

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. According to World Population Prospects report 2022, India, will surpass China as the world's most populous nation by 2023.
2. More than half of the projected increase in global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in just eight countries.
3. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) release world Population Prospects report 2022

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:

- Recently, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division released World Population Prospects 2022.
- According to the report, India's population stands at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared to China's 1.426 billion.
- India, which will surpass China as the world's most populous nation by 2023, is projected to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050, way ahead of China's 1.317 billion people by the middle of the century.
- More than half of the projected increase in global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in just eight countries of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and Tanzania.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding World Population Prospects 2022:**

1. Average global longevity will be around 60 years in 2050.
2. Global life expectancy at birth reached 72.8 years in 2019
3. Life expectancy for the least developed countries lagged seven years behind the global average.

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:

- Global life expectancy at birth reached 72.8 years in 2019, an improvement of almost 9 years since 1990. Further reductions in mortality are projected to result in an average global longevity of around 77.2 years in 2050.
- Yet in 2021, life expectancy for the least developed countries lagged seven years behind the global average.

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. India joined the Interpol's International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database.
2. CBI is the India's nodal agency for Interpol matters.

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:

- Recently, India joined the Interpol's International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database.

- It will allow India to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scene using audio-visual data.
- The CBI, which is India's nodal agency for Interpol matters, joined the database.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding National Clean Air Programme:**

1. It was launched in 2019.
2. It aimed to reduce particulate matter of air pollution by 20-30% by 2024.
3. It is primarily aimed for 122 cities 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: d

Explanation:

- In 2019, the government launched the **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)** to reduce particulate matter air pollution by 20-30% by 2024. This, however, is **primarily aimed at 122 cities** that have been categorised as India's most polluted cities.

**Q: Proposed installation of solar plant in Jodhpur resulted in protest against the falling of which of the following trees?**

- a) Khejri
- b) Teak
- c) Sal
- d) Babul

Ans: a

Explanation:

- The **proposed installation of eight solar power plants** in Jodhpur district's Phalodi tehsil has led to a major confrontation with the Bishnoi activists, who have strongly **protested against the felling of khejri trees.**