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- d) Siberian Crane

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- All the other options except Greater adjutant storks are listed under Critically Endangered category of IUCN Red List.
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1. It is a mechanism to make sure that senior leaders from both countries are engaged consistently to strengthen the opportunities in the field of defence.
2. It aims to strengthen India's defence industrial base, exploring new areas of technological development and expanding U.S.-India business ties.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- In August 2018, the US granted to India the designation of Strategic Trade Authority Tier 1 or STA-1, "providing India with greater supply-chain efficiency by allowing US companies to export a greater range of dual-use and high-technology items to India under streamlined processes." This authorization is the equivalent of NATO allying with Japan, South Korea and Australia.

- DTTI came about to expedite the scope of cooperation on defence technology that became narrow due to the presence of differing bureaucratic processes and legal requirements.
- While DTTI is not a treaty or law, it is a flexible mechanism to make sure that senior leaders from both countries are engaged consistently to strengthen the opportunities in the field of defence. Its central aims include strengthening India's defence industrial base, exploring new areas of technological development and expanding U.S.-India business ties.

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Kartarpur Sahib pilgrim corridor.

1. It is a visa-free border crossing and secure corridor, connecting the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan to the border with India.
2. The gurdwara in Kartarpur stands on the bank of the river Ravi.
3. The place holds significance because the first guru of Sikhism, Guru Nanak was born in Kartarpur.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A) 1, 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

Answer:-A

Q4. Consider the following statement with respect to 'Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation' (APEC)

1. It is the only international intergovernmental grouping in the world committed to reducing barriers to trade and investment without requiring its members to enter into legally binding obligations.

2. India is a member.

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

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

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- Recently, Chile President Sebastian Piñera announced that Chile won't host APEC and COP25 summits, after weeks of street protests.
- The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific.
- Its members are of 21 Pacific Rim economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
- 21 Members Economies: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philip-

pines, Singapore, Thailand, United States, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Chile, Peru, Russian and Vietnam.

- India is not a Member. India is observer of APEC since 2011 and has applied for membership.
- APEC operates as a cooperative, multilateral economic and trade forum.
- It is the only international intergovernmental grouping in the world committed to reducing barriers to trade and investment without requiring its members to enter into legally binding obligations.
- APEC achieves its goals by promoting dialogue and arriving at decisions on a consensus basis, giving equal weight to the views of all members.

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Cape Town Agreement, sometimes seen in news.

1. Cape Town Agreement was adopted by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to help combat illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing.
2. It seeks to introduce mandatory safety measures for fishing vessels.
3. India was the first country to sign and ratify the agreement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 2

d) 2, 3

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- India, ranked third in fisheries, is yet to ratify a global regulatory regime adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for safety of fishing vessels.
- Cape Town Agreement seeks to introduce mandatory safety measures for fishing vessels of 24 metres and over in length.
- The Cape Town Agreement was adopted by the IMO in 2012 to help combat illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing. The treaty will enter into force 12 months after at least 22 nations, with an aggregate 3,600 fishing vessels of 24 metres and over in length operating on the high seas, have expressed their consent to be bound by it. The Cape Town Agreement includes mandatory international requirements for stability and associated seaworthiness, machinery and electrical installations, life-saving appliances, communications equipment and fire protection, as well as fishing vessel construction. It is aimed at facilitating better control of fishing vessel safety by flag, port and coastal states.

Q6. Consider the following statements about United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

1. It is the regional development arm of the United Nations for the Asia-Pacific region, established in 2000.
2. It is the largest United Nations body serving the Asia-Pacific region.
3. India is the founder member of UNESCAP.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2 only

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is the regional development arm of the United Nations for the Asia-Pacific region. ESCAP is the most comprehensive of the United Nations five regional commissions, and the largest United Nations body serving the Asia-Pacific region.
- Established in 1947 with its headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, ESCAP works to overcome some of the region's greatest challenges by providing results-oriented projects, technical assistance and capacity building to member States.
- India, founder member of UNESCAP, has been closely involved and played a prominent role in its deliberations from its initial years.

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

1. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is an inter-governmental forum for Pacific Rim member economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
2. APEC is recognized as one of the highest-level multilateral blocs and oldest forums in the Asia-Pacific region
3. China, Russia and India are the members of APEC. Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1, 3
 - b) 2, 3
 - c) 1, 2
 - d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is an inter-governmental forum for 21 Pacific Rim member economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
- Headquartered in Singapore, the APEC is recognized as one of the highest-level multilateral blocs and oldest forums in the Asia-Pacific region, and exerts a significant global influence.
- India has requested membership in APEC, and received initial support from

the United States, Japan, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Q8. Consider the following statements about Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

1. OPEC is a group of all the oil-producing nations.
2. The mission of OPEC is to unify the petroleum policies of its Member Countries and ensure regular supply of petroleum to consumers.
3. Iran, Iraq, United Arab Emirates and Qatar are the members of OPEC.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is a group of oil-producing nations that was first established in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1961. As of January 2019, OPEC has 14 member countries. They are: Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, the Republic of the Congo, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela.

- Indonesia is a former member, and Qatar is no longer the member of OPEC from 1 January 2019. Russia is the oil exporting countries, while it is not a member of OPEC.

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Agreement on Reciprocal Logistics Support (ARLS).

1. It is a defence agreement between India and USA.
2. The agreement will simplify interoperability and enable military platforms to receive support and supplies across bases in both nations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-B

Q10. Consider the following statements about Fugitive Economic Offender.

1. A person is declared a Fugitive Economic Offender by a 'Special Court' set up under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA), 2002
2. The property of a fugitive economic offender, including benami property, can be confiscated once he is declared so by the Special Court.
3. Properties abroad are not liable for confiscation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q11. Consider the following statements about Advance Pricing Agreement (APA).

- 1. It is an ahead-of-time agreement between a taxpayer and a tax authority on an appropriate transfer pricing methodology.
- 2. It is only Unilateral in nature that involves only the taxpayer and the tax authority of the country where the taxpayer is located.
- 3. In India, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) signs the APA with the tax payer.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1, 2
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

Answer:-A

Q12. Consider the following statements regarding Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

- 1. IIP is estimated and published biannually by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO).

2. It is a composite indicator that measures the short-term changes in the volume of production of a basket of industrial products during a given period with respect to that in a chosen base period.

3. IIP has contracted steadily from 2012 to 2019 due to continuous slowdown in the capital goods, mining, and manufacturing sectors.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2 only

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is an index that shows the performance of different industrial sectors of the Indian economy. The IIP is estimated and published on a monthly basis by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO). As an all India index, it gives general level of industrial activity in the economy. According to the CSO. "It is a composite indicator that measures the short-term changes in the volume of production of a basket of industrial products during a given period with respect to that in a chosen base period." The current base year is 2011-2012. Following are the three sectors of the IIP as per the revision

based on 2011-12 series. (i) Mining, (ii) Manufacturing and (iii) Electricity

Q13. Consider the following statements regarding Regulation of Foreign Funding.

1. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 and rules framed under it regulate the receipt and usage of foreign contribution by non-governmental organisations in India.
2. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the regulator of Foreign Funding in India.
3. Persons such as a candidate for election, judges and journalists cannot accept foreign funding as per Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q14. Consider the following statements regarding Strategic Disinvestment Process.

1. Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) under the Ministry of Finance is the nodal department for the strategic stake sale.
2. DIPAM and NITI Aayog will jointly identify PSUs for strategic disinvestment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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- d) None

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) under the Ministry of Finance has been made the nodal department for the strategic stake sale.
- This was done with a view to streamlining and speeding up the process and reducing the role of administrative ministries.
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Q15. Consider the following statements regarding Predatory pricing.

1. Predatory pricing is the act of a market leader lowering its prices below its costs.
2. The Government supports Predatory pricing since it makes the products affordable to all sections of the society.
3. New market entrants offering temporary, deep discounts are also considered predatory.

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- b) 1, 3
- c) 1 only
- d) 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q16. Consider the following statements about Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

- 1. It converts multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application of any participating bank, merging several banking features, seamless fund routing & merchant payments into one hood.
 - 2. It was launched by RBI.
 - 3. Money can be transferred through mobile devices round the clock 24*7 except on public holidays.
 - 4. It may also be used for Utility Bill Payments, Over the Counter Payments and Barcode based payments. Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1, 2, 4
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2. The vision is to attain a population of 1000 wild rhinos in Assam.

3. The programme involves wild-to-wild translocation of Rhinos.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

a) 1, 3

b) 2, 3

- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q18. Consider the following statements regarding C40 Cities.

- 1. C40 is a group of 40 cities around the world that is focused on tackling climate change and driving urban action that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks, while increasing the health, well-being and economic opportunities of urban citizens.
- 2. From India, New Delhi and Mumbai are the only two cities that are member cities of the C40.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) is a group of 94 cities around the world. C40 is focused on tackling climate change and driving urban action that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks, while increasing the health, wellbeing and economic opportunities of urban citizens. From India, Bengaluru, Chennai, Jaipur, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi are member cities of the C40.

Q18. Consider the following statements regarding Great Indian Bustards (GIB).

- 1. It is identified as one of the species for the recovery programme under the Integrated Development

of Wildlife Habitats of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

2. Project Great Indian Bustard was launched by the Ministry of Environment and Forests for identifying and fencing off bustard breeding grounds in existing protected areas as well as provide secure breeding enclosures in areas outside protected areas.

3. The bird is categorised as “critically endangered” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Q19. Consider the following statements about Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).

- 1. Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) are declared as per the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- 2. Areas with High endemism and presence of key-stone species can be declared as Biodiversity Heritage Sites.
- 3. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC) will notify areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- “Biodiversity Heritage Sites” (BHS) are well defined areas that are unique, ecologically fragile ecosystems - terrestrial, coastal and inland waters and, marine having rich biodiversity comprising of any one or more of the following components: richness of wild as well as domesticated species or intra-specific categories, high endemism, presence of rare and threatened species, keystone species, species of evolutionary significance, wild ancestors of domestic/cultivated species or their varieties, past pre-eminence of biological components represented by fossil beds and having significant cultural, ethical or aesthetic values and are important for the maintenance of cultural diversity, with or without a long history of human association with them.
- Under Section 37 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (BDA) the State Government in consultation with local bodies may notify in the official gazette, areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).

Q20. Consider the following statements about Ethanol.

1. In India, ethanol is produced from sugarcane only.
2. It allows the engine to more completely combust the fuel.
3. Ethanol is considered as non-renewable fuel.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- Ethanol, an anhydrous ethyl alcohol having chemical formula of C₂H₅OH, can be produced from sugarcane, maize, wheat, etc which are having high starch content. In India, ethanol is mainly produced from sugarcane molasses by fermentation process. Ethanol can be mixed with gasoline to form different blends. As the ethanol molecule contains oxygen, it allows the engine to more completely combust the fuel, resulting in fewer emissions and thereby reducing the occurrence of environmental pollution. Since ethanol is produced from plants that harness the power of the sun, ethanol is also considered as renewable fuel.

Q21. Consider the following statements regarding Eco-sensitive zones.

