



## Prelims Practice Questions 13-01-2018

01. The Kigali agreement is significant that it proposes to amend the

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a. Kyoto Protocol

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b. Montreal Protocol

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c. Cartagena Protocol

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d. Nagoya Protocol

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02. Consider the following statements regarding the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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1. The Secretary-General is the head of the United Nations Secretariat and also acts as the de facto spokesperson and leader of the United Nations.

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2. The Secretary-General is appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendations of the Security Council.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only  
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- b. 2 only  
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- c. Both 1 and 2  
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- d. Neither 1 nor 2  
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03. Consider the following statements

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- 1. Epiphytes absorb nutrients from the host plants.  
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- 2. Water Hyacinth is a common invasive species.  
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- 3. Snow protects the seeds from excessive cold.  
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only  
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- b. 2 and 3 only  
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- c. 1 and 3 only  
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- d. 1, 2 and 3  
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04. Consider the following statements regarding HRIDAY scheme

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1. The major aim of this scheme is bringing together urban planning, economic growth and heritage conservation in an inclusive manner to preserve the heritage character of each Heritage City.

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2. This is a scheme launched by the Ministry of Culture.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only

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- b. 2 only

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- c. Both 1 and 2

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- d. Neither 1 Nor 2

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05. Consider the following statements about Bio -Indicators:

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1. Lichens can be used as a reliable indicator to predict air quality.

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2. Lichens are also indicators of radioactive materials.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only

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- b. 2 only  
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- c. Both 1 and 2  
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- d. Neither 1 nor 2  
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06. Consider the following statements.

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- 1. Recently, the Environment Ministry gave its nod for captive breeding of Tibetan Antelope.  
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- 2. Shahtoosh Shawls are made from the under-fur of Tibetan Antelope.  
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- 3. It is classified as 'Near Threatened' category by IUCN.  
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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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- a. 1 and 2 only  
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- b. 2 and 3 only  
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- c. 1 and 3 only  
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- d. 1,2 and 3  
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07. Consider the following statements.

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1. The North Koel Reservoir project aims to provide irrigation in drought prone regions of Odisha and Jharkhand.
  2. North koel is the tributary of Son river.
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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only
  - b. 2 only
  - c. Both 1 and 2 only
  - d. Neither 1 nor 2
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08. Consider the following statements.

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1. The IIP is composite indicator that measures short-term changes in volume of production of a basket of industrial products during a given period with respect to chosen base period.
  2. It is compiled and published monthly by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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- a. 1 only
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- b. 2 only  
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- c. Both 1 and 2  
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- d. Neither 1 nor 2  
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09. Consider the following statements.

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- 1. Kala-azar is also known as ‘Black fever’ or ‘Visceral leishmeniasis’  
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- 2. It is endemic to Indian sub-continent.  
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- 3. Enlargement of spleen and liver are the symptoms.  
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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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- a. 1 and 2 only  
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- b. 2 and 3 only  
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- c. 1 and 3 only  
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- d. 1, 2 and 3  
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10. Recently, Fourth International Dharma-Dhamma conference is held in which one of the following countries?

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- a. Bhutan
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  - b. Nepal
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  - c. Sri Lanka
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  - d. India
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### **Answers & Explanations**

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1. b

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A historic global climate deal was reached in Kigali, Rwanda at the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (MOP28). The so called Kigali Amendment which amends the 1987 Montreal Protocol aims to phase out Hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs), a family of potent greenhouse gases by the late 2040s.

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2. c

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3. b

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Epiphytes grow harmlessly upon another plant (such as a tree) and derive its moisture and nutrients from the air, rain, and sometimes from debris accumulating around it. They grow on other plants for physical support and do not necessarily negatively affect the host.

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4. a

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The Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, launched the National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) scheme with a

focus on holistic development of heritage cities.

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5. c

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Since a plant species or plant community acts as a measure of environmental conditions, it is referred to as biological indicators or bio-indicators.

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6. b

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Recently, the Environment Ministry has rejected its nod for captive breeding of Tibetan Antelope.

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7. b

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The North Koel Reservoir project aims to provide irrigation in drought prone regions of Bihar and Jharkhand.

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8. c

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9. d

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This disease is the second-largest parasitic killer in the world. The endemic blocks have increased in districts of Bihar and Jharkhand.

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10. d

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