its crude oil requirements through imports.

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

- India, the world's third-biggest oil consumer, meets more than 80% of its crude oil requirements and around 40% of its natural gas needs through imports.
- India is Iran's top oil buyer after China. In 2018-19, it imported 23.5 million tonnes from Iran; in the previous year, almost 10% of its total 220.4 million tonnes of crude imports was from Iran.

7) *Significant Reduction Exceptions (SRE)* sometimes seen in the news recently is associated with which of the following?

- Waiver from US sanctions
- Kimberly Process
- Cabotage laws
- None of the above

Answer : a

- US granted waivers from its oil sanction from Iran is also known as Significant Reduction Exceptions (SRE).
- It was granted to eight countries — **India, China**, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Italy and Greece for six months until May 2, 2019.

8) *Strait of Hormuz* is a strait connecting which of the following?

- Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
- Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
- Red Sea and Gulf of Oman
- Persian Gulf and Gulf of Aden

Answer : b

- The Strait of Hormuz is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.
- After the US said it would prevent five of Iran's biggest customers — including India — from buying its oil, Tehran threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz, a neck of water between its southern coast and the northern tip of the sultanate of Oman, and the lane through which a third of the world's seaborne oil passes every day.

9) *Mosquirix* is a vaccine developed for which of the following diseases?

- Malaria
- Dengue
- Cholera
- Japanese Encephalitis

Answer : a

- **Mosquirix** is the world's first vaccine against a parasitic disease, **Malaria**.
- Malaria is caused by the infectious Plasmodium female Anopheles mosquitoes deposit parasite sporozoites into the skin of a human host.
- Each year there are 430,000 malaria-related deaths worldwide according to the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Mosquirix vaccine has been recommended by WHO for pilot introduction in selected areas of 3 African countries- Ghana, Kenya and Malawi.

10) Consider the following pairs

Places in News - Country

- Vladivostok - Georgia

- 2. Tunis - Tunisia
- 3. Algiers - Algeria

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

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

Answer : c