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2. They act as a transition zone from areas of high protection to areas involving lesser protection.
3. Eco-Sensitive Zones are defined and mentioned in Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Which of the above statements is/ are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
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- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

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1. The GSLEP is a world first joint initiative that aims to conserve the snow leopard within the broader context of also conserving valuable high mountain ecosystems.
2. Snow leopard range countries signed Bishkek Declaration to work towards the goal of the GSLEP.
3. Every year India hosts the GSLEP meet under the aegis of Ministry of environment, forest and climate change.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q23. Consider the following statements regarding Snow Leopard.

1. Snow leopard is listed as critically endangered under the IUCN Red List.
2. In India, the snow leopard habitat is spread over the northern Himalayan Mountains of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
3. The Union Government had launched SECURE Himalaya project for the protection of Snow Leopard.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- Snow leopard is listed as Vulnerable under the IUCN Red List. In India, the snow leopard habitat is spread over the northern Himalayan Mountains of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
- The Union Government had launched SECURE Himalaya, a six-year project to ensure conservation of locally and globally significant biodiversity, land and forest resources in high Himalayan ecosystem spread over four states viz. Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Sikkim.
- It was launched by Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) in association with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Protection of snow leopard and other endangered species and their habitats is one of the key components of the project which will also focus on securing livelihoods of the people in the region and enhancing enforcement to reduce wildlife crime.

Q24. Consider the following statements regarding Green Climate Fund.

1. Green Climate Fund was set up under the Kyoto Protocol to channel funding from developed countries to developing countries to allow them to mitigate climate change.
2. The Fund's investments can be in the form of grants, loans, equity or guarantees.
3. When the Paris Agreement was reached in 2015, the Green Climate Fund was given an important role in serving the agreement and supporting the goal of keeping climate change well below 2 degrees Celsius.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3

- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Q25. Consider the following statements regarding South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP).

- 1. South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) is an arm of Asian Development Bank to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.
- 2. SACEP supports national government's efforts for environmental protection and sustainable development.
- 3. Afghanistan, India and Pakistan are the member countries of SACEP.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q26. Which of the following statements is correct regarding 'Bamboonomics'?

- a) Bamboo plantation in urban areas in order to maintain a sustainable environment and pollution free clean air.
- b) Promoting Bamboo as an alternative in building construction.
- c) Encourage bamboo plantation by farmers in private lands.
- d) A movement to combat desertification and climate change

Answer:-D

Q27. Consider the following statements regarding Swachh Iconic Places (SIP).

1. The Swachh Iconic Places is an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
2. It is a special clean-up initiative focused on all iconic heritage, spiritual and cultural places in the country.
3. The initiative is being coordinated by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in association with the Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and the concerned State governments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir has been named country's 'Best Swachh Iconic Place'.
- The Swachh Iconic Places is an initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission. It is a special clean-up initiative focused on select iconic heritage, spiritual and cultural places in the country. The initiative is being coordinated by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in association with the Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and the concerned State governments.

Q28. Consider the following statements about 'Virtual ID' for Aadhaar

1. The Virtual ID is a random 12-digit number.
2. The ID can be generated as many times as possible.
3. One's Aadhaar number can be derived from the Virtual ID generated.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

Answer:-B

Q29. Consider the following statements regarding Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan.

1. Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan is for inviting private investments for sanitation based integrated development along the River Ganga.
2. This is the first ever effort by National Mission for Clean Ganga.
3. The team from CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research will collect water samples from across the river for the purpose of water testing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- The 'Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan' is a pioneering and historic exploratory open-water

rafting and kayaking expedition on the Ganga River to be held between 10th October 2019 to 11 November 2019. Starting at Devprayag and culminating at Ganga Sagar, the expedition will cover the entire stretch of over 2500 kms of the Ganga River.

- This is the first ever effort by National Mission for Clean Ganga to raft across the entire stretch of the river and also the longest ever social campaign undertaken through an adventure sporting activity to spread the message of River Rejuvenation and Water Conservation on a massive scale. The expedition will draw attention to the ecological challenges being faced by Ganga.
- The expedition will encompass the five Ganga basin states including Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal with stops at Rishikesh, Haridwar, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Patna, Sonepur and Kolkata.
- Apart from the awareness campaign, the team from CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research will collect water samples from across diverse ranges of the river for the purpose of water testing, while members of the Wildlife Institute of India will undertake flora and fauna census for the year 2019.

Q30. Consider the following statements regarding e-Assessment Scheme.

1. It aims to facilitate faceless assessment of income tax returns through completely electronic communication.
2. National e-Assessment Centre (NEAC) headed by Finance Minister has been set up to look after the work of the e-Assessment Scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

c) Both

d) None

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- Centre Government had recently notified e-Assessment scheme to facilitate faceless assessment of income tax returns through completely electronic communication between tax officials and tax payers.
- There would be a National e-Assessment Centre (NEAC) in Delhi to be headed by Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (Pr.CCIT).
- There are 8 Regional e-Assessment Centres (REAC) set up at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata Ahmedabad, Pune, Bengaluru and Hyderabad which would comprise Assessment unit, Review unit, Technical unit and Verification units. Each REAC will be headed by Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (CCIT).

Q31. Consider the following statements.

1. Eat Right Movement was launched by World Health Organisation (WHO) which aims to cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years.
2. Eat Right Movement is aligned with the India's flagship public health programmes such as POSHAN Abhiyaan and Swachh Bharat Mission.
3. FSSAI has prescribed a limit for Total Polar Compounds (TPC) at 25% in cooking oil to avoid the harmful effects of reused cooking oil.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 2

b) 2, 3

- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Q32. Promotion of Digital Transactions including Digital Payments, is the responsibility of

- a) RBI
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- d) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEIT)

Answer:-D

Q33. Consider the following statements regarding Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) Initiative.

1. It aims to provide dignified and quality health care at low cost to every woman and newborn visiting public and private health facility in order to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths.
2. All pregnant women, newborns and mothers up to 6 months of delivery will be able to avail several free health care services.
3. The government will also provide free transport to pregnant women from home to the health facility and drop back after discharge.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

The Union Government has launched Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) to provide quality healthcare at zero cost to pregnant women, new mothers and newborns.

It aims to provide dignified and quality health care at no cost to every woman and newborn visiting a public health facility. Under the scheme, the beneficiaries visiting public health facilities are entitled to several free services.

These include at least four ante natal check-ups that also includes one checkup during the 1st trimester, at least one checkup under Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, Iron Folic Acid supplementation, Tetanus diphteria injection. All pregnant women, newborns and mothers up to 6 months of delivery will be able to avail several free health care services

- The scheme will enable zero expense access to the identification and management of complications during and after the pregnancy.
- The government will also provide free transport to pregnant women from home to the health facility and drop back after discharge (minimum 48 hrs).
- The pregnant women will be able to avail a zero expense delivery and C-section facility in case of complications at public health facilities.
- The scheme will ensure that there is zero-tolerance for denial of services to such patients.

Q34. Consider the following statements about Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

1. It means free coverage for all possible health interventions, regardless of the cost.
2. UHC includes population-based services such as public health campaigns and controlling mosquito breeding grounds.

3. Achieving UHC is one of the key targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q35. Consider the following statements regarding SARAS Aajeevika Mela.

- 1. SARAS Aajeevika Mela is an initiative by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- 2. The objective is to bring the rural women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under one platform to show-case their skills and sell their products.
- 3. The Mela is organised by Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q36. Consider the following statements regarding 'One Nation One FASTag' scheme.

- 1. FAS Tags use RFID technology to enable digital, contactless payment of tolls without having to stop at toll gates.
- 2. The scheme will be implemented on national and state highways throughout the country. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- The 'One Nation One FASTag' scheme will be implemented from December 1 and can be availed upon activation by new cars having Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags on national and state highways throughout the country.
- FAS Tags are stickers that are affixed to the windscreen of vehicles and use RFID technology to enable digital, contactless payment of tolls without having to stop at toll gates.
- The tags are linked to bank accounts and other payment methods. As a car crosses a toll plaza, the amount is automatically deducted, and a notification is sent to the registered mobile phone number. Sensors are placed on toll barriers, and the barriers open for vehicles having valid FAS Tags.
- A FASTag is valid for five years and needs to be recharged only as per requirement.

Q37. Consider the following statements regarding National Genomic Grid.

1. National Genomic Grid will study genomic data of Tuberculosis (TB) patients from India.
2. It will collect samples from Tuberculosis (TB) patients, through a network of pan-India collection centres by bringing all TB treatment institutions on board.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-D

Q38. Consider the following statements regarding Project Bal Basera.

- 1. Project BAL Basera provides Crèche facility for the welfare of Children of Construction Workers.
- 2. The project is supported by Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

Q39. Consider the following statements regarding Food Safety Mitra (FSM).

- 1. In a bid to improve the ease of doing business, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched the scheme Food Safety Mitra (FSM).
- 2. The scheme will support large scale food businesses in compliance to the food safety laws.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-A

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- c) Both
- d) None

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- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- In a bid to improve the ease of doing business, apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched a scheme --Food Safety Mitra (FSM). The scheme will support small and medium scale food businesses in compliance to the food safety laws.
- FSSAI has said that the scheme will lead to improved ease of doing business by creating a transparent and organized ecosystem supporting food businesses wherein food businesses will be able to get trained service providers at fair prices - lowering the costs of compliance.
- "Apart from strengthening food safety, this scheme would also create new employment opportunities for youth, particularly with food and nutrition background.
- A Food Safety Mitra is an individual professional certified by FSSAI who assists in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules and regulations with three avatars viz. Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra and Hygiene Mitra depending upon their respective roles and responsibilities.

Q39. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana.

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY) is an old age pension scheme for all Farmers in the country.
2. It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for the entry age group of 18 to 40 years.
3. The farmers, who are also beneficiaries of PM-Kisan Scheme, will have the option to allow their contribution debited from the benefit of that Scheme directly.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q40. Consider the following statements regarding Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan.

- 1. It aims to revive lakes in cities and create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of lakes in urban areas.
- 2. It is launched by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC).
- 3. School/college students of Eco-clubs, district administration, institutions, volunteers and local communities are involved.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q41. Consider the following statements regarding TechSagar.

- 1. TechSagar is a consolidated and comprehensive repository of India's cyber tech capabilities.
- 2. The National Cyber Security Coordinator's office in partnership with Data Security Council (DSCI) of India launched TechSagar.
- 3. Data Security Council (DSCI) is a not-for-profit, industry body on data protection in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3

- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q42. Consider the following statements regarding Jal Jeevan Mission.

1. The chief objective of the Mission is to revive traditional water sources in all rural areas by 2024.
2. It also aims to create local infrastructure for rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household waste water for reuse in agriculture.
3. The Jal Jeevan Mission will converge with other Central and State Government Schemes to achieve its objectives of sustainable water supply management.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Jal Jeevan Mission:

The Mission was announced in August 2019.

- The chief objective of the Mission is to provide piped water supply (Har Ghar Jal) to all rural and urban households by 2024.
- It also aims to create local infrastructure for rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household waste water for reuse in agriculture.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission is set to be based on various water conservation efforts like point recharge, desilting of minor irrigation tanks, use of greywater for agriculture and source sustainability.

- The Jal Jeevan Mission will converge with other Central and State Government Schemes to achieve its objectives of sustainable water supply management across the country.

Q43. Consider the following statements regarding District Mineral Foundation (DMF).

1. District Mineral Foundation (DMF) was instituted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Amendment Act 2015.
2. District Mineral Foundation (DMF) is a trust set up as a non-profit body, in all districts to work for the interest and benefit of persons and areas affected by mining related operations.
3. It is funded through the contributions from miners.
4. The various state DMF rules and the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Khestra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) guidelines stipulate Education, Health and Livelihood and skill development as “high priority” issues for DMFs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2, 3, 4
- c) 1, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

Answer:-C

Q44. Consider the following statements regarding Solar PV cells.

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme mandate the use of domestically manufactured solar PV cells.

2. A solar PV cell shall be considered to be domestically manufactured only if the same has been manufactured in India using un-diffused silicon wafers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

Q45. Consider the following statements about National Mineral Policy 2019.

- 1. Encourages the private sector to take up exploration.
- 2. It proposes to grant status of industry to mining activity.
- 3. The policy introduced the concept of Inter-Generational Equity that deals with the well-being not only of the present generation but also of the generations to come.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q46. Consider the following statements regarding Contract farming.

- 1. Contract farming refers to an agreement between farmers and marketing firms for the production and supply of agricultural products under forward agreements, frequently at predetermined prices.

2. In India, contract farming is regulated under the Agricultural Produce Market Committees (Development and Regulation) (APMC) Act of 2003. 3. Karnataka has become the first State in the country to enact a law on contract farming.

Which of the above statements is/ are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-A

Q47. Consider the following statements regarding National Pension System (NPS).

- 1. National Pension System (NPS) is a pension cum investment scheme launched by Government of India to provide old age security to Citizens of India.
- 2. The Scheme is regulated by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- 3. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs) are not eligible to invest in NPS.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- National Pension System (NPS) is a pension cum investment scheme launched by Government of India to provide old age security to Citizens of India. It brings an attractive long-term saving avenue to effectively

plan your retirement through safe and regulated market-based return. The Scheme is regulated by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). National Pension System Trust (NPST) established by PFRDA is the registered owner of all assets under NPS.

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has added one more category of investors who can invest in the National Pension System. PFRDA has stated that now Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs) can enrol to invest in NPS tier-1 accounts.

Q48. Consider the following statements.

1. The National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) is a federal anti-terror agency created in India, modeled on the National Counterterrorism Center of the USA.
2. NATGRID is an intelligence sharing network that collates data from the standalone databases of the various agencies and ministries of the Indian government.
3. NATGRID is a post Mumbai 26/11 attack measure.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

NATGRID:

It is an ambitious counter terrorism programme.

- It will utilise technologies like Big Data and analytics to study and analyse the huge

amounts of data from various intelligence and enforcement agencies to help track suspected terrorists and prevent terrorist attacks.

- It will connect, in different phases, data providing organisations and users besides developing a legal structure through which information can be accessed by the law enforcement agencies.
- NATGRID is a post Mumbai 26/11 attack measure.
- The National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) is a proposed federal anti-terror agency to be created in India, modelled on the National Counterterrorism Center of the USA.

Q49. Consider the following statements about Esamvad portal, sometimes seen in news.

- a) A platform for NGOs and Civil Societies to interact with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- b) India's first Government-to-Business (G2B) portal which aims at transforming and developing a conducive business environment in the country.
- c) It is a government services portal to inform the citizens about various government services under various ministries and government entities.
- d) A platform for NGOs and Civil Societies to interact with the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

Answer:-D

Q50. Consider the following statements regarding '**'Samudrayaan'** project.

1. It is a pilot project of the Ministry of Earth Sciences for deep ocean mining for rare minerals.
2. It proposes to send men into the deep sea in a submersible vehicle for ocean studies.
3. The project has been undertaken by ISRO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Samudrayaan:

- It is a pilot project of the Ministry of Earth Sciences for deep ocean mining for rare minerals. It proposes to send men into the deep sea in a submersible vehicle for ocean studies. The project is expected to become a reality by 2021-22. The project has been undertaken by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).

Q51. Consider the following statements regarding Mission Innovation (MI).

- 1. Mission Innovation (MI) is a Global Environment Facility (GEF) initiative to dramatically accelerate global clean energy innovation.
- 2. As part of the initiative, participating countries have committed to double their governments' clean energy research and development (R&D) investments and encourage private sector investment in transformative clean energy technologies.
- 3. India is the founder member of Mission Innovation (MI).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q52. Consider the following statements regarding Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus (EEHV).

1. EEEVs is a type of herpesvirus that can cause a highly fatal haemorrhagic disease in young Asian elephants.
2. Recently for the first time the virus has claimed the lives of elephants in an Indian zoo.
3. When EEHV is triggered, the symptoms are hardly visible.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- EEEVS is a type of herpesvirus that can cause a highly fatal haemorrhagic disease in young Asian elephants. Four calves between the ages of six and 10 have died in Nandan Kanan Zoo in Bhubaneswar, followed by the fifth elephant that died in Chandaka forest. The disease is caused by a virus called EEHV, or elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus. The four deaths in Nandan Kanan Zoo are the first reported cases of EEHV-related deaths in an Indian zoo.
- Most elephants carry just as most humans carry a cold virus. When EEHV is triggered, the elephant dies of massive internal bleeding and symptoms which are hardly visible.

Q53. Consider the following statements regarding Trans-fats.

1. Trans fats are a form of unsaturated fat that come in both natural and artificial forms.
2. Industrial trans-fats are used in vegetable fats / oils and baked foods for longer shelf life.
3. FSSAI aims to reduce the industrially produced trans-fats on food supply to less than two per cent by 2022.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Explanation:

Recently 'Trans Fat-Free' logo was launched.

- The logo has been launched to accelerate Food Safety and Standards Authority of India or FSSAI's 'Eat Right India', a movement to phase out trans-fat in the country.
- Food outlets that use trans-fat free fats / oil and do not have industrial trans-fat more than 0.2g / 100g of food, can display the logo.
- FSSAI aims to reduce the industrially produced trans-fats on food supply to less than two per cent by 2022.
- Trans fats, or trans-fatty acids, are a form of unsaturated fat. They come in both natural and artificial forms. Natural trans fats occur in the meat and dairy from ruminant animals, such as cattle, sheep, and goats.
- Industrial trans-fats are used in vegetable fats / oils, vanaspati, margarine and baked foods for longer shelf life.
- India targets to eliminate trans-fat by 2022, a year ahead of the global target by the World Health Organization.

Q54. Consider the following statements regarding Measles and Rubella.

1. Measles is a viral infection of the respiratory system that can spread through contact with infected mucus and saliva.
2. Rubella is a contagious disease that mostly affects children.
3. Rubella is usually mild in kids, but it can be more serious in pregnant women.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q55. Consider the following statements.

1. According to WHO, No country in the Southeast Asia region have successfully controlled Hepatitis B.
2. Hepatitis B is said to be controlled when the disease prevalence is reduced to less than 10% among children less than five years of age.
3. In India, a nation-wide Hepatitis B vaccine was introduced in the Universal Immunisation Programme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q56. Consider the following statements regarding Hepatitis.

1. Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C are liver infections caused by three different viruses.
2. Hepatitis A is usually a short-term infection and does not become a long-term infection.
3. There are vaccines to prevent hepatitis A, hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 3 only

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver. When the liver is inflamed or damaged, its function can be affected. Causes: Heavy alcohol use, toxins, some medications, and certain medical conditions can all cause hepatitis. However, hepatitis is often caused by a virus. What is the difference between hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C? Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C are liver infections caused by three different viruses.
 1. Hepatitis A is usually a short-term infection and does not become a long-term infection.
 2. Hepatitis B and hepatitis C can also begin as short-term infections but in some people, the virus remains in the body, and causes chronic, or lifelong, infection.
- There are vaccines to prevent hepatitis A and hepatitis B; however, there is no vaccine for hepatitis C. The hepatitis B virus is spread when blood, semen, or other body fluid infected with the hepatitis B virus enters the body of a person who is not infected.

Q57. Consider the following statements regarding Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD).

1. National Animal Disease Control Programme (NACDP) aims to control and eradicate the Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis amongst the livestock in the country.
2. Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is highly infectious and can be spread by infected animals through aerosols, through contact with contaminated farming equipment.
3. Humans infected with foot-and-mouth disease through contact with infected animals is extremely rare.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NACDP) to control and eradicate the Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis amongst the livestock in the country. It is a 100% centrally funded programme. It aims to control Foot and Mouth Disease and Brucellosis by 2025 with vaccination and eventual eradication by 2030. About Foot-and-mouth disease:

- It is an infectious and sometimes fatal viral disease.
- Affects cloven-hoofed animals, including domestic and wild bovids.
- Symptoms: The virus causes a high fever for two or three days, followed by blisters inside the mouth and on the feet that may rupture and cause lameness.

Q58. Consider the following statements regarding Elastocaloric effect.

1. When rubbers bands are twisted and untwisted, it produces a heating effect, which is called the “Elastocaloric” effect.
2. Elastocaloric effect, if harnessed, may be able to do away with the need of fluid refrigerants used in fridges and air-conditioners.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- When rubbers bands are twisted and untwisted, it produces a cooling effect. This is called the “elastocaloric” effect.
- Researchers have found that the elastocaloric effect, if harnessed, may be able to do away with the need of fluid refrigerants used in fridges and air-conditioners.
- In the elastocaloric effect, the transfer of heat works much the same way as when fluid refrigerants are compressed and expanded. When a rubber band is stretched, it absorbs heat from its environment, and when it is released, it gradually cools down.

Q59. Consider the following statements.

1. Iodine is a vital micro-nutrient for optimal mental and physical development of human beings.
2. Rajasthan produces maximum amount of salt in the country followed by Gujarat.

3. Deficiency of iodine can result in hypothyroidism, abortion, still births, mental retardation and psychomotor defects.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q60. Consider the following statements about rare disease.

- 1. Rare disease is the one which occurs rarely during extreme weather conditions.
- 2. Most rare diseases are genetic in nature.
- 3. The most common rare diseases recorded in India are Haemophilia, Thalassemia and sickle-cell anaemia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q61. Consider the following statements regarding Green Crackers.

- 1. Green crackers contain less Amount of chemicals such as lithium, arsenic, barium and lead compared to regular crackers.
- 2. Green crackers release water vapour and don't allow the dust particles to rise.
- 3. In India, green crackers are researched and developed by scientists at DRDO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

Answer:-B

Q62. Consider the following statements about Black Holes

- 1. Most Black holes are formed from the remnants of a large star that dies in a supernova explosion.
- 2. Black holes were predicted by Einstein's theory of general relativity.
- 3. Scientists can directly observe black holes with telescopes that detect x-rays, light, or other forms of electromagnetic radiation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 2, 3

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- The idea of an object in space so massive and dense that light could not escape it has been around for centuries. Most famously, black holes were predicted by Einstein's theory of general relativity, which showed that when a massive star dies, it leaves behind a small, dense remnant core.
- Scientists can't directly observe black holes with telescopes that detect x-rays, light, or other forms of electromagnetic radiation. We can, however, infer the presence of black holes and study them by detecting their effect on other matter nearby. If a black hole passes through a cloud of interstellar mat-

ter, for example, it will draw matter inward in a process known as accretion. A similar process can occur if a normal star passes close to a black hole. In this case, the black hole can tear the star apart as it pulls it toward itself. As the attracted matter accelerates and heats up, it emits x-rays that radiate into space. Recent discoveries offer some tantalizing evidence that black holes have a dramatic influence on the neighborhoods around them - emitting powerful gamma ray bursts, devouring nearby stars, and spurring the growth of new stars in some areas while stalling it in others.

- Most black holes form from the remnants of a large star that dies in a supernova explosion.

Q64. Which of the following are considered as White goods?

1. Air conditioners
2. Washing machine
3. Computers
4. Radio

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4

Answer:-B

Q65. Consider the following statements regarding Salmonella.

1. It is a group of bacteria that can cause food-borne illnesses.

2. World Health Organisation (WHO) identifies Salmonella as one of the key global causes of diarrhoeal diseases.

3. Only children under the age of 5 are at highest risk for Salmonella infection.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 3

c) 2 only

d) 2, 3

Answer:-A

Q66. Consider the following statements regarding Pneumonia.

1. Pneumonia is a form of acute respiratory infection that affects the lungs.

2. Pneumonia is the single largest infectious cause of death in children worldwide.

3. Pneumonia is caused by viruses, bacteria and fungi.

4. Pneumonia is only preventable and not treatable.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 3, 4

b) 2, 3, 4

c) 1, 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3, 4

Answer:-C

Q67. Consider the following statements regarding Air-independent propulsion (AIP).

1. Air-independent propulsion (AIP) is a marine propulsion technology that allows a non-nuclear submarine to operate without access to atmospheric oxygen.

2. Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) has a force multiplier effect on the lethality of a diesel-electric submarine as it enhances the submerged endurance of the boat, several folds.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

- Air-independent propulsion (AIP) is any marine propulsion technology that allows a non-nuclear submarine to operate without access to atmospheric oxygen. AIP can augment or replace the diesel-electric propulsion system of non-nuclear vessels.
- Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) has a force multiplier effect on the lethality of a diesel-electric submarine as it enhances the submerged endurance of the boat, several folds.

Q68. Consider the following statements about **Earth Bio Genome Project (EBP)**.

- 1. It is an initiative that aims to sequence and catalog the genomes of all of Earth's eukaryotic species.
- 2. The initiative would produce an open DNA database of biological information that provides a platform for scientific research and supports environmental and conservation initiatives.
- 3. It was launched by U.S National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2

d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q69. Consider the following statements.

1. Saudi Arabia is the largest supplier of crude oil to India.
2. India aims to bring down its oil import to less than 50% by 2022 by replacing it with local exploration, renewable energy and indigenous ethanol fuel.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-D

Q70. Consider the following statements.

1. Generation Unlimited is the initiative of World Bank, that provides an agenda that all countries must do more to support the education, skills and empowerment of young people.
2. India launched a national initiative YuWaah which is linked to the 'Generation Unlimited' movement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- India is one of the first countries in the world to launch a national initiative (YuWaah)

which is linked to the global 'Generation Unlimited' movement, that started in New York last year.

- In 2018, Unicef initiated the 'Generation Unlimited' partnership at the global level. It provides an agenda that all countries can or must do more to support the education, skills and empowerment of young people.
- By 2030, YuWaah aims to work with private sector to create aspirational economic opportunities for 50 million young women and 50 million young men through a focus on job opportunities.

Q71. Rhi-Tiddim Road Project, sometimes seen in news is developed by India in which country?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Bhutan
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Myanmar

Answer:-D

Q72. Consider the following statements regarding Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM).

1. It is a United Nations fund to attract, leverage and invest resources to end the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to support attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. India has had a sustained partnership with the Global Fund both as a recipient and as a donor.
3. India's contribution to the GFTAM for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22) saw an increase over the amount contributed in the 5th cycle.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- India has announced a contribution of \$22 million to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22). This is an increase of 10 per cent over the amount contributed by the US in the 5th cycle.
- The Global Fund is a partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. As an international organization, the Global Fund mobilizes and invests more than \$4 billion a year to support programs run by local experts in more than 100 countries.
- India has had a sustained partnership with the Global Fund since 2002 both as a recipient and as a donor.
- India was the first implementing country to host a replenishment milestone of the Global Fund and now has become first among G20, BRICS and implementer countries to announce the pledge for the 6th Replenishment Conference, setting precedent for other donors to contribute generously for the cause.

Q73. Which of the following are called Cotton Four Countries?

1. Benin
2. India
3. Chad
4. Pakistan
5. Mali
6. Burkina Faso

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- b) 1, 3, 5, 6
- c) 2, 3, 4, 6
- d) 2, 4, 5, 6

Answer:-B

Q74. Consider the following statements regarding Gold reserves, according to the latest release by the World Gold Council.

- 1. IMF is ranked first in the total gold reserves followed by US.
- 2. India is in the list of top ten countries in terms of total gold reserves.
- 3. India has more than 20% of the share held in gold in total foreign reserves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 3

Answer:-C

Q75. Consider the following statements regarding WHO India Country Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023. 1. It is a strategic roadmap for the WHO to work with the Indian government towards achieving its health sector goals.

- 2. The India Country Cooperation Strategy is one of the first that fully aligns itself with the newly adopted WHO 13th General Programme of Work and its 'triple billion' targets.
- 3. WHO 'Triple Billion' targets aim for One billion more people to be benefitted from Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q76. Consider the following statements regarding Technical Assistance Programme (TAP) for Cotton.

- 1. India implements a Technical Assistance Programme (TAP) for cotton in all cotton growing African countries.
- 2. India is providing assistance to strengthen both the agriculture and textile part of the cotton value chain in Africa.
- 3. The second phase of Technical Assistance Programme (TAP) for Cotton is scaled up in size and coverage and will be introduced in some South Asian Countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Q77. Operation Peace Spring, recently seen in news was conducted by

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) USA
- c) Turkey
- d) Yemen

Answer:-C

Q78. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Ocean Conference.

1. Indian Ocean Conference has been initiated by Indian Ocean Rim Association.
2. It is an annual conference that aims to bring together Heads of States/Governments, Ministers, thought leaders, scholars, diplomats, bureaucrats and practitioners from across the region on a single platform.
3. Fishing in the Indian Ocean now accounts for almost 50% of the world's total.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

Answer:-B

Q79. Fordow Nuclear Plant, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Russia
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) Iran

Answer:-D

Q80. Consider the following statements regarding Conference of Military Medicine for Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) Member States.

1. The conference was the first Military co-operation event hosted by India, under the SCO Defence Co-operation Plan 2019-2020.

2. It was to share best practices in the field of military medicine, build capacities and overcome common challenges.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: -D

Q81. Consider the following statements about Global Cool Coalition.

- 1. The Cool Coalition aims to accelerate action on the transition to clean and efficient cooling.
- 2. It was launched at Katowice Climate Change Conference.
- 3. The Cool Coalition is led by UN Environment alone.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 3 only

Answer:-C

Q82. Which of the following are the member states of Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO)?

- 1. Kazakhstan
- 2. Kyrgyzstan
- 3. Uzbekistan
- 4. Turkmenistan
- 5. Russia

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 5
- b) 1, 2, 3, 4
- c) 1, 2, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Answer:-A

Q83. Consider the following statements about International Labour Organisation (ILO).

- 1. ILO is the only tripartite U.N. agency since 1919, that brings together governments, employers and workers of its member States.
- 2. India has ratified more than half of the ILO conventions.
- 3. ILO is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019.
- 4. Future of Work initiative was launched by ILO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2, 3, 4
- c) 1, 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 3, 4

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- ILO is the only tripartite U.N. agency, since 1919 that brings together governments, employers and workers of 187 member States, to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.
- India being a founding member has played an active role in every field of the organization. India has ratified 47 out of 189 ILO conventions during the century.
- ILO is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019.

- In order to understand and to respond effectively to new challenges, ILO launched a “Future of Work initiative” in order to advance its mandate for social justice.

Q84. With reference to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), which of the following statements is not correct?

- (a) It aims to ensure a level playing field for all the contestants.
- (b) It does not have statutory backing.
- (c) It comes in force immediately from the date of announcement of elections till the completion of elections.
- (d) As per the Election Commission, any biographic film with political purpose can be displayed during the operation of MCC, after certification from the Central Board of Film Certification.

Answer:-D

Q85. Consider the following statements regarding LOTUS-HR programme.

- 1. LOTUS-HR is an Indo-Israel partnership that aims for waste water management approach that will produce clean water which can be reused for various purposes.
- 2. The second phase of LOTUS-HR programme will now treat 10,000 litres per day of sewage water in the Barapullah drain.
- 3. It is supported by the department of biotechnology, ministry of science and technology, Government of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3

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- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q86. Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Peacekeeping.

1. United Nations Peacekeeping helps countries torn by conflict create conditions for lasting peace.
2. Its first mission involved the establishment of the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), which served to observe and maintain ceasefire during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War.
3. UN Peacekeeping is guided by the principle of complete Non-use of force.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q87. Consider the following statements about International Finance Corporation (IFC)

1. It is a sister organization of the IMF.
2. It is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries.
3. Its goals are to increase sustainable agriculture opportunities, improve healthcare and education.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q88. Consider the following statements regarding Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

1. The Inter-Parliamentary Union is the UN organization consisting of national parliaments.
2. The IPU facilitates parliamentary diplomacy and empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy and sustainable development around the world.
3. A resolution is passed by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), urging legislatures to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2

Answer:-C

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- A resolution passed by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), an international organisation of parliaments of sovereign states, has urged legislatures to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030.

Q89. Consider the following statements regarding World Energy Council.

1. World Energy Council is the UN-accredited global energy body, representing the entire energy spectrum composed of governments, private and state corporations, academia, NGOs and energy-related stakeholders.
2. World Energy Congress is the World Energy Council's global flagship event, which is the longest-running and most influential energy event in the world.
3. India hosted the 2019 World Energy Congress.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-A

Explanation:

Abu Dhabi hosted the 24th World Energy Congress.

World Energy Congress is the World Energy Council's global flagship event.

- It offers a unique platform for global energy leaders to explore new energy futures, critical innovation areas, and new strategies.
- Held every three years and positioned as the flagship event of the World Energy Council, the Congress is the longest-running and most influential energy event in the world.

World Energy Council:

- Formed in 1923, the Council is the UN-accredited global energy body, representing the entire energy spectrum,
- Composed of more than 3,000 member organisations located in over 90 countries and drawn from governments, private and state corporations, academia, NGOs and energy-related stakeholders.

Q90. Consider the following statements regarding International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA).

1. It is a comprehensive international agreement for ensuring food security through the conservation, exchange and sustainable use of the world's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
2. It aims to ensure that recipients share benefits they derive from the use of the plant genetic materials with the countries where they have been originated.
3. It is not mandatory to ratify the treaty for accessing Plant Genetic materials.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q91. Consider the following statements regarding Eurasian economic union.

1. It is an international organization for regional economic integration.
2. It has international legal personality and is established by the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union.
3. Russia, Belarus, Armenia and Uzbekistan are the Member-States of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2

Answer: - D

Q92. Consider the following statements about Special 301 Report.

1. It is prepared annually by the World Bank.
2. The Report includes a list of "Priority Foreign Countries", "Priority Watch List" and "Watch List" Countries which are judged on the basis of intellectual property laws.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- The Special 301 Report is prepared annually by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) that identifies trade barriers to United States companies and products due to the intellectual property laws, such as copyright, patents and trademarks, in other countries.
- The annual Special 301 Report includes a list of "Priority Foreign Countries", that are judged to have inadequate intellectual property laws; these countries may be subject to sanctions. In addition, the report contains a "Priority Watch List" and a "Watch List", containing countries whose intellectual property regimes are deemed of concern.

Q93. Consider the following statements regarding Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

1. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is an international coalition of countries, United Nations (UN) agencies, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and academic institutions, that aims to promote disaster-resilient infrastructure.
2. It was launched at the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit.
3. It aims to achieve substantial changes in member countries' policy frameworks and future infrastructure investments.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q94. Consider the following statements regarding 6th Schedule of Constitution of India.

1. It deals with the administration of the tribal areas in the states of Assam, Manipur, Tripura and Mizoram.
2. The governor is empowered to organise and re-organise the autonomous districts.
3. The Constitution (125th Amendment) Bill, 2019 seeks to increase the financial and executive powers of the Autonomous Councils in the Sixth Schedule areas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 3 only
- c) 1, 3
- d) 2, 3

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- 6th schedule deals with the administration of the tribal areas in the four northeastern states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
- The governor is empowered to organise and re-organise the autonomous districts.
- If there are different tribes in an autonomous district, the governor can divide the district into several autonomous regions.
- The governor can appoint a commission to examine and report on any matter relating to the administration of the autonomous districts or regions. He may dissolve a district or regional council on the recommendation of the commission.
- 125th amendment bill seeks to increase the financial and executive powers of the 10 Autonomous Councils in the Sixth Schedule areas of the northeastern region.

Q95. Consider the following statements regarding President's Rule in India.

1. President's Rule is imposed when the government of the state cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.
2. The imposition of the President's rule is approved by the president and does not require the sanction of the Parliament.
3. A proclamation of President's Rule may be revoked by the President at any time by a subsequent proclamation without parliamentary approval.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2

Answer:-C

Q96. Consider the following statements.

1. The absentee voter refers to a vote cast by someone who is unable to go to the polling station.
2. The power to include any category of persons like disabled and people over 80 years of age in the absentee voter list lies with the Election Commission of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-A

Q97. Consider the following statements regarding Pardoning powers of President.

1. The power of pardon shall be exercised by the President on the advice of Council of Ministers.
2. The President can exercise these powers in all cases where the punishment or sentence is for an offence against any law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the Union extends.
3. The constitution has provided a small window for judicial review of the pardon powers of President for the purpose of ruling out any arbitrariness.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 1, 2
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-B

Q98. Consider the following statements regarding Overseas Indian Citizen.

1. A foreign national, who was eligible to become citizen of India on 26.01.1950 is eligible for registration as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).

2. If the applicant had ever been a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh, he/she will not be eligible for OCI. Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both

d) None

Answer:-D

Q99. Consider the following statements regarding Collegium of judges in India.

1. Collegium is a system under which judges are appointed by an institution comprising judges.

2. The Collegium of judges does not figure in the Constitution.

3. Collegium also recommends the transfer of Chief Justices and other judges.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1, 2

b) 1, 3

c) 2, 3

d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Explanation:

What is the Collegium system?

- The Collegium of judges does not figure in the Constitution. It is the Supreme Court's invention.
- Constitution says judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts are appointed by the

President and speaks of a process of consultation.

- Therefore, Collegium is a system under which judges are appointed by an institution comprising judges.
- Collegiums also recommend the transfer of Chief Justices and other judges.

Q100. Consider the following statements regarding Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2019.

1. Ministry of Culture organised the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav under the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat initiative.
2. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav is organized with an intent to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the Country in all its rich and varied dimensions, viz Handicrafts, Cuisine, Painting, Sculpture and Performing Arts - all in one place.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

Q101. Shirui Lily Festival, recently seen in news is the state festival of

- a) Manipur
- b) Tripura
- c) Assam
- d) Nagaland

Answer:-A

Q102. Consider the following statements regarding Thotlakonda site.

1. Thotlakonda site is the sacred place of Buddhists.
2. Recently it was in news as Maha Stupa at Thotlakonda collapsed due to heavy rains.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

Q103. Consider the following statements regarding UNESCO world heritage site.

1. It is a place that is listed by the UNESCO as of special cultural or physical significance.
2. Each World Heritage Site remains part of the legal territory of the state wherein the site is located and UNESCO considers it in the interest of the international community to preserve each site.
3. India has the second largest number of sites in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 3
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 2
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

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- It is a place that is listed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as of special cultural or physical significance.

- The list is maintained by the international World Heritage Programme administered by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, composed of 21 UNESCO member states which are elected by the General Assembly.
- Each World Heritage Site remains part of the legal territory of the state wherein the site is located and UNESCO considers it in the interest of the international community to preserve each site. There are 38 World Heritage Sites located in India. These include 30 cultural sites, seven natural sites and one mixed site. India has the sixth largest number of sites in the world.

Q104. Consider the following pairs:

GI Product	State
1. Shahi Litchi	-
West Bengal	
2. Kadaknath chicken meat -	Madhya Pradesh
3. Etikoppaka toys -	Telangana
4. Adilabad dokra -	Telangana

Select the correct code:

- 1, 3
- 1, 2, 4
- 2, 4
- 2, 3, 4

Answer:-C

Q105. Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar river link project is the dispute between which states.

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d) None of the above

Answer:-D

Q106. Consider the following statements regarding Maternal Mortality in India.

1. Maternal mortality ratio is measured as the number of maternal deaths per lakh live births.

2. Kerala is the only state in India to achieve the sustainable development goals target of 70 per 100,000 MMR.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both

d) None

Answer:-A

Q107. Which of the following is the Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency in India?

a) National Counter Terrorism Centre

b) Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)

c) National Investigation Agency (NIA)

d) Counter Terrorism and Counter Radicalization Division, MHA

Answer:-C

Q108. Consider the following statements regarding India Innovation Index (III) 2019.

1. NITI Aayog with Institute for Competitiveness as the knowledge partner released the India Innovation Index (III) 2019.

2. Tamil Nadu is the most innovative major state in India.

3. The top ten major states are majorly concentrated in southern and western India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

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Q109. Consider the following statements regarding Bhashan Char Island.

- 1. The Bhashan Char island is located east of Hatiya island in the South East Bangladesh.
- 2. Bhashan Char island is formed on the mouth of river Meghna.
- 3. It was recently in news for relocation of Rohingya refugees to Bhashan Char Island.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q110. Consider the following statements regarding Marawah Island, recently seen in news

1. Marawah Island is located off the coast of Abu Dhabi.
2. The oldest known natural pearl in the world has been discovered on Marawah Island.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer:-C

Q111. Kalapani, the place recently seen in news is located in

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) West Bengal

Answer:-C

Q112. Consider the following statements about WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

1. It is the first global health treaty negotiated under the auspices of the World Health Organization.
2. is an evidence-based treaty that reaffirms the right of all people to the highest standard of health.
3. It involves the demand reduction strategies as well as supply reduction issues for tobacco.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3

- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q113. Consider the following statements with respect to National Health Profile (NHP)

- 1. It was prepared annually by the National Health Authority (NHA).
- 2. According to the NHP, 2019, India has registered an improved sex ratio and a decline in birth and death rates.
- 3. According to the NHP, 2019, Non-communicable diseases dominate over communicable diseases in the total disease burden of the country.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- National Health Profile (NHP) is an annual publication of the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI).
- As per the NHP, sex ratio (number of females per 1,000 males) in the country has improved from 933 in 2001 to 943 in 2011.
- In rural areas the sex ratio has increased from 946 to 949.
- The report also showed that the estimated birth rate, death rate and natural growth rate are declining.
- As per the report, the total fertility rate (average number of children that will be born to a woman during her lifetime) in 12 States has fallen below two children per woman

and nine States have reached replacement levels of 2.1 and above.

- It was also observed that non-communicable diseases dominated over the communicable in the total disease burden of the country.

Q114. Consider the following statements with respect to UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

1. The network brings together cities that base development on creativity in five creative fields.
2. No cities in India except Mumbai and Hyderabad were listed under the network.

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

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

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- UNESCO has recently announced that Mumbai and Hyderabad have been included in its network of 'Creative Cities' on the occasion of World Cities Day 2019.
- The network covers seven creative fields: crafts and folk arts, media arts, film, design, gastronomy, literature and music.
- Mumbai has been designated as Creative City of Films and Hyderabad a Creative City of Gastronomy.
- Till now, Varanasi (music), Chennai (music) and Jaipur (crafts & folk art) were in the network.
- By joining the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), the cities pledge to share their best practices and develop partnerships in-

volving public and private sectors as well as civil society to strengthen creation, production, distribution and dissemination of cultural activities, goods and services.

Q115. Consider the following statements

1. Article 3 of the Indian Constitution deals with the formation of or changes in the existing states of the Union of India.
2. Jammu & Kashmir is the first State of the Indian Union to be reduced to a Union Territory (UT).

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

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

Answer:- C

Q116. Consider the following statements with respect to Mekong river

1. It originates in Myanmar and flows through Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.
2. The Golden Triangle area, formed by the confluence of the Mekong River and the Ruak River, is a natural boundary between Laos, Myanmar and Thailand.

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

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

Answer:- B

Mekong River is the 7th longest in Asia, and the 12th longest in the world.

- It originates from the Tibetan Plateau and runs through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.
- In China, the river has another name as Lancang River. It originates from Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai Province.
- The Golden Triangle area, formed by the confluence of the Mekong River and the Ruak River, is a natural boundary between,
- Laos (to the east of the Mekong River),
- Myanmar (to the north of the Ruak River) and
- Thailand (to the west of the Mekong River).
- The Golden Triangle area is the largest tourist trap in northern Thailand.
- The Mekong River Delta in southern Vietnam offers the fertile lands on which the Vietnamese people grow half of their nation's agricultural product.
- The Irrawaddy dolphin exists in small isolated populations around Southeast Asia in Mekong River.
- Some populations are close to extinction such as those in the Mekong River and Malampaya Sound in the Philippines.

Q117. Consider the following statements with respect to The Right To Information (RTI Amendment) Act, 2019

1. Under the Rules notified, the terms of service of the CIC, including her/his pay and perks, will be the same as that of the Cabinet Secretary.
2. The CIC and the ICs have a fixed tenure of three years.

