



Prelims Practice Questions 12-01-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Partnership Summit 2019

1. It is a global platform for dialogue, debate, deliberation and engagement among Indian and global leaders on terrorism.
2. It is being organized by the Ministry of Home affairs.

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 Partnership Summit is a global platform for dialogue, debate, deliberation and engagement among Indian and global leaders **on economic policy and growth trends in India**.
- It is being organized by the **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry**, Government of India, State Government of Maharashtra and Confederation of Indian Industry.
- *The 25th edition of Partnership Summit 2019 will be held from 13 January, 2019.*

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Women of India Organic Festival

1. It aims to celebrate and promote women farmers and entrepreneurs in the organic sector from the remotest parts of India.
2. It has been held annually in New Delhi since 2015.
3. It is being organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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

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

Answer : d

- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** is organizing the three-day 6th 'Women of India Organic Festival' from tomorrow at Leisure Valley, Sector-10, Chandigarh, to celebrate and promote **women farmers and entrepreneurs in the organic sector** from the remotest parts of India.
- The Women of India Organic Festival has been **held annually in New Delhi since 2015**.

3) *Sinho Commission report* sometimes seen in the news recently is associated with which of the following?

- a. Cabotage law in India

- b. Economically Backward Class welfare
- c. De-nationalization of banks in India
- d. Impact of Gig economy in India

Answer : b

- The committee headed by chairman Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.R. Sinho was constituted **to suggest criteria for identification for economically backward classes** as well as recommend welfare measures and quantum of reservation in education and Government employment to the extent as appropriate.
- The **Sinho Commission report of 2010**, has been cited by the Centre as the basis for its legislation to grant 10 per cent reservation to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) mainly among upper castes.

4) Consider the following statements

1. Harappan Civilisation was a Bronze Age civilisation mainly in the northwestern regions of the Indian subcontinent.
2. Rakhigarhi is one of the most prominent sites of the Harappan civilization located in Haryana, 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 : c

- Near-complete skeletal remains of a young male and female have recently been discovered at an archaeological site in **Rakhigarhi village in Haryana**.
- Rakhigarhi was one of the most prominent sites of the Harappan civilisation.

5) Arrange the following hills from East to West direction

1. Khasi Hills
2. Jaintia Hills
3. Garo Hills

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Answer : b

- Under North East Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has recently sanctioned the project '**Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- Krem Tirot - Khudoi & Kohmang Falls - Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- Iooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)**' in Meghalaya.

6) *H S Bedi Report* sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with which of the following?

- a. Anti-sikh riots
- b. Doubling farmers income by 2022
- c. Gujarat fake encounters

d. None of the above

Answer : c

- The Special Task Force (STF) headed by Justice H S Bedi (retired) was asked to monitor the investigation of 17 **encounter cases in Gujarat** between 2002 and 2006.
- *The Supreme Court has recently directed that a copy of Justice Bedi's report should be given to the petitioners.*

7) *Rethi-Moraghat elephant corridor* links which of the following?

- a. Rajaji National park with Betla Tiger Reserve
- b. Silent Valley National park with Periyar Tiger Reserve
- c. Nokrek National park with Kaziranga Tiger Reserve
- d. Gorumura National Park with Buxa Tiger Reserve

Answer : d

- The **Rethi-Moraghat elephant corridor**, which links **Gorumara National Park with Buxa Tiger Reserve**, was crucial to elephant movement.
- In December 2018, while studying the **Rethi-Moraghat elephant corridor** in the region, experts from the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and others have discovered that elephants of north Bengal have been consuming plastic.

8) Consider the following statements

1. It is a ritual dance drama from Kerala.
2. It found a place in the UNESCO's intangible heritage list in 2010.
3. It is based on the mythological tale of a battle between the goddess Kali and the demon Darika.

Identify the art form that correctly matches with the above description

- a. Kathakali
- b. Mohiniyaattam
- c. Mudi yettu
- d. Paavakoothu

Answer : c

- Mudi yettu is a glorious **ritual dance** performed in Kaali Temples across **Kerala**, predominantly in Central Kerala (Ernakulam and Kottayam), celebrating the triumph of **Goddess Kaali over the demon Darikan**.
- *Mudi yettu* found a place in **UNESCO's Representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity** in 2010.

9) The term "*Adjournment Sine Die*" refers to

- a. Terminating a sitting of Parliament for an indefinite period
- b. Dissolution of the house, thereby ending the very life of the House
- c. Suspending the work in a sitting of Parliament for a specified time
- d. The period spanning between the prorogation of a House and its reassembly in a new session

Answer : a

- Adjournment sine die means **terminating a sitting of Parliament for an indefinite period**.
- In other words, when the House is adjourned without naming a day for reassembly, it is called adjournment sine die.
- The power of adjournment as well as adjournment sine die lies with the presiding officer of the House
- An **adjournment** suspends the work in a sitting for a **specified time**, which may be hours, days or weeks.

- The period spanning between the prorogation of a House and its reassembly in a new session is called '**recess**'.

10) The temperature of human body is regulated by which of the following?

- a. Epinephrine
- b. Hypothalamus
- c. Thymus
- d. Norepinephrine

Answer : b

- The body maintains a constant temperature of around 37 degrees C because enzymes, the catalysts vital to body chemistry, function best at around this temperature.
- The temperature is regulated by the **hypothalamus**, which lies within the brain.
- If the body heats up through exercise or illness, the hypothalamus promotes sweating because evaporation of sweat cools the body.
- If body temperature falls, the hypothalamus sets in motion the mechanism for shivering since shivering produces heat.



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