

**Que-1 Consider the following statements about University Grants Commission (UGC)**

1- It is a statutory body set up by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, in accordance to the UGC Act 1956.

2- The headquarters are in Kolkata.

3- It provides recognition to universities in India, and disbursements of funds to such recognized universities and colleges.

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 only

**Que-2 What is conversion therapy?**

1- Conversion or reparative therapy is an intervention aimed at changing the sexual orientation or gender identity of an individual with the use of either psychiatric treatment, drugs, exorcism and even violence.

2- The aim being to make the individual a heterosexual.

3- This includes efforts to change the core identity of youth whose gender identity is incongruent with their sex anatomy.

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

**Que-3 Consider the following statements about Valliyappan Olaganathan Chidambaram Pillai**

1- He was an Indian freedom fighter and former leader of the Indian National Congress.

2- He founded the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company in 1906 to compete against the monopoly of the British India Steam Navigation Company (BISNC).

3- He launched the first indigenous Indian shipping service between Visakhapatnam (India) and Colombo (Sri Lanka).

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-4 Consider the following statements about Pupil-teacher ratio over last one decade, according to Ministry of Education**

1- In Primary Schools, the pupil teacher ratio which was at 23 in 2010-11 has increased to 26.3 in 2020- 21.

2- In Upper Primary schools, the pupil-teacher ratio has reduced from 33 in 2010-11 to 18.9 in 2020-21.

3- The Pupil Teacher Ratio at different levels of education show availability of adequate number of teachers for teaching children enrolled at different grade.

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

**Que-5 With reference to Mohenjo Daro, consider the following statements**

1- It is the best known site of the Iron Age urban civilization that flourished in the valley of the Indus between roughly 3,300 BC and 1,300 BC, with its 'mature' phase spanning the period 2,600 BC to 1,900 BC.

2- The civilization went into decline in the middle of the second millennium BC for reasons that are believed to include catastrophic climate change.

3- At its peak, Mohenjo Daro, literally 'Mound of the Dead', has been estimated to have between 30,000 and 60,000 residents with a highly evolved social organisation.

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-6 With reference to Preventive detentions, consider the following statements**

1- According to Section 151 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the police are empowered to make preventive arrests if they believe they must do so to prevent the commission of "any cognisable offence".

2- In India, preventive detention is for a maximum period of six months, a limit which can be changed by the Parliament.

3- Preventive detention in India dates from British rule in the early 1800s, and continued with such laws as the Defence of India Act, 1939 and the Preventive Detention Act 1950.

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

**Que-7 Consider the following statements about Unicorn**

1- India ranks globally 5th in Start-Up ecosystem and also in terms of number of Unicorns.

2- Unicorn is the term used in the venture capital industry to describe a startup company with a value of over \$1 billion.

3- The term was first coined by venture capitalist Aileen Lee in 2013.

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

**Que-8 Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant is a joint venture between**

- a) India-Bangladesh  
b) India-Sri Lanka  
c) India-Nepal  
d) India-Maldives

**ANSWER**

1- (b)

- It is charged with coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of higher education in India.
- The headquarters are in New Delhi, and it has six regional centres in Pune, Bhopal, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Bangalore. A proposal to replace it with another new regulatory body called HECI is under consideration by the Government of India. The UGC provides doctoral scholarships to all those who clear JRF in the National Eligibility Test.

2- (c)

- Conversion or reparative therapy is an intervention aimed at changing the sexual orientation or gender identity of an individual with the use of either psychiatric treatment, drugs, exorcism and even violence, with the aim being to make the individual a heterosexual.
- The conversion therapy umbrella also includes efforts to change the core identity of youth whose gender identity is incongruent with their sex anatomy. Often, the therapy is offered by quacks with little expertise in dealing with the issue.

- According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), the interventions under conversion therapy are provided under the false premise that homosexuality and diverse gender identities are pathological.
  - “They are not; the absence of pathology means there is no need for conversion or any other like intervention.” Further, according to AACAP and other health experts, conversion therapy poses the risk of causing or exacerbating mental health conditions, like anxiety, stress and drug use which sometimes even lead to suicide.
- 3- (a)
- He launched the first indigenous Indian shipping service between Tuticorin (India) and Colombo (Sri Lanka).
  - Tuticorin Port Trust, one of India's thirteen major ports, is named after him.
  - At one time a member of the Indian National Congress, he was later charged with sedition by the British government and sentenced to life imprisonment, and his barrister license was revoked.
- 4- (d)
- In Primary Schools, the pupil teacher ratio which was at 43 in 2010-11 has come down to 26.3 in 2020- 21.
- 5- (d)
- It is the best known site of the Bronze Age urban civilization that flourished in the valley of the Indus between roughly 3,300 BC and 1,300 BC, with its ‘mature’ phase spanning the period 2,600 BC to 1,900 BC.
- 6- (b)
- According to Section 151 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the police are empowered to make preventive arrests if they believe they must do so to prevent the commission of “any cognisable offence”. This detention can be extended beyond 24 hours if required “under any other provisions of this Code or of any other law”.
  - In India, preventive detention is for a maximum period of three months, a limit which can be changed by the Parliament. According to Preventive Detention Act 1950, it can be extended beyond three months up to a total of twelve months, only on the favourable recommendation of an advisory board, made up of High Court judges or persons eligible to be appointed High Court judges.

7- (d)

- India ranks globally 3rd in Start-Up ecosystem and also in terms of number of Unicorns.

8- (a)

- A 50:50 joint venture between India's NTPC and Bangladesh Power Development Board.
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