

Q: Consider the following statement regarding India Infrastructure Project Development Funding Scheme (IIPDF):

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme which will aid the development of quality PPP projects.
2. The corpus is initiated by Ministry of MSME.

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: a

Explanation:

- India Infrastructure Project Development Funding Scheme (IIPDF) is a Central Sector Scheme which will aid the development of quality PPP projects by providing necessary funding support to the project sponsoring authorities, both in the Central and State Governments.
- The corpus of the IIPDF shall comprise of initial budgetary outlay of Rs. 100 Crore by the Ministry of Finance.
- Funding under IIPDF Scheme is in addition to the already operational Scheme for Financial Support to PPPs in Infrastructure (VGF Scheme).

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Execution only platform (EOP):

1. There is a specific framework available for technology/digital platforms.
2. It is a digital or online platform which facilitates transactions such as subscription.
3. No entity would be allowed to operate as an EOP without obtaining registration

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:

- Execution only platform (EOP) is a digital or online platform which facilitates transactions such as subscription, redemption and switch transactions in direct plans of schemes of mutual funds.
- Till now, there was no specific framework available for technology/digital platforms (including platforms provided by Investment Advisers/Stock Brokers to non-clients) to provide execution-only services in direct plans of mutual fund schemes.
- As per the new SEBI's new guidelines, no entity would be allowed to operate as an EOP without obtaining registration from SEBI or the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) 2023:

1. It quantifies biases against women, capturing people's attitudes toward women's roles
2. Countries with greater bias in gender social norms also show a lower presence of women in parliament.

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:

- Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) 2023 quantifies biases against women, capturing people's attitudes toward women's roles.
- It tracked people's attitudes towards women in four dimensions: political, educational, economic and physical integrity.
- The index, covering 85 per cent of the global population, reveals that close to 9 out of 10 men and women hold fundamental biases against women.
- Nearly 90% of people still hold at least one bias against women and 25 per cent of people believe it is justified for a man to beat his wife.
- Countries with greater bias in gender social norms also show a lower presence of women in parliament.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding golden jackal:

1. It is also known as common jackal.
2. They are small compared to their close relatives, wolves, and wild dogs.
3. Scientific name is *Canis aureus*.

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 golden jackal, also known as the common jackal, is a medium-sized wolf-like canid.
- Scientific name is *Canis aureus*.
- They are small compared to their close relatives, wolves, and wild dogs.
- They are widely distributed from North and East Africa to southeastern Europe and South Asia, including Burma.
- They are abundant in valleys and along rivers and their tributaries, canals, lakes, and seashores, but are rare in foothills and low mountains.
- They are quite widespread across India. Right from the Himalayan foothills, down to the Western Ghats, the Golden Jackal has a wide distribution.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Food Corporation of India (FCI):

1. It comes under the ownership of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
2. Its objectives is to procure and supply grains to PDS for distributing subsidized staples to economically vulnerable sections of society.
3. It is a Constitutional body.

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:

- Food Corporation of India (FCI) is a statutory body set up in 1965 (under the Food Corporation Act, 1964) against the backdrop of major shortage of grains, especially wheat, in the country.
- It comes under the ownership of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- FCI was mandated with three basic objectives:
 - to provide effective price support to farmers;
 - to procure and supply grains to PDS for distributing subsidized staples to economically vulnerable sections of society;
 - keep a strategic reserve to stabilize markets for basic foodgrains;