

Q: Consider the following countries:

1. Maldives
2. Bangladesh
3. Seychelles
4. Mauritius

Which of the above countries are member states of the Colombo Security Conclave?

- a) 1, 3 and 4 only
- b) 1 and 4 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Colombo Security Conclave (CSC):
 - ❖ Member States: India, Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka.
 - ❖ Observers: Bangladesh and Seychelles
- Activities under the five pillars of cooperation of the CSC:
 - ❖ Maritime Safety and Security;
 - ❖ Countering Terrorism and Radicalization;
 - ❖ Combating Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime;
 - ❖ Cyber Security, Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Technology; and,
 - ❖ Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.

Q: With reference to the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), consider the following statements:

1. Self-prescription without proper medical guidance is one of the leading causes of AMR.
2. India's Red Line campaign is to discourage the over-the-counter sale of antibiotics.
3. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) established the AMR surveillance Network to combat AMR.

How many statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Ans: c

Explanation:

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death.

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Self-prescription without proper medical guidance contributes to the misuse of antibiotics. Use of antibiotics as growth promoters in food animals and poultry is a common practice and later it evolves in the food chain.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) established the AMR surveillance and research network (AMRSN) to generate evidence and capture trends and patterns of drug resistant infections in the country.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Which demands that prescription-only antibiotics be marked with a red line, to discourage the over-the-counter sale of antibiotics– is a step forward.

Q: Consider the following pairs:

- | Reports | Releasing Organisations |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Global Risk Report | World Economic Forum (WEF) |
| 2. Global Financial Stability Report | International Monetary Fund (IMF) |
| 3. World Economic Outlook | World Bank |

Which of the pairs given above is/are not correctly matched?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Global Risk Report is released by the World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Global Financial Stability Report is released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- World Economic Outlook is released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Q: Consider the following pairs:

Species in news	IUCN Red list status
1. Eurasian Otter	Near Threatened
2. Peninsular Hill Trout	Endangered
3. European bison	Vulnerable

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None of the above

Ans: b

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct:** The Eurasian otter covers the largest range of any Palearctic mammal, covering parts of three continents – Europe, Asia, and Africa. Eurasian otters are classified as ‘Near Threatened’.
- **Pair 2 is correct:** Peninsular Hill Trout (*Lepidopygopsis typus*). It is known locally as ‘Brahmanakenda’. It is a unique freshwater fish species of the Western Ghats. It has been listed as ‘endangered’ on the IUCN Red List.
- **Pair 3 is incorrect:** European bison (*Bison bonasus*) is also known as the wisent. It is classified as ‘Near Threatened’.

Q: The term ‘Articles of Agreement’ sometimes appeared in the news, is in context of:

- a) Agreement on Agriculture
- b) Climate Change
- c) Economic Development
- d) Water Pollution

Ans: c

Explanation:

Article IV of the IMF's Articles of Agreement:

- The IMF holds bilateral discussions with members, usually every year.
- After collecting economic and financial information, the IMF discusses economic developments and policies with the officials of the country and it presents a report based on these findings.