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1. Gulf of Aqaba is connected with

- A. Black Sea
- B. Red Sea
- C. Mediterranean Sea
- D. Aral Sea

2. Consider the following statements about Sacred groves.

- 1) Sacred groves comprise patches of forests dedicated usually to local folk deities.
- 2) A strong concentration of these groves is found in Kerala.
- 3) Sacred groves are protected under Forest Rights Act, 2006.

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

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

3. Consider the following statements.

- 1) Mission Indradhanush aimed at increasing the full immunization coverage for children across the country.
- 2) Intensified Mission Indradhanush has a special focus on pregnant women who have been left uncovered under the routine immunisation programme/Universal immunization Program.

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

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

4. Consider the following statements with reference to Constitutional amendment procedure under Article 368.

- 1. A private member can introduce the constitutional amendment bill.
- 2. The bill can be passed through joint sitting in case of deadlock.
- 3. The president cannot withhold the constitutional amendment bill.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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5. Consider the following statements about the Impeachment process of the Vice President.

1. The resolution for the removal of the Vice President should initiate only in Lok Sabha.
2. The majority that is required for passing the resolution is two-thirds of the total membership of the house.

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

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

Solutions:

1. Answer: B

Explanation:



- The **Gulf of Aqaba** is a large gulf at the northern tip of the **Red Sea**, east of the Sinai Peninsula and west of the Arabian Peninsula, bordered by Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. **Hence answer is option B.**

2. Answer: A

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Explanation:

- Sacred groves comprise patches of forests or natural vegetation – from a few trees to forests of several acres – that are usually dedicated to **local folk deities**. Hence **statement 1 is correct**.
- These spaces are protected by local communities because of their **religious beliefs** and traditional rituals that run through several generations.
- A strong concentration of these groves is found in **Himachal Pradesh and Kerala**. Hence **statement 2 is correct**.
- Sacred groves are protected by the **Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972**. Hence **statement 3 is incorrect**.

3. Answer: D

Explanation:

Mission Indradhanush

- Mission Indradhanush, launched in 2014, aimed at **increasing the full immunization coverage** for children across the country, with a **goal to reach 90% coverage**. Hence **statement 1 is correct**.

Intensified Mission Indradhanush

- To **further intensify the immunization programme**, the Government of India launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush in 2017.
- Through this programme, the Government of India aims to reach each and every child up to two years of age and all those pregnant women who have been **left uncovered under the routine immunisation programme/Universal immunization Program**. Hence **statement 2 is correct**.

4. Answer: B

Explanation:

- Amendment of the Constitution can be initiated only by introduction of a Bill in either House of the Parliament, **by a minister or a private member**. Hence **statement 1 is correct**.
- The bill must be passed in each House of the Parliament by a **special majority**, i.e., a majority of total membership of the House and a majority of two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting.
- Each House of the Parliament must pass the bill separately.
- In case of disagreement between the two Houses, there is **no provision for calling a joint-sitting** of both the Houses to deliberate on the bill further. Hence **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- If the bill attempts to amend the federal provisions of the Constitution, it must also be ratified by the legislatures of at least half the states by a simple majority.

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- After getting passed by both the Houses and the State Legislatures where necessary, the bill is sent to the President for his/her assent.
- The President must give his/her assent to the bill. **He/she cannot withhold the bill** or send the bill back to the Parliament for reconsideration. Once the President gives his/her assent, the bill becomes a Constitutional Amendment Act. Hence **statement 3 is correct**.

5. Answer: D

Explanation:

- The procedure for the removal of Vice-President is stipulated in **Article 67**.
- The resolution should be initiated in the Rajya Sabha and must be agreed to by the Lok Sabha. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect**.
- The majority, that is required in the Rajya Sabha, for the removal of Vice-President in the **Rajya Sabha** is a different type of majority. It is 'majority of then members of the House'. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect**.
 - **Then members of the House = Total membership (Less/-) Vacancies in the house.**
 - The majority of 'then members' should vote for removal of the Vice-President in the Rajya Sabha
 - Vacancies in the House may be due to **death, resignation, retirement, suspension, disqualification etc.**, of a member.