Q: Consider the following statement regarding Sarcophagus:

- 1. It is an above-ground stone container for a coffin or dead body that often is often decorated with art.
- 2. The word sarcophagus literally translates as "eater of flesh."
- 3. First used in 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:

- Sarcophagus is an above-ground stone container for a coffin or dead body that often is often decorated with art, inscriptions, and carvings.
- The word sarcophagus comes from the Greek "sarx" meaning "flesh," and "phagien" meaning "to eat," so that sarcophagus literally translates as "eater of flesh."
- First used in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, the sarcophagus gradually became popular throughout the ancient world.
- It carried over through the later years of European society, often used for high status members of the clergy, government, or aristocracy.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET):

- 1. It cannot be recyclable.
- 2. It exhibits excellent electrical insulating properties.
- 3. It has good gas and moisture barrier properties.

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:

- Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) is highly flexible, colorless and semi-crystalline resin in its natural state.
- It shows good dimensional stability, resistance to impact, moisture, alcohols and solvents.
- It exhibits excellent electrical insulating properties.
- It is very lightweight, which reduces transportation costs.
- It has good gas (oxygen, carbon dioxide) and moisture barrier properties.
- It is recyclable. It can be commercially recycled by thorough washing and re-melting, or by chemically breaking it down to its component materials to make new PET resin.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Sweet Crude:

- 1. It refers to crude oil that contain very low amounts of sulfur.
- 2. Sulfur is undesirable in crude oils because it lowers the yield of high-value refined products.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Explanation:

- Sweet Crude refers to crude oil that is extracted that is found to contain very low amounts of sulfur.
- Sulfur is undesirable in crude oils because it lowers the yield of high-value refined products, including gasoline and plastics.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding India Post Payments Bank (IPPB):

- 1. It was established with 100% equity owned by the Government of India.
- 2. A payments bank is like any other bank but operates on a smaller scale without involving any credit risk.
- 3. It was set up on the recommendations of the Nachiket Mor Committee.

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:

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, with 100% equity owned by the Government of India.
- IPPB was launched on September 1, 2018, aimed at making banking services available at people's doorstep.
- A payments bank is like any other bank but operates on a smaller scale without involving any credit risk.
- It was set up on the recommendations of the Nachiket Mor Committee.
- Widen the spread of payment and financial services to small businesses, low-income households, and migrant labor workforce in a secured technology-driven environment.
- They are registered under the Companies Act 2013but are governed by a host of legislations such as the Banking Regulation Act, 1949; RBI Act, 1934; Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, etc.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Circular RNA:

- 1. It plays a pivotal role in regulating gene expression and is essential for various biological processes.
- 2. Characterizing circular RNA can be tricky because it usually is less abundant.
- 3. Circular RNA are straight-chain, free-end structures.

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:

- Ribonucleic acid is a molecule in living cells that carries genetic information and helps in the production of proteins.
- RNAs are in general straight-chain, free-end structures but these circular RNA ('circRNA') forms a closed-loop.
- The circRNA plays a pivotal role in regulating gene expression and is essential for various biological processes.
- Its role in HIV-1 replication has remained unclear for a long time.
- Characterizing circular RNA can be tricky because it usually is less abundant, making it further challenging to detect in the native form.
- During viral infections, there's so much information from the virus that it can make it hard to find the less common ones like circular RNA.