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CURRENT AFFAIRS

WEEKLY PRACTICE QUESTIONS

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1. Which of the following is/are part of Khilonjias- indigenous community of Assam?

1. Bodo
2. Deuri
3. Dimasa
4. Rabha
5. Sonowal Kachari

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- Khilonjias or indigenous people of Assam comprises-following tribal communities:
 - Bodo
 - Deuri
 - Dimasa
 - Rabha
 - Sonowal Kachari
 - Thengal Kachari
 - Tiwa

Hence, Option (d) is correct.

2. With reference to 'Odissi dance', consider the following statements:

1. The torso movement is a unique feature of it.
2. It depicts the themes of Ramlila.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- Odissi dance has its origin in the temples.
- Odissi closely follows the tenets laid down by the **Natya Shastra**.
- The carvings found at the **Udayagiri Monastery** denote that Odissi was patronised as early as the 2nd Century BCE.
- The torso movement is very important and is **a unique feature of the Odissi style. Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- Odissi dance depicts largely love themes of Radha and Krishna. **Hence, Statement 2 is not correct.**

3. Consider the following statements:
1. Great Indian Bustard is listed in Schedule II of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 2. It is vulnerable in the IUCN Red-list.
 3. India is the only country that habitats the Great Indian Bustard.
- Select the correct answer using code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- Great Indian Bustard is listed in **Schedule I** of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. **Hence, Statement 1 is not correct.**
- **IUCN Red List**- Critically Endangered. **Hence, Statement 2 is not correct.**
- India is the only country that habitats the Great Indian Bustard. **Hence, Statement 3 is correct.**

4. Which of the following appliances has/have an energy rating label mandatorily?
1. Frost-free refrigerator
 2. Tubular Fluorescent Lamps
 3. Room Air-Conditioners
 4. Distribution Transformer

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is a statutory body set up under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.
- BEE gives energy rating labels mandatorily to: **Frost-free refrigerator, Tubular Fluorescent Lamps, Room Air-Conditioners, Distribution Transformer**, Colour TV, CST AC, Direct Cool Refrigerator and Electric Geyser. **Hence, Option (d) is correct.**

5. Consider the following pairs:

<i>Wildlife Sanctuary</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary	Karnataka
2. Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary	Tamil Nadu
3. Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary	Sikkim

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

<i>Wildlife Sanctuary</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary	Goa
2. Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary	Andhra Pradesh
3. Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary	Assam

Hence, Option (d) is correct.

6. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Mandovi River originates from the Eastern Ghats.
 - 2. It drains into the Arabian Sea.
 - 3. It's catchment area lies in Goa, Karnataka only.
- Select the correct answer using code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- The Mandovi River originates at Bhimgat located in the **Western Ghats**, Karnataka. **Hence, Statement 1 is not correct.**
- It drains into the Arabian Sea. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
- It is also known as **Mahadayi** river in Goa.
- Mandovi joins with the Zuari at Cabo Aguada, forming the Mormugao harbour in Goa.
- Panaji, the state capital of Goa is situated on the banks of the Mandovi river.
- It's catchment area lies in **Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra**. **Hence, Statement 3 is not correct.**

7. With reference to 'Seke Language', consider the following statements:

1. It is mainly spoken in Bhutan.
2. It is related to the Tamang, Gurung, Thakali, and Chhantyal languages.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- Seke language is mainly spoken in the Upper Mustang district of Nepal. **Hence, Statement 1 is not correct.**
- Seke is classified within the Tamangic branch of the Sino-Tibetan language family, and is thus related to the Tamang, Gurung, Thakali, and Chhantyal languages. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
- The three dialects of Seke are — Tangbe, Tetang, and Chuksang.

8. With reference to 'Appointments of judges', consider the following statements:

1. The judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the president and The judges of a High Court are appointed by the Governor.
2. The consultation with the Chief Justice of India is only recommendatory in the case of appointment of a Supreme Court judge other than the Chief Justice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- The judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the president.
- The judges of a **High Court** are also appointed by the President. **Hence, Statement 1 is incorrect.**
- The consultation with the Chief Justice of India is obligatory in the case of appointment of a Supreme Court judge other than Chief Justice. **Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.**

9. "EVALI" is recently in news related to which of the following?

- (a) Traditional Farming
- (b) Water Harvesting Technique
- (c) Disease caused by e-Cigarettes
- (d) Nomadic Tribes of Assam

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- EVALI is used for e-cigarette, or vaping, product use associated with lung injury.

Hence Option (c) is correct.

