

Q: Consider the following statement regarding “Exercise Cyclone”:

1. The exercise is conducted between Indian army and Egyptian army.
2. The exercise aims to bolster defence co-operation between the two nations.
3. It is the second exercise between the two countries.

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 ever joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian Army and the Egyptian Army named “Exercise Cyclone-I” is in progress at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan since 14 January 2023.
- The exercise aims to bolster defence co-operation between the two nations and focus on sharing professional skills and interoperability of Special Forces in desert terrain while undertaking counter terrorism, reconnaissance, raids and other special operations.
- Exercise “Cyclone - I” is the first exercise of its kind bringing the special forces of both the nations on a common platform.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding project RE-HAB:

1. Under this project, tiger fencing is created.
2. Under this project, farmers are trained in bee-keeping.
3. This project has also helped in the increasing agricultural output due to enhanced pollination as well as Honey Extraction.

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:

- Under the Project RE-HAB, “Bee-fences” are created by setting up bee boxes in the passage ways of elephants to block their entrance to human habitats.
- The boxes are connected with a string so that when elephants attempt to pass through, a tug or pull causes the bees to swarm the elephant herds and dissuade them from moving further.
- Under the RE-HAB farmers are trained in bee-keeping and each of them are supplied with 10 Bee boxes and installed in the elephant corridors so bee boxes and bee hives are placed in the Elephant corridor to restrict elephants from approaching the agricultural field.
- This project has also helped in the increasing agricultural output due to enhanced pollination as well as Honey Extraction.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Multiple alien species together affected soil nutrients.
2. Native wild herbivores like chital and sambhar did not prefer the commonly found plants in invaded areas.

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:

- Multiple alien species together affected soil nutrients, which may have depleted the richness of diverse plants. There was hardly any regeneration of important plants like amla or even the most common tree, the sal.
- Native wild herbivores like chital and sambhar did not prefer the commonly found plants in invaded areas. They preferred rare forage plants, which were already depleted in infested areas.

Q: Recently, the Department of Consumer Affairs under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution released a guide ‘Endorsements Know-hows!’ for celebrities, influencers and virtual influencers on social media platforms. Consider the following statement:

1. The disclosures must be prominently and clearly displayed.
2. Celebrities must disclose any material connection with the advertiser.
3. Endorsements must be made in simple, clear language.

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:

- The "Endorsement Know-hows!" specify that disclosures must be prominently and clearly displayed in the endorsement, making them extremely hard to miss.
- Any celebrity, influencer or virtual influencer who has access to an audience and can influence their purchasing decisions or opinions about a product, service, brand, or experience must disclose any material connection with the advertiser.
- This includes not only benefits and incentives, but also monetary or other compensation, trips or hotel stays, media barter, coverage and awards, free products with or without conditions, discounts, gifts and any family or personal or employment relationship.
- Endorsements must be made in simple, clear language and terms such as "advertisement," "sponsored," or "paid promotion" can be used. They should not endorse any product or service in which due diligence has been done by them or that they have not personally used or experienced.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Gram panchayats remain fiscally dependent on grants.
2. Panchayats have two main sources of funds.

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:

- Gram panchayats remain fiscally dependent on grants (both discretionary and non-discretionary grants) from the State and the Centre for everyday activities.
- Broadly, panchayats have three main sources of funds, their own sources of revenue (local taxes, revenue from common property resources, etc.), grants in aid from the Centre and State governments, and discretionary or scheme-based funds.
- Their own sources of revenue (both tax and non-tax) constitute a tiny proportion of overall panchayat funds. For instance, in Telangana, less than a quarter of a panchayat's revenue comes from its own sources of revenue.