



Prelims Practice Questions 16-08-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *World Trade Organisation (WTO)*

1. WTO has defined the criteria for a member country to be classified as developed or developing.
2. WTO allows member countries to classify themselves as developed or developing or least developed countries.
3. No WTO member can challenge the decision of a member country to be classified as developing.

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

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

Answer : d

- There are **no WTO definitions** of “developed” and “developing” countries.
- WTO allows member countries to **classify themselves** as “developed” or “developing”.
- However, **other members can challenge** the decision of a country to be classified as “developing”.
- Only the “**least-developed countries**” status is designated by **the UN**.
- (i.e) WTO recognizes as least-developed countries (LDCs) those countries which have been designated as such by the United Nations.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Vir Chakra Award*

1. It is the third highest gallantry award awarded for acts of bravery in the in the presence of the enemy.
2. The Medal cannot be awarded posthumously.
3. Officers and men and women of all ranks of the Naval, Military and Air Forces are eligible for this award.

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

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

Answer : c

- The **Vir Chakra** is awarded for acts of gallantry in the **presence of the enemy**, whether on land or at sea or in the air.
- The Medal may be awarded **posthumously**.

Following categories of persons are eligible for the Vir Chakra:

1. Officers and men and women of all ranks of the Naval, Military and Air Forces, of any of the Reserve Forces, of the Territorial Army, Militia and of any other lawfully constituted Armed Forces.
2. Matrons, Sisters, Nurses and the Staff of the Nursing Services and other Services pertaining to Hospitals and Nursing, and Civilians of either sex serving regularly or temporarily under the orders, directions or supervision of any of the above-mentioned Forces.

3) *Tricalcium Phosphate* is commonly used for which of the following purposes?

- a. Weedicide
- b. Fire extinguisher
- c. Bone substitution
- d. Manufacture of crackers

Answer : c

- ***Tricalcium Phosphate*** is a commonly used ***bone substitute material*** from natural sources.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *Foreign Trade Act (FTA), 1992*

1. Its main objective is to provide a frame work for development and regulation of foreign trade by facilitating imports into the country.
2. According to FTA, Gift items of value up to Rs.5,00,000 received from foreign countries to people residing in India are exempted from customs duty.

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



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Answer : a

- The basic objective of ***Foreign Trade Development and Regulation (FTDR) Act 1992*** is to provide a frame work for development and regulation of foreign trade by facilitating imports into the country, as well as, taking measures to increase exports from India and any other related matters.
- According to According to the Foreign Trade Act, gift items of a value of up to ***Rs. 5,000*** received from foreign countries to people residing in India are ***exempted from customs duty***.
- Domestic industry players brought to the notice of the Customs Department that several e-commerce companies, especially from China, were delivering orders to their India-resident customers by disguising their products as gifts so as to evade the Customs duty that would normally be applicable on the products.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to *Parliamentary Committee*

1. It is a panel that is formed for a specific period of time by the house or the speaker of the house.
2. Consultative committees are also a part of the parliamentary committees.

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

A parliamentary committee means a committee that:

1. Is appointed or elected by the House or nominated by the Speaker /Chairman.
2. Works under the direction of the Speaker / Chairman.
3. Presents its report to the House or to the Speaker / Chairman.
4. Has a secretariat provided by the Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha.

The consultative committees, which also consist of members of Parliament, are not parliamentary committees as they do not fulfill above four conditions.

6) Consider the following statements with respect to *Purse seine*

1. It is a fishing method in which large weighted nets are dragged across the ocean floor.
2. It is mainly used to catch fish species that swim in large schools near the ocean surface.

