



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. The minimum or night time temperature in New Delhi dropped to 4.1 degrees Celsius recently.

Which of the following factors can lead to a dip in the temperature in Delhi and surrounding areas?

1. Snowfall in the Western Himalayan range
2. Active Western Disturbances
3. Intensive cloud cover
4. Active La Niña climate pattern

Select the correct answer code:

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding Himalayan serow, recently seen in news

1. Himalayan serow is described as resembling a cross between a goat, a donkey, a cow, and a pig.
2. It is restricted to the Himalayan region.
3. It is listed under Schedule V of The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 1 only d) 2, 3

3. Consider the following statements.

1. Disinvestment involves Selling minority shares of Public Enterprises, to public or private entity.
2. When the government sells majority shares in a public sector entity, that is strategic disinvestment.
3. Under strategic disinvestment, the government transfers the ownership and control of a public sector entity to another public entity and the private sector is not involved here.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3 b) 1, 2 c) 2, 3 d) 1 only

4. Consider the following statements regarding Meteor shower.

1. A series of meteorites, when encountered at once, is termed a meteor shower.
2. Meteor showers are witnessed when Earth passes through the trail of debris left behind by a comet or an asteroid.
3. According to NASA, meteor shower is a very rare event which happens once in 100 years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3 b) 2, 3 c) 1, 2 d) 1, 2, 3

5. Consider the following statements regarding ‘Zombie fires’ recently seen in news

1. A zombie fire is a fire that continues to burn underground and then reignites on the surface after a period of time.
2. It burrow deep in organic soils such as peat lands.
3. There are evidences of zombie fires scattered across the Arctic region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2 b) 1, 3 c) 2, 3 d) 1, 2, 3

6. S-400 air defence systems, often mentioned in news, was developed in which of the following country?

- a) Russia b) U.S.A c) Turkey d) France

7. With reference to the Kamdhenu Chairs, consider the following statements:

1. Ten universities from across the country have announced that they will set up Kamdhenu Chairs in their respective institutions of higher learning.
2. Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) has proposed setting up of certificate and diploma courses on cow-based entrepreneurship and sensitizing students about the scientific, economic, environmental and spiritual importance and impact of cow.

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

8. Which of the following is a landlocked country in Africa?

- a) Namibia b) Angola c) Tanzania d) Eswatini

9. “Vijay Diwas” is celebrated to mark the victory of India in which of the following wars?

- a) 1971 Bangladesh liberation war b) Annexation of Portuguese India 1961
c) Kargil war 1999 d) Indo- Pak war 1965

10. With reference to the DakPay, consider the following statements:

1. Department of Posts and India Post Payments Bank unveiled a new digital payment app DakPay.
2. DakPay UPI app allows users to create UPI ID and link only India Post Payments Bank account.

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