

Q: Consider the following statements with respect to Binturong

1. It is the largest civet in India which need tall and healthy forests for their survival.
2. It is native to the Western Ghats of India.
3. They are classified as a vulnerable species under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list.

How many the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Binturong is a member of the Viverridae family, which includes animals such as civets and genets.
- The binturong has shaggy black hair, which is sometimes streaked with silver, and wiry whiskers that can give the animal a rather frumpy appearance.
- The animal looks like a cross between a cat and a bear.
- It is native to the tropical rainforests of South and Southeast Asia.
- Its range extends from Nepal, India, and Bhutan southward to the Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Java and eastward to Borneo.
- It feeds mainly on fruit, such as figs, but it also takes eggs and small animals.
- They are classified as a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- The most pressing threats to the populations are habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation because of logging and agriculture.
- Binturongs need tall, healthy forests to survive.
- In some parts of the binturong's range, the animals are captured and sold into the pet or traditional medicine trade.
- They are also sometimes killed for their meat or fur.

Q: Which of the following statements best defines the term "Gold Hydrogen"?

- a) It refers to hydrogen being produced by electrolysis using 'excess' electricity from renewable sources.
- b) It refers to hydrogen derived from natural gas and emits carbon.
- c) It refer to naturally occurring hydrogen found underground, akin to oil and natural gas.
- d) It refers to hydrogen which is produced through electrolysis powered by nuclear energy.

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Hydrogen is abundant in the universe, but on earth it is found in relatively small amounts.
- It exists primarily in the form of water (H₂O), hydrocarbons and in trace amounts in the atmosphere.
- The reserves of such gold hydrogen in various locations, such as the Lorraine coal basin in north-eastern France, which contains an estimated 250 million tonnes of the gas.
- The discovery of smaller gold hydrogen reservoirs in Spain, across Europe, and in countries like Mali, Namibia, Brazil, and the U.S. has suggested that this resource could be available worldwide.
- Is the most common way hydrogen is produced naturally.
- It is a water-rock interaction where hydrogen is released from water by oxidation.

Q: Consider the following statements with respect to Alliance for Global Good- Gender Equity and Equality

1. It is an initiative of India with 'Invest India' as an 'Institutional Partner'.
2. It aims to bring together global best practices, knowledge sharing and investments in the identified areas of women's health, education, and enterprise.
3. The alliance will be housed and anchored by the CII Centre for Women Leadership.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Ans: c

Explanation:

- The Alliance for Global Good- Gender Equity and Equality was recently launched by the India on the side-lines of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting.
- The primary objective of this new Alliance is to bring together global best practices, knowledge sharing and investments in the identified areas of women's health, education and enterprise.
- The Alliance has garnered support from industry leaders, including Mastercard, Uber, Tata, TVS, Bayer, Godrej, Serum Institute of India, IMD Lausanne, and over 10,000 partners from industry.
- The Alliance will be taking forward the commitments of the G20 leaders for the benefit of the larger global community.
- Alliance for Global Good- Gender Equity and Equality is an initiative of India.
- It is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- The alliance will be housed and anchored by the CII Centre for Women Leadership.
- Network Partner – The World Economic Forum.
- Institutional Partner – Invest India.
- The idea of this alliance emerged from the G20 Leaders' Declaration and India's abiding commitment to the cause of women-led development as propounded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Q: Consider the following statements with respect to Free Movement Regime, sometimes seen in the news recently

1. It allows people living in border areas of India and Myanmar to travel up to 16km inside the other country without a visa.
2. The border free movement regime between the countries is traditionally called as Sunauli.
3. India has recently decided to extend the free movement regime till 2030.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are incorrect?

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- India and Myanmar share a long land border of over 1600 km and a maritime boundary in the Bay of Bengal.
- India-Myanmar border Free Movement Regime is a mutually agreed arrangement between the two countries that allows tribes living along the border on either side to travel up to 16 km inside the other country without a visa.
- Myanmar is the only ASEAN country which shares a land border with India.
- The border between India and Myanmar was demarcated by the British in 1826, without seeking the opinion of the people living in the region.
- The border crossing between India and Nepal is traditionally called Sunauli.
- Reasons to revoke India-Myanmar border Free Movement Regime – The illegal migration of tribal Kuki-Chin peoples into India from Myanmar is one of the key issues in the ongoing Manipur conflict.

Q: Consider the following statements with respect to Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010

1. The foreign source under the act does not include the contribution from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.
2. A political party or office bearer cannot receive foreign contribution under the act.
3. The contributions made by a Non-Resident Indian from his personal savings, through the normal banking channels is not treated as foreign contribution.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Ans: c

Explanation:

- The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) of 2010 regulates and prohibits the acceptance and use of foreign funds by individuals, associations or companies for activities that could harm the national interest.
- The act also prohibits the use of foreign funds for activities that are detrimental to the national interest.
- The FCRA defines "bank" as a banking company as defined in the Banking Regulation Act of 1949.
- It also defines "authorized person in foreign exchange" as an authorized person as defined in the Foreign Exchange Management Act of 1999.
- Sources from the Government of any foreign country or territory and any agency of such Government.
- Any international agency, not being the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund.
- A foreign company and a corporation, not being a foreign company, incorporated in a foreign country or territory.
- A multi-national corporation.
- Foreign contribution excludes earnings from foreign client(s) by a person in lieu of goods sold or services rendered by it as this is a transaction of commercial nature.
- A political party or office bearer cannot receive foreign contribution under the act.
- The contributions made by a Non-Resident Indian from his personal savings, through the normal banking channels is not treated as foreign contribution.