



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. The Ministry of Railways launched Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana (RKVY) under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Consider the following statements and select the correct one:
(A) This is a skill development programme, where training will be provided to youth with a special focus on jobs that are relevant to the Railways.
(B) Training will be provided to apprentices under the Apprentice Act 1961.
 - a) Only (A)
 - b) Only (B)
 - c) Neither (A) nor (B)
 - d) Both (A) and (B)

2. Choose the incorrect statement from below:
 - a) National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL) has been set up by banks under Companies Act to aggregate and consolidate stressed assets for their subsequent resolution. PSBs will maintain 51% ownership in NARCL.
 - b) India Debt Resolution Company Ltd. (IDRCL) is a service company/operational entity which will manage the asset and engage market professionals and turnaround experts. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Public FIs will hold a maximum of 49% stake and the rest will be with private sector lenders.
 - c) NARCL proposes to acquire stressed assets of about Rs. 2 Lakh crore in phases within extant regulations of SEBI.
 - d) NARCL intends to acquire the stressed assets through 15% Cash and 85% in Security Receipts (SRs)

3. "Sahel", recently quoted in a report by World Meteorological Organization (WMO) refers to:
 - a) A semiarid region of western and north-central Africa extending from Senegal eastward to Sudan.
 - b) A green belt from Gujarat to the Delhi-Haryana border.
 - c) Deserts in Western India and Pakistan.
 - d) The fertile belts of Punjab, Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh and the Malwa region.

4. Recently, the Union Minister of State for Power attended the 15th East Asia Summit Energy National Asset Ministers Meeting. Consider the following statements about the East Asia Summit and choose the incorrect one:
 - a) Established in 2005, it is a forum of 18 regional leaders for strategic dialogue and cooperation on the key political, security, and economic challenges facing the Indo-Pacific region.
 - b) It comprises the ten member states of the ASEAN which are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, along with 8 other countries namely Australia, China, Japan, India, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Russia and the USA.
 - c) It is an ASEAN-centred forum so it can only be chaired by an ASEAN member.
 - d) India is not among the founding members of the East Asia Summit.

5. Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) developed by which of the following countries can serve as an

alternative approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- a) Malaysia
- b) Thailand
- c) Singapore
- d) Myanmar

6. Consider the following statements about Biosphere reserves.

(A) Recently, Mura-Drava-Danube (MDD) was declared as the world's first 'five-country biosphere reserve' by the UNESCO.

(B) Presently, there are 18 Biosphere Reserves in India, among which 12 Biosphere reserves in India find their place in UNESCO's List of Man & Biosphere Reserves (MAB) Programme. The latest included under the MAB was 'Panna Biosphere Reserve' (Madhya Pradesh).

Choose the correct statement from above:

- a) Only (A)
- b) Only (B)
- c) Both (A) and (B)
- d) Neither (A) nor (B)

7. "Faroe Islands", recently in news for killing of 1400 dolphins as part of the traditional hunting practice is a

- a) self-governing nation under the external sovereignty of the Kingdom of Denmark
- b) self-governing nation under the external sovereignty of the UK
- c) self-governing nation under the external sovereignty of France
- d) self-governing nation under the external sovereignty of Italy

8. Consider the following statements and choose the incorrect one:

- a) Power Finance Corporation (PFC) launched its maiden €300 million 7-year Euro Green Bond
- b) It is the first-ever Euro denominated Green bond issuance from India.
- c) In India, SBI was the first bank to issue green bonds in 2015 for financing renewable and clean energy projects.
- d) Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation, a civic body in Uttar Pradesh, has become India's first municipal corporation to successfully list the country's first green municipal bonds on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in April 2021.

9. Recently, the Quality Council of India (QCI) has launched the SK Joshi Laboratory Excellence Award to promote laboratory quality and improve their performance.

Which of the following statements about QCI are correct?

(A) QCI is an autonomous body of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

(B) It has been created jointly with Indian industry represented by ASSOCHAM, CII and FICCI.

- a) Only (A)
- b) Only (B)
- c) Neither (A) nor (B)
- d) Both (A) and (B)

10. The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (World Ozone Day) is observed on _____ of every year.

- a) September 14th
- b) September 15th
- c) September 16th
- d) September 17th