

IPB 2.0 PRELIMS TEST - 13 (SOLUTION)
(IPM 2021)

71. Correct Answer : B

Answer Justification :

Article 343 (1) of the Constitution provides that Hindi in Devanagari script shall be the official language of the Union. Hence statement 1 is incorrect.

Article 343 (2) also provides for continuing the use of English in official work of the Union for a period of 15 years (i.e., upto January 25, 1965) from the date of commencement of the Constitution.

Article 343 (3) empowered the Parliament to provide by law for continued use of English for official purposes even after January 25, 1965. The Act also lays down under Section 3 (3) that both Hindi and English shall compulsorily be used for certain specified purpose such as resolutions, general Orders, Rules, Notifications, Administrative and other Reports, Press Communiques; Administrative and other reports and official papers to be laid before a House or the Houses of Parliament; contracts, agreements, licenses, permits, tender notices and forms of tender, etc.

With a view to ensuring compliance of the constitutional and legal provisions regarding official language and to promote the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union, the Department of Official Language was set up in 1975 as an independent department of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Since then, this Department has been making efforts for accelerating the progressive use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union. In accordance with the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, this Department has been entrusted with the following items of work that include:- co-ordination in all matters relating to the progressive use of Hindi as the Official Language of the Union, including administrative terminology, syllabi, textbooks, training courses and equipment (with standardized script) required there for; matters relating to the Kendriya Hindi Samiti and the Central Translation Bureau, etc.

72. Correct Answer : D

Answer Justification :

All the statements given above are correct.

The principal tributaries of Brahmaputra in India are the Subansiri, Jia Bhareli, Dhansiri, Puthimari, Pagladiya and the Manas. **The Brahmaputra in Bangladesh fed by Teesta, etc. finally falls into the Ganga. The Barak river, the head stream of Meghna, rises in the hills in Manipur.**

The Godavari in the southern Peninsula has the second largest river basin covering 10 per cent of the area of India. Next to it is the Krishna basin in the region and the Mahanadi is another large basin of the region. The basin of the Narmada in the uplands of the Deccan, flowing to the Arabian Sea and of the Cauvery in the south, falling into the Bay of Bengal are about the same size, though with different character and shape

73. Correct Answer : D

Answer Justification :

Irrawaddy dolphins are found in coastal areas in South and Southeast Asia, and in **three** rivers: the **Irrawaddy (Myanmar)**, the **Mahakam (Indonesian Borneo)** and the **Mekong**.

Dolphin distribution in Chilika is considered to be the highest single lagoon population.

It is an **endangered species. Hence Statement 3 is incorrect.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/146-irrawaddy-dolphins-sighted-in-chilika/article30600863.ece>

74. Correct Answer : D

Answer Justification :

The Union Budget has three sets of data for every concerned sector or sub-sector of the economy:

(i) **Actual data of the preceding year (here preceding year means one year before the year in which the Budget is being presented).** Suppose the Budget presented is for the year 2020–21, the Budget will give the final/actual data for the year 2018-19. After the data either we write ‘A’, means actual data/final data or write nothing (India writes nothing).

(ii) **Provisional data of the current year (i.e., 2019–20)** since the Budget for 2020–21 is presented at the end of the fiscal 2019–20, it provides Provisional Estimates for this year (shown as ‘PE’ in brackets with the data).

(iii) **Budgetary estimates for the following year** (here following year means one year after the year in which the Budget is being presented or the year for which the Budget is being presented, i.e., 2020–21). This is shown with the symbol ‘BE’ in brackets with the concerned data.)

75. Correct Answer : C

Answer Justification :