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**Current Affairs**

**# Question 1**

Who was the author of 'The Commonweal' a) Annie Besant OR b) Sarojini Naidu

Answer:

The Commonweal was written by **Annie Besant**.

Detailed Answer:

**Answer:** The Commonweal was written by **Annie Besant**.**Enrich Your Learning:**

**Annie Besant**

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- She was a **British socialist, theosophist, freemason, women's rights activist, educationist, writer, orator, political party member, and philanthropist.**
- She was an ardent supporter of both **Irish and Indian self-rule.**
- She was **one of the founders of Banaras Hindu University.**
- For fifteen years, she was a public proponent in England of atheism and scientific materialism.
- Besant's goal was to **provide employment, better living conditions, and proper education for the poor.**
- In 1907 she **became president of the Theosophical Society**, whose international headquarters were, by then, located in Adyar, Madras, (Chennai).
- She launched the **Home Rule League to campaign for democracy in India**, and dominion status within the British Empire.

**Major Works**

- **The Commonweal** (a weekly dealing on Indian national issues)
- **New India** (a daily newspaper that was a powerful mouthpiece for 15 years advocating Home Rule and revolutionizing Indian journalism)

**Kumaragurubara**

- He was a **poet and Saivite ascetic** connected with the **Dharmapuram Adheenam.**
- He was born in Srivaikuntam in Tirunelveli District in **Tamil Nadu.**
- He **spread the message of Saivism.**
- He **renovated the Kedareswar temple.**

**Literary contributions**

**His contributions are**

- Sakalakalavalli Maalai – In praise of Saraswati
- Muththukumaraswami Pillai Tamil – In praise of Murugan
- Tiruvarur Nanmani Malai
- Madurai Kalambakam and
- Meenakshi Pillai Tamil – In praise of Meenakshi
- Sivakami Ammai Irattai Mani Malai
- Chidhambara Cheyyul Kovai
- Kandar Kalivenba In praise of Lord Murugan

**# Question 2**

Who proposed the World-systems theory?

Answer:

World-systems theory was proposed by **Immanuel Wallerstein**.

Detailed Answer:

**Answer:** World-systems theory was proposed by **Immanuel Wallerstein**.

**Enrich Your Learning:**

**World-systems theory**

- It is a **multidisciplinary approach to world history and social change** which emphasizes the world system (and not nation-states) as the primary (but not exclusive) unit of social analysis.
- It refers to the **inter-regional and transnational division** of labor, which divides the world into core countries, semi-periphery countries, and periphery countries.
- It was introduced by sociologist **Immanuel Wallerstein in 1974**, emphasizing an interconnected perspective of looking at world politics.
  - He said there are three major zones of production: core, peripheral and semi-peripheral.
  - **The core zones** reap profits, being the owners of cutting-edge technologies.
  - **Peripheral zones** engage in less sophisticated production that is more labor-intensive.
- There are **three major predecessors of world-systems theory**: the Annales school, the Marxist tradition, and the dependency theory.

**# Question 3**

Which ministry is the nodal agency for the implementation of the Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure scheme a) Ministry of Food Processing OR b) Ministry of Agriculture

Answer:

**Ministry of Food Processing** is implementing the Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure scheme.

Detailed Answer:

**Answer: Ministry of Food Processing** is implementing the Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure scheme.

**Enrich Your Learning:**

### **Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure scheme**

- **Implementing Agency:** The Ministry of Food Processing.
- **Objective:** To provide integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities, without any break, from the farm gate to the consumer.
- It covers the **creation of infrastructure facilities** along the entire supply chain viz. pre-cooling, weighing, sorting, grading, waxing facilities at farm level, multi-product/multi-temperature cold storage, CA storage, etc.
- It will **enable linking producers to food processors and markets** through a well-equipped supply chain and cold chain, thereby ensuring remunerative prices to farmers and year-round availability of food products to consumers.

### **Components of the scheme**

- It allows **flexibility in project planning** with special emphasis on the creation of cold chain infrastructure at the farm level.
- It will have the following project components:
  - Farm Level Infrastructure
  - Processing Centre
  - Distribution Hub
  - Irradiation Facility
  - Refrigerated vans/refrigerated trucks /insulated vans/mobile isolated tankers.

### **Why in News?**

Expressions of Interest (EoI) are evaluated based on eligibility and assessment criteria enshrined in the guidelines for a scheme for “Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure”.

## **# Question 4**

Under the All India Debt & Investment survey, household assets do not include the stocks of commodities held by households. True or False?

Answer:

**True.**

Detailed Answer:

**Answer: True.**

**Enrich Your Learning:**

### All India Debt & Investment survey

- It was started in 1951-52.
- It is a sample survey that **generates basic quantitative information on the assets, liabilities, and capital expenditure** of the household sector in the economy.
- It provides data on **household debt by credit agency** (formal and informal sectors), purpose (production- and consumption-related loans), interest rates, and security/collateral.
- It divides debt into two categories:
  - **Cash debt** (including loans on hire purchase) or debt was taken in cash, irrespective of whether it is settled in cash or kind;
  - **Debt has been taken in kind**, irrespective of whether it is settled in cash or in kind.
- All the estimates of the AIDIS are based on cash debt.
- Debt in kind, along with dues payable to various agencies such as shopkeepers and schools, are termed “**current liabilities**” and are classified separately.
- It provides data on the **assets of households**.
  - Household assets include **physical assets** (such as land, buildings, livestock, farm and non-farm equipment, and durable household assets) and **financial assets** (such as shares, deposits, and loan receivables).
  - They do not **include crops standing in fields and stocks of commodities held by households**.
- It values physical assets at their current market prices in their existing condition in the given locality.

## # Question 5

Harike Wildlife sanctuary is situated on the confluence of the Sutlej and Ravi rivers. True or False?

Answer:

**False.**

Harike Wildlife sanctuary is situated on the confluence of **the Sutlej and Beas rivers**.

Detailed Answer:

Answer: False.

**Correct Answer:** Harike Wildlife sanctuary is situated on the confluence of the **Sutlej and Beas rivers**.

Enrich Your Learning:

**Harike Wetland /Harike Wildlife Sanctuary**



**Figure 1: Location Map of Harike Wetland with Sampling Site.**

[Ref-Twitter]

- It spreads over 86 square kilometers in Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, and Kapurthala districts and serves as a home to rare species of migratory water birds during the winter season.
- It is situated on the **confluence of the Sutlej and Beas rivers**.
- The wetland and the lake were formed by constructing the **headworks across the Sutlej river in 1953**.
- Winged guests like spoonbills, painted storks, coots, common pochard, ruddy shelduck, gadwall, bar-headed geese, greylag geese, and common teal arrive here every year.
- **Endangered turtles and smooth-coated otters**, listed in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Animals, are found in the wetland.
- It has been **responsible for the recognition accorded to this wetland in 1990, by the Ramsar**

**Convention**, as one of the Ramsar sites in India, for the conservation, development, and preservation of the ecosystem.

### Why in News?

Migratory birds from different countries have started arriving at Punjab's Harike wetland.