

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Swamp deer:

1. It also called as barasingha is a deer species distributed in the Indian subcontinent.
2. Conservation status by IUCN Red List is Vulnerable.
3. It is now extinct 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: a

Explanation:

- The swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) also called as barasingha is a deer species distributed in the Indian subcontinent.
- It belongs to the family Cervidae (order Artiodactyla), found in open forests and grasslands of India and Nepal.
- It eats predominantly wetland plants and herbaceous plants which are common in this deer's natural habitat.
- Its population is now restricted to isolated and scattered locations in Nepal, Assam and the northern areas of India.
- It is now extinct in both Bangladesh, and in Pakistan
- Conservation status by IUCN Red List is Vulnerable.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding International Coral Reef Initiative:

1. India is not a member of this initiative.
2. It was launched by Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, Britain and the United States.
3. It is a global partnership between Nations and organizations which strives to preserve coral reefs.

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:

- International Coral Reef Initiative was launched in 1994 by Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, Britain and the United States.
- Its members now include 45 countries that represent three quarters of the world's coral reefs.
- India is also a member country of this initiative.
- It is a global partnership between Nations and organizations which strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems around the world.
- Its decisions are not binding on its members.
- The work of ICRI is regularly acknowledged in United Nations documents, highlighting the Initiative's important cooperation, collaboration and advocacy role within the international arena.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime:

1. It is a multinational treaty against transnational organized crime that was established by the United Nations.
2. It is often known as the Palermo Convention

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:

- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime is a multinational treaty against transnational organized crime that was established by the United Nations in 2000.
- It is often known as the Palermo Convention.
- The UNTOC has a total of 147 signatories and 190 parties to the convention.
- The Convention is further supplemented by three Protocols

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Basohli Pashmina:

1. It refers to a fine variant of spun cashmere that is derived from the downy undercoat of the Changthangi.
2. It is obtained from a breed of mountain goats found on the Changthang Plateau in Tibet.
3. A traditional producer of pashmina wool in the Ladakh region are a people known as the Changpa.

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:

- Basohli Pashmina is a hand-spun product known for extreme softness, fineness and light-weight, has insulating properties and extended life.
- Pashmina products include shawls for both men and women, mufflers, blankets and basket.
- Pashmina refers to a fine variant of spun cashmere (the animal-hair fibre), that is derived from the downy undercoat of the Changthangi.
- It is obtained from a breed of mountain goats (*Capra hircus*) found on the Changthang Plateau in Tibet and parts of Ladakh.
- A traditional producer of pashmina wool in the Ladakh region are a people known as the Changpa (nomadic people inhabit the Changthang plateau of Tibet).

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Exercise SAMPRITI:

1. The exercise underscores the importance of enhancing interoperability.
2. It was started in Jorhat, Assam in 2009.
3. It is an annual joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka.

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:

- Exercise SAMPRITI is an annual joint military exercise between India and Bangladesh.
- It was started in Jorhat, Assam in 2009, the exercise has witnessed ten successful editions till 2022.
- This exercise, alternately organised by both countries, signifies strong bilateral defence cooperation initiatives.
- SAMPRITI-XI, scheduled for 14 days, will engage approximately 350 personnel from both sides.
- The exercise underscores the importance of enhancing interoperability between the two armies, sharing tactical drills, and promoting best practices.
- The exercise will also witness participation by personnel from diverse units such as artillery, engineers and other supporting arms and services from both sides.

