



Prelims Practice Questions 12-06-2019

1) With respect to *Foreigners Tribunal*, consider the following statements:

1. Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, is applicable to the whole country and is not specific to any state.
2. The powers to constitute such foreigners tribunal were vested only with the Centre.

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 Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 was issued by the Central Government under Section 3 of The Foreigners Act, 1946.
- It is applicable to the whole country.
- Major amendments in the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 were undertaken in 2013.
- The last amendment was issued in May, 2019.
- All these orders are applicable to the whole country and are **not specific to any state**.
- *The MHA has recently amended the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, and has empowered **district magistrates in all States and Union Territories** to set up tribunals to decide whether a person staying illegally in India is a foreigner or not.*
- **Earlier**, the powers to constitute tribunals were vested only with the Centre.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Pradhan mantri Jan Vikas Karykram (PMJVK)*

1. It seeks to provide better socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities.
2. The beneficiaries under the scheme include both religious and linguistic minorities.

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

- **Pradhan mantri Jan Vikas Karykram (PMJVK)** seeks to provide better socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities particularly in the field of education, health & skill development.
- It would further lead to lessening of the gap between the national average and the minority communities with regard to backwardness parameters.
- As far as PMJVK is concerned, the communities notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 would be taken as Minority

Communities.

- At present 6 (six) communities namely **Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains** have been notified as Minority Communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.

3) With respect to *Appointments Committee*, consider the following statements

1. It decides all higher level appointments in the Central Secretariat, Public Enterprises, Banks and Financial Institutions.
2. It will be headed by the Home Minister.

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 following four are the more important cabinet committees:*

1. The **Political Affairs Committee** deals with all policy matters pertaining to domestic and foreign affairs.
 2. The **Economic Affairs Committee** directs and coordinates the governmental activities in the economic sphere.
 3. **Appointments Committee** decides all higher level appointments in the Central Secretariat, Public Enterprises, Banks and Financial Institutions.
 4. **Parliamentary Affairs Committee** looks after the progress of government business in the Parliament.
- The **first three committees are chaired by the Prime Minister** and the last one by the Home Minister.
 - Of all the Cabinet Committees, the most powerful is the **Political Affairs Committee**, often described as a **Super-Cabinet**.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *Defence Space Research Agency (DSRO)*

1. It has been entrusted with the task of creating space warfare weapon systems and technologies.
2. It will provide research and development support to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

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

- Prime Minister headed Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has recently cleared a proposal to set up a new agency for developing sophisticated weapon systems and technology for space warfare.
- The new agency will be called **Defence Space Research Agency (DSRO)** and will be responsible for creating space warfare weapons systems under the Defence Space Agency (DSA).
- It has been entrusted with the task of creating space warfare weapon systems and technologies.
- The DSRO will be aided by a team of scientists which will work closely with the staff officers of

the integrated tri-services.

- The agency will provide research and development support to the **Defence Space Agency (DSA)**, created to develop an eco-system to fight wars in space.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to *Speaker Pro Tem*

1. Usually, the senior most member is selected as Speaker Pro Tem.
2. The President him/herself administers oath to the Speaker *Pro Tem*.

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

- The Speaker of the last Lok Sabha vacates his office immediately before the first meeting of the newly-elected Lok Sabha.
- Therefore, the President appoints a member of the Lok Sabha as the Speaker *Pro Tem*.
- Usually, the **senior most member** is selected for this.
- The **President himself administers oath** to the Speaker *Pro Tem*.
- The Speaker *Pro Tem* has all the powers of the Speaker.
- He presides over the first sitting of the newly-elected Lok Sabha.
- His main duty is to administer oath to the new members.
- He also enables the House to elect the new Speaker.
- When the new Speaker is elected by the House, the office of the Speaker *Pro Tem* ceases to exist.
- Hence, this office is a temporary office, existing for a few days.
- *Recently, Virendra Kumar was appointed as the Pro-tem Speaker of the Lok Sabha.*

6) Consider the following statements with respect to *Defence Space Agency (DSA)*

1. It has been created to develop an eco-system to fight wars in space.
2. It comprises members from all the three services.

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

- Defence Space Agency (DSA) was created to develop an eco-system **to fight wars in space**.
- The DSA comprises members of the **three armed services** - the Indian Navy, Air Force and Army.
- It is being set up in Bengaluru under an officer with the rank of air vice-marshal and is set to take over the space related activities of the three services.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to *Binturongs*

1. They are nocturnal and sleep during the day high up in the canopy.
2. They use its tail as a fifth limb for support when climbing trees and also to hang upside down from branches.
3. They were found in South and South East Asia including India.

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

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

Answer : d

- Binturongs are **nocturnal and sleep during the day** high up in the canopy.
- It is a mammal found in the rainforest canopy throughout **South and South-East Asia, including in North-Eastern India**.
- They use its tail as a fifth limb for support when climbing trees and also to hang upside down from branches.
- They are carnivores, eating small mammals, birds, fish and fruit.
- Binturongs can swim well and have good eyesight both at night and during the day.
- Binturongs have no known predators other than humans.
- It has been listed as **Vulnerable** under the IUCN Red list.

8) Which of the following committees is often described as a “Super Cabinet”?

- a. The Political Affairs Committee
- b. The Economic Affairs Committee
- c. The Appointments Committee
- d. The Parliamentary Affairs Committee

Answer : a

- Of all the Cabinet Committees, the most powerful is the **Political Affairs Committee**, often described as a **Super-Cabinet**.

9) VG Kannan Committee sometimes seen in the news recently was constituted to?

- a. Increase non-tax revenue
- b. Review the ATM pricing
- c. Investigate intra-banking frauds
- d. Study Western Ghats for neutrino lab

Answer : b

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a six-member committee, headed by **VG Kannan**, Chief Executive, Indian Banks’ Association, **to review the ATM interchange fee structure**, with a view to giving a fillip to ATM deployment in unbanked areas.
- The committee will **review existing patterns of costs, charges and interchange fees for ATM transactions**.

10) Which of the following crops can be grown in both kharif and Rabi seasons in India?

- 1. Rice
- 2. Wheat
- 3. Groundnut
- 4. Jowar

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : c

- Wheat needs 12 to 15 inches (31 to 38 centimeters) of water to produce a good crop.
- It grows best when temperatures are warm, from 70° to 75° F (21° to 24° C), but not too hot.
- Wheat also needs a lot of sunshine, especially when the grains are filling.



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