



Prelims Practice Questions 29-07-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to the term *Green Bonus* sometimes seen in the news recently

1. It denotes the money which is to be given for the effort made by a country, state or community for preservation of green cover.
2. The contribution to the fund was made jointly by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

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

- Green Bonus is a new term in the environmental parlance denoting the money which is to be given for the effort made by a country, state or community for preservation of green cover.
- It is a compensation to be given to the people for the sacrifices they have made in preserving the green cover, which not only benefits them, but also benefits others nearby and humanity as a whole.
- **Eleven States belonging to the Himalayan Region** recently sought a '**Green Bonus**' from the Centre considering their contributions to environmental conservation.
- The Himalayan states were also at a disadvantage because large swathes of land fell into eco-sensitive zones where all sorts of development activities could not be carried out.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Iconic Tourist Sites Initiative*

1. It aims to develop 17 Iconic Tourist Sites in the country in to world class tourist destinations, to serve as a model for other tourism sites.
2. Ministry of Tourism will be the nodal agency for this project.

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

- Union Finance Minister in her recent budget speech has said that 17 "Iconic Tourist Sites" in the country would be developed by the government "into world class tourist destinations, to serve as a model for other tourism sites".
- The initiative was aimed at enhancing India's soft power.
- The list of 17 sites are:

- Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh), Ajanta & Ellora (Maharashtra), Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort and Qutub Minar (Delhi), Colva (Goa), Amer Fort (Rajasthan), Somnath and Dholavira (Gujarat), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh), Hampi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kaziranga (Assam), Kumarakom (Kerala) and the Mahabodhi Temple (Bihar).
- The **Tourism Ministry** will be the nodal agency for this initiative.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Hepatitis*

1. It is an inflammation of the liver and Hepatitis viruses are the only cause of hepatitis in the world.
2. There are 5 main hepatitis viruses, referred to as types A, B, C, D and E.
3. There is no vaccine available against the Hepatitis B.

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

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

Answer : a

- Hepatitis is an **inflammation of the liver**.
- The condition can be self-limiting or can progress to fibrosis (scarring), cirrhosis or liver cancer.
- Hepatitis viruses are the most common cause of hepatitis in the world but other infections, toxic substances (e.g. alcohol, certain drugs), and autoimmune diseases can also cause hepatitis.
- There are 5 main hepatitis viruses, referred to as types A, B, C, D and E.
- Hepatitis C is more dangerous than Hepatitis B, because there is **no vaccination** against it - yet.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *Mozambique*

1. It is a landlocked country located in Southern Africa.
2. Tropic of Capricorn passes through this country.

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a



5) Consider the following statements with respect to *2018 Tiger Census (All India Tiger Estimation 2018)*

1. At present India has the distinction of having the maximum number of tigers in the world.
2. According to the census, India has achieved the target of doubling the tiger population four years early ahead of 2022.

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

- Indian PM has recently released the “**All India Tiger Estimation 2018**” on the occasion of Global Tiger Day in New Delhi.
- According to the survey, the count of tigers in India has risen to 2,967.
- India has **achieved the target** of doubling the tiger population four years early ahead of 2022.
- India is now home to nearly 3,000 tigers, a third more than it had four years ago.
- India is now one of the biggest and most secure habitats of tiger and is estimated to be home to around 70 percent of the world's tigers.
- Due to concerted efforts under Project Tiger, at present India has the distinction of having the **maximum number of tigers in the world**.

6) Consider the following statements with respect to *Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill 2019*

1. It seeks to provide for a comprehensive mechanism to ban the unregulated deposit schemes other than deposits taken in the ordinary course of businesses.
2. The bill provides for attachment of properties or assets and subsequent realization of assets for repayment to depositors.

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

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

Answer : d

- Parliament has recently passed the **Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill 2019**.
- The bill seeks to provide for a comprehensive mechanism to ban the unregulated deposit schemes other than deposits taken in the ordinary course of businesses and to protect the interest of depositors.
- The bill provides for attachment of properties or assets and subsequent realisation of assets for repayment to depositors.
- The bill also proposes adequate provisions for repayment of deposits in cases where such schemes nonetheless manage to raise deposits illegally.

7) Benin is a country which shares its border with which of the following?

- a. Gulf of Guinea
- b. Great Australian Bight
- c. Antongil Bay
- d. Bay of Biscay

Answer : a

- President Ram Nath Kovind has reached **Benin** on the first leg of his three nations' tour to the West African region.
- The seven-day visit is the first high-level tour of any Head of State from India to the three West African countries- Benin, The Gambia and Guinea.
- Its southern coastline is a part of the Gulf of Guinea in the northernmost tropical portion of the Atlantic Ocean.



8) With respect to 2011 Census, consider the following statements

1. Migration to cities is mostly intra-state rather than inter-state.
2. Inter-State migration to the big cities often tends to be intra-regional, mostly driven by migrants' desire to be close to home.

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 2011 Census data shows that much of the migration to the big cities is ***intra-State rather than inter-State***.
- It also show that inter-State migration to the big cities often tends to be intra-regional, mostly driven by migrants' desire to be close to home.
- For instance, Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad have a greater proportion of migrants from the South than from the North.

9) Consider the following statements with respect to *PM Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)*

1. It is a pension scheme offered through the State Bank of India (SBI).
2. There is no upper limit on the age for subscription.
3. Only those who have completed 60 years of age are eligible to subscribe to it.

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

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

Answer : c

- ***PM Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)*** is a pension scheme offered through the ***Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)***.
- ***Only those who have completed 60 years of age*** are eligible to subscribe to it.
- There is ***no upper limit*** on the age for subscription.
- It provides regular payout to those who invest in the scheme.

10) *Pilibhit Tiger Reserve* is located in which of the following states?

- a. Mizoram
- b. Karnataka
- c. Maharashtra
- d. Uttar Pradesh

Answer : d

- ***Pilibhit Tiger Reserve*** is one among the two tiger reserves in the country -- the other is the Tadoba-Andhari reserve in Maharashtra -- that has seen ***increased man-animal conflict*** in recent years.