

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Exercise 'DUSTLIK':**

1. It is a military exercise between India and Uzbekistan.
2. This is the first exercise held between the two army.

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:

- Recently, the 4th edition of joint military exercise 'DUSTLIK' between the Indian Army and Uzbekistan Army commenced in Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand).
- The first edition of the exercise was held at Uzbekistan in November 2019.

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. NASA has named a mountain on the Mars in the honour of mathematician Melba Mouton.
2. The lunar South Pole is a target for landing the Artemis missions.
3. The flat moon mountain is located near the water-rich lunar South Pole.

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:

- Recently, NASA has named a mountain on the Moon in the honour of mathematician Melba Mouton for her immense contribution that paved way for operating satellites in space.
- The flat moon mountain is located near the water-rich lunar South Pole.
- The lunar South Pole is a target for landing the Artemis missions, which will mark the return of humans to the lunar surface in over half a century.
- The name has been proposed by the team of the Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) mission to the International Astronomical Union (IAU).

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Autism spectrum disorder (ASD):**

1. It is a neural disorder
2. It impaired social interactions, lack verbal and nonverbal communication skills, and display restricted and repetitive behaviours.

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:

- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is the term for a group of neurodevelopmental disorders. Researchers are yet to fully understand the aetiology of ASD.
- Aetiology is the study of factors that cause a condition or disease. However, they are beginning to find that a disorder in the gut-brain axis could have a prominent role.

- According to the WHO, ASD affects one in 100 children. Children with ASD have impaired social interactions, lack verbal and nonverbal communication skills, and display restricted and repetitive behaviours. These characteristics can adversely affect one's cognitive abilities and, over time, diminish one's quality of life.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding “Jadui Pitara”:**

1. It is developed under the National Curriculum Framework.
2. It is to be developed in 13 language.
3. These resources should be made digitally available on DIKSHA platform.

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:

- ‘Jadui Pitara’ comprising of playbooks, toys, puzzles, posters, flash cards, story books, worksheets as well as reflecting the local culture, social context and languages is designed to pique curiosity and accommodate the diverse needs of learners in the foundational stage.
- ‘Jadui Pitara’ developed under the National Curriculum Framework is available in 13 Indian languages.
- These resources should be made digitally available on DIKSHA platform - portal and mobile app.
- All Foundational Learning material should be in mother tongue.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding International Mother Language**

1. UNESCO recognised the importance of this day at the General Assembly in 1999.
2. The theme of 2023 is ‘multilingual education - a necessity to transform education’.
3. India is the first country to initiate the celebration of International Mother Language Day.

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:

- Every year, International Mother Language Day is observed on February 21 to highlight the cultural and linguistic diversity in the country. UNESCO recognised the importance of this day at the General Assembly in 1999.
- Bangladesh is the first country to initiate the celebration of International Mother Language Day, which was accepted at the 1999 UNESCO General Conference.
- The theme of International Mother Language Day 2023 is ‘multilingual education - a necessity to transform education’.