



### **Prelims Practice Questions 30-05-2019**

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *FASTags*

1. No bank is pre-assigned to the FASTag at the time of purchase by customer from a Point-of-Sale or Online.
2. It will be issued only by the 22 certified banks through various channels such as Point-of-Sale at NH toll plazas, selected bank branches, etc.

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

- NHAI FASTag is a '**bank-neutral**' FASTag
- (i.e.) No bank is pre-assigned to the FASTag at the time of purchase by customer from a Point-of-Sale or online and offers the flexibility to customer to link the FASTag with their existing bank account by using My FASTag Mobile app, currently available on Google Play Store.
- FASTags are **now available on e-commerce platform Amazon**.
- These were earlier launched by Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL), a company promoted by NHAI, in January 2019.
- This online sale initiative is an important achievement for IHMCL and will ensure easy availability of FASTag at the doorsteps of the customers.
- Currently FASTags are **also** being issued by 22 certified banks through various channels such as Point-of-Sale at NH toll plazas, selected bank branches, etc.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Padma Awards*

1. All citizens can make nominations/recommendations to Padma awards including self-nomination.
2. The award will not be conferred posthumously.

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 Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honours of India announced **annually** on the eve of Republic Day.
- The award is given in three categories, namely,

1. Padma Vibhushan for exceptional and distinguished service;

2. Padma Bhushan for distinguished service of a high order; and
3. Padma Shri for distinguished service.

- The award is normally not conferred posthumously.
- However, **in highly deserving cases, the Government could consider giving an award posthumously.**

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *World Environment Day (WED)*

1. It is the United Nations day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.
2. The theme for the year 2019 is "Plastic Pollution".
3. India is the global host country for the year 2019.

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

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

Answer : a

- World Environment Day is the United Nations day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.
- The theme for 2019 is "**Air pollution**".
- **China** is the global host country for the year 2019.

4) How is Bharat Ratna different from Padma Awards?

1. The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President of India whereas in case of Padma awards, even self-nomination can be made.
2. It is not mandatory that Bharat Ratna should be awarded every year whereas Padma awards are conferred annually.

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

- Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the country.
- It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour.
- It is treated on a different footing from Padma Award.

1. The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President of India.
2. No formal recommendations for Bharat Ratna are necessary.
3. The number of Bharat Ratna Awards is restricted to a maximum of three in a particular year.

- The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honours of India announced **annually** on the eve of Republic Day.
- It is also **not mandatory** that Bharat Ratna be awarded every year.

5) "*Hawa Aane De*" which was released recently by the Ministry of Environment and Forest refers to?

- a. Action plan for Pangolin Protection
- b. Awareness Theme Song
- c. Adaptation & Mitigation Fund
- d. Environmental duties of every Citizen

Answer : b

- The Theme Song “Hawa Aane De” was recently released by the MoEFCC on this year’s World Environment Day theme, **Air Pollution**.

6) With reference to the Multi-National Pharmaceutical companies, the term “Evergreening” indicates to

- a. A process by which patents are extended without any enhancement in therapeutic efficiency of the drug
- b. Scientific methodology followed by a company to manufacture biologically safer drugs
- c. Drugs manufactured with the help of plant products
- d. A unique drug which doesn’t has any competitor in the global market

Answer : a

- Evergreening is a process whereby patents are extended without any enhancement in the therapeutic efficiency of the drug.
- This was also done in order to increase access of the public to patented drugs, by avoiding unnecessary protection to the inventors.

7) Which of the following countries are **not** the members of *Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)*?

1. Iran
2. Myanmar
3. Iraq
4. Pakistan
5. Somalia



Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- a. 1, 3 and 5 only
- b. 1 and 4 only
- c. 3 and 5 only
- d. 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer : d

- IORA, formerly IOR-ARC (Association for Regional Cooperation) is an international organization with 21 member states.
- The group came into being in March 1995 in Mauritius.

8) Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are organic chemical substances and carbon-based substances. Once they are released into the environment, what will be the consequences?

1. They remain intact exceptionally for long periods of time.
2. They become widely distributed throughout the environment as a result of natural processes involving soil and water but not in the air.
3. They accumulate in the fatty tissue of living organisms including humans, and are found at higher concentrations at higher levels in the food chain.
4. They will become toxic to both humans and wildlife.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- a. 1, 2 and 4 only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 only

c. 1, 3 and 4 only

d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : c

- They become widely distributed throughout the environment as a result of natural processes involving **Soil, Water and Air**.

9) With reference to the "Ramosi Uprising", Consider the following statements

1. It was started in the peaceful manner against the British's failure to take up the anti-famine measures.
2. It was a peasant revolt led by Vasudev Balwant Phadke around the Satara area of the Maharashtra region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a. 1 only

b. 2 only

c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b

- Ramosi Uprising was a peasant revolt (1877-1887; Maharashtra) against the British failure to take up anti-famine measures.
- It was led by **Vasudev Balwant Phadke**.
- It was protested in the violent manner not in the peaceful manner.

10) The Indian Standard Time that is 82.5E degree longitude is passing through which of the following states in India?

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Chhattisgarh
4. Odisha
5. Telangana
6. Andhra Pradesh



Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

a. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

b. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 only

c. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 only

d. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Answer : c

