

Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to WPI.

1. Manufactured products have the highest weight among the basket of products used to calculate WPI.
2. WPI is released weekly by NSSO.
3. Base year to calculate WPI is 2004-05.

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) All the above.

Q.1) Solution (c)

- The WPI measures the price of a representative basket of wholesale goods. In India, this basket is composed of three groups: Primary Articles (20.1% of total weight), Fuel and Power (14.9%) and Manufactured Products (65%).
- WPI numbers are typically measured weekly by Dept of Industrial policy and promotion - Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Base year to calculate WPI – 2004-05.
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Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect Koh-I-Noor Diamond.

1. Koh-I-Noor diamond also known as Mountain of Light was originally found near Guntur region of Andhra Pradesh.
2. The diamond was handed over to British after second Anglo Sikh war in 1849.
3. Akbar the famous Mughal ruler studded Koh-I-Noor diamond to famous peacock throne.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.2) Solution (a)

- The Koh-i-Noor is a large, colourless diamond that was found near Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, India, possibly in the 13th century.
- It was first owned by the Kakatiya dynasty.

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- Shah Jahan the famous Mughal ruler studded Koh-I-Noor diamond to his famous peacock throne.
- The stone changed hands several times between various feuding factions in South Asia over the next few hundred years, before ending up in the possession of Queen Victoria after the British conquest of the Punjab in 1849.
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Q.3) Recently three new of species of Mouse Lemurs was found by scientists. Consider the following statements with respect to Lemurs

1. Mouse lemurs are small, nocturnal primates, which are found only in Madagascar.
2. According to IUCN red list Mouse Lemurs are threatened by extinction.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

- Mouse lemurs are small, nocturnal primates, which are found only in Madagascar — and they all look very similar with their brown fur and large eyes.
- According to the “Red List” of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) more than 100 known species of lemurs are threatened by extinction and represent the world’s most endangered group of mammals, researchers have said.
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Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to Heat Waves.

1. A Heat Wave is a period of abnormally high temperatures, more than the normal maximum temperature that occurs during the summer season only in North-Western parts of India.
2. As per IMD if the temperature of the station reaches 45 degree Celsius the condition of heat waves is declared.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.4) Solution (b)

- Heat wave condition occurs in different parts of India and north-western parts of India like Telangana, Vidarba region, south MP etc.
- A Heat Wave is a period of abnormally high temperatures, more than the normal maximum temperature that occurs during the summer season in the North-Western parts of India. Heat Waves typically occur between March and June, and in some rare cases even extend till July. The extreme temperatures and resultant atmospheric conditions adversely affect people living in these regions as they cause physiological stress, sometimes resulting in death.

Following are the conditions for declaration of heat waves.

- Heat Wave need not be considered till maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40°C for Plains and at least 30°C for Hilly regions.
- When normal maximum temperature of a station is less than or equal to 40°C Heat Wave Departure from normal is 5°C to 6°C Severe Heat Wave Departure from normal is 7°C or more.
- When normal maximum temperature of a station is more than 40°C Heat Wave Departure from normal is 4°C to 5°C Severe Heat Wave Departure from normal is 6°C or more.
- When actual maximum temperature remains 45°C or more irrespective of normal maximum temperature, heat waves should be declared. Higher daily peak temperatures and longer, more intense heat waves are becomingly increasingly frequent globally due to climate change. India too is feeling the impact of climate change in terms of increased instances of heat waves which are more intense in nature with each passing year, and have a devastating impact on human health thereby increasing the number of heat wave casualties.
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Q.5) Which of the following statements with respect to Thevar freedom fighter community is correct?

1. They issued a proclamation on independence from British in 1801.
2. They are from south Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.5) Solution (c)

- Recently a short film was released on Thevar community.
- They are a small community from south India who valiantly fought against British during 1700's and 1800's.
- They issues a proclamation from british in 1801/.
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