



Prelims Practice Questions 04-02-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Know My India Programme*

1. It is an initiative for Diaspora engagement which familiarizes Indian-origin youth with their Indian roots and contemporary India.
2. It is initiated by the Ministry of External 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

- Know **My India Programme** is a unique programme initiated by the **National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH)** to bring together financially assisted children of the Foundation from different States/Regions of the country to promote oneness, fraternity and national integration.
- The NFCH is an autonomous organization under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- The main objective of the Foundation is to provide assistance to the children / youth rendered orphan / destitute **in communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence** for their rehabilitation besides promoting communal harmony and national integration through various activities.
- **Know India Programme (KIP)** is a flagship initiative for Diaspora engagement which familiarizes Indian-origin youth (18-30 years) with their Indian roots and contemporary India, through a three-week orientation programme organised by the **Ministry of External affairs**.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Bharat Rang Mahotsav (BRM)

1. It is an annual International theatre festival of India.
2. It is being organized by the National School of Drama (NSD).

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

- Bharat Rang Mahotsav (BRM), the **annual** international theatre festival of India is organized by the **National School of Drama (NSD)**, was established two decades ago to stimulate the growth and development of theatre across India.
- Originally a national festival showcasing the work of the most creative theatre workers in India, BRM has evolved to international scope, hosting theatre groups from around the world, and is now the **largest theatre festival of Asia**.

- 20th Bharat Rang Mahotsav was recently inaugurated in New Delhi.

3) Which of the following states has recently become the first State to set up a price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO)?

- Kerala
- Tamilnadu
- Odisha
- West Bengal

Answer : a

- **Kerala** has become the first State to set up a price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO).

4) Consider the following statements

- India has 28 species of turtles, of which 20 are found in Assam.
- The black softshell turtle widely found along Indian coast is listed as critically endangered under the IUCN Red list.

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

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

- The **black softshell turtle** (*Nilssonia nigricans*) figures in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List as "**extinct in the wild**".
- But a few temple ponds in Assam and Bangladesh are bringing these turtles back from the brink.
- Being received the divine protection for many years, the rarest of India's 28 turtle species is back where it belongs (in the wild).
- Recently, 35 hand-reared turtle hatchlings, including 16 black softshells, in the Haduk Beel (wetland) of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

- It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement.
- In its Interim Budget 2019-20, GoI has decided to restrict this platform to only public sector enterprises which have annual net profit of over Rs. 50,00 crore.

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

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

- Through budget 2019-20, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is now being extended to **all CPSEs**.

6) "Lao-Ong Mo" is a post-harvest festival celebrated by which of the following tribes?

- a. Mundas
- b. Bhil
- c. Konyak Naga
- d. Lepchas

Answer : c

- **"Lao-Ong Mo"** is a post-harvest festival of the **Konyak Naga** tribe inhabiting the district of Mon, **Nagaland**, running along the Myanmar border.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to Group of Monuments at Hampi

1. It is located in the Tungabhadra basin, Karnataka.
2. Hampi was the last capital of the last great Hindu Kingdom of Vijayanagar.
3. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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

- a. 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. None

Answer : d

- The austere, grandiose site of Hampi was the **last capital of the last great Hindu Kingdom of Vijayanagar**.
- Group of Monuments at Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site is located in the **Tungabhadra basin** in Bellary District, Central Karnataka.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to Battle of Chausa

1. It was fought between Sher Shah Suri and the Mughal Emperor Humayun in 1539.
2. At the end of this battle, Humayun left India and went into exile.

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

- **Battle of Chausa** was fought between Humayun and Sher Shah Suri in 1539.
- The Mughal forces under Humayun were defeated by Sher Shah. Humayun narrowly escaped.
- **Battle of Kannauj** in which, Mughal forces once again clashed with Sher Shah in May 1540.
- This time Humayun was decisively defeated by Sher Shah.
- Humayun left India and went into exile. He remained in exile for the next 15 years.

9) Rivers *Devika* and *Tawi* flows in which of the following states?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Jammu and Kashmir
- c. Meghalaya
- d. Gujarat

Answer : b

- *Recently, Prime Minister has laid foundation stone of the project aimed at reducing pollution*

of Rivers Devika & Tawi flows in Jammu and Kashmir, under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).

- *This project is scheduled for completion by March 2021.*

10) Pobitora wildlife Sanctuary is located in which of the following states?

- a. Assam
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Meghalaya
- d. Mizoram

Answer : a

- *Recently, 35 hand-reared turtle hatchlings, including 16 black softshells, in the Haduk Beel (wetland) of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary.*



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