



## Prelims Practice Questions 11-05-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Supreme Court*

1. The Parliament is not authorised to curtail the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court.
2. The government cannot disapprove the recommendations of collegium with respect to appointment of judges at the first instance.

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

- The CJI and the Judges of the SC are appointed by the President.
- Whenever a vacancy is expected to arise in the office of a Judge of the Supreme Court, the CJI will initiate proposal.
- The opinion of the CJI for appointment of a Judge of the Supreme Court should be formed in consultation with a **collegium** of the four senior-most Judges of the Supreme Court.
- The government **can disapprove** the appointment of judges at the **first instance** and return it to collegium for reconsideration.
- When collegium **reiterates** its recommendation, it is **binding** on the government.
- The Parliament is not authorised to curtail the jurisdiction and powers of the Supreme Court.
- The Constitution has guaranteed to the Supreme Court, jurisdiction of various kinds.
- However, **the Parliament can extend the same**.

2) *Vikram* and *Pragyan* sometimes seen in the news recently are associated with which of the following misisions?

- a. IRNSS
- b. Gaganyaan
- c. Chandrayaan-2
- d. GAGAN

Answer : c

- Chandrayaan-2, the lunar lander mission planned to be launched during July 9-16, will have 14 Indian payloads or study devices.
- The 3,800-kg spacecraft includes:

1. an orbiter which will circle the moon at 100 km
2. a five-legged lander called **Vikram** that will descend on the moon
3. a robotic rover, **Pragyan**, that will probe the lunar terrain around it

3) Consider the following statements

1. It is the largest wintering ground for migratory waterfowl found anywhere on the Indian sub-continent.
2. It was designated as the 1st Ramsar Site of India.
3. The Nalaban Island located within this lagoon is notified as a Bird Sanctuary.

Identify the *wetland* using the above description:

- a. Chilika Lake
- b. Loktak Lake
- c. Harike Wetland
- d. Wular Lake

Answer : a

- Situated on the east coast of India, and connected to the Bay of Bengal through a narrow sea mouth, Chilika is also a lagoon.
- It is the largest brackish Water Lagoon with estuarine character that sprawls along the east coast.
- It is the largest wintering ground for migratory waterfowl found anywhere on the Indian sub-continent.
- It is one of the hotspot of biodiversity in the country, and some rare, vulnerable and endangered species listed in the IUCN Red List of threatened Animals inhabit in the lagoon for atleast part of their life cycle.
- On account of its rich bio-diversity and ecological significance, Chilika was designated as the 1st "Ramsar Site" of India.
- The Nalaban Island within the lagoon is notified as a Bird Sanctuary under Wildlife (Protection) Act.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *Madhubani Painting*

1. They are locally known as Palagai Padam.
2. It has been traditionally done by the women of the region.

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

- Madhubani painting is also referred as **Mithila Art** (as it flourishes in the Mithila region of Bihar).
- It is characterized by line drawings filled in by bright colours and contrasts or patterns.
- This style of painting has been **traditionally done by the women** of the region, though today men are also involved to meet the demand.
- These paintings are popular because of their tribal motifs and use of bright earthy colours.
- These paintings are done with mineral pigments prepared by the artists. The work is done on freshly plastered or a mud wall.
- **Tanjore paintings** are locally known as **Palagai Padam** (*palagai* meaning wooden plank and *padam* meaning picture).

5) *National Technology Day* is celebrated annually in India to mark which of the following events?

- a. Discovery of Raman Effect
- b. Birth day of Abdul Kalam
- c. India's first satellite launch

d. Pokhran nuclear Tests

Answer : d

- Observed every year on May 11, National Technology Day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the **Pokhran nuclear Tests** of 1998.

6) Recently, Ireland has declared *climate emergency* in their country. Which of the following countries is the first in world to declare a climate emergency?

- Britain
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Switzerland

Answer : a

- **Ireland** has declared climate emergency in their country, to be the second country after **Britain** to do so.
- Britain's parliament became the first in the world to declare a climate emergency, passing the largely symbolic motion on May 1, 2019.
- The step followed 11 days of street protests in London by the **Extinction Rebellion** environmental campaign group.

7) *Gender Inequality Index* is released by which of the following organisations?

- OECD
- UNESCO
- World Economic Forum
- UN Development Programme

Answer : d

- Gender Inequality Index - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Global Gender Gap Index - World Economic Forum
- Gender Parity Index - UNESCO

8) Consider the following statements regarding the 1857 Revolt:

1. It was the first ever revolt made by the Indian sepoy against the East India Company.
2. It was planned and organized by the Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar.
3. Every participant in the revolt has the common aim that is to eliminate the Company rule in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- 3 only
- None

Answer : d

9) With reference to International Date Line (IDL), consider the following statements

1. A traveller crossing the IDL from east to west gains a day.
2. IDL is an imaginary straight line at 180 degree meridian.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only

- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : d

- The International Date Line (IDL) is an imaginary line of navigation on the surface of the Earth that runs from the north pole to the south pole and demarcates the change of one calendar day to the next.
- It passes through the middle of the Pacific Ocean, roughly following the 180° line of longitude but deviating to pass around some territories and island groups.
- There is a total difference of 24 hours between the two sides of the 180 degree meridian.
- A traveller crossing the date line from east to west loses a day and while crossing the dateline from west to east he gains a day.

10) Phillips curve explains the relationship between

- a. Rates of taxation and the resulting levels of Government revenue
- b. Relation between rates of unemployment and corresponding rates of inflation
- c. Deviation of Distribution of income among individuals or households within an economy
- d. Graph depicting the relationship between the price of a certain commodity and the amount of it that consumers are willing and able to purchase at that given price

Answer : b

- The Phillips curve is a single-equation empirical model, named after A. W. Phillips, describing a historical inverse relationship between rates of unemployment and corresponding rates of inflation that result within an economy.
- Stated simply, decreased unemployment, (i.e., increased levels of employment) in an economy will correlate with higher rates of inflation.

