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Q1:

With reference to Spotted Deer, consider the following statements:

- 1. The spotted deer or chital is a deer species native to the Indian subcontinent.**
- 2. It is widely distributed in Asia, especially in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and a small group in Pakistan.**
- 3. It is listed as endangered in the IUCN Red List.**

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

As many as 40 spotted deer (*axis axis*) have been translocated from Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) to the Panasoli range of Kali Tiger Reserve (KTR) recently.

The spotted deer or chital is a deer species native to the Indian subcontinent. It is the most common deer species in Indian forests. It is widely distributed in Asia, especially in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and a small group in Pakistan. Only males have antlers, and their bodies are larger than females. Spotted Deers are social animals. They commonly occur in herds of 10 to 50 individuals. It is listed as endangered in the IUCN Red List. Hence, statements 1 and 2 both are correct.

Q2:

Attukal Pongala Festival, recently seen in the news, is celebrated in which of the following states?

A: Kerala



B: Tamil Nadu

C: Andhra Pradesh

D: Karnataka

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Attukal Pongala is a 10-day religious festival that takes place at the Attukal Bhagavathy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. It is one of the world's largest gatherings of women and is known as the Sabarimala of women. The offering is a sweet pudding made from rice, jaggery, grated coconut, ghee and banana, traditionally prepared in earthen pots. Attukal Bhagavathy is believed to be the divine incarnation of Kannaki, the protagonist of the Tamil epic Silappadhikaram. Hence, option (a) is correct.

Q3:

Consider the following statements regarding Haemophilia:

- 1. It is a medical condition, mostly inherited, in which the ability of blood to clot is severely reduced.**
- 2. Women are more vulnerable to haemophilia than men.**
- 3. There is no proper treatment available for Haemophilia.**

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

A: Only one

B: Only two

C: All three

D: None

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Recently, a team of scientists has engineered nanoparticles that can treat haemophilia.

Haemophilia is a genetic disorder that prevents the body from clotting blood. It is caused by a mutation in one of the genes that produce clotting factor proteins.



These genes are located on the X chromosome. There are three types of haemophilia: A, B, and C, each characterized by specific clotting factor deficiencies. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

Men are more vulnerable to haemophilia than women. It is a rare disease where about 1 in 10,000 people are born with it. Hence, statement 2 is incorrect.

The main treatment for Haemophilia is Replacement Therapy. Concentrates of clotting factor VIII (for Haemophilia A) or clotting factor IX (for Haemophilia B) are slowly dripped or injected into a vein. These infusions help replace the clotting factor that is missing or low. Hence, statement 3 is incorrect.

Q4:

Consider the following statements regarding Blanets:

- 1. Blanets are similar to other planets, but they orbit a black hole instead of a star or brown dwarf.**
- 2. They have enough mass to be rounded by their own gravity, but not enough to start thermonuclear fusion and become stars.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A: 1 only

B: 2 only

C: Both 1 and 2

D: Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

A blanet is a hypothetical type of planet that orbits a black hole. Blanets are similar to other planets, but they orbit a black hole instead of a star or brown dwarf. They have enough mass to be rounded by their own gravity, but not enough to start thermonuclear fusion and become stars. Blanets are planets featured in Christopher Nolan's 2014 film Interstellar. Scientists in Japan theorized in 2019 that planets could form in massive dust and gas clouds near supermassive black holes. Blanets are expected to be approximately 3,000 times larger than Earth. Hence, statements 1 and 2 both are correct.



Q5:

Consider the following statements regarding Injunction:

- 1. In India, an injunction is a legal remedy available to parties who wish to prevent the other party from carrying out a certain action or behavior.**
- 2. Injunctions can be granted in a variety of situations, such as in cases of intellectual property infringement, breach of contract, or defamation.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A: 1 only

B: 2 only

C: Both 1 and 2

D: Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The Supreme Court recently held that the suit for injunction may not be maintainable against the defendants if the plaintiff fails to prove the title of the property while praying for the injunction.

In India, an injunction is a legal remedy available to parties who wish to prevent the other party from carrying out a certain action or behavior. Injunctions can be granted in a variety of situations, such as in cases of intellectual property infringement, breach of contract, or defamation. An injunction is a powerful legal tool that acts as a court order requiring a party to do or cease doing specific actions. It plays a crucial role in many legal battles, serving as a preventive measure to stop legal wrongs or as a remedy to enforce rights. Under Indian law, injunctions are governed by the Specific Relief Act, 1963. The act provides for two types of injunctions – temporary injunctions and perpetual injunctions. Hence, statements 1 and 2 both are correct.