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Daily Current Affairs MCQs

Q1. With reference to the Rudram missile system, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile.
2. It is a surface-to-surface missile which is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

In News- India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile named Rudram was successfully flight-tested from a Sukhoi-30 MKI jet off the east coast.

Statement 1 is correct: It is India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile that is designed to detect, track and neutralise the adversary's radar, communication assets and other radio frequency sources, which are generally part of their air defence systems.

Statement 2 is not correct: Rudram is an air-to-surface missile, designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for neutralizing surveillance and guidance radars, communication towers, command and control centres, and other radiation-emitting targets.

Q2. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the "SVAMITVA Scheme"?

1. It will enable the villagers to have seamless internet access in order to bring various services of government under one click.

2. It is a Central Sector scheme and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is the Nodal Ministry for implementation.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

In News- Prime Minister is going to launch the physical distribution of property cards under the SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages And Mapping With Improvised Technology In Village Areas) scheme that enables rural masses to use the property as a financial asset.

Statement 1 is not correct: SVAMITVA stands for Survey of villages and mapping with improvised technology in village areas. It will enable around one lakh property holders to download their Property Cards through the SMS link delivered on their mobile phones. This would be followed by the physical distribution of the Property Cards by the respective State governments.---- These beneficiaries are from 763 villages across six States including 346 from Uttar Pradesh, 221 from Haryana, 100 from Maharashtra, 44 from Madhya Pradesh, 50 from Uttarakhand and 2 from Karnataka. Beneficiaries from all these states except Maharashtra will receive the physical copies of the Property Cards within one day

Statement 2 is correct: It is a Central Sector scheme launched by the Prime Minister of India on National Panchayat Day (24th April 2020). The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is the Nodal Ministry for implementation of the scheme.

Q3. Consider the following statements:

1. Central Pollution Control Board is the executive body for providing technical services to the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
2. Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA) is the Supreme Court mandated body for controlling pollution in all metropolitan cities of India.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

In News- The Supreme Court-appointed pollution monitoring body has directed Delhi and neighbouring States to implement air pollution control measures under “very poor” and “severe” category air quality of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) from October 15.

Statement 1 is not correct: Central Pollution Control Board is a statutory organisation which was constituted in September 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. It was entrusted with the powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. It serves as a field formation and also provides technical services to the Ministry of Environment and Forests under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Statement 2 is not correct: EPCA was constituted with the objective of ‘protecting and improving’ the quality of the environment and ‘controlling environmental pollution’ in the National Capital Region. The EPCA also assists the apex court in various environment-related matters in the region. EPCA is Supreme Court mandated body tasked with taking various measures to tackle air pollution in the National Capital Region. It was notified in 1998 by Environment Ministry under Environment Protection Act, 1986.

Q4. With reference to the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), consider the following statements:

1. It was formulated for tackling pollution in all the metropolitan cities of India.
2. If air quality reaches the severe+ stage, GRAP talks about shutting down schools and other pollution countering measures.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

In News- The Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority (EPCA) has directed Delhi and neighbouring States to implement air pollution control measures under very poor and severe category air quality of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) from 15th October 2020.

Statement 1 is not correct: The Graded Response Action Plan was formulated in 2016 and notified in 2017 for Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR). The plan was formulated after several meetings were held by Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) with state government representatives and experts. These are institutionalized measures to be taken when air quality deteriorates, hence works only as an emergency measure.

Statement 2 is correct: If air quality reaches the severe+ stage, GRAP talks about shutting down schools and implementing the odd-even road-space rationing scheme. The plan requires action and coordination among 13 different agencies in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan (NCR areas).

Q5. Which of the following institutions recently won the Nobel Peace Prize for 2020?

- (a) Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience
- (b) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- (c) World Food Programme
- (d) United Nations Environment Programme

Answer: C

In News- The World Food Programme (WFP) has been praised by world leaders and humanitarian groups after it was awarded 2020's Nobel Peace Prize.

Option C is correct: The World Food Programme (WFP) was honoured for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict. The Rome-based organisation has been feeding people in some of the world's most dangerous places, with the coronavirus pandemic seen pushing millions more into hunger.

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