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India builds 250 homes in Myanmar to assist Rohingya

Rohingyas
- Ethnic Muslim minority
- Before August 2017, 10 Lakh Rohingyas resided in Rakhine state of Myanmar
- Differ from Myanmar’s dominant Buddhist groups
- Subjected to repeated persecution since 1940s
  - 1982 - New citizenship law made them Stateless
  - 2014 - Census excluded them
  - 2015 - Not allowed to participate as voters & candidates
- Since 2016 - 7 Lakh Rohingyas fled from Myanmar to camps in Bangladesh
  - Kutupalong camp
- August 2017 - Attack on Myanmar Police Posts by Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army

News Article:
- India has built 250 pre-fabricated homes in Myanmar to rehabilitate Rohingyas
- Friendly gesture to Myanmar Govt
- Creative incentive for Rohingyas to return
- Shwe Zar, Kyein Chaung Taung, Nan Thar Taung
- Witnessed worst incidents of violence
- Part of agreement between India & Myanmar
- Enabling provisions for return of Rohingyas
- Socio-economic development of Rakhine state of Myanmar
- $25 million USD - 5 years

Experts:
- Myanmar Govt
  - Refuses to give citizenship to Rohingyas
  - Refuses to prosecute and punish military personnel and others responsible for mass killings, sexual assaults, etc
  - In such situations, Rohingyas will not return
  - ‘Trust’ has to be built first
- Building trust is important than building homes
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. In which of the following country thousands of people belonging to the Rohingya community have fled their country due to ethnic cleansing and genocide?

   a) Bangladesh  
   b) Sri Lanka  
   c) India  
   d) Myanmar
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Which of the following is not a space telescope/observatory?

1. Spektr-RG
2. Hubble
3. ASTROSAT

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

a) 1 only
b) 2 and 3 only
c) All the above
d) None

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Civilspedia Team - Powered by Shankar IAS Academy
- Second Informal Summit - Chinese President and Indian PM
  - Varanasi, U.P.
- First Informal Summit - April 2018
  - Wuhan, China
- Informal Summit → one-to-one discussions
- Second Informal Summit
  - energise ties between India and China
  - 70th anniversary of China’s diplomatic relations with India
  - boat ride in the Ganga River

- Minister of External Affairs → Visit Beijing
  - People-to-People exchange mechanism
    - impact on opinion making and improving relations
  - trade and commerce - will not be covered

Chandrayaan-2

⇒ 2nd mission to reach and study the South Pole of the moon
⇒ Orbiter + (Lander + Rover)
  ↓ Soft land on the moon
⇒ Success rate of Soft-landing - 52%
⇒ Energy for Lander + Rover
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements about Chandrayaan-2.

1. The orbiter will analyse the composition of the elemental samples that are collected from the lunar surface.

2. The main purpose of the rover is to study the lunar atmosphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2.
Why is India opting for overseas bonds?

Sovereign bonds:
- Government bonds
- Debt instrument to raise money
- Promises to pay periodic interest payments and also repay the entire face value of the bond, on the maturity date
- Usually issued within India
- Recent budget speech

- India’s sovereign external debt to GDP ratio is less than 5%.
- Govt would start to borrow money from external markets, in external currencies
  - Will create demand for Govt bonds in the domestic market

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)
- Current events of national and international importance.
- Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-IV

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.
- Government Budgeting.
**Practice Question – Prelims**

Q. Which of the following statement is wrong with respect to ‘sovereign bonds’?

a) It is a debt instrument issued by the government

b) The entire face value will be paid at the end of maturity period.

c) They can be issued even outside a particular country.

d) Foreign exchange reserves of a particular country will reduce if the sovereign bonds are issued in external markets.
Practice Question – Prelims

Q1. In which of the following country thousands of people belonging to the Rohingya community have fled their country due to ethnic cleansing and genocide?

   a) Bangladesh
   b) Sri Lanka
   c) India
   d) Myanmar
Practice Question – Prelims

Q2. Consider the following statements about Chandrayaan-2.

1. The orbiter will analyse the composition of the elemental samples that are collected from the lunar surface.

2. The main purpose of the rover is to study the lunar atmosphere.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Practice Question – Prelims

Q3. Which of the following statement is wrong with respect to ‘sovereign bonds’?

a) It is a debt instrument issued by the government

b) The entire face value will be paid at the end of maturity period.

c) They can be issued even outside a particular country

d) Foreign exchange reserves of a particular country will reduce if the sovereign bonds are issued in external markets
Practice Question – Prelims

Q4. Which of the following is not a space telescope/observatory?

1. Spektr-RG
2. Hubble
3. ASTROSAT

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

a) 1 only
b) 2 and 3 only
c) All the above
d) None

Answers

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1. Option d) Myanmar
2. Option d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. Option d) Foreign exchange reserves of a particular country will reduce if the sovereign bonds are issued in external markets
4. Option d) None