



UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS 03-02-2024

Q1:

MagSafe, recently seen in the news, is related to which of the following?

A: A wireless charger

B: A vaccine

C: An asteroid

D: A new species

Answer: A

Explanation:

MagSafe charger is a wireless charger/power bank that connects to the back of your wireless-compatible mobile phone to charge your phone in the easiest of ways. It is equipped with either a 5,000 or a 10,000 mAh battery pack on the inside, which can be used as a power backup. This type of charger uses the magnetic current present at the back of your mobile phone and the magnets on the MagSafe charger. A good MagSafe charger is just like any other wireless power bank that attaches to your mobile phone and works as a power bank. As with any other power bank, a MagSafe charger also needs to be charged. Hence, option (a) is correct.

Q2:

Consider the following pairs:

| Ramsar Site | State |
|--|------------|
| 1. Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve | Mizoram |
| 2. Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary | Kerala |
| 3. Longwood Shola Reserve | Tamil Nadu |
| 4. Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve | Karnataka |



5. Aghanashini Estuary

Andhra Pradesh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

A: Only two pairs

B: Only three pairs

C: Only four pairs

D: All five pairs

Answer: A

Explanation:

Recently, the union Environment Minister said that five more Indian wetlands have been added to the global list of wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. Of the five wetlands added to the Ramsar list, Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve, Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve, and Aghanashini Estuary are in Karnataka and Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary and Longwood Shola Reserve Forest are in Tamil Nadu.

Q3:

Consider the following statements regarding Payments Bank:

1. A payments bank is like any other bank but operates on a smaller scale without involving any credit risk.

2. It was set up based on the recommendations of the Nachiket Mor Committee.

3. It can take deposits up to Rs. 2,00,000. It can accept demand deposits in the form of savings and current accounts.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

A: Only one

B: Only two

C: All three

D: None



Answer: C

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently imposed restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL), following a system audit report and subsequent compliance validation report of external auditors. A payments bank is like any other bank but operates on a smaller scale without involving any credit risk. It was set up based on the recommendations of the Nachiket Mor Committee. It is registered as a public limited company under the Companies Act 2013 and licensed under Section 22 of the Banking Regulation Act 1949. It can take deposits up to Rs. 2,00,000. It can accept demand deposits in the form of savings and current accounts. It cannot issue loans and credit cards. It cannot accept time deposits or NRI deposits. It cannot set up subsidiaries to undertake non-banking financial activities. Hence, all statements are correct.

Q4:

With reference to One Stop Centre scheme, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Centrally Sector Scheme formulated under the union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).**
- 2. Its objective is to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces under one roof.**

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: B

Explanation:

Recently, the union Minister for Women and Child Development said that One Stop Centres to help women who have faced violence have been established in over 700 districts across the country. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme



formulated under the union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD). Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

Its objective is to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces under one roof. It supports all women including girls below 18 years of age affected by violence, irrespective of caste, class, religion, region, sexual orientation or marital status. The Scheme will be funded through Nirbhaya Fund. The Central Government will provide 100% financial assistance under the Scheme. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

Q5:

Subika Paintings, recently seen in the news belong to which of the following states?

A: Madhya Pradesh

B: Bihar

C: Assam

D: Manipur

Answer: D

Explanation:

Manipur boasts a rich cultural heritage but some of its invaluable art forms like Subika Paintings are on the brink of extinction due to neglect. It is a style of painting which is intricately linked to the Meitei community's cultural history. It is surviving through its six manuscripts Subika, Subika Achouba, Subika Laishaba, Subika Choudit, Subika Cheithil and Thengrakhel Subika. Subika Laishaba represents a direct continuation of the Meitei cultural tradition through visual images, possibly existing since the introduction of the writing tradition in Manipur. Hence, option (d) is correct.