

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Scabies:

1. It is a parasitic infestation caused by a mite.
2. They reproduce on the surface of the skin.
3. It is non-contagious disease.

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:

- Scabies is a parasitic infestation caused by a mite known as *Sarcoptes scabiei*.
- This causes an itchy rash to form on the skin.
- Untreated, these microscopic mites can live on the skin for months.
- They reproduce on the surface of the skin and then burrow into it to lay eggs.
- Scabies is often found in the skin folds. But scabies can appear on many parts of the body.
- It is contagious and can spread quickly from person-to-person through close skin contact (e.g. living in the same residence) with an infested individual.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Republic of Dagestan:

1. It is a province in Ukraine.
2. It is situated in the eastern part of the North Caucasus.
3. It has Georgia and Chechnya to the west and Azerbaijan to the south.

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:

- Republic of Dagestan is a province of Russia, within the Russian Federation.
- It is one of 22 republics that are part of Russia.
- Dagestan, which translates as "land of the mountains", is situated in the eastern part of the North Caucasus.
- Dagestan has Georgia and Chechnya to the west and Azerbaijan to the south.
- To its east is the Caspian Sea.
- The majority of Dagestanis are Sunni Muslims.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. It has a dry deciduous forest that attracts a host of birds during the winters.
2. It is located in Odisha.

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:

- Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary is located between the Hirakud Dam (Mahanadi River) and the Reservoir in the state of Odisha.
- It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1985.
- It finds a special mention because of noted freedom fighter Veer Surendra Sai.
- During his rebellion against the British, Veer Surendra Sai made his base at 'Barapathara,' located within the sanctuary.
- The beautiful sanctuary is known for its easy sightings of animals particularly Indian Bison, Wild Boars, Sambhar etc.
- It has a dry deciduous forest that attracts a host of birds during the winters.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Black Stork:

1. It breeds in swampy, coniferous, and mixed forests.
2. It is mainly found in Europe, Asia, and African countries.
3. Conservation status by IUCN is Least concern.

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:

- The black stork (*Ciconia nigra*) is a large bird in the stork family Ciconiidae
- It breeds in swampy, coniferous, and mixed forests.
- It can also be found in grasslands, agricultural fields, and on the margins of lakes and rivers during winter.
- It is a long-distance migrant, with European populations wintering in tropical Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asian populations in the Indian subcontinent.
- It is mainly found in Europe, Asia, and African countries.
- Conservation status by IUCN is Least concern.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Lambadi community:

1. They are also known as Banjaras.
2. They are mostly found in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.
3. They had their own script.

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 Lambanis are also known as Banjaras, and most of them are found in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.
- This community settled across the country with different names, have permanently abandoned their nomadic lifestyle and settled in their settlements called Tandas.
- They speak Gor Boli, also called Lambadi which belongs to the Indo-Aryan Group of Languages. Lambadi has no script.