



Prelims Practice Questions 20-04-2018

01. Which of the following countries have not ratified UN convention against torture?

1. India
2. Sudan
3. Pakistan
4. Angola

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 Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT)) is an international human rights treaty, under the review of the United Nations, that aims to prevent torture and other acts of cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment around the world. Countries that have signed but not ratified are :

- India
- Angola
- Gambia
- Comoros
- Sudan
- Bahamas
- Palau

02. Consider the following statements.

1. Large part of India's deciduous and semi deciduous forests are characterised by forest fires.
2. In India, only Himalayan States are affected by forest fires.
3. Forest fires leads to depletion of ozone layer.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

Apart from Himalayan States, many Southern and Central Indian forests are also prone to forest fire. Forest fire contains chlorine compounds that aids in ozone layer depletion.

03. Which of the following disabilities are included in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities act, 2016?

1. Dwarfism
2. Thalassemia
3. Acid attack victims
4. Speech and language disability

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : d

Disability has been defined based on an evolving and dynamic concept.

The types of disabilities have been increased from existing 7 to 21. It includes Speech and Language Disability, Specific Learning Disability, Acid Attack Victims, Dwarfism, muscular dystrophy. It also included three blood disorders: Thalassemia, Hemophilia and Sickle Cell disease have been added for the first time.

It seeks reservation in vacancies in government establishments has been increased from 3% to 4% for certain persons or class of persons with benchmark disability.

04. Consider the following pairs.

Ports	Countries
01. Cape town	South Africa
02. Fremantle	New Zealand
03. Lyttelton	Australia
04. Port Stanley	Falklands

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

Navika Sagar Parikrama is the name of expedition for circumnavigation the globe on INSV Tarini by Indian Navy's Women Naval Officers. The six-member all-woman team will circumnavigate and manage the whole operation in this first ever global journey. The voyage is expected to be finished around March 2018, with only 4 port calls in Fremantle Australia; Lyttelton, New Zealand; Port Stanley, Falklands; and Cape Town, South Africa.

05. Which among the following in J & K are in the list of Wetlands of International importance under

Ramsar Convention?

1. Hokersar
2. Surinsar-mansar
3. Wular lake
4. Tsomoriri

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : d

The Convention on Wetlands, called the Ramsar Convention, is the intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

The Convention was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975. Since then, almost 90% of UN member states, from all the world's geographic regions, have acceded to become "Contracting Parties".

06. Consider the following statements.

1. INS ARIHANT is India's indigenous nuclear attack submarine.
2. INS CHAKRA is nuclear attack submarine from Russia.

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

INS Chakra has been taken on lease from Russia for 10 years and would provide the Navy the opportunity to train personnel and operate such nuclear-powered vessels. The only other nations possessing nuclear-powered submarines are - US, Russia, UK, France and China.

07. Consider the following statements.

1. International Institute for Population Sciences is the nodal agency for the National Family & Health Survey.
2. The survey provides essential data on family planning services in India.

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

The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) is a large-scale, multi-round survey conducted in a representative sample of households throughout India. The survey provides state and national information for India on fertility, infant and child mortality, the practice of family planning, maternal and child health, reproductive health, nutrition, anaemia, utilization and quality of health and family planning services.

08. Which of the following items are exported to China?

1. Copper
2. Aluminium ore
3. Cotton yarn
4. Chemical fertilizers

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : a

Exports:

- Cotton Yarn
- Copper
- Aluminium ores
- Vegetable fats and oils
- Polymers

Imports:

- Electronic devices
- chemical fertilizers

09. Consider the following statements.

1. The term decoupling refers to the trend that the national economy does not slow down or grow in sync with the global economy.
2. Urban Local Bodies generates greater proportion of revenue than the Panchayat Raj institutions.

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

Panchayat Raj institutions mainly depends on devolution rather than generating revenue from their own resources.



10. World Investment Report is released by which one of the following?

1. WTO
2. World Bank
3. World Economic Forum
4. UN conference on Trade and Development.

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

Answer : d

UNCTAD is principal organ of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) dealing with trade, investment, and development issues. Its goals are to: “maximize the trade, investment and development opportunities of developing countries.” It organizes World Investment Forum. It publishes reports like World Investment Report, Technology and Innovation Report.



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