

- 1. Consider the following statements with reference to star campaigners in elections in India:
  - 1) The Election Commission of India has the power to revoke the status of a star campaigner of a party.
  - 2) As per revised guidelines, the list of the star campaigners has to be communicated to the returning officer within 7-10 days from the date of notification of an election.Which of the statements given above is/are *in*correct?

a) 1 only

- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 2. Recently the highest altitude herbal park of India, situated at a height of 11,000 feet, was inaugurated in which of the following states?
  - a) Himachal Pradesh
  - b) Arunachal Pradesh
  - c) Uttarakhand
  - d) Sikkim
- 3. Consider the following statements about The Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP):
  - 1) It is a loan assistance of the World Bank for rehabilitation and improvement of dam projects.
  - 2) It is being implemented by Central Water Commission at Central Level.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

- 4. Recently, the Halam Tribe was seen in the news. They belong to which state/UT?
  - a) Ladakh
  - b) Tripura
  - c) Nagaland
  - d) Meghalaya
- 5. The SPYDER sometimes seen in the context of Indian defence is an:
  - a) Radar system
  - b) Anti-Aircraft missile
  - c) Anti-submarine missile
  - d) Advanced fighter jet
- 6. Cadmium can be present in:
  - 1) E waste.
  - 2) Toys.
  - 3) Jewellery
  - 4) Plastics

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a) 1, 3 and 4 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 7. A Veblen good is best described as:
  - a) A good for which demand increases with increasing prices because of its exclusive nature and status symbol.
  - b) Goods having a non-rivalrous and non- excludable consumption pattern in the economy.
  - c) Low income, non-luxury product defying an upward sloping demand curve.
  - d) Goods whose consumption by an individual imposes an opportunity cost on others.

8. Which of the following sanctuaries recently declared as a Ramsar Site is flanked by a coral reef on

one side and is unique for hosting both freshwater and saltwater marshlands?

- a) Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary
- b) Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary
- c) Haiderpur Wetland
- d) Sultanpur National Park
- 9. With reference to the digital payments in India, consider the following statements:
  - 1) Unified Payment Interface is currently the single largest retail payment system in the country in

terms of volume of transactions.

2) The Digital Payment Index, calculated by the Reserve Bank of India captures the extent of digitization of payments across the country

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2
- 10. Which one of the following lakes of West Africa has become dry and turned into a desert?
  - a) Lake Victoria
  - b) Lake Faguibine
  - c) Lake Oguta
  - d) Lake Volta