

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. One in every 36 infants dies within the first year of their life in India.
2. Present infant mortality rate is less than one-fourth as compared to 1971.
3. Infant Mortality Rate in rural area shows increasing tendency.

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:

- Despite the decline in infant mortality rate over the past few decades, one in every 36 infants still dies within the first year of their life in India.
- According to the new data released by the Registrar General of India, the present level of IMR (28 infant deaths per thousand live births, for the year 2020) is less than one-fourth as compared to 1971 (129 infant deaths per thousand live births).
- In the last 10 years, the IMR has witnessed a decline of about 36 per cent and the IMR at the all-India level has declined from 44 to 28 in the last decade.
- The corresponding decline in rural areas is 48 to 31, and for urban areas it is from 29 to 19, thereby exhibiting about 35 per cent and 34 per cent decadal decline respectively.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding the strategic pillars for development of sustainable tourism and choose the correct option:

- a) Protecting Biodiversity
- b) Promoting Economic Sustainability
- c) Capacity Building and Governance
- d) All the above

Ans: d

Explanation:

The Strategy document has identified the strategic pillars for development of sustainable tourism like Promoting Environmental Sustainability,

- Protecting Biodiversity,
- Promoting Economic Sustainability,
- Promoting Socio-Cultural Sustainability,
- Scheme for Certification of Sustainable Tourism, IEC and
- Capacity Building and Governance.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. According to WHO, Countries where the monkeypox virus was endemic are Central African Republic, Sierra Leone and South Sudan.
2. A vaccination with chickenpox is said to be protective against monkeypox.

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:

- Countries where the monkeypox virus was endemic are, according to the WHO, Benin, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana (identified in animals only), Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, the Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, and South Sudan.
- A vaccination with small pox is said to be protective against monkeypox but this vaccine would be in individuals over 40-50 years of age, who've been inoculated with the small pox vaccine and here too it's unclear how long lasting the protection is.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI):

1. Foreign portfolio investments typically include equities, bonds and mutual funds.
2. Consumption expenditure has remained weak in the subcontinent.
3. Foreign portfolio investors have been increasing market investments due to Russia-Ukraine War.

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:

- Foreign portfolio investors are those that invest funds in markets outside of their home turf. Their investments typically include equities, bonds and mutual funds.
- FPIs also show **keenness to invest in bonds when there is a favourable differential** between the real interest rates on offer in the country they aim to invest in, and other markets, but more specifically, compared with the largest economy in the world, the U.S.
- Industrial production too has seen a bumpy ride without giving confidence of a full and final recovery from the pandemic. Consumption expenditure too has remained weak in the subcontinent.
- With each of these factors contributing to a decline in confidence of robust economic performance, foreign portfolio investors have been reducing market investments over these past months.

Q: Globally Central bankers are trying to formulate the appropriate set of policies because it is predicted that stagflation is engulfing the nations. Consider the following statement:

1. Take advantage of the current strong job market.
2. Create and follow a budget

Which among the following is the steps taken to avert stagflation:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

Explanation:

Steps to avert stagflation:

- **Take advantage of the current strong job market:** Even if the economic growth slows, businesses would still have a demand for workers. Take advantage of that by negotiating a raise or looking for a new position. Data suggests that job switchers see bigger pay gains.
- **Create and follow a budget:** High inflation could make it crucial to evaluate where your money is going each month. Managing your finances, track spending and then compare that with where prices are rising the most. Strictly sticking to a budget could help you avoid purchasing items that are inflated and free up crucial amounts of cash.
- **Plan for emergencies ahead:** Use some freed-up cash to start a new emergency fund or keep adding it to an existing one. Experts recommend that building up at least six months of your expenses in cash can act as a cushion for a period of joblessness.

- **Think about your bear-market strategy:** No investor likes to take losses, especially if that money is going toward, one's retirement or a long-term goal. However, in times of severe market volatility, avoiding overreactions is important. Avoid selling off and diversify your investments.