



### **Prelims Practice Questions 14-08-2018**

1. Consider the following statements about Arbitration and Conciliation Bill (Amendment), 2018

1. The Bill seeks to establish an independent body called the Arbitration Council of India (ACI) for the promotion of Alternative Dispute Redressal mechanisms.
2. The chairman of the proposed ACI must be a Judge of Supreme Court

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

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

Answer : a

- The Chairperson can be any of the following : (i) a Judge of the Supreme Court (ii) a Judge of a High Court (iii) Chief Justice of a High Court or (iv) an eminent person with expert knowledge in conduct of arbitration.
- Other members will include an eminent arbitration practitioner, an academicians with experience in arbitration, and government appointees.

2. Consider the following statements about the National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank

1. It is the only institute in the country working towards conservation of endangered wildlife using modern biotechnologies.
2. It was set up in Hyderabad.

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

Wildlife Genetic Resource Banking (GRB) is the systematic collection and preservation of tissues, sperm, eggs and embryos, genetic material (DNA/RNA).

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3. Consider the following pairs

Terms used by Mughals

Meaning

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| 1. Farman  | Order of any member of the Royal family |
| 2. Nishan  | Order of the emperor                    |
| 3. Parwana | Order of any higher authorities         |

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

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

Answer : d

Farman is the order of the Emperor

Nishan is any order by members of the Royal Family

4. Consider the following about Rainforests of Amazon

- 1. It is spread over the countries of Brazil, Peru Colombia, and Ecuador only
- 2. It acts as a carbon- sink by absorbing atleast one- tenth of greenhouse gas emissions through photosynthesis

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

Amazon is spread over Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, France

5. Consider the following statements about the 'Ease of Living Index' that was released recently

- 1. It was prepared by NITI Aayog
- 2. The list was topped by Pune, and Patna occupied the last place

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not** true?

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

Answer : a

It is being prepared by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

6. Consider the following statements about Micro Irrigation Systems in India

1. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana is the nodal scheme which promotes the usage of Micro-irrigation systems
2. It focuses on reducing wastage of water and improving cultivable area
3. The application of water in all micro-irrigation systems happens above the surface only.

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

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

Answer : a

Micro-irrigation is the slow application of water as discrete or continuous drips, tiny streams or miniature spray on, **above or below** the soil by surface drip, subsurface drip, bubbler and micro-sprinkler systems.

7. Consider the following statements about Inflation

1. A 'Demand-Pull' inflation is generally considered favourable for an economy than a 'Cost-Push' inflation
2. The WPI is the index used for measuring inflation by RBI

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

The RBI shifted to CPI to measure Inflation rates in the year 2014

Demand Pull Inflation is caused by increases in aggregate demand due to increased private and government spending, etc.

Cost Push Inflation is caused by a drop in aggregate supply (potential output).

8. Consider the following statements about the India-Myanmar Land Border Crossing Agreement

1. It did away with the requirement of special permission for any Myanmar or Indian national with a valid passport and visa to cross over
2. This agreement has also paved way for Indians to cross the India- Myanmar border in their own vehicles

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

Unless India signs a Motor Vehicles Agreement with Myanmar, the inter- border movement of own vehicles of citizens of both countries will not be possible

9. Consider the following statements about Swadesh Darshan Scheme

1. The scheme focuses on development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations.
2. The first project under the scheme is going to be inaugurated in Manipur

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

Swadesh Darshan focuses on development of thematic circuits (not particular sites) in the country in a planned and prioritised manner.

National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) is the one which focuses on development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations.

10. Consider the following statements about FASTag

1. It is a device that employs radio frequency identification (RFID) technology for making toll payments directly from the prepaid or savings account linked to it.
2. FASTag does not have a validity and it can be used for lifetime.

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

FASTag has a validity of 5 years and after purchasing it, one has to recharge/ top up the FASTag as per the requirement.

FASTag offers near non-stop movement of vehicles through toll plazas and the convenience of cashless payment of toll fee with nation-wide interoperable Electronic Toll Collection Services.