

Q: Consider the following statement regarding recently conducted Eleventh Agricultural Census:

1. It is the main source of information on a variety of agricultural parameters.
2. This is the first time that data collection for agricultural census will be conducted on smart phones and tablets.
3. Agriculture Census is conducted every 3 years.

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 Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched recently by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years, which is being undertaken now after delay due to corona pandemic.
- Agricultural Census is the main source of information on a variety of agricultural parameters at a relatively minute level, such as the number and area of operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern, etc.
- This is the first time that data collection for agricultural census will be conducted on smart phones and tablets, so that data is available in time.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. As per the UNCTAD World Investment Report (WIR) 2022, India has been placed to 3rd rank for 2021.
2. Singapore and USA have emerged as top 2 sourcing nations in FDI equity flows into India.
3. Computer Software & Hardware was the top receiving highest FDI Equity Inflow during FY 2021-22.

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:

- As per the UNCTAD World Investment Report (WIR) 2022, in its analysis of the global trends in FDI inflows, India has improved one position to 7th rank among the top 20 host economies for 2021.
- India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for foreign investments in the manufacturing sector. FDI Equity inflow in Manufacturing Sectors have increased by 76% in FY 2021-22 (USD 21.34 billion) compared to previous FY 2020-21 (USD 12.09 billion).
- Singapore (27.01%) and USA (17.94%) have emerged as top 2 sourcing nations in FDI equity flows into India in FY2021-22 followed by Mauritius (15.98%), Netherland (7.86%) and Switzerland (7.31%).
- Top 5 sectors receiving highest FDI Equity Inflow during FY 2021-22 are Computer Software & Hardware (24.60%), Services Sector (Fin., Banking, Insurance, Non Fin/Business, Outsourcing, R&D, Courier, Tech. Testing and Analysis, Other) (12.13%), Automobile Industry (11.89%), Trading 7.72% and Construction (Infrastructure) Activities (5.52%).

Q: International Tiger Day is observed every year all over the world on July 29. Consider the following statement:

1. According to IUCN, tiger has gone extinct in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.
2. IUCN suggests that tiger numbers have increased by 40% since 2005 in India.

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 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) recently confirmed that the tiger has gone extinct in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. The reasons, according to tiger experts, are poaching and habitat loss.
- India is now reporting increased tiger numbers, and a recent International Union for Conservation of Nature assessment suggests that tiger numbers have increased by 40% since 2005.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Larger landscapes face a high probability of Tiger extinction.
2. Black tigers were found only in Ranthambore tiger reserve.

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: d

Explanation:

- Tiger populations in order to persist, they should be part of larger landscapes with other such populations that are connected. Small and isolated populations face a high probability of extinction. This is because small populations are subject to chance/random events.
- People have always wondered why black tigers were found only in the Similipal tiger reserve in Odisha. The recent work on pseudo-melanistic or black tigers found in Odisha has demonstrated the genetic effects of isolation.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) was launched at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
2. Bullion is not a legal tender.

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 Prime Minister will launch the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) as well as lay the foundation stone of the unified regulator International Financial Services Centres Authority's headquarters building.
- Bullion refers to physical gold and silver of high purity often kept in the form of bars, ingots, or coins. It can be considered legal tender and is often held as reserves by central banks or held by institutional investors.