

2. White-backed Vulture, Slender-billed Vulture, and Long-billed Vulture are Critically Endangered.

Which of the following statement is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 21.** Consider the following statements regarding the structure and criteria for designation of a Biosphere Reserve:

- 1. Research and educational activities can be allowed in the buffer zone of a Biosphere Reserve.
- 2. The transition area is the outermost part of a biosphere reserve and is usually not delimited.
- 3. The core area must be typical of a bio-geographical unit and large enough to sustain viable populations representing all trophic levels in the ecosystem.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

- 22.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. National Parks enjoy a greater degree of protection than sanctuaries.
- 2. A national park can be created for a particular species whereas the wildlife sanctuary is not primarily focused on a particular species.
- 3. National parks are declared by the Central Government whereas, wildlife sanctuaries are declared by the state governments.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

- 23.** Which of the following statements is *incorrect* regarding UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) program?

- (a) Launched in 1971, UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) aims to establish a scientific basis for the improvement of relationships between people and their environments.
- (b) MAB combines both the natural and social sciences to improve human livelihoods and to safeguard natural and managed ecosystem.
- (c) The World Network of Biosphere Reserves does not include the transboundary sites.
- (d) MAB-related activities are nationally financed.

- 24.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Biosphere Reserve is a part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves under the UNESCO MAB program.
- 2. It encompasses three protected areas including the Gangau Sanctuary.
- 3. The major ethnic groups here are Gond, Khairuas, and Yadavas.
- 4. The region is the most sacrosanct pilgrimage for the followers of the Pranami sect world over.

Which of the following biosphere reserves is being described above?

- (a) Panchmarhi Biosphere Reserve
- (b) Simlipal Biosphere Reserve
- (c) Achanakamar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve
- (d) Panna Biosphere Reserve

- 25.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Biosphere reserve program:

- 1. Launched in 1986, the programme aims at conservation of all living resources including the local communities and their ecological foundations.
- 2. The State Government prepares the Management Action Plan which is approved and monitored by Central MAB Committee.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2