

**Que-1 With reference to recent easing in pension rules for kin of missing government employees, consider the following statements**

1- The family members would immediately get the pension benefits after a government employee has gone missing.

2- Earlier, the family pension would not be paid till the missing government employee was declared dead in accordance with the law or till five years had passed since he went missing.

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
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**Que-2 Consider the following statements about recently launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account, ABHA mobile application**

1- To manage health records under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

2- Launched by National Health Authority.

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-3 With reference to Swachh Survekshan 2023, recently launched, consider the following statements about**

1- Launched under under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0.

2- The theme is 'Waste to Recycle'.

3- The survey would give priority to the principle of 3Rs – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

- a) 1 only                      b) 1 and 3 only  
c) 1, 2 and 3                d) 2 and 3 only
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**Que-4 With reference to Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP), Consider the following statements about**

1- The OVEP is a practical set of resources aimed at introducing young people to the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship.

2- Kerala is the first state in the country to launch OVEP.

3- OVEP has been implemented across the world since 2006.

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) 3 only
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**Que-5 Which is/are true about Pangong Tso**

1- It is an exorheic lake spanning eastern Ladakh and West Tibet.

2- Approximately 50% of the length of the overall lake lies within Tibet in China, 40% in Ladakh, India and the remaining 10% is disputed and is a de-facto buffer zone between India and China.

3- During winter the lake do not freezes because of saline water.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

**Que-6 With reference to Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders India, recently announced, consider the following statements**

1- This will work towards fast-tracking decarbonisation pathways along India's net-zero journey.

2- By UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

3- It will bring together the government, businesses and other key stakeholders to achieve the Indian Prime Minister's ambitious, five-part "Panchamrit" pledge, which includes the country's net-zero by 2070 target.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

**Que-7 Consider the following statements about a draft notification by the Environment Ministry for E-waste rules**

1- Consumer goods companies and makers of electronics goods have to ensure atleast 40% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023.

2- A wide range of electronic goods, including laptops, landline and mobile phones, cameras, recorders, music systems, microwaves, refrigerators and medical equipment have been specified in the notification.

3- Tthe rules also lay out a system of companies securing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) certificates.

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

**Que-8 Consider the following statements about Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)**

1- Quad began as a loose partnership after the Indian ocean tsunami in 2004, when US, Japan, Australia and India joined together to provide humanitarian and disaster assistance.

2- The Quad ceased following the withdrawal of Australia during Kevin Rudd's tenure as prime minister.

3- During the 2017 ASEAN Summits in Manila, all four former members agreed to revive the quadrilateral alliance in order to counter China militarily and diplomatically in the "Indo-Pacific" region, particularly in the South China Sea.

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

**ANSWER**

1- (a)

- The family members would immediately get the pension benefits after a government employee has gone missing and not wait to get declared dead in government records or the seven-year-period.

2- (c)

- The ABHA mobile application enables an individual to create an ABHA address, an easy-to-remember username that can be linked with the 14-digit randomly generated ABHA number.
- The mobile application also enables users to link their health records created at Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission compliant health facility and view them on their smartphones.
- The application also allows self-uploading of physical health records, along with sharing of digital health records such as diagnostic reports, prescriptions, CoWIN vaccination certificates after the consent of an individual.

3- (b)

- The theme is 'Waste to Wealth'.

- It was observed that whenever the SS survey starts, there is enhanced level of activities undertaken by the cities and cities are visibly cleaner during the months the survey is conducted.
  - The Prime Minister launched the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 on 1st October 2021, with a vision of Garbage Free Cities. The theme of SS 2023, which is 'Waste to Wealth', is aligned to SBMU 2.0's commitment of promoting circularity in waste management, which is one of key objectives under the Mission. In SS 2023, additional weightage has been given to source segregation of waste, enhancement of waste processing capacity of cities to match the waste generation and reduction of waste going to the dumpsites. Indicators have been introduced with additional weightage on emphasizing the need for phased reduction of plastic, plastic waste processing, encourage waste to wonder parks and zero waste events.
  - Ranking of Wards within the cities is also being promoted through Swachh Survekshan 2023.
- 4- (b)
- Odisha is the first state in the country to launch OVEP.
- 5- (d)
- It is an endorheic lake spanning eastern Ladakh and West Tibet.
  - During winter the lake freezes completely, despite being saline water.
  - An endorheic basin is a drainage basin that normally retains water and allows no outflow to other external bodies of water, such as rivers or oceans, but drainage converges instead into lakes or swamps, permanent or seasonal, that equilibrate through evaporation. They are also called closed or terminal basins or internal drainage systems or basins.
  - Endorheic water bodies include some of the largest lakes in the world, such as the Caspian Sea, the world's largest inland body of water.
  - It is 134 km (83 mi) long and divided into five sublakes, called Pangong Tso, Tso Nyak, Rum Tso (twin lakes) and Nyak Tso.
- 6- (b)
- The World Economic Forum had recently announced a new 'Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders India' that will work towards fast-tracking decarbonisation pathways along India's net-zero journey.
  - A collaboration between Kearney and Observer Research Foundation, the

Alliance brings together chief executives from India's leading businesses.

- The Alliance is part of the Forum's Climate Action Platform and will build upon learnings from global projects such as the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders and the First Movers Coalition.
- The Alliance will serve as a high-level platform to support business leaders in planning and implementing plans and programmes to achieve climate targets, including net-zero economic growth.

the quantity of e-waste collected and recycled in a particular year by a company and an organisation may sell surplus quantities to another company to help it meet its obligations.

8- (c)

7- (d)

- Consumer goods companies and makers of electronics goods have to ensure at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023 with targets to increase them to 70% and 80% in 2024 and 2025 respectively.
- The rules also bring into effect a system of trading in certificates, akin to carbon credits, that will allow companies to temporarily shore up shortfalls.
- The rules also lay out a system of companies securing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) certificates. These certificates certify