



Prelims Practice Questions 31-08-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *State of World Population Report 2019*

1. It is the flagship report of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
2. The report includes, for the first time, data on women's ability to make decisions over three key areas - sexual intercourse with their partner, contraception use and health care.

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

- India accounts for over one-sixth of the world's population in 2019 (1.37 billion out of 7.71 billion) and has grown at an rate (1.2% per year between 2010 and 2019) that is just over the world growth rate (1.2%), according to ***State of the World Population 2019***, the flagship report of the ***United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)***.
- The report includes, for the first time, data on women's ability to make decisions over three key areas - sexual intercourse with their partner, contraception use and health care.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Mount Kun*

1. It is the second highest peak in the Indian side of Himalayas.
2. It is located in Karakoram Range in Ladakh.

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 : d

- Mt. Kun (7077M), the ***second highest peak of the Nun Kun massif*** is located in the upper Suru Valley.
- Being one of the highest peaks in the ***Zaskar Range*** and on the Indian side of the Line of Control, the twin peaks of Nun (7135M) and Kun are separated by a 4km long snow plateau.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Ek Bharat, Vijayi Bharat*

1. It is a year-long nation-wide contact programme to spread the messages of Mahatma Gandhi.
2. It coincides with the 150th foundation year of Mahatma Gandhi memorial in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

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 : d

- Kanyakumari-based Vivekanand Kendra and its state units will launch a year-long nation-wide contact programme to spread the messages of Swami Vivekananda.
- The mass contact programme, titled "**Ek Bharat Vijayi Bharat**", coincides with the 50th foundation year of **Vivekanand Rock Memorial** in Kanyakumari and will be launched on September 1, 2019.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *Vivekananda rock memorial*

1. It is located at the Tri-junction of Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea in Kanyakumari.
2. It was built in the year 1970, to commemorate the visit of Swami Vivekananda to Shripada Parai in 1892 for deep meditation and enlightenment.

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

- Vivekanand rock memorial has been an iconic landmark at the Tri-junction of **Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal** and **Arabian Sea** in Kanyakumari.
- As its name implies, it is essentially a sacred monument, built by the Vivekananda Rock Memorial Committee to commemorate the visit of Swamy Vivekananda to "Shripada Parai" during 24th, 25th and 26th December 1892 for deep meditation and enlightenment.

5) The *e-course on Vulnerability Atlas* was recently launched by which of the following ministries?

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- c. Ministry of Science and Technology
- d. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer : d

- The **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** in collaboration of School of Planning & Architecture (SPA), New Delhi and Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC).
- It is a unique course that offers awareness and understanding about natural hazards, helps identify regions with high vulnerability with respect to various hazards (earthquakes, cyclones, landslides, floods, etc.) and specifies district-wise level of damage risks to the existing housing stock.

6) Consider the following pairs with respect to *GI Tag*

1. Dindigul lock - Telangana
2. Kandang saree - Tamil Nadu

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

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

Answer : a

- Two well-known products from **Tamil Nadu** — **Dindigul lock** and **Kandanggi saree** — have been recently given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai.

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

1. It is a set of drums, made up of wood, conical in shape, resembling flower pots.
2. It belongs to the category of Tata Vadyas.

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

- Damaram, made of wood, is a set of drums, conical in shape, resembling flower pots.
- It belongs to the category of **Avanaddha Vadyas**.
- One face of the instrument is covered with cow hide while the other, with that of the goat.
- Two sticks, made from *Arali kuchi*, are used for playing this instrument. One stick is straight while the other is a bit curved.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to *International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)*

1. It is one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations (UN).
2. It promotes sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests.

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 **International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)** is an **intergovernmental organization** promoting the sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests and the expansion and diversification of international trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests.

9) Consider the following pairs

1. Kunduz - Afghanistan
2. N'Djamena - Chad

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

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

Answer : c

10) With the reference to the Ancient Indian history, the term 'cire perdue' process was used for making of the?

- a. Cave Paintings
- b. Metal sculptures
- c. Coin mintings
- d. Branding of Horses

Answer : b

