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1. Consider the following statements with respect to Agni-V.

1. It is an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) with a range of over 5,000 km and can reach most parts of China.
2. It is powered by three stage solid and liquid propellant engine.
3. It is a part of Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP).

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

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

2. Consider the following statements with respect to Eco Sensitive Zones (ESZ):

1. They act as a transition zone from areas of high protection to areas involving lesser protection.
2. The width of eco-sensitive zone and type of regulation vary from one area to another.
3. The Environment Protection Act, 1986 does not mention the word "Ecosensitive Zones".

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

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

3. Consider the following statements:

1. M. S. Swaminathan committee has recommended that the MSP should be at least 50 percent more than the weighted average cost of production.

2. Recently, Government has increased the MSP for all mandated Kharif and Rabi crops and other commercial crops with a return of atleast 50 percent over cost of production.

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 with respect to National Security Guard (NSG):

1. It was raised in 1999 following the hijack of Indian Airlines Flight 814 to Kandahar.

2. It is equipped with its own dedicated air wing.

3. It doesn't have a cadre of its own and dependent on personnel sent on deputation from the army and the CAPF.

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

- a. 3 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. None of the above

5. Consider the following pairs with respect to nuclear power plants in India:

1. Kaiga - Maharashtra

2. Kakrapar - Gujarat

3. Tarapur - Maharashtra

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

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

Answers

1. b

- Recently, Agni - V was successfully test fired from a canister on a road mobile launcher from Dr. Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha.
- It is India's longest-range ballistic missile which will be inducted into the nuclear arsenal soon.
- It is an Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) with a range of over 5,000 km and can reach most parts of China.
- It is powered by three stage solid fuelled missiles. It can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes.
- It is a part of Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP).

2. d

- The Environment Protection Act, 1986 does not mention the word "Eco-sensitive Zones".
- The purpose of declaring eco-sensitive zones around protected areas is for creating some kind of 'Shock Absorber' to the protected area.
- They would also act as a transition zone from areas of high protection to areas involving lesser protection.
- The width of eco-sensitive zone and type of regulation vary from one area to another.
- However, as a general principle width of ecosensitive zone could go up to 10 kms around a protected area.
- In case of places with sensitive corridors, connectivity and ecologically important patches, crucial for landscape linkage, even area beyond 10 kms width can also be included in the

eco-sensitive zone

3. c

- National Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan submitted its report in 2006.
- One of the recommendations of Commission was that MSP should be at least 50 percent more than the weighted average cost of production.
- This recommendation was not incorporated in the National policy for Farmers 2007.
- However, recently Government has increased the MSP for all Kharif and Rabi crops and other commercial crops for the season 2018-19 with a return of at least 50 percent over cost of production.

4. a

- It is the premier counter terrorist and contingency force in India.
- NSG was raised in 1986 following the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Operation Blue Star.
- Recently, a Parliamentary panel has recommended that the Centre should urgently take steps to ensure that the National Security Guard (NSG) is equipped with its own dedicated air wing.
- The force, which is trained to operate as an elite urban anti-terrorist and anti-hijack force, doesn't have a cadre of its own or direct recruitment and is instead dependent on personnel sent on deputation from the army and the central armed police forces (CAPF).

5. c

- Kaiga nuclear power plant in Karnataka has recently created a world record for the longest uninterrupted operation for 941 days.
- Kaiga is an indigenously built Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) run by domestic fuel (Uranium).

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