

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans) a

Exp) option a is correct.

Statement 1 is correct. The objectives of the policy are to

- 1) reduce population of **old and defective vehicles**,
- 2) achieve reduction in **vehicular air pollutants** to fulfil India's climate commitments,
- 3) improve **road and vehicular safety**,
- 4) achieve better **fuel efficiency**,
- 5) **formalize** the currently informal **vehicle scrapping industry** and
- 6) boost availability of low-cost **raw materials for automotive, steel and electronics industry**.

Statement 2 is incorrect. It is proposed that **commercial vehicles be de-registered after 15 years** in case of failure to get the fitness certificate. As a disincentive measure, increased fees for fitness certificate and fitness test may be applicable for commercial vehicles 15 year onwards from the date of initial registration. While **Private Vehicles would be de-registered after 20 years** if found unfit or in case of a failure to renew registration certificate. As a disincentive measure, increased re-registration fees will be applicable for private vehicles 15 year onwards from the date of initial registration.

Source: <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/environment/india-s-vehicles-scrappage-policy-a-step-forward-but-a-missed-opportunity-76101>

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1705811>

Q.4) The biome has a transitional type of climate found between the equatorial rainforests and hot deserts. The mean annual rainfall ranges from 80–160 cm. Days are hot and nights are cold. Trade winds are the prevailing winds of the region and it is characterised by tall and coarse grass and short trees. The regions mostly have poor soil fertility. Parts of Northern Karnataka, Southern Maharashtra and Telangana exhibit characteristics of this vegetation.

The above paragraph correctly describes which one of the following type of biomes?

- a) Mediterranean
- b) British type
- c) Savanna
- d) Laurentian