Q: Consider the following statement regarding Leaf Blight:

- 1. It is a plant disease that affects the foliage (leaves) of various plants.
- 2. It is typically caused by various types of fungi or bacteria that infect and damage the plant tissues.
- 3. It can affect ornamental plants and crops only.

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:

- Leaf Blight is a plant disease that affects the foliage (leaves) of various plants, causing discoloration, wilting, and, in severe cases, the death of the leaves.
- It is typically caused by various types of fungi or bacteria that infect and damage the plant tissues.
- Leaf blight can affect a wide range of plants, including trees, shrubs, ornamental plants, and crops.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

- 1. It was established in 1991 during the G8 Summit in Moscow.
- 2. It is an inter-governmental policy-making to combating money laundering and terrorist financing.
- 3. India became a member of FATF in 2010.

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:

- Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental policy-making and standard-setting body dedicated to combating money laundering and terrorist financing.
- It was established in 1989 during the G7 Summit in Paris to develop policies against money laundering.
- In 2001, its mandate expanded to include terrorism financing.
- India became a member of FATF in 2010.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Strategic disinvestment:

- 1. It imply the sale of a substantial portion of the Government shareholding of a central public sector enterprise of upto 50%.
- 2. It involves the transfer of ownership and control of a public sector entity to some other entity.

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:

• Strategic disinvestment would imply the sale of a substantial portion of the Government shareholding of a central public sector enterprise (CPSE) of upto 50%, or such higher percentage as the competent authority may determine, along with transfer of management control.

• It involves the transfer of ownership and control of a public sector entity to some other entity, either private or public.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Kokborok Language:

- 1. It is the language spoken by the Borok people in Tripura.
- 2. The dialect belongs to the Tibeto-Burman group of languages.
- 3. It is one of the state languages of Tripura.

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:

- Kokborok is the language spoken by the Borok people belonging to the State of Tripura.
- The term kok means "verbal", and borok means "people" or "human".
- It is a Sino-Tibetan language and can be traced back to at least the 1st century AD when the historical record of Tripuri kings started to be written down in a book called the Rajratnakar.
- The dialect belongs to the Tibeto-Burman group of languages, and its root can be traced to the Sino-Tibetan speech family.
- It is one of the state languages of Tripura, notified on January 19, 1979.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Kakapo (owl parrot):

- 1. It is a large, nocturnal parrot.
- 2. These birds are only found in Aotearoa, New Zealand.
- 3. Conservation status given by IUCN is near threatened.

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:

- Kakapo (owl parrot) is a large, nocturnal, flightless, lek-breeding parrot.
- These are remarkable and unusual birds found only in Aotearoa, New Zealand.
- This bird suffers from diseases such as the fungal infection aspergillosis, and many of their eggs are infertile.
- Conservation status given by IUCN is Critically Endangered.