

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Horseshoe crabs:

1. This is the oldest living creature on Earth.
2. The first discovered horseshoe crabs were along Balasore coast.
3. They are not deep-sea animals.

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:

- Horseshoe crabs, one of the oldest living creatures on earth and medicinally priceless, appear to be disappearing from their familiar spawning grounds along Chandipur and Balaramgadi coast in Odisha's Balasore district.
- They first discovered horseshoe crabs along Balasore coast and brought the species to the State's notice in 1987.
- Like olive ridley sea turtles, these crabs are basically **deep-sea animals**.
- They come to coasts of Balasore in Odisha and Digha and Sundarban in West Bengal for breeding purposes. They select a suitable site for laying their eggs. Unfortunately, those eggs are also damaged by local people.
- This is the **oldest living creature on Earth**. Palaeontological studies say the age of horseshoe crabs is 450 million years.
- The creature has lived on earth without undergoing any morphological change.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding International Court of Justice (ICJ):

1. Judges of ICJ are elected by the security council only.
2. It is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations.
3. The Court is composed of 15 judges.

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:

- ICJ was established in 1945 by the United Nations charter and started working in April 1946.
- It is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, situated at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands).
- The Court is composed of 15 judges, who are elected for terms of office of nine years by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks:

1. It is a major step forward in making India a global hub for textile manufacturing and exports.
2. It is inspired by 5F vision.

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:

Explanation:

- Recently, the Government announced the sites for setting up of 7 PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks for the Textile industry.
- Inspired by the 5F vision of the Prime Minister (i.e., Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign), the PM MITRA Parks are a major step forward in realising the Government's vision of making India a global hub for textile manufacturing and exports.
- It is expected that these parks will enhance the competitiveness of the textiles industry by helping it achieve economies of scale as well as attract global players to manufacture in India.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. ITC launch their ITC Mission Millet.

2. It will focus on 3Es—Educate, Empower, and Encourage.
3. It involves educating consumers on the nutritional benefits of millets.

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:

- It is delightful to see large agro-based conglomerates like ITC launch their ITC Mission Millet wherein the enterprise has leveraged the synergy of its food and hospitality businesses.
- There are learnings from ITC's Millet Mission, which focuses on 3Es—Educate, Empower, and Encourage.
- This involves educating consumers on the nutritional benefits of millets, empowering farmers with knowledge on millet crop farming to enhance their livelihoods, and encouraging people to try and build a taste for millet products.
- The company's agri-business is focusing on millet by building integrated millet value chains through farmer producer organisations. To develop a taste for millets amongst consumers, the company has been introducing millets across its various product categories such as pasta, snacks, and even candies.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding PM MITRA Parks and choose the incorrect option:

- a) The Ministry of Finance will oversee the execution of these projects.
- b) It will help in creating world-class industrial infrastructure.
- c) Convergence with other GOI schemes shall also be facilitated.
- d) An SPV owned by Centre and State Government will be set up for each park.

Ans: a

Explanation:

- PM MITRA Parks will help in creating world-class industrial infrastructure that would attract large scale investment including foreign direct investment (FDI) and encourage innovation and job creation within the sector.
- The Ministry of Textiles will oversee the execution of these projects. An SPV owned by Centre and State Government will be set up for each park which will oversee the implementation of the project.
- A Competitive Incentive Support (CIS) upto Rs 300 crore per park to the units in PM MITRA Park shall also be provided to incentivise speedy implementation. Convergence with other GOI schemes shall also be facilitated in order to ensure additional incentives to the Master Developer and investor units.
- State governments will provide contiguous and encumbrance-free land parcel of at least 1000 acres of land and will also facilitate provision of all utilities, Reliable Power Supply and Water availability and Waste Water Disposal system, an effective single window clearance as well as a conducive and stable industrial/textile policy.