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Question 1:

Regarding Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act, 2023, consider the following:

1. It proposes longer police custody for certain offenses, mandates minimum punishments for others, and increases fines.
2. Organized crime is now subject to ordinary criminal law for the first time.
3. It introduces community service as a penalty for minor crimes, a new addition to the penal code.

How many of the statements given above are **NOT** correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act, 2023:

- The **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act, 2023** proposes **longer police custody** for certain offenses, mandates minimum punishments for others, and increases fines. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- For the first time, tackling organized crime is brought under the realm of ordinary criminal law. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The BNS introduces community service as a penalty for minor crimes, a new addition to the penal code. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 2:

Which of the following countries are part of the Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8)?

1. Sweden
2. Norway
3. Iceland
4. Russia
5. Estonia

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
3. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
4. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8):

- **Member countries of the Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8):** Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
- **Hence, option B is correct.**

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Question 3:

Regarding the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), consider the following statements:

1. The CTBT is a multilateral treaty aimed at banning all nuclear explosions, whether for military or peaceful purposes.
2. The CTBT was negotiated at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva in 1994.
3. India was the first of the few countries to sign and ratify the treaty.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT):

- The CTBT is a **multilateral treaty** aimed at banning all nuclear explosions, whether for military or peaceful purposes. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The CTBT was negotiated at the **Conference on Disarmament** in Geneva in 1994. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The treaty, signed by 187 nations and ratified by 178, awaits formal entry into force **pending** ratification by 44 specific nations, including China, **India**, Pakistan, North Korea, Israel, Iran, Egypt, and the United States, of which eight are yet to ratify. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 4:

Avdiivka, Kramatorsk, and Zaporizhzhia regions often seen in the news are located in:

1. Ukraine
2. Azerbaijan
3. Russia
4. Syria

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

- **Avdiivka, Kramatorsk, and Zaporizhzhia** are all places in war-torn Ukraine.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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Question 5:

Regarding Papua New Guinea, consider the following statements:

1. It is an island country that lies in the southwestern Pacific.
2. It encompasses the eastern portion of New Guinea and numerous smaller islands, is bordered by Indonesia to the west, Australia to the south, and the Solomon Islands to the southeast.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Papua New Guinea:

- It is an island country that lies in the **southwestern Pacific**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It encompasses the eastern portion of New Guinea and numerous smaller islands, is bordered by Indonesia to the west, Australia to the south, and the Solomon Islands to the southeast. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Papua New Guinea is predominantly **mountainous** with low-lying plains in the south, and its islands were inhabited over 40,000 years by a diverse mix of peoples known as Melanesians.



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Question 6:

Regarding the Raisina Dialogue, consider the following statements:

1. It is an annual conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, which aims to address the most challenging issues faced by the world.
2. It is organised by the United Nations in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Raisina Dialogue:

- The **Raisina Dialogue** is an **annual conference** on geopolitics and geoeconomics, which aims to address the most challenging issues faced by the world. The conference takes place in New Delhi and is attended by people from political, business, media, and civil society backgrounds. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is organised by the **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)** in partnership with the **Ministry of External Affairs**, Government of India. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The theme of the 2024 edition is “**Chaturanga: Conflict, Contest, Cooperate, Create**”.

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Question 7:

Regarding the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), consider the following statements:

1. The North Atlantic Council, NATO's main political decision-making body, decides to invite a country to join the Alliance based on consensus among all Allies.
2. Sweden's recent accession as the 31st member of NATO will be followed by Finland's anticipated entry as the alliance's 32nd member.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO):

- NATO, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is a **political and military** alliance consisting of

31 member countries.

- It was formed in 1949 to promote mutual defense and collective security among its members.
- The North Atlantic Council, NATO's main **political decision-making body**, decides to invite a country to join the Alliance based on consensus among all Allies. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Finland's** recent accession as the **31st member** of NATO will be followed by **Sweden's** anticipated entry as the alliance's **32nd member**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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Question 8:

Regarding Sundarbans, consider the following statements:

1. It is a mangrove forest ecosystem along the Bay of Bengal coast, spanning India and Bangladesh on the Narmada, Krishna, and Godavari rivers delta, which is the world's largest delta.
2. The Sundarban Wetland in India was designated as a 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention.
3. The Sunderbans Delta is the only mangrove forest in the world inhabited by tigers.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Sundarbans:

- It is a large, continuous mangrove forest ecosystem along the **Bay of Bengal coast**, spanning India and Bangladesh on the delta of the **Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna** rivers, which is the world's largest delta. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- In January 2019, the Sundarban Wetland in India was designated as a 'Wetland of International Importance' under the **Ramsar Convention**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Sunderbans Delta is the **only mangrove forest** in the world inhabited by tigers. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 9:

Consider the following statements:

1. Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) is a forum for informal discussions on regional and international matters, bringing together the five Nordic countries and three Baltic countries.
2. The Nordic countries, except Sweden and Norway, are part of the European Union.
3. Among Nordic countries Iceland and Norway are members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8):

- It is a forum for **informal discussions** on regional and international matters, bringing together the five Nordic countries and three Baltic countries. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Nordic countries**, except **Iceland and Norway**, are part of the European Union. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- Among Nordic countries **Iceland and Norway** are members of the **European Free Trade Association (EFTA)**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 10:

Consider the following:

Statement-I: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is responsible for promoting, enabling authorizing, and supervising various space activities of non-governmental entities including building launch vehicles & satellites and providing space-based services.

Statement-II: IN-SPACe is a single-window, independent, nodal agency that was formed following the Space sector reforms to enable and facilitate the participation of private players.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe):

- **IN-SPACe** is responsible for promoting, enabling authorizing, and supervising various space activities of non-governmental entities including building **launch vehicles & satellites** and providing space-based services; sharing space infrastructure and premises under the control of DOS/ISRO, and establishing new space infrastructure and facilities. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is a **single-window, independent, nodal agency** that functions as an autonomous agency in the **Department of Space (DOS)**. It is formed following the Space sector reforms to enable and facilitate the participation of private players. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option A is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 11:

Regarding the Special Leave Petition, consider the following statements:

1. It is an extraordinary jurisdiction given to the Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution.
2. The court has the authority to allow a special appeal from any decision made by a court or tribunal in India, including military tribunals and court martial.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Special Leave Petition:

- **Article 136** of the Indian Constitution grants the **Supreme Court** of India exceptional jurisdiction, the high court has no such jurisdiction. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It can only be exercised when a **substantial question of law** or gross injustice has been committed.
- This Article empowers the court to grant special leave to appeal from any judgment, decree, determination, sentence, or order made by any court or tribunal in the territory of India, **excluding military tribunals and court martial. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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Question 12:

Regarding the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), consider the following statements:

1. It is in line with Article 39A of the Indian Constitution which mandates the state to ensure that the legal system operates in a manner that promotes justice with equal opportunity.
2. It has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society.
3. The Registrar of the Supreme Court acts as its Patron-in-Chief.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

- **Article 39A** of the Indian Constitution mandates the state to ensure that the legal system operates in a manner that **promotes justice with equal opportunity**, including providing free legal aid through legislation, schemes, or other means, to prevent citizens from being denied justice due to economic or other barriers. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It has been constituted under the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** to provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections of the society. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The **Chief Justice of India** is its Patron-in-Chief. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 13:

Regarding Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), consider the following statements:

1. EMRS are set up in States/Union Territories using funds received under Article 275(1) of the Indian Constitution.
2. Non-ST students can't be admitted to these schools.
3. The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has been established to set up and manage EMRS nationwide.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS):

- **EMRS** are set up in **States/Union Territories** using funds received under **Article 275(1)** of the Indian Constitution. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Non-ST students** can be admitted in these schools on seats **up to 10%** of the total seats. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The **National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS)**, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has been established to set up and manage EMRS nationwide. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 14:

Regarding the Essential Commodities Act of 1955, consider the following statements:

1. It was enacted to prevent hoarding and black marketing of foodstuffs.
2. The Act gives powers to the central government to add or remove a commodity in the Schedule.
3. Though the government can declare a commodity essential but can't impose a stock limit.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Essential Commodities Act of 1955:

- It was enacted to **prevent hoarding** and black marketing of foodstuffs. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Act powers the central government to **add or remove** a commodity in the Schedule. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- By declaring a commodity as essential, the government can control the production, supply, and distribution of that commodity, and impose a stock limit. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 15:

Consider the following statements:

1. Kalinga is known to be a powerful kingdom as early as the time of the Kurukshetra battle.
2. Srutayudha, the king of Kalinga, joined the Kourava camp in the battle, where he and his two heroic sons, Bhanumana and Ketumana, were slain by Bhimasena.
3. Following the Mahabharata War, a new Kshetriya dynasty governed Kalinga, with the Buddhist text 'Mahagovinda Suttanta' noting the swift restoration of Kalinga's glory and power.

How many of the statements given above are **NOT** correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

- **Kalinga** is known to be a powerful kingdom as early as the time of the Kurukshetra battle. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Srutayudha**, the king of Kalinga, joined the Kourava camp in the battle, where he and his two heroic sons, Bhanumana and Ketumana, were slain by Bhimasena. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Following the Mahabharata War, a new **Kshetriya dynasty** governed Kalinga, with the Buddhist text 'Mahagovinda Suttanta' noting the swift restoration of Kalinga's glory and power. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 16:

Regarding Mount Everest, consider the following statements:

1. It is known as Sagarmatha in Nepal and Mount Qomolangma in China.
2. It lies on the border between Nepal and Tibet and the summit can be accessed from both sides.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Mount Everest:

- It is known as **Sagarmatha** in Nepal and **Mount Qomolangma** in China. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It lies on the border between **Nepal and Tibet** and the summit can be accessed from both sides. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It gets its English name from **Sir George Everest**, a colonial-era geographer who served as the Surveyor General of India in the mid-19th century.

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Question 17:

Regarding the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), consider the following statements:

1. It has been designated as the 'Authority' under the Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation Rules), 2017 for regulation and development of the profession of valuers in the country.
2. It comprises ten members and is headed by the Minister of Corporate Affairs.
3. The Chairperson and members serve a term of five years or until they reach the age of sixty-five, whichever comes first, and they may be re-appointed.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):

- It has been designated as the **'Authority' under the Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation Rules), 2017** for regulation and development of the profession of valuers in the country. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - It **uniquely regulates both a profession and processes**, with oversight over Insolvency Professionals, Agencies, Entities, and Information Utilities.
- The Board is composed of a **Chairperson, three members from the Central Government** who are at least of the rank of a Joint Secretary, representing the Ministries of Finance, Corporate Affairs, and Law ex-officio, one member nominated by the RBI ex-officio, and five other members nominated by the Central Government, of which at least three must be whole-time members. It is **not headed** by the Minister of Corporate Affairs. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The Chairperson and members (excluding ex-officio members) serve a **term of five years** or until they reach the age of sixty-five, whichever comes first, and they may be re-appointed. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 18:

Consider the following statements:

1. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, provides a three-tier system of decentralized self-governance in rural areas while two-tier in urban areas.
2. It provides for the establishment of a panchayat at the village level for every village having a population of at least 500 persons.

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

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- The **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992**, known as the Panchayati Raj Act, introduces a three-tier system of decentralized self-governance in rural India outlined in **Part IX** of the Indian Constitution (Articles 243 to 243-O). **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
 - **Urban Bodies:** The **74th Amendment Act, 1992** has inserted a new Part IX-A into the Constitution which deals with the administration of Municipalities and Nagar Palikas. It consists of **Articles 243P to 243ZG**. It also added a new **twelfth schedule** to the Constitution.
- It provides for the establishment of a panchayat at the village level for every village having a population of at least 500 persons. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 19:

Regarding short selling, consider the following statements:

1. It involves investors borrowing and selling stocks or securities in anticipation of a price drop, with the intention of buying them back at a lower price.
2. Naked short selling is when stocks or securities are sold without arranging to borrow them or ensuring they can be borrowed.
3. SEBI has recently announced that while investors across all categories will be allowed to engage in short-selling, naked short-selling will not be permitted.

How many of the statements given above are **NOT** correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Short Selling:

- It involves **investors borrowing and selling stocks** or securities in anticipation of a price drop, with the intention of buying them back at a lower price. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Naked short selling** is when stocks or securities are sold without arranging to borrow them or ensuring they can be borrowed. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)** has recently announced that while investors across all categories will be allowed to engage in short-selling, naked short-selling will not be permitted. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 20:

Regarding the Governor, consider the following statements:

1. He can summon or prorogue the state legislature and dissolve the state legislative assembly.
2. He must address the state legislature at the commencement of the first session after each general election and the first session of each year.
3. He decides on the question of disqualification of members of the state legislature in consultation with the Election Commission.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Governor:

- **The governor** can summon or prorogue the state legislature and dissolve the state legislative assembly. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- He can **address the state legislature** at the commencement of the first session after each general election and the first session of each year. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- He decides on the **question of disqualification** of members of the state legislature in consultation with the Election Commission. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 21:

Consider the following pairs:

Disputes	Countries
1. Paracel Island	China, Taiwan, Vietnam
2. Scarborough Shoal	China, Philippines
3. Senkaku	India, China

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

1. 1 only
2. 1 and 2 only
3. 2 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Disputed Regions:

- **Paracel Island dispute** - Between China, Taiwan, and Vietnam. **Hence, pair 1 is correctly matched.**
- **Scarborough Shoal dispute** - Between China and the Philippines. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**
- **Senkaku or the Daioyu Islands dispute** - Between China and Japan in the East China Sea. **Hence, pair 3 is not correctly matched.**

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Question 22:

Consider the following:

Statement-I:The CharDham Pariyojana seeks to enhance connectivity to the Chardham pilgrimage centers in the Himalayas (Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri), ensuring safer, faster, and more convenient journeys.

Statement-II:Chardham Pariyojana will expand the highways that link pilgrimage sites, including the Tanakpur-Pithoragarh section of National Highway (NH) 125, which is part of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra route.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- The **CharDham Pariyojana** seeks to enhance connectivity to the Chardham pilgrimage centers in the Himalayas (Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri), ensuring safer, faster, and more convenient journeys. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- It will expand nearly 900 km of highways that link pilgrimage sites, including the **Tanakpur-Pithoragarh** section of **National Highway (NH) 125**, which is part of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra route. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option B is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 23:

Regarding the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It aims to comprehensively develop select villages in the northern borders of Arunachal Pradesh and the Union Territory of Ladakh only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP):

- The central government has approved Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 15th February, 2023. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It aims for the comprehensive development of the select villages in **46 blocks in 19 districts** of abutting the northern border in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and UT of Ladakh. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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Question 24:

Consider the following statements:

1. Article 76 of the Constitution of India establishes the office of the Attorney General (AG) for India, while Article 77 establishes the solicitor general of India.
2. In the performance of his duties, the Attorney General shall have the right of audience in all courts in the territory of India.
3. Under Article 88, the Attorney General has the right to speak, and participate in the proceedings of either House, any joint sitting of the Houses, and any committee of Parliament.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Attorney General:

- Only the **Attorney General's office** is established by the Constitution, as Article 76 does not

mention the **Solicitor General** or Additional Solicitor General. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**

- According to **Article 77**, all executive actions of the Government of India must be formally authorized in the name of the President.
- In the performance of his duties, the Attorney General shall have the right of audience in all courts in the territory of India. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Under Article 88, the Attorney General has the right to speak, and participate in the proceedings of either House, any joint sitting of the Houses, and any committee of Parliament. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 25:

Consider the following statements:

1. Special Drawing Rights(SDR) is an international currency developed by the International Monetary Fund.
2. Its value is based on a basket of five currencies—the US dollar, the Euro, the Chinese renminbi, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling.
3. The IMF reviews the SDR basket every five years, or earlier if warranted, to ensure that it reflects the relative importance of currencies in the world's trading and financial systems.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Special Drawing Rights(SDR):

- The Special Drawing Rights(**SDR**) is an international reserve asset and not a currency. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- Its value is based on a **basket of five currencies**—the US dollar, the euro, the Chinese renminbi, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The IMF reviews the SDR basket every five years, or earlier if warranted, to ensure that it reflects the relative importance of currencies in the world's trading and financial systems. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 26:

Regarding the Outer Space Treaty of 1967, consider the following statements:

1. The treaty prohibits countries from placing into orbit around the Earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction.
2. Due to the sovereignty issue, India has refused to be a party to the Outer Space Treaty.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Outer Space Treaty of 1967:

- The **treaty prohibits** countries from placing into orbit around the Earth “any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction”. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It also prohibits the stationing of such weapons on celestial bodies, like the moon, or in outer space. The moon and other celestial bodies shall be used by all state parties to the treaty exclusively for peaceful purposes.
- India is a party to the Outer Space Treaty. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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Question 27:

Port of Piraeus often seen in the news is located in which of the following countries?

1. Greece
2. China
3. Philippines
4. Turkey

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

- **Piraeus Port** is located at the **crossroads** of Europe, Asia, and Africa, being the natural port of Athens and Greece's main gateway.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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Question 28:

Regarding the Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1950, consider the following statements:

1. It lays down procedures for delimitation of constituencies.
2. It provides for the allocation of seats in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils of States.
3. It lays out the procedure for the preparation of electoral rolls and the manner of filling seats.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1950:

- It lays down procedures for delimitation of constituencies. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It provides for the allocation of seats in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils of States. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It lays out the procedure for the preparation of electoral rolls and the manner of filling seats. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 29:

Which of the following are part of the basic structure of the constitution:

1. Supremacy of the Constitution
2. Secular Character of the Constitution
3. Separation of powers
4. Federal character of the Constitution
5. Free and fair elections

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 1 and 3 only
3. 2,3 and 4 only
4. 1,2,3,4 and 5

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Basic structure of the constitution:

- Supremacy of the Constitution, Secular Character of the Constitution, Separation of powers, Federal character of the Constitution, Free and fair elections are all part of the basic structure of the Constitution.
- **Hence, option D is correct.**

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Question 30:

Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:The UN Convention to Combat Desertification is the only legally binding framework set up to address desertification and the effects of drought.

Statement-II:The UN Convention to Combat Desertification is one of three Conventions that originated at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

UN Convention to Combat Desertification:

- Established in 1994, it is the **sole legally binding** international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.
- It addresses specifically the arid, semi-arid, and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands, where some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and peoples can be found.
- The UN Convention to Combat Desertification is the **only legally binding framework** set up to address desertification and the effects of drought. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- The UN Convention to Combat Desertification is **one of three Conventions that originated at the 1992 Earth Summit** in Rio de Janeiro. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option B is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 31:

Navigating Troubled Waters Report was released by which of the following:

1. UNCTAD
2. World Bank
3. International Maritime Organization
4. None of the above

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

- Navigating Troubled Waters Report was released by **UNCTAD**.
 - It assesses the **impact on global trade** of disruption of shipping routes in the Red Sea, Black Sea, and Panama Canal.

Hence, option A is correct.

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Question 32:

Regarding Low Earth Orbit, consider the following statements:

1. This orbit is a Sun-synchronous orbit.
2. LEO has an altitude between 160 km to 1000 km above the Earth's surface.
3. The International Space Station (ISS) is placed in this orbit, traveling about 16 times around Earth per day.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Low Earth Orbit:

- This orbit is a Sun-synchronous orbit. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- LEO has an altitude between 160 km to 1000 km above the Earth's surface. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The **International Space Station (ISS)** is placed in this orbit, traveling about 16 times around Earth per day. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 33:

Regarding the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA), consider the following statements:

1. India will gain from Australia's preferential market access on 70% of tariff lines, especially in labor-intensive sectors like Gems and Jewellery, Textiles, Leather, etc.
2. India will grant Australia preferential access to 100% of its tariff lines, including raw materials and intermediaries like coal, mineral ores, and wines that are of export interest to Australia.
3. Australia has provided extensive commitments in approximately 135 sub-sectors and Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status in 120 sub-sectors, encompassing key areas of interest to India, regarding trade in services.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA):

- The India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA) **facilitates and**

- enhances trade** between both nations, encompassing nearly all tariff lines handled by them.
- India will gain from **Australia's preferential market** access on 100% tariff lines, especially in labor-intensive sectors like Gems and Jewellery, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Furniture, Food, Agriculture, Engineering, Medical Devices, and Automobiles. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
 - **India will grant Australia** preferential access on more than 70% of its tariff lines, including raw materials and intermediaries like coal, mineral ores, and wines that are of export interest to Australia. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - Australia has provided **extensive commitments** in approximately 135 sub-sectors and Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status in 120 sub-sectors, encompassing key areas of interest to India, regarding trade in services. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 34:

Regarding Unified Payments Interface (UPI), consider the following statements:

1. UPI, India's mobile-based payment system, was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India enabling 24/7 payments through a virtual payment address.
2. UPI integrates multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application, offering various banking services, seamless fund transfers, and merchant payments.
3. Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Iran, and France are the only countries where India has formally launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Unified Payments Interface (UPI):

- UPI, India's mobile-based payment system, was developed by the **National Payments Corporation of India** in 2016, enabling 24/7 payments through a virtual payment address. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- UPI integrates multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application, offering various banking services, seamless fund transfers, and merchant payments. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Bhutan, Nepal, UAE, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and France** are the only countries

where India has formally launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 35:

Regarding Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a flagship scheme with the objective of making clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to rural and deprived households.
2. The beneficiaries can also join the PAHAL scheme to receive the subsidy amount directly in their bank accounts.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana:

- It is a **flagship scheme** with the objective of making clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to rural and deprived households. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The beneficiaries can also join the **PAHAL scheme** to receive the subsidy amount directly in their bank accounts. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Beneficiaries must qualify under **SECC 2011 or SC/ST households**, PMAY, AAY, Forest dwellers, MBC, Tea/Ex-Tea Garden Tribes, River Island residents, or submit a 14-point declaration for consideration as a Poor household beneficiary.

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Question 36:

Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Higher Education Financing Agency aims to elevate India's premier institutions like IITs, IIITs, NITs, IISCs, and AIIMS to global prominence by enhancing their academic and infrastructure standards.

Statement-II: Higher Education Financing Agency provides financial assistance for the creation of capital assets in premier educational institutions in India.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Higher Education Financing Agency(HEFA):

- HEFA aims to elevate India's premier institutions like IITs, IIITs, NITs, IISCs, and AIIMS to global prominence by enhancing their **academic and infrastructure standards. Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- Higher Education Financing Agency provides **financial assistance** for the creation of capital assets in premier educational institutions in India. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**
- It is registered under Section 8 as a Not-for-profit under the **Companies Act 2013** as a Union Govt company.
- It is also registered as Non-deposit-taking Systemically Important (NBFC-ND-SI) with **RBI.**

Hence, option B is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 37:

Regarding Kuruvadweep Island, consider the following statements:

1. It is part of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
2. It is a densely populated river delta with rich flora and fauna, formed by a cluster of islets in the

middle of the River Kabini.

3. Its forest is home to various species of orchids, medicinal herbs, and migratory birds.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Kuruwadweep Island:

- **Kuruva Island**, also known as **Kuruva Dweep** located in **Wayanad**, Kerala is a beloved destination for adventurers and photographers, renowned for its tranquil atmosphere and scenic charm, with its uninhabited status providing a sanctuary for diverse wildlife. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- It is a densely populated river delta with rich flora and fauna, formed by a cluster of islets in the middle of the **River Kabini**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Its forest is home to various species of orchids, medicinal herbs, and migratory birds. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 38:

Regarding the Atlantic Charter, consider the following statements:

1. The Atlantic Charter was a joint declaration by the U.S. President and British Prime Minister in 1941 outlining their countries' war aims.
2. It was subsequently incorporated by reference in the Declaration of the United Nations in 1942.
3. A new version of the 80-year-old Atlantic Charter was recently signed by the US President and UK Prime Minister.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One

2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Atlantic Charter:

- The Atlantic Charter, issued on August 14, 1941, was a **joint declaration** by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, outlining their countries' war aims, following a meeting in Newfoundland. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It was subsequently incorporated by reference in the Declaration of the **United Nations** in 1942. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- A new version of the 80-year-old Atlantic Charter was recently signed again by the US President and UK Prime Minister. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 39:

Regarding Indian Space Policy, 2023 consider the following statements:

1. Indian National Space Promotion & Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) shall function as an autonomous Government organization, mandated to promote, hand-hold, guide, and authorize space activities in the country.
2. Non-governmental entities are permitted to conduct comprehensive space activities, including deploying space and ground assets under IN-SPACe regulations.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Indian Space Policy, 2023:

- **IN-SPACE** shall function as an **autonomous Government organization**, mandated to promote, hand-hold, guide, and authorize space activities in the country. For this purpose, IN-SPACE shall periodically issue guidelines and procedures that would among other things promote ease of doing business. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Non-governmental entities(NGEs)** are permitted to conduct **comprehensive space activities**, including deploying space and ground assets and offering services like communication, remote sensing, and navigation, under IN-SPACE regulations. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 40:

Consider the following statements:

1. A robust digital public infrastructure (DPI), comprises distinctive digital identification, a payments system, and an internet service provider.
2. India's DPI is privately provisioned public infrastructure, with technology driven by big tech, emphasizing a public interest layer enabling private sector innovation, forming a unique global ecosystem.
3. India's Modular Open Source Identity Platform(MOSIP), offers a robust, scalable platform for countries to create their foundational identity systems, enabling secure access to services from finance to welfare.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- A robust **digital public infrastructure (DPI)**, comprising distinctive digital identification, a

payments system, and a **data exchange layer**, holds the promise of driving economic transformation and fostering inclusive growth. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**

- India's DPI is privately provisioned **public infrastructure**, with technology driven by big tech, emphasizing a public interest layer enabling private sector innovation, forming a unique global ecosystem. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **MOSIP**, India's Modular Open Source Identity Platform, exemplifies the nation's dedication to open-source tech and inclusive digital identity solutions, offering a robust, **scalable platform** for countries to create their foundational identity systems, enabling secure access to services from finance to welfare. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 41:

Regarding the United Nations Human Rights Council, consider the following statements:

1. It is an inter-governmental body responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world.
2. It was established in 2006 by the United Nations General Assembly and replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.
3. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) serves as the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

United Nations Human Rights Council:

- The Human Rights Council is an **inter-governmental body** within the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Council, established in 2006 by the United Nations General Assembly, replaced the former **United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (**OHCHR**) serves as the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 42:

Regarding the Central Information Commission (CIC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body constituted under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
2. It consists of a Chief Information Commissioner and not more than ten Information Commissioners.
3. The appointments in CIC are made by the President on the recommendation of a committee headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Central Information Commission (CIC):

- **CIC is a statutory body** constituted under **section 12** of the Right to Information Act, 2005. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- CIC consists of a **Chief Information Commissioner** and not more than ten Information Commissioners. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- They are appointed by the **President** on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the **Prime Minister as Chairperson**, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 43:

Regarding Odysseus's lunar lander, consider the following statements:

1. The Odysseus lunar lander has achieved the first European Union moon landing in over 50 years.
2. The lunar lander is created to assess the conditions at the moon's south pole, aiding in the evaluation of factors like the amount of water and its accessibility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Odysseus's lunar lander:

- The **Odysseus lunar lander** has achieved the **first United States** moon landing in over 50 years, representing the inaugural presence of private space firms on the lunar landscape. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The lunar lander is created to assess the conditions at the **moon's south pole**, aiding in the evaluation of factors like the amount of water and its accessibility. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 44:

Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central sector scheme.
2. The chosen schools will serve as model institutions demonstrating all facets of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) and providing guidance to neighboring schools.
3. Under the scheme, schools are to be transformed into green schools, integrating eco-friendly features.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One

2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) Scheme:

- It is a **Centrally Sponsored scheme** announced in 2022. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The chosen schools will serve as **model institutions** demonstrating all facets of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) and providing guidance to neighboring schools. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The PM SHRI Schools will be transformed into **green schools**, integrating eco-friendly features. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 45:

'The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture: Systems at Breaking Point (SOLAW 2021)' Report, was released by which of the following:

1. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
2. World Bank
3. Global Land Coalition
4. ActionAid International

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

SOLAW 2021 Report:

- The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture: Systems at Breaking Point (SOLAW 2021) Synthesis Report was released by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**.
 - **SOLAW 2021** provides solutions away from the business-as-usual approach, injecting a **sense of urgency** in making the necessary transformation at the roots of the global food systems - water, land, and soils - and inspiring uptake by decision-makers at the global, regional, and national levels
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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Question 46:

Regarding the Finance Bill, consider the following statements:

1. While all Money Bills are Financial Bills, all Financial Bills are not Money Bills.
2. When there is a query regarding the categorization of a Finance bill as a money bill, the speaker of the house makes the final decision on the matter.
3. The Rajya Sabha cannot amend or reject the money bill, but it has the power to amend or reject the finance bill.

How many of the statements given above are **not** correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Finance Bill:

- While all Money Bills are Financial Bills, all Financial Bills are not Money Bills. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- When there is a query regarding the **categorization** of a Finance bill as a money bill, the **speaker** of the house makes the final decision on the matter. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Rajya Sabha **cannot amend** or reject the money bill, but it has the power to amend or reject the finance bill. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 47:

Regarding the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey, consider the following statements:

1. It is usually conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) every five years.
2. It seeks to produce estimates of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) and its distribution, separately for rural and urban sectors.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Household Consumption Expenditure Survey:

- It is usually conducted by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** every five years. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- This survey seeks to produce estimates of **Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE)** and its distribution, separately for rural and urban sectors, States and Union Territories, and various socio-economic groups. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 48:

Regarding Deflation, consider the following statements:

1. Deflation occurs when the inflation rate falls below zero, and prices generally decline throughout an economy.
2. It normally takes place during times of economic uncertainty when the demand for goods and services is lower, along with higher levels of unemployment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Deflation:

- **Deflation** is the economic term used to describe the **drop in prices** for goods and services. When prices fall, the inflation rate drops below 0%. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - Deflation slows down economic growth.
- It normally takes place during times of **economic uncertainty** when the demand for goods and services is lower, along with higher levels of unemployment. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 49:

Consider the following:

Statement-I:

India is a member of the World Trade Organisation but is not a member of any World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)- administered International Treaties or Conventions.

Statement-II:

Intellectual property rights (IPR) grant individuals exclusive control over their creative works, including inventions, artistic and literary pieces, as well as commercial symbols and images, for a specific duration.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I

3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

- India is a **member** of the **World Trade Organisation** and committed to the Agreement on **Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS Agreement)**.
 - India is also a member of many of the important **World Intellectual Property Organization(WIPO)**-administered International Treaties and Conventions relating to IPRs. **Hence, statement-I is not correct.**
- **Intellectual property rights (IPR)** are the rights given to persons over the creations of their minds: inventions, literary and artistic works, and symbols, names, and images used in commerce. They usually give the creator an exclusive right over the use of his/her creation for a certain period of time. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**
- **Hence, option D is correct because Statement-I is not correct and Statement-II is correct.**

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Question 50:

Consider the following:

Statement-I:

India legalized abortion, allowing termination of pregnancy through medical or surgical procedures, reflecting a pro-choice stance.

Statement-II:

India initiated the legalization of abortion by passing The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 (MTP Act 1971) based on the Shantilal Committee's recommendations.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Abortion:

- India **legalized abortion**, allowing termination of pregnancy through medical or surgical procedures, reflecting a pro-choice stance. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- India initiated the legalization of abortion by passing **The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971** (MTP Act 1971) based on the **Shantilal Committee's recommendations. Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option B is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 51:

C-Space, which was recently seen in the news is:

1. First-ever government-owned OTT platform in Kerala
2. A weather forecasting satellite launched by the ISRO
3. A UAV launched by the DRDO
4. None of the above

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

C-Space:

- **C-Space** is the **first state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform in India, owned** by the Kerala government.
 - The platform, built under the banner of the **Kerala State Film Development**

Corporation (KSFDC) using funds from the state government, has been envisaged to provide a fillip to award-winning films, short films, and documentaries as well as open possibilities for low-budget independent cinema to reach a wider audience.

Hence, option A is correct.

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Question 52:

Regarding the Defence Attache, consider the following statements:

1. It is a term encompassing personnel from all armed services, with larger countries potentially appointing attachés to represent specific service branches like the air force or navy.
2. Defence Attache is a military representative stationed at an embassy, representing their country's defence establishment abroad with diplomatic status and immunity.
3. India has the largest number of defence attache in the world.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Defence Attache:

- DA is a generic term that covers **personnel from all branches** of the armed services, although some larger countries may appoint an attaché to represent an individual service branch, such as an air force or naval attaché. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- A defence attaché (DA) is a **member of the armed forces** who serves in an embassy as a representative of his/her country's defence establishment abroad and, in this capacity enjoys the diplomatic status and immunity. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Currently, **India has 64 military attachés** abroad, but this number may increase to 70, which is seen as insufficient given the country's expanding interests, especially when compared to China, which has attachés in over 110 countries, the UK with about 145 attachés, and the US with even more. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 53:

Consider the following:

Statement-I:

The Indian Government in the Union Budget 2024-25 has launched a three-phase vaccination campaign for girls aged 9-14, targeting human papillomavirus (HPV) to reduce cervical cancer risk.

Statement-II-:

Almost all cases of cervical cancer (99%) are caused by high-risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV), a very common virus transmitted through sexual contact.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation**Cervical Cancer:**

- The Indian Government plans to launch a **three-phase vaccination campaign** for girls aged 9-14, targeting human papillomavirus (**HPV**) to reduce cervical cancer risk. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- Almost all cases of cervical cancer (99%) are caused by high-risk **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**, a very common virus transmitted through sexual contact. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option A is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 54:

Regarding the PM-Kisan Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme entails the direct transfer of Rs 6,000 annually, distributed in three equal parts, to the bank accounts of all landholding farmers, regardless of their land size.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India.
3. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

How many of the statements given above are **NOT** correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

PM-Kisan Scheme:

- The scheme entails the **direct transfer** of Rs 6,000 annually, distributed in three equal parts, to the bank accounts of all landholding farmers, regardless of their land size. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is a **Central Sector Scheme** with 100% funding from the Government of India. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It is being implemented by the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 55:

Regarding the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD), consider the following statements:

1. It is a strategic forum consisting of the United States, Japan, India, and Australia.
2. Recently the secretariat of the QUAD was inaugurated in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Quadrilateral Security Dialogue(QUAD):

- It is a **strategic forum** consisting of the United States, Japan, India, and Australia. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- All four nations find a common ground of being **democratic nations** and also support the common interest of unhindered maritime trade and security.
- It aims to ensure and support a “free, open, and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
- The Quad is a loose grouping rather than a formal alliance. It **does not** have a decision-making body or a **secretariat**, or a formal structure like NATO or the United Nations. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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Question 56:

Regarding the Tungabhadra River, consider the following statements:

1. Varada River and Hagari (Vedathy) River are two of its major tributaries.
2. It flows through the states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Tungabhadra River:

- It is a major river in the **south** Indian peninsula.
 - The name is derived from the merging of two rivers, Tunga and Bhadra.
- **Varada River and Hagari (Vedathy) River** are two of its major tributaries. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It flows through the states of **Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**



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Question 57:

Regarding the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, consider the following statements:

1. It allows the right to surrogacy to married, widowed, and single women.
2. It bans commercial surrogacy, which is punishable with a jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakhs.
3. The law allows only altruistic surrogacy where no money exchanges hands and where a surrogate mother is genetically related to those seeking a child.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021:

- Under the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, a woman who is a **widow or a divorcee** between the age of 35 to 45 years or a couple, defined as a **legally married woman** and man, can avail of surrogacy if they have a medical condition necessitating this option. It **doesn't allow single women** the option of surrogacy. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
 - The intended couple shall be a legally married Indian man and woman, the man shall be between the ages of 26-55 years and the woman shall be between the ages of 25-50 years, and shall not have any previous biological, adopted, or surrogate child.
- It also **bans commercial surrogacy**, which is punishable with a jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakhs. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The law allows only altruistic surrogacy where no money exchanges hands and where a surrogate mother is genetically related to those seeking a child. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 58:

The principle of Data Exclusivity often seen in the news is:

1. Protection is granted to pharmaceutical companies for a specific period of time generally after approval of a new drug by a regulatory authority.
2. The principle that data is a public good.
3. It envisages that the government is the sole authority to own data of the citizens of the country.
4. None of the above

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Principle of Data Exclusivity:

Principle of Data Exclusivity involves **safeguarding** clinical trial data submitted to **regulatory agencies** for new drug safety and efficacy, balancing the interests of innovator and generic drug

companies by granting exclusivity to innovators for a period to recoup their investment, after which generic companies can use the data for their own approvals, even if the patent is later invalidated.

Hence, option A is correct.

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Question 59:

Consider the following pairs:

1. In *SR Bommai v. Union of India* (1994), the Supreme Court affirmed that secularism and federalism are fundamental aspects of the Indian Constitution.
2. In the *Union of India v. Association for Democratic Reforms* (2002) case, the Right to Privacy was affirmed as a fundamental and inalienable right.
3. The Supreme Court, in *KheS. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* case, required the disclosure of candidates' personal information, such as assets, etc.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

- In **SR Bommai v. Union of India (1994)**, the Supreme Court affirmed that secularism and federalism are fundamental aspects of the Indian Constitution. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The SC, in **Union of India v. Association for Democratic Reforms (2002)** held that disclosure of the personal details of the candidates such as assets, educational qualifications and criminal antecedents should be disclosed while contesting elections. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The Supreme Court described privacy and its importance in the landmark decision of **K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India in 2017** that the right to Privacy is a fundamental and inalienable right and attaches to the person covering all information about that person and the choices that he/ she makes. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 60:

Regarding the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, consider the following statements:

1. It provided free and compulsory education to children in 2009 and enforced it as a fundamental right under Article 21-A.
2. The first official document on the Right to Education was the Ramamurti Committee Report in 1990.
3. The 96th amendment to the constitution of India in 2002, provided the Right to Education as a fundamental right in part III of the Constitution.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009:

- It provided **free and compulsory education** to children in 2009 and enforced it as a fundamental right under Article 21-A. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The first official document on the Right to Education was the **Ramamurti Committee** Report in 1990. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The **86th amendment** to the constitution of India in 2002, provided the Right to Education as a fundamental right in part III of the Constitution. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 61:

Regarding India-Greece relations, consider the following statements:

1. India's contact with Greece began over 2500 years ago.
2. Gandhara art, which flourished in the region of present-day Pakistan and Afghanistan, is believed to be a result of Indian and Greek influences.

3. India and Greece both took part in the multilateral exercise, INIOCHOS-23.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

India-Greece relations:

- India's contact with Greece began over **2500 years ago. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Gandhara art**, which flourished in the region of present-day Pakistan and Afghanistan, is believed to be a result of Indian and Greek influences. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- In the multilateral exercise, **INIOCHOS-23**, both India and Greece participated. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 62:

Consider the following:

1. While every Money Bill is a Financial Bill, not every Financial Bill is a Money Bill.
2. The Rajya Sabha lacks the authority to amend or reject money bills but possesses the power to amend or reject finance bills.
3. A Bill that addresses taxation or expenditure along with other topics would be classified as a Financial Bill.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three

4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

- While every **Money Bill is a Financial Bill**, not every Financial Bill is a Money Bill. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Rajya Sabha** lacks the authority to amend or reject money bills but possesses the power to amend or reject finance bills. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- A Bill that addresses **taxation or expenditure** along with other topics would be classified as a Financial Bill. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 63:

Regarding Nazool land, consider the following statements:

1. Nazool land is owned by the government but is most often not directly administered as state property.
2. The state generally allots such land to any entity on lease for a fixed period, generally between 15 and 99 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT** correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Nuzool land:

- Nazool land is **owned by the government** but is most often not directly administered as state property. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The state generally allots such land to **any entity** on lease for a fixed period, generally between 15 and 99 years. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The government generally uses Nazool land for public purposes like building schools, hospitals, Gram Panchayat buildings, etc.
- While several states have brought in government orders for the purpose of framing rules for Nazool land, The Nazool Lands (Transfer) Rules, 1956 is the law mostly used for Nazool land adjudication.

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Question 64:

Consider the following statements:

1. As per the Indian Constitution, only the RBI or the Central Government, authorized by the RBI Act, can draw, accept, make, or issue any bill of exchange or promissory note.
2. The Reserve Bank of India Act, of 1934 established the legal framework for the operations of the Bank, which began functioning in 1935.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Reserve Bank of India:

- **Section 31 of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act** says, “Only the RBI or the Central Government authorized by the RBI Act shall draw, accept, make, or issue any bill of exchange or promissory note for the payment of money to the bearers of the note or bond”. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934** provides the statutory basis for the functioning of the Bank, which commenced operations on April 1, 1935. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 65:

Regarding the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), consider the following statements:

1. It is an international organization founded in 1960 under the Stockholm Convention.
2. Membership in the European Union automatically confers membership in the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).
3. It is the largest customs union in the world.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

European Free Trade Association (EFTA):

- It is an international organization founded in 1960 under the **Stockholm Convention. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Membership in the European Union **does not** automatically confer membership in the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - EFTA, comprising Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland, has established an extensive network of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) covering over 60 countries and territories, including the European Union (EU).
- Unlike the EU, EFTA is **not a customs union**, allowing each EFTA State to independently establish customs tariffs and other foreign trade policies with non-EFTA States. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 66:

Regarding the Minimum Support Price(MSP), consider the following statements:

1. It is based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
2. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister of India makes the final decision on the level of MSPs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Minimum Support Price(MSP):

- The MSP is aimed at **ensuring remunerative prices** to growers for their produce and encouraging Crop Diversification.
- MSP is based on the recommendations of the **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)**, which considers various factors such as cost of production, demand and supply, market price trends, inter-crop price parity, etc. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** chaired by the Prime Minister of India takes the final decision (approve) on the level of MSPs. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 67:

Which of the following is part of Article 19(1) of the Constitution of India?

1. Right to freedom of speech and expression
2. Right to assemble peaceably and with arms
3. Right to form associations or unions or co-operative societies
4. Right to move freely throughout the territory of India
5. Right to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

1. 1 and 2 only

2. 1,3,4 and 5 only
3. 1,2,3,4 and 5 only
4. 4 and 5 only

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Article 19(1) :

- **Article 19** of the Constitution of India guarantees the **right to freedom of speech and expression** and is typically invoked against the state.
- According to **Article 19(1)** of The Constitution Of India, all citizens shall have the right:

- (a). to freedom of speech and expression;
- (b). to assemble peaceably and **without arms**;
- (c). to form associations or unions or co-operative societies;
- (d). to move freely throughout the territory of India;
- (e). to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India.
- (f). sub-clause (f) shall be omitted
- (g). to practice any profession, or to carry on any occupation, trade, or business.

Hence, option B is correct.

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Question 68:

Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Bar Council of India (BCI) regulates the legal profession by setting conduct standards, exercising disciplinary authority over lawyers, and accrediting universities for legal education.

Statement-II: The Bar Council of India (BCI) is a statutory body established under the Advocates Act 1961.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

The Bar Council of India (BCI):

- It regulates the **legal profession** by setting conduct standards, exercising disciplinary authority over lawyers, and accrediting universities for legal education. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- It is a **statutory body** established under the **Advocates Act 1961** to regulate and represent the Indian Bar. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option B is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 69:

Regarding Uniform Civil Code (UCC), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to replace fragmented personal laws with a single law applicable to all religious communities, governing personal matters like marriage, divorce, inheritance, etc.
2. As per Article 44 of the Constitution, the State shall endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens throughout the territory of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT** correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Uniform Civil Code(UCC):

- A **Uniform Civil Code** aims to **replace fragmented personal laws** with a single law applicable to all religious communities, governing personal matters like marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- As per **Article 44** of the Constitution, the State shall endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens throughout the territory of India. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 70:

Consider the following statements:

1. The Companies Act, 2013 governs the tax treatment of political parties and their donors.
2. The Income Tax Act of 1961 regulates corporate donations to political parties.
3. Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013 was notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

- **Companies Act, 2013:** The Companies Act **regulates corporate donations** to political parties, specifying the maximum amount a company can contribute, and mandates disclosure of political contributions in financial statements. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **Income Tax Act, 1961:** The Income Tax Act **governs the tax treatment** of political parties and their donors. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - Political parties need to comply with tax regulations, and individuals or entities making

political donations may be eligible for tax benefits under certain conditions.

- **Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013:** It was notified by the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**
 - An Electoral Trust is a Trust set up by companies with the sole objective to distribute the contributions received by it from other Companies and individuals to the political parties.

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Question 71:

Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Representation of the People Act, of 1951, outlines rules for elections in India, covering election expenses, contributions, and account maintenance.

Statement-II: The election process in India is state-funded.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

The Representation of the People Act, 1951:

- **Representation of the People Act, 1951:** The RPA Act outlines the **rules and regulations** regarding elections in India, including provisions related to the declaration of election expenses, contributions, and the maintenance of accounts. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- The election process in India is not state-funded. **Hence, statement-II is not correct.**

Hence, option C is correct because Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is not correct.

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Question 72:

Regarding the Finance Commission, consider the following statements:

1. The Finance Commission in India is a permanent body under the Indian Constitution.
2. Its primary function is to recommend the distribution of financial resources between the central government and the state governments.
3. The 15th Finance Commission recommended establishing a Modernisation Fund for Defence and Internal Security (MFDIS).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Finance Commission:

- The Finance Commission in India is a **constitutional body** established under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution. It is **not a permanent body**. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct**.
- Its primary function is to recommend the **distribution of financial resources** between the central government and the state governments. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- The **15th Finance Commission** suggested establishing a **Modernisation Fund for Defence and Internal Security (MFDIS)**, non-lapsable and funded primarily through the Consolidated Fund of India and other sources. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

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Question 73:

Consider the following statements:

1. Egypt was the first Arab State to sign a peace deal with Israel in 1979.
2. Saudia Arabia became the third Arab nation to recognize Israel after Egypt and Jordan.
3. The Abraham Accord involves the establishment of embassies and cooperation between the UAE,

Bahrain, and Israel in various sectors such as tourism, trade, healthcare, and security.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- **Egypt** was the first **Arab State** to sign a peace deal with Israel in 1979. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **UAE** became the **third Arab nation** to recognize Israel after Egypt and Jordan. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The **Abraham Accord** involves the establishment of embassies, exchange of ambassadors, and cooperation between the UAE, Bahrain, and Israel in various sectors such as tourism, trade, healthcare, and security. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 74:

Article 142 of the Constitution, which was recently seen in the news is best described as:

1. Original Jurisdiction of Supreme Court
2. Power of the Supreme Court to do complete justice
3. Advisory Jurisdiction of Supreme Court
4. Writ Jurisdiction of Supreme Court

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Article 142:

- **Article 142** of the Indian constitution is a provision that empowers the **Supreme Court** to pass any decree or order necessary for doing **complete justice** in any case or matter pending before it.
 - It also makes such a decree or order enforceable throughout the **territory of India**.

Hence, option B is correct.

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Question 75:

Regarding the National Health Authority (NHA), consider the following statements:

1. It is the apex body responsible for implementing the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY).
2. It is an attached office of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with full functional autonomy.
3. It is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Secretary, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

National Health Authority (NHA):

- It is the **apex body** responsible for implementing AB PM-JAY. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is an **attached office** of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with full functional autonomy. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- NHA is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the **Union Minister** for Health and Family Welfare. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

Question 76:

Consider the following:

Statement-I: The Eco Niwas Samhita establishes minimum performance standards for building envelopes to regulate heat gains and heat loss and ensure sufficient natural ventilation and daylighting potential.

Statement-II: Approximately 75% of the building sector's total electricity consumption is attributed to residential buildings, with a significant and continuous increase in their gross electricity consumption over time.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- The **Eco Niwas Samhita** (Part I: Building Envelope) establishes **minimum performance standards** for building envelopes to regulate heat gains in cooling-dominated climates, heat loss in heating-dominated climates, and ensure sufficient natural ventilation and daylighting potential. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- Approximately 75% of the building sector's total electricity consumption is attributed to **residential buildings**, with a significant and continuous increase in their gross electricity consumption over time. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option B is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

Question 77:

Consider the following:

Statement-I: Recently phone exports from India crossed the \$5 billion mark, making India the world's largest exporter of mobile phones.

Statement-II: National Policy on Electronics 2019 (NPE 2019), proposed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) envisions positioning India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM).

