



Prelims Practice Questions 09-05-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)*

1. It curtailed Iran's uranium enrichment program, and opened up Iran's nuclear facilities to international inspection.
2. It is a deal negotiated between Iraq and P5+1 Countries in 2015.
3. Following the withdrawal of USA from JCPOA deal, France had also recently withdraws from the agreement.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

- Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was a deal negotiated between "**Iran** and P5+1 Countries" during the Obama era in 2015.
- P5+1 are the permanent five in UN Security Council (US, UK, France, Russia and China) and Germany.
- The deal curtailed Iran's uranium enrichment program, and opened up Iran's nuclear facilities to international inspection.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *World Customs Organization (WCO)*

1. It is one of the specialised agencies of the United Nations.
2. It aims to develop a balanced and effective international intellectual property (IP) system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all.

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

- World Customs Organization (WCO), established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC) is an **independent intergovernmental body** whose mission is to **enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations**.
- WCO is the only international organization with competence in Customs matters and can rightly call itself the voice of the international Customs community.

3) *International Vesak day* was celebrated to commemorate the life events of whom among the following?

- a. Buddha

- b. Mahavira
- c. Sachin Sanyal
- d. Nizamuddin Auliya

Answer : a

- "Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is the most sacred day to millions of Buddhists around the world.
- It was on the Day of Vesak two and a half millennia ago, in the year 623 B.C. that the Buddha was born.
- It was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha attained enlightenment, and it was on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha in his eightieth year passed away.
- The UN General Assembly recognized internationally the Day of Vesak to acknowledge the contribution that Buddhism.

4) *CarbFix Project* sometimes seen in the news recently is associated with?

- a. Solidifying CO₂
- b. Advanced Carbon dating
- c. Natural gas extraction
- d. Insitu mining of Coal

Answer : a

- The ***Carbfix project*** at ***Iceland's*** Hellisheidi plant (the world's largest geothermal facility) sought to ***solidify the CO₂***.

5) Scientists have recently found a new species of reddish-brown pit viper — a venomous snake with a unique heat-sensing system in which of the following states?

- a. Assam
- b. Kerala
- c. Tamilnadu
- d. Arunachal Pradesh



Answer : d

- A team of herpetologists have recently discovered India's fifth brown pit viper (reddish-brown) — a venomous snake with a ***unique heat-sensing system*** - from a forest in West Kameng district of ***Arunachal Pradesh***.
- Arunachal pit viper (*Trimeresurus arunachalensis*) is the second serpent to have been discovered after the non-venomous ***Crying keelback*** in Arunachal's Lepa-Rada district in 2018.
- The new species also makes ***Arunachal Pradesh the only Indian state to have a pit viper named after it.***

6) *Wanchuwa festival* is celebrated in which of the following states?

- a. Tripura
- b. Manipur
- c. Assam
- d. Meghalaya

Answer : c

- Wanchuwa festival is celebrated by Tiwa tribesmen of Karbi Anglong district in ***Assam***.
- Tiwas pray for a bountiful harvest and protection from agrarian pests during this festival.

7) Which of the following is/are *not* the UNESCO's World Heritage Site?

1. Taj Mahal
2. Great Barrier Reef
3. Grand Canyon
4. Great Wall of China

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 4 only
- d. None

Answer : d

8) Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the formation of new states?

1. Constitutional Amendment is required for the formation of new states in India.
2. A Bill for creation of new states can be introduced only on the recommendation of the President.
3. The views of the state legislature are binding on the President.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer : b

9) Consider the following statements regarding the Governor General William Bentinck

1. The Persian language was replaced by English as the court language in higher courts during his period.
2. He introduced the doctrine of lapse.
3. He was known for abolition of sati, suppression of infanticide and thugs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

- Bentinck engaged in an extensive range of cost-cutting measures through efficient financial management.
- His modernizing projects included a policy of westernization, influenced by the Utilitarianism of Jeremy Bentham and James Mill.
- Reforming the court system, he made English, rather than Persian, the language of the higher courts and encouraged western-style education for Indians to provide more educated Indians for service in the British bureaucracy.
- He abolished the Provincial Courts of Appeal and Circuit and transferred these duties to the magistrates and collectors.
- William Bentinck has followed the policy of the non-interference in the affairs of the Indian states.

10) Which of the following ocean currents are formed in the Pacific Ocean?

1. Benguela Current

2. Florida Current
3. Kuroshio Current

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. None of the above

Answer : c

Cold water currents in Pacific Ocean are:

1. Peru current
2. California current
3. Okhotsk current
4. South Pacific current

Warm ocean currents

1. British Colombia current
2. Kuroshio current
3. Oyashio current
4. East Australia current
5. North Pacific current
6. North Equatorial current
7. South Equatorial current



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