



1. Consider the following statements regarding the International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA):

1. It was established as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in 1957.
2. IALA primarily focuses on maritime trade policies between the member countries.
3. India is a member of IALA since 1957.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

Answer : d

### **International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA):**

- IALA was established in 1957, as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and a non-profit making international technical association. **Statement 1 is correct.**
- It officially changed its status from an NGO to an Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) based on a convention ratified by 34 states on 2024.
- Its motto is Successful Voyages, Sustainable Planet.
- Its Aim is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through,
  - Improvement and harmonization of aids to navigation worldwide
  - Other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment.
- Maritime trade policies are not the concern of IALA. **Statement 2 is not correct.**
- India has been a member of IALA since 1957 and recently was elected to the vice presidency of the International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation (IALA) in Singapore. **Statement 3 is correct.**

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2. Consider the following statements regarding Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR):

1. It is located in Mandla and Balaghat districts of Madhya Pradesh.
2. It was first notified as a Wildlife Reserve in 1955 and later became a Tiger Reserve under Project Tiger in 1979.
3. Sariska Tiger Reserve is known as the first reserve in India to successfully relocate tigers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, and 3

Answer : b

### **Sariska Tiger Reserve:**

- Sariska Tiger Reserve is one of the biggest Tiger reserves located in Rajasthan.
- The tiger reserve is spread over an area of Aravalli hills. **Statement 1 is not correct.**
- The Sariska area was first notified as a Wildlife Reserve in 1955, Wildlife Sanctuary in 1958, it came under Project Tiger as Sariska Tiger Reserve in 1979. It is the 1st reserve which successfully relocated tigers. **Statement 2 and 3 are correct.**
- It is expected that Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR) will be notified by as an eco-sensitive zone by the end of June, 2025.

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3. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Grey Wolf:

1. It is a subspecies of the grey wolf that is found in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, and Turkey.
2. The Bankapur Wolf Sanctuary in Jharkhand is the first-ever wolf sanctuary in India.
3. It is listed as Endangered under the IUCN Red List.

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

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. All three
- d. None

Answer : b

### **Indian Grey Wolf :**

- Indian Grey Wolf is a subspecies of grey wolf species.
- **Scientific Name** - Canis lupus pallipes.
- Its Habitat includes, open forest, open plain areas, scrub forests, grasslands, arid & semiarid areas, dry- deciduous and degraded planes.
- It is distributed in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Israel, Turkey, Iran, and Syria. **Statement 1 is correct.**
- In India it can be found in eastern parts of Peninsular India especially in the regions of southern west Bengal and Jharkhand.
- Bankapur Wolf Sanctuary is the first-ever wolf sanctuary that is located in Karnataka, not Jharkhand. **Statement 2 is not correct.**
- Regarding the Conservation Status of Indian Grey Wolf:
  - **IUCN status - Endangered species.**
  - **CITES - Appendix I.**
  - **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 - Schedule I. Statement 3 is**

**correct.**

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4. Consider the following statements regarding OPEC:

1. It is an intergovernmental Organization that has its headquarters at Vienna, Austria.
2. It aims to stabilize the global oil market and ensure fair prices for producers.
3. Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela are the founding members of OPEC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2, and 3

Answer : d

### **OPEC :**

- **OPEC** - (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) is a permanent, ***intergovernmental Organization refers to a group of 12 of the world's major oil-exporting nations. Its Headquarters is in Vienna, Austria. Statement 1 is correct.***
- **Founding members - Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela. Statement 3 is correct.**
- **OPEC Members** - Algeria, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela.
- It will meet on every year to discuss their joint oil production policy
- It aims to stabilize the global oil market and ensure fair prices for producers. This goal is achieved by coordinating oil production and managing supply to prevent price fluctuations. **Statement 2 is correct.**
- To give an efficient, economic and regular supply of petroleum to consuming nations; and a fair return on capital to those investing in the industry.
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies including Russia are known collectively as OPEC+.

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5. Consider the following statements regarding the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS):

1. It is released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
2. The Ministry of Labour and Employment is the nodal ministry for PLFS.
3. It provides quarterly data for urban areas and annual data for both rural and urban areas.

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

Answer : b

### **Periodic Labour Force Survey :**

- PLFS released by National Statistics Office, is the primary source of data on employment and unemployment situation in India. **Statement 1 is correct.**
- The nodal ministry for PLFS is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, (not) the Ministry of Labour and Employment. **Statement 2 is not correct.**
- Its objective is to estimate the employment and unemployment indicators in the short time interval of 3 months for the urban areas only in the Current Weekly Status (CWS).
- The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) provides quarterly data for urban areas and annual data for both rural and urban areas. **Statement 3 is correct.**

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