

Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to International yoga fest and Yoga

1. It is organised by Ministry of AYUSH to sensitize the masses regarding International day of Yoga.
2. Yoga is one of the six schools of Hindu philosophy which developed in the begging of the Christian era.
3. Charaka is considered as the father of Yoga.

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

- The three days International Yoga Fest: A Curtain Raiser for International Day of Yoga-2016 was inaugurated by the Minister of State for AYUSH to sensitize the masses regarding the celebration of International Day of Yoga.
- Yoga is one of the six schools of philosophy which developed during the beginning of the Christian era others being Samkya, Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Mimamsa, Vedanta.
- Patanjali is considered as the father of modern yoga.
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Q.2) Recently Union Cabinet cleared amendments for the proposed Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015. Consider the following statements with respect to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015

1. The legislation will ensure expeditious utilization of accumulated unspent amounts available with the ad hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).
2. The legislation will cover whole of India including the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
3. This bill comes under Ministry of Environment and forests.

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

Q.2) Solution (c)

- The legislation will ensure expeditious utilization of accumulated unspent amounts available with the ad hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), which presently is of the order of Rs.40,000 crore, and fresh accrual of compensatory levies and interest on accumulated unspent balance, which will be of the order of approx. Rs. 6,000 crore per annum, in an efficient and transparent manner.
- The legislation will extend to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Third statement is correct.
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Q.3) Recently Uttarakhand High court sought clarification on imposition of president's rule in the state. Consider the following statements with respect to Emergency provisions.

1. State emergency can be proclaimed under the article 356 only.
2. The 44th constitutional amendment brought the president rule under the purview of judicial review.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Q.3) Solution (b)

- State emergency can be proclaimed under article 356 and 365 respectively
- A 356 empowers president to issue proclamation, if he is satisfied that situation has arisen in which the government of a state cannot be carried in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.
- A 365 says that whenever a state fails to comply with or to give effect to any direction from the centre, it will be lawful for the president to hold that situation has

arisen in which the government of the state cannot be carried in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

- The 38th amendment act of 1975 made the decision president on imposition of president is final but however it was revoked during 44th amendment act of 1978, implying that president rule is subjected to judicial review.
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Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to Press freedom Index report.

1. It is released by Reporters without borders (RSF).
2. Norwegian countries like Finland, Netherlands, and Norway occupy the top three positions.
3. As per the report India is among the top ten countries to have highest press freedom.

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

Q.4) Solution (a)

- The Press Freedom Index is an annual ranking of countries compiled and published by Reporters without Borders based upon the organization's assessment of the countries' press freedom records in the previous year. It reflects the degree of freedom that journalists, news organizations, and netizens enjoy in each country, and the efforts made by the authorities to respect and ensure respect for this freedom
- Three north European countries head the rankings. They are Finland (ranked 1st, the position it has held since 2010), Netherlands (2nd, up 2 places) and Norway (3rd, down 1).
- India ranks an abysmally low at 133 among 180 countries.
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Q.5) Recently the festival “Pooram” was in news. This famous festival is held in which of the following state of India.

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Assam
- d) Jharkhand

Q.5) Solution (b)

- Pooram pronounced is an annual festival, which is celebrated in temples dedicated to goddesses Durga or Kali held especially in Valluvanadu area and other adjoining parts of north-central Kerala (Present Palakkad, Thrissur and Malappuram districts) after the summer harvest.
- It was in news recently for parading injured elephants during the festival.
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