

**Que-1 With reference to Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA), consider the following statements**

- 1- AAEA was established in 1998.
- 2- India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at the recently held meeting of the Executive board and General Assembly.
- 3- Kathmandu was the current chair of AAEA.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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| a) 1 and 2 only | b) 1 only       |
| c) 1, 2 and 3   | d) 2 and 3 only |

**Que-2 With reference to Mission Amrit Sarovar, recently launch, consider the following statements**

- 1- The Mission is aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country.
- 2- The Mission Amrit Sarovar is to be completed by 15th August 2025.
- 3- Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) has been engaged as Technical partner for the Mission.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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| a) 1 only     | b) 1 and 3 only |
| c) 1, 2 and 3 | d) 3 only       |

**Que-3 Which is/are true about Tomato flu**

- 1- Flu affects people of all ages.
- 2- The symptoms include rashes, skin irritation and dehydration.
- 3- This is contagious.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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| a) 1 and 2 only | b) 3 only       |
| c) 1, 2 and 3   | d) 2 and 3 only |

**Que-4 Which is/are true about Pardoning Power of President and Governor**

- 1- Power of pardon of President and Governor is under Article 70 and 159 by the Constitution.
- 2- Governor or the President can grant pardon or reduce the sentence of the court even if a minimum is prescribed.
- 3- The President can grant pardon in all cases where the sentence given is sentence of death but pardoning power of Governor does not extend to death sentence cases.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

- a) 2 only      b) 1 and 3 only  
c) 1, 2 and 3      d) 2 and 3 only
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**Que-5 Consider the following statements about Royal Gold Medal, recently in News**

- 1- Balkrishna Vitaldas Doshi, has been conferred with prestigious Royal Gold Medal 2022.
- 2- This is awarded annually by the Royal Institute of British Architects on behalf of the British monarch.
- 3- This is considered as the world's highest honours for Science.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

- a) 1 and 2 only      b) 3 only  
c) 1, 2 and 3      d) 2 and 3 only
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**Que-6 With reference to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), consider the following statements**

- 1- The only convention stemming from a direct recommendation of the Rio Conference's Agenda 21, was adopted in Paris, France, on 17 June 1994 and entered into force in December 1996.
- 2- It is the only internationally legally binding framework set up to address the problem of desertification.

- 3- The Holy See (Vatican City) is the only state that is not a party to the convention that is eligible to accede to it.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

- a) 1 and 2 only      b) 1 and 3 only  
c) 1, 2 and 3      d) 2 and 3 only
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**Que-7 Consider the following statements about Ethanol**

- 1- Ethanol can be produced from sugarcane, maize, wheat, etc which are having high starch content.
- 2- In India, ethanol is mainly produced from wheat by fermentation process.
- 3- As the ethanol molecule contains oxygen, it allows the engine to more completely combust the fuel, resulting in fewer emissions and thereby reducing the occurrence of environmental pollution.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

- a) 1 and 2 only      b) 1 and 3 only  
c) 1, 2 and 3      d) 2 and 3 only
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**Que-8 Consider the following statements about National Technology Day**

1- India celebrates National Technology Day on May 11.

2- It was on this day in 1998 the country successfully conducted the famous Pokhran nuclear tests.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

- a) 1 only      b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2      d) Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER**

1- (a)

- Manila was the current chair of AAEA.
- The new member in the Executive Board now includes Russia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Taiwan and Philippines.
- In pursuance of the resolution passed by participants of the Symposium on Asian Elections in the Twenty First Century held from January 26-29, 1997 in Manila, Philippines, the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) was established in 1998. Currently 20 Asian EMBs are members of AAEA. ECI is a founder member EMB of the AAEA and also served on the Executive Board of the

AAEA as the Vice Chair during 2011-13 and Chair during 2014-16.

2- (b)

- The Mission Amrit Sarovar is to be completed by 15th August 2023.
- The Mission works through the States and Districts, through refocusing of various schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, XV Finance Commission Grants, PMKSY sub schemes such as Watershed Development Component, Har Khet Ko Pani besides States' own schemes. It may also be mentioned that the Mission encourages mobilisation of citizen and non-govt resources for supplementing these efforts.

3- (d)

- Flu affects children below five years of age.

4- (d)

- Power of pardon of President and Governor is under Article 72 and 161 by the Constitution.

5- (a)

- This is considered as the world's highest honours for architecture.
- The Royal Gold Medal is approved personally by Queen Elizabeth and is given to people who have had a

significant influence on the advancement of architecture.

6- (c)

7- (b)

- In India, ethanol is mainly produced from sugarcane molasses by fermentation process.
- Ethanol, an anhydrous ethyl alcohol having chemical formula of  $C_2H_5OH$ , can be produced from sugarcane, maize, wheat, etc which are having high starch content.
- Since ethanol is produced from plants that harness the power of the sun, ethanol is also considered as renewable fuel.
- Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme was launched in January, 2003. The programme sought to promote the use of alternative and environment friendly fuels and to reduce import dependency for energy requirements.

8- (c)

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