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Q.1) Consider the following statements about Environment Management Group (EMG)

- 1. It is a United Nations (UN) System-wide coordination body on environment and human settlements.
- 2. It is chaired by the Executive Director of UN Environment (UNEP)
- 3. IMF and ILO are members of the group

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.1) Solution (d)

The Environment Management Group (EMG) is a United Nations (UN) System-wide coordination body on environment and human settlements. It was established in 2001 pursuant to the General Assembly resolution 53/242 in July 1999.

The resolution supported the proposal of the Secretary-General to establish an environmental management group contained in his report on Environment and Human Settlements (A/53/463).

The EMG membership consists of the specialized agencies, programmes and organs of the United Nations including the secretariats of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

The group is chaired by the Executive Director of UN Environment (UNEP) and supported by a secretariat provided by UN Environment . The Secretariat is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

The EMG identifies issues on the international environmental agenda that warrant cooperation, and finds ways of engaging its collective capacity in coherent management responses to those issues.

In accordance with its Terms of Reference the EMG works through technical meetings, Issue Management Groups and task forces. Representatives of intergovernmental bodies, civil society and international non-governmental organizations can be invited to contribute.

Members

- CBD
- CITES

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- CMS
- FAO
- GEF
- IAEA
- ICA0
- IFAD
- ILO
- IMF
- IMO
- IOM
- ITC
- ITU
- OCHA
- OHCHR
- UNDP
- Ramsar
- UNCTAD
- UNAIDS
- UNCCD
- UNECE
- UNEP
- UNESCO
- UNFCCC
- UNFPA
- UNHABITAT
- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- UNIDO
- UNOPS
- WIPO
- WFP
- UNITAR
- UNISDR
- UNU
- UPU
- UNWOMEN
- UNWTO
- WHO
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- World Bank
- WTO
- CEB
- BRS

Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Cyber Surakshit Bharat' initiative

- 1. It is under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- 2. It aims to conduct a series of training programs for departments in State and Union governments, Public Sector Banks, and technical arms of the Air Force, Army and Navy

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (c)

In order to strengthen cyber security practices and awareness among the government departments, the ministry of electronics and IT has launched the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative in association with the IT industry majors. An aim of the initiative is to spread awareness about cybercrime and building capacity for safe.

Cyber Surakshit Bharat aims to conduct a series of training programs in the next six months across Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Chennai. The audience will include CISOs and technical officials from:

- The central government
- State governments and Union Territories
- Public Sector Banks
- Public Sector Units
- Defence forces, defence PSUs and technical arms of the Air Force, Army and Navy

Source: <u>http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-cm/meity-launches-cyber-</u> surakshit-bharat-to-strengthen-cybersecurity-118012000191 1.html

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Q.3) Meghalaya is bordered by

- 1. Assam
- 2. Bangladesh
- 3. Tripura

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.3) Solution (a)

The state is surrounded by Assam to its north and Bangladesh to its south.

Q.4) Consider the following statements

- 1. Basic disqualification criteria for a Member of Parliament are laid down in Article 102 of the Constitution
- 2. The word 'office' has been defined in the Representation of the People Act of 1951

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (a)

Basic disqualification criteria for an MP are laid down in Article 102 of the Constitution, and for an MLA in Article 191. They can be disqualified for: a) Holding an office of profit under government of India or state government; b) Being of unsound mind; c) Being an undischarged insolvent; d) Not being an Indian citizen or for acquiring citizenship of another country

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The word 'office' has not been defined in the Constitution or the Representation of the People Act of 1951. But different courts have interpreted it to mean a position with certain duties that are more or less of public character.

The Supreme Court, while upholding the disqualification of Jaya Bachchan from Rajya Sabha in 2006, had said, "For deciding the question as to whether one is holding an office of profit or not, what is relevant is whether the office is capable of yielding a profit or pecuniary gain and not whether the person actually obtained a monetary gain... If the office carries with it, or entitles the holder to, any pecuniary gain other than reimbursement of out of pocket/actual expenses, then the office will be an office of profit for the purpose of Article 102 (1)(a)..." However, a person who acquires a contract or licence from a government to perform functions, which the government would have itself discharged, will not be held guilty of holding an office of profit. So, acquiring a gas agency from the government or holding a permit to ply do not amount to holding office of profit.

Source: http://indianexpress.com/article/what-is/office-of-profit-what-the-why-5032038/

Q.5) Consider the following statements

- 1. In India, Red Panda is naturally found in the Western Himalayas only.
- 2. In India, Slow Loris lives in the dense forests of the North East.

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

Q.5) Solution (b)

Red Panda is a mammal native to the eastern Himalayas and southwestern China.

Slow lorises are a group of several species of nocturnal strepsirrhine primates that make up the genus Nycticebus. Found in Southeast Asia and bordering areas, they range from Bangladesh and Northeast India in the west to the Sulu Archipelago in the Philippines in the east, and from Yunnan province in China in the north to the island of Java in the south.