



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 02-08-2022 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements:

1. Pitch black is a multilateral naval exercise between the Quad partner countries.
2. The exercise aims to hone operational skills and imbibe best practices and procedures, in the maritime domain, through interaction between member countries.

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

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

Answer : d

### Pitch Black Exercise

- Continuing the series of military exercises with countries in the Indo-Pacific, the Indian Air Force (IAF) will join 16 other nations, including Quad partner countries, later this month for Exercise Pitch Black, the biennial exercise hosted by the Australian Air Force.
- This year's participants are Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, India, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, UAE, the U.K., and the U.S.

2) Consider the following statements:

1. A new district can be created by the State government by issuing an order and notifying it in the gazette.
2. When a district's name has to be changed, the State governments should get the non-objection certificate from the Centre.
3. Uttar Pradesh has the most number of districts followed by Rajasthan, and Goa has the least number of districts in India.

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

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

Answer : a

### District creation in India

- The power of creating new districts lies with the state governments, who can pass a law in the

Assembly or simply issue an order and notify it in the gazette.

- The Centre does not have a say in the matter.
- The central government does play a role, however, when a change of name of a district or railway station is contemplated.
- The request of the state government in this regard is sent to several central government departments before a no-objection certificate is issued.
- The 2001 Census recorded 593 districts, which went up to 640 in 2011. India currently has more than 775 districts.
- Uttar Pradesh has the most districts (75) in the country, followed by Madhya Pradesh (52). Goa, by contrast, has only 2 districts.
- However, the number of districts in a state is not always a function of the area of the state, or of its population.

3) Consider the following statements:

1. Crypto gas fee is the transaction fees paid to miners on a blockchain network to get a user's transaction included in the block.
2. The Crypto gas fee value is not fixed and fluctuates based on the market conditions.

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

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

Answer : c

### Crypto gas fee

- Gas fees are the transaction fees paid to miners on a blockchain network in order to get a user's transaction to be included in the block.
- Interestingly, gas fees are not of fixed value but it keeps fluctuating with time due to various reasons
- The system operates on a basic supply and demand model.
- If there is a higher demand for transactions on the blockchain, miners can opt to include transactions that pay more instead of those that pay less.
- Because of this, users tend to pay more in order to get their transactions to be included first, fast, and effectively.

4) Consider the following statements regarding the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems Amendment Bill, 2022:

1. It gives the respective State governments the power to freeze, seize or attach financial assets of persons involved in such activities.
2. The bill was passed by a voice vote, both in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

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

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

Answer : c

## Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems Amendment Bill, 2022

- The Bill, introduced by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, seeks to ban funding of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and gives the Centre the power to freeze, seize or attach financial assets of persons involved in such activities.
- The Bill, passed by Lok Sabha in the previous session, was passed by a voice vote in the Upper House.
- Several Opposition MPs, who alleged that it had been passed even as the House remained disrupted.
- Later in the afternoon, the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022, which seeks to extend domestic laws to Indian research stations in Antarctica and introduces a permit system for expeditions to Antarctica, was also passed through voice vote.

5) Consider the following statements:

1. India's working population engaged in farming has fallen significantly during the last three decades.
2. There has been a reversal of the trend in the last two years, which has seen the share of those employed on farms rise.

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

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

Answer : c

### India's unemployment crisis

- The share of India's working population engaged in farming has fallen quite significantly during the last three decades.
- In 1993-94, agriculture accounted for close to 62% of the country's employed labour force.
- That proportion - based on data from the National Statistical Office's Periodic Labour Force (previously known as 'employment and unemployment') Surveys - dropped almost six percentage points by 2004-05 and even more (9 percentage points) over the next seven years.
- The declining trend continued, albeit at a slower pace, in the subsequent seven as well.
- However, there's been a reversal of the trend in the last two years, which has seen the share of those employed in farms rise to 44-45%.