



## Prelims Practice Questions 10-08-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha Campaign*

1. It aims to promote water conservation activities for both rural and urban households through mobile phones.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

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 **Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MHRD)** has launched the '**Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha**' drive to promote water conservation activities for School Students, so that they can become competent, conscientious and committed water citizens of our nation.
- The Department has prepared a detailed outline to implement this programme in all the schools of the country.

### Five Major Objectives:

1. To educate Students learn about conservation of water
2. To sensitize Students about the impact of scarcity of water
3. To empower Students to learn to protect the natural sources of water
4. To help every Student to save at least one litre of water per day
5. To encourage Students towards judicious use and minimum wastage of water at home and school level

2) *Shillong Declaration* sometimes seen in the news recently is associated with which of the following?

- a. e-governance
- b. Artificial Intelligence
- c. River Sharing Agreement
- d. None of the above

Answer : a

- The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), in association with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and the State Government of Meghalaya organized the 22nd National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2019 on 8-9th August, 2019 at Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The theme of this Conference was "**Digital India: Success to Excellence**".
- At the valedictory session held recently, '**Shillong Declaration**' on e-Governance was adopted after intensive deliberations during the sessions held over two days.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards*

1. Since its inception in 2016, it has been recognising and celebrating stories of exemplary women from across India.
2. The theme for WTI Awards 2019 is "Women and Entrepreneurship".
3. It is a flagship initiative of NITI Aayog.

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

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

Answer : d

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- The theme for WTI Awards 2019 is "**Women and Entrepreneurship**", in continuation with last edition's theme.
- WTI Awards is a flagship initiative of **NITI Aayog**.

4) Consider the following statements

1. Diarrhoea was one of the biggest killers in children and Rotavirus was one of the most common causes of severe diarrhoea in children less than 2 years of age.
2. Rotavirus diarrhoea can be prevented through vaccination.

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

- Union Health Ministry has recently decided to provide Rotavirus vaccine to every child across all States and Union Territories by September, 2019.
- Rotavirus vaccine was introduced in 2016 in a phased manner, beginning with 4 States initially and later expanded to 7 more States.
- The vaccine is now available in 28 States/Union Territories.
- It is expected to be available in all 36 States/Union Territories by September 2019.

5) *Brunhes-Matuyama* refers to?

- a. Magnetic field flip
- b. CERN's Large hadron collider
- c. Sixth mass extinct event
- d. None of the above

Answer : a

- Earth's most recent **geomagnetic reversal** — a phenomenon where the planet's overall magnetic field flips — took at least 22,000 years to complete.
- This is more than twice than previously thought, according to a study by University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- The magnetic field, which protects the Earth from potentially dangerous solar radiation, last flipped some 770,000 years ago and is named **Matuyama-Brunhes** after the scientists who

discovered it, according to the journal Science Advances.

6) Consider the following statements with respect to *Gogabeel Lake*

1. It is an ox-bow lake located in Jharkhand.
2. It is formed from the flow of the rivers Mahananda and Kankhar in the north and the Ganga in the south and east.

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 : b

- Gogabeel, an ox-bow lake in **Bihar**'s Katihar district, has been declared as the state's first 'Community Reserve'.
- Gogabeel is formed from the flow of the rivers **Mahananda** and **Kankhar** in the north and the **Ganga** in the south and east.
- It is the fifteenth Protected Area (PA) in Bihar.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to *National e-Governance Conference, 2019 (NCeG - 2019)*

1. It provides a platform for the delegates from across the country to share best practices for achieving effective governance and public service delivery.
2. It was jointly organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs in association with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).

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

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- The theme of this Conference was "**Digital India: Success to Excellence**".
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8) *Pattachitra*, a style of painting is one of the oldest and most popular art forms of which of the following states?

- a. Odisha
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. Maharashtra
- d. Andhra Pradesh

Answer : a

- Pattachitra style of painting is one of the oldest and most popular art forms of **Odisha**.

9) Consider the following statements with respect to *PM-KUSUM Scheme*

1. It is a new umbrella scheme aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture.

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

- ***Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)*** is a ***farmer-oriented solar power scheme*** that will allow setting up grid-connected solar plants in rural areas and off-grid solar pumps.
- It involves decentralized solar power production of up to 28,250 Megawatt (Mw) over five years.
- It aims at boosting farmers' income by allowing them to sell additional power to the grid through solar plants.

10) Consider the following statements with respect to *Bhitarkanika National Park*

1. It is located in the state of Odisha
2. It consists of the Brahmani, Baitrani Delta.
3. It was a designated Ramsar site.

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

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

Answer : d

