



1. Recently, World Wildlife Day (WWD) is observed on March 3 to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation.

Consider the following statements.

- 1) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was signed on this Day.
- 2) The WWD2024 Theme is 'Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation'.

Select the correct code.

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

2. Recently, Neduntheevu, Nainativu and Analaitivu islands are in news located near which of the following locations :

Select the correct code.

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Maldives
- c) Mauritius
- d) Lakshadweep

3. Consider the following passage:

Recently, this country has become the first country in the world to enshrine abortion rights in its constitution. It is located in Western Europe. It shares its border with Switzerland (East), the Atlantic Ocean (West), Belgium, Luxembourg and North Sea (North), Germany (Northeast), Italy, Monaco and the Mediterranean Sea (Southeast), Andorra and Spain (South), the English Channel (Northwest). Its major rivers include the Seine, Loire, Rhône, Garonne, Dordogne, Meuse, Marne, and Moselle. It has a bicameral parliamentary system consisting of the National Assembly (lower house) and the Senate (upper house), with the President as the head of state and a Prime Minister as the head of government.

The above passage best describes which of the following countries?

- a) Netherlands
- b) Austria
- c) France

d) Romania

4. With reference to the Grey Zone Warfare, consider the following statements:

- 1) It refers to a state of open conflict between nations.
- 2) Grey zone tactics involve covert or indirect actions that fall below the threshold of conventional warfare.
- 3) China's military presence in the South China Sea is an example of grey zone warfare.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. With reference to the tax-to-GDP ratio, consider the following statements:

- 1) A low tax-to-GDP ratio indicates more spending on infrastructure creation, hence a better financial position for the country
- 2) Developed nations typically have lower tax-to-GDP ratios than developing nations.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Which of the following best describes the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model of infrastructure development?

- a) The government directly finances and constructs the infrastructure project.
- b) The private sector operates and maintains existing infrastructure assets for a fee.
- c) The private sector designs, builds, operates, and maintains an infrastructure asset for a specified concession period, after which it's transferred to the government.
- d) The government and private sector jointly share costs and revenues of an infrastructure project throughout its lifecycle

7. Consider the following statements about the National Judicial Appointments Commission

- 1) It was created by the 99th amendment
- 2) It proposed setting up a commission comprising Chief Justice of India, 2 senior SC judges, Prime Minister and 2 nominated members for appointment and promotion of judges

3) The 99th amendment was held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court

Choose the correct code:

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

8. The Chakaliya community is associated with which of the following states?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Odisha
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat

9. Isabgol has many health benefits in aurveda, In reference to 'isabgol' consider the following statements.

- 1) Gujarat tops the country in production and processing of isabgol.
- 2) Beyond its medicinal role, isabgol can also be used in dyeing, textile printing, and cosmetics.

Select the correct code.

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

10. Recently, many countries have raised WTO dispute settlement reform . Which of the following countries recently 'raised concern at WTO dispute settlement reform proposal'?

Select the correct code.

- a) Bangladesh, China, Russia, Turkey, and Morocco
- b) India, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, and South Africa
- c) Brazil, Kenya, South Africa, and Malaysia
- d) India, China, Australia, Nepal, and Pakistan