

**Q: The 'three-drug regimen' of dapsone, rifampicin and clofazimine, recently approved by the Government of India for which of the following diseases?**

- a) Malaria
- b) Leprosy
- c) Tuberculosis
- d) HIV-AIDS

Ans: b

Explanation:

- The three-drug regimen of dapsone, rifampicin, and clofazimine is known as Multidrug Therapy (MDT) and is the standard treatment for leprosy recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is highly effective in curing leprosy and preventing its transmission.

**Q: NATO was established in response to which geopolitical event?**

- a) Cuban Missile Crisis
- b) Korean War
- c) Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- d) Berlin Airlift

Ans: c

Explanation:

- While the other events played significant roles in shaping the Cold War and influencing NATO's development, the specific formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1949 was primarily a response to the growing Soviet influence in Eastern Europe and concerns about potential Soviet aggression.
- The Cuban Missile Crisis occurred in 1962, well after NATO's establishment.
- The Korean War (1950-1953) did contribute to anxieties about communist expansion, but it wasn't the sole trigger for NATO's formation.
- The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan happened in 1979, again falling outside the timeframe of NATO's founding.
- The Berlin Airlift (1948-1949) was a critical event highlighting Soviet aggression and Western resolve, but it served as a catalyst for the already planned establishment of NATO, not the sole reason for its creation.

**Q: Vijay Raghavan committee, recently seen in the news, is related to which of the following?**

- a) To review the functioning of the DRDO.
- b) To reform the Prime Minister's office (PMO).
- c) To speed up the defence exports from the country.
- d) To review the infrastructure along LoC on the India-China border.

Ans: a

Explanation:

- A committee led by Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan was formed by the Ministry of Defence to review and restructure the functioning of the DRDO and the defence R&D ecosystem in the country.

**Q: With reference to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. The scheme is launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
2. Central Assistance of Rs. 5 Lakh per Economically Weaker Section (EWS) house is provided by the Government.

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

Ans: c

Explanation:

- MoHUA is the nodal agency responsible for implementing PMAY-U across India.
- While the exact amount might differ depending on the location and type of house, the government does provide financial aid for EWS housing under PMAY-U. The assistance can range from ₹1.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh per house.

**Q: Recently, Russia blames Ukraine for an attack on a gas terminal at the Baltic Sea port. In context of the above statements, which of the following countries share a border with the Baltic Sea ?**

1. Denmark
2. Germany
3. Poland
4. Switzerland
5. Finland

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
- b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- c) 2, 4 and 5 only
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Out of the listed countries, only 1. Denmark, 2. Germany, 3. Poland, and 5. Finland share a border with the Baltic Sea.
- Switzerland is located entirely inland in Central Europe and has no coastline, hence it's not on the list.