



Prelims Practice Questions 07-06-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Cabinet Committees*

1. They are not mentioned in the Constitution.
2. Non-cabinet ministers are debarred from the membership of Cabinet Committees.

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

- They are extra-constitutional in emergence. In other words, they are **not mentioned in the Constitution**.
- However, the Rules of Business provide for their establishment.
- They usually **include only Cabinet Ministers**.
- **However, the non-cabinet Ministers are not debarred from their membership.**

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *NITI Aayog*

1. It is neither a constitutional body nor a statutory body.
2. No minister will be a member of NITI Aayog.

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

- NITI Aayog is **neither a constitutional body nor a statutory body**.
- Governing Council: It comprises the Chief Ministers of all the States, Chief Ministers of Union Territories with Legislatures (i.e., Delhi and Puducherry) and Lt. Governors of other Union Territories.
- **The newly reconstituted NITI Aayog will have Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, and Narendra Singh Tomar as ex-officio members.**

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)*

1. Under the scheme, priority will be given to girl child, women and senior citizens.
2. All states in India have joined this flagship health protection scheme.

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

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

Answer : b

- Under the Scheme, Government provides health insurance cover of up to Rs. 5,00,000 per family per year.
- More than 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) covered across the country.
- All families listed in the SECC database as per defined criteria will be covered.
- No cap on family size and age of members.
- **Priority to girl child, women and senior citizens.**
- Free treatment available at all public and empaneled private hospitals in times of need.
- Covers secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.
- **Three States (Odisha, Telangana, and West Bengal) and one Union Territory (Delhi) are yet to join the Government of India in implementing AB-PMJAY.**

4) India has recently notified the *Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA)* with which of the following countries?

- a. Seychelles
- b. Mauritius
- c. Madagascar
- d. Marshall Islands

Answer : d

- India has recently notified a Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) with the **Marshall Islands**.
- This agreement was signed on 18th March, 2016 at Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- The Agreement enables exchange of information, including banking and ownership information, between the two countries for tax purposes.
- It is based on international standards of tax transparency and exchange of information and enables sharing of information on request.
- The Agreement also provides for representatives of one country to undertake tax examinations in the other country.
- The Agreement will enhance mutual co-operation between India and Marshall Islands by providing an effective framework for exchange of information in tax matters which will help curb tax evasion and tax avoidance.

5) *Remdesivir* is an anti-viral drug which may help fight off Nipah virus is originally designed to treat which of the following diseases?

- a. Malaria
- b. MERS coronavirus
- c. Ebola
- d. Zika Virus

Answer : c

- In a significant development, an experimental antiviral drug **Remdesivir** designed to treat **Ebola virus disease** can effectively help fight off Nipah virus.
- Though Ebola and Nipah belong to different viral families, remdesivir appears effective against both.
- **Remdesivir** has also shown to be effective against two other pandemic threats: **Lassa fever**

and MERS coronavirus, and also against respiratory syncytial virus.

6) Consider the following pairs

1. Kinnal Toys - Karnataka
2. Etikoppaka toys - Andhra Pradesh
3. Thanjavur Doll - Tamilnadu

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

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

Answer : d

- Kinnal Toys - Karnataka
- Etikoppaka toys - Andhra Pradesh
- Thanjavur Doll - Tamilnadu

7) *Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)* sometimes seen in the news recently is a treaty between which of the following?

- a. USA and USSR
- b. North Korea and South Korea
- c. Russia and NATO Countries
- d. Israel and Palestine

Answer : a

- START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) was a bilateral treaty between the **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and the United States of America** on the limitation and reduction of strategic offensive arms.
- It caps the number of nuclear warheads well below Cold War limits.
- Recently Russian President accuses US of shunning talks on extending the nuclear arms reduction treaty (START), which expires in 2021.

8) Which of the following countries are *not* the members of *G20 Grouping*?

1. Argentina
2. India
3. Russia
4. USA

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : d

- G20 is made up of 19 countries and the European Union(EU).
- The 19 countries are: **Argentina**, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, **India**, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The **Russian Federation**, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the **United States**.
- The G20 members represent two-thirds of the world's people and 85 percent of its economy.

9) Assertion (A): Plaster of Paris heals bone fracture.

Reason (R): Plaster of Paris forms fresh connective tissue cells and fill in the cracks in the bone.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is correct but R is not correct
- d. Both A and R are not correct

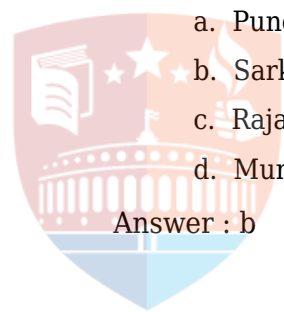
Answer : d

- Plaster of Paris **cannot heal a bone fracture.**
- The blood clots immediately around the injured surface inside the bone.
- Healing begins on its own within a few hours of the fracture.
- Fresh connective tissue cells form and multiply rapidly.
- Calcium accumulates in these cells which fill in the crack in the bone by the third day.
- A few weeks later, the fractured bone heals and becomes normal hard bone.
- To ensure adequate supply of calcium, the doctor may prescribe calcium tablets.
- The **only purpose served by the plaster is to keep the broken edges of the bone in alignment and to immobilise the limb.**
- In villages, this is achieved by using wooden splints.

10) The *Inter State Council* was set up in 1990 on the recommendation of?

- a. Punchhi Commission
- b. Sarkaria Commission
- c. Rajamannar Commission
- d. Mungerilal Commission

Answer : b



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