

# ANALOG IAS ACADEMY



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## **CURRENT AFFAIRS BASED PRELIMS QUESTIONS**

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1. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Chandrayaan-2” which was recently seen in news.

1. Chandrayaan-2, India’s second lunar mission, has three modules namely Orbiter, Lander (Vikram) & Rover (Pragyan).
2. The Orbiter and Lander modules will be interfaced mechanically and stacked together as an integrated module and accommodated inside the GSLV MK-II launch vehicle.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Varuna 19.1 Bilateral Exercise”.

1. It is India and Japan joint naval exercise.
2. It will be conducted off the Goa coast from 1st to 10th May 2019.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. Consider the following statements with reference to the “Electoral Bond Scheme 2018”.

1. As per provisions of the Scheme, Electoral Bonds may be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India.
2. A person being an individual can buy Electoral Bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.
3. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been authorized to issue and encash Electoral Bonds through its 29 Authorized Branches in the month of May 2019.
4. The Electoral Bonds shall be valid for fifteen calendar days from the date of issue

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

4. Consider the following statements with reference to the “ICAT - A World Class Automotive Testing Centre”.

1. ICAT - A World Class Automotive Testing Centre” is created under NATRIP project by the government of India.
2. As India moves towards adopting complete electric mobility by 2030, ICAT’s Power Train lab/ COE, EMC lab and Automotive Electrical and Electronics labs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements with reference to the “State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)”.

1. SDRF is located in the ‘Public Account’ under ‘Reserve Fund’. (But direct expenditures are not made from Public Account.)
2. Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal ministry for overseeing the operation of the SDRF.
3. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) audit the SDRF every year.
4. Union Government must pay interest on a half yearly basis to the funds in SDRF, at the rate applicable to overdrafts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “Labour Day”.

1. The Labour Day was observed across the world on May 1 of every year and the day is also known as International Worker’s Day and May Day.
2. The Labour Day is celebrated to commemorate the happenings of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket affair (Haymarket Massacre) in the Chicago.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Goldman Environmental Prize”?

1. The Prize recognizes individuals for sustained and significant efforts to protect and enhance the natural environment, often at great personal risk.
2. The heroes are nominated from the world’s inhabited continental regions of Asia, Europe, North America, and South & Central America.

Choose the correct code:

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

**8.** What is Contempt of Court, consider the following statements with reference to it?

- 1.** It is the offense of being disobedient to or disrespectful toward a court of law and its officers in the form of behavior that opposes or defies the authority, justice and dignity of the court.
- 2.** The contempt of court is of two types: Civil contempt and Criminal contempt Under the Contempt of Courts Act of 1971.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**9.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Committee”.

- 1.** It comprises of all 15 members of UNSC and makes its decision secretly by consensus i.e. even if single member opposes there is no consensus.
- 2.** It is also known as AlQaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**10.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Cyclone Fani”.

- 1.** It is a currently strengthening tropical cyclone that is threatening India and Bangladesh as an extremely severe cyclonic storm.
- 2.** Fani originated from a tropical depression that formed near west of Sumatra in the Indian Ocean.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**11.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “ICAT – A World Class Automotive Testing Centre”.

- 1.** International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) Manesar is a division of NATRIP Implementation Society (NATIS) under the Department of Heavy Industries, India.
- 2.** It provides services for testing, validation, design and homologation of all categories of vehicles.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**12.** Which of the following statements is/are incorrect regarding “Sanctions committee”?

- 1.** The Sanctions Committee of the UN Nations Security Council that imposed limited sanctions on the Taliban.
- 2.** The sanctions committee also oversees the implementation of the sanctions measures and reports annually to the Security Council on the implementation of these measures.

Choose the correct code:

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

**13.** “Mawmluh Cave” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** The stalagmite in Mawmluh cave has been tagged as Global Stratotype Section and Point (GSSP).
- 2.** “Mawmluh Cave” is found near Northeast states in Garo Hills.
- 3.** It makes it first formally ratified marker of a geological time period in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**14.** “Hangul” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** It is the state animal of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2.** The IUCN’s Red List has classified it as Critically Endangered.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**15.** Consider the following statements regarding the powers of Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) of Puducherry.

