

**Q: Consider the following statements with respect to Wagner Group**

1. It is a private Russian paramilitary unit of armed force.
2. It is owned and financed by Yevgeny Prigozhin.
3. The group is active only in Russia.

Choose the correct option from the code given below:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: d

Explanation:

- The Wagner Group issued a statement to help mediate in the conflict between Sudan's military and paramilitary forces
- Wagner Group is a private Russian paramilitary unit of armed force owned and financed by Yevgeny Prigozhin, a businessman with ties to Vladimir Putin.
- They provide targeting intelligence, training, logistical support, infrastructure protection, and backstop proxy militias and paramilitary groups in key hotspots around the world.
- The Wagner group has been **active in Sudan, Mali, the Central African Republic, Mozambique and Libya in Africa.**

**Q: Consider the following statements with respect to Wassenaar Arrangement:**

1. All the permanent members of the UNSC are members to this organization.
2. It is a multilateral export control regime on export controls for conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies.
3. India is one of the member country to this organization.

Choose the correct option from the code given below:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Wassenaar Arrangement is a multilateral export control regime on export controls for conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies.
- It came into being in 1996 to succeed the Cold War-era Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls.
- With the only exception of China, all other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council are signatories of the WA.
- India became a member of the Arrangement in 2017.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding eShram portal:**

1. It will now include the family details of migrant worker.
2. It will also share the data of construction worker.

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 eShram registered workers can now connect with Employment opportunities, Skilling, Apprenticeship, Pension Scheme, Digital Skilling and States' schemes through eShram portal.
- A feature of capturing family details of migrant worker has been added to the eShram portal. This feature can help in providing Child education and women centric schemes to the migrant workers who have migrated with family.
- Further, a new feature on sharing of data of construction workers registering on eShram with the concerned Building and Other Construction Workers' (BOCW) Welfare Board, has been added to ensure registration of eShram construction workers with the respective BOCW board and access to the schemes meant for them.

**Q: "Operation Kaveri" was in news. It is related to**

- a) Evacuation of Indian from Ukraine.
- b) Cleaning River Kaveri.

- c) Settle dispute of distribution of river water between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- d) Evacuate of Indian nationals from conflict-torn Sudan.

Ans: d

Explanation:

- Recently, India has started **Operation Kaveri** to evacuate its nationals from conflict-torn Sudan.
- Nearly 3,000 Indians are stuck in various parts of Sudan, including the national capital, Khartoum, and distant provinces such as Darfur.
- The Choice of naming this operation as 'Operation Kaveri' has a lot of significance.
- The Kaveri is one of the major Indian rivers flowing through the southern states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The river is sacred to the people of the region and is worshipped as the Goddess Kaveriamma (mother Kaveri).
- Rivers reach their destination irrespective of barriers. It's like a mother who will ensure she will bring her children back to safety.

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

1. It is caused by the bite of the female Anopheles mosquito.
2. Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax are responsible for maximum cases
3. Malaria mosquitoes affects only human being.

Choose the correct option from the code given below:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease that affects humans and other animals.
- It is caused by the bite of the female Anopheles mosquito if the mosquito itself is infected with a malarial parasite.
- There are five kinds of malarial parasites out of which Plasmodium falciparum (parasite is responsible for 70% of cases in India), and Plasmodium vivax (globally, the commonest ones).