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Daily MCQs: 20-12-2024

1. One Health aims to optimize the health of

- A. People and animals
- B. Animals and ecosystems
- C. People and ecosystems
- D. People, animals and ecosystems

2. Consider the following statements about the International Financial Services Centre.

- 1) An IFSC provides world class financial services to only non-residents.
- 2) An IFSC provides services in local currency of the location where the IFSC is located.
- 3) India's first IFSC has been set up at the GIFT City in Gandhinagar.

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

- 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) Indian follows western secularism where the state and the religion have a watertight separation of power.
- 2) 'Socialism' and 'Secularism' are part of the basic structure of the constitution.

Which 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

4. Consider the following statements with reference to the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

- 1. The Act applies to the processing of digital personal data within India.
- 2. The Act will not apply to the processing of personal data outside India if it is for offering services in India.
- 3. Consent for usage of personal data cannot be withdrawn at any point in time.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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5. Consider the following statements about the Horn of Africa.

1. The Horn of Africa is a peninsula in East Africa that includes countries like Djibouti, Ethiopia and Eritrea.
2. It is separated from the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula by the Bab el Mandeb strait.

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: D

Explanation:

- One Health is an **integrated, unifying approach** that aims to **sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. Hence answer is option D.**
- It recognizes that the **health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment are closely linked and interdependent.**
- The One Health approach is particularly relevant for food and water safety, nutrition, the **control of zoonoses** (diseases that can spread between animals and humans), pollution management, and combating antimicrobial resistance.

2. Answer: A

Explanation:

About IFSC

- An International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) is a jurisdiction that provides **world class financial services to non-residents and residents** in a currency other than the domestic currency (Indian Rupee) of the location where the IFSC is located. **Hence statements 1 and 2 are incorrect.**
- **Services provided by an IFSC:**
 - Fund-raising services for individuals, corporations and governments
 - Asset management and global portfolio diversification undertaken by pension funds, insurance companies and mutual funds
 - Wealth management
 - Merger and acquisition activities among trans-national corporations, etc.
- The **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** was established in 2020 as a unified authority for the development and regulations of IFSCs in India.
- **India's 1st IFSC** has been set up at the **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gandhinagar. Hence statement 3 is correct.**

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3. Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Indian secularism** is different from **western secularism**. In India, the state enjoys the power to regulate the economic, financial, political and secular aspects associated with religious practice. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
 - It can also provide for social welfare and reform in religious practices.
 - In Western secularism, the state and religion are strictly separated and the government does not interfere in religious affairs.

Status in Preamble

- The original Preamble adopted on November 26, 1949, declared India a sovereign, democratic, republic.
- The term '**Secularism**' was **also not used** though various provisions of the Constitution like the right to practise any religion, non-discrimination on the basis of religion in any affairs of the state embodied the 'secular' values of our Constitution.
- The 42nd Constitutional Amendment in 1976 inserted the words 'Socialist', 'Secular' and 'Integrity' in the Preamble.

Current case and the Supreme Court's Judgment

- A case filed in 2020 has opposed the insertion of the words 'socialist' and 'secular' in the Preamble. They argued that these were included during the Emergency and forced the people to follow specific ideologies.
- They felt that since the date of adoption by the Constituent Assembly was mentioned in the Preamble, no additional words can be inserted later by Parliament.
- The **Supreme court** dismissed the pleas and **held that 'socialism' and 'secularism' are integral to the basic structure of the Constitution. Hence statement 2 is correct.**
- It observed that the Constitution is a 'living document' subject to the amendment power of Parliament.
- The Court also said that this amending power extends to the Preamble as well and the date of adoption mentioned in it does not restrict such power.

4. Answer: A

Explanation:

Applicability:

- The Act applies to the **processing of digital personal data within India** where such data is: **Hence statement 1 is correct.**
 - collected online, or
 - collected offline and is digitised.
- It will also apply to the **processing of personal data outside India if it is for offering goods or services in India. Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- **Personal data** is defined as **any data about an individual** who is **identifiable** by or in relation to such data.
- **Processing** has been defined as wholly or partially automated operation or set of operations performed on digital personal data. It includes collection, storage, use, and sharing.

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Consent:

- **Personal data may be processed only for a lawful purpose** after obtaining the **consent** of the individual.
- Consent may be **withdrawn at any point in time. Hence statement 3 is incorrect.**
- **Consent will not be required for 'legitimate uses'** including:
 - specified purpose for which data has been provided by an individual voluntarily,
 - provision of benefit or service by the government,
 - medical emergency, and
 - employment.
- For individuals **below 18 years of age**, consent will be provided by the **parent or the legal guardian.**

5. Answer: C

Explanation:

- The Horn of Africa is a **peninsula of East Africa** that includes countries of **Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia.** **Sudan and Kenya** are sometimes included as well. **Hence statement 1 is correct.**



- It is one of the world's most **conflict-prone and fragile regions.**
- The region's countries are the countries of origin and host countries for a great number of **refugees and internally displaced persons.**
- The **Bab el Mandeb strait** separates the Horn of Africa from the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**