



UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS 16-02-2024

1:

Recently, which of the following states has declared Kaji Nemu (Citrus Limon) as its state fruit?

A: Assam

B: Odisha

C: Sikkim

D: Mizoram

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Recently, the Assam government declared the GI-tagged 'Kaji Nemu' (Citrus Limon) as the State Fruit. Kaji Nemu is elongated and oblong compared to other lemon varieties. It is popular for its unique aroma and health benefits. It has been traditionally associated with Assamese cuisines. The fruit had been exported to several countries, including to the Middle East. The oval-shaped Kaji Nemu is a lot juicier than other lemon varieties. Kaji Nemu is majorly used in culinary and commercial purposes, and it is extensively used for its medicinal properties. The fruit is a powerhouse of nutrients, boosting health. Kaji Nemu' (Citrus Limon) bears GI Geography Indication tag in 2019 and is linked to Assamese food. Hence, option (a) is correct.

Q2:

With reference to Electoral Bonds (EBs), consider the following statements:

1. Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds or money instruments that can be purchased by companies and individuals in India from authorized branches of the State Bank of India (SBI).

2. These bonds are sold in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh, and Rs 1 crore.

3. EBs have a life of only 15 days during which it can be used for making donations to political parties.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?



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

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The Supreme Court recently directed the State Bank of India to stop issuing electoral bonds immediately. Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds or money instruments that can be purchased by companies and individuals in India from authorized branches of the State Bank of India (SBI). The bonds are similar to bank notes that are payable to the bearer on demand and are free of interest. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

These bonds are sold in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh, and Rs 1 crore. They can be purchased through a KYC-compliant account to make donations to a political party. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

EBs have a life of only 15 days during which it can be used for making donations to political parties. The name and other information of the donor are not entered on the instrument and thus electoral bonds are said to be anonymous. There is no cap on the number of electoral bonds that a person or company can purchase. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

Q3:

Consider the following statements regarding Micellar water:

- 1. Micellar water products contain something called micelles – clusters of molecules that are very effective at removing oily substances.**
- 2. It is a commonly used skin care product that helps remove impurities and makeup from your skin.**

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:

Micellar water, a product found in supermarkets, chemists and bathroom cabinets around the world, is a very effective cleanser and many people swear by it as part of their skincare routine. Micellar water products contain something called micelles – clusters of molecules that are very effective at removing oily substances. The micelles in micellar water are formed by special molecules known as surfactants. These micelles have a hydrophilic exterior, meaning that they are very happy to remain mixed throughout water. It is a commonly used skin care product that helps remove impurities and makeup from your skin. It's a very gentle solution that contains a very mild detergent. Hence, both statements are correct.

Q4:

Consider the following statements regarding Cassini Spacecraft:

- 1. Cassini-Huygens was a joint NASA, European Space Agency (ESA), ISRO space mission to Saturn.**
- 2. It was one of the largest interplanetary spacecraft launched in 2015.**

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:

Recent findings from data collected by NASA's Cassini spacecraft reveal the presence of a vast ocean beneath the icy surface of Saturn's moon Mimas. Cassini-Huygens was a joint NASA/European Space Agency (ESA)/Italian Space Agency (ASI) space mission to Saturn. It was launched on October 15, 1997. The mission consisted of NASA's Cassini orbiter, which was the first



space probe to orbit Saturn, and the ESA's Huygens probe, which landed on Titan, Saturn's largest moon. It was one of the largest interplanetary spacecraft. Hence, both statements are not correct.

Q5:

Consider the following passage:

This zoological park is located at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh. It is the largest zoo in Asia and is spread over 1,200 acres with hundreds of animals. The park was established on September 29, 1987. The park is not an exotic zoo, with animals from across the world. It features a house for peafowl called Mayuravani.

The above passage is related to which of the following zoological parks?

- A:** Kakatiya Zoological Park
- B:** Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park
- C:** Nehru Zoological Park
- D:** Indira Gandhi Zoological Park

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park is located at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh. It is the largest zoo in Asia and is spread over 1,200 acres with hundreds of animals. The park was established on September 29, 1987. The park is not an exotic zoo, with animals from across the world. It features a house for peafowl called Mayuravani. Currently, the zoo houses 31 species of mammals, 46 species of birds, and 7 species of reptiles, contributing to the biodiversity conservation efforts in the region. Hence, option (b) is correct.