

- 1. Consider the following statements about the International Court of Justice.
 - 1) The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations (UN). The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in Geneva (Switzerland).
 - The Court's role is to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States and to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by authorized United Nations organs and specialized agencies.

Which of the following option(s) is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2. Recently, salt flats, has been in news. Consider the following statements regarding the same:
 - 1) Salt flat is a natural landscape in which a large area of flat land is covered by salt.
 - 2) The world's most well-known salt flat is the
 - 3) Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia. Also contains more than half of the planet's lithium reserves.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3
- 3. Recently, SEBI is in news. In this context consider the following statements:
 - 1) SEBI is a statutory body established on April 12, 1992 in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
 - 2) The headquarters of SEBI is situated in Mumbai.
 - 3) The regional offices of SEBI are located in Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Chennai and Delhi.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3
- 4. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the "Spring Revolution" in Myanmar?

- It is an elemental struggle for freedom, initially peaceful, but now armed, and, arguably, a culmination of Burma's independence movement that remained arrested by the Tatmadaw.
- The struggle is marked by a savage crackdown on what started out as a Gandhian civil disobedience movement led by doctors, teachers and government servants followed by peaceful, imaginative, witty, colourful and widespread street protests.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 5. What is the name of the joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the French Army to be held on 7 and 8 March 2023 at Pangode military station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala?
 - a) FRINJEX-23
 - b) Confluence exercise
 - c) Kajind-22
 - d) Surya Kiran XVI
- 6. Consider the following statements regarding the "International Womens Day"
 - 1) Every Year March 8th is celebrated as International day for women.
 - The theme for International Women's Day 2023 is 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality.'

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- Recently, the treaty on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) is in news Consider the following statements on BBNJ
 - The draft agreement of the 'High Seas Treaty' recognises the need to address biodiversity loss and degradation of ecosystems of the ocean.
 - It places "30% of the world's oceans into protected areas, puts more money into marine conservation and covers access to and use of marine genetic resources."

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 8. Consider the following statements regarding National green tribunal (NGT):
 - 1) The NGT has the power to hear all civil cases relating to all environment and the Wildlife acts.
 - 2) NGT is guided by the principle of natural justice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 9. Consider the following statements :
 - 1) Subsidies are needed to encourage farmers to test new technology.
 - 2) Elimination of subsidies will increase inequality between rich and poor farmers and violate the goal of equity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 10. Recently Vibrant Villages Programme Is in News. Consider the following statements regarding the same:
 - It is a Centrally sponsored scheme, announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 (to 2025-26) for development of villages on the northern border, thus improving the quality of life of people living in identified border villages.

2) It will cover the border areas of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Ladakh. Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2