

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. World Health Organization (WHO) has certified Azerbaijan and Tajikistan as malaria-free.
2. Both Azerbaijan and Tajikistan use national electronic malaria monitoring systems.
3. According to WHO, all the European countries are malaria free.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) has certified Azerbaijan and Tajikistan as malaria-free for eliminating the Anopheles mosquito-borne disease in their territories.
- In Tajikistan and Azerbaijan, the last cases of regional spread of Plasmodium vivax malaria were discovered in 2012 and 2014, respectively.
- With the latest announcement, the WHO officially declared 41 countries and one territory, including 21 countries in the European Region, malaria-free.
- Both Azerbaijan and Tajikistan use national electronic malaria monitoring systems to establish whether an infection is indigenous or imported and provide real-time case data
- They also employed biological larval control strategies, like mosquito-eating fish and water management practices to lessen malaria carriers.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Anganwadi:

1. The beneficiaries are identified on the basis of BPL card.
2. It was started as part of the Integrated Child Development Services program.
3. It serves as a rural child and maternal care centre in India.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Anganwadi is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by the States / UTs which serves as a rural child and maternal care centre in India.
- It was started by the Government of India in 1975 as part of the Integrated Child Development Services program to combat child hunger and malnutrition.
- Anganwadi centres provide a package of six services: supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, immunisation, health check-up, nutrition and health education, and referral services.
- The beneficiaries under the Anganwadi Services Scheme are identified on the basis of Aadhaar.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

1. It is a flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.
2. Its objective is to develop new programmes and policies for fostering innovation in different sectors of the economy.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

Explanation:

- AIM is Government of India's flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.
- Its objective is to develop new programmes and policies for fostering innovation in different sectors of the economy, provide platform and collaboration opportunities for different stakeholders, create awareness and create an umbrella structure to oversee the innovation ecosystem of the country.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Amnesty Scheme under Foreign Trade Policy 2023:

1. This scheme is intended to provide relief to exporters who have been unable to meet their obligations under EPCG.
2. It will give these exporters a fresh start and an opportunity to come into compliance.
3. The interest payable is capped at 100% of these exempted duties under this scheme.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: d

Explanation:

- This scheme is intended to provide relief to exporters who have been unable to meet their obligations under EPCG and Advance Authorizations, and who are burdened by high duty and interest costs associated with pending cases.
- All pending cases of the default in meeting Export Obligation (EO) of authorizations mentioned can be regularized on payment of all customs duties that were exempted in proportion to unfulfilled Export Obligation.
- **The interest payable is capped at 100% of these exempted duties** under this scheme. However, no interest is payable on the portion of Additional Customs Duty and Special Additional Customs Duty and this is likely to provide relief to exporters as interest burden will come down substantially.
- It is hoped that this amnesty will give these exporters a fresh start and an opportunity to come into compliance.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Malaria:

1. It is a blood borne disease caused by plasmodium parasites.
2. After entering the human body, parasites initially multiply within the liver cells and then attack the Red Blood Cells (RBCs) resulting in their rupture.
3. The parasites spread through the bites of infected Aedes mosquitoes.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Malaria is a life-threatening mosquito borne blood disease caused by plasmodium parasites.
- It is predominantly found in the tropical and subtropical areas of Africa, South America as well as Asia.
- It is preventable as well as curable.
- The parasites spread through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.
- After entering the human body, parasites initially multiply within the liver cells and then attack the Red Blood Cells (RBCs) resulting in their rupture.