

## **EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY**

## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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- 1. Stonehenge, recently seen in the news, is a massive stone circle monument located in:
  - a) France
  - b) Cambodia
  - c) United Kingdom
  - d) Peru
- 2. 'Demaorchestia alanensis', that was in the news recently, is a:
  - a) Bird discovered in the Amazon rainforest
  - b) Marine amphipod discovered in Asia
  - c) Deep-sea fish recently identified in the Pacific Ocean
  - d) Flowering plant found in the Arctic region
- 3. With reference to different types of Faults, consider the following:
  - 1) A Strike-slip fault occurs when one mass of rock slides downward and pulls away from another mass of rock.
  - 2) A Normal fault occurs when two blocks of rock are sliding past horizontally with little to no vertical movement.
  - 3) Reverse faults, also called thrust faults, involve upward movement as the two blocks of rock collide and buckle upward.
  - How many of the above statements are correct?
    - a) Only one
    - b) Only two
    - c) All three
    - d) None
- 4. Consider the following statements regarding Smooth-Coated Otter:
  - 1) It is endemic to Western Ghats of India.
  - 2) It is classified as 'Endangered' under the IUCN Red List.
  - 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
- 5. Karrar Combat Drones, recently seen in the news, is developed by:
  - a) Russia
  - b) Iran
  - c) Turkey
  - d) China
- 6. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme:

- 1) It is a voluntary third-party certification designed to promote sustainable forest management.
- 2) The Indian Institute of Forest Management will act as its operating agency.

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

7. Consider the following statements regarding the Cinereous vulture:

- 1) It is only found in the European countries.
- 2) It is an altitudinal migrant which means it migrates from a higher to a lower altitude.

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. Consider the following statements regarding the Saiga antelope:

- 1) It is a large migratory herbivore species.
- 2) It is mainly found in the steppe grasslands and semi-arid desert region.

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

## 9. Bab al-Mandab strait, recently in news, is bordered by:

- a) Yemen, Somalia and Eritrea
- b) Yemen, Djibouti and Eritrea
- c) Oman, Yemen and Djibouti
- d) Yemen, Omen and Eritrea

10. Cassiopeia A, recently seen in news, is a:

- a) Remnant of a massive star
- b) Dwarf planet
- c) New plant
- d) Asteroid