

Explanations

1. Answer: C

Explanation: Rabha is an indigenous Tibeto-Burman community. They are found in Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal in India, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Hamja is a folk dance performed by the tribes. It is about paddy cultivation.

Educational Objective: To know about the various tribal dances in India

Issue: role of culture in reaching out to people during Election campaigns

2. Answer: A

Explanation: India's first e-waste clinic for segregating, processing and disposal of waste from household and commercial units has been set-up in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- Electronic waste will either be collected door-to-door or could be deposited directly at the clinic by individuals.

- The CPCB will provide technical support at the unit and the collected hazardous waste will then be sent to Bengaluru for recycling.

- This would ensure scientific handling and disposal of electronic waste generated from households and commercial establishments.

Educational Objective: To know about the issues related to e-waste

Issue: The Delhi government is planning to set up e-waste parks

3. Answer: C

Explanation: E-Waste Management Rules, 2016

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the E-Waste Management Rules, 2016 in supersession of the E-waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2011.

Deposit Refund Scheme has been introduced as an additional economic instrument wherein the producer charges an additional amount as a deposit at the time of sale of the electrical and electronic equipment and returns it to the consumer along with interest when the end-of-life electrical and electronic equipment is returned.

Educational Objective: To know about the issues related to e-waste

Issue: The Delhi government is planning to set up e-waste parks

4. Answer: D

Explanation: Human Rights Council

- The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world.

- The Council was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 2006. It replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) serves as the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council.

- OHCHR is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

- It is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are elected by the UN General Assembly

Educational Objective: To know about the UNHRC

Issue: Recent resolution by Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

5. Answer: B

Explanation: Global Gender Gap Report 2021

It is released by the World Economic Forum

Gender parity is calculated on four dimensions:

- Economic Participation and Opportunity,

- Educational Attainment,

- Health and Survival and
- Political Empowerment.

India is now one of the worst performers in South Asia, it is now ranked 140 among 156 countries.

In South Asia, Bangladesh ranked 65, Nepal 106, Pakistan 153, Afghanistan 156, Bhutan 130 and Sri Lanka 116.

India has declined on the political empowerment index as well by 13.5 percentage points, and a decline in the number of women ministers, from 23.1% in 2019 to 9.1% in 2021.

Economic participation gender gap actually widened in India by 3% this year.

Education attainment, India has been ranked at 114

Educational Objective: To know about the indexes and indices

Issue: WEF released Global Gender Gap Report 2021

6. Answer: B

Explanation: Rajaji National Park

- Located in Haridwar, Uttarakhand along the foothills of the Shivalik range
 - It possesses as many as 23 species of mammals and 315 bird species such as elephants, tigers, leopards, deers and ghorals, etc.
 - It was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2015.
 - It is home to the Van Gujjars, one of the few forest-dwelling nomadic communities in the country.
- Hence statement 2 is correct

Educational Objective: To know about the NPs, BRs, WRs

Issue: Recently an Indian range officer from Rajaji Tiger Reserve won the prestigious International Ranger Award

7. Answer: C

Explanation: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation

- It is a regional organization.
- It comprises seven countries. Five of these seven countries- India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Bangladesh- are from South Asia while the remaining two, Thailand and Myanmar, are from Southeast Asia.
- Secretariat is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Objectives:

- Creating an enabling environment for the rapid economic development of the sub-region.
- Encouraging the spirit of equality and partnership.

Educational Objective: To know about the international organizations

Issue: India's External Affairs Minister attended the 17th ministerial meet of the BIMSTEC countries

8. Answer: C

Explanation: A rare disease is a health condition of a particularly low prevalence that affects a small number of people compared with other prevalent diseases in the general population.

There is no universally accepted definition of rare diseases.

At least 80% of rare diseases have an identified genetic origin.

A comprehensive National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021 has been finalized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Objectives of the policy:

- To lower the high cost of treatment for rare diseases with increased focus on indigenous research with the help of a National Consortium to be set up with Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as convenor.
- Local production of medicines to lower the cost of treatment for rare diseases.
- Creation of a national hospital based registry of rare diseases so that adequate data is available for definition of rare diseases and for research and development related to rare diseases within the country.

- Focus on early screening and prevention through primary and secondary health care infrastructure such as Health and Wellness Centres and District Early Intervention Centres (DEICs) and through counselling for the high-risk parents.
- Policy also aims to strengthen tertiary health care facilities for prevention and treatment of rare diseases through designating 8 health facilities as Centre of Excellence and these CoEs will also be provided one-time financial support of up to Rs 5 crores for upgradation of diagnostics facilities.
- A provision for financial support up to Rs. 20 lakhs under the Umbrella Scheme of Rastriya Arogya Nidhi is proposed for treatment, of those rare diseases that require a one-time treatment (diseases listed under Group 1 in the rare disease policy). Beneficiaries for such financial assistance would not be limited to BPL families, but the benefit will be extended to about 40% of the population, who are eligible under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- Crowd funding mechanism in which corporates and individuals will be encouraged to extend financial support through a robust IT platform for treatment of rare diseases.

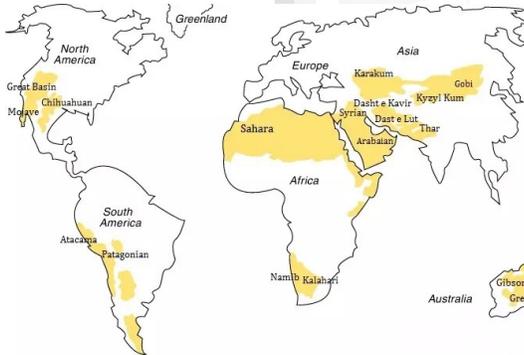
Educational Objective: To know about the National Policy for Rare diseases

Issue: Indian government has released the National Policy for Rare diseases, 2021

9. Answer: B

Explanation: Major Deserts of the World

- Gobi-Mongolia and China.
- Kalahari-Botswana.
- Sonoran-USA & Mexico.
- Karakum-Turkmenistan.
- Thar-India and Pakistan.
- Somalian-Somalia.
- Atacama-Northern Chile.



Educational Objective: To know about the major deserts of the world

Issue: role played by dust in influencing Indian summer Monsoon

10. Answer: C

Explanation: Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Model

- This is a PPP model for the development of infrastructure projects especially highways.
- Under this model, the cost is completely borne by the government. Government invites bids for engineering knowledge from the private players.
- Procurement of raw material and construction costs are met by the government.
- The private sector's participation is minimum and is limited to the provision of engineering expertise. Hence statement 2 is correct
- A difficulty of the model is that financial is the high financial burden for the government.

Educational Objective: To know about the highway construction models

Issue: Indian government has approved a project to upgrade Kargil Zaskar road in Engineering, Procurement and Construction mode.