



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz - 06-11-2019 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Wastelands Atlas - 2019*

1. It is the fifth edition of Wastelands Atlas which provides robust geospatial information on wasteland.
2. It also provides State and district wise distribution of different categories of wastelands area in the country.
3. It is published jointly by the Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre.

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

- Agriculture Minister releases 5th edition of **Wastelands Atlas - 2019**.
- The Atlas, published jointly by **Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre**, provides robust geospatial information on wasteland.
- It is helpful in rolling back the wastelands for productive use through various land development programmes and schemes.
- Wastelands Atlas-2019 also provides State and district wise distribution of different categories of wastelands area in the country and will be helpful in addressing land degradation.

2) *National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)* is headed by?

- a. Prime Minister
- b. Cabinet Secretary
- c. Union Home Minister
- d. Union Defence Minister

Answer : b

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Deep Ocean Mission*

1. It will help India harness various living and non-living (water, mineral and energy) resources from the seabed and deep water.
2. Under the Mission, India will also study climate change in the deep oceans.
3. Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) is the nodal agency for the mission.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer : d

- The design for the manned submersible's sphere has been successfully developed by ISRO recently.
- The submersible vehicle is expected to travel to a depth of approximately 6,000 metres under the sea for various studies, whereas submarines can reach only about 200 metres.
- This initiative is a part of the **Deep Ocean Mission**.
- As part of the ambitious Rs 10,000 crore Deep Ocean Mission, India will also study climate change in the deep oceans.
- Studying climate change, marine biodiversity and survey for compounds like hydrocarbons and minerals are part of the deep ocean mission.
- **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)** is the Nodal Agency for this mission.
- The mission proposes to explore the deep ocean similar to the space exploration started by ISRO.
- Underwater robotics and 'manned' submersibles are key components of the Mission which will help India harness various living and non-living (water, mineral and energy) resources from the seabed and deep water.

4) Consider the following statements

1. It is also called as tannumai.
2. It is considered to be the most melodious and auspicious percussion instrument among all the Avanaddha Vadyas.
3. Indian Vice President has recently released a Monograph about this instrument.

Identify the instrument that correctly matches with the above description:

- a. Mridangam
- b. Shehnai
- c. Kamaicha
- d. Pullankuzhal

Answer : a

- Indian Vice President has recently released the Monograph on mridangam: "**Musical Excellence of Mridangam**"

5) Consider the following statements with respect to *RCEP agreement*

1. It is a proposed free-trade agreement among 10 APEC countries and Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand and Korea.
2. India has recently signed this agreement.

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 Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a trade deal that is currently under negotiation among 16 countries — the 10 member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the six countries with which the ASEAN bloc has free trade agreements (FTA).
- India has **decided recently to not join** the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement over India's concerns not being addressed in the deal.

6) Consider the following statement with respect to **Trade deficit**

1. It represents an outflow of domestic currency to foreign markets.
2. Depreciation of a currency may improves the trade balance.

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

- A **trade deficit** of a country shows the difference between what it earns from its exports and what it pays for its imports.
- If this number is in negative, that is, the total value of goods imported is more than the total value of goods exported by the country, then it is referred to as a **"trade deficit"**.
- **Depreciation of a currency, a weaker currency** makes imports more expensive and exports cheaper and it **may** improves the trade balance.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to **First Battle Of Panipat (1526)**

1. The 'Tulughma' and the 'Araba' are the war tactics followed by Babur.
2. It introduced gunpowder firearms and field artillery to Indian battlefields.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?

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

Answer : d

- The First Battle of Panipat was fought between the invading forces of Babur and the Lodi Empire, which took place on 21 April 1526.
- It marked the beginning of the Mughal Empire.
- Mughal forces of Babur, the Timurid ruler of Kabulistan, defeated the much larger ruling army of Ibrahim Lodi, Sultan of Delhi.
- The **new war tactics introduced by Babur** were the **"Tulughma"** and the **"Araba"**.
- Tulughma meant dividing the whole army into various units, viz. the Left, the Right and the Centre.

