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1. Recently, phishing scams have frequently been in the news. Phishing scams refer to

- A. Scammers creating e-mails that appear legitimate, using logos from trusted organisations
- B. Scammers tricking victims into installing malware that can result in financial loss.
- C. Scammers calling victims, falsely claiming they are under investigation for illegal activities.
- D. Scammers tricking people into investing in a fraudulent scheme that pays returns to earlier investors with money from new investors, instead of legitimate profits.

2. Consider the following.

- 1) Living Planet Report
- 2) Earth Hour
- 3) Debt for Nature Swaps

Which of the above are undertakings of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

3. With reference to the Absentee voting, consider the following statements.

- 1) Electors under preventive detention are not eligible for absentee voting.
- 2) Members of the armed forces are eligible for absentee voting.

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

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

4. Consider the following statements about Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

- 1) It is an investment made by a person in businesses located in another country.
- 2) The investors have no intention to manage a foreign firm's operation.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

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D. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following.

- 1) Issuing warning against severe weather phenomena
- 2) Providing meteorological statistics required for oil exploration
- 3) Promoting research in allied disciplines of meteorology

Which of the above is/are mandate(s) of India Meteorological Department (IMD)?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. None

Solutions:

1. Answer: A

Explanation

- In **phishing scams**, scammers create e-mails or messages that appear legitimate, often using logos and branding from trusted organisations. Hence, **answer is option A.**
- In **trojan horse scams**, scammers deceiving the victim into allowing a malware that could ultimately lead to financial loss
- In **digital arrest scams**, scammers make a phone call to the victim claiming that they are under investigation for illegal activities.
- In **ponzi scam**, scammers deceive people into investing in a fraudulent scheme that pays returns to earlier investors using the money from new investors, rather than generating legitimate profits.

2. Answer: C

Explanation:

- Various undertakings of the WWF include **Living Planet Report, Earth Hour, Debt for Nature Swaps, etc.** Hence, **answer is option C.**

About WWF:

- WWF is an **international non-governmental organization** working in the field of **wilderness preservation and reduction of human impact** on the environment.
- It was founded in 1961 and is **headquartered in Gland, Switzerland.**

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- It aims to **stop degradation of the planet's natural environment** and build a future in which **humans live in harmony with nature**.
- Currently, its work is organized around these **six areas: food, climate, freshwater, wildlife, forests and oceans**.
- Various undertakings of the WWF include **Living Planet Report, Earth Hour, Debt for Nature Swaps, etc.** Hence, **answer is C**.

3. Answer: B

Explanation

- **Postal voting**, also known as **absentee voting**, is a method of voting in which electors cast their ballots by mail rather than in person at a polling station.
- This method is particularly useful for individuals who are unable to vote in person due to various reasons, such as being away from their home constituency, having a **disability**, or being engaged in **essential services** on election day.

Who is eligible for postal ballots?

- The eligibility criteria for postal ballots vary depending on the specific election and jurisdiction. However, some common categories of eligible voters include:
 - **Service voters:** Members of the armed forces, paramilitary forces, and other government employees deployed on election duty far from their home constituencies. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
 - **Absentee voters:** Individuals who are unable to vote in person due to reasons such as being away from their home constituency for work, illness, or disability.
 - **Electors on election duty:** Government officials and polling staff who are assigned duties at polling stations other than their own.
 - **Electors under preventive detention:** Individuals who are detained under preventive custody orders during the election period. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.

4. Answer: A

Explanation

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is the **investment made by a person or a company in one country into businesses located in another country**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- The key to FDI is the **element of control**. Control represents the intent to actively manage and influence a foreign firm's operations. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.

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5. Answer: C

Explanation:

Mandate of IMD

- To take **meteorological observations** and to provide **current and forecast meteorological information** for optimum operation of weather-sensitive activities like agriculture, irrigation, shipping, aviation, offshore oil explorations, etc.
- To **warn against severe weather phenomena** like tropical cyclones, norwesters, dust storms, heavy rains and snow, cold and heat waves, etc., which cause destruction of life and property. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- To provide **meteorological statistics** required for agriculture, water resource management, industries, oil exploration and other nation-building activities. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
- To **conduct and promote research** in meteorology and allied disciplines. Hence, **statement 3 is correct.**

About IMD

- The India Meteorological Department was established in 1875.
- It functions under the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).**
- It is the **National Meteorological Service** of the country and the **principal government agency** in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects.

Why in News?

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Karaikal and Mahe.