- 1.** The Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 says that the UT will be administered by the President of India through an Administrator (LG).
- 2.** The LG to “act in his discretion” in the matter of lawmaking, even though the Council of Ministers has the task of aiding and advising him.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**16.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “India’s Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile”.

- 1.** French Envoy in India Alexandre Ziegler has supported India’s Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test as a response to these growing threats.
- 2.** India conducted its first successful anti-satellite (ASAT) test, dubbed “Mission Shakti,”.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**17.** “National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** It is for effective implementation of relief measures in the wake of natural calamities established by the Government of India.
- 2.** The standing National Crisis Management Committee’s Chairman is Prime Minister.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**18.** Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “Centre of Excellence for Waste to Wealth Technologies”.

- 1.** It is an initiative of Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) to bring the best of science and technology to implement waste management in India.
- 2.** The waste to wealth mission project has been approved under the recently constituted Prime Minister’s Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**19.** “sovereign internet” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** “sovereign internet” bill that will allow Russian authorities to make their own cyber law.
- 2.** Russian lawmakers support the new law as deeming it necessary to ensure security of Russia’s online networks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**20.** “International Religious Freedom report 2019” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. According to the report India continues to remain a Tier I country and it is in same list since 2009.
2. India is facing declining religious freedom, apart from increased securitization and politicization of religion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**21.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “RISAT-2BR1” which was recently seen in news.

1. The RISAT-2, uses synthetic aperture radars (SAR) to provide Indian forces with all-weather surveillance and observation for monitoring national borders.
2. The RISAT (radar imaging satellite), will be carried by PSLV-C46.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**22.** “Sino- Indian Bilateral border trade” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is the 14th edition of the annual Sino-Indian border trade recently opened at Nathu La.
2. It is the bilateral border trade between India and Nepal and organised four days a week for period of six months, between May 1 and November 30.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**23.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Naming of cyclones”.

1. Each Tropical Cyclone basin in the world that will be facing the cyclones will decide the names of the cyclone.
2. For cyclones in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, the naming system was agreed by eight member countries of a group called WMO/ESCAP and took effect in 2004.
3. The last cyclone name was Titli.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**24.** Which of the above statements is/are correct with reference to the “Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S)”?

1. It is a premier organization of Govt. of India attached to Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. It is charge with collection, compilation and publishing or dissemination of India’s trade statistics and commercial information.

Choose the correct code:

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

**25.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “India’s Crude Oil import Data”.

1. India is world’s second largest importer of crude oil after China.
2. Iraq: one of largest producers of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is India’s top crude oil supplier followed by the Saudi Arabia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**26.** “The World Press Freedom Day” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is being organized by UNESCO.
2. This year theme for World Press Freedom Day 2019 was “Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation”.
3. It is observed every year on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**27.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Stock Exchange”.

1. Ministry of commerce and industry has barred the NSE from accessing the securities market for six months as its actions.
2. NSE was found guilty of committing fraudulent and unfair trade practice and it also did not exercise requisite due diligence.



Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**28.** “Sri Vedanta Desikan” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. A postage stamp has been released to commemorate 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan.
2. Sri Vedanta Desikan was a Sri Vaishnava guru/philosopher and one of the most brilliant stalwarts of Sri Vaishnavism in the post-Ramanuja period.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**29.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “antimicrobial resistance”.

1. It is the ability of a microbe to resist the effects of medication that once could successfully treat the microbe.
2. It applies only to bacteria becoming resistant to antibiotics.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**30.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Loya Jirga” Peace Summit.

1. It is a centuries-old tradition in Afghanistan that is usually organized at times of national crisis or to settle national issues.
2. It is to discuss war and efforts of United States to forge a peace deal with Taliban.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**31.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Generalized System of Preference (GSP)”.

1. GSP promotes sustainable development in beneficiary countries by helping these countries to increase and diversify their trade with the United States.
2. Recently U.S. has decided to expand the GSP programme with India after the expiry of the 60-day notice period.
3. GSP provides preferential duty-free entry for up to 4,800 products from 129 designated beneficiary countries and territories.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**32.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “PCPNDT Act” which was recently seen in news.

