



CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs

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1. With reference to Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) consider the following statements:

1. Peru is a member of the organization.
2. ACTO is a coalition of nations united to gain authority over the Amazon rainforest, which frequently results in disputes and harm to the environment.
3. Its secretariat is located in Brasilia, Brazil.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Correct Answer: b

Explanation – Statements 1 and 3 are correct. Its member countries are Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela. Its secretariat is located in Brasilia, Brazil. Statement 2 is incorrect. ACTO aims to promote sustainable development, environmental protection, and regional cooperation among its member countries in order to address various challenges facing the Amazon rainforest and its communities.

2. Consider the following statements with reference to the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC):

1. It is a financial consortium established to control agricultural production and distribution in Southeast Asia.
2. It is also indicative of the cultural and commercial linkages among the member countries of the MGC.
3. The first MGC Ministerial Meeting was held in Vientiane, Laos.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two



- c) All three
- d) None

Correct Answer: b

MGC Ministerial Meeting was held in Vientiane Notes:

Explanation – Statement 1 is incorrect. MGC is an initiative by six countries – India and five ASEAN countries, namely, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam for cooperation in tourism, culture, education, as well as transport and communications. Statements 2 and 3 are correct. MGC is also indicative of the cultural and commercial linkages among the member countries of the MGC. The first, Laos.

3. Consider the following statements with reference to Maya Operating System (OS):

1. Maya OS is a proprietary operating system used primarily for large-scale computing, originally developed by Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC).
2. It has a similar interface and functionality as Windows.
3. Its Chakravayuh feature is an end-point anti-malware and antivirus software that creates a virtual layer between the user and the internet, blocking hackers from accessing sensitive data.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: b

Explanation – Statement 1 is incorrect. Maya OS is a new operating system that is based on Ubuntu, a popular Linux distribution that uses free and open-source software. It has been developed by the Ministry of Defence in collaboration with DRDO, C-DAC and NIC. Statements 2 and 3 are correct. It has a similar interface and functionality as Windows. Its Chakravayuh feature is an end-point anti-malware and antivirus software that creates a virtual layer between the user and the internet, blocking hackers from accessing sensitive data.



4. With reference to Vaquita porpoise, consider the following statements:

1. The Vaquita porpoise is a strong predator noted for its aggressive behaviour and dominant position in marine ecosystems.
2. The vaquita is unique among the porpoises as it is the only species of that family found in warm waters.
3. They have been categorized as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: c

Explanation – Statement 1 is incorrect. Vaquita Porpoise is the world’s smallest cetacean. It is also known as the “panda of the sea” for the distinctive black circles around its eyes, along with a proportionally large dorsal fin. It is considered the world's most endangered marine mammal. Statements 2 and 3 are correct. The vaquita is unique among the porpoises as it is the only species of that family found in warm waters. They have been categorized as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

5. With reference to Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023 consider the following statements:

1. The Bill raises penalties for pharmacy owners who breach their licensing terms.
2. The aims to remove criminalization from minor offenses that do not pose a threat to public interest or national security, substituting them with civil penalties or administrative measures.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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



Correct Answer: b

Explanation – Statement 1 is incorrect. The Bill lowers penalties for pharmacy owners who breach their licensing terms. Statement 2 is correct. The primary aim of the Bill is to remove criminalization from minor offenses that do not pose a threat to public interest or national security, substituting them with civil penalties or administrative measures.