



Prelims Practice Questions 26-06-2019

1) *U.K.Sinha Committee* sometimes seen in the news recently is constituted for which of the following purposes?

- To review norms pertaining to prevention of insider trading
- To suggest recommendations for fair market conduct
- To review regulations pertaining to Market Infrastructure Institutions
- To review the current framework for the MSME sector

Answer : d

- The committee formed by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, headed by former SEBI Chairman **U.K. Sinha** has submitted its report to the RBI Governor recently.
- It recommends for the creation of a distressed asset fund, with a corpus of Rs. 5,000 crore, structured to assist units in clusters where a change in the external environment, e.g. a ban on plastics or 'dumping' has led to a large number of MSMEs becoming non-performing asset (NPA).

2) *Food and Nutrition Security Analysis – India* is a report prepared in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation by which of the following agencies?

- NITI Aayog
- World Health Organisation
- UN World Food Programme
- Food and Agriculture Organisation

Answer : c

- Food and Nutrition Security Analysis – India 2019* was prepared by the **UN World Food Programme** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**.
- It is a baseline analysis of the country's progress in achieving the second Sustainable Development Goal to end hunger.

3) With respect to the recently released report *Healthy States, Progressive India*, consider the following statements:

- It has been developed by NITI Aayog, with technical assistance from the World Bank, in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Kerala and Tamil Nadu are the leading states in the overall performance on health indicators followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- Uttar Pradesh scored the lowest and remained as the least ranked state.

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

- 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only

d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : c

- **Kerala** continued to **top the list** for the best performing State in the health sector among the 21 large States, while **Uttar Pradesh retained the worst performer tag**, according to the **second edition** of NITI Aayog's *Healthy States, Progressive India* report.
- The report has been developed by NITI Aayog, with technical assistance from the **World Bank**, in consultation with the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- It has ranking in three categories — larger States, smaller States and Union Territories "to ensure comparison among similar entities."
- The Index ranks the States and Union Territories based on 23 health-related indicators, including neonatal mortality rate, under-five mortality rate, proportion of low birth weight among new-borns, proportion of districts with functional Cardiac Care Units, full immunisation coverage and proportion of specialist positions vacant at district hospitals.
- In rankings, **Tamil Nadu has slipped from third place** in 2015-16 to **ninth place** in 2017-18.
- Among the bigger states, Andhra Pradesh gained six ranks (biggest jump) and Tamil Nadu dropped six places (biggest fall).

4) Wildlife experts have recently discovered the *Impressed Tortoise* also known as the *Manouria impressa* in which of the following regions?

- a. Western Ghats
- b. Gulf of Mannar
- c. Arunachal Pradesh
- d. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Answer : c

- A team of herpetologists from the Forest Department and two NGOs have recently discovered the **Impressed Tortoise** (*Manouria impressa*) in Yazali area of the Lower Subansiri district of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- There are only two species of tortoises under the *Manouria* genus.
- India was known to be the home of only the Asian Forest Tortoise (*Manouria emys*) until the discovery of the Impressed Tortoise.

5) *Chelonian* is an order of reptile that includes which of the following?

1. Turtles
2. Terrapins
3. Tortoises

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : d

- *Chelonian* is an order of reptile that includes **turtles, terrapins and tortoises**.

6) *Zero Chance Campaign* sometimes seen in the news recently is launched by which of the following countries?

- a. China
- b. Taiwan
- c. Ukraine

d. Australia

Answer : d

- The Australian government is launching a campaign '**Zero Chance**' to raise awareness among people trying to enter the country illegally by boats.
- The underlying message of Zero Chance campaign is: **Anyone who tries to come illegally to Australia by boat has zero chance of success.**
- Australia has so far turned back 847 people on 35 vessels trying to enter Australia illegally, as part of the **Operation Sovereign Borders** that has been implemented since 2013.

7) *Antigua and Barbuda Islands* is located in which of the following regions?

- a. Banda Sea and Arafura Sea
- b. Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean
- c. Gulf of Mexico and Pacific Ocean
- d. Philippine Sea and North Pacific Ocean

Answer : b

- *Antigua and Barbuda Islands* is a country located between the **Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.**

8) Consider the following statements with respect to *Rajya Sabha*

1. The seats are allotted to the states in the Rajya Sabha on the basis of population.
2. The president must nominate two members from the Anglo-Indian community in the Rajya Sabha.
3. Union Territories except Delhi and Puducherry were not represented in the Rajya Sabha.

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



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Answer : c

- The seats are allotted to the states in the Rajya Sabha on **the basis of population.**
- Hence, the number of representatives varies from state to state.
- For example, Uttar Pradesh has 31 members while Tripura has 1 member only.
- Out of the 7 union territories, only 2 (**Delhi and Puducherry**) **have representation in Rajya Sabha.**
- The populations of other five union territories are too small to have any representative in the Rajya Sabha.
- The President can nominate two members from the Anglo-Indian community, if the community is not adequately represented in the Lok Sabha.

9) Consider the following statements:

1. It comprises of growing compatible plants of different heights on the same field at the same time.
2. It is mostly practised in orchards and plantation crops for maximum use of solar energy even under high planting density.

Identify the method of farming that correctly matches with the above description?

- a. Terrace farming
- b. Multi layer farming
- c. Mixed farming
- d. Agro-forestry

Answer : b

- The Centre plans to promote multi-layer farming as part of its efforts to help double the income of farmers.
- Multi-layer farming comprises of growing compatible plants of **different heights on the same field at the same time**.
- It is mostly practised in orchards and plantation crops for maximum use of solar energy even under high planting density.

10) Consider the following pairs with respect to Indian Defence Exercises

Exercises - Country

1. Garuda - France
2. Varuna - Russia
3. Ekuverin - Maldives

Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Answer : c

1. Garuda - France
2. Varuna - France
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