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DAILY MCQ'S

70th BPSC
PRELIMS EXAM

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Kuwait?

- a** Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah
- b** Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah
- c** Jasem Mohammed Ibrahim Al Huwaidi
- d** Nasser Al-Kharafi

Answer **a**

EXPLANATION

- Kuwait's Emir has appointed Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah as the new prime minister of Kuwait. This decision follows the resignation of former Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah on April 7.
- The new prime minister Sheikh Ahmad is a Kuwaiti economist and has served as Minister of Finance and Communications from 1999 to 2005, before serving as Minister of Health, Minister of oil and Minister of Information from 2006 to 2011.



Q. The Global Forest Watch is established by-

- a World Bank**
- b World Resources Institute (WRI)**
- c World Wildlife Fund (WWF)**
- d United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)**

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- The Global Forest Watch is an online platform that provides data and tools for monitoring forests. It is established by World Resources Institute (WRI), launched in 1997.**
- India has lost 2.33 million hectares of tree cover since 2000, equivalent to a six per cent decrease in tree cover during this period, according to the latest data from the Global Forest Watch monitoring project.**
- The Global Forest Watch, which tracks forest changes in near real-time using satellite data and other sources, said that India has lost 4,14,000 hectares of humid primary forest (4.1 per cent) from 2002 to 2023, making up 18 per cent of its total tree cover loss in the same period.**



Q. The term 'Gaia-BH3', recently seen in the news, is a/an-

- a** New variant of Coronavirus
- b** Invasive alien species
- c** massive stellar black hole
- d** new amphibian species found in Andaman Islands

Answer **c**

EXPLANATION

- ✓ Astronomers have detected the largest stellar black hole with mass 33 times that of the Sun in the Milky Way galaxy. It is also the second closest black hole to Earth, sitting just 2,000 light years away from the planet.
- ✓ The new discovered stellar black hole "Gaia BH3" has dethroned Cygnus X-1, which is 21 times as massive as the Sun, to become the most massive black hole of stellar origin in the Milky Way.
- ✓ Nearly all stellar black holes were found because they exist in binaries or pair up with a companion star. The more massive of the two likely evolves into a black hole, with its companion orbiting it. Gaia BH3 was observed causing an odd 'wobbling' motion on the companion star orbiting it.



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Q. Consider the following statements with respect to Men5CV Vaccine:

- 1** It protects people against 5 strains (A, C, W, Y and X) of the meningococcus bacteria.
- 2** It is being recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

a 1 only

b 2 only

c Both 1 and 2

d Neither 1 nor 2

Answer **c**

EXPLANATION

- Both the statements are correct.**
- Nigeria has become the 1st country in the world to roll out a new vaccine (called Men5CV) against meningitis. It protects people against 5 strains (A, C, W, Y and X) of the meningococcus bacteria. It was recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).**
- The vaccine and emergency vaccination activities are funded by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Nigeria is one of the 26 meningitis hyper-endemic countries of Africa, situated in the area known as the African Meningitis Belt.**



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Q. Who among the following has been chosen for the Malcom Adiseshiah Award 2024?

a KK Shailaja

b Ravva Dave

c CV Ananda Bose

d Surinder Jodhka

Answer **d**

EXPLANATION

- Surinder S Jodhka, professor at Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU), has been chosen for the Malcom Adiseshiah Award 2024.
- Every year the award is presented to outstanding social scientists. Last year, it was awarded to Utsa Patnaik.