

1. Which among the following Articles of the Indian Constitution prohibits the slaughter of cows and calves and other milch and draught cattle?
  - (a) Article 45
  - (b) Article 46
  - (c) Article 47
  - (d) Article 48
2. Which among the following are the members of the recently floated regional coalition known as the 'Quad'?
  - (a) China, Australia, Russia, India
  - (b) Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Vietnam
  - (c) China, North Korea, Russia, Iran
  - (d) India, Australia, Japan, United States
3. In India, the National Air Quality Index is centred around which of the following chief pollutants?
  1. Particulate Matter with a diameter less than 10 micrometres (PM10)
  2. Particulate Matter with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5)
  3. Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)
  4. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

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
4. In India, fishing cats are mainly found in the:
  - (a) the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans
  - (b) on the foothills of the Himalayas along the Ganga and Brahmaputra river valleys
  - (c) Western Ghats
  - (d) All of the above
5. Under the Indian Constitution, which of the following articles deals with office of profit?
  - (a) Article 102
  - (b) Article 103
  - (c) Article 104
  - (d) Article 105
6. Consider the following statements:
  1. If any question arises as to whether a member of either House of Parliament has become subject to any of the disqualifications mentioned in clause (1) of Article 102, the question shall be referred for the decision of the President and his decision shall be final.
  2. Before giving any decision on any such question, the President shall obtain the opinion of the Election Commission and however its opinion is not binding on the President.

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
7. Consider the following statements:
  1. The Reserve Bank of India buys and sells dollars in the foreign market.
  2. The Reserve Bank of India intervenes in the foreign market to set a price band.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India has recently purchased Rafale fighter jets from Britain.
- 2. The supply of Rafale jets to India has a 50% offset obligation.

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

9. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The fishing cat is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red.
- 2. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) lists the fishing cat on Appendix II of CITES.
- 3. In India, the fishing cat is included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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. Under Article 102 of the Constitution of India, a member of parliament can be disqualified on which of the following grounds?

- (a) If he holds any office of profit.
- (b) If he is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court.
- (c) If he is an un-discharged insolvent.
- (d) Any of the above

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