1. The Act provides for the prohibition of sex selection, before or after conception.
2. It regulates the use of pre-natal diagnostic techniques, like ultrasound and amniocentesis by allowing them their use only to detect few cases.
3. The Act mandates compulsory registration of all diagnostic laboratories, all genetic counselling centres, genetic laboratories, genetic clinics and ultrasound clinics.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**33.** “National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at the Workplace (NPSHEW)” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Till now only the manufacturing, mining, ports and construction sectors are covered by existing laws on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH).
2. Each ministry or the respective department is supposed to have a detailed policy on the working environment according to the guidelines on the National Policy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**34.** “Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights (PPV&FR) Act, 2001” was recently seen in news; consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is to establish an effective system for the protection of plant varieties, the rights of farmers and plant breeders and to encourage the development of new varieties of plants.
2. A farmer can save, use, sow, re-sow, exchange, share or sell his farm produce including seed of a variety protected under the PPV&FR Act, 2001.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**35.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “NATO”.

1. It consists of independent member countries across America, Asia and Europe.
2. It institutes a system of collective defence so that its independent member states agree for mutual defence in response to any attack on any member by external party.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**36.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Kamov Ka-31”.

1. It is a military helicopter manufactured by ‘JSC Kamov’ developed by the India in collaboration with Russia.
2. It is currently in service in Russia and India in Naval role.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**37.** “CFTRI” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is a premier food research laboratory under Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), Government of India.
2. The institute develops technologies to increase efficiency and reduce post-harvest losses, add convenience, increase export, find new sources of food products, integrate human resources in food industries, reduce costs, and modernize.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**38.** Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “INS Ranjit”.

- 1.** It is the first of the five Rajput class destroyer to go out of service ending one of the finest chapters in Indian naval history.
- 2.** INS Ranjit, Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer of Russian origin, will be decommissioned after 36 years of service.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**39.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Pre-Paid Payment Instrument (PPIs)”.

- 1.** PPIs are instruments that come with a preloaded value and in even with pre-defined purpose of payment.
- 2.** PPI Holder is an individual or organisation who purchases PPI from PPI issuer and uses same for purchase of goods and services.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**40.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “International Atomic Energy Agency”.

- 1.** Its objective is to promote peaceful use of nuclear energy, and prevent its use for any military purpose, including production of nuclear weapons.
- 2.** It is the independent body of UN and it report only to UN Security Council.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**41.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Zero pendency Court project”.

- 1.** The aim of project is to provide information on the judicial time required to dispose of a case together with the gathering stage wise details in each case.
- 2.** This project is launched by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**42.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Prepaid payment instruments”?

- 1.** Prepaid payment instruments are methods that facilitate purchase of goods and services against the value stored on such instruments.
- 2.** As per RBI directions, PPI issuers were required to complete the KYC process.
- 3.** These payment instruments are licensed and regulated by the Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Choose the correct code:

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

**43.** What are Lagrangian points, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** Lagrangian points are the also known as gravitational point.
- 2.** These points are found between earth and the moon.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**44.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Aditya- L1 mission”.

- 1.** It is India’s first solar mission.
- 2.** It will study the sun’s outer most layers, the corona and the chromospheres.
- 3.** Aditya- L1 satellite will be placed in the halo orbit around the Lagrangian point 1 (L1) of the sun-earth system.

Choose the correct code:

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

**45.** Sanjay Gandhi National Park is located in which of the following state?

- (a)** Rajasthan
- (b)** Gujrat
- (c)** Maharashtra
- (d)** Uttar Pradesh

**46.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Gujarat Shops and Establishments Act”.

- 1.** It restricts that shops, commercial establishments and businesses running in state cannot be remain open (24X7).
- 2.** It replaces ‘Gujarat Shops and Establishments Act of 1948’.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**47.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Fall armyworm” which was recently seen in news.

- 1.** The fall armyworm is a species in the order of Lepidoptera and is the larval life stage of a fall armyworm moth.
- 2.** The fall armyworm is widely distributed in Eastern and Central North America and in South America.
- 3.** Recently it has been found in India.

Choose the correct code:

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

**48.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Pacific decadal oscillation”.

- 1.** It is the major cause for low rainfall in Eastern Ghats and northeast region of the India.
- 2.** The primary climatic fingerprints of the PDO are most visible in the North Pacific/North American sector.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**49.** “Global Ecosystem Assessment” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** It is released by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).
- 2.** It primarily looked or analysed the impact of economic development on nature and ecosystems.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**50.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)”.

