



UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs 23-01-2024

Q1:

Havisure vaccine, recently seen in news is related to which of the following disease?

A: Hepatitis A

B: Hepatitis B

C: Malaria

D: Covid-19

Answer: A

Explanation:

Recently, the Indian Immunologicals Ltd (IIL) a wholly owned subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) launched India's first indigenously developed **Hepatitis A vaccine 'Havisure' in Hyderabad**. It is a two-dose vaccine first dose administered at above 12 months of age and the second at least six months after the first dose.

The vaccine is recommended for children as part of the routine immunization as well as for individuals at risk of exposure or travel to the regions with high hepatitis A prevalence. In addition to this people with occupational risk of infection and suffering from chronic liver diseases also require Hepatitis A vaccination.

Q2:

With reference to Willingdon Island, consider the following statements:

1. It is among the most beautiful locations in Andaman & Nicobar.

2. It is a natural island, named after Lord Willingdon who was a British Viceroy of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A: 1 only

B: 2 only

C: Both 1 and 2



D: Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: D

Explanation:

Recently, the Cochin Port Joint Trade Union Forum has urged the Prime Minister of India to take effective steps to revive the lost glory of Willingdon Island. It is among the most beautiful locations in the Kochi area. This is a man-made island, named after Lord Willingdon who was a British Viceroy of India. It is a major commercial centre and has some of the best hotels in the city. It is also home to the Kochi Naval Base of the Indian Navy, the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and the Port of Kochi. Lord Willingdon was the 22nd Viceroy and Governor-General of India. Hence, both statements are not correct.

Q3:

With reference to Parakram Diwas, consider the following statements:

- 1. Parakram Diwas, also known as Bravery Day, is a national day in India celebrated on January 23rd.**
- 2. The Indian government introduced the day in 2021, just before Bose's 125th birthday.**
- 3. The theme of Parakram Diwas 2024 is Commemorating the legacy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind Fauj.**

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

A: Only one

B: Only two

C: All three

D: None

Answer: C

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of India participated in Parakram Diwas celebrations at Red Fort which will commemorate the legacy of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind Fauj. Parakram Diwas, also known as Bravery Day, is a national day in India celebrated on January 23rd. It marks the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, a freedom fighter. The Indian government introduced



the day in 2021, just before Bose's 125th birthday. The theme of Parakram Diwas 2024 is **Commemorating the legacy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Azad Hind Fauj**. During the programme, Prime Minister will also launch Bharat Parv, which will be held from 23rd to 31st January. Hence, all statements are correct.

Q4:

Consider the following statements regarding Arogya Maitri cube:

- 1. It is a revolutionary mobile hospital equipped with cutting-edge technology.**
- 2. This cube is a part of the broader initiative named “Project BHISHM” – Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri.**

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A:** 1 only
B: 2 only
C: Both 1 and 2
D: Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation:

Recently, Arogya Maitri Disaster Management Cube has been deployed in Ayodhya to bolster medical readiness and response capabilities during the upcoming 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony. It is a revolutionary mobile hospital equipped with cutting-edge technology. This cube is a part of the broader initiative named “Project BHISHM” – Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri. It is tailored to treat up to 200 casualties, emphasizing rapid response and comprehensive care. The Aid Cube is equipped with several innovative tools designed to enhance disaster response and medical support during emergencies. It integrates Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analytics to facilitate effective coordination, real-time monitoring, and efficient management of medical services in the field. Hence, both statements are correct.



Q5:

With reference to Khelo India Youth Games- 2023, consider the following statements:

- 1. Kerala is hosting the sixth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games. This is the first time that Khelo India Youth Games are being held in South India.**
- 2. Silambam, a traditional sport of Tamil Nadu, is being introduced as a demo sport for the first time in the history of Khelo India Youth Games.**
- 3. The Mascot for the Khelo India Youth Games- 2023 is 'Veera Mangai'.**

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- A: Only one**
- B: Only two**
- C: All three**
- D: None**

Answer: B

Explanation:

Recently the Prime Minister inaugurated the Khelo India Youth Games and expressed the government's commitment to hosting the 2029 Youth Olympics and the 2036 Olympic Games in the country. Tamil Nadu is hosting the sixth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games. This is the first time that Khelo India Youth Games are being held in South India. The Games will be played across four cities of Tamil Nadu, namely Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore from 19th to 31st January 2024. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

Silambam, a traditional sport of Tamil Nadu, is being introduced as a demo sport for the first time in the history of Khelo India Youth Games and the sport of Squash shall be organised for the first time in this edition of the Games. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

The Mascot for the Khelo India Youth Games- 2023 is 'Veera Mangai'. Rani Velu Nachiyar, fondly known as Veera Mangai, was an Indian queen who waged a war against British colonial rule. Hence, statement 3 is correct.