

**35.** With reference to Dugongs, consider the following statements:

1. Dugongs have a dolphin fluke-like tail.
2. They are strictly a marine mammal.
3. They are herbivores.
4. Dugongs can stay underwater for hours before surfacing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**36.** In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, priority pathogens have been in news. Which of the following statements best describes priority pathogens?

- (a) They are antibiotic resistant pathogens.
- (b) They are the largest known pathogens and because of their size, they have been put on priority list.
- (c) They are those pathogens that are used as intermediary organisms for developing new vaccines.
- (d) They are pathogens that feed on other pathogens and are useful in bioremediation techniques.

**37.** With reference to Megadiverse countries, consider the following statements:

1. These refer to those countries that house the largest indices of biodiversity, including a large number of endemic species.
2. Majority of the megadiverse countries lies in the tropical region.
3. Mainland Europe does not have mega diverse countries.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 2 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**38.** With reference to National Afforestation Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development in the forest areas.
2. The species to be planted are selected by the members of Joint Forest Management Committee.
3. CAMPA Funds can be used for afforestation activities.
4. Moving away from National Forest Policy 1988, the focus of the programme is afforestation only, but not livelihoods of the locals.

Which of the statements given is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**39.** 2023 has been declared as UN International Year of Millets. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. The resolution for declaring 2023 as year of millets has been sponsored by India.
2. In India, millets production growth is commensurate to the growth of production of Rice and Wheat.
3. ICRISAT's Smart Food Initiative aims at mainstreaming the consumption of millets.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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