



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 22-11-2022 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Jeevan Pramaan:

1. It is a biometric enabled digital service for pensioners to avail their life certificates.
2. Only Central Government employees can benefit from this facility.
3. The scheme is launched by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

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

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

Answer : b

Jeevan Pramaan or Digital Life Certificate for Pensioners Scheme

- It seeks to address the problem by digitizing the whole process of securing the life certificate.
- It aims to streamline the process of getting this certificate and making it hassle free and much easier for the pensioners.
- Pensioners of Central Government, State Government or any other Government organization can take benefit of this facility.
- The scheme works under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

2) The Blue Diamond Dispute, recently seen in news is associated with which of the following countries?

- a. India - United Kingdom
- b. Republic of Congo - United States of America
- c. South Africa - Australia
- d. Saudi Arabia - Thailand

Answer : d

Blue Diamond Dispute

- It started with the theft of jewellery and other valuable gems from the palace of Prince Faisal bin Fahd, the eldest son of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, in 1989.
- A Thai worker employed as a servant at the palace, stole precious gems worth \$20 million from Prince Faisal's home, which also included a rare 50-carat blue diamond, which is still missing.
- The ensuing diplomatic repercussion was thus named after the gem.
- So it is a dispute between the country of Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

3) Which of the following are the criteria for Famine according to the United Nations?

1. At least 20% of the population is facing extreme food shortages.

2. At least 30% of children are suffering from acute malnutrition.
3. At least 100 people out of every 1000 inhabitants are dying each day due to starvation.
4. The crop yield is less than 70% for three consecutive years.

Choose the correct option.

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : a

Famines

- Famine is declared in an area when severe hunger is already widespread, and when people have started dying of starvation because they do not have enough nutritious food.
- According to the United Nations, the affected area must meet three conditions:
 - At least 20% of the population is facing extreme food shortages.
 - At least 30% of children are suffering from acute malnutrition.
 - At least 2 people out of every 10,000 inhabitants are dying each day due to starvation, or a combination of severe hunger and illness.
- The decision to declare a famine is generally made jointly by the government and the United Nations.
- The declaration of famine carries no binding obligations on the United Nations, the government or other U.N. member states.
- However, it serves to focus global attention on the situation and galvanise resources to provide emergency aid.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to the Orion Spacecraft:

1. Orion is part of the European Space Agency's Space Launch System.
2. It serves as the exploration vehicle that carries the crew to space.
3. It was used for the first time in the Heracles mission, to find breathable oxygen on the moon.

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

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

Answer : b

Orion Spacecraft

- NASA's Orion spacecraft will serve as the exploration vehicle that will carry the crew to space, provide emergency abort capability, sustain the crew during the space travel, and provide safe re-entry from deep space return velocities.
- Orion will launch on NASA's new heavy-lift rocket, the Space Launch System.
- It is named after one of the largest constellations in the night sky.
- On Artemis I, an uncrewed Orion will venture thousands of miles beyond the Moon over the course of about 6 weeks.
- The mission will pave the way for flights with astronauts beginning with Artemis II.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to the National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL):

1. It is a statutory body established under the Compulsory Deposit Scheme Act, 1963.
2. It handles the securities held and settled in dematerialized form in the Indian capital market.
3. It works under the aegis of the Securities and Exchanges Board of 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 : c

National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL)

- It handles most of the securities held & settled in dematerialized form in the Indian capital market.
- The enactment of Depositories Act in August 1996 paved the way for establishment of NSDL.
- It works under the aegis of the Securities and Exchanges Board of India, the Ministry of Finance.
- NSDL aims at ensuring the safety and soundness of Indian marketplaces by developing settlement solutions that increase efficiency, minimize risk and reduce costs.
- NSDL plays a central role in developing products and services that will continue to nurture the growing needs of the financial services industry.



IAS PARLIAMENT
Information is Empowering
A Shankar IAS Academy Initiative