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

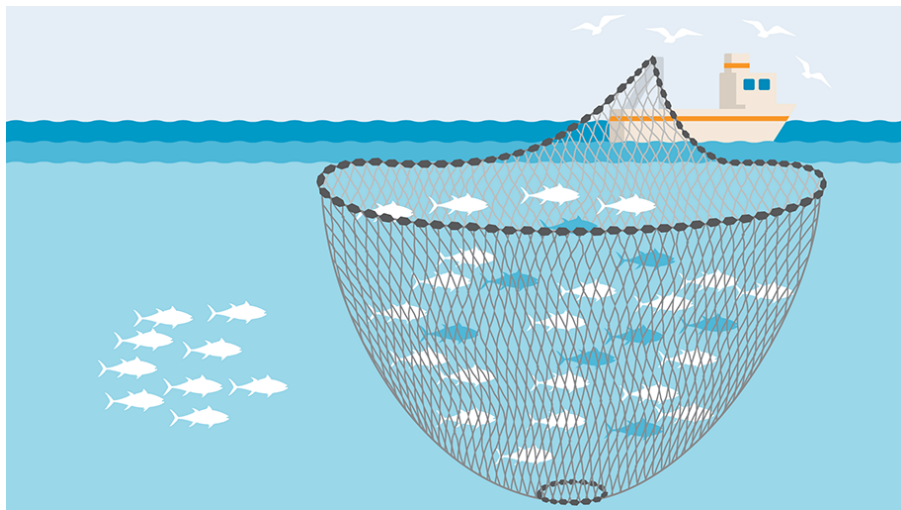
Answer : b

Purse seine fishing

- It is mainly used to catch fish species that swim in large schools near the ocean surface.
- The main species fished with purse seine gear are southern bluefin tuna, Australian sardine, blue mackerel and jack mackerel.

Working

- In a purse seine the top of the net is floated at the ocean's surface and the bottom of the net has weights attached that pull the walls of the net downwards.
- The bottom of the net has a wire threaded through it which is pulled and tightens the net like a purse trapping the fish inside.
- The net is then pulled in toward the boat and the catch is either pumped or lifted out with small nets or the whole net is brought aboard.
- The size of purse seine nets can be varied, depending on what species is being targeted.
- It is not only ***depriving traditional fishermen of catch*** but ***threatening the marine ecosystem*** as a whole in the region.



7) Consider the following statements with respect to *Varadharaja Perumal Temple*

1. It is a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.
2. It is located in Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu.
3. It is one among the 108 Divya Desams.

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 : c

- Varadharaja Perumal Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to **Lord Vishnu** located in the holy city of **Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu**.
- It is one of the Divya Desams, the 108 temples of Vishnu believed to have been visited by the 12 poet saints, or Alvars.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to *SAMRATH Scheme*

1. It is a scheme for capacity building and skilling in the sunrise sector.
2. Under the scheme, preference will be given to various social groups, SC, ST, differently abled, minorities and other vulnerable groups.

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

- The 'Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS)' shall be known by the name **Samarth**, signifying the broad objective of the scheme to skill the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the **textile sector**.
- Its objective is to provide demand driven, placement oriented **National Skills Qualifications Framework** (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textile, excluding Spinning and Weaving.

9) Which of the following countries is/are recognised by WTO as "Developed Countries"?

1. China
2. Russia
3. Japan
4. Australia

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 2 only
- b. 3 and 4 only
- c. 2 and 4 only
- d. None

Answer : b

Matter of choice

WTO allows member countries to classify themselves as "developed" or "developing". However, other members can challenge the decision of a country to be classified as "developing". Only the "least-developed countries" status is designated by the UN. Countries in the three lists:

Developing	Developed	Least-developed countries
India	U.S.	Afghanistan
China	European Union	Bangladesh
Russia	Japan	Bhutan
Brazil	Canada	Myanmar
South Africa	Australia	Nepal
South Korea	New Zealand	South Sudan

10) Consider the following statements with respect to *Iceland*

1. It is a volcanic Island located in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean.
2. Iceland is in many ways reminiscent of the surface of Mars.

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

- ***Iceland***, a volcanic island in the middle of the North Atlantic, is in many ways **reminiscent of Mars**.
- To prepare for the next mission to Mars in 2020, NASA has taken to the lava fields of Iceland to get its new robotic space explorer ready for the job.
- With its black basalt sand, wind-swept dunes and craggy peaks, the Lambahraun lava field at the foot of Iceland's second biggest glacier, Langjokull, was chosen as a stand-in for the Red Planet's surface.