



Prelims Practice Questions 07-08-2018

1. Consider the following statements about Thermal Batteries

1. Unlike conventional batteries, thermal batteries use temperature differences to produce energy
2. Telangana is the first state to inaugurate a thermal battery plant in India

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : a

World's first-ever thermal plant was set up in Andhra Pradesh

This plant aims to create a new energy storage form that is expected to have commercial applications, while also maintaining a low carbon footprint, and being less dependent on external factors like weather.

2. Consider the following statements about 'Bhoomi Rashi'

1. The objective of this portal is to expediate and make the process of Land Acquiaition for various Highway projects more transparent.
2. It was developed by National Infomatics Centre

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : c

3. Consider the following statements about Kuttanad Region in Kerala

1. It is the only site in India identified as 'Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems' by FAO
2. The practice of below mean sea-level farming is unique to this region.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b

GIAHS sites in India-

1. Saffron Heritage of Kashmir, India, 2011
2. Koraput Traditional Agriculture, India, 2012
3. Kuttanad Below Sea Level Farming System, India, 2013

4. Consider the following statements about the Yerukala tribe

1. They are an indigenous tribe found in the states of Chattisgarh and Bihar
2. The tribe was a victim to British discrimination in the name of Criminal Tribes Act.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : b

The Yerukalas are found in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

5. Which of the following statement(s) about 'The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2018' is/ are **not** correct?

1. Anticipatory bail for a person accused of atrocities against people from SC or ST communities will not be provided
2. The investigating officer will not require the approval of any authority for the arrest of an accused
3. A preliminary enquiry has to be conducted before filing the First Information Report

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

Answer : c

6. Consider the following statements about World Tourism Organisation

1. It is an inter-governmental agency that aims to make tourism across world sustainable and responsible
2. It works based on the principles enshrined in the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism (GCET)

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : b

It is an UN agency.

Its members represent the private sector, educational institutions, tourism associations and local tourism authorities.

7. Consider the following statements about Curiosity Rover

1. It is the mission of the European Space Agency to study the habitability of Mars
2. One of the key discoveries of the mission is the evidence of microbes in the Martian atmosphere

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

Answer : d

It is the mission of NASA

In 2014, the rover detected a background level of atmospheric methane and observed a ten-fold increase in methane over a two-month period. The finding generated a lot of interest as methane can be produced by living organisms or by chemical reactions between rock and water, for example.

8. Which of the following can lead to the increase in the Repo rate announced by the RBI?

1. Rise in retail inflation
2. Rise in MSPs
3. Loan waivers
4. Less liquidity among banks

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

Answer : c

Repo rate decreases when there is less liquidity among banks

9. Consider the following statements about Ebola

1. It is a hemorrhagic fever caused by Virus
2. The first outbreak of this disease happened in the Amazon region in South America
3. Human-Human transmission of this disease is possible

Which of the statement(s) is/ are true?

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

d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : c

It was first identified in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in a village near the Ebola River, from which it takes its name.

10. Consider the following statements about the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha

1. Both of them can only exercise casting vote while presiding the house.
2. Both of them are elected through the system of indirect election to the parliament

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not** true?

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

Answer : b

The Vice- President of India is the ex-officio chairman of Rajya Sabha.

