

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Network Readiness Index 2022:

1. The United States tops the list in this index.
2. India's rank is placed behind Ukraine and Indonesia.
3. Singapore ranked behind India.

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:

- India has improved its position by six slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022) report released recently.
- The United States tops the list with an overall score of 80.3. It is followed by Singapore with a score of 79.35 and Sweden with a score of 78.91.
- India is ranked 3rd out of 36 in the group of lower-middle-income countries after Ukraine (50) and Indonesia (59).
- India has a score higher than the income group average in all pillars and sub-pillars.
- India has not only improved its ranking, but also improved its score from 49.74 in 2021 to 51.19 in 2022.
- India secured 1st rank in "AI talent concentration".

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Hodis:

1. It is a traditional craft of Chhattisgarh tribes.
2. It is built using locally available trees.
3. It is used for transporting people and goods.

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:

- The hodi is the Nicobari tribe's traditional craft.
- It is an outrigger canoe, very commonly operated in the Nicobar group of islands.
- The technical skills for building a hodi are based on indigenous knowledge inherited by the Nicobarese from their forefathers.
- The hodi is built using either locally available trees or from nearby islands, and its design varies slightly from island to island.
- The finished canoe has to be 12 times that of its width while the length of the undressed tree trunk has to be 15 times this width.
- Hodis are used for transporting people and goods from one island to another, sending coconuts, fishing and racing purposes.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Dalai Lama was felicitated with the Gandhi Mandela Award.
2. Dalai Lama was given Nobel Prize in 1989.

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:

- Recently, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh felicitated Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama with the Gandhi Mandela Award.
- The award, constituted by the Gandhi Mandela Foundation, is in recognition of promoting the values and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela in the interest of global peace and freedom.
- A Nobel laureate (1989 Nobel Peace Prize) and a promoter of peace and religious harmony in the world, the Dalai Lama is one of the respected religious leaders.
- The Dalai Lama, along with many of his supporters, fled the Himalayan homeland and took refuge in India when Chinese troops moved in and took control of Lhasa in 1959.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Article 9 of Japan's Constitution states that the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation.
2. Instead of a regular army, the country maintained Japan Self Defence Forces.
3. In 2014, Japan's government reinterpreted Article 9 and gave more powers to the forces.

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:

- Article 9 of Japan's Constitution states that the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat and use of force as a means of settling international disputes. It also states that the country would never sustain land, sea and air forces with war potential.
- The Constitution was introduced when Japan was occupied by U.S. forces, but for decades, Japan's different political sections backed pacifism.
- Instead of a regular army, the country maintained Japan Self Defence Forces, with offensive weapons such as intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear arms strictly banned. But with China's rise in its neighbourhood, the nationalist sections within the ruling party started pushing for more muscular, nationalist foreign and security policies.
- In 2014, Japan's government reinterpreted Article 9 and gave more powers to the forces — they can now come to the defence of allies if they were attacked.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Network Readiness Index 2022

1. It is based on the performance of four pillars.
2. The report is prepared by Asian Development bank.

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:

- In its latest version of 2022, the Network Readiness Index (NRI) Report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in **four different pillars**: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact covering a total of 58 variables.

- The report has been **prepared by the Portulans Institute**, an independent non-profit, nonpartisan research and educational institute based in Washington DC.