

Q1. JIMEX 20 Maritime Exercise is between India and which of the following nation?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Japan
- (c) USA
- (d) South Africa

Answer: B

In News- The 4th edition of India - Japan Maritime bilateral exercise JIMEX will be held in the North Arabian Sea from 26th - 28th September 2020.

Option B is correct: It is a bilateral maritime exercise conducted biennially between the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF). JIMEX-20 will showcase a high degree of inter-operability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a multitude of advanced exercises, across the spectrum of maritime operations. Multi-faceted tactical exercises involving weapon firing, cross-deck helicopter operations and complex surface, anti-submarine and air warfare drills will consolidate the coordination developed by the two navies

Q2. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the 'Positive Pay' mechanism?

1. It is a fraud-prevention system offered by most commercial banks to companies to protect them against forged, altered and counterfeit checks.
2. It allows an account holder to electronically uploads the details of the high-value cheque through the bank's net banking system.

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

In News- Recently, RBI said that Positive pay system for cheque payments to come into effect from January 1, 2021.

Statement 1 is correct: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to introduce a mechanism of 'Positive Pay' for all cheques of value Rs 50,000 and above. This will cover approximately 20 percent and 80 percent of total cheques by volume and value, respectively. Positive Pay is a fraud detection tool adopted by banks to protect customers against forged, altered or counterfeit cheques.

Statement 2 is correct: The introduction of Positive Pay means that an added layer of security has been provided to the instrument. While issuing a high-value cheque, one can upload its details (such as front and back images) to the bank. Customers will need to put in a cheque number, issuance date, payee name, account number, amount payable along with an image of the front and reverse side of the instrument on the Positive Pay system.

Q3. With reference to National Medical Commission Act, 2019, consider the following statements:

1. The Act provided for setting up of a National Medical Commission replacing Medical Council of India.
2. The Act proposes a common final year undergraduate examination to obtain a license for practice and it also serves as the basis for admission into post-graduate courses.
3. NMC doesn't have regulation over fees in private colleges and deemed universities.

Which of the statements given is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation:

In News- In pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 60 of National Medical Commission Act, 2019, the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 is hereby repealed with effect from Sept 25, said Health Ministry.

Statement 1 is correct: The Union government has set up the National Medical Commission (NMC) along with four other autonomous boards while abolishing the MCI. The Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Education Boards, Medical Assessment and Rating Board, and Ethics and Medical Registration Board have been constituted to help the NMC in day-to-day functioning. The National Medical Commission Bill was passed in both houses of Parliament last year after facing stiff resistance from doctors. Apart from the Chairman, the NMC will consist of 10 ex-officio members and 22 part-time members appointed by the Central government.

Statement 2 is correct: The Act proposes a common final year undergraduate examination, the National Exit Test, for the students graduating from medical institutions to obtain the license for the practice.

Statement 3 is not correct: In private colleges and deemed universities, NMC will have regulation over the fees and all other charges for 50% of the seats. The Act provides that there should be an upper limit restriction for the fee charged by unaided medical colleges.

Q6. 'Magawa' was recently seen in the news, it is a:

- (a) A cybersecurity tool to deal with crimes on the dark web.
- (b) A robot to assist astronauts in ISS
- (c) African giant pouched rat
- (d) A recently discovered exoplanet by NASA

Answer: C

Explanation:

In News- A rat called Magawa was awarded the PDSA Gold Medal for his "life-saving" work in Cambodia.

Option C is correct: Magawa who is an African Giant Pouched Rat and is just under eight years old, is the first rat to win this medal and was given the award by PDSA's Director-General in a virtual presentation. The PDSA Gold Medal was initiated in 2002 and rewards civilian acts of animal bravery and "devotion to duty". It is the highest honour recognising extraordinary bravery of animals. Till now, Magawa has discovered over 39 landmines and 28 items of unexploded ordnance to date.

Q5. Which of the following statement(s) is/are **not correct** with respect to the Election Commission of India?

1. The Commission has the power to disqualify a candidate who has failed to lodge an account of his election expenses.
2. The members hold office for a term of five years or until they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
3. The retired election commissioners are barred from further appointment under the Constitution.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

In News- Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the schedule for Bihar Assembly polls 2020.

Statement 1 is correct: Under the Constitution, the Commission also has advisory jurisdiction in the matter of post-election disqualification of sitting members of Parliament and State Legislatures. Further, the cases of persons found guilty of corrupt practices at elections which come before the Supreme Court and High Courts are also referred to the Commission for its opinion on the question as to whether such person shall be disqualified. The Commission has the power to disqualify a candidate who has failed to lodge an account of his election expenses within the time and in the manner

prescribed by law. The Commission has also the power for removing or reducing the period of such disqualification as also other disqualification under the law.

Statement 2 is not correct: The office is held by them for a term of 6 years or until they attain 65 years, whichever happens first. They can also be removed or can resign at any time before the expiry of their term.

Statement 3 is not correct: The Constitution has not debarred the retiring election commissioners from any further appointment by the government.

