



### Prelims Practice Questions 03-09-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)*

1. Election Commission of India (ECI) is the Executive Board Member of A-WEB, since its inception.
2. The permanent secretariat of A-WEB is located at London, United Kingdom.
3. India is the A-WEB's Chair for the 2019-21 term.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer : b

- The **Election Commission of India** is scheduled to host the **4th General Assembly** of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) at Bengaluru on 3rd September 2019.
- **India** will take over as **A-WEB's Chair** for the 2019-21 term.
- The Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) is the **largest association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide**.
- A-WEB was established on October 14, 2013 in **Song-do, South Korea**.
- The permanent secretariat of A-WEB is located at **Seoul, South Korea**.
- A-WEB's vision is to foster efficiency and effectiveness in conducting free, fair, transparent and participative elections worldwide.
- **ECI has been its Executive Board Member since AWEB's inception** in October 2013 for two consecutive terms (2013-15 and 2015-17).
- At the last A-WEB General Assembly held in Bucharest on 31st August, 2017, Romania took over as Chair and ECI was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of A-WEB 2017-19.
- India is all set to take over as Chair now for the 2019-21 term.

2) Consider the following reports by the World Resources Institute (WRI) regarding food wastage

1. Roots and tubers face the maximum wastage
2. Uneaten food emits greenhouse gases into the atmosphere
3. Most of the food loss happens "near the farm" predominantly in higher-income countries.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

Answer : b

- Most of the food loss happens "near the farm" predominantly in lower-income countries and most of the food waste happens "near the plate" predominantly in higher-income countries.

3) Consider the following statement about *Index of Eight Core Industries*

1. Natural Gas is not a part of it
2. It is released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

Answer : d

- The Index is compiled and released by Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA), Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.
- It contains index, production and growth of Eight Core Industries. Eight Core Industries are Electricity, steel, refinery products, crude oil, coal, cement, natural gas and fertilizers.
- The Index of Eight Core Industries is a monthly production index, which is also considered as a lead indicator of the monthly industrial performance.
- The Index of Eight Core Industries is compiled based on the monthly production information received from the Source Agencies.

4) India's longest electrified rail tunnel was recently launched in which of the following states?

- a. Andhra Pradesh
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Jammu and Kashmir
- d. Madhya Pradesh



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Answer : a

- Vice President has recently inaugurated **India's longest electrified rail tunnel**.
- It is situated between Cherlopalli and Rapuru stations of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- The 6.6-km long tunnel is a part of the Obulavaripalli-Venkatachalam railway line.
- The newly constructed tunnel will provide seamless rail connectivity between Krishnapatnam Port and the hinterland areas for freight movement.

5) Which of the following is the objective of *Shram Yogi Prasad Scheme*?

- a. To identify and develop the pilgrim sites across the country to enrich the religious tourism experience
- b. To enhance enrolment, retention and attendance of school children and simultaneously improving nutritional levels
- c. To provide affordable nutritious meals to labourers near their work areas
- d. To preserve character of the soul of heritage city and facilitate inclusive heritage linked urban development

Answer : c

- "Shram Yogi Prasad" Scheme aims to provide healthy & nutritious food to building & other construction workers and Industrial workers at nominal cost of Rs. 5 & 10.

6) Consider the following statement about *Interpol*

1. It is not an UN Agency
2. Its domain does not include cyberspace and environment security.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- a. 1 only

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

Answer : a

- The International Criminal Police Organisation, or Interpol, is a 194-member intergovernmental organisation headquartered in Lyon, France.
- It primarily focuses on countering terrorism, promoting border integrity worldwide, protection of vulnerable communities, providing a secure cyberspace for people and businesses, curbing illicit markets, supporting environment security, and promoting global integrity.

7) Consider the following statements with respect **Jan Aushadhi Suvidha**

1. It is an Oxo-Biodegradable Sanitary Napkin.
2. Jan Aushadhi Suvidha is biodegradable when it comes in contact with oxygen after being discarded.
3. It will be available for sale at the rate of Rs.1/pad in PMBJP Kendras across the country.

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

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

Answer : d

- The Government of India launched "Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-Biodegradable Sanitary Napkin" at Rs 2.50 per pad on the eve of the **World Environment Day 4th June 2018**.
- Till 31st July 2019, over 1.30 crore pads were sold at Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras.
- In order to make these sanitary pads more affordable and accessible to the women of India, Government of India has now decided to make these pads available at rate of only Rs 1.00/- per pad as promised by the Prime Minister before the 'Lok Sabha Election-2019'.

8) **Jan aushadhi Sugam** a mobile app recently launched by union government for what purpose?

- a. To buy generic medicines from all medical shops
- b. To avail discounts from Jan Aushadhi Kendras
- c. To access directions to Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- d. To gather information about various diseases

Answer : c

- Janaushadhi Sugam" mobile application would have user-friendly options like- to locate nearby Janaushadhi Kendra, direction guidance for location of the Janaushadhi Kendra through Google Map, search Janaushadhi generic medicines, analyse product comparison of Generic vs Branded medicine in form of MRP & overall Savings, etc.
- The mobile application is available on both Android & iOS platforms.

9) Consider the following statements with respect **The G7's Deadly Sins Report**

1. It is published by Oxfam International.
2. All G7 countries have adopted neoliberal policies of deregulation and privatization.

**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

10) The known habitat of **Peacock Parachute Spider or Gooty tarantula**( *Poecilotheria metallica* ) is ?

- a. Pakkamalai Reserve Forest, TN
- b. Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh.
- c. Agumbe, Karnataka.
- d. Wayanad, Kerala.

Answer : b

- The Peacock Parachute Spider belong to the genus *poecilotheria*, commonly known as gooty tarantula.
- The known habitat of peacock parachute spider is in degraded forests near nandyal in andhrapradesh
- The species, known to be endemic to India and it is critically endangered species of tarantula according to IUCN.
- For the first time it has been spotted in pakkamalai reserve forests near gingee in villupuram district.
- Tarantulas are biological pest controllers and there is a huge demand for them by collectors in the pet trade. There is an urgent need to protect them."