

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Gevra Mega Project:**

1. The project is located in Chhattisgarh.
2. The project is owned by SECL.
3. SECL is a state-owned maharatna company.

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 Centre plans to increase the capacity of the Gevra Mega project in Chhattisgarh of South Eastern Coalfields (SECL) from 50 million tonne of coal production in a year to 70 million tonne, making it Asia's largest coal-producing mine in Asia.
- The Centre plans to make the Gevra Mega project into Asia's largest coal producing mine.
- The Gevra Mega project is owned by SECL.
- SECL is a state-owned miniratna company and Coal India is its parent company.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF):**

1. It was adopted by the 13th Conference of Parties (COP13) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.
2. Countries agreed to protect 30 percent of the planet by 2030.
3. Countries also agreed to reduce harmful government subsidies worth 500 billion dollars annually

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:

- The “Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework” (GBF) was adopted by the 15th Conference of Parties (COP15) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.
- It includes four goals and 23 targets to be achieved by 2030.
- COP 15 took place in Montreal, Canada.
- Through Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), countries agreed to protect 30 percent of the planet by 2030.
- The countries pledged to achieve 23 targets to reverse ecosystem degradation under four overarching goals for the survival of the natural world.
- Under the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), countries also agreed to reduce harmful government subsidies worth 500 billion dollars annually, while vowing to identify subsidies that are harmful to biodiversity by 2025.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding the recently held G7 meeting in Japan:**

1. European Union was also represented as a “non-enumerated member”.
2. Comoros and Cook Islands were also represented in this submit.

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 G7 currently consists of the United States, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Italy, plus the European Union as a “non-enumerated member,” but the forum has over the years invited participation by non-member countries such as India, Poland and Spain.
- In 2023, leaders from 16 countries, plus the EU, attended the three-day summit.
- Apart from the G7 members and the EU, leaders are attending from India, Brazil, Indonesia, Vietnam, Australia, South Korea and Comoros and Cook Islands – the latter two also representing the African Union and Pacific Islands Forum, respectively, as their current chairs.

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. The ONDC is modelled after the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) project.
2. ONDC will put an end to the domination of the e-commerce market by a few large platforms.
3. Amazon and Flipkart have been accused of promoting certain seller entities in which they hold indirect stakes.

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 government wants to change the fundamental structure of the e-commerce market from the current “platform-centric model to an open-network model”. The ONDC is modelled after the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) project that is seen as a success by many.
- The government believes that the ONDC will put an end to the domination of the e-commerce market by a few large platforms. It says that the e-commerce market is currently broken into “silos” operated and dominated by private platforms.
- Amazon and Flipkart, for instance, have been accused of promoting certain seller entities in which they hold indirect stakes. Food delivery apps such as Swiggy and Zomato have also been accused of charging high commissions from sellers.

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

1. It is a private company owned and founded by Elon Musk.
2. The objective of SpaceX is to explore space and especially the planet Mars.
3. The journey of SpaceX starts with its Dragon Series

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:

- SpaceX is a private company owned and founded by Elon Musk.
- The company provides space transport services to government and private companies and develops rockets and spacecraft.
- The objective of SpaceX is to explore space and especially the planet Mars and colonize Mars with humans.
- The journey of SpaceX starts with its Falcon series rockets to send goods to orbit and the ISS.