

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary:**

1. It is situated in Tamil Nadu.
2. It houses the famous bird sanctuary of Vedaranyam and the Talaignayar forests.
3. It is not designated as Ramsar site.

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:

- Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary was established in the year 1967 and is situated in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- It houses the famous bird sanctuary of Vedaranyam and the Talaignayar forests.
- It is flanked by the Bay of Bengal in the east and Palk Strait in the south.
- It primarily focuses on the protection and conservation of the black antelopes, an endangered and endemic species that are found in this region.
- It is designated as a Ramsar site.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Bru refugees:**

1. It is an indigenous tribe from Chhattisgarh.
2. They belong to Indo-Mongoloid racial stock.
3. They speak a language known as "Kaubru,."

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:

- Bru, also known as Reang, is a community indigenous to the Northeast, living mostly in Tripura, Mizoram, and Assam.
- In Tripura, they are recognised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group.
- They belong to Indo-Mongoloid racial stock. Their languages have an affinity with Austro-Asiatic groups under the Tibeto-Burman family.
- Ethnically, they are divided into two major clans, namely Meska and Molsoi.
- They speak a language known as "Kaubru,." which has a tonal effect on the Kuki language, though broadly, it is the Kok-Borok dialect.
- They are still a nomadic tribe, and a large number among them maintain their livelihood involving Hilltop Jhum Cultivation and other food gathering activities.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) system:**

1. It is Cloud Based Information Management System designed to manage interlinked databases of wildlife crime.
2. The system connects the entire state forest department in real-time.

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:

- Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) system is Cloud Based Information Management System designed to manage interlinked databases of wildlife crime, wildlife criminals, and wildlife mortality.
- It will help officials analyse the information and develop actionable intelligence to prevent wildlife crimes and curb Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT).
- The system connects the entire state forest department in real-time and the access is restricted through access levels.
- This is a large ERP model cloud based system that uses mobile and desk top interfaces to manage data.
- The entire HAWK system is divided into various modules that are interconnected with individual stand alone functions.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Improvised Explosive Device (IED):**

1. It is a type of unconventional explosive weapon.
2. The extent of damage caused by an IED depends on its size, construction, and placement, and whether it incorporates a high explosive or propellant.
3. The term IED came into common usage during the Iraq War that began in 2003.

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:

- Improvised Explosive Device (IED) is a type of unconventional explosive weapon that can take any form and be activated in a variety of ways.
- IEDs are used by criminals, vandals, terrorists, suicide bombers, and insurgents.
- Because they are improvised, IEDs can come in many forms, ranging from a small pipe bomb to a sophisticated device capable of causing massive damage and loss of life.
- The extent of damage caused by an IED depends on its size, construction, and placement, and whether it incorporates a high explosive or propellant.
- The term IED came into common usage during the Iraq War that began in 2003.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Amangarh Tiger Reserve:**

1. It is located in Uttar Pradesh.
2. It shares its boundaries with Jim Corbett National Park of Uttarakhand.
3. The vegetation of the tiger reserve is tropical forest.

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:

- Amangarh Tiger Reserve is located in Amangarh, in Bijnor district, in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- It is situated in the Terai region and covers an area of around 578 sq km.
- It shares its boundaries with Jim Corbett National Park of Uttarakhand.
- It was originally part of the Jim Corbett National Park, and after the state of Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh, Jim Corbett went to Uttarakhand, and Amangarh remained in Uttar Pradesh.
- It was declared a tiger reserve in 2012.

- The vegetation of the tiger reserve is a combination of grasslands, wetlands, and dense forest.