

1. Consider the following statements:
 1. Indian soft-shell turtle is protected under the Wildlife Act 1972 as Schedule 1 animal.
 2. Indian soft-shell turtle is vulnerable in India under the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List.
 3. Indian soft-shell turtle is endemic to India.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
2. Under which of the following circumstances, investigation into the affairs of a company is assigned to Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) by the Government?
 1. On receipt of report of the Registrar or Inspector of the company.
 2. On intimation of a special resolution passed by a company requesting an investigation into its affairs.
 3. In public interest.
 4. On the request of any Department of Central Government or State Government.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
3. A government can miss its fiscal deficit target under which of the following conditions?
 1. The revenue it collected falls short of projections.
 2. Its expenditure is higher than planned.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Consider the following statements:
 1. NASA's Parker Solar Probe is scheduled for launch in 2018 to explore the sun's outer atmosphere.
 2. The probe will use Mercury's gravity to gradually bring its orbit closer to the sun.
 3. One of the primary goals for the mission is to trace how energy and heat move through the solar corona.Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
5. NASA's OSIRIS-REx mission aims at:
 - (a) to study black holes.
 - (b) to study dark matter.
 - (c) to find earth-like planets.
 - (d) to collect samples from an asteroid.

6. Which of the following can act as Cancer biomarkers?
1. Gene mutations (changes)
 2. Gene rearrangements
 3. Extra copies of genes
 4. Missing genes
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above
7. Which among the following is the only breeding ground for Bar-headed geese in India?
- (a) Tsomoriri
 - (b) Wular Lake
 - (c) Hokersar
 - (d) Surinsar-Mansar Lakes
8. Which among the following factors can impact storm surge?
1. Wind speed
 2. Slope of the continental shelf
 3. Width of the continental shelf
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
9. Consider the following statements about the Olive-Ridley Turtles:
1. The name for this sea turtle is tied to the colour of its shell—an olive green hue.
 2. They are currently the most abundant of all sea turtles.
 3. Their vulnerable status comes from the fact that they nest in a very small number of places.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) All of the above
10. Besides Kaziranga National Park, the Indian one-horned rhinoceros are found in which of the following areas?
1. Orang National Park
 2. Pobitora National Park
 3. Jaldapara National Park
 4. Dudhwa National Park
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (d) All of the above

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