



## Prelims Practice Questions 17-08-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Tawlhlohpuan*

1. It is a medium to heavy, compactly woven, good quality fabric from the state of Assam.
2. It has been recently granted GI tag.

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

- *Tawlhlohpuan*, a medium to heavy, compactly woven, good quality fabric from Mizoram is known for warp yarns, warping, weaving & intricate designs that are made by hand.
- *Tawlhloh*, in Mizo language, means 'to stand firm or not to move backward'.
- *Tawlhlohpuan*, which holds high significance in the Mizo society, is produced throughout the state of Mizoram, Aizawl and Thenzawl town being the main centre of production.
- *The Geographical Indication (GI) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has recently granted GI tag for PalaniPanchamirtham from Palani Town of Tamil Nadu, Tawlhlohpuan and Mizo Puanchei from the state of Mizoram, Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala.*

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)*

1. CDS is meant to be a single-point military advisor to the government on important defence and strategic issues.
2. It is a high military office that oversees and coordinates the working of the three Services.
3. Before the establishment of the post of CDS, National Security Adviser (NSA) advises India's Prime Minister on military matters.

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

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

Answer : d

- The CDS is a high military office that oversees and coordinates the working of the **three Services**.
- It offers seamless tri-service views and **single-point advice** to the Executive (in India's case, to the Prime Minister) on long-term defence planning and management, including manpower, equipment and strategy, and above all, "**jointsmanship**" in operations.
- India has had a feeble equivalent known as the **Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (CoSC)**; but this is a toothless office, given the manner in which it is structured.
- At present, it is the **National Security Adviser (NSA)** who advises India's Prime Minister on

military matters.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Tirur betel vine*

1. It is mainly cultivated in the state of Tamil Nadu.
2. Its juice is used to heal bone fracture.
3. It is primarily used for food packaging.

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

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

Answer : d

- Tirur betel vine **from Kerala**, which is mainly cultivated in Tirur, Tanur, Tirurangadi, Kuttippuram, Malappuram and Vengara block panchayaths of Malappuram District.
- It is valued both for its **mild stimulant action** and **medicinal properties**.
- Even though it is **commonly used for making pan masala for chewing**, it has many medicinal, industrial and cultural usages.
- It is considered as a remedy for **bad breath and digestive disorders**.
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4) Consider the following statements

1. It is a shawl/textile from Mizoram.
2. It is an important marriage outfit in the state.
3. It was granted GI tag recently.

Identify the product that correctly matches with the above description:

- a. Feni
- b. Puanchei
- c. Kullu Shawl
- d. Pashmina shawl

Answer : b

- **Mizo Puanchei**, a colourful Mizo shawl/textile, from Mizoram, is considered as the most colourful among the Mizo textiles.
- It is an essential possession for every Mizo lady and an important marriage outfit in the state.
- It is also the most commonly used costume in Mizo festive dances and official ceremonies.
- The weavers insert the designs and motifs by using supplementary yarns while weaving to create this beautiful and alluring textile.
- *The Geographical Indication (GI) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has recently granted GI tag for PalaniPanchamirtham from Palani Town of Tamil Nadu, Tawhlohpuan and Mizo Puanchei from the state of Mizoram, Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala.*

5) Consider the following statements with respect to *Shimla Conference of 1945*

1. It was held between Viceroy Lord Linlithgow and major political leaders in British India.
2. The meeting was convened to seek approval of Indian leaders for the Wavell Plan aimed to usher in Indian self-rule.

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

- 1945 Simla Conference was held between **Viceroy Lord Wavell** and major political leaders in British India.
- The meeting was convened to seek approval of Indian leaders for the Wavell Plan aimed to usher in Indian self-rule.

6) Consider the following pairs

1. Operation Pawan - IPKF In Sri Lanka
2. Operation Rakshak - Jammu and Kashmir
3. Operation Rhino - Assam

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

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

Answer : d

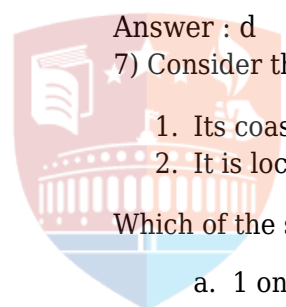
7) Consider the following pairs with respect to *Gulf of Guinea*

1. Its coastline stretches in a huge arc from Liberia to Gabon.
2. It is located on the West African coast.

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



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8) Which of the following features are envisaged as the bulwarks of the Indian Constitution?

1. Election Commission of India
2. Comptroller and Auditor-General of India
3. Union Public Service Commission
4. State Public Service Commission

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Answer : d

9) The Traditional Drum named as “KA BOM”, is associated with which one of the following North-East Indian tribal community?

- a. Aptanis
- b. Hajong
- c. Angami
- d. Khasis

Answer : d

10) Consider the following pairs

*Places in News – Country*

1. Sanaa – Oman
2. Gibraltar – Overseas territory of Spain

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

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

Answer : d

- sanaa - Yemen
- Gibraltar - British Overseas Territory



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