



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans: D

Explanation: Recently, four more wetlands from India have been recognized from the Ramsar Secretariat as Ramsar sites.

These sites are Wadhvana and Thol from Gujarat and Sultanpur and Bhindawas from Haryana.

The number of Ramsar sites in India is 46 and the surface area covered by these sites is now 1,083,322 hectares.

While Haryana gets its first Ramsar sites, Gujarat gets three more after Nalsarovar which was declared in 2012.

The goal of the Ramsar List is to develop and maintain an international network of wetlands vital to the conservation of global biodiversity and sustaining human life through the maintenance of benefits, ecosystem components and processes.

2. Ans: B

Explanation: A group of scientists have discovered what is believed to be the world's northernmost island off Greenland's coast.

In July, the scientists flew to collect samples to what they thought was Oodaaq Island, that has been known since 1978. But the actual position was 800m (2,625ft) further north. The new island is the closest point of land to the North Pole.

Greenland is a vast autonomous Arctic territory, which belongs to Denmark. The scientists want the island to be named Qeqertaq Avannarleq, which means "the northernmost island" in Greenlandic.

3. Ans: C

Explanation: From 1757 to 1857, The administrative policies of the East India Company, in India, underwent frequent changes. The main emphasis of the administration was placed on the maintenance of law and order. In 1772, the Company ended the dual government in Bengal and undertook the administration directly.

4. Ans: A

Explanation: The most important and widely venerated Sufi saint of the Deccan during the time of Bahmani dynasty was Hazrat Syed Muhammad Gesu Daraz who was popularly known as Banda Nawaz.

5. Ans: A

Explanation: Recently, the Union Labour Ministry and Microsoft India have jointly launched a digital skilled platform — DigiSaksham — to enhance youth employability.

- This joint initiative is an extension of the ongoing programs to support the youth from rural and semi-urban areas.
- Free of cost training in digital skills including basic skills as well as advanced computing, will be provided to more than 3 lakh youths in the first year.

6. Ans: C

Explanation: India and the UK are likely to announce a joint declaration on “one sun, one world, one grid” — or OSOWOG at the upcoming Conference of Parties (COP26).

- The UN Climate Change Conference, or COP26, is scheduled to be held between 31st October and 12th November in Scotland.
- The concept of OSOWOG is what the British have called a green grid.
- The idea behind the concept is a trans-national electricity grid supplying solar power across the globe. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
- The vision behind the OSOWOG is ‘The Sun Never Sets’ and is a constant at some geographical location, globally, at any given point of time.
- This is by far one of the most ambitious schemes undertaken by any country (India) and is of global significance in terms of sharing economic benefits.
- It has been taken up under the technical assistance program of the World Bank. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- The OSOWOG plan may also leverage the International Solar Alliance (ISA), co-founded by India that has 80 countries as members.
- With India in the middle, the solar spectrum can easily be divided into two broad zones, which are:
 - Far East including countries like Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand, Lao, Cambodia etc.
 - Far West covering the Middle East and the Africa Region.

7. Ans: A

Explanation: The Industrial Security Agreement (ISA) summit between India and the United States was held between September 27 to October 01, 2021 at New Delhi.

8. Ans: A

Explanation: The Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis by 2030 was recently released by the World Health Organization (WHO) and its partners.

9. Answer: C

Explanation: The President of USA Joe Biden has recognized the mass killing of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire during World War I in 1915, as an act of Genocide.

This statement was made by the US President recently on the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, and he committed that US would preventing such an atrocity from ever again occurring in future.

10. Ans: A

Explanation: Algeria's Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra announced that his country has severed diplomatic relations with Morocco due to hostile actions.

- This decision has been taken following months of resurgent tensions between the North African rival.
- The border between Algeria and Morocco has been closed since 1994.
- Algeria backs the Polisario movement, which seeks independence for Western Sahara, which Morocco considers as a part of its own territory.