



1. Recently, 'Sustainable Debt Coalition Initiative' was in news, it was launched by which of the following organisation?
  - a) International Monetary Fund
  - b) World Bank
  - c) UNFCCC Secretariat, COP 27
  - d) None of the above
  
2. Consider the following statements in reference to International Sugar Organization.
  - 1) International Sugar Organisation (ISO) has announced that India to be the Chair of the organisation for 2024-2025.
  - 2) International Sugar Organisation (ISO) is headquartered in China.
  - 3) India is third largest country in the world in ethanol production.Select the correct code.
  - a) 1 only
  - b) 2 and 3 only
  - c) 1 and 3 only
  - d) 1, 2 and 3
  
3. Henry Kissinger, whose death was recently in the news, was renowned for which of the following?
  - a) Oscar winning actor
  - b) Formula One racing world champion
  - c) First German president after unification of East and West Germany
  - d) Former American Secretary of State and National Security Advisor and famous proponent of political realism
  
4. To which of the following does Operation Brasstacks refer to?
  - a) Combined arms wargame conducted by Indian Armed forces in Rajasthan in 1987
  - b) Indian peacekeeping operations in South Sudan
  - c) Anti-infiltration manoeuvres by Indian Armed forces in Jammu and Kashmir 1965
  - d) None of the above
  
5. Consider the following statements about Small Savings Instruments (SSIs).
  - 1) All deposits received under various small savings schemes are pooled in the National Small Savings

Fund.

- 2) Public provident fund (PPF) and Kisan Vikas Patra are the examples of Small Savings Instruments.
- 3) The money in the fund is used by the central government to finance its fiscal deficit.

How many of the statements given above are incorrect?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None of the above

6. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhuyday Yojana.

- 1) Development of SC dominated villages into an “Adarsh Gram”.
- 2) ‘Grants-in-aid’ for District/State-level Projects for socio-economic betterment of SCs.
3. Financial assistance towards loans taken by beneficiaries for acquisition/creation of assets required for livelihood generation.

Which among the following are the components of said scheme?

- a) 2 and 3
- b) 3 only
- c) 1 and 2
- d) 1, 2 and 3

7. Consider the following statements about the Club of Rome

- 1) It is an informal organisation of business leaders and intellectuals in 1968
- 2) It published a report titled 'Limits to Growth' that used computer simulation to study the effects of exponential population growth on finite natural resources
- 3) The methods used by the report have been criticised as "dubious assumptions and approximations"

Choose the correct code

- a) I and II are correct
- b) I and III are correct
- c) II and III are correct
- d) I, II and III are correct

8. Which of the following UN Security Council resolutions sets out sanctions for internationally recognised terrorists?

- a) 753
- b) 1267
- c) 1593
- d) 1211

9. The Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023, recently seen in news is a joint bilateral training exercise between the India and which of the following country's army?

- a) Nepal
- b) Malaysia
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Indonesia

10. Consider the following statements about Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR).

- 1) HDSR aims to control man-made light pollution in the area in order to preserve the pristine dark skies for astronomical research.
- 2) India's first Night Sky Sanctuary is located within the Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary.

Choose the incorrect statements:

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