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In search of the Wuhan spirit

As the Mandarins prepare to assume their duties, India must ensure that it does not provide China, leading to replace its adversaries.

- The second informal summit between the leaders of India and China.
- April, 2018
- Wuhan City, China

- Second Informal Summit
- October, 2019
- Mamallapuram, India

Wuhan
- Capital of Hubei province of China
- Largest comprehensive transportation hub in Central China
- Scientific and educational institutions
- Rich in natural resources
- Strong industrial bases

Part A—Preliminary Examination
Paper 1—(200 marks)
- Current events of national and international significance.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER III

General Studies II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.
- India and its neighborhood-relations.
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and affecting India's interests.
- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.

Mamallapuram
- Symbolic of India's soft power
- 8th Century AD - Security pact between India and China - earliest recorded security pact between 2 countries
  - Chinese side sought help from Pallava king (India) to counter Tibet
  - Pallava king - Narasimha Varma II (Rajasimhan)
- Renowned for its architecture
- Ruled by Pallava dynasty (275 - 897 AD)

Little Change / Not so much change in India-China relations; but many things have changed the circumstances surrounding India-China relations, after Wuhan Summit

1. Sharp deterioration of US-China relations
2. Strengthening of India-Russia relations
3. India's influence in East Asia - as a result of triangular relationship with Russia & Japan
4. Increasing criticisms on Belt & Road Initiative of China
5. China's domestic scene (not sound as it was in 2018)
**China's Concerns:**

- Indian interests in Russian Far East region
  - India - Economic Dimension - Line of Credit
- Strengthened relations with Japan and Quad grouping
  - Quad - revived in 2017
  - dialogue - at the level of Senior officers
- Conduct of an ‘all arms integrated’ exercise - near Chushul, eastern Ladakh
  - Codenamed as Changthang Prahar

**Reopening of Advance Landing Ground at Vijaynagar, Arunachal Pradesh**
- Major combat exercise in Arunachal Pradesh
  - new Integrated Battle Groups to take part

**Charging infra guidelines for electric vehicles get nod**

One charging station in 3x3 km grid in all cities mandated

**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.
- General issues on Environmental ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization.

**Part B—Main Examination**

**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.

**PAPER-IV**

- General Studies III: Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management
  - Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.
  - Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.

**News:**

- Amendments in Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Guidelines and Specifications - approved

- India's Target
  - to achieve 30% of EVs by 2030 in overall composition of the vehicles
  - to achieve 15% in next 5 years
Phase-wise installations

- Cities → One charging station in grid of 3 km x 3 km
- Highways → One charging station at every 25 km
- Phase I → expressways & important highways connected with Mega cities
  * Mega city → Population with 40 lakh plus as per 2011 Census
- Phase II → Big Cities (State Capitals, UT HQs)

Fast charging Station for long range and heavy duty EV → at every 100 kms

Private charging at residences or offices → permitted
→ will be facilitated by DISCOMs

Public Charging Station (PCS)
- type of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)
- Charging outside home premises
- Setting up PCS → de-licensed activity
  * any individual / entity can setup

Nodal Agency
- Centre → Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power
- State → State government to nominate

FAME India - II Scheme

- Expanded version of FAME India - I Scheme
- Part of National Electric Mobility Mission Plan
- FAME → ‘Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India’
- Implemented by Dept. of Heavy Industries, Min. of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises
- To promote electric mobility in India

Objectives:
1. To support electric vehicle industries with incentives
   → Vehicles must use Lithium Ion batteries or any new technology batteries
2. To establish Charging Infrastructure in major cities
   → One charging station in a grid of 3 km x 3 km
3. To establish Charging Infrastructure on major highways for every 25 kms
Corporation school teacher gets environment award

He created awareness among students — special commendation
The Civilspedia Environment Team (CPREEC) presented the Award 2018 to C. Thangam for creating awareness among schoolchildren on Chennai.

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.

⇒ World Animal Day / World Animal Welfare Day:
  ➔ Celebrated on October 4
  ➔ Mission → to raise the status of animals, to improve welfare standards

⇒ Wildlife Week → October 2nd to 8th every year
  ➔ to preserve fauna of India
  ➔ Started in 1952 → to save animal extinction of any species of India
  ➔ Indian Board of Wildlife → in 1952
  * improving awareness towards wildlife preservation
  * Replaced in 2003
  • By National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)

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⇒ National Board for Wildlife
  ➔ Statutory Board
  ➔ Setup under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (WPA, 1972)
  ➔ 47 members + P.M. (Chairperson)
  ➔ Minister-in-Charge (Vice-chairperson of MoEF & CC)
  ➔ responsible for promotion of conservation and development of wildlife & forests

⇒ C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC)
  • Centre of Excellence of MoEF & CC
  • Established jointly by MoEF & CC and C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation
  • Mission → increase awareness and knowledge of key target groups about environment (school children, women, etc.)

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President commutes 20 death sentences in nine years

Life and death
The Ministry of Home Affairs has statutory powers to remit life sentences of prisoners under the Code of Criminal Procedure. The President can exercise his powers under Art. 61 (2) of the Constitution to commute the death sentence.

Article 72 of Indian Constitution
- Power of President to grant pardons, etc.
  and to suspend, remit or commute sentences, in certain cases
- President shall have the power to grant pardons, reprieves, respites or remissions of punishment or he can suspend, remit or commute the sentence of ‘any’ person convicted of ‘any’ offence
  - by a court martial
  - offence against any law - matter - executive power of the Union extends
  - Sentence of death

Pardoning Power of the President
- part of the constitutional scheme
- Not a private act of grace on the part of the President
- Not supposed to act on his/her own judgement
- Article 74

President (Article 72) Vs Governor (Article 161)
- President - pardon, reprieve, respite, suspend, remit, commute - Sentences given by court martial
  - Governor cannot
- President - pardon, reprieve, respite, suspend, commute - death sentence
  - Governor cannot
SC gives tax relief for food at incorporated clubs

The court said “sale” of goods lacks the essential aspect of sale - seller and a buyer.

In a significant judgment, the Supreme Court has held that supply of food, drinks and beverages by an incorporated members club to its permanent members is not “sale.” There is no sale by one person to another for consideration, as one cannot sell something to oneself,” Justice Sullum, who wrote the 76-page judgment, pronounced on Thursday and published on October 4.

Judgement

No sales tax on incorporated and unincorporated clubs - for supply of food and drinks to permanent members

No service tax on clubs incorporated from 2005

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<th>Unincorporated Entity</th>
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<td>A legal entity</td>
<td>A group of people with a purpose - not for profit</td>
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<td>Not legally separate from owners</td>
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Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)

- Indian Polity and Governance-Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-IV


- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.

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Supply of goods between club and members - Not a Seller - buyer reaction

- Doctrine of Mutuality
  - a person cannot make profit from himself

An incorporated entity - a separate legal identity - an agent of its members

46th Constitutional Amendment → added Article 366 (29A) - tax on sale/purchase of goods
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements.

1. The objective of FAME India-II Scheme is to establish a charging infrastructure in the major cities of the country to ensure availability of at least one charging station in a grid of 3 km x 3 km.

2. The Central Nodal Agency that will act as the key facilitator in the installation of Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles throughout the country is the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Which among the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

Q. Consider the following statements, with reference to the National Board for Wildlife.

1. It is a statutory board set up under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. It functions under Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
3. Union minister for Environment is its ex officio Chairperson.

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

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

Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC).

1. It is a Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
2. Its mission is to increase awareness and knowledge of key target groups such as school children, women, etc. about the various aspects of environment.

Which among the above statements is/are not correct?

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

Q. Which of the following articles of Indian Constitution deal with the Power of the President to commute death sentences?

a) Article 74
b) Article 72
c) Article 123
d) Article 143

Practice Question – Prelims

Q. With reference to “incorporation”, consider the following statements.

1. Incorporation makes an association a legal entity.
2. Imposition of sales tax is not applicable if the transaction is between the incorporated entity and its permanent members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
Practice Question – Mains
GS - II

Q. “There is not much change in the relations between India and China since Wuhan Summit of 2018. But after the summit many things have changed, altering the circumstances surrounding India – China relations”. Explain with suitable examples.

Practice Question – Answers
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Q1. Option ‘a’ – 1 only
Q2. Option ‘b’ – 1 and 2
Q3. Option ‘d’ – Neither 1 nor 2
Q4. Option ‘b’ – Article 72
Q5. Option ‘c’ – Both 1 and 2