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- **Q.24)** Which of the following microorganisms serve as nitrogen fixing organisms for plants?
- 1. Azotobacter
- 2. Nostoc
- 3. Clostridium
- 4. Rhizobium

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Q.25) Consider the following pairs:

Measures 1. Pyrolysis Combustion of waste in excess of oxygen 2. Cogeneration Excess heat energy from electricity generation is used in other manufacturing processes 3 Gasification Combustion of waste in absence of oxygen

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Q.26) With reference to guidelines on sand mining in India, consider the following statements:

- Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 empowers the state governments to make rules to prevent illegal mining.
- The Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 prohibits river bed mining during the monsoon period.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- Q.27) With reference to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), consider the following statements:
- The appraisal of projects is done by the Central Government only.
- Public Consultation is necessary for all the projects.
- The draft Environmental Impact Assessment,
 2020 provides for ex post facto clearance for projects.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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