

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Advocate-on-Record (AoR):**

1. It is a title given to an advocate who can represent a cause or pleading before the Supreme Court.
2. The concept was introduced by the Supreme Court with the power given to it under Article 145(1).
3. All High Court in India also has a similar provision.

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:

- The concept of Advocate-on-Record (AoR) was introduced by the SC with the power given to it under Article 145(1) of the Indian Constitution, which states that the SC may, from time to time, make rules for regulating the practices and procedures in the court.
- “Advocate on record” is a title given to an advocate who can represent a cause or pleading before the SC.
- Only these advocates are entitled to file any matter or document before the SC. They can also file an appearance or act for a party in the SC.
- No other High Court in India has a similar provision.

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

1. It is a type of genetic disorder.
2. They are characterised by the abnormal growth.
3. It can be aggressive (fast-growing) or indolent (slow-growing).

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:

- Lymphoma is a type of cancer that originates in the lymphatic system, which is a part of the body's immune system.
- The lymphatic system includes lymph nodes, lymphatic vessels, the spleen, tonsils, and the bone marrow.
- Lymphomas are characterised by the abnormal growth and proliferation of lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell, which can form tumourstumors in various parts of the body.
- It's considered a blood cancer because the condition starts in white blood cells (lymphocytes) in your lymphatic system.
- Lymphomas can be aggressive (fast-growing) or indolent (slow-growing).

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML):**

1. It is an international standard-setting body.
2. India became a member in 1956.

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 International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML) was established in 1955.
- It is an international standard-setting body.
- It develops model regulations, standards, and related documents for use by legal metrology authorities and industry.
- It plays a crucial role in harmonising national laws and regulations on the performance of measuring instruments like clinical thermometers, alcohol breath analysers, radar speed measuring instruments, ship tanks found at ports, and petrol dispensing units.
- India became a member of the OIML in 1956. In the same year, India signed the metric convention.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT):**

1. It was a tax imposed on companies that distributed dividends to their shareholders.
2. DDT has been repealed and abolished by the Government for Indian corporations under the Finance Act 2020.
3. Shareholders are now forced to pay tax on dividends based on their tax bracket.

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:

- Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) was a tax imposed by the Indian government on companies that distributed dividends to their shareholders.
- It was introduced to tax the dividend income received by shareholders indirectly through the company rather than taxing the dividend income at the individual level.
- Companies that pay dividends to their shareholders in India were required to pay the DDT.
- DDT has been repealed and abolished by the Government for Indian corporations under the Finance Act 2020.
- With this modification, Indian corporations are no longer obligated to pay DDT on dividends paid to shareholders. Instead, shareholders will be forced to pay tax on dividends based on their tax bracket.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding K2-18b Exoplanet:**

1. It is more than 120 light-years from Earth.
2. It is 8.6 times bigger than Earth.
3. It could be a world with a hydrogen-rich atmosphere 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:

- K2-18b Exoplanet was first discovered in 2015, more than 120 light-years from Earth, during the space agency's K2 mission.
- It is 8.6 times bigger than Earth.
- It could be a "Hycean" world with a hydrogen-rich atmosphere and a surface covered by ocean water.
- Now, a new investigation with the Webb telescope has revealed traces of carbon-bearing molecules in its atmosphere, including methane and carbon dioxide.