



### **Prelims Practice Questions 11-08-2018**

1. Consider the following statements about Interest Subvention Scheme

1. The key objective of this scheme is to increase credit availability for farmers who cultivate short-term crops at a subsidised rate of interest
2. The maximum loan amount that can be availed is two lakhs per farmer
3. It is implemented by Department of Finance

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : b

The maximum loan amount is three lakh. The interest rate is 7 per cent. It is implemented by NABARD and RBI.

2. Consider the following statements about Operation Madad

1. It was launched by the Southern Naval Command for undertaking disaster relief operations during floods and landslides
2. It was launched in the state of Karnataka

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : a

It was launched in Kerala to assist disaster relief operations in the state due to flooding and landslides and release of excess water from Idukki reservoir.

3. Consider the following statements about PENCIL portal

1. It is an online portal that aims to effectively monitor the implementation of Child Labour Act and National Child Labour Project
2. It is under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : a

It is under the aegis of Ministry of Labour and Employment

4. Consider the following statements regarding Invasive species

1. These are alien species which when they compete with native species affect the ecological balance in an area.
2. The Indian bull frog is an invasive species found in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : c

5. Consider the following statements about Protected Areas

1. The definition of Protected Areas is given in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
2. In India protected areas are of five types only
3. The authority to designate any area as a protected area lies with both central and state governments

Which of the given statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : d

Wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks are notified by state governments through notifications

Community and Conservation Reserves are declared by Central Governments

Tiger reserves are declared by National Tiger Conservation Authority

6. Consider the following statements about Deworming

1. It is an exercise conducted by Ministry of Health to kill worms that infest the children below 3 years of age.
2. Worms play an important role in causing Aneamia.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only

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

Answer : b

Deworming is a process/ drive conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to kill worms — commonly tape, round and hook worm — that infest bodies of children below 18 years of age.

7. Which of the following Biosphere Reserves in India is/ are part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WHBR)?

- 1. Nanda Devi
- 2. Agasthyamala
- 3. Khangchendzonga
- 4. Manas

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

Answer : d

The Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve (KBR) of Sikkim, the highest biosphere reserve in the country has been included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WHBR) under its Man and Biosphere Programme.

8. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Tsunami- ready' tags

- 1. These are tags given to coastal villages in order to promote hazard preparedness by UNESCO
- 2. The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) is responsible for recommending the names of villages to UNESCO to get this tag.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : a

Villages are identified by the national board (comprising representatives from INCOIS, disaster management agencies, coastal States and the Ministry of Home Affairs) and they would then get to apply at the international level to UNESCO for the tag.

9. Consider the following statements about North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme to bring infrastructural development
2. It will be implemented by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in consultation with Ministries of State Government

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : b

It is a central sector scheme

10. Consider the following pairs

Trade remedial Measure	Applied when
1. Anti- dumping Duties	- When the exporter sells goods in a country cheaper than in his own market
2. Countervailing Duties	- when an exporter sells cheaper because of financial support by its government
3. Safeguard Duties	- When the imports are fairly done but the government wants to promote its own country as an emergency measure

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

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

Answer : d