

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 23-09-2022 (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) Consider the following statements about Dvorak technique:
 - 1. The Dvorak technique is a cloud pattern recognition technique based on the development and decay of the tropical cyclone.
 - 2. This tool helps make predictions, measure wind or pressure parameters associated with the cvclone.

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: a

Dvorak technique

- The Dvorak technique is a cloud pattern recognition technique based on a concept model of the development and decay of the tropical cyclone.
- Through this statistical technique, scientists measure the cyclone's convective cloud pattern curved bands, eye and central dense or cold region and shear.
- It is the Dvorak technique which gives the best estimates of the cyclone intensity, a vital component while issuing weather warnings.
- This tool, cannot help make any predictions, measure wind or pressure or any other meteorological parameters associated with the cyclone.
- But it is a guide to estimate the storm's intensity and possible intensification which is crucial for local administration in planning evacuation measures of coastal or other nearby residents.
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Yield Curve Control (YCC):
 - 1. It involves targeting a longer-term interest rate by a central bank.
 - 2. It focuses on bond prices and helps to prevent recession and lessen its impact.

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

Yield Curve Control (YCC)

- Yield curve control (YCC) involves targeting a longer-term interest rate by a central bank, then buying or selling as many bonds as necessary to hit that rate target.
- This approach could help prevent a recession or lessen the impact of a downturn.
- Yield Control Curve may be needed for economic stimulus as short-term rates near zero.
- Yield control curve, also referred as interest rate caps, aims to control interest rates along with some portion of the yield curve.
- 3) Consider the following statements about Hybrid Motor developed by ISRO:
 - 1. Unlike the conventional combinations, a hybrid motor uses liquid fuel and solid oxidizer.
 - 2. The motor uses Hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene (HTPB) as the oxidizer and liquid oxygen (LOX) as the fuel.

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

Hybrid motor

- It is developed by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- The hybrid motor is more efficient, greener and safer to handle and paves the way for new propulsion technologies for future missions.
- The technology demonstration paves the way for hybrid propulsion-based sounding rockets and an exciting platform for vertical landing experiments for spent-stage recovery.
- It is a hybrid motor which is a combination of solid fuel and liquid oxidizer.
- The motor used Hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene (HTPB) as fuel and liquid oxygen (LOX) as the oxidizer.
- 4) Which one of the following statements about SPARSH initiative is correct?
 - a. It is a web-based system for processing the pension claims of defense pensioners.
 - b. It helps to promote philately among children at a young age in a sustainable manner.
 - c. It is launched to improve the access of online learning resources to all students.
 - d. It helps to map the aquifer in the rainfall deficit areas of the country.

Answer: a

SPARSH initiative

- SPARSH is a web-based system for processing the pension claims and crediting the pension directly into the bank accounts of defense pensioners without any external intermediary.
- It has been designed to give Defense Pensioners a transparent view of their pension account, through an online portal.
- This system is administered by the Defense Accounts Department through the Principal Controller of Defense Accounts (Pensions), Prayagraj and caters to all the three Services and allied organization.
- The system on roll-out is initially catering to the new retirees and subsequently is being extended to cover the existing defense pensioners.
- 5) Consider the following statements about Puneet Sagar Abhiyan (PSA):
 - 1. It is an initiative for skill development in the environment and forest sector to enable youth to get

self-employed.

2. It is launched by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

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

Puneet Sagar Abhiyan

- National Cadet Corps and United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to tackle the issue of plastic pollution and achieve the universal goal of clean water bodies through 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan'
- The National Cadet Corps (NCC) had in 2021, launched 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan'.
- It is a nationwide flagship campaign, initially for one month, to clean sea shores of plastic & other waste material, while raising awareness about the importance of cleanliness.
- It was subsequently extended as a Pan-India round-the-year campaign to cover rivers and other water bodies as well.
- Since the launch of 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan', over 100 tons of plastic waste have been collected from nearly 1,900 locations by more than 12 lakh NCC cadets.
- Of the approximately 100 tons of collected plastic waste, more than 60 tons have been handed over for recycling.



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