



UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS 28-08-2023

Ques:1

With reference to Blow flies, consider the following statements

- 1.They are the first insects to dwell and colonize a dead body.
- 2.They belong to the family Calliphoridae of the order Diptera.
- 3.They are crucial for determining the post-mortem interval (PMI), or the amount of time that has passed since a person's death.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: C

The first insects to dwell and colonize a dead body are flies from the family Calliphoridae of the order Diptera. These insects, often referred to as blow flies, are crucial for determining the post-mortem interval (PMI), or the amount of time that has passed since a person's death.

Ques:2

With reference to Seethakali folk art, consider the following statements

- 1.It is a traditional folk dance drama that is performed during the festival days of Onam in Kerala.
- 2.The performance was carried out by Dalit artists belonging to the Veda and Pulaya communities.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



Solution: C

Seethakali is a traditional folk dance drama that was once performed during the festival days in erstwhile Desinganad (Kollam, Kerala), primarily during the Onam festivities. The performance was carried out by Dalit artists belonging to the Veda and Pulaya communities, focusing on presenting episodes from the Ramayana from Sita's perspective. Vanayatra to Andardhanam: Seethakali portrays the journey from "vanayatra" (exile to the forest) to "andardhanam" (descend into the earth) of Sita, featuring a blend of songs, storytelling, and fast movements.

Ques:3

With reference to Asian Development Bank (ADB), consider the following statements

- 1.It is a regional development bank, established in December 1966.
- 2.It is headquartered in Beijing, China.
- 3.It aims to promote social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: B

Asian Development Bank(ADB) is a regional development bank, established in December 1966. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines. Asian Development Bank aims to promote social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific. India is one of the founding members of the ADB. At present, Asian Development Bank has 68 members, 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 are from outside.



Ques:4

With reference to Terai-Arc Landscape (TAL) , consider the following statements

- 1.It stretches between the river Yamuna in the west and the river Bhagmati in the east.
- 2.It comprises the Shivalik hills, the adjoining bhabhar areas and the Terai flood plains.
- 3.About 22% of the wild tiger population in India is found across the TAL, living amid some of the highest human and livestock densities on the subcontinent.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: C

The Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) is an 810km stretch between the river Yamuna in the west and the river Bhagmati in the east, comprising the Shivalik hills, the adjoining bhabhar areas and the Terai flood plains. It is spread across the Indian states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and the low lying hills of Nepal.

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The landscape also has a high mammalian diversity with herbivores such as gaur, nilgai, sambar, northern swamp deer, wild pig, chital and goral, some primates, carnivores such as leopard, wild dog, and hyena apart from the tiger, and omnivores including the sloth bear and Asiatic black bear.

Ques:5

With reference to Tuberculosis (TB), consider the following statements

- 1.It is caused by a virus.
- 2.Most of the TB statistics for India are collected by the government National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP).



3.NTEP aims to strategically reduce TB burden in India by 2030.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: B

Tuberculosis is a serious infectious and contagious disease that generally affects lungs. TB is caused by a bacterium known as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Most of the TB statistics for India are collected by the government National Tuberculosis Elimination Program. The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme(NTEP) - Aims to strategically reduce TB burden in India by 2025. It was previously known as Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP).