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1. With reference to “Accessible India Campaign”, which of the following is correct?
- It is a scheme aimed at NRIs to make them familiar with the historical monuments.
 - It envisions for creation of universal accessibility ecosystem for Person with Disabilities.
 - It aims to attract FDI.
 - It is aimed at renovation of Historical monuments on the basis of PPP model.

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) is a nation-wide campaign for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). **Hence, Option (b) is correct.**
 - For creating universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities, the campaign has been divided into three verticals:
 - Built Environment Accessibility
 - Transport Accessibility
 - Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility
2. Which of the following is/are part of the Taj Trapezium Zone?
- Agra
 - Farrukhabad
 - Mathura
 - Hathras
 - Etah
 - Bharatpur

Select the correct answer using code given below:

- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 2, 3 and 4 only
- 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Taj Trapezium Zone

- Taj Trapezium Zone** is an area of about 10,400 sq km around the Taj Mahal.
- It is spread over- **Agra, Firozabad, Mathura, Hathras, Etah (Uttar-Pradesh) and Bharatpur(Rajasthan).** Hence, Option (d) is correct.

3. The Theme of Human Rights Day 2019 is-
- Youth Standing up for Human Rights
 - Stand up for someone's rights today
 - Being Human
 - Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is celebrated on December 10, every year.

- **The theme for the year 2019 is- Youth Standing up for Human Rights. Hence, option (a) is correct.**

4. Human Development Index is published by-
- World Economic Forum
 - World Bank
 - UNDP
 - Asian Development Bank

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- Human Development Index is published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) which is part of the United Nations global development network formed in 1965. **Hence, option (c) is correct.**

5. With reference to 'National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority', consider the following statements:

1. It is under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It monitors the prices of essential medicines to keep them at reasonable levels.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- It was set up in 1997 under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers**. **Hence, Statement 1 is not correct.**
- It aims to revise the prices of controlled bulk drugs and formulations and to enforce prices and availability of medicines in the country, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 1995.
- It also monitors the prices of decontrolled drugs in order to keep them at reasonable levels. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**

6. Papikonda National Park is situated in which of the following states?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Nagaland
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- The Papikonda National Park (PNP) spreads over 1012.86 square kilometres in **East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Park lies in the **River Godavari basin**. The forests of the Park cut through the Papikonda hill range.
- Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuary was established in the year 1978. Later, it was declared as a **National Park in 2008**.

Hence, Option (a) is correct.

7. Consider the following statements regarding Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV):

- 1. Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) is the indigenously-developed launch vehicle of India.
- 2. It is the first Indian launch vehicle to be equipped with liquid stages.
- 3. PSLV is known for consistently delivering various satellites to Low Earth Orbits, particularly the IRS (Indian Remote Sensing) series of satellites.

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) is the **third generation indigenously-developed** launch vehicle of India. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- It is the first Indian launch vehicle to be **equipped with liquid stages**.
 - PSLV's first stage and third stage are solid-fuelled stages.
 - PSLV's second stage and fourth stage are liquid-fuelled stages.Hence, Statement 2 is correct.
- PSLV is known as the **workhorse of ISRO** for consistently delivering various satellites to Low Earth Orbits, particularly the **IRS (Indian Remote Sensing)** series of satellites. Hence, Statement 3 is correct.
- Recently, Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), in its **50th flight (PSLV-C48)**, successfully launched **RISAT-2BR1** from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota.

8. With reference to Anglo-Indian members, consider the following statements:

1. Two members of the Anglo-Indian community are nominated in Lok-Sabha by the President.
2. They can vote in the Presidential election.
3. Anglo-Indian members of Lok Sabha and state Assemblies can not take the membership of any party.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- The term Anglo-Indian first appeared in the Government of India Act, 1935.
- **Article 331** provides nomination for two members of the Anglo-Indian community in Lok Sabha by the President. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- The Anglo-Indian members enjoy the same privileges as others, but they **can not vote** in the Presidential election because they are nominated by the President. **Hence, Statement 2 is not correct.**

- According to the 10th Schedule, Anglo-Indian members of the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies can take the membership of any party within six months of their nomination. **Hence, Statement 3 is not correct.**

9. Which of the following countries form part of Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre (RSMC) to give names for tropical cyclones in North Indian Ocean regions?

1. India
2. Myanmar
3. Oman
4. Pakistan
5. Sri Lanka

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- The **Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre (RSMC)**, New Delhi gives an identification name to a tropical cyclone for North Indian Ocean regions. The identification system covers both the **Arabian Sea** and the **Bay of Bengal**.
- Following countries form part of RSMC and **contribute names for identification of cyclones** in North Indian Ocean:
 - Bangladesh
 - India
 - Maldives
 - Myanmar
 - Oman
 - Pakistan
 - Sri Lanka
 - Thailand

Hence, Option (d) is correct.

10. With reference to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), consider the following statements:

1. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council.
2. One third of the Court is elected every two years.
3. Judges are not eligible for re-election.

Which of the statements given above is/are *incorrect*?

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the **principal judicial organ** of the United Nations (UN).
- The Court is **composed of 15 judges**, who are elected for terms of office of **9 years** by the **United Nations General Assembly** and the **Security Council**. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- In order to ensure a measure of continuity, one third of the Court is elected every three years. **Hence, Statement 2 is not correct.**
- Judges are eligible for re-election. **Hence, Statement 3 is not correct.**

Mains Questions:

Q1. What are tropical cyclones? Discuss the necessary conditions and the process for the formation of tropical cyclone. (250 words)

Q2. Explain Human Development Index. Also evaluate India's performance with respect to parameters of Human Development Index (HDI), 2019. (250 words)



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