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Q1.

With reference to the impact of extreme heat on maternal and public health, consider the following statements:

1. Extreme heat exposure during pregnancy can increase the risk of preterm birth.
2. Maternal dehydration and thermal stress may affect placental blood flow.
3. Heatwaves have no significant implications for vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, infants and older persons.
4. The National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) aims to address health risks associated with climate change.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 4 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 3 and 4 only

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 1, 2 and 4 only.

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** Extreme heat exposure during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of preterm birth.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** Dehydration and thermal stress may impair maternal circulation and placental blood flow.
3. **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Pregnant women, infants and older persons are particularly vulnerable to extreme heat.
4. **Statement 4 is correct:** NPCCHH addresses the health impacts of climate change in India.

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Q2.

With reference to the constitutional and legal safeguards available to tribal communities in India, consider the following statements:

1. Article 244 provides for the administration of Scheduled Areas and Tribal Areas under the Fifth and Sixth Schedules.
2. The Fifth Schedule provides for the establishment of Tribes Advisory Councils in applicable states.
3. The Sixth Schedule provides for Autonomous District Councils in certain northeastern states.
4. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes is a statutory body established under an ordinary Act of Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 2, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 1, 2 and 3 only.

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 244 deals with the administration of Scheduled Areas and Tribal Areas.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** The Fifth Schedule provides for Tribes Advisory Councils in applicable states.
3. **Statement 3 is correct:** The Sixth Schedule provides for Autonomous District and Regional Councils.
4. **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes is a constitutional body under Article 338A.

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Q3.

With reference to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and healthcare governance in India, consider the following statements:

1. AIIMS institutions are established under the All India Institute of Medical Sciences Act, 1956.
2. AIIMS institutions are declared Institutions of National Importance.
3. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is responsible for national-level policy formulation and administration of major central healthcare institutions.
4. The National Health Mission focuses exclusively on tertiary healthcare services through medical colleges and AIIMS institutions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 2 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 1, 2 and 3 only.

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** AIIMS institutions are governed by the AIIMS Act, 1956, as amended.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** AIIMS institutions are designated Institutions of National Importance.
3. **Statement 3 is correct:** The Union Health Ministry oversees central healthcare institutions and national health policies.
4. **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The National Health Mission strengthens primary and secondary healthcare alongside other health-system priorities.

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Q4.

With reference to the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), consider the following statements.

1. IRNSS has three satellites in geostationary and four satellites in geosynchronous orbits.
2. IRNSS covers entire India and about 5500 sq. km beyond its borders.
3. India will have its own satellite navigation system with full global coverage by the middle of 2019.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. None

Correct answer: Option A — 1 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (a) — 1 only:

Statement 1 is correct. The original IRNSS constellation was designed with three satellites in geostationary orbit and four in geosynchronous orbit.

Statement 2 is incorrect. IRNSS was designed to provide coverage over India and approximately 1,500 km beyond its boundaries, not 5,500 sq. km.

Statement 3 is incorrect. IRNSS, later named NavIC, is a regional navigation system, not a global navigation system. Its coverage is focused on India and the surrounding region.

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Q5.

With reference to maternity benefits and labour rights in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Maternity Benefit Act was enacted in 1961.
2. The 2017 amendment increased the duration of paid maternity leave for eligible women from 12 weeks to 26 weeks.
3. The Act provides maternity benefits only to women employed in government establishments.
4. The Act prohibits an employer from dismissing or discharging a woman during or on account of her maternity absence, subject to statutory provisions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 4 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** The Maternity Benefit Act was enacted in 1961.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** The 2017 amendment increased eligible maternity leave to 26 weeks.
3. **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Act covers eligible women in specified establishments, including private-sector establishments.
4. **Statement 4 is correct:** The Act provides protection against dismissal during or on account of maternity absence.

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Q6.

With reference to the rights of transgender persons in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act was enacted in 2019.
2. The Act prohibits discrimination against transgender persons in education, employment, healthcare and access to public services.
3. The National Human Rights Commission is a constitutional body established under the Constitution of India.
4. The Supreme Court recognised transgender persons as a third gender in the NALSA judgment of 2014.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 4 only

C. 2, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act was enacted in 2019.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** The Act prohibits discrimination across several areas of public life.
3. **Statement 3 is incorrect:** NHRC is a statutory body established under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
4. **Statement 4 is correct:** The 2014 NALSA judgment recognised transgender persons as a third gender.

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Q7.

With reference to the Asian Para Games, consider the following statements:

1. The Asian Para Games are held for athletes with disabilities from Asian countries.
2. The Asian Para Games are organised under the governance of the Asian Paralympic Committee.
3. The 2023 Asian Para Games were held in Hangzhou, China.
4. India won 114 medals, including 29 gold medals, at the 2023 Asian Para Games.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 1, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option D — 1, 2, 3 and 4

Explanation

Correct Answer: (d) — All four statements are correct.

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** The event brings together para-athletes from across Asia.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** The Asian Paralympic Committee governs the Asian Para Games.
3. **Statement 3 is correct:** The 2023 edition was hosted by Hangzhou, China.
4. **Statement 4 is correct:** India secured 114 medals, including 29 gold medals.

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Q8.

With reference to internal migration in India, consider the following statements:

1. Internal migration refers to the movement of people within the geographical boundaries of a country.
2. Differences in wages and employment opportunities are important economic drivers of internal migration.
3. The Constitution of India guarantees all citizens the right to move freely throughout the territory of India, subject to reasonable restrictions.
4. The Census of India records migration data based exclusively on international movement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 2 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct.

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** Internal migration involves movement within a country's national boundaries.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** Wage differences and better employment opportunities encourage labour migration.
3. **Statement 3 is correct:** Article 19(1)(d) guarantees freedom of movement throughout India, subject to reasonable restrictions.
4. **Statement 4 is incorrect:** Census migration data covers both internal and international migration.

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Q9.

With reference to population policies and electoral disqualification in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India contains a universal two-child norm for contesting local body elections.
2. Some Indian states have introduced two-child norms as eligibility conditions for contesting local body elections.
3. Total Fertility Rate (TFR) refers to the average number of children a woman would bear during her reproductive years, based on prevailing age-specific fertility rates.
4. Replacement-level fertility is generally around 2.1 children per woman in populations with low mortality.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2, 3 and 4 only

C. 1, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 2, 3 and 4 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 2, 3 and 4 only

1. **Statement 1 is incorrect:** There is no universal constitutional two-child eligibility requirement.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** Certain states have enacted two-child restrictions for local body elections.
3. **Statement 3 is correct:** TFR measures the average births per woman based on current fertility rates.
4. **Statement 4 is correct:** Replacement-level fertility is approximately 2.1 in low-mortality populations.

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Q10.

With reference to the regulation of pharmaceutical manufacturing in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Drugs Rules, 1945 provide a regulatory framework for the manufacture and quality control of drugs in India.
2. Drugs declared as Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) may fail to meet prescribed quality standards.
3. Immediate suspension of manufacturing licences is proposed as a measure to prevent the continued production of substandard drugs.
4. Corrective and preventive action is unnecessary once a manufacturing licence has been suspended.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 2, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — Statements 1, 2 and 3 only

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** The Drugs Rules, 1945 regulate various aspects of drug manufacturing and quality.
2. **Statement 2 is correct:** NSQ drugs fail to comply with prescribed quality standards.
3. **Statement 3 is correct:** The proposal seeks immediate suspension to prevent further production of substandard drugs.
4. **Statement 4 is incorrect:** Verified corrective action is required before restoration of the licence under the proposal.