

Q1. The term “Real Mango” is in the news, it is a-

- (a) New Defence Armament
- (b) Phytosanitary initiative to export mangoes
- (c) Illegal software Racket
- (d) Newly discovered Exoplanet

Answer: C

Explanation:

**In News-** In a nationwide investigation, RPF has disrupted the operation of illegal software called “Real Mango” used for cornering confirmed Railway reservation.

**Option C is correct:** Operation of an illegal software called “Rare Mango” (later changed its name to “Real Mango”) was revealed on 09.08.2020 during action against touts by the field units of RPF. RPF units of North Central Railway (NCR), Eastern Railway (ER) and Western Railway (WR) apprehended some suspects and initiated the process of understanding and unravelling the operation of Rare Mango/Real Mango Software.

Q2. Which among the following statement(s) is/are correct with respect to the International Criminal Court (ICC)?

- 1. It is governed by the Rome Statute.
- 2. It is a part of the UN convention against the crimes related to genocide.
- 3. India is a member of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (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-** The U.S. did, in fact, announce sanctions, including asset freezes and visa bans against two officials of the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague.

**Statement 1 is correct:** The International Criminal Court (ICC) investigates and tries individuals charged with the gravest crimes of concern to the international community: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression. It is governed by an international treaty called 'The Rome Statute', the ICC is the world's first permanent international criminal court.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Court was established by the Rome Statute. This treaty was negotiated within the UN, however, it created an independent judicial body distinct from the UN. The Rome Statute was the outcome of a long process of consideration of the question of international criminal law within the UN.

**Statement 3 is not correct:** India is not a party to Rome Statute along with the US and China.

Q3. With reference to the International Solar Alliance (ISA), consider the following statements:

1. It was established during the UN Climate Change Conference in Warsaw, Poland in 2013.
2. It is an alliance of only countries lie between tropic of Cancer and Capricorn.

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

**In News-** The first World Solar Technology Summit is being organised by the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on 8 September. It is an attempt to bring together scientists, engineers and

member states to sit down together and think about what the challenges are in realising the dream of making energy affordable and abundant.

**Statement 1 is not correct:** It was established during the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris in 2015 and it has 75 signatory countries. The ISA's major objectives include global deployment of over 1,000GW of solar generation capacity and mobilisation of investment of over US\$ 1000 billion into solar energy by 2030.

**Statement 2 is not correct:** The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an alliance of more than 122 countries initiated by India, most of them being sunshine countries, which lie either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn, now extended to all members of UN.

Q4. With reference to the Mission Indhradhanush, consider the following statements:

1. It is an immunisation drive that targets children under 2 years of age and pregnant women.
2. Under this, vaccines for Rubella, JE and Rotavirus are provided compulsorily in all states and districts.
3. Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 aims to achieve at least 90% pan-India immunisation coverage by 2022.

Which of the following statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

**In News-** Recently, the National Statistical Organisation (NSO) published the Health in India report. According to the report, although almost all children in India are vaccinated against tuberculosis, and receive their birth dose of the polio vaccine, two out of five children do not complete their immunisation programme.

**Statement 1 is correct:** It was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on December 25, 2014. It targets children under 2 years of age and pregnant women for immunization.

**Statement 2 is not correct:** It provides vaccination against 12 Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPD) i.e. diphtheria, Whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, meningitis and pneumonia, Hemophilus influenza type B infections, Japanese encephalitis (JE), rotavirus vaccine, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) and measles-rubella (MR).

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Government launched the second phase of nationwide immunisation drive, i.e. Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0, to mark the 25 years of Pulse polio programme. Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 aims to achieve at least 90% pan-India immunisation coverage by 2022.

Q5. With reference to Zero Hour of Parliamentary proceedings, consider the following statements:

1. It is a formal device mentioned under the Rules of Procedure.
2. It is the interregnum between the end of Question Hour and the beginning of the regular proceedings.

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

**In News-** In view of the pandemic and a truncated Monsoon Session, Parliament has deprived of Question Hour and curtailed Zero Hour. The Opposition has strongly criticised this.

**Statement 1 is not correct:** It was during the 1960s when several issues of national and international importance used to be raised by members of Parliament immediately after Question Hour. On one such occasion, a member raised an issue pertaining to policy announcements made by the ministers outside Parliament when Parliament was in session. This act triggered an idea among other members who called for another provision for discussing important matters in the

House. Zero Hour doesn't find a mention in the Rules of Procedure and hence it's considered an informal procedure for the members of Parliament to raise matters of serious importance.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is the time gap between the end of Question Hour and the beginning of the regular business of the House.

Q6. Consider the following statements:

1. Power of Siberia is a cross-border gas pipeline project between Russia, Mongolia and China.
2. 'Davos in the Desert' an annual future investment forum of Saudi Arabia.
3. The 'Three Seas Initiative' is a forum to bring together European nations between the North Sea, Bay of Biscay and the Adriatic Sea.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: c

Explanation:

**Statement 1 is not correct:** It is a gas pipeline linking one of the most remote parts of Russia with a far-flung region of China. It is between Russia and China. Gas is being sourced from Chayandinskoye and Kovytko fields in eastern Siberia and is then piped to Blagoveshchensk — the last town on the Russian side of the border. From there, it is tunnelled under the Amur River, before entering Heihe on the Chinese side.

**Statement 2 is correct:** 'Davos in the Desert' is the informal name of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) of Saudi Arabia. The forum seeks to elevate Saudi Arabia's international economic engagement by bringing together policymakers, investors and global experts, who discuss the role of investment in driving global prosperity and development.

**Statement 3 is not correct:** The Three Seas is a forum of twelve states in the European Union that are located in Central and Eastern Europe. The combined area connects the Adriatic Sea, Baltic Sea, and the Black Sea. It will promote economic growth, security and a stronger and more cohesive Europe.

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