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Down to zero: STR's shrinking buffer zone

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)

- Current events of national and international importance.
- General issues on Environmental ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER IV


- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

- Tiger Reserves - Project Tiger, 1973
  - for protection of tiger and its prey
  - Tiger Reserve
    - Core zone - Critical tiger habitat
    - Buffer zone - Peripheral to core zone
  - wildlife - human coexistence

- Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve
  - became a tiger reserve in 2013 (STR)
  - under section 38 V of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
  - strategic confluence of Western ghats and Eastern ghats
  - accommodate spill over tiger populations from Mudumalai & Bandipur Tiger Reserves.

- Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) or Ecologically Fragile Areas
  - notified by MoEF & CC around protected areas, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries
  - shock absorbers to protected areas
    - declared under section 3 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986
Q. With reference to 'Eco-Sensitive Zones', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Eco-Sensitive Zones are the areas that are declared under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The purpose of the declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones is to prohibit all kinds of human activities in those zones except agriculture.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2 (Correct)
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<td>• Urged India to follow Panchsheel - devised in Nehruvian era</td>
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<td>• conduct → co-exist, prosper together in peace and harmony</td>
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<td>• suspended in 1962 - resumed in 1992</td>
<td>• first formally enunciated in ‘the Agreement on Trade and Intercourse between Tibet Region of China and India’</td>
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<td>• aims at</td>
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<td>• enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between Chinese and Indian peoples,</td>
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<td>• Declaration - 1955 Bandung Conference of 29 Afro-Asian Countries</td>
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<td>3. Mutual non-interference,</td>
<td>• Unanimously adopted by UNGA - Dec 1957</td>
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<td>4. Equality and mutual benefit,</td>
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<td>LRO - launched in 2009</td>
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<td>1. information on suitable landing sites</td>
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<td>2. take high resolution images of sites</td>
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<td>3. check for potential resources</td>
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Unite against terrorism: Modi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi today addressed the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and urged all nations to unite against terrorism. He said, "This is a global problem that requires a global solution. We must work together to combat this menace." He also highlighted India's efforts in this direction, including the establishment of the National Counter-Terrorism Bureau and the National Investigation Agency.

News

- PM's address at 74th Session of UNGA

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

- One of the main organs of United Nations
- Established in 1945
- 193 member states represented in UNGA
- Deliberative, policy making organ of UN

- Decision on peace and security, admission of new members and budgetary matters - two-third majority
- Decision on other matters - Simple majority
- President - Elected every year by UNGA

- 74th Session of UNGA - Sep 2019
  "Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion"

- Activities of UNGA:
  - Many spheres
    - Political
    - Humanitarian
    - Legal
    - Economic
    - Social
  - 2000 - Millennium Development Goals
  - 2015 - Sustainable Development Goals

PM's address

- On terrorism
  - Biggest challenge in the world
  - Lack of unanimity among the member nations
  - Urged all the nations to unite against terrorism

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)

- Current events of national and international importance.
- Indian Polity and Governance-Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- Economic and Social Development-Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER II

General Studies-I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

- Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

PAPER III

General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- Important International institutions, agencies and their structure, mandate.

PAPER IV


- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
• Initiatives of Government of India
  ➤ Clean India Mission (Swachh Bharat Mission)
    ➤ Universal Sanitation Coverage
    ➤ Mission Co-ordinator - Secretary of Ministry of Jal Shakti
  ➤ Sub-missions
    ➤ Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)
    ➤ Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)
  ➤ Achieve Clean India by 2019
  ➤ Financial Inclusion - PM Jan Dhan Yojana
  ➤ Biometric identities - Aadhaar
  ➤ Health coverage - Ayushman Bharat
• On environment
  ➤ India - country with lowest emissions per capita

• Targets of India
  ➤ Nationwide campaign to make India free of single-use plastic
  ➤ Eradication of Tuberculosis by 2025
    ➤ National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis 2017-20
    ➤ Elimination by 2025
  ➤ To build 450 GW of renewable energy capacity
    (No time frame)

