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1. FASTag is valid for

- A. 5 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 3 years
- D. 2 years

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The FASTag is a reloadable tag that allows automatic deduction of toll without having to stop for carrying out the cash transaction. The tag uses radio frequency identification (RFID) technology and is fixed on the windscreen of the vehicle once active.
- The tag is valid for **five years** and comes in **seven different colours** — violet, orange, yellow, green, pink, blue, black. Each colour is assigned to a particular category of vehicles.

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2. With regard to Election Commission, consider the following statements.

1. Election Commissioners have a fixed tenure of five years, or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
2. Chief Election Commissioner shall be removed on grounds of 'Proven misbehaviour or incapacity'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** They have a fixed tenure of **six years**, or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court, Chief Election Commissioner, Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) may be Removed from office through a motion adopted by Parliament on grounds of 'Proven misbehaviour or incapacity'.

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3. Which of the following countries is a part of QUAD grouping?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. Australia
- D. Pakistan

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) is **the informal strategic dialogue between India, USA, Japan and Australia** with a shared objective to ensure and support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
- The idea of Quad was first mooted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007. However, the idea couldn't move ahead with Australia pulling out of it, apparently due to Chinese pressure.
- The group is seen as a regional counterweight to China and has only met at the Joint or Assistant Secretary level since 2017. The latest meeting is seen as an upgrade by at least three levels.
- The Ministers met to discuss cooperation on counter-terrorism, mentoring, assistance in disaster relief, airtime security, cooperation, development, finance and cybersecurity efforts etc.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/gen-rawat-pushes-for-quad/article32519002.ece>

4. Mediterranean Sea is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by the

- A. Strait of Gibraltar
- B. Davis strait
- C. Dover strait
- D. Bering strait

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Mediterranean Sea is a sea connected to the Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by the Mediterranean Basin and almost completely enclosed by land: on the north by Southern Europe and Anatolia, on the south by North Africa, and on the east by the Levant.
- The **Strait of Gibraltar** is a narrow strait that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea and separates Gibraltar and Peninsular Spain in Europe from Morocco in Africa.

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- The countries surrounding the Mediterranean in clockwise order are Spain, France, Monaco, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco; Malta and Cyprus are island countries in the sea. In addition, the Gaza Strip and the British Overseas Territories of Gibraltar and Akrotiri and Dhekelia have coastlines on the sea.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-international/russia-will-hold-drills-in-mediterranean-turkey/article32518927.ece>

5. Consider the following statements regarding Competition Commission of India

1. The commission is a quasi-judicial body which gives opinions to statutory authorities and also deals with other cases.
2. Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) is the adjudicating authority in case of further disputes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Commission consists of one Chairperson and six Members as per the Competition Act who shall be appointed by the Central Government.
- **The commission is a quasi-judicial body** which gives opinions to statutory authorities and also deals with other cases. The Chairperson and other Members shall be whole-time Members.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Competition Act was passed in 2002 and has been amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007. It follows the philosophy of modern competition laws. The Act prohibits anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulates combinations (acquisition, acquiring of control and M&A), which causes or likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India. **Government replaced Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) with the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) in 2017.**

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