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

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:-C

Q118. Consider the following statements with respect to Gogona music

1. It is a traditional instrument made of a single piece of seasoned bamboo or horn, played during Bihu performances in Assam.

2. The Ramdhan Gogona is performed by women whereas Lahori Gogona is performed by men.

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

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:-A

Q119. The place 'Gottiprolu' which was in news recently is located in?

a) Karnataka

b) Odisha

c) Telangana

d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer:-D

Q120. "Pegasus" sometimes seen in the news recently is a/an?

a) Spyware

b) Exo-planet

c) Indian Satellite

d) Volcanic Mountain

Answer:-A

Q121. Consider the following statements regarding Gram Sabha)

1. Gram Sabha is not a permanent body.
2. Constitution mentions that Gram Sabha exercises such powers and performs such functions at the village level as the Legislature of a State may, by law, provide.
3. The power to annul a decision of the Gram Sabha rests with the Gram Panchayat only.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 3 Only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Solution:-B

Explanation:

The term Gram Sabha is defined in the Constitution of India under Article 243(b). Gram Sabha is the primary body of the Panchayati Raj system and by far the largest.

It is a permanent body.

- The power to annul a decision of the Gram Sabha rests with the Gram Sabha only.

Composition:

- Persons, those who are above 18 years of age.
- Living in the village.
- Whose names are included in the electoral rolls for the Panchayat at the village level.
- Constitution mentions that Gram Sabha exercises such powers and performs such functions at the village level as the Legislature of a State may, by law, provide.

Q122. Consider the following statements regarding space internet.

1. Starlink network project of SpaceX is one of several ongoing efforts to start beaming data signals from space.
2. Usually Geostationary orbit is used for placing satellites because satellites in this orbit complete one revolution of the Earth in the same time that the earth rotates once on its axis.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Solution:-A

Q123. Signal fish, recently seen in news, was discovered near

- a) Andaman and Nicobar Island
- b) Gulf of Mannar
- c) Kerala Coast
- d) Gulf of Khambhat

Solution:-C

Q124. Consider the following statements.

1. To ensure uninterrupted supply of onion throughout the year, the crop is grown in three cycles – Kharif, late kharif and Rabi.
2. kharif and late kharif onion crops contain large moisture content compared to rabi crop.
3. Karnataka is India's largest onion-growing state.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 2, 3
- b) 1, 3,
- c) 1, 2

d) 1, 2, 3

Solution:-C

Q125. Consider the following statements regarding Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh.

1. The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) along with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has launched the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK).
2. The BPKK will be a repository of diverse crops across different agro-climatic zones in India)
3. It aims at reducing malnutrition through a multi-sectoral results-based framework, including agriculture, among women and children across the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 Only
- b) 1 and 3 Only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

Solution:-D

Q126. Consider the following statements with respect to Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG)

1. Every year best performing 1000 participants are given an annual scholarship of Rs 5, 00,000 for 8 years to prepare them for international sporting events.
2. The 3rd edition of KIYG will be conducted by Indian Olympic Association (IOA) with Assam as host State.

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

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- The Khelo India programme has been introduced to revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level by building a strong framework for all sports played in our country and establish India as a great sporting nation.
- The 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games will start from 10th January 2020 and will continue till 22nd January.
- The event will be held in 20 disciplines with participation of 37 states and Union Territories.
- Khelo India programme's inaugural edition was held in New Delhi in 2018, while Pune hosted 2nd edition in 2019.
- 2020 Games will be conducted in partnership with Indian Olympic Association (IOA), School Games Federation of India (SGFI) & Assam as host State.
- The event will see a participation of over 12000 athletes and officials from all over country.
- Every year best performing 1000 participants are given an annual scholarship of Rs 5, 00,000 for 8 years to prepare them for international sporting events.

Q127. Consider the following statements with respect to National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)

1. It is a national level organization set up under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It was set up as a mandate of the Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act 2011.

3. It aims to carry out the activities for promotion of organ donation from deceased persons, putting systems in place for organ donation and transplantation and training the needed manpower etc)

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

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

Answer:-D

Q128. Consider the following statements with respect to National Start-up Awards 2020

- 1. It is the first ever National Start-up Award instituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- 2. It seeks to recognize and reward outstanding start-ups and ecosystem enablers that are building innovative product demonstrating measurable social impact.

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

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

Answer:-C

Q129. Mitra Shakti is a joint military exercise between India and _?

- a) Nepal
- b) France
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Indonesia

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- The seventh edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI- 2019 aimed at enhancing interoperability and operational efficiency amongst the armies of both India and Sri Lanka when deployed as part of United Nations peace keeping forces commenced on 01 December at Aundh Military Station, Pune.
- The objective of the exercise is to build and promote positive relations between armies of India and Sri Lanka through focus on sub unit level training on counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations in urban and rural environment under United Nations mandate.
- The joint training exercise also signifies the strength of India-Sri Lanka relations in the field of military cooperation and engagement, which is vital for refining the interoperability and operational preparedness.

Q130. Consider the following statements with respect to Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

1. CGA derives his/her mandate from Article 150 of the Constitution.
2. CGA in the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, is the Principal Accounting Adviser to Government of India)

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

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

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- Controller General of Accounts derives his mandate from Article 150 of the Constitution.
- Controller General of Accounts (CGA), in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, is the Principal Accounting Adviser to Government of India and is responsible for establishing and maintaining a technically sound Management Accounting System.
- The Office of CGA prepares monthly and annual analysis of expenditure, revenues, borrowings and various fiscal indicators for the Union Government.

Q131. The National Pollution Control Day is observed on every year December 2nd in India, in the memory of the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy Victims, and to spread awareness to fight and prevent pollution. Which of the below diseases and health problems are caused by Air Pollution?

- a) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- b) Stroke, Tuberculosis, Lung Cancer
- c) Cataract, Low birth weight
- d) All of the above

Answer:-D

Q132. Consider the following statements with respect to The Ganges River Dolphin

They are the only fresh water dolphins in the world)

They are listed as endangered in the IUCN Red List.

They emit an ultrasonic sound to catch their prey.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1 and 3 only

c) 2 and 3 only

d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- At last count, the rivers of Assam and Uttar Pradesh respectively had 962 and 1,275 Gangetic dolphins, India's national aquatic dolphin.
- These numbers were tabled in Parliament recently by Minister of State for Environment and Forest.
- The Ganges river dolphin can only live in freshwater.
- It is among the four freshwater dolphins in the world, the other three are, the 'Baiji' in the Yangtze River in China, the 'Bhulan' of the Indus in Pakistan, and the 'Boto' of the Amazon River in Latin America)
- The Gangetic Dolphins are generally blind and catch their prey in a unique manner. They emit an ultrasonic sound which reaches the prey.
- The dolphin then registers this image in its mind and subsequently catches hold of its prey.

Q133. Consider the following statements with respect to Inner Line Permit system (ILP)

1. It is a document that allows foreigners to visit or stay in a state in India that is protected under the ILP system.
2. It is issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. The system is in force today in Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Nagaland and Mizoram.

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

a) 1 and 2 only

- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) None

Answer:-D

Q134. Consider the following statements with respect to Operation 'Clean Art' which was in news recently,

- 1. It was the first pan India operation by Wildlife Institute of India (WII) to crackdown on the smuggling of mongoose hair.
- 2. Mongooses are listed under schedule 1 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

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

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

Answer:-D

Q135. Consider the following statements with respect to Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX)

- 1. It is a special-purpose financial vehicle that allows Iran to continue to sell oil and import other products or services.
- 2. It uses a barter system, without violating U.S. sanctions.

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- Recently, six new European Nations join Iran Barter System Opposed By U.S.
- France, UK and Germany said that Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden joined INSTEX as shareholders.
- Israel and the US criticised the move.
- Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges(INSTEX), the bartering system developed to allow firms to conduct business with Iran without violating U.S. sanctions,
- INSTEX barter mechanism does not use the U.S. dollar.

Q136. Who among the following are listed as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands?

1. Onges
2. Jarawas
3. Sentinelese
4. Shom Pens
5. Great Andamanese

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 3 and 4 only
- b) 3 and 5 only
- c) All except 1 and 2
- d) All of the above

Answer:-D

Q137. Consider the following statements with respect to Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0

1. The IMI covers vaccines for diphtheria, whooping cough and six other vaccine preventable diseases.
2. The programme focuses on all children up to 10 years of age and pregnant women who have been left uncovered under the immunisation programme.

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

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

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- Union Government is launching nationwide vaccination drive to prevent eight diseases under Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 across the country recently.
- The government's flagship scheme is aimed at immunizing children under the age of 2 years and pregnant women against eight vaccine preventable diseases.
- The IMI covers vaccines for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, measles, meningitis and Hepatitis B.
- Vaccines for Japanese encephalitis and hemophilus influenza are also being provided in selected areas.
- The IMI 2.0 aims to achieve targets of full immunization coverage in 272 districts spread over 27 States.
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Q138. Consider the following statements with respect to Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Bill, 2019

1. It defines e-cigarettes as electronic devices that heat a substance, which may contain nicotine and other chemicals, to create vapour for inhalation.
2. Under the Bill, an exemption has been provided for the use of e-cigarettes for medication purposes.

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

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

Answer:-A

Q139. Consider the following statements with respect to the Third Schedule of the Indian Constitution

1. Form of oaths or affirmations for President of India is given under the third schedule of the Indian Constitution.
2. It requires the taker of the oath to either swear in the name of God or to solemnly affirm to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution.

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

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

Answer:-B

Q140. Consider the following statements with respect to Operating Ratio

1. It is a measure of expenditure against revenue.
2. Lower the ratio, healthier the finances are.

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

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

Answer:-C

Q141. Consider the following statements with respect to Fundamental Duties

- 1. A court may take Fundamental Duties into account while adjudicating on a matter.
- 2. The concept of Fundamental Duties is taken from the erstwhile USSR.
- 3. All the Fundamental Duties were incorporated into Constitution of India by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976.

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

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

Answer:-A

Q142. Consider the following statements with respect to Anaemia

- 1. It is a condition in which the number of white blood cells is insufficient to meet physiologic needs.
- 2. 90–90–90 is an ambitious treatment target focuses on Anaemia Mukt Bharat.

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:-D

Q143. Consider the following statements with respect to The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)

1. It is an international assessment that measures 15-year-old students' reading, mathematics, and science literacy every three years.
2. It is coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

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

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- The students of Chandigarh's government schools buckle up to represent India in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) test in 2021.
- Initiated and Coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental economic organisation with 36 member countries.,
- It is a study done to produce comparable data on education policy and outcomes across countries.
- The aim of the test is not to rank the countries which volunteer to participate in the evaluation, but to give a comprehensive analysis of how education systems are working in terms of preparing its students for

higher education and subsequent employment.

Q144. Which of the following country recently took over the G20 presidency from Japan?

