



Prelims Practice Questions 02-05-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Asian Development Bank (ADB)*

1. It assists its members and partners by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development.
2. India is a founding member of Asian Development Bank.

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 is a founding member and the 4th largest shareholder of ADB.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Beluga Whale*

1. It is the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic aquatic mammal.
2. It is also known as the white whale, as it is the only marine mammal of this colour.

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

- Beluga Whale is the **Arctic and sub-Arctic aquatic** mammal.
- It is also known as the white whale, as it is the only marine mammal of this colour.
- It possesses a distinctive protuberance at the front of its head which houses an echolocation organ called the melon, which in this species is large and deformable.
- Its sense of hearing is highly developed and its echolocation allows it to move about and find breathing holes under sheet ice.
- Recently it is believed that Russia has been using the whales for military intelligence by mounting spying devices on the whale.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

1. It is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries.
2. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) are collectively known as World Bank.

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

- IFC is a **sister organization of the World Bank** and member of the World Bank Group.
- It is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the **private sector in developing countries**.
- The Bank Group has set two goals for the world to achieve by 2030: end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity in every country.
- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the **International Development Association (IDA)** are collectively known as the World Bank.
- World Bank provides financing and policy advice to low and middle-income countries.

4) 99942 Apophis sometimes seen in the news recently is a/an

- a. Exo planet
- b. Satellite
- c. Asteroid
- d. Rover

Answer : c

- On April 13, 2029, a near-Earth **asteroid**, called 99942 Apophis, will cruise by Earth, about 31,000 km above the surface.
- Although the flyby is **expected** to be harmless, the international asteroid research community is excited, with scientists drawing up plans 10 years in advance on how they will observe it with optical and radar telescopes, and discussing what they hope to learn.

5) *Inclusive Wealth Report* is a biennial effort led by which of the following organizations?

- a. UN Environment
- b. OECD
- c. UN Development Programme
- d. World Economic Forum

Answer : a

- The Inclusive Wealth Report (IWR) is a biennial effort led by the **UN Environment** to evaluate the capacities and performance of the nations around the world to measure sustainability of economy and wellbeing of their people.

6) Arrange the following from North to South

1. Javadi Hills
2. Nallamalai Hills
3. Shevaroy Hills
4. Palkonda Range

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : c

7) *Operation Greens* comes under which of the following ministries?

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. Ministry of Agriculture
- c. Ministry of Food & Public Distribution
- d. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer : d

8) *Varuna Mitra* is the 24x7 weather forecast help desk launched by which of the following states?

- a. Odisha
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Tamilnadu
- d. Karnataka

Answer : d

- Launched in 2010, *Varuna Mitra* provides weather forecast at the gram panchayat level for the benefit of farmers and the public.
- It provides forecast on rainfall, temperature, humidity, wind speed and its direction three days in advance.
- Accuracy in the weather information provided by ***Varuna Mitra***, the 24x7 help desk launched by the ***Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre***, has helped farmers realise average net gain of Rs.5,106 per acre.

9) Consider the following statements

1. Independent candidates have been contesting in Lok Sabha elections since the first general election of 1951-52.
2. Law Commission in its 255th report recommended that independent candidates should be debarred from contesting elections to the Lok Sabha.

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

- More and more independents have been contesting Lok Sabha elections ***since the first general election of 1951-52***, but the number of winners has been decreasing.
- In its 255th report, the Law Commission of India sparked a debate when it recommended that ***independent candidates be barred from contesting elections*** as “they are either not serious or contest elections just to confuse the voters.”
- However, no final decision has been taken yet.

10) *Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary* is located in which of the following states?

- a. Assam
- b. Chhattisgarh
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : a