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China-Taiwan Relations

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. China currently lays claim to Taiwan, and refuses to maintain diplomatic relations with countries that recognize it as a nation.
2. Beijing considers Taiwan a province of China, while Taiwan considers itself a sovereign state.
3. China is Taiwan's top trading partner, with a total trade of \$226 billion between the two countries during the year 2018.

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

- (A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) all of the above

Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role: - Recently, information has been given by Taiwan about the death of 38 Chinese military jets flying in its defence airspace. Taiwan claims this is one of the biggest incursions by Beijing into its territory.

Exam Useful Points:-

- Taiwan is a self-governing country, and is de facto independent, but it has never formally declared independence from China.
- Under the one country two systems formula, Taiwan governs its own affairs, with a similar system being used in Hong Kong.
- China currently lays claim to Taiwan, and talks about not maintaining diplomatic relations with countries that recognize it as a nation.
- India-Taiwan Relations India-Taiwan do not have formal diplomatic relations, yet Taiwan and India are cooperating in various fields.
- India had refused to support China's One China policy since 2010.
- Beijing considers Taiwan a province of China. The same Taiwan considers itself a 'sovereign state'.
- China claims Taiwan through its 'One China policy' In 1949, at the end of the two-decade civil war in China, when the founder of the People's Republic of China, Mao Zedong, took control of all of China, the leader of the opposition Nationalist Party and Supporters fled to the island of Taiwan.
- China is Taiwan's top trading partner, with a total trade of \$226 billion between the two countries during 2018.

UN Security Council

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. North Korea has warned the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) that if the council tries to infringe on North Korea's sovereignty, it will have to face its consequences in the future.
2. After a six-month hiatus, North Korea resumed missile testing in September, and began testing the several missiles, and several new missiles, including nuclear-capable ones capable of hitting South Korea and Japan weapons have been developed.
3. Six main organs of the United Nations have been established by the United Nations Charter, including the United Nations Security Council.

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

- (A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) all of the above

Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role: - Recently, North Korea has warned the United Nations Security Council against criticizing its country's missile program which has been isolated.

Exam Useful Points:-

- The United Nations Charter establishes six main organs of the United Nations, including the United Nations Security Council.
- Permanent and non-permanent members The United Nations Security Council consists of a total of 15 members out of which 5 are permanent members and 10 are temporary members.
- North Korea has warned the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) that if the council tries to infringe on North Korea's sovereignty, it will face consequences in the future.
- North Korea has accused the UN body of adopting double standards of behaviour. That the United Nations Security Council does not equally raise the issue of tests of similar weapons by the United States and its allies.
- The UN Security Council is presided over by the member states for a month, taking turns in the alphabetical order of their names in English.
- The President of the Security Council acts as a diplomat or mediator to coordinate the Council's actions, decide on policy disputes, and sometimes between conflicting groups.

- The United Nations Security Council is proposed to be reformed on five major issues, categories of membership, the question of veto power given to the five permanent members, regional representation, etc.

Jal Jeevan Mission

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. Under Jal Jeevan Mission, it is envisaged to supply 55 liters of water per person per day through functional household tap connections to all rural households by the year 2024.
2. This campaign is being implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
3. The objective of this mission is to create a mass movement for water, through which it becomes everyone's priority.

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

- (A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) all of the above

Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role:- Recently, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, on October 2, 2021, the Prime Minister has launched Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) mobile application to make stakeholders more aware and for greater transparency and accountability of the schemes under the mission.

Exam Useful Points:-

- The objective of this mission is to create a mass movement for water, through which it becomes everyone's priority.
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, it is envisaged to supply 55 liters of water per person per day through functional household tap connections to all rural households by the year 2024.
- This campaign is being implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Under this, priority should be given to installation of functional household tap connections in quality affected areas, villages in drought prone and desert areas, villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana etc.
- To facilitate functional tap connections to schools, Anganwadi centres, Gram Panchayat buildings, health centres, wellness centers and community buildings.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission is based on a community approach to water, and incorporates comprehensive information education and dialogue as key components of the mission.
- So far, supply of tap water has been ensured in 7, 72,000 (76%) schools and 7, 48,000 (67.5%) Anganwadi centres.