



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The global stockpile of Ebola vaccines is being created in Switzerland. The vaccines are ready to be shipped to countries for emergency response. The stockpile is being created by four leading international health and humanitarian organisations-WHO, UNICEF, Doctors Without Borders and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to contain future outbreaks.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

A Goldilocks Economy describes an economy that is not so hot that it causes inflation, and not so cold that it causes a recession. The term describes an economy that is operating in an optimal state by providing full employment and economic stability.

An anti-goldilocks economy, however, is one that's neither cold enough to support stimulus measures, nor hot enough to sustain growth.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Election commission is not concerned with the elections to panchayats and municipalities in the states. For this, the Constitution of India provides for a separate State Election Commission. The superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls and the conduct of all elections to the municipalities shall be vested in the state election commission. The state legislature may make provision with respect to all matters relating to elections to the municipalities.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Bird flu or avian influenza is a viral infection that is reported mostly in birds, but has the potential to affect humans and other animals. The most common strain of the virus that causes severe respiratory disease in birds is H5N1.

5. Ans:B

Explanation:

The Strait of Hormuz is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. It provides the only sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the open ocean and is one of the world's most strategically important choke points. It separates Oman and Iran.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The second edition of the coastal defence exercise 'Sea Vigil-21' has been started on January 12 and will continue till January 13, 2021. The exercise aims at assessing India's preparedness in the domain of coastal defence and maritime security. The exercise by the Indian Navy will be undertaken along the entire 7,516 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India. It will also involve all the 13 coastal states as well as UTs along with other maritime stakeholders, which includes coastal and fishing communities. The coastal defence exercise will provide an opportunity at the apex level for assessing the preparedness in the domain of maritime security and coastal defence. The exercise 'SEA VIGIL 21' will be providing a realistic assessment of India's strengths and weaknesses. It will also further help in strengthening national and maritime security.

7. Ans:B

Explanation:

Shillong hosts the only Cherry Blossoms festival in India. These beautiful flowers can be spotted across Meghalaya during this time of the year. It is expected that the flowers will continue to bloom till the end of November. But people of Meghalaya celebrate festivals through virtual mode. Every year, the Cherry Blossom Festival in Shillong hosts a plethora of events like fitness art, fashion show, rock concerts and much more.

8. Ans:C

Explanation:

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) is comprised of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, the Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. SAARC is regional intergovernmental organization and geopolitical union in South Asia. It promotes development of economical and regional integration.

9. Ans:A

Explanation:

The Government of France organised the fourth 'One Planet Summit' on , through videoconferencing, which aimed at protecting the world's biodiversity.

10. Ans:B

Explanation:

Makaravilakku is an annual festival held on Makar Sankranti in Kerala, at the shrine of Sabarimala. The festival includes the Thiruvabharanam (sacred ornaments of Ayyappan) procession and a congregation at the hill shrine of Sabarimala.