

Weekly Quiz (14th – 20th Aug)

Q1. Consider the following about White-bellied sea eagles

1. It is categorised as endangered on the Red List of the IUCN.
2. It is a resident raptor and belongs to the family Accipitridae.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Q2. Consider the following about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban

1. The PMAY-U is a flagship mission of the government which is implemented by the Home Ministry.
2. The mission aims to address the urban housing shortage among urban area dwellers.
3. Uttar Pradesh had the largest number of houses completed at 12,87,307. Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh were other high-performing States with 8,80,209 and 8,08,278 houses completed.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) None of the above

Q3. Which of the following is correct about Hat stones?

1. Hat stones are called Thoppikkallu in Malayalam.
2. They are hemispherical laterite stones used as lids on burial urns during the neolithic period.
3. They are hemispherical laterite stones used as lids on burial urns during the megalithic period.

Codes

- a) Only 1 and 2
- b) Only 1 and 3
- c) Only 2 and 3
- d) None of the above

Q4. Which of the following is incorrectly stated?

- a) Western Disturbances (WD) are tropical storms that originate in the Mediterranean region and normally bring summer rainfall to north India.
- b) Western disturbances originate in the mid-latitude easterly jet stream.
- c) They are a high-altitude wind pattern located at around 30°-60° latitude in the southern hemisphere.
- d) All the above

Q5. Which of the following is the possible reason for extreme weather and disaster events witnessed in India?

1. Climate Change
2. Western Disturbances
3. La Nina
4. Construction Projects
5. Large-scale altering of the mountains

How many of the above are correct statements?

- a) Only 2
- b) Only 3
- c) Only 4
- d) Only 5

Q6. Which of the following best describes Namoh 108

- a) Indigenous missile
- b) Lotus variety
- c) Bird endemic to western ghats
- d) Warship of India

Q7. What is the IUCN status of white-bellied sea eagles?

- a) Vulnerable
- b) Near Threatened
- c) Endangered
- d) Least Concerned

Q8. Consider the following about Vindhyagiri

1. It is the sixth ship of the Project 17A Frigates series.
2. It employs a cutting-edge propulsion system enabling speeds of over 28 knots, ensuring rapid response and agility in various operational scenarios.
3. INS Vindhyagiri derives its name from a mountain range in Kerala.

How many of the above is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) None of the above

Q9. Recently, Prime Minister announced a new scheme to help the urban poor build houses in cities. Consider the following about the same.

1. The programme will provide relief in interest rates and loans taken from banks to construct their houses.

2. The initiative will benefit families that live in unauthorised colonies, slums or rented houses in various cities.

Which of the statements mentioned above is/are correct?

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

Q10. Consider the following about Vishwakarma Yojana

1. The scheme, will be available for traditional craftspeople and artisans from 2023-24 to 2027-28.
2. The scheme aims to strengthen and nurture the “Guru-Shishya parampara” or the family-based practice of traditional skills.
3. The scheme does not talk about improving the quality, as well as the reach of products and services of artisans and craftspeople and to ensure that the Vishwakarmas are integrated with the domestic and global value chains.
4. Artisans and craftspeople will get PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card, credit support up to ₹1 lakh (first tranche) and ₹2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%.

How many of the above is/are incorrect?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Only 3
- d) Only 4

Q11. Which of the following is part of steps taken by government to reduce cyber frauds?

- a) To reduce cyber frauds performed through fraudulently acquired SIM cards, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) will now mandate registration and “indisputable verification” of SIM dealers.
- b) The facility to provide SIM connections in bulk to companies is being discontinued, and instead a “business” system is being put in place, where they have to undertake KYC (Know Your Customer) when a SIM is being issued to them.
- c) Government, defense and law enforcement bulk subscribers will continue to be exempt from additional verification requirements.
- d) All the above

Q12. Which of the following is incorrect about Sanchar Saathi portal?

- a) The portal introduces ASTR (Artificial Intelligence and Facial Recognition powered Solution for Telecom SIM Subscriber Verification) for identifying fraudulent subscribers.
- b) The initiative is designed to prevent frauds such as identity theft and banking fraud by misusing mobile phones.
- c) It is developed by IT Ministry.
- d) It includes modules for IMEI registration, fraud detection, and facial recognition-based verification.

Q13. Which of the following is correct about Antimicrobial Resistance?

1. The indiscriminate use of antibiotics among people and animals, poor hygiene and sanitation, and lack of awareness have fueled the rise of AMR.
2. It has been found that every 10% rise in air pollution was correlated with an AMR increase of 1.1% across countries and continents.

Codes:

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

Q14. Global Initiative on Digital Health is first global initiative aimed at?

1. Data convergence
2. Interface of health platforms
3. Investments in the digital health space around the globe
4. Facilitate the deliberate use of quality-assured digital transformation tools
5. Quality-assured technical assistance

How many of the above are mentioned correctly?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 3
- c) Only 4
- d) Only 5

Q15. Consider the following statements

1. Our planet is a righty, as Earth is rotating from west to east, so is our solar system.
2. Amino acids, the basic building blocks of life, are left-handed.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above