• International Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI)
  ➤ Generation of exchange of knowledge on different aspects of disaster and climate resilience of infrastructure
  ➤ Creation of mechanism to assist countries to upgrade their capacities and practices regarding to infrastructure development in accordance with risk context + economic needs
  ➤ Launched by India with countries such as UK, Australia, Fiji + Maldives

Quotes by PM during address
• Kaniyam Poongundranar
  ➤ “Ya-dum, Da-ray, Yaava-yum ke-lir”
    (We belong to all places and to everyone)
  ➤ Belonging beyond borders
  ➤ Need for collective efforts to address serious global challenges and issues
• Swami Vivekananda
  ➤ ‘Harmony and peace; And NOT Dissension’
10-year sanitation plan to focus on waste management

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI
With Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to declare that India is completely open defecation free (ODF) on October 2, the Centre has launched a 10-year strategy to maintain these gains and shift focus to solid and liquid waste management in rural areas of the country.

"The first priority is to sustain the gains of ODF, to prevent slippage and continue behaviour change. It may be less glamorous, but it is essential," said Drinking Water and Sanitation Secretary Parameswaran Iyer.

Among other things, this will entail reaching out to "left-behind" households who have not been covered under the ODF drive.

The issue came to the limelight again when two Dalit children in Madhya Pradesh were killed while defecating in the open earlier this week. Their family did not have a toilet despite having applied for one.

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Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-III

General Studies II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

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Open Defecation Free (ODF)

- Termination of faecal-oral transmission by
  - no visible faeces found in environment
  - every household and institution → safe technology option for disposal of faeces
    - No contamination → surface soil, ground and surface water
    - Excreta inaccessible → flies or animals
    - No handling of fresh excreta
    - Free from odour and unsightly condition
- 10 year rural sanitation strategy (2014-2024)
  - launched by Dept. of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
  - focus on → sustaining sanitation behaviour achieved under SBM-Grameen
  - Ensuring ‘no one is left behind’
  - Increased access to solid and liquid waste management
  - Prepared in consultation with all stakeholders lays down framework to guide stakeholders
    → ODF Plus
  - Sustaining through
    → Capacity strengthening
    → IEC (Information, Education, Communication)
    → Organic waste management
    → Plastic waste management
    → Grey water management
    → Black water Management
  - Innovative models for Sanitation Financing
Practice Question – Prelims

Q1. Consider the following statements, with reference to Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ).

1. They are declared under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. It acts as shock absorbers to the protected areas by managing human activities around the areas.
3. Commercial use of natural water resources and use of polythene bags by shopkeepers is a prohibited activity in ESZ.

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 1 and 3
c) 2 only
d) 2 and 3

Practice Question – Prelims

Q2. Which among the following is not a principle under the “Principles of Peaceful Co-existence”?

1. Mutual respect for sovereignty
2. Mutual non-aggression
3. Mutual interference
4. Mutual benefit

Select the correct answer from the code given below.

a) 1 only
b) 2 and 4 only
c) 3 only
d) 3 and 4 only

Practice Question – Prelims

Q3. With reference to Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, consider the following statements.

1. It is a robotic moon mission of European Space Agency.
2. It is expected to provide critical information about the suitable safe landing sites in the moon.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 or 2

Practice Question – Prelims

Q4. Consider the following statements about United Nations General Assembly.

1. It is the only UN body with universal representation.
2. Secretary General heads the General Assembly.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
Practice Question – Prelims

Q5. Consider the following statements with reference to the “10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy (2019-2029)”.

1. It focuses on sustaining the sanitation behavior change achieved in the Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen.

2. It is launched by the Ministry of Health and family Welfare.

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Practice Question – Prelims

Answers

Q1. Option (c) – 2 only
Q2. Option (c) – 3 only
Q3. Option (b) – 2 only
Q4. Option (a) – 1 only
Q5. Option (a) – 1 only