

Que-1 With reference to National Handloom Day, consider the following statements

- 1- Every year, August 5 is observed as the National Handloom Day in India.
- 2- To highlight the contribution of the handloom industry in the socio-economic development and create awareness about the sector.
- 3- The handloom sector played an important role during the Swadeshi Movement.

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-2 With reference to Rock agama, consider the following statements

- 1- It is a type of garden lizard.
- 2- It has a strong presence in Himalayan Region.
- 3- Habitat loss and other such features of urbanisation have affected the presence of the animal in urban centres.

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) 2 and 3 only |

Que-3 With reference to Gaza Strip, consider the following statements

- 1- It is a Palestinian enclave on the eastern coast of the Arabian Sea.
- 2- It borders Egypt on the southwest and Israel on the east and north.
- 3- Gaza was part of the Ottoman Empire, before it was occupied by the United Kingdom (1918–1948), Egypt (1948–1967), and then Israel, which in 1993 granted the Palestinian Authority in Gaza limited self-governance through the Oslo Accords.

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 Consider the following statements about Governing Council of NITI Aayog

- 1- It comprises the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India; Chief Ministers of all the States and Union Territories with legislature; Lt Governors of other UTs; Ex-Officio Members; Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog; Full-Time Members, NITI Aayog; and Special Invitees.

- 2- The Governing Council, which embodies the objectives of cooperative federalism, presents a platform to discuss inter-sectoral, inter-departmental and federal issues to accelerate the

implementation of the national development agenda.

3- The Governing Council Secretariat (GCS) coordinates the meetings of the Governing Council.

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-5 Consider the following statements about International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum (RSF) for Asia and Oceania region

1- The theme of the Forum is "Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications/ICTs".

2- The Regional Standardization Forum is a platform for constructive exchange of ideas, discussing standardization topics including inter alia India's experience in various sectors of technology.

3- The panel discussion aims to provide an insight to for Asia and Oceania Region's experience from policy and regulatory perspective under various sub-themes.

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-6 What is Charles Drew, recently in News

- a) A U.S. Navy Ship
b) A Russian Navy Ship
c) A U.S. Sbmarmine
d) A Russian Submarine

Que-7 Which among the following are Government's various policy measures and reforms to support food processing sector

1- Inclusion of food & agro-based processing units and cold chain as agricultural activity under Priority Sector Lending (PSL) norms in April 2015.

2- As a measure towards of ease of doing business, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) through notifications in 2016 has shifted from product-by-product approval to an ingredient and additive based approval process.

3- 75 percent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approval under automatic route has been permitted for the food processing sector.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-8 Consider the following statements about Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

1- Dr. N. Kalaiselvi first woman chief of CSIR.

2- It was established by the Government of India in September 1942 as an autonomous body that has emerged as the largest research and development organisation in India.

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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1- (d)

- Every year, August 7 is observed as the National Handloom Day in India.
- The handloom sector played an important role during the Swadeshi Movement, which was launched as part of the Indian independence movement, on August 7, 1905. The movement was started to curb dependency on foreign goods and to boost domestic production.
- The movement started production of khadi in almost every household. When “at the stroke of the midnight hour” India got independence, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru unfurled the Indian flag made of khadi at Princess Park near India Gate.
- The National Handloom Day is celebrated on August 7 as it was the same day the Swadeshi Movement was birthed. The government of India, on August 7, 2015, inaugurated and celebrated the National Handloom Day for the first time in Chennai.

2- (b)

- It has a strong presence in southern India.
- This lizard is a large animal, strikingly coloured in orange and black. They do

not generate their own body heat, so they need to seek warmth from external sources like a warm rock or a sunny spot on the wall. They are important in ecology from different aspects — they can indicate which parts of the city are warming, and their numbers show how the food web is changing.

3- (d)

- It is a Palestinian enclave on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea.
- The Gaza Strip and the West Bank are claimed by the de jure sovereign State of Palestine.
- The territories of Gaza and the West Bank are separated from each other by Israeli territory. Both fell under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority, but the Strip has, since the Battle of Gaza in June 2007, been governed by Hamas, a militant, Palestinian, fundamentalist Islamic organization, which came to power in the last-held elections in 2006. It has been placed under an Israeli and US-led international economic and political boycott from that time onwards.

4- (c)

5- (c)

- The Regional Standardization Forum is a platform for constructive exchange of ideas, discussing standardization topics including inter alia India's experience in various sectors of technology like Sustainable Digital Transformation and the Role of ITU Standards, Harnessing Technologies for Digital and Financial Inclusion in Emerging Markets, evolving Data Value Chain and Digital Health.

6- (a)

- In a first, a U.S. Navy Ship, Charles Drew, arrived in India for carrying out repairs and allied services at Larsen & Toubro's (L&T) Shipyard at Kattupalli, Chennai, on Sunday adding a new dimension to the fast expanding Indo-U.S. strategic partnership.
- "This is the first ever repair of a U.S. Navy ship in India. The U.S. Navy had awarded a contract to L&T's Shipyard at Kattupalli for undertaking maintenance of the ship. The event signifies the capabilities of Indian shipyards in the global ship repairing market.

7- (a)

- 100 percent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approval under

automatic route has been permitted for the food processing sector.

- A Special Food Processing Fund of Rs. 2000 crore was set up with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to provide affordable credit for investments in setting up Mega Food Parks (MFP) as well as processing units in the MFPs. In 2019, the coverage of the fund was extended to setting up of Agro Processing Clusters and individual manufacturing units within them.

8- (c)

- The research and development activities of CSIR include aerospace engineering, structural engineering, ocean sciences, life sciences, metallurgy, chemicals, mining, food, petroleum, leather, and environmental science.
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