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1. The Emissions Gap Report is a report published by

- A. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- B. United Nations Environment Programme
- C. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- D. Green Climate Fund

2. Consider the following statements about Saint Guru Nanak.

- 1) He advocated 'saguna' bhakti.
- 2) He rejected the scriptures of both Hindus and Muslims.

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

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

3. With reference to Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), consider the following statements.

- 1) AIM is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- 2) AIM is functional only in the aspirational districts of the country.
- 3) AIM follows a holistic approach to ensure creation of a problem-solving innovative mindset.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

4. With reference to the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), consider the following statements.

- 1) It contributes to boosting the private space sector economy in India.
- 2) It functions as a single window agency for all space sector activities of private entities.
- 3) It is also responsible for building launch vehicles and satellites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

5. With reference to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), consider the following statements.

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- 1) NPPA is an attached office of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- 2) NPPA can fix prices of drugs in the National List of Essential Medicines.
- 3) Prices of Non-scheduled drugs can never be fixed by NPPA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

Solutions:

1. Answer: B

Explanation

- The Emissions Gap Report is an **annual report** published by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**. Hence, answer is option B.

Objective of the report

- It **assesses global progress in limiting temperature rise** to the 1.5°C target set by the Paris Agreement.
- It **evaluates greenhouse gas emissions**, tracks progress in reducing them, and **highlights the gaps between current and required actions to meet climate goals**.
- It aims to **guide countries in strengthening their climate policies** and updating nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

Why in news?

- The UNEP has published the Emissions Gap Report-2024.

2. Answer: B

Explanation:

About Guru Nanak (1469–1539)

- **Founder** of Sikhism and is the **first of the ten Sikh Gurus**.
- He advocated a form of **nirguna bhakti** (devotion to and worship of the Divine as formless). Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- He **rejected the external practices** of the religions he saw around him. He **rejected sacrifices, ritual baths, image worship, austerities and the scriptures** of both Hindus and Muslims. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- Nanak's teachings can be found in the Sikh scripture **Guru Granth Sahib**.

3. Answer: A

Explanation

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- The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is a flagship initiative set up by the **NITI Aayog**. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- It aims to **promote innovation and entrepreneurship** across the length and breadth of the country. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- Towards this end, AIM has taken a **holistic approach** to ensure creation of a problem-solving innovative mindset in schools and creating an ecosystem of entrepreneurship in universities, research institutions, private and MSME sector. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

4. Answer: D

Explanation

- To **facilitate private sector participation**, the government has created the **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe)** in 2020 that functions as an **autonomous agency in the Department of Space (DOS)**.
- Established as a single window agency for all space sector activities of private entities, IN-SPACe plays an important role in **boosting the private space sector economy** in India. Hence, **statements 1 and 2 are correct**.
- IN-SPACe, is **responsible to promote, enable, authorize and supervise various space activities** of the NGEs that include, among others,
 - The **building of launch vehicles & satellites** and providing space-based services; Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.
 - Sharing of space infrastructure and premises under the control of DOS/ISRO; and
 - Establishment of new space infrastructure and facilities.

Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved setting up of Rs.1000 crore **Venture Capital Fund** dedicated to the space sector, under the aegis of IN-SPACe.

5. Answer: C

Explanation About NPPA

- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority was established in 1997 as an **independent body of experts to regulate the pricing of drugs**.
- It has been constituted as an **attached office** of the **Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers**. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- The Authority has been entrusted with the task of
 - **Fixation/revision of prices** of pharmaceutical products (bulk drugs and formulations);
 - **Enforcement** of provisions of the **Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO)**;
 - **Monitoring of the prices** of controlled and decontrolled drugs in the country.
- The NPPA currently fixes prices of drugs placed in the **National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)** under **Schedule-I of the DPCO**. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.

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- Non-scheduled drugs are allowed an increase of up to **10 per cent in prices every year**, which is monitored by the NPPA.
- NPPA can **also fix the price for non-scheduled drugs** by invoking extraordinary powers in public interest, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. Hence, **statement 3 is incorrect**.

