

Q1. Amnesty International (AI) is an organisation associated with which of the following fields?

- (a) Protection of historic monuments
- (b) Protection of Human Rights
- (c) Protection of ancient monuments in the world
- (d) Protection of Cruelty to animals

Answer: B

In News- Amnesty International (AI) India has decided to shut its operations in India. The decision came after the recent move by the Enforcement Directorate to freeze the organisation's accounts.

Option B is correct: Amnesty International (AI) is a non-governmental organization with its headquarters in the United Kingdom focused on human rights. The mission of the organization is to campaign for a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments. Amnesty draws attention to human rights abuses and campaigns for compliance with international laws and standards.

Q2. With reference to the Cat Que virus (CQV), consider the following statements:

- 1. It belongs to the Simbu serogroup virus of the genus Orthobunyavirus.
- 2. It is zoonotic in nature which infects both humans and livestock species.

Which of the statements given is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

In News- In a study published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research, scientists have noted the presence of antibodies against the Cat Que virus (CQV) in two human serum samples.

Both the statements are correct: CQV belongs to the Simbu serogroup virus of the genus Orthobunyavirus. It was first isolated in 2004 from mosquitoes in northern Vietnam. It has also been reported in China. It is found in pigs and Culex mosquitoes. Humans can get infected through mosquitoes as well.

Q3. Which among the following statement(s) is/are correct with respect to the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) recently seen in the news?

1. It is an international initiative to bring together different countries in order to maintain supply chain systems of vaccines.
2. It is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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: B

Explanation:

Statement 1 is not correct: The eVIN is an innovative technological solution aimed at strengthening immunization supply chain systems across the country. This is being implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It aims to provide real-time information on vaccine stocks and flows, and storage temperatures across all cold chain points in the country.

Statement 2 is correct: Technological innovation is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Q4. Consider the following statements with regard to “Forest Rights Act 2006”:

1. It deals with the rights of forest-dwelling communities over land and other resources.

2. Rights under the Act are confined to those who “primarily reside in forests” and who depend on forests and forest land for a livelihood.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

Option C is correct: Both the statements are correct as the Act deals with the rights of forest-dwelling communities over land and other resources. Rights under the Act are confined to those who “primarily reside in forests” and who depend on forests and forest land for a livelihood. Further, either the claimant must be a member of the Scheduled Tribes scheduled in that area or must have been residing in the forest for 75 years.

Q5. With reference to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, consider the following statements:

1. It is the world’s largest financier of AIDS, TB and malaria prevention, treatment and care programmes.
2. It is one of the implementing arms of United Nation (UN).

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (or simply the Global Fund) is an international financing organization that aims to “attract, leverage and

invest additional resources to end the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to support attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations.”

Statement 2 is not correct: The Global Fund was formed as an independent, non-profit foundation under Swiss law and hosted by the World Health Organization in January 2002. In January 2009, the organization became an administratively autonomous organization, terminating its administrative services agreement with the World Health Organization. It is a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases.

