

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Luis Inacio Lula da Silva:

1. His victory underlines the decisive shift to the left in Latin American politics.
2. Lula was president of Brazil when the first BRIC was held in Russia in 2009.
3. His victory marks the first Left government in South American Countries.

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:

- Luis Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil, victory underlines the decisive shift to the left in Latin American politics.
- The change began with the election in 2018 of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador in Mexico, and was followed by the victories for Alberto Fernandez in Argentina in 2019, and Gabriel Boric in Chile, Pedro Castillo in Peru, and Gustavo Petro in Colombia.
- After Lula's victory, six of the region's biggest economies will be run by Leftist politicians.
- Lula was president of Brazil when the first BRIC (South Africa was still not a member of the grouping then) was held in Russia in 2009.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding LVM3 rocket:

1. It is powered by solid and liquid state.
2. Solid-fuel boosters are the most reliable and ISRO has been using for the longest time.
3. Liquid-fuel are far more complicated machines than solid-fuel ones.

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:

- Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully test-fired its CE-20 Cryogenic engine.
- Earlier, the ISRO placed 36 satellites of the UK-based 'OneWeb', into Low Earth Orbit, using its heaviest rocket LVM3.
- The LVM3 is powered by three stages - solid, liquid and cryogenic.
- Solid-fuel boosters are the most reliable and the technology that ISRO has been using for the longest time.
- Hence, the need for testing is not as high, when compared to liquid-fuel and cryogenic engines which are far more complicated machines than solid-fuel ones.
- Also, the CE-20 Cryogenic engine being less than a decade old, means there are more reasons for ISRO to test-fire it.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. In P. Ulaganathan vs Government of India (2019), the status of citizenship of Indian-origin Tamils came up for consideration.
2. Court held that a continuous period of statelessness of Indian-origin Tamils offends their fundamental right under Article 21.

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:

- In *P. Ulaganathan vs Government of India (2019)*, the status of citizenship of Indian-origin Tamils at the Kottapattu and Mandapam camps came up for consideration.
- The court recognised the distinction between Indian-origin Tamils and Sri Lankan Tamils and held that a continuous period of statelessness of Indian-origin Tamils offends their fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding the Uighurs Muslim:

1. They are a predominantly Muslim minority Turkic ethnic group.
2. The Uighurs are considered to be one of the 55 officially recognized ethnic minority communities in China.
3. China recognises this community only as a regional minority.

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:

- The Uighurs are a predominantly Muslim minority Turkic ethnic group, whose origins can be traced to Central and East Asia.
- The Uighurs speak their own language, similar to Turkish, and see themselves as culturally and ethnically close to Central Asian nations.
- The Uighurs are considered to be one of the 55 officially recognized ethnic minority communities in China.
- However, China recognises the community only as a regional minority and rejects that they are an indigenous group.
- Currently, the largest population of the Uighur ethnic community lives in Xinjiang region of China.

Q: Recently, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has notified amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (IT Rules, 2021). Consider the following statement:

1. Social Media intermediaries (SMIs) had to respect all the rights accorded to the citizens under the Constitution, including in the articles 14, 19 and 21.
2. They have to remove such information within 72 hours of the complaint being made.
3. The platform is not available in all languages listed in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.

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:

- Globally, governments are grappling with the issue of regulating social media intermediaries (SMIs).
- It is important for governments to update their regulatory framework to face emergent challenges.
- A similar concern arises with the other newly introduced obligation on SMIs to “respect all the rights accorded to the citizens under the Constitution, including in the articles 14, 19 and 21”.
- They have to remove such information within 72 hours of the complaint being made.
- Given the virality with which content spreads, this is an important step to contain the spread of the content.

- In this context, the amendments also mandate that “rules and regulations, privacy policy and user agreement” of the platform should be made available in all languages listed in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.