

Q: Consider the following statement regarding “forum shopping”:

1. It is a situation when a litigant approaches one court but does not get desired relief and then approaches another court.
2. A litigant cannot directly approach the top court directly.

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:

- The SC further stated that a classic example of 'forum shopping' is **when a litigant approaches one court but does not get desired relief and then approaches another court to obtain relief** in the same matter.
- As part of their litigation strategy, the lawyers think about which would be the appropriate forum to approach. For Instance, a litigant can directly approach the top court instead of the High Court through the route of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in order to grab more eyeballs for the issue.

Q: Consider the following pairs:

1. Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal: Andra Pradesh & Odisha
2. Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal: Odisha & Chattisgarh
3. Ravi & Beas Water Tribunal: Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan
4. Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal: Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) Only one pairs is correct
- b) Only three pairs is correct.
- c) Only two pairs is correct
- d) All four pairs is correct

Ans: b

Explanation:

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- Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal II (2004) – Karnataka, Telangana, Andra Pradesh, Maharashtra
- Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal (2018) – Odisha & Chattisgarh
- Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal (2010) – Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra
- Ravi & Beas Water Tribunal (1986) – Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan
- Vansadhara Water Disputes Tribunal (2010) – Andra Pradesh & Odisha.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM):

1. Its primary objective is to avert ‘carbon leakage’.
2. European Union, USA and Japan signed this mechanism.
3. It would replace EU-manufactured products with more carbon-intensive imports.

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: c

Explanation:

- Recently, co-legislators at the European Commission signed the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

- Its primary objective is to avert ‘carbon leakage’. It refers to a phenomenon where a EU manufacturer moves carbon-intensive production to countries outside the region with less stringent climate policies.
- In other words, replace EU-manufactured products with more carbon-intensive imports.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding ordinance-making power of the President:

1. The Ordinance may lapse earlier if the President withdraws it, or if both Houses pass resolutions disapproving it.
2. If an Ordinance makes a law that Parliament is not competent to enact under the Constitution, it shall be considered void.
3. An Ordinance is valid for six weeks, or 42 days, from the date on which the next session starts.

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:

- Under Article 123 of the Constitution (Power of President to promulgate Ordinances during recess of Parliament), “if at any time, except when both Houses of Parliament are in session, the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action, he may promulgate such Ordinances as the circumstances appear to him to require.”
- The Ordinance may lapse earlier if the President withdraws it, or if both Houses pass resolutions disapproving it. (Rejection of an Ordinance would, however, imply the government has lost majority.)
- Also, if an Ordinance makes a law that Parliament is not competent to enact under the Constitution, it shall be considered void.
- An Ordinance is valid for six weeks, or 42 days, from the date on which the next session starts. If the two Houses start their sessions on different dates, the later date will be considered, say the explanations in Articles 123 and 213.

Q: Consider the following statements with respect to Leatherback Turtles:

1. They are found in every ocean except the Arctic and Antarctic.
2. These are the only species of sea turtle that lack scales and a hard shell.
3. It is listed as Endangered in IUCN’s red data list and Cites appendix I.

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:

- Leatherback turtles are named for their shell, which is leather-like rather than hard, like other turtles.
- They are the largest sea turtle species and also one of the most migratory, crossing both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
- Pacific leatherbacks migrate from nesting beaches in the Coral Triangle all the way to the California coast to feed on the abundant jellyfish.
- IUCN is listed as Vulnerable, but many subpopulations (such as in the Pacific and Southwest Atlantic) are Critically Endangered.
- It is also listed in Cites Appendix I.
- The Pacific leatherback turtle populations are most at-risk of extinction.

- Pacific leatherbacks are one of 9 ESA-listed species identified in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Species in the Spotlight initiative.