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

- Though India's exports recently crossed \$5 billion, **still it lags behind** many countries such as China, South Korea, Vietnam, etc. **Hence, statement-I is not correct.**
- **National Policy on Electronics 2019** (NPE 2019), proposed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) envisions positioning India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM). **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option D is correct because Statement-I is not correct and Statement-II is correct.

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Question 78:

Regarding Fair and Remunerative Prices(FRP), consider the following statements:

1. FRP is the price declared by the government, which mills are legally bound to pay to farmers for the cane procured from them.
2. Payment of FRP across the country is governed by the Sugarcane Control Order, 1966 issued under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955

3. FRP is based on the M.S.Swaminathan report on reorganizing the sugarcane industry.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP):

- FRP is the price **declared by the government**, which mills are legally bound to pay to farmers for the cane procured from them. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Sugarcane Control order governs the payment of FRP across the country, 1966 issued under the **Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The FRP is based on the **Rangarajan Committee report** on reorganizing the sugarcane industry. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 79:

Consider the following statements:

1. National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation is a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India.
2. The company aims to facilitate efficient and safe transport regionally with South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) member countries, with funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 only
2. 2 only

3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

- National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation is a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The company aims to enhance road connectivity and efficiency of the international trade corridor by expanding approximately 500 kilometers of roads in North Bengal and the Northeastern region of India, facilitating efficient and safe transport regionally with other **South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)** member countries, with funding from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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Question 80:

Consider the following statements:

1. A cryogenic engine, or cryogenic stage, represents the ultimate phase of a space launch vehicle utilizing cryogenic technology.
2. The cryogenic engine utilizes Liquid Oxygen (LOX) and Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) as propellants, which become liquid at very low temperatures.
3. Liquid propellants like oxygen and hydrogen offer very little energy per unit mass, increasing the fuel load on rockets.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- A cryogenic engine, or cryogenic stage, represents the **ultimate phase** of a space launch vehicle utilizing cryogenic technology. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The cryogenic engine utilizes Liquid Oxygen (LOX) and Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) as propellants, which become **liquid** at very low temperatures. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Liquid propellants like oxygen and hydrogen offer **significant energy** per unit mass, thereby **reducing** the fuel load on rockets. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 81:

Regarding INSAT-3DS Satellite, consider the following statements:

1. INSAT-3DS Satellite is a follow-on mission of Third Generation Meteorological Satellite from Geostationary Orbit.
2. It is fully funded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
3. It is designed for enhanced meteorological observations and monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting and disaster warning.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

INSAT-3DS Satellite:

- **INSAT-3DS Satellite** is a follow-on mission of Third Generation Meteorological Satellite from **Geostationary Orbit. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is **fully funded** by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It is designed for enhanced meteorological observations and monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for **weather forecasting** and disaster warning. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 82:

Consider the following statements:

1. Article 48A of the Constitution specifies that the State shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and safeguard the country's forests and wildlife.
2. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 enactment originates in the Stockholm Conference, a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.
3. The Environment (Protection) Act, of 1986 was enacted under Article 256 of the Indian Constitution which provides for the enactment of legislation for giving effect to international agreements.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- **Article 48A** of the Constitution specifies that the State shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and safeguard the country's forests and wildlife. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Environment (Protection) Act, 1986** enactment finds its origins in the Stockholm Conference, a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in June 1972. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Environment (Protection) Act, of 1986 was enacted under **Article 253** of the Indian Constitution which provides for the enactment of legislation for giving effect to international agreements. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 83:

Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

The primary aim of the Forest (Conservation) Act, of 1980, is to control the unrestricted conversion of forest lands for non-forest purposes and to uphold a rational equilibrium between the nation's developmental requirements and the preservation of its natural heritage.

Statement-II:

Under the provisions of this Act, prior approval of the Central Government is essential for the diversion of forest lands for non-forestry purposes.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Forest (Conservation) Act, of 1980:

The primary aim of the Forest (Conservation) Act, of 1980, is to control the **unrestricted conversion of forest lands** for non-forest purposes and to uphold a rational equilibrium between the nation's developmental requirements and the preservation of its natural heritage. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**

Under the provisions of this Act, **prior approval** of the Central Government is essential for the diversion of forest lands for non-forestry purposes. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**

Hence, option B is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 84:

Regarding the Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC), consider the following statements:

1. It is an independent self-regulatory body for online curated content providers (OCCPs).
2. It has been set up under the aegis of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 1 only
2. 2 only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC):

- The Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council(DPCGC) is an **independent self-regulatory body** for online curated content providers (OCCPs). **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It was set up under the aegis of **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)**, in June 2021. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- DPCGC aims to establish a **redressal mechanism** that balances addressing viewer complaints with showcasing content in a free-speech environment, avoiding ad-hoc interventions.

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Question 85:

Regarding the RTI Act of 2005, consider the following statements:

1. It covers all entities established under the Constitution, laws, and government notifications.
2. All private bodies, which are owned, controlled, or even substantially financed by the Government are exempted from the act.
3. The Central Information Commission is a statutory body established under the Right to Information Act of 2005.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three

4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Right to Information Act, 2005:

- **All entities** established under the Constitution, laws, or government notifications, and all entities, including NGOs, that are government-owned, controlled, or substantially financed, are included in the act. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- All private bodies, which are owned, controlled or substantially financed by the Government are **directly covered under the act. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The **Central Information Commission** is a statutory body established under the Right to Information Act of 2005. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 86:

Environmental Performance Index, is released by which of the following:

1. World Economic Forum
2. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
3. Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)
4. Earth System Governance Project (ESGP)

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Environmental Performance Index:

- The 2022 **Environmental Performance Index (EPI)** provides a data-driven summary of the state of sustainability around the world. Using 40 performance indicators across 11 issue categories, the EPI ranks 180 countries on climate change performance, environmental health, and ecosystem vitality.

- These indicators provide a **gauge at a national scale** of how close countries are to established environmental policy targets. The EPI offers a scorecard that highlights leaders and laggards in environmental performance and provides practical guidance for countries that aspire to move toward a sustainable future.
- The **EPI, a biennial index**, was started in 2002 as the Environmental Sustainability Index by the **World Economic Forum** in collaboration with the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Columbia University Center for International Earth Science Information Network.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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Question 87:

Consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is responsible for managing India's environmental and forest policies excluding the Coastal Regulatory Zone.
2. The Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, aims to regulate different development projects in the country according to their potential environmental impacts.
3. The Central Government has the authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to issue Coastal Regulation zones.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- The **Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC)** is the Nodal Agency in the Central Government for overseeing the implementation of India's environmental and forest policies and programmes related to the country's natural resources including lakes and rivers, its biodiversity, Coastal Regulatory Zone forest and wildlife, ensuring welfare of animals and prevention and abatement of pollution. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The **Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006**, was designed to oversee development projects in India by evaluating their environmental impacts, and it has since undergone multiple amendments to strike a balance between development and environmental preservation. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Central Government, utilizing authority granted by the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29

of 1986), issued **Coastal Regulation Zone Notifications in 2011 and 2019**, designating specific coastal stretches as Coastal Regulation Zones and imposing restrictions on industrial activities to conserve the environment, ensure livelihood security for