

UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS 21-04-2024

Q1:

Consider the following pairs:

(Abbreviation)	(Category)
1. EX	endangered: endangered
2. EW	near-endangered
3. EN	extinct
4. NT	extinct in the wild

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

A: Only one pair

B: Only two pairs

C: All three pairs

D: None

Answer: D

Explanation:

EX stands for extinct. Under this there is no doubt that the last member is dead. For example, cheetah, pink head duck, Indian aurochs etc. have become extinct in India. **Hence, pair 1 is not correctly matched.**

EW stands for extinction in the wild. Surviving only in cultivated, occupied niches and outside their old range as adapted populations. Example: Hawaiian crow, Scimitar oryx, etc. **Hence, pair 2 is not correctly matched.**

Meaning of EN Endangered: An endangered species faces a very high risk of extinction in the wild. The number of surviving members of an endangered species is very small and this number may also become extinct quickly in much of its habitat. If this species is not protected, it falls into the critically endangered category. **Hence, pair 3 is not correctly matched.**



NT stands for Near Threatened. Species that have been evaluated against criteria, but do not currently fall into the critically endangered, threatened, or vulnerable categories, but may become endangered in the near future. For example, Peregrine Falcon. **Hence, pair 4 is not correctly matched.**

Q2:

With reference to Svalbard Global Seed Repository, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an island group of Norway located in the Arctic Ocean.**
- 2. It was established by the Government of Norway.**

Which of the statements given about is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

Global Seed Vault, the world's largest secure seed repository, was opened by the Norwegian government in February 2008. Svalbard is an island group of Norway located in the Arctic Ocean. Located north of mainland Europe, this place is between continental Norway and the North Pole. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

The Swabard Global Seed Store was established by the Government of Norway and is financed by Norway itself. This seed repository is supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and an international council. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

Q3:

Consider the following pairs:

1. Center for Ecology	Bengaluru
2. Indian Wildlife Institute	Dehradun



3. Indian Institute of Forest Management	Calcutta
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How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

A: Only one pair

B: Only two pairs

C: All three pairs

D: None

Answer: B

Explanation:

Indian Center for Ecology is in Bengaluru. It was founded in the year 1909 by Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata. It is a major research and education center of the country. **Hence, pair 1 is correctly matched.**

Wildlife Institute of India is located in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Established in the year 1982, Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is an internationally acclaimed institute, which provides a training programme, academic courses and consultancy in wildlife research and management. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**

Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) is an autonomous training institute located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It was established in the year 1982 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. **Hence, pair 3 is not correctly matched.**

Q4:

Which of the following Acts provides protection to wild animals in India?

A: Wildlife Protection Act, 1972

B: Forest Conservation Act, 1982

C: Environmental Protection Act, 1996

D: West Bengal Wild Life Protection Act, 1959

Answer: A



Explanation:

The Wild Life Protection Act was implemented in India on September 9, 1972. The Wildlife Protection Act was passed in 1972 by the Government of India to protect and preserve wild animals from trafficking and illegal hunting. **Hence, option (a) is correct.**

Q5:

Consider the following sanctuaries:

- 1. Bhim Dam Sanctuary**
- 2. Vikramshila Ganga Sanctuary**
- 3. Sanjay Gandhi Sanctuary**
- 4. Parman Sanctuary**

How many of the above mentioned sanctuaries are recognized as ' Dolphin Sanctuary'?

- A:** Only one
B: Only two
C: Only three
D: All four

Answer: B

Explanation:

Animals like leopard, bear, sambar, wild boar, wolf, peacock, Nilgai etc. are found in Bhim Dam Sanctuary. This sanctuary is located in Munger district. Vikramshila Ganga Sanctuary was recognized as a dolphin sanctuary by the Government of Bihar in 1990. This sanctuary is situated in Bhagalpur. Sanjay Gandhi Sanctuary ranks first in the country in terms of rhinoceros breeding. It is situated in Patna. Parman Sanctuary was established in Araria. It is also known for dolphins. **Hence, option (b) is correct.**