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Q1:

With reference to Nazool Land, consider the following statements:

- 1. Nazool land is owned by the government but is most often not directly administered as state property.**
- 2. The state generally allots such land to any entity on lease for a fixed period, generally between 15 and 99 years.**

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A:** 1 only
B: 2 only
C: Both 1 and 2
D: Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Violence erupted in Uttarakhand recently after a mosque and a madrasa standing on Nazool land were demolished. Nazool land is owned by the government but is most often not directly administered as state property. The state generally allots such land to any entity on lease for a fixed period, generally between 15 and 99 years. In case the lease term is expiring, one can approach the authority to renew the lease by submitting a written application to the Revenue Department of the local development authority. The government is free to either renew the lease or cancel it, taking back Nazool land. In almost all major cities in India, Nazool land has been allotted to different entities for a variety of different purposes. **Hence, statements 1 and 2 both are correct.**

Q2:

Consider the following statements regarding National Creators Award:

- 1. It is the first-of-its-kind awards will be targeted at "Gen Z", a reference to the young generation hooked to the internet and social media.**



2. The participants must be 21 years of age or above at the time of nomination.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A: 1 only

B: 2 only

C: Both 1 and 2

D: Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Recently, the Prime Minister of India hailed the initiative of national creators' award, saying it was a great opportunity for the creator community, putting the spotlight on the extraordinary talent across India. It is the first-of-its-kind awards will be targeted at "Gen Z", a reference to the young generation hooked to the internet and social media. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

The participants must be 18 years of age or above at the time of nomination. 19 categories are open exclusively to individuals of Indian nationality. One category is dedicated to international digital creators. Content must be published on one or more of the following digital platforms: Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, or Facebook. Content submission can be in English or any other Indian language. Creators can self-nominate in a maximum of three categories. Those nominating others can nominate in all 20 categories. **Hence, statement 2 is incorrect.**

Q3:

Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following states?

A: Telangana

B: Karnataka

C: Tamil Nadu

D: Andhra Pradesh



Answer: (D)

Explanation:

Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It lies between the Nallamalai and Yerramalai hill ranges of the Eastern Ghats. It was declared a sanctuary in 1988 to protect the dwindling populations of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard. It is the only Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh. The grassland Sanctuary is rich in invertebrate fauna particularly the insects that form a major part of the diet of most of the birds. **Hence, option (d) is correct.**

Q4:

Consider the following statements regarding Alaskapox:

- 1. It is an orthopox virus that was first discovered in Alaska, USA, in 2015.**
- 2. It is a single-stranded DNA virus belonging to the same genus (Orthopoxvirus) as smallpox, monkeypox, and cowpox.**
- 3. Orthopoxviruses are zoonotic viruses that can infect various mammals, including humans.**

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

A: Only one

B: Only two

C: All three

D: None

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

It is an orthopox virus that was first discovered in Alaska, USA, in 2015. It is a double-stranded DNA virus belonging to the same genus (Orthopoxvirus) as smallpox, monkeypox, and cowpox. Orthopoxviruses are zoonotic viruses that can infect various mammals, including humans. Current evidence indicates that the Alaskapox virus primarily occurs in small mammals. The virus has been most commonly identified in red-backed voles and shrews. Symptoms of Alaskapox have included one or more skin lesions (bumps or pustules) and



other symptoms like swollen lymph nodes and joint and/or muscle pain. While human-to-human transmission of Alaskapox has not yet been observed, some orthopoxviruses can spread by direct contact with lesions (particularly broken skin contact with lesion secretions). **Hence, statements 1 and 3 are correct while statement 2 is incorrect.**

Q5:

With reference to Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), consider the following statements:

- 1. BAPS is a socio-spiritual Hindu faith with its roots in the Vedas.**
- 2. It is based on the Vedic teachings propagated by Bhagwan Swaminarayan.**
- 3. Recently, the Prime Minister will inaugurate the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha BAPS Mandir, the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi.**

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- A:** Only one
B: Only two
C: All three
D: None

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The Prime Minister will inaugurate the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha BAPS Mandir, the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi. BAPS is a socio-spiritual Hindu faith with its roots in the Vedas. It is based on the Vedic teachings propagated by Bhagwan Swaminarayan (1781-1830 CE). It was formally established in 1907 CE by Brahmaswarup Shastriji Maharaj. No Alcohol, No Addictions, No Adultery, No Meat, No Impurity of body and mind are the five lifetime vows of BAPS followers. BAPS is an NGO with a Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. **Hence, all the statements are correct.**