- 1.** The objective of IPBES is to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
- 2.** The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is organized by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**51.** Consider the following statements with reference to the anti-defection law?

1. It was inserted in the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution in 1985 by the 52nd Amendment Act.
2. If a nominated member joins a party six months after he becomes a member of the legislature.
3. The law allows a party to merge with or into another party provided that at least half of its legislators are in favour of the merger.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**52.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)”.

1. Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) is a formal process used to predict the environmental consequences of any development project.
2. It is statutory backed by the Environment Protection Act in 1986, that contains various provisions on EIA methodology and process.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**53.** “Sea of Japan” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It has almost no tides due to its nearly complete enclosure from the Pacific Ocean.
2. It is bordered by Japan and Korea (North and South).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**54.** “Grizzled Giant Squirrel” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is a large tree squirrel in genus Ratufa (Scientific name is ‘Ratufa macroura’).
2. It is found in the Northeast region of Himalayas.
3. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has Red Listed it means Near Threatened.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



**55.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Purple Frog”.

1. Their conservation status is endangered as per International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
2. The odd-looking species is endemic to Western Ghats.
3. The purple frog should rightly be called ‘living fossil’ as it is believed that they have co-existed with dinosaurs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**56.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)”.

1. It is an apex organisation under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
2. It aims to generate employment in India’s rural areas.
3. It is nodal implementation agency of Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) at national and state level.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**57.** Consider the following statements regarding “Honey Mission” which was recently seen in news.

1. Under this mission the Practical training about examination of honeybee colonies is being done.
2. KVIC would provide loans for setting up processing units, packaging units and labelling units for honey.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**58.** “Border Roads Organisation (BRO)” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It functions under the control of the Ministry of Defence since 2015.
2. Currently, the organisation maintains operations in twenty-one states, one UT (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), and neighbouring countries such as Afghanistan, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka.
3. The construction of the Delaram-Zaranj Highway in Afghanistan in 2008 and the Farkhor and Ayni air bases of Tajikistan were also restored and repaired by the BRO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



**59.** “Arctic Council” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is an Intergovernmental forum that addresses issues faced by the Arctic governments and people living in the Arctic region.
2. The decisions, recommendations or guidelines of the Arctic Council are enforceable and strictly the prerogative of the individual state.
3. Its command explicitly excludes military security.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**60.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding “Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology”?

1. It is a premier research organization that conducts high quality basic research and trainings in frontier areas of modern biology.
2. It is designated as “Center of Excellence” by the Global Molecular and Cell Biology Network, UNESCO.

Choose the correct code:

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

**61.** “Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. The Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) is a method of providing feedback to voters using a ballot less voting system.
2. The VVPAT machines can only be accessed by the election officers anytime.
3. The VVPAT helps to detect potential election fraud or malfunction in the Electronic Voting Machine.
4. The EVMs with VVPAT system ensure the accuracy of the voting system with fullest transparency and restores the confidence of the voters.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**62.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)”.

1. It is Iran nuclear deal or an agreement between Iran and U.S.
2. Under JCPOA, Iran agreed to eliminate its stockpile of medium-enriched uranium, cut its stockpile of low-enriched uranium by 98%, and reduce by about two-thirds the number of its gas centrifuges for 13 years.
3. Iran also agreed not to build any new heavy-water facilities for the same period.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**63.** Consider the following attachments with reference to the “World Thalassemia Day 2019”?

1. It is an inherited blood disorder characterized by less hemoglobin (Hb) and lesser than normal blood cells.
2. It is observed on every 8<sup>th</sup> May of every year and this year theme was “Thalassaemia past, present and future: Documenting progress and patients' needs worldwide”.

Choose the correct code:

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

**64.** Consider the following statements regarding “Blacklists” of Indian-origin people”.

1. It was announced by the Ministry of Home Affairs so that it has put an end to the local adverse lists commonly known as ‘Black Lists’ of Indian-origin people.
2. Those who are in list are denied visa services by Indian missions and posts in respective country.

