

Q: Recently, the Ministry of Electronics & IT notified the amendments to the IT intermediary Rules 2021. Consider the following statement:

1. The amendments impose a legal obligation on intermediaries to take reasonable efforts to prevent users from uploading unlawful content.
2. The amendment requires intermediaries to respect the rights guaranteed to users under the Constitution.
3. No regional Indian language is used for effective communication.

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:

- Currently, intermediaries are only required to inform users about not uploading certain categories of harmful/unlawful content. These amendments impose a legal obligation on intermediaries to take reasonable efforts to prevent users from uploading such content. The new provision will ensure that the intermediary's obligation is not a mere formality.
- For effective communication of the rules and regulations of the intermediary, it is important that the communication is done in regional Indian languages as well.
- The grounds in rule 3(1)(b)(ii) have been rationalized by removing the words 'defamatory' and 'libellous'. Whether any content is defamatory or libellous will be determined through judicial review.
- Some of the content categories in rule 3(1)(b) have been rephrased to deal particularly with misinformation, and content that could incite violence between different religious/caste groups.
- The amendment requires intermediaries to respect the rights guaranteed to users under the Constitution, including a reasonable expectation of due diligence, privacy and transparency.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding the Concept of Pleasure Doctrine:

1. It is a concept derived from American Common Law.
2. Article 310 of the Constitution says every person in the defence or civil service of the Union holds office during the pleasure of the President.
3. Article 311 imposes restrictions on the removal of a civil servant.

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 pleasure doctrine is a concept derived from English common law, under which the crown can dispense with the services of anyone in its employ at any time.
- In India, Article 310 of the Constitution says every person in the defence or civil service of the Union holds office during the pleasure of the President, and every member of the civil service in the States holds office during the pleasure of the Governor.
- However, Article 311 imposes restrictions on the removal of a civil servant. It provides for civil servants being given a reasonable opportunity for a hearing on the charges against them.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. The United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee unanimously adopted the Delhi Declaration.
2. It aims to counter the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.

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 United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee recently unanimously adopted the Delhi Declaration, focusing on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.
- It reaffirmed that terrorism in all forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding the objectives of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT):

1. Capability development to address common threats.
2. Enhancing interoperability
3. Strengthening maritime cooperation

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:

- Recently, the first edition of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT), a joint maritime exercise among the Indian, Mozambique and Tanzanian navies held at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

The exercise has three broad objectives:

- a) capability development to address common threats through training and sharing of best practices,
- b) enhancing interoperability, and
- c) strengthening maritime cooperation.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Salmonella serovars increased the difficulties in curing Salmonella-induced food-borne illnesses.
2. Salmonella typhimurium causes bloodstream infection in the malnourished and immunocompromised population of sub-Saharan Africa.

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 rapid and unselective use of traditional antibiotics gives rise to the emergence of drug resistant phenotype in typhoidal and non-typhoidal Salmonella serovars, which has increased the difficulties in curing Salmonella-induced food-borne illnesses (majorly typhoid or paratyphoid fever, gastroenteritis, and diarrhoea) worldwide.
- Salmonella typhimurium ST313, an invasive non-typhoidal Salmonella serovar, causes bloodstream infection in the malnourished and immunocompromised population of sub-Saharan Africa.