

Weekly Quiz (4th-10th Sept)

Q1. Consider the following about Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary

1. It is the second largest wildlife sanctuary in Karnataka.
2. The sanctuary is now an integral part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Q2. How many of the following is/are correctly matched?

1. The 51st Amendment: empowered the President to have published under his authority the authoritative text 'in the Hindi language' of the Constitution which could be used in the legal process too.
2. The 58th Amendment: Provision of the reservation of seats in the Lok Sabha for Scheduled Tribes in Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Mizoram, as well as in the Legislative Assemblies of Meghalaya and Nagaland.
3. The 52nd Amendment: The act provided for the disqualification of members of Parliament and state legislatures on the ground of defection.

Codes:

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) None of the above

Q3. Consider the following statements

1. The International Labour Organization (ILO) defines unemployment as being out of a job; being available to take a job; and inactively engaged in searching for work.
2. As per ILO's definition, an individual who has lost work but does not look for another job is unemployed.
3. The labour force is defined as the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only 1 and 3
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 1 and 2
- d) All are correct

Q4. Which of the following frog species is/ are observed in Wayanad Forest Survey?

1. Starry Night Frog
2. Miniature Night Frog
3. The Naked Dancing Frog

Codes:

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) None of the above

Q5. Consider the following about Interest rates

- 1. Fixed interest rates change during the tenure of the loan.
- 2. Floating interest rates are subject to market dynamics and the base rate.
- 3. Floating interest rates are generally higher than fixed interest rates.

How many of the above are correct statements?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) None of the above

Q6. Consider the following statements about Black Sea Grain initiative

- 1. The Black Sea Grain initiative endeavours to tackle escalating food prices emanating from supply chain disruptions because of U.S. actions in the world's 'breadbasket'.
- 2. Initially stipulated for a period of 120 days, the deal was to provide for a safe maritime humanitarian corridor for Ukrainian exports (particularly for food grains).
- 3. The central idea was to calm markets by ensuring an adequate supply of grains, thereby limiting food price inflation.

How many of the above are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) None of the above

Q7. What is the IUCN status of Malabar Torrent Toad and Red Stream Toad?

- a) Vulnerable
- b) Near Threatened
- c) Endangered
- d) Least Concerned

Q8. Identify the Wildlife Sanctuary from the description below:

"It is bounded by the protected area network of Nagarhole National Park and Bandipur National Park in Karnataka in the northeast, and on the southeast by Mudumalai National Park in Tamil Nadu."

- a) Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary
- b) Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary
- c) Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
- d) Periyar National Park

Q9. Which of the following is not correct about Air Quality Life Index 2021?

- a) Data from the Air Quality Life Index 2021 shows that failure to meet the World Health Organization (WHO)'s guidelines on reducing PM_{2.5} (particulate matter) pollution to 5 g/m³ would cut global life expectancy by 2.3 years.
- b) AQLI data emphasises that ambient particulate pollution poses the world's greatest external risk to human health
- c) Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan, where 22.9% of the global population lives, are the most polluted countries in the world.
- d) India was the second-last polluted country in the world in 2021 list.

Q10. In August 2018, the Law Commission of India (LCI), chaired by Justice B. S. Chauhan, released a draft report on simultaneous elections, wherein the constitutional and legal questions related to the issue were analysed. How many of the following is/are the recommendations of the LCI?

- 1. The Commission submitted that simultaneous elections are not feasible within the existing framework of the Constitution.
- 2. The commission recommended it receive ratification from at least 50% of the States.
- 3. The commission said that ONOE will lead to the saving of public money, reducing the strain on the administrative setup and security forces, timely implementation of government policies, and administrative focus on development activities rather than electioneering.

Choose the correct answer

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) None of the above

Q11. Consider the following statements about Global Hunger Index (GHI) and choose the incorrect one?

- a) The State Hunger Index is computed on the same parameters as in GHI.
- b) The GHI provides a composite measurement and tracks undernourishment and hunger at the national level across three dimensions Calorie Undernourishment, Child Malnutrition, and Under-five Mortality.
- c) Over the last half a decade, India's GHI score has deteriorated primarily due to the increasing prevalence of calorie undernourishment.
- d) The Global Hunger Index (GHI), 2022, ranked India 107 among 121 countries, behind Nigeria (103) and Pakistan (99).

Q12. Under the National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR), the Education Ministry is pushing States to open Vidya Samiksha Kendras (VSKs), which are data repositories that will have data from all schemes run by the Ministry. This will include which of the following?

- 1. Regularly updated data from the PM-POSHAN mid-day meal programmes
- 2. Teacher training data from the National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement portal
- 3. Textbook content from the Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing
- 4. School dropout and attendance-related data on the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+)

5. Students' learning outcomes from the National Achievement Survey
6. Performance Grading Index which evaluates school education system at the State and Union Territory (UT) level

Codes:

- a) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- b) 1, 2, 5, and 6
- c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
- d) Only 2, 3 and 4

Q13. Which of the following is correct about DIKSHA?

- a) DIKSHA, which comes under the Education Ministry, provides e-content for schools by an online portal and a mobile application.
- b) DIKSHA is a static content repository.
- c) It has embedded assistive technologies for learners with visual or hearing challenges.
- d) All the above

Q14. Which of the following are correctly mentioned about Black Sea?

1. The Black Sea is also known as the Euxine Sea.
2. It is located between Eastern Europe and Western Asia.
3. It is surrounded by the Pontic, Caucasus, and Crimean Mountains in the south, east and north respectively.
4. The bordering countries of Black Sea are: Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania.

Codes:

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

Q15. Recently, the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is set to integrate Personalised Adaptive Learning (PAL) into its existing Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform. Consider the following statements about the same:

1. The PAL's software-based approach is expected to allow each student to have an individualised learning experience over the course of the curriculum based on their unique needs and abilities.
2. Building the PAL is a massive exercise. Content from across subjects will have to be categorised and different chunks will have to be tagged. New content may also have to be created.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above