- a) Germany
- b) Italy
- c) India
- d) Saudi Arabia

Answer:-D

Q145. Consider the following statements with respect to Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

- 1. It is a coalition of Small Island and low-lying coastal developing states across the world)
- 2. It functions under UNFCCC

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

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

Answer:-A

Q146. SAANS campaign, recently seen in news is related to

- a) Reducing child mortality due to pneumonia
- b) Improve the overall quality of life of children through early detection of birth defects
- c) Prevention of anaemia among under-5 children
- d) Vaccination against vaccine preventable diseases

Answer:-A

Q147. Consider the following statements regarding Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

1. The Act grants legal recognition to the rights of traditional forest dwelling communities, partially correcting the injustice caused by the forest laws.
2. To be eligible to get the rights, the claimant must be a member of the Scheduled Tribes scheduled in that area or must have been residing in the forest for 70 years.
3. The act provides rehabilitation in case of illegal eviction or forced displacement.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2, 3
- c) 1, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Q148. Consider the following statements regarding Deposit insurance.

1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) protect depositors if a bank fails.
2. When a bank is liquidated, depositors are entitled to receive 50% of their deposits in the bank.
3. Primary cooperative societies are not insured by the DICGC)

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 Only
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2 and 3
- d) 1, 2

Answer:-B

Q149. Consider the following statements about Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

1. REC is market-based mechanisms which will help the states meet their regulatory requirements such as Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPOs) by overcoming the geographical constraints on existing renewable potential in different states.
2. Each REC represents the environmental benefits of 1MWh of renewable energy generation.
3. When one purchases RECs, renewable energy is generated on their behalf.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1,2
- b) 1,3
- c) 2,3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q150. Consider the following statements regarding Hong Kong Convention, recently seen in news.

1. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) adopted the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships.
2. It is aimed at ensuring that ships being recycled after reaching the end of their operational lives do not pose any unnecessary risks to human health, safety and to the environment.
3. Recently cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEA) approved India's accession to the Hong Kong Convention.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-D

Q151. With respect to Director Identification Number (DIN) sometimes seen in the news recently, consider the following statements

1. It is an 8-digit unique identification number allotted to any person intending to be a Director or an existing director of a company.
2. DIN once allotted is valid for lifetime of a director until cancelled, surrendered or deactivated)
3. DIN is not specific to a person and if one acts as a director for more than one company, he/she may also get more than 1 DIN.

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

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

Answer:-B

Q152. Consider the following statements with respect to Prithvi-II

1. It is an indigenously developed surface-to-air nuclear-capable missile.
2. It is capable of carrying 500-1,000 kilograms of warheads and is powered by solid propulsion twin engines.

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

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

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- India has successfully test-fired its indigenously developed surface-to-surface nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile off Odisha coast recently.
- The Strategic Forces Command of the Indian Army conducted the user trial of the 350 km range missile from a mobile launcher.
- Defence sources said the missile weighs about 4,600 kg, is capable of carrying 500 to one thousand kilograms of warheads and is thrust by liquid propulsion twin engines.
- Already inducted into the armoury of the defence forces in 2003, the nine-metre-tall, single-stage liquid-fuelled "Prithvi" is the first missile to have been developed by the DRDO under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).

Q153. Consider the following statements with respect to Carbon offsetting

1. It allows a country to help reach its own emissions reduction targets by funding emission reductions in another country.
2. The first major offsetting scheme, the U.N.'s clean development mechanism (CDM), was set up under the 1987 Montreal Protocol.

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

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

Answer:-B

Q154. Which one of the following is the main objective of Restore-L Mission of NASA?

- a) To better understand how much water plants need and how they respond to stress
- b) To provide robotic satellite servicing to extend the lifetime of mission operations
- c) To study the dynamics of the Earth's magnetotail over a wide range of distance
- d) To accurately mapping the variations in Earth's gravity field and help in climate experiment

Answer:-B

Q155. With respect to India's exercises with other countries, consider the following pairs:

Exercises	Country
1. Surya Kiran -	Nepal
2. Ekuverin -	Seychelles
3. Ajeya Warrior -	USA

Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) None

Answer:-A

Q156. Consider the following statements with respect to the 'Power of Siberia' project

- 1. It is the first cross-border gas pipeline between Russia and China to pump natural gas to China and Russia's far-east regions.
- 2. The pipeline will pass through the deltas of the Yangtze and Amur rivers in China)

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

- a) 1 only

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- Recently, Chinese and Russian Presidents inaugurated the first cross-border pipeline between their countries, called the "Power of Siberia".
- The central aim of this gas pipeline is to pump natural gas to China and Russia's far-east regions.
- For China, the significance of the pipeline project is that it will feed its industries, which are mostly situated in the north.
- For Russia, on the other hand, the pipeline project signals the country's pro-China sentiment.
- From Siberia to China's Yangtze River delta in Shanghai, the massive pipeline will cover 8,000 km, with 5,111 km inside China, passing through nine provinces and municipalities.

Q157. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Artemis 1' mission

1. It is an uncrewed lunar exploration mission.
2. It will be the first integrated test of Israel's deep space exploration systems.

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

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

Answer:-A

Q158. Consider the following statements with respect to National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

1. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India)
2. The World Anti-Doping Code provisions are enforced by the UNESCO's Convention.

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

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

Answer:-B

Q159. Consider the following statements with respect to Non-Performing Asset (NPA)

1. A NPA is a loan or advance for which only the interest payment remained overdue for a period of 90 days.
2. An asset which remains as NPAs for a period of more than 12 months is termed as Doubtful assets.

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

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

Answer:-B

With NPAs on the rise, public sector banks go slow on Mudra)

- According to the latest government data, Small business loans under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana have slowed down this year.
- A Non Performing Asset (NPA) is a loan or advance for which the "principal or interest

payment" or both remained overdue for a period of 90 days.

- Banks are required to classify NPAs further into Substandard, Doubtful and Loss assets.
- Substandard assets: Assets which has remained NPA for a period less than or equal to 12 months.
- Doubtful assets: An asset would be classified as doubtful if it has remained in the substandard category for a period of more than 12 months.
- Loss assets: As per RBI, an asset is loss assets were the loan has been identified either by the bank itself or an external auditor or internal auditor that the loan amount collection is not possible, and a bank has to take a dent in its balance sheet.
- The Bank, in this case, has to write off the entire loan amount outstanding or need to make a provision for full amount which needs to write off in future.

Q160. Consider the following statements with respect to Rotavirus

1. It is a contagious disease that spreads easily.
2. Rotavirus Vaccine is included in Universal Immunisation Programme.
3. Rotovac 5D is a new Rotavirus Vaccine to tackle Diarrhoea)

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

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

Answer:-D

Q161. Consider the following statements with respect to Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)

1. It will be a basket of bonds issued by Central Public Sector Undertakings/ Enterprises/ Financial Institutions/ any other government organization Bonds.
2. Bharat Bond ETF would be the first corporate Bond ETF in India)

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

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

Answer:-C

Q162. Consider the following statements with respect to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)

1. It is the apex anti-smuggling agency of India)
2. It is tasked with detecting and curbing smuggling of contraband, including drug trafficking and illicit international trade in wildlife.
3. It works under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Ministry of Finance.

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

- a) 3 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) None

Answer:-C

Q163. Consider the following statements with respect to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

1. It is an intergovernmental alliance among 29 independent member countries across North American and European states.

2. Its headquarters is located in Brussels, Belgium.
3. The fundamental role of NATO is to safeguard the freedom and security of its member countries by political as well as military means.

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

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

Answer:-D

Q164. Global Climate Risk Index was published annually by?

- a) UN Environment
- b) World Economic Forum
- c) Global Footprint Network
- d) None of the above

Answer:-D

Q165. With respect to India Corruption Survey 2019 released recently, consider the following statements

1. According to the survey, Rajasthan has been adjudged as the least corrupt state in India)
2. It was conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

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

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

Answer:-D

Q166. State of Global Climate 2019 Report was recently published by?

- a) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- b) World Meteorological Organization
- c) German Watch
- d) None of the above

Answer:-B

Q167. Consider the following statements with respect to the Formation of a New Country

- 1. Anyone can declare itself a country.
- 2. A nation-hopeful must meet the criteria decided in Montevideo Convention.
- 3. UN as a body has to recognise a country.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer:-A

Q168. Consider the following statements with respect to Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA)

- 1. It is a food-grade alcohol that does not have any impurities.
- 2. It serves as an essential ingredient in the manufacture of cosmetics and personal care products

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

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

Answer:-C

Q169. Consider the following statements with respect to Malaria

1. It is caused by the Falciparum virus.
 2. It is transmitted by male Anopheles mosquitoes.
 3. World Malaria Report 2019 is released by the WHO
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 3 only
 - b) 1 only
 - c) 3 only
 - d) 2 and 3 only

Answer:-C

Q170. Consider the following statements with respect to Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)

1. In Price Support Scheme (PSS), physical procurement of pulses, oilseeds and Copra will be done by Central Nodal Agencies.
 2. Price Deficiency Payment Scheme this scheme (PDPS), covers all oilseeds only for which MSP is notified)
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer:-C

Q171. Consider the following statements with respect to Navies

1. A navy whose operations are restricted close to the shore, where the water is muddy, is called Blue-Water Force.

2. A navy that has the capacity to project itself over a much bigger maritime area than its maritime borders, is called Brown-Water Force.

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer-D

Q172. Consider the following statements with respect to Parker Solar Probe

- 1. It holds the second closest ever mission to the Sun after Helios 2 spacecraft.
- 2. WISPR instrument on the probe provides unprecedented detail on structures in the corona, solar wind, including coronal mass ejections.

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:-B

Explanation:

- NASA's Probe Soaring near Sun reveals surprises about Solar Wind)
- The information gathered by NASA's Parker Solar Probe during its first two close passes of the sun was released recently.

- It is a NASA's robotic spacecraft, with the mission of probing and making observations on the outer corona of the Sun.
- This is the closest ever mission to the Sun has discovered dynamic structures in the solar wind)
- Parker Solar Probe now holds the record for closest approach to the Sun by a human-made object.
- The previous record for closest solar approach was set by the German-American Helios 2 spacecraft in April 1976.
- Wide-Field Imager for Solar Probe (WISPR) is an imaging instrument, captures solar winds, shocks and solar ejections.
- WISPR instrument provides unprecedented detail on structures in the corona, solar wind, including coronal mass ejections.

Q173. Consider the following statements with respect to GOAL (Going Online as Leaders)

1. It is for empowering tribal youth to become leaders for tomorrow in the respective fields.
2. It is a digitally-enabled mentorship initiative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- GOAL (Going Online as Leaders) is for empowering tribal youth to become leaders for tomorrow in the respective fields.

- The Project is stated to aim at identifying and mobilizing renowned people from industry (policy makers and influencers), known for their leadership skills or roles, to digitally empower and personally mentor tribal youth from tribal communities across multiple locations of India)
- It is a digitally-enabled mentorship initiative of Facebook and Ministry of Tribal Affairs was not associated with the project.

Q174. 'Mekong River' flows through which of the following countries,

1. China
2. Bhutan
3. Myanmar (Burma)
4. Laos,
5. Thailand
6. Cambodia
7. Vietnam

Choose the correct option

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 only
- b) 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 only
- c) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 only
- d) 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 only

Answer:-C

Q175. Consider the following statements with respect to Heat Waves in India

1. It is considered as heat wave when the maximum temperature crosses 40°C and 30°C in the hills and plains respectively.
2. In places where the maximum temperature reaches 45°C or more, the IMD declares a heat wave irrespective of the normal.

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 & 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:-B

Q176. Consider the following statements with respect to Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- 1. It seeks to grant Indian Citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Christians and Parsis who fled Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan due to religious persecution.
- 2. States protected by Inner Line Permit (ILP) and tribal areas by Fifth Schedule of the Constitution have been exempted from the Bill's ambit.

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

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

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill-2019 will provide Indian citizenship to the six minority communities from Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.
- These six communities are - Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, Christian and Sikhs.
- The new draft of the Citizenship Amendment Bill has left out areas mentioned in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution in Assam, Meghalaya, and Tripura, along with areas re-

quiring Inner Line Permit, that is, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh.

Q177. Which of the following is/are correct with respect to ideological differences between Gandhi and Ambedkar?

1. Ambedkar advocated parliamentary system of government for independent India, but Gandhi had very little respect for the parliamentary system of governance.
2. Ambedkar denounced the Vedas and other Hindu scriptures whereas for Gandhi, caste and Varna are different and caste is perversive degeneration.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer:-C

Q178. Consider the following statements with respect to Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution

1. It deals with the administration and control of tribal states except the four states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
2. Under the 6th schedule, Governor is empowered to organise and re-organise the autonomous districts.

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

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

Answer:-B

Q179. Consider the following statements with respect to Platform of Science-based Ocean Solutions (PSBOS)

1. It aims to promote the necessity of addressing ocean and climate issues synergistically and to encourage the incorporation of the ocean in country climate commitments and strategies.
2. It was launched during the 25th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP25).

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

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- Chile, in its role as the Presidency of the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) to the UNFCCC, launched the Platform for Science-Based Ocean Solutions (PSBOS).
- The Platform aims to promote the necessity of addressing ocean and climate issues synergistically and to encourage the incorporation of the ocean in country climate commitments and strategies.
- The platform builds on the momentum of an IPCC Special Report on Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC) earlier this year.

Q180. Sukapaika River sometimes seen in the news recently is one of the several distributaries of the mighty river ___ in ___?

- a) Feni & Tripura
- b) Mahanadi & Odisha

- c) Gantak & Uttar Pradesh
- d) Brahmaputra & Arunachal Pradesh

Answer:-B

Q181. Consider the following statements with respect to International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

- 1. It is an intergovernmental organization based in Geneva, Switzerland)
- 2. India is not a member to UPOV.

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

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

Answer:-C

Q182. Consider the following statements with respect to Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ)

- 1. It is so named since it is located around the Taj Mahal and is shaped like a trapezoid)
- 2. The TTZ comprises monuments including three World Heritage Sites the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Qutub Minar.
- 3. It spreads over the state of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan.

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

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

Answer:-A

Explanation:

- Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) is a defined area of 10,400 sq km around the Taj Mahal to protect the monument from pollution.
- The Supreme Court of India delivered a ruling on December 30, 1996 regarding industries covered under the TTZ, in response to a PIL seeking to protect the Taj Mahal from environmental pollution.
- It banned the use of coal/ coke in industries located in the TTZ with a mandate for switching over from coal/ coke to natural gas, and relocating them outside the TTZ or shutting down.
- The TTZ comprises monuments including three World Heritage Sites the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri.
- TTZ is so named since it is located around the Taj Mahal and is shaped like a trapezoid)
- The TTZ is an area of about 10,400 sq km spread over the districts of Agra, Firozabad, Mathura, Hathras and Etah in Uttar Pradesh and Bharatpur district of Rajasthan.

Q183. Consider the following statements with respect to Exercise INDRA

1. It is a joint Tri-services exercise between India and Russia)
2. The Indra series of exercise began in 2003 and the first joint Tri Services Exercise was conducted in 2017.
3. INDRA 2019 will be conducted simultaneously at Babina (near Jhansi), Pune, and Goa)

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

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

Answer:-D

Q184. Consider the following statements with respect to Coffee in India

Arabica and Robusta are the two main varieties of coffee grown in India)

There is no Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Coffee in India)

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

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- In India, coffee is traditionally grown in the Western Ghats spread over Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- Coffee cultivation is also being expanding rapidly in the non-traditional areas of AP and Odisha as well as in the North East states.
- The two main varieties of coffee viz., Arabica and Robusta are grown in India)
- Arabica is mild coffee, but the beans being more aromatic, it has higher market value compared to Robusta beans.
- On the other hand Robusta has more strength and is, therefore, used in making various blends. Arabica is grown in higher altitudes than Robusta)
- As aggravating distress triggers suicides in the coffee heartland of Chikkamagaluru in Karnataka, growers have stepped up demand for a loan waiver and want the com-

modity to be brought under the ambit of the minimum support price (MSP) regime.

Q185. Which of the following is not a Stringed Instrument?

- a) Kamaicha
- b) Tanpura
- c) Kanjira
- d) Santoor

Answer:-C

Q186. Consider the following statements with respect to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

- 1. It is a statutory body which can only make recommendations.
- 2. It was established in conformity with the Paris Principles.
- 3. Prime Minister appoints the chairperson and members of the NHRC on the recommendation of a committee.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer:-A

Q187. Consider the following statements with respect to National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)

- 1. It is a nation-wide payment system facilitating one-to-one funds transfer, for even such individuals who do not have a bank account.

2. A minimum of Rs 2 lakh must be transferred through the NEFT service.

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

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

Answer:-A

Q188. Consider the following statements with respect to Ebola virus disease

- 1. The virus is transmitted to people from wild animals and do not spreads through human-to-human transmission.
- 2. An experimental Ebola vaccine RSVV-ZEBOV proved highly protective against the deadly virus.

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) None of the above

Answer:-B

Q189. 'Madhu app' which was in news recently was launched in?

- a) Delhi
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Telangana
- d) Odisha

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- Odisha Government launches 'Madhu App' for School Students.
- This app is aimed at helping school students in learning their lessons through videos and tutorials.
- It is a smart e-learning app in which the students will be provided with access to video explanations of the topics they study at school.
- It consists of video lectures in Odia language by leading subject experts and educationists.

Q190. Consider the following statements with respect to Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)

1. It is a statutory multi-disciplinary body established by under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, and climate change.
2. It assists and advises the Customs authorities in inspection of the consignments of flora & fauna as per governing policy.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are not correct?

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

Answer:-D

Q191. Consider the following statements with respect to e-Office Project

1. It is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the National e-Governance Programme (NeGP).
2. Department of Administrative Reform and Public Grievances (DARPG) is the nodal agency for implementing the project.

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

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- E-Office is one of the Mission Mode Projects (MMP), which is aimed at significantly improving the operational efficiency of Central Government Ministries and Departments through improvement in the workflow mechanisms.
- E-Office, as an e-Governance initiative, would be crucial in shaping Government Process Re-engineering (GPR), which eventually enhances the quality of services delivered to the citizens.
- The Department of Administrative Reform and Public Grievances (DARPG) is the nodal agency for implementing the project.
- The project aims to usher in paperless, more efficient, effective and transparent inter-government and intra-government transactions and processes.

Q192. Consider the following statements with respect to National Pension System (NPS)

1. The scheme is governed and administered by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
2. Overseas Citizens of India are not eligible to apply for the NPS Scheme.

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

- a) 1 only

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

Answer:-D

Q193. With respect to Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) which was established recently between India and Saudi Arabia, consider the following statements:

- 1. The council will be jointly headed by the Indian Minister of external affairs and his Saudi Arabian counterpart.
- 2. Apart from Saudi Arabia, India only shares such high-level mechanism with Russia)

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

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

Answer:-D

Explanation:

- India and Saudi Arabia elevated their partnership to a new level by establishing Strategic Partnership Council and concluding key pacts in defence industry and security with an eye to fight international terror amid fast changing geo-politics.
- The council will be headed by Prime Minister Modi and King Salman.
- Under Vision-2030, Saudi Arabia has selected eight countries for entering into strategic partnerships. These are: India, China, the UK, the US, France, Germany, South Korea and Japan.
- The setting up of the strategic council is significant, as Saudi Arabia is only the

fourth nation with whom India shares such an inter-governmental mechanism, which is headed by the Prime Minister.

- Before Saudi Arabia, India only shares such high-level mechanism with Russia, Germany and Japan.

Q194. With respect to SEED, consider the following statements:

1. It was founded at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg as a global partnership for action on sustainable development and the green economy.
2. It was established jointly by the UN Environment, UNDP and IUCN.

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

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

Answer:-C

Q195. Consider the following pairs

Cyclones Origin

1. Maha – Atlantic Ocean
2. Kyarr – Arabian Sea
3. Hagibis – Pacific Ocean

Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Answer:-A

Q196. Consider the following statements about International Maritime Organization (IMO).

1. It is independent to United Nations.
2. It is the global standard-setting authority for the safety, security and environmental performance of international shipping.
3. India was re-elected as Member to the Council of the International Maritime Organization for two years (2018-19).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 1, 3
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 2, 3

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- The International Maritime Organization – is the United Nations specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships. The IMO's primary purpose is to develop and maintain a comprehensive regulatory framework for shipping and its remit today includes safety, environmental concerns, legal matters, technical co-operation, maritime security and the efficiency of shipping.
- India was re-elected as Member of International Maritime Council for two years (2018-19)

Q197. Consider the following statements with respect to FSSAI

1. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is the Administrative Ministry for the implementation of FSSAI.
2. FSSAI issues the “Orange Book”.

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

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

Answer:-C

Q198. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Lymphatic Filariasis'

- 1. It is commonly known as elephantiasis, is a neglected temperate disease.
- 2. It is caused mainly by Culex mosquito.
- 3. WHO recommends three drug treatments to accelerate the global elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis.

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

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

Answer:-C

Explanation:

- Recently, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated National Symposium on the theme 'United to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis'
- 'Call to Action to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2021' was signed during the event.
- 'Lymphatic Filariasis', commonly known as 'Elephantiasis', is a Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD).
- It is caused mainly by Wuchereria Bancrofti (worm) and spread by Culex mosquito.
- This mosquito grows in dirty accumulated water.

- The disease is caused by three species of thread-like nematode worms, known as filariae – Wuchereria bancrofti, Brugia malayi and Brugia timori.
- According to the WHO, infection occurs when filarial parasites are transmitted to humans through mosquitoes.
- The infection is usually acquired in childhood, causing hidden damage to the lymphatic system.

Q199. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Health Profile 2019'

1. There has been a consistent decrease in the birth rate, death rate and natural growth rate in India since 1991 to 2017.
2. The population continued to grow since 1991 to 2017.
3. The rural and urban differentials in the Infant mortality rate have declined considerably.

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

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

Answer:-A

Q200. The term 'Qubit' seen in news is related to

- a) A basic unit of information in a quantum computer
- b) It works based on the principle of Superposition
- c) Both a and b
- d) None of the above

Answer:-C