

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO):**

1. It is a corporate fraud investigating agency set up by the Government of India.
2. Its aim is to detect and prosecute white-collar crimes and frauds.
3. It is a multi-disciplinary organisation under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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:

- Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) is a corporate fraud investigating agency set up by the Government of India.
- It is a multi-disciplinary organisation under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- It consists of experts in the fields of accountancy, forensic auditing, law, information technology, investigation, company law, capital market and taxation.
- For detecting and prosecuting or recommending for prosecution white-collar crimes and frauds.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Anamudi Shola National Park:**

1. It is located in the state of Tamil Nadu.
2. It consists of montane wet temperate forests and moist deciduous forests.
3. Presence of dense shola woods is its unique features

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:

- Anamudi Shola National Park is located in the state of Kerala.
- It is surrounded by Eravikulam National Park, Pampadum Shola National Park, Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary and Mathikettan Shola Park.
- Vegetation:
- It consists of southern subtropical hill forests, southern montane wet temperate forests and moist deciduous forests.
- The unique thing in the dense shola woods that houses a dense patch of stunted trees will be the luxurious presence of lichen, mosses, and climbers.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Exchange Traded Fund (ETF):**

1. It is a collection of investments such as equities or bonds.
2. These funds have much lower expenses as compared to physical gold investments.

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:

- Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) is a collection of investments such as equities or bonds.
- It is a basket of securities that trades on an exchange just like a stock does.
- It can contain all types of investments, including stocks, commodities, or bonds.
- They have cheaper fees than other types of funds.
- These funds have much lower expenses as compared to physical gold investments.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Hoysala temples:**

1. These are primarily dedicated to Hindu deities like Shiva and Vishnu.
2. These temples are mixture of Nagara and Dravidian style.
3. These were built in the 12th-13th centuries.

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 Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas consist of a collection of Hoysala temples.
- These were built in the 12th-13th centuries and are represented here by the three components of Belur, Halebid, and Somnathapura.
- These are primarily dedicated to Hindu deities like Shiva and Vishnu, with some also devoted to the Jain faith.
- The Hoysala temples have a basic Dravidian morphology but show strong influences of the Bhumija mode widely used in Central India, the Nagara traditions of northern and western India, and the Karnataka-Dravida modes favoured by the Kalyani Chalukyas.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Red-necked phalarope:**

1. It is a fairly small shorebird known for spinning frantically on water.
2. It is found in both boreal and tundra zones.
3. Conservation status by IUCN is critically endangered.

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:

- Red-necked phalarope is a fairly small shorebird known for spinning frantically on water to stir up small invertebrates.
- It has a circumpolar distribution and is found in both boreal and tundra zones between 60 and 70 degrees latitude.
- These phalaropes can be found in coastal regions of the Arctic Ocean, south to the Aleutians and Northwest to Britain.
- In the winter, it spends most of its time on the ocean
- Conservation status by IUCN is Least concern.