

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding free airtime for political parties:**

1. It was given statutory basis through 2003 amendment to Representation of People Act, 1951.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting vs Cricket Association of Bengal and ANR, 1995 is related to it.
3. By this judgement, airwaves was not declared a public property.

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 facility to provide free airtime for political parties during elections was given statutory basis through the 2003 amendment to the Representation of People Act, 1951.
- The Supreme Court, in its famed judgment (*The Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting vs Cricket Association of Bengal and ANR, 1995*), held that airwaves are public property and its use should serve the greater public good.
- Elections being the lifeblood of a democracy, the misuse or abuse of airwaves to gain unfair electoral advantage is a key regulatory apprehension of governments around the world.

**Q: The term Dotted Lands recently seen in news is related to?**

- a) The lands that were given as voluntary gift from the landlords to the landless.
- b) It is a disputed land for which there are no clear ownership documents.
- c) It is a land donated by kings or wealthy patrons to Brahmins.
- d) It is a land given to temples during harshavardhana period.

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Dotted lands are disputed lands for which there are no clear ownership documents.
- The farmers could not procure loans from banks and financial institutions by putting up the land as collateral.
- Financial institutions do not recognize dotted land documents as clear ownership documents.
- Andhra Pradesh government introduced a Bill to amend the Revenue Act to grant titles to farmers who have been cultivating dotted lands for more than 12 years.
- The dots, and entries in land registers, will be removed and these farmers will be given clear land ownership documents.
- The lands are now taken off from the prohibited list, so landowners/farmers will get full rights over the lands.
- More importantly, they can apply for financial assistance for crop support, purchase seeds and fertilisers, and procure farm equipment.
- The landowners/farmers can also sell the lands or gift to kin or relatives.

**Q: The place Neh Pema Shelpu Drupkhang recently seen in news is located in which of the following state?**

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Manipur
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Sikkim

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Neh Pema Shelpu Drupkhang is located in Mechukha, Shi-Yomi district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- According to Buddhists, it is a Pilgrimage place, known as the meditation place of 6th rebirth of Guru Padma Samba, one of the founding fathers of Tibetan Buddhism in 749 A.D.
- According to Sikhism, it is a historic place which is associated with Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism.
- Recently, it was claimed to be converted into a Buddhist shrine by the local Buddhist Memba community.
- Memba tribal community is the third largest tribal community among the six Buddhist tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Most of these tribal communities are scattered around the Eastern parts of Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Polygamy is prevalent where mainly women can have more than one husband.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding the Green deposit:**

1. It is not very different from the regular deposits.
2. A bank may also avoid using green deposits to invest in fossil fuel projects.
3. A green deposit is just one product in a wide array of other financial products.

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:

- Green deposits are not very different from the regular deposits that banks accept from their customers. The only major difference is that **banks promise to earmark the money that they receive as green deposits towards environment-friendly projects.**
- For example, a bank may promise that green deposits will be used towards financing renewable energy projects that fight climate change. A bank may also avoid using green deposits to invest in fossil fuel projects that are considered harmful to the climate.
- A green deposit is just one product in a wide array of other financial products such as green bonds, green shares, etc., that help investors put money into environmentally sustainable projects.

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. G7 has no legal existence or official members.
2. G7 represent around 85% of the global GDP.

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:

- G7 stands for an informal Group of Seven countries.
- G-7 Consists of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, U.K and U.S.
- It holds an annual summit with European Union and other invitees.
- G7 includes 40% of global GDP and 10% of the world's population.
- G7 has no legal existence or official members.
- G-20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation.
- G20 stands for group of 20 members (19 countries and European Union).
- It holds annual summit under the leadership of a rotating Presidency.
- It represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.
- The Group does not have a permanent secretariat.
- India holds the Presidency of the G20 from 2023 to 2024