

## (SOLUTION) Online Prelims TEST - 13 (SUBJECT WISE)

### 30 Correct Answer : A

#### Answer Justification :

The **Malabar Civet (*Viverra civettina*) is considered to be one of the world's rarest mammals.**

It is endemic to India and was first reported from Travancore, Kerala. It is nocturnal in nature and found exclusively in the Western Ghats.

**Habitat:** Wooded plains and hill slopes of evergreen rainforests.

**Distribution:** Western Ghats.

**Threats:** Deforestation and commercial plantations are major threats.

The Pygmy Hog (*Porcula salvania*) is **the world's smallest wild pig**, with adults weighing only 8 kgs. This species constructs a nest throughout the year. It is one of the most useful indicators of the management status of grassland habitats.

The **grasslands where the pygmy hog resides** are crucial for the survival of other endangered species such as Indian Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), Swamp Deer (*Cervus duvauceli*), Wild Buffalo (*Bubalus arnee*), Hispid Hare (*Caprolagus hispidus*), Bengal Florican (*Eupodotis bengalensis*) and Swamp Francolin (*Francolinus gularis*).

**Sloth Bear is a vulnerable species** not critically endangered species.

**Hence, option (a) is correct.**

[http://envfor.nic.in/sites/default/files/critically\\_endangered\\_booklet.pdf](http://envfor.nic.in/sites/default/files/critically_endangered_booklet.pdf)

### 31 Correct Answer : B

#### Answer Justification :

The Great Himalayan National Park is one of the most famous national parks of India and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Stretched across an area of 754sq. km, it is situated in Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh.** It consists mostly of temperate and alpine forests along with virgin coniferous forests. The park also covers enormous areas of alpine pastures and glaciers. Several important wildlife species of Western Himalayas like musk deer, goral, leopard, snow leopard, serow, bharal, brown bear, kalij, monal, tragopan, cheer, kolkas and snow cock, besides others, can be found here.

**Hence, option (b) is correct.**

### 32 Correct Answer : A

#### Answer Justification :

The **Government of India and United Nations Development Programme**, with support from the Global Environment Facility, are implementing a new programme in the high altitude Himalayas entitled **"SECURE Himalayas - Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems"**, to ensure conservation of locally and globally significant biodiversity, land and forest resources in the high Himalayan ecosystem, while enhancing the lives and livelihoods of local communities. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

It covers the high Himalayan Ecosystem spread over **Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.** **Hence, statement 2 is incorrect.**

<http://www.in.undp.org/content/india/en/home/projects/securing-livelihoods-in-the-himalayas.html>

### 33 Correct Answer : D

#### Answer Justification :

**BirdLife International** is a global partnership of conservation organisations that strives to conserve birds, their habitats, and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources.

**International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)** is a global non-profit organization that protects animals and the places they call home. Founded in 1969, IFAW has provided almost 50 years of global leadership, innovation and hands-on assistance to animals and communities in need. Our holistic conservation approach includes reducing the demand and exploitation of wildlife at the source; working together with communities and enforcers to shut down poaching networks; pioneering first-ever successes in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphan animals back into the wild; activating where needed most in the wake of global disasters; and advocating through expert research and solutions to the greatest threats to our planet's populations and habitats.

<https://www.ifaw.org/united-states/about-ifaw>

**Wetlands International** is a global organisation that works to sustain and restore wetlands and their resources for people and biodiversity. It is an **independent, not-for-profit, global organisation, supported by government and NGO membership from around the world.**

**Hence, option (d) is correct.**