Choose the correct code:

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

**65.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “Chardham project”?

1. The project involves developing and widening 900-km of national highways connecting the holy Hindu pilgrimage sites of; Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Varanasi.
2. It is maintained by National Highways Authority of India.

Choose the correct code:

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

**66.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)”.

1. The Double Asteroid Redirection Test, or DART, is a spacecraft designed to diagnose an asteroid in the space.
2. DART would be NASA’s first mission to demonstrate the kinetic impactor technique.

Choose the correct code:

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

**67.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Basel Convention”.

- 1.** 14th Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP-14) is being held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2.** It is an international treaty that was designed to reduce the movements of hazardous waste between nations, and specifically to prevent transfer of hazardous waste from developed to less developed countries (LDCs).
- 3.** It also addresses the movement of radioactive waste.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**68.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Trans fatty acids (TFA)”.

- 1.** Trans fatty acids (TFAs) or Trans fats are the most harmful type of fats.
- 2.** Artificial TFAs are formed when hydrogen is made to react with the oil to produce fats resembling pure ghee/butter.
- 3.** WHO has recommends that trans-fat intake be limited to less than 1% of total energy intake and has also called for the total elimination of TFAs in global food supply by 2023.
- 4.** FSSAI has proposed to limit TFA limit in foods to 2% and eliminate trans fats from foods by 2022.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a)** 1, 2 and 3
- (b)** Only 2
- (c)** 2, 3 and 4
- (d)** All the above.

**69.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Red Cross Day”.

- 1.** It is one of world’s largest humanitarian organizations.
- 2.** World Red Cross Day 2019 theme is “#love”.

Choose the correct code:

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

**70.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “World Customs Organization” which was recently seen in news.

- 1.** It is an independent inter-governmental body whose mission is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations.
- 2.** India currently holds seat of Vice Chairperson of Asia Pacific region of World Customs Organization (WCO).

Choose the correct code:

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

**71.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “MODIS (or Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer)”?

1. NASA’s Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) data shows that China and India are leading the increase in “greening efforts” across the world.
2. MODIS (or Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer)” are the UN data collector organization on the environment.

Choose the correct code:

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

**72.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Sand and Sustainability report”.

1. The UNEP has released a report, “Sand and Sustainability: Finding new solutions for environmental governance of global sand resources.”
2. China and India head the list of critical hotspots for sand extraction impacts in rivers, lakes and on coastlines.

Choose the correct code:

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

**73.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Bengal tiger (Panthera Tigris Tigris)”.

1. It is national animal of India and Bangladesh.
2. It is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Choose the correct code:

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

**74.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Indian Chilli Meal”.

1. It is Indo-China Protocol for Export of Indian Chilli Meal.
2. This was 4th protocol signed between India and China from 2018 that allows export of farm commodities from India.

Choose the correct code:

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

**75.** Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the “India Staffing Federation (ISF)”?

1. It is a global Multinational organization (MNC) based in United States.
2. It acts as an organizing union mainly for people outside US in fields of job recruitment.

Choose the correct code:

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

**76.** What is 'REPLACE' strategy, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It seeks to encourage complete and sustained elimination of industrially produced trans-fats from food supply by 2023.
2. It is an initiative of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

Choose the correct code:

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

**77.** Consider the following statements with reference to the "World Migratory Bird Day 2019".

1. It helps to raise global awareness about threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and need for international cooperation to conserve them.
2. This year the theme was : "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!".
3. It was organized by the "Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)".

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**78.** "Barn owls" was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. Globally the bird is considered to be of least conservation concern.
2. Recently with a thriving rat population playing havoc with its coconut yield, the UT of Lakshadweep hires barn owls for help.

Choose the correct code:

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

**79.** Consider the following statements with reference to the "India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM)".

1. The Institute will be a national and international hub for exchange of good practices in election management.
2. The Institute has been developed in collaboration with the Government of India and other democratic countries.

Choose the correct code:

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

**80.** Choose the correct statements from the following with reference to the “MANAV: Human Atlas Initiative”.

1. It aims at creating a database network of all tissues in the human body from the available scientific literature.
2. MANAV: Human Atlas Initiative has launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**81.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Technology Day”.

1. The National Technology Day 2019 theme: “Science for People and People for Science”.
2. Since 1999, May 11 is celebrated as National Technology Day to mark India’s technological advancements.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**82.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “ABHYAS – High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT)”.

1. ‘Abhyas’ is designed for autonomous flying with the help of an autopilot.
2. It has an acoustic miss distance indicator (AMDI) to indicate the missed distance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**83.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “CPI inflation”.

1. Rising prices in the food basket, as well as jump in fuel prices, are contributing to the rising inflation.
2. Within CPI inflation, food inflation is expected to rise in the current year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**84.** With reference to the “Asiatic Lion”, consider the following statements from the following.

1. The only home of Asiatic lion is Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat.
2. Asiatic Lion’s IUCN Red List Status: Endangered.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

**85.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Unlawful activities (Prevention) Act”.

1. Its main objective is to make powers available for dealing with activities directed against the integrity and sovereignty of India.
2. It empowers the government to declare an organisation as ‘terrorist’ and ban it.
3. It authorises the creation of special courts, with wide discretion to hold in-camera proceedings.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**86.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Fund for rural agricultural start-ups”.

1. This project was launched by Regional Rural Bank.
2. The fund will have a high impact as it will provide a boost to investment ecosystem in the core areas of agriculture, food and improvement of rural livelihoods.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**87.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “NABARD”.

1. It replaced the Agricultural Credit Department (ACD) and Rural Planning and Credit Cell (RPCC) of Reserve Bank of India, and Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation (ARDC).
2. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently sold its entire stakes in the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Housing Bank.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



**88.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010”.

- 1.** It defines the term ‘foreign contribution’ to include currency, article other than gift for personal use and securities received from foreign source.
- 2.** The Act permits the acceptance of foreign funds to families of NRI and NGOs obtain a certificate of registration or prior permission under the Act.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**89.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “ADMM-Plus Maritime exercise”.

- 1.** This is the fourth Maritime Security Field Training Exercise (MS FTX) conducted under the ambit of the ADMM-Plus.
- 2.** It was co-organized by Singapore.
- 3.** The ADMM-Plus comprises total 18 nation participants but India is not the part of it.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**90.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Strait of Hormuz”.

- 1.** It is the waterway separates Iran, UAE and Oman,
- 2.** It links the Gulf to the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**91.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR)”.

- 1.** It is a global partnership that helps developed and developing countries better understand and reduce their vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change.
- 2.** India became a member of CG of GFDRR in 2015.
- 3.** It is a grant-funding mechanism, managed by the World Bank and IMF that supports disaster risk management projects worldwide.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



**92.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Sendai Framework”.

- 1.** The new Framework is the successor instrument to the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015.
- 2.** It is a voluntary and non-binding agreement which recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk.
- 3.** The “Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030” was adopted during the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan in March, 2015.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**93.** “World Reconstruction Conference (WRC4)” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** The Fourth edition of the World Reconstruction Conference (WRC4) was held in Geneva.
- 2.** This conference was organized in conjunction with the 6th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR).
- 3.** This year theme was “Inclusion for Resilient Recovery”.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**94.** “YUvaVigyanikAryakram” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

- 1.** It was launched by the Ministry of Science and technology.
- 2.** It is a special programme for School Children, in tune with the Government’s vision “Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan”.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**95.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty”.

- 1.** It is the Treaty banning all nuclear explosions, everywhere, by everyone.
- 2.** The Treaty was negotiated at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.
- 3.** CTBTO has recently offered India an ‘Observer’ status and access to state-of-art International Monitoring System (IMS) data.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**96.** “Lecanorchistaiwaniana” was recently seen in news, consider the following statements with reference to it.

1. It is a type of orchid that was recently discovered in Arunachala Pradesh.
2. It is India’s one of smallest botanically recorded orchids in terms of size and duration of bloom.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**97.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “Economic Census”.

1. It provides detailed information on operational and other characteristics such as number of establishments, number of persons employed, source of finance, type of ownership etc.
2. The 7th Economic Census -2019 is being conducted by MoSPI to provide disaggregated information on various operational and structural aspects of all establishments in the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**98.** Consider the following statements with reference to the “National Testing Agency”.

1. National Testing Agency (NTA) as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization to conduct entrance examinations for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country.
2. NTA will be chaired by an eminent educationist appointed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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