

Q: Consider the following statement regarding National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR):

1. It is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament.
2. It works under the aegis of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
3. The commission is not mandated to implement POSCO act.

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:

- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament, the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.
- It works under the aegis of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- The Commission began operational on 5 March 2007.
- As defined by the commission, a child includes a person up to the age of 18 years.
- The Commission is mandated under section 13 of the CPCR Act, 2005 "to ensure that all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms are in consonance with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child."
- The Commission is further mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS):

1. It was identified in North African countries.
2. It is a viral respiratory disease caused by the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus.
3. The symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

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:

- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is a viral respiratory disease caused by the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) that was first identified in Saudi Arabia in 2012.
- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause diseases ranging from the common cold to Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Coronavirus disease-2019.
- Typical MERS symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.
- Pneumonia is common but not always present.
- Gastrointestinal symptoms, including diarrhoea, have also been reported.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding International Seabed Authority (ISA):

1. It is an international organization to regulate mining and related activities in the international seabed.
2. It is responsible for granting licenses and regulating activities related to the exploration and exploitation of mineral resources in the international seabed.

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:

- International Seabed Authority (ISA) is an international organization established in 1994 to regulate mining and related activities in the international seabed beyond national jurisdiction, an area that includes most of the world's oceans.
- The ISA came into existence upon the entry into force of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which codified international law regarding territorial waters, sea lanes, and ocean resources.
- As of May 2023, ISA has 169 Members, including 168 Member States and the European Union.
- The ISA is responsible for granting licenses and regulating activities related to the exploration and exploitation of mineral resources in the international seabed.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Safdarjung Tomb:

1. It is the last garden tomb constructed in the late Mughal Empire Style.
2. The dome is surrounded by four smaller domes and four minarets.
3. The garden is in the Mughal Charbagh garden style

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:

- Safdarjung Tomb also known as 'Safdarjung ka Maqbara,' the tomb is built on a square plan and has a central dome and is made of marble and sandstone.
- Safdarjung Tomb is the last garden tomb constructed in the late Mughal Empire Style.
- The dome is surrounded by four smaller domes and four minarets.
- The exterior of the tomb is decorated with intricate latticework and calligraphy.
- The interior of the tomb is decorated with marble and gold leaf.
- The tomb is surrounded by lush green gardens. The garden is in the Mughal Charbagh garden style, and is a smaller version of the garden of Humayun Tomb.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. Vazra Sakla Falls and the Viridi Falls are the major waterfall of this sanctuary.
2. The sanctuary is thickly forested with moist deciduous vegetation and some evergreen species.
3. It is located in the Northern Part of Tamil Nadu.

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:

- Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Northern Part of Goa.
- There are a number of picturesque waterfalls within the sanctuary boundaries.
- The most prominent are the Vazra Sakla Falls and the Viridi Falls.
- The cliff face near the Vazra falls is notable for being the nesting grounds of the critically endangered Long-billed vultures.
- Flora:

- The sanctuary is thickly forested with moist deciduous vegetation and some evergreen species too.
- The sanctuary is particularly well-known for its sacred groves that protect rare and indigenous trees.