

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

February 9, 2017

Q.1) Consider the following statements about Maritime Power Conference – 2017

1. It is organized by Ministry of Shipping
2. The theme is 'The Blue Economy: Concept, Constituents and Development'

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.1) Solution (b)

The National Maritime Foundation (NMF) is conducting its Annual Maritime Power Conference-2017 with the theme 'The Blue Economy: Concept, Constituents and Development'.

The NMF was established in 2005 to provide a common platform for discourse between maritime-related institutions, organisations and disciplines, within the country and abroad. The Foundation conducts independent academic research and provides policy-relevant recommendations to advance the nation's maritime goals.

As a part of its charter, NMF endeavours to foster maritime awareness on contemporary issues through academic engagements and towards this end, the Foundation organises an Annual Maritime Power Conference (AMPC).

This conference aims to add to the understanding of the discourse on Blue Economy and intends to discuss its constituents in an attempt to develop a common understanding of the concept. It seeks to identify the opportunities and challenges with the aim of evolving concrete recommendations towards harnessing the Blue Economy, while ensuring efficient utilization of marine resources and sustained development of the oceans.

The Blue Economy encompasses various traditional marine sectors such as fisheries and aquaculture, shipping, port infrastructure, ship building and repair, island development, seabed exploration, hydrocarbon extraction and marine tourism industry. There are also many emerging sectors in the such as marine renewable energy, deep seabed mining, salt water desalination, marine bio-technology and provisioning specialised Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) services for the marine industry. Innovative technologies have also created new opportunities for harnessing ocean resources and enable job creation which are vital for inclusive growth.

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In News - http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/annual-maritime-power-conference-2017-national-maritime-foundation-theme-the-blue-117020700478_1.html

Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakaram' (RYSK)

1. It is under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
2. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) has been subsumed in the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.2) Solution (c)

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has a new umbrella Scheme called 'Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakaram' (RYSK) along with two other schemes namely National Service Scheme (NSS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) for the development of adolescents and youth of the country.

The Scheme beneficiaries shall be the youth in the age-group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'youth' in the National Youth Policy, 2014. In case of programme components specifically meant for the adolescents, the age-group shall be 10-19 years. The following existing Schemes/ Programmes shall get subsumed in the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK):

- Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS).
- National Youth Corps (NYC).
- National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD).
- International Cooperation (IC).
- Youth Hostels (YH).
- Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations. National Discipline Scheme (NDS)
- National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP).

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In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/backgrounders.aspx?relid=145731>

Q.3) The present relationship between the President and the council of ministers is governed by the provisions of:

- a) 42nd Amendment Act
- b) 48th Amendment Act
- c) 44th Amendment Act
- d) 54th Amendment Act

Q.3) Solution (c)

Article 74(1) was amended to include a provision that President may require the Council of Ministers to reconsider any advice tendered to him but the President has to act in accordance with the advice tendered after such reconsideration. Earlier, the President has to act in accordance with the advice tendered by the Council of Ministers.

Q.4) In which one of the following union territories, do the people of the Onge tribe live?

- a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- b) Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- c) Daman and Diu
- d) Lakshadweep

Q.4) Solution (a)

The Onge are one of the Andamanese indigenous peoples of the Andaman Islands. Traditionally hunter-gatherers, they are a designated Scheduled Tribe of India.

Q.5) The term 'oil zapper' is concerned with

- a) Remediation of oily sludge and oil spills
- b) Under-sea oil exploration
- c) Genetically engineered high biofuel yielding maize variety
- d) Technology to control the accidentally caused flames from oil wells

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Q.5) Solution (a)

The new technique of using the bacteria to get rid of oil spill has been called "Oil Zapping". Oil Zapping is a bio-remediation technique involving the use of 'oil zapping' bacteria.

In News - <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/chennai-oil-spill-an-expert-explains-how-best-to-clean-it-up/story-VBzBgWGMWaUxbHgUMM8DXP.html>

