

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Quit India Movement:

1. It was a significant civil disobedience movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi.
2. During the movement, parallel governments were set up in Ballia, Satara, and Talcher.
3. Failure of Cripps Mission was the immediate cause for this movement.

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 Quit India Movement, also known as the August Movement or Bharat Chodo Andolan, was a significant civil disobedience movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi and the Indian National Congress on August 8, 1942 at Gowalia Tank Maidan also known as August Kranti Maidan in Bombay.
- On this day, August 8th, in 1942, Gandhi gave the famous "Do or Die" speech, urging the Indian people to act decisively and nonviolently against British rule.
- While factors leading to such a movement had been building up, matters came to a head with the failure of the Cripps Mission.
- The failure of the Cripps Mission made Gandhi realise that freedom would come only if Indians fought tooth and nail for it.
- The movement aimed to demand an end to British colonial rule in India and achieve full independence.
- During the movement, parallel governments were set up in Ballia (Uttar Pradesh), Satara (Maharashtra), Tamluk (West Bengal), and Talcher (Odisha).

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA):

1. It works under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. Its objective is to develop and promote the export of scheduled products.
3. The products specified under the APEDA ACT are called scheduled products.

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:

- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was established by the Government of India under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act of 1985.
- It works under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Its objective is to develop and promote the export of scheduled products.
- The products specified under the APEDA ACT are called scheduled products, and exporters of such scheduled products are required to register under APEDA.
- It provides financial assistance, information, and guidelines for the development of scheduled products.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Shangri-La Dialogue:

1. It is Asia's premier defense and security summit.
2. It is organized by an independent think-tank, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).

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:

- Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia's premier defense and security summit.
- It is attended by Defence Ministers, permanent heads of ministries and military chiefs of 28 Asia-Pacific countries.
- It is organized by an independent think-tank, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).
- The summit is named after the Shangri-La hotel in Singapore, where it has been held since 2002.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Luna 25:

1. It is also designated as the Luna-Glob-Lander which is a Russian lunar lander mission.
2. It is targeted to the south polar region of the Moon.
3. It is expected to operate on the lunar surface, studying regolith and exospheric dust and particles.

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:

- Luna-25 is also designated as the Luna-Glob-Lander which is a Russian lunar lander mission.
- It is targeted to the south polar region of the Moon.
- There are two primary scientific objectives of the mission: to study composition of the polar regolith, and to study the plasma and dust components of the lunar polar exosphere.
- It will take off from the Vostochny cosmodrome.
- It is expected to operate on the lunar surface, studying regolith and exospheric dust and particles, for approximately one year.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Indian eagle-owl:

1. It is also called the rock eagle-owl or Bengal eagle-owl.
2. It was earlier treated as a subspecies of the Eurasian eagle-owl.
3. IUCN has listed in critically endangered species.

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:

- Indian eagle-owl is also called the rock eagle-owl or Bengal eagle-owl.
- It is a large horned owl species native to hilly and rocky scrub forests in the Indian Subcontinent.
- It is splashed with brown and grey, and has a white throat patch with black small stripes.
- The slightly larger female can reach a total length of two and a half feet, with a wingspan of six feet.
- Prominent ear tufts that look like horns are seen to project from its head.
- It was earlier treated as a subspecies of the Eurasian eagle-owl.
- It is usually seen in pairs. It has a deep resonant booming call that may be heard at dawn and dusk.
- Its conservation status by IUCN is Least Concern.