10. Consider the following statements with respect to Geranium Plant:

- 1. It is indigenous to India.
- 2. It is used in manufacturing of essential oils.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) has developed a new low-cost technology to produce Geranium saplings. Geranium plant is originally from South Africa. **Hence, Statement 1 is incorrect.**
- It is predominantly used in manufacturing essential oils. It acts as an anti-inflammatory and antiseptic agent. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**

11. Which of the following countries is NOT part of the 'E3' group of countries?

- (a) Spain
- (b) France
- (c) Britain
- (d) Germany

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- E3 group of countries — Britain, France, and Germany. These countries are negotiating parties of Iran Deal disputes known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). **Hence, Option (a) is not correct.**

12. Nagpur Resolution, Shillong Declaration and the Jammu Resolution are often seen in the news are related to
- (a) Protecting human rights
 - (b) Good Governance
 - (c) Commitment to the principles and ideals of the Constitution
 - (d) Reservation to minorities

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- The 'Nagpur Resolution – A holistic approach for empowering citizens' has been adopted at the end of the Regional Conference on 'Improving Public Service Delivery – Role of Governments', held recently in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Previously, the Shillong Declaration and the Jammu Resolution have been adopted for good governance.

Hence, Option (b) is correct.

13. Consider the Following statements with respect to PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):

1. It provides a comprehensive insurance cover against failure of the crop and is being administered by the Ministry of Finance.
2. The prescribed premium is 2% to be paid by farmers for all crops.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation :

- PMFBY was launched in 2016 and is being administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- It provides a comprehensive insurance cover against failure of the crop thus helping in stabilising the income of the farmers. **Hence, Statement 1 is incorrect.**
- The prescribed premium is 2% to be paid by farmers for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all rabi crops.
- In the case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, the premium is 5%. **Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.**

14. Consider the following statements with respect to “NSE Knowledge Hub”:

1. The ‘NSE Knowledge Hub’ is an Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered learning ecosystem.
2. The platform has been developed by NSE Academy, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- The Union Commerce Minister has inaugurated the NSE Knowledge Hub. The ‘NSE Knowledge Hub’ is an Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered learning ecosystem. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- The platform has been developed by NSE Academy, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**

15. Miyawaki recently seen in the news is related to -

- (a) Afforestation
- (b) Agriculture Practice
- (c) Water Harvesting Methods
- (d) Animal Racing

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- The Kerala government has decided to replicate the Miyawaki method of afforestation.

Hence, Option (a) is correct.

16. Consider the following statements with respect to Chilika Lake:

1. Chilika lake is the world’s largest brackish water lake.
2. It is located in Arabian Sea.
3. Chilika lake was also designated as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention

Which of the following codes is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) 3 only

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- Chilika lake is Asia's largest brackish water lake.
- The lake is also the second largest coastal lagoon in the world after the New Caledonian barrier reef in New Caledonia. **Hence, Statement 1 is incorrect.**
- It is located at the Daya River flowing into the Bay of Bengal. **Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.**
- Chilika lake was also designated as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention in 1981. **Hence, Statement 3 is correct.**

17. GAVI sometimes seen in the news is related with:

- (a) Transplanets
- (b) Satellites
- (c) Health
- (d) Environment

Answer: (c)

Explanation :

- GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization) is a public–private global health partnership committed to increasing access to immunisation in poor countries.

Hence, Option (c) is correct.

18. 'Gujili Paatu' is associated with which of the following states?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Goa
- (d) Tripura

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- Gujili Paatu is a type of subaltern literature that existed from the mid-19th Century to the 1950s.
- Written by the common man, they recorded important news events — be it the first train that rolled out in Royapuram, the introduction of the tram network, or the Madras famine.

Hence, Option (a) is correct.

19. Consider the following statements about UJALA Scheme:

1. It was launched to promote efficient lighting, enhance awareness.
2. It is the world's largest domestic lighting project.
3. Under the scheme, the government provides free LED bulbs.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- The Government of India's zero subsidy Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) and LED Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) marked its fifth anniversary on 5th January, 2020. **Hence, Statement 3 is incorrect.**
- The objective is **to promote efficient lighting, enhance awareness** on using efficient equipment that will reduce electricity bills and preserve the environment. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- It is the **world's largest domestic lighting project.** **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**

20. Consider the following statements about DigiLocker:

1. DigiLocker is a flagship initiative of MEITY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) under 'Digital India' programme.
2. The issued documents in the DigiLocker system are not considered to be at par with original physical documents.
3. On the user's death, all the documents uploaded on Digilocker app can be accessible by his or her kin.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- DigiLocker is a flagship initiative of MEITY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) under 'Digital India' programme. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- The issued documents in DigiLocker system are deemed to be at par with original physical documents. **Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.**
- It does not have a **nomination** facility. Hence on the user's death, all the documents uploaded on Digilocker app would not be accessible by his or her kin and would automatically get passed on to the government. **Hence, Statement 3 is incorrect.**

MAINS QUESTIONS

Q1. Critically examine the impact of rising US-Iran conflict on India and its international relations. (250 words)

Q2. GDP growth is estimated at 5% and inflation rate rose to 7.35% recently. In this context, examine whether India is heading towards stagflation? Also, suggest measures to accelerate the pace of growth and to reduce rising inflation. (250 words)



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