

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. At present there are 62 cantonments in India.
2. Ajmer was the last cantonment to be notified.
3. Barrackpore is the first cantonment to shed its cantonment tag.

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:

- Sixty-two cantonments in India will cease to exist and all fauji areas will be designated as a military station and while those with civilians will come under local municipalities.
- Yol in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district is the first to shed its cantonment tag.
- At the time of Independence there were 56 cantonments and 6 more were notified after 1947, the last one being Ajmer in 1962.
- Cantonments are deemed municipalities and running municipalities is a state subject.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding G7 Group:

1. Canada was the founding member of this group.
2. The European Union has participated fully in the G-7 as a "non enumerated" member.
3. The leaders of important international organizations like European Union, IMF, World Bank and the United Nations are also invited.

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:

- France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States formed the Group of Six in 1975 to provide a venue for the industrialized democracies to address pressing economic concerns.
- In 1976, Canada was also invited to join the group and the first meeting with all G-7 nations was hosted by the United States which was held in Puerto Rico in 1976.
- The European Union has participated fully in the G-7 since 1981 as a "non enumerated" member.
- The G-7 was known as the G-8 for several years after the original seven were joined by Russia in 1997. The inclusion of USSR in G-7 was meant as a signal of cooperation between East and West after the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991.
- The group returned to being called G-7 after Russia was expelled as a member in 2014 following the annexation of the Crimea region of Ukraine.
- There are no formal criteria for membership, but participants are all highly developed democracies.
- Invitation to Global leaders are sent by host nation to participate in summit as special invitees. Countries like China, India, Mexico, and Brazil have attended summit at various occasions.
- The leaders of important international organizations like European Union, IMF, World Bank and the United Nations are also invited.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Gig workers:

1. They refer to workers outside of the traditional employer-employee relationship.
2. Construction workers and non-technology-based temporary workers comes under non-platform workers.

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:

- Gig workers refer to workers outside of the traditional employer-employee relationship. There are two groups of gig workers; platform workers, and non-platform workers.

- When gig workers use online algorithmic matching platforms or apps to connect with customers, they are called platform workers.
- Those who work outside of these platforms are non-platform workers, including construction workers and non-technology-based temporary workers.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding De-Dollarisation:

1. It refers to reducing the dollar's dominance of global markets.
2. It is used for buying US dollar for forex reserve.
3. The de-dollarisation is driven by the desire to insulate the Central Banks of the Countries from geopolitical risk.

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:

- De-dollarisation refers to reducing the dollar's dominance of global markets. It is a process of substituting US dollar as the currency used for:
 - ❖ Trading oil and/ or other commodities
 - ❖ Buying US dollars for the forex reserves
 - ❖ Bilateral trade agreements
 - ❖ Dollar-denominated assets
- The dominant role of the dollar in the global economy provides the US a disproportionate amount of influence over other economies. The US has for long used imposition of sanctions as a tool to achieve foreign policy goals.
- The de-dollarisation is driven by the desire to insulate the Central Banks of the Countries from geopolitical risks, where the status of the US dollar as a reserve currency can be used as an offensive weapon.

Q: Recently Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said regional languages should be used in courts in every State. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India specifies the official languages of different states.
2. The legislature of a state may adopt one or more of the languages in use in the state or Hindi as the official Language of the state.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- The Constitution of India doesn't specifies the official languages of different states.
- The legislature of a state may adopt one or more of the languages in use in the state or Hindi as the official Language of the state.
- Until that English is the official Language of that state.
- The Official Languages Act (1963) lays down that English should be the communication language between the Union and the states for non-Hindi states.
- When the President is satisfied that a substantial portion of the population of a state desired the use of any language spoken by them, he may recognized that as the official language of that state.
- This provision aims at protecting the linguistic minorities in states.
- Citizens can use any language other than the eighth schedule language for the redressal grievances in the court.