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Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Great white shark'

1. The IUCN lists the great white shark as a vulnerable species
2. It is found only in the Pacific Ocean

Select the correct code:

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Q.1) Solution (a)

IUCN Status – Vulnerable

Great white sharks live in almost all coastal and offshore waters which have water temperature between 12 and 24 °C (54 and 75 °F), with greater concentrations in the United States (Northeast and California), South Africa, Japan, Oceania, Chile, and the Mediterranean including Sea of Marmara and Bosphorus. One of the densest known populations is found around Dyer Island, South Africa.

Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to '[National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture \(NICRA\)](#)'

1. It is under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment and Forests
2. It was formed under the Environment Protection Act, 1986

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (d)

National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) is a network project of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched in February, 2011. The project aims to enhance resilience of Indian agriculture to climate change and climate vulnerability

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through strategic research and technology demonstration. The research on adaptation and mitigation covers crops, livestock, fisheries and natural resource management. The project consists of four components viz. Strategic Research, Technology Demonstration, Capacity Building and Sponsored/Competitive Grants.

Q.3) 'National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)' manages which of the following funds?

1. Master Fund
2. Fund of Funds
3. Strategic Fund

Select the correct code:

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

Q.3) Solution (d)

NIIF manages three funds: Master Fund, Fund of Funds and Strategic Fund. The funds were set up to make infrastructure investments in India by raising capital from domestic and international institutional investors.

Master Fund

The Master Fund is an infrastructure fund with the objective of primarily investing in operating assets in the core infrastructure sectors such as roads, ports, airports, power etc.

Fund of Funds

Fund of Funds anchor and/or invest in funds managed by fund managers who have good track records in infrastructure and associated sectors in India. Some of the sectors of focus include Green Infrastructure, Mid-Income & Affordable Housing, Infrastructure services and allied sectors.

Strategic Investment Fund

Strategic Investment Fund is registered as an Alternative Investment Fund II under SEBI in India.

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)'

1. The funds managed by the NIIF are registered as Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
2. The Indian government has 49 per cent stake in NIIF

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

NIIF manage three funds with distinctive investment mandates. The funds are registered as Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and are currently raising capital from domestic and international institutional investors.

The Indian government has 49 per cent stake in NIIF with the rest held by marquee foreign and domestic investors such as Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Temasek and HDFC Group. With the Centre's significant stake, NIIF is considered India's quasi sovereign wealth fund.

Q.5) 'Wagon tragedy' is associated with

- a) Chauri Chaura Incident
- b) Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
- c) Tebhaga movement
- d) Mappila Rebellion

Q.5) Solution (d)

The wagon tragedy was the death of 67 prisoners on 20 November 1921 in the Malabar region of Kerala state of India. The prisoners had been taken into custody following the Mappila Rebellion against British Colonial rule and Hindu landlords. Their deaths through apparent negligence discredited the British Raj and generated sympathy for the Indian independence movement.