1. The Left and Right divisions were further subdivided into Forward and Rear divisions.

- The Centre Forward division was then provided with carts (**Araba**) which were placed in rows facing the enemy and tied to each other with animal hide ropes.
- Behind them were placed cannons protected and supported by mantelets which could be used to easily manoeuvre the canons. These two tactics made Babur's artillery lethal.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to **Voyager 2**

1. It is the first human-made object to leave the heliosphere to enter into the Interstellar medium (ISM).
2. It is the only spacecraft to have visited all four gas giant planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

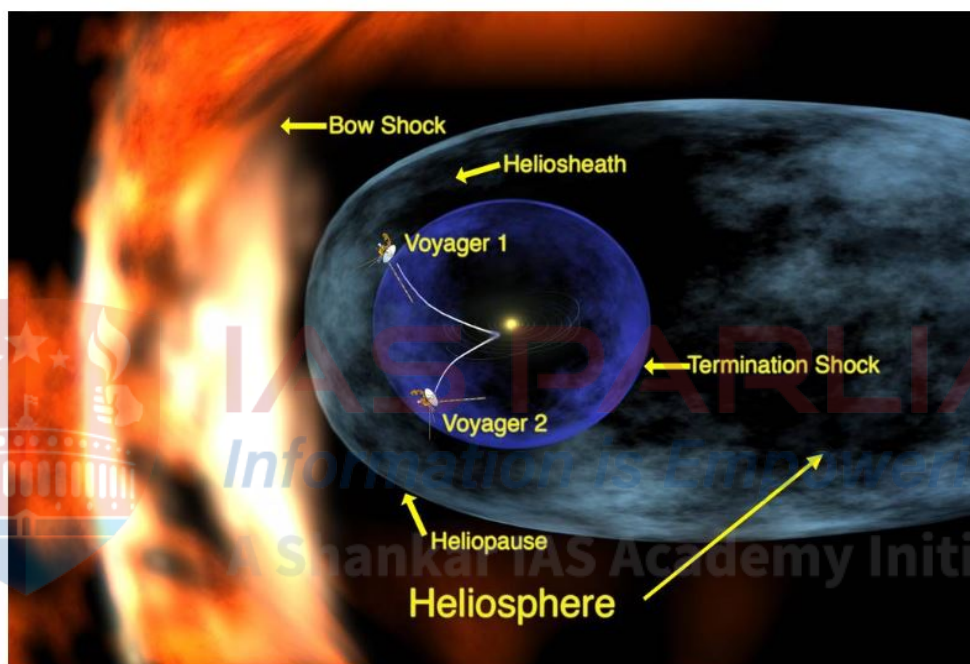
Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b

- NASA's Voyager 2 spacecraft has crossed the elusive boundary that marks the edge of the Sun's realm and the start of Interstellar space (ISM).
- This makes **Voyager 2 the second human-made object** to journey out of the Sun's influence, following the US space agency's **Voyager 1's solar exit in 2012**.
- Voyager 2 is the only spacecraft to have visited all four gas giant planets - Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.**
- It also discovered 16 moons, the phenomena like Neptune's mysteriously transient Great Dark Spot, the cracks in Europa's ice shell, and ring features at every planet.
- Voyager 1 visited and got gravity assists from Jupiter and Saturn before heading off toward the edge of the solar system.
- Voyager 2 swung past Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus.



Caption: Artist's impression of the structure of the heliosphere. | Credit: NASA

9) Consider the following

- Accounting and Finance
- Communications
- Legal
- Health & Wellness
- Environment

Which of these comes under **Champion Sectors in Services**?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only
- b. 1, 2 and 4 only
- c. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Answer : d

- Recently, 5th Global Exhibition on Services (**GES**) was launched in New Delhi.
- The event is organised by Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry in partnership with Services Export Promotion Council and the Confederation of Indian Industry.

- This initiative will enhance the competitiveness of India's service sectors through the implementation of focused and monitored Action Plans.
- The **objective** is to give focused attention to the following **12 identified Champion Services Sectors** for promoting their development and realizing their potential:

1. IT & ITES
2. Tourism and Hospitality Services,
3. Accounting & Finance
4. Infra & Construction
5. Transport & Logistics
6. Communications
7. Education
8. Media & Entertainment
9. Health & Wellness
10. Legal
11. Banking, Financial & Insurance
12. Environment.

- Boosting these **12 champion sectors** will help in pushing overall economic growth and job creation.

10) Consider the following statements with respect to **Bru Tribes** or **Riang**

1. They are one of the a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).
2. They follow a traditional life patterns includes shifting cultivation, use of primitive tools, habitation in inaccessible areas.

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

- The Brus, also called Reangs, are scattered across Assam, Mizoram and Tripura.
- Recognised by the Constitution of India as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)
- PVTG status owing to their traditional life patterns (shifting cultivation, use of primitive tools, habitation in inaccessible areas)
- The Centre and the state governments of Tripura and Mizoram has signed an agreement for repatriation of Bru community from Tripura to Mizoram.