

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Skin Bank:

1. It is a place where cadaveric skin is processed and preserved under optimal conditions.
2. Skin can be donated after Death within 6 hours from the time of Death.
3. Skin is generally preserved in aldehydes solution.

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:

- A skin bank is a place where cadaveric skin is processed and preserved under optimal conditions from where it can be used for the benefit of Burn victims.
- Skin can be donated after Death within 6 hours from the time of Death.
- Anyone can Donate Skin irrespective of sex & blood group; the minimum age of the donor should be 18 years.
- There is no upper age limit; even a 100-year-old person can donate his skin, and it will be used for treatment.
- Skin is generally preserved in 85% glycerol solution. It is stored between 4-5 degree Celsius, and it can be stored for a period of up to 5 years.
- The country has 16 skin banks — a facility where the skin of deceased persons can be donated — with seven in Maharashtra, four in Chennai, three in Karnataka, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding South African Customs Union (SACU):

1. All African countries are the members of this union.
2. It is the world's oldest customs union.
3. It was administered by South Africa through the 1910 and 1969 Agreements.

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:

- South African Customs Union (SACU) is the world's oldest customs union which was established in 1910.
- Its member countries are South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, and Eswatini (formerly Swaziland).
- Its headquarter is in Windhoek (Namibia).
- It was administered by South Africa through the 1910 and 1969 Agreements.
- The Member States form a single customs territory in which tariffs and other barriers are eliminated on substantially all the trade between the Member States for products originating in these countries, and there is a common external tariff that applies to non-members of SACU.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Red-eared sliders turtle:

1. It is a semi-aquatic turtle from fresh and brackish water ecosystems.
2. The species is considered one of the world's worst invasive non-native species.

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:

- Red-eared sliders turtle is native to the southeastern USA and Mexico.
- It is a semi-aquatic turtle from fresh and brackish water ecosystems.
- It spends the majority of its time either in the water foraging or basking on rocks and logs.
- The species is considered one of the world's 100 worst invasive non-native species.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding "Order of the Nile" award:

1. It is Egypt's highest state honour.
2. Instituted in 1915, the 'Order of the Nile' is conferred upon Heads of state, Crown Princes, and Vice-Presidents who offer Egypt or humanity invaluable services.
3. Those who receive the award shall be saluted upon their death.

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:

- Recently, the Egyptian President conferred the country's highest state honour "Order of the Nile" award to the Prime Minister of India.
- It is Egypt's highest state honour.
- Instituted in 1915, the 'Order of the Nile' is conferred upon Heads of state, Crown Princes, and Vice-Presidents who offer Egypt or humanity invaluable services.
- The 'Order of the Nile' is a pure gold collar consisting of three-square gold units comprising Pharaonic symbols.
- Those who receive the 'Order of the Nile' shall be saluted upon their death.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Liberalised Remittances Scheme (LRS):

1. It allows Indian residents to freely remit up to USD \$250,000 per financial year for current or capital account transactions or a combination of both.
2. Only individual Indian residents, including minors, are permitted to remit funds under LRS.
3. Corporates, partnership firms, HUF, trusts, etc., are included in this scheme.

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:

- Liberalised Remittances Scheme (LRS) allows Indian residents to freely remit up to USD \$250,000 per financial year for current or capital account transactions or a combination of both. Any remittance exceeding this limit requires prior permission from the RBI.
- The scheme was introduced by RBI on February 4, 2004.
- Only individual Indian residents, including minors, are permitted to remit funds under LRS.
- Corporates, partnership firms, HUF, trusts, etc., are excluded from its ambit.