



Prelims Practice Questions 01-12-2018

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Kimberley Process (KP)

1. It is an international certification scheme that regulates trade in rough diamonds.
2. It is a binding agreement that imposes extensive requirements on every member countries.
3. India is the founding member of Kimberley Process.
4. India is the Vice Chair for Kimberley Process (KP) for 2018.

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

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

Answer : d

- KP aims to prevent the flow of **conflict diamonds** (rough diamonds used to finance the conflicts and topple the established government), while helping to protect legitimate trade in rough diamonds.
- The **Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS)** outlines the rules that govern the trade in rough diamonds.
- KP is a **binding agreement** that has developed a set of minimum requirements that each participant must meet.
- India has been appointed as the Kimberley Process (KP) **Vice Chair for 2018 & Chair for 2019**.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Bru refugees in India

1. Large groups of Bru tribes migrated to Tripura after an ethnic clash at Bangladesh in 1997.
2. Bru refugees are not entitled to vote anywhere in India.

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

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

Answer : d

- The Brus, also referred to as the Reangs, are spread across the northeastern states of Tripura, Assam, Manipur, and Mizoram.
- Bru refugees are the tribes who had fled ethnic violence from across nine Assembly seats in **Mizoram** 21 years ago. **Not Bangladesh**.
- *Recently, displaced Bru voters lodged in six relief camps in Tripura cast their votes at special booths set up at Kanmun, a Mizoram village in Mamit district bordering Tripura.*

3) "Coastwise 2018-19" is sometimes seen in the news recently. It is a/an

- a. Beach cleaning campaign which ensures plastic free beaches in India
- b. Campaign to promote marine life in the region of Maharashtra
- c. Bilateral naval exercise between India and Mozambique
- d. Initiative of WWF to provide safe zones for Olive-ridley turtles during the weeks of its mass-nesting

Answer : b

- '**Coastwise 2018-19**' is a first-of-its-kind initiative hosted by the **mangrove cell of Maharashtra, WWF India and Marine life of Mumbai**, an organisation working to create awareness about marine life.
- The campaign aims at creating public awareness about essential **marine flora and fauna** of the **Maharashtra region**.

4) Consider the following statements

1. India has changed the methodology of its growth calculation from GDP to GVA in 2015.
2. Base year has also been shifted from 2004-05 to 2010-11.

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

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

Answer : a

The government in 2015 changed the methodology to Gross Value Added (GVA) from the earlier GDP and brought forward the base year for computation to **2011-12** from 2004-05.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to conference of Parties (COP-24)

1. It will be held in Katowice, Poland.
2. USA will not participate in the event as it opted out of the Paris deal last year.
3. It will be the first intergovernmental summit to be held fully online.

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

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

Answer : c

- *The United States opted out of the Paris deal last year but continues to be part of discussions as a complete withdrawal — as per terms of the UN convention — takes up to 4 years.*
- *The United States cannot officially announce its plan to withdraw from the agreement until November 4, 2019.*

6) "**Heart Attack Rewind**" is a mass media campaign launched to eliminate industrially produced trans-fats by which of the following organisations?

- a. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- b. World Health Organisation (WHO)
- c. Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)
- d. Food Safety & Drug administration department, Tamilnadu

Answer : a

- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has recently launched a new mass media campaign calling for the elimination of industrially produced trans fat in the food supply.
- Called “Heart Attack Rewind”, the 30 second public service announcement (PSA) - the first mass media campaign of its kind - will support FSSAI’s global target of eliminating Trans-fat in India by the year 2022, a year ahead of the global target by the World Health Organization (WHO) for complete elimination of trans fats.

7) “MCA-21” is sometimes seen in the news recently. It is a/an/the

- a. e-governance initiative of Ministry of Company affairs
- b. U.K’s fighter jet planned to be bought by the Indian Air Force (IAF)
- c. Set of standards for effective management of tigers in its range countries
- d. Mission to clean Amaravati River by the year 2021

Answer : a

- MCA-21, an e-governance initiative of the Ministry of Company Affairs was launched in 2006, to allow firms to electronically file their financial results.
- *With the shift to the new base year 2011-12 from 2004-05, wherein the CSO did away with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost, and adopted the international practice of valuing industry-wise estimates as gross value added (GVA) at basic prices, the **MCA-21 database** also got used in addition to the volume index of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and establishment-based data set of Annual Survey of Industries (ASI).*

8) Consider the following statements with respect to Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)

1. It is a four-stage launch vehicle with alternating solid and liquid stages.
2. India’s Chandrayaan-2 Mission is likely to be launched using the PSLV.
3. It can carry 5000 kg of payload to Geo Synchronous Transfer Orbit.

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

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

Answer : c

- PSLV is a four-stage launch vehicle with alternating solid and liquid stages.
- PSLV has a payload capacity of 1,050 kg for launching into the Geo Synchronous Transfer Orbit and 1,600 kg for the Polar Sun Synchronous Orbit.
- The Chandrayaan-2 mission is planned to be launched to the Moon by a Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).

9) *Thumri, khayal* and *Dhrupad* were associated with which of the following art forms?

- a. Dance
- b. Music
- c. Theatre form
- d. Puppet

Answer : b

Thumri, Khayal and Dhrupad were associated with **Hindustani Classical Music**

10) Which of the industries give below does *not* belong to the eight core Industries of India?

1. Crude Oil
2. Textile
3. Natural Gas
4. Pharmaceuticals
5. Petroleum Refineries

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a. 2 and 3 only
- b. 2 and 4 only
- c. 1, 3 and 5 only
- d. 3, 4 and 5 only

Answer : b

1. Electricity
2. Steel
3. Refinery products
4. Crude oil
5. Coal
6. Cement
7. Natural gas
8. Fertilizers



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