

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Kuno National Park:**

1. It is part of the Khathiar-Gir dry deciduous forests.
2. Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary is underway to become India's second home for the Asiatic lion.
3. It is not given the status of wildlife sanctuary.

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:

- Kuno National Park is a national park in MP established in 1981 as a wildlife sanctuary.
- In 2018, it was given the status of a national park.
- It is part of the Khathiar-Gir dry deciduous forests.
- Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary is underway to become India's second home for the Asiatic lion.

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2023) took place in Sea of Japan.
2. Singapore is hosting the International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX-23).
3. The first edition of IMDEX was held in 1997.

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:

- Chinese boats and maritime militia reportedly tracked the drills carried out by the navies of India and ASEAN countries in the South China Sea.
- The naval ships and aircraft from India, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei took part in the two-day sea phase of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2023).
- The Chinese militia was in the Vietnamese Exclusive Economic Zone and the naval vessels even crossed each other, but they didn't engage.
- China appeared to be using the militia to intimidate. They apparently wanted to disrupt the naval exercise.
- Singapore is hosting the International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX-23) and the International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC), in which the ships will also be taking part.
- The first edition of IMDEX was held in 1997.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Lithium:**

1. It is the lightest as well as the softest metal across the globe.
2. It converts chemical energy into electrical energy.

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:

- The quantity of lithium found in Rajasthan can meet about 80 percent of the country's demand and requirement.
- Lithium is the lightest as well as the softest metal across the globe. A nonferrous metal, it converts chemical energy into electrical energy and is one of the key components in EV batteries.
- As of now, India depends on imports for many minerals like lithium, such as nickel and cobalt, and has been looking to strengthen its supply of these key minerals, which are otherwise crucial for furthering its plans to expand its electrical vehicle footprint.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding African Cheetah and Asiatic Cheetah:**

1. African Cheetah is critically endangered.

2. Asiatic Cheetah is bigger in size as compared to African Cheetah.

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: d

Explanation:

<b>African Cheetah</b>	<b>Asiatic Cheetah</b>
Vulnerable	Critically Endangered.
Appendix-I of the List.	Appendix-I of the List.
Around 6,500-7,000 African cheetahs present in the wild.	40-50 found only in Iran.
Bigger in size as compared to Asiatic Cheetah.	Smaller and paler than the African cheetah. Has more fur, a smaller head and a longer neck. Usually have red eyes and they have a more cat-like appearance.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Election Commission of India:**

- 1. The tenure of election commissioner is fixed to six year or 65 years of age.
- 2. They enjoy the same status as available to Judges of the Supreme Court of India.
- 3. President appoints the chief election commissioner only.

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:

- Originally the election commission had only one election commissioner but after the Election Commissioner Amendment Act 1989, it has been made a multi-member body.
- The commission consists of one Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners.
- Recently, the President of India appointed Rajiv Kumar as the Chief Election Commissioner (25th CEC).
- The secretariat of the commission is located in New Delhi.
- At the state level election commission is helped by Chief Electoral Officer who is an IAS rank Officer.
- The President appoints Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners.
- They have a fixed tenure of six years, or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- They enjoy the same status and receive salary and perks as available to Judges of the Supreme Court of India.