



### **Prelims Practice Questions 19-04-2018**

01. Which of the following countries have recently achieved Malaria-free status?

1. Maldives
2. Sri Lanka
3. Kyrgyzstan

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : d

WHO certifies Malaria-free status. India along with several sub-Saharan countries are yet to achieve the malaria-free status.

02. Which among the following species in India are accorded critically endangered status by IUCN?

1. Pygmy Hog
2. Malabar Civet
3. Hangul

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : d

Some of the critically endangered species are:

- Pygmy Hog (*Porcula salvania*).
- Andaman White-toothed Shrew (*Crocidura andamanensis*)
- Jenkin's Andaman Spiny Shrew (*Crocidura jenkinsi*)
- Nicobar White-tailed Shrew (*Crocidura nicobarica*)
- Kondana Rat (*Millardia kondana*)
- Large Rock Rat or Elvira Rat (*Cremnomys elvira*)

03. Recently Indian Navy has deployed its permanent warship near which of the following places to monitor the Chinese presence?

1. Strait of Hormuz
2. Strait of Malacca
3. Persian Gulf
4. Madagascar of Africa

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Answer : b

04. Consider the following statements.

1. Mouse deer also known as Spotted Chevrotein usually found in deciduous and evergreen forests of the country.
2. The 'mouse deer' was re-introduced into the forests of Nallamalla in Amrabad Tiger Reserve.
3. It has nocturnal behaviour.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

In a novel and unique initiative attempted anywhere in the country, the Telangana State Forest Department re-introduced the 'mouse deer' into the forests of Nallamalla in Amrabad Tiger Reserve. These animals are nocturnal in habitat and because of their small size they are called 'smallest ungulates' too. Also called "Jarini Pandi" in Telugu, their number has been decreasing at an alarming rate in recent years because of destruction of habitat and poaching.

05. Project CHAMAN is launched by which one of the following ministry?

1. Ministry of Commerce and industry
2. Ministry of Agriculture
3. Ministry of Railways
4. Ministry of Home Affairs

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Answer : b

Under the Mission of Integrated Horticulture Development (MIDH), the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare has initiated the project CHAMAN (Coordinated Horticulture Assessment and Management using geoinformatics) for assessment and development of Horticulture through Remote Sensing & geo-informatics.

The project is being implemented by Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC) in collaboration with ISRO Centres (SAC & NRSC) and 12 state horticulture departments, NHRDF, IMD, ICAR Centre and State Remote Sensing Centres.

This programme envisages use of satellite remote sensing data for area and production estimation of 7 horticultural crops (Potato, Onion, Tomato, Chili, Mango, Banana and Citrus) in 12 major states in 180 districts. The programme also uses GIS (Geographical Information System) tools along with remote sensing data for generating action plans for horticultural development (site suitability, infrastructure development, crop intensification, orchard rejuvenation, aqua-horticulture, etc.). Another component of CHAMAN is to carry out research activities on horticultural crop condition studies, diseases assessment and precision farming.

06. Office of Economic Advisor functions under the jurisdiction of which one of the following?

1. Prime Minister's Office
2. Ministry of commerce and industry
3. Ministry of finance
4. Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Answer : b

Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA) is an attached office of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The main functions of the Office of Economic Adviser include, inter alia the following :

Policy Functions:

- Economic policy inputs on industrial development.
- Rendering advice relating to formulation of Industrial Policy, Foreign Trade Policy with respect to industrial sector in general with thrust on manufacturing, issues relating to bilateral and multilateral trade, as well as taxes and duties related to industry, including but not restricted to safeguard and anti-dumping duties.
- Analysis of trends of industrial production and growth.
- Examination of multilateral and bilateral issues and processing Policy Notes with economic implications referred to the Office.
- Planning and Gender Budgeting on behalf of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

Statistical Functions

- Compiling and releasing monthly Wholesale Price Indices
- Compiling and releasing monthly Index of Core Industries Production
- Developing other Indices on experimental basis, e.g. select business service price indices
- Supervising as a 'source agency', compilation of monthly production statistics for identified industrial items, their validation, and onward transmission for computation of the monthly Index of Industrial Production (IIP) by Central Statistics Office.

- Monthly Statistical compilation of macro indicators (secondary information).

07. Consider the following statements.

1. Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition aims to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children.
2. It targets stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and low birth rate.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018 by the Prime Minister in Rajasthan.

The Abhiyaan targets to reduce stunting, under-nutrition, anemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and reduce low birth weight by 2%, 2%, 3% and 2% per annum respectively.

The target of the mission is to bring down stunting among children in the age group 0-6 years from 38.4% to 25% by 2022.

08. Arctic Circle passes through which of the following countries?

1. Denmark
2. Iceland
3. UK
4. Russia

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : c

The land within the Arctic Circle is divided among 8 countries: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, the United States (Alaska), Canada (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut), Denmark (Greenland) and Iceland (where it passes through the small offshore island of Grímsey).

09. Consider the following statements.

1. A World Heritage site is classified as a natural or man-made area or a structure that is of international importance, and a space which requires special protection.

2. These sites are officially recognised by United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation, also known as UNESCO.
3. India tops the list of countries that has largest number of Heritage sites.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

Italy tops the list of countries that has largest number of Heritage sites. India with 36 sites occupies sixth place. April 18 is the World Heritage day. The Theme is Heritage for Generations.

10. Consider the following statements.

1. India is the world's largest producer of milk.
2. Indonesia and Australia classified India as a Foot and Mouth disease hit nation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

New Zealand occupies nearly 80% of world's Dairy exports. Foot-and-mouth disease or hoof-and-mouth disease (*Aphthae epizooticae*) is an infectious and sometimes fatal viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals. Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) has very severe implications for animal farming, since it is highly infectious and can be spread by infected animals.

