

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Rubber Board:

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It issues licenses to rubber producers, manufacturers, and exporters/traders.
3. It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Finance.

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:

- Rubber Board is a statutory organization constituted under the Rubber Act, 1947.
- It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The Board is responsible for the development of the rubber industry in the country by assisting and encouraging research, development, extension and training activities related to rubber.
- It also maintains statistical data of rubber, takes steps to promote marketing of rubber and undertake labour welfare activities.
- A crucial function of the Rubber Board is issuing licenses to rubber producers, manufacturers, and exporters/traders.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Legion of Honour.

1. This honour is similar to Padma Vibhushan in India.
2. This is the highest French decoration given to both civil and military.
3. The Order was established by Napoleon Bonaparte.

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:

- The National Order of the Legion of Honour, or simply The Legion of Honour is the highest French decoration, both civil and military, and is one of the most famous national honours in the world.
- The Prime Minister has been honoured with the highest French honour, akin to the Bharat Ratna in India.
- The Order was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, and has been presented for more than the past two centuries on behalf of the French Head of State to its most deserving citizens in all fields of activity.
- There is no material or financial benefit attached to the award.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Jerson's Babbler and choose the incorrect option:

- a) It is a passerine bird native to wetlands and grasslands.
- b) It lives all-year-round near river courses.
- c) It is listed as endangered in IUCN List.
- d) This species is native to Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan.

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Jerson's babbler is a passerine bird native to wetlands and grasslands of the Indian subcontinent.
- Scientific name is *Chrysomma altirostre*
- It is a member of the genus *Chrysomma* of the family Paradoxornithidae.
- The geographic distribution of this species are from Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan.
- It lives all-year-round near river courses, where it inhabits dense reedbeds and tall grasslands.
- The legs and feet are dark, the bill is greyish-horn colored above and pale below.
- The eyes' irides are yellowish-brown and a thin nude ring of greenish-yellow skin surrounds the eye.
- It is listed as Vulnerable in IUCN List.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Namda Craft:

1. It originated in the 11th century during the reign of Mughal emperor Akbar.
2. It is a form of matting.
3. They are made from wool by practice of felting the wool rather than weaving it.

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:

- Namda craft is a rug made of sheep wool through felting technique instead of normal weaving process.
- Namda is a form of matting.
- It is extensively used in Kashmir households for floor covering and mattresses.
- They are made from wool by practice of felting the wool rather than weaving it. The Felted carpets are predominantly made of pure wool
- Namda is usually a sandwich of many layers of wool flattened over each other. After a layer is spread, it is sprinkled homogeneously with water and pressed with a tool known as 'pinjra'(woven willow wicker)
- It is said to have originated in the 11th century when Akbar ordered for suitable coverage for his horse who was affected by biting cold

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Parkinson's Disease:

1. It is a progressive neurological disorder that affects the nervous system.
2. It occurs and progresses with ageing.
3. Women are more likely to be affected by Parkinson's than men.

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:

- Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological disorder that affects the nervous system and the parts of the body controlled by the nerves.
- It is a condition in which a patient holds limited or no control over his movements and body balance.
- It occurs and progresses with ageing, but in rare cases, it is also witnessed among children and teenagers as well.
- Currently, there is no cure for Parkinson's disease.
- Many studies have suggested that men are more likely to be affected by Parkinson's than women.