

Q: Consider the following statement regarding the findings on Rudragiri hillock:

1. The first cave represents the mural portraying of battle between Vali and Sugriva.
2. A Ramayana fresco depicting Hanuman lifting the Sanjeevani hill.
3. The third cave houses the prehistoric rock paintings from the Neolithic era.

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 first cave presents a narrative mural portraying the intense battle between the Vanara brothers, Vali and Sugriva. Both figures stand on the battlefield wielding maces, their faces displaying fierce determination. Rama, positioned behind Sugriva, shoots arrows at Vali.
- A Ramayana fresco depicting Hanuman lifting the Sanjeevani hill with his right-hand painted A conch and fire altars can be seen to his right and another prehistoric painting to the left.
- In the middle cave, a grand sketch of Hanuman, accompanied by sacred symbols of the conch (Sankha) and the fire altar (Yagna Vedi), captures visitors' attention.
- The third cave houses the prehistoric rock paintings from the Mesolithic era.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve (SMTR):

1. It lies in the Eastern Ghats.
2. It is India's 51st tiger reserve.
3. It is a connecting link between Kerala's Periyar Tiger Reserve and Southern Kalakkad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.

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:

- Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve (SMTR) is spread across the districts of Theni, Virudhunagar and Madurai in Tamil Nadu.
- It lies in the Western Ghats region.
- SMTR is India's 51st tiger reserve and 5th tiger reserve of Tamil Nadu.
- It was formed in February 2021 by combining Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary and Megamalai Wildlife Sanctuary.
- It will function as a connecting link between Kerala's Periyar Tiger Reserve and Tamil Nadu's Southern Kalakkad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.
- SMTR will provide protection to Megamalai, the Vaigai River's primary catchment, in turn helping water levels to rise in the river.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Universal Postal Union (UPU):

1. It was established by the Treaty of Bern.
2. It coordinates postal policies among member nations in addition to the worldwide postal system.

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:

- Universal Postal Union (UPU) is a United Nations specialized agency and the postal sector's primary forum for international cooperation.
- It was established by the Treaty of Bern of 1874.
- UPU is the second oldest international organization worldwide.
- Its mandate is to ensure universal access to postal services.

- It coordinates postal policies among member nations in addition to the worldwide postal system.
- It sets the rules for international mail exchanges and makes recommendations to stimulate growth in mail, parcel and financial services volumes and improve the quality of service for customers.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS):

1. It is an integrated bill payment system or a platform which acts as a connect between various billers and users.
2. It acts as a central reference for a customer who wants to make different payments.
3. It offers customers the convenience of payment by cataloguing various utility providers under one platform.

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:

- Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an integrated bill payment system or a platform which acts as a connect between various billers and users.
- It is a one-stop ecosystem for payment of all bills providing an interoperable and accessible “Anytime Anywhere” Bill payment service to all customers across India with certainty, reliability and safety of transactions.
- It offers customers the convenience of payment by cataloguing various utility providers under one platform.
- It acts as a central reference for a customer who wants to make different payments — whether utility bills, loan repayments, FasTag recharge, and so on.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Ghaggar River:

1. It is an intermittent river that flows only during the monsoon season.
2. It dries up in the Great Indian (Thar) Desert.
3. In pre-Harappan times the Ghaggar was a tributary of the Chenab.

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 Ghaggar and many of its tributaries originate in the Shivalik foothills of Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh.
- Among these tributaries, the Kaushalya, Tangri, Markanda, Beghna and Sukhna rivers are the ones that merge into the Ghaggar.
- The Ghaggar-Hakra River is an intermittent river in India and Pakistan that flows only during the monsoon season.
- The river is known as Ghaggar in India, before the Ottu barrage, and as the Hakra in Pakistan, downstream of the barrage.
- It eventually dries up in the Great Indian (Thar) Desert.
- In pre-Harappan times the Ghaggar was a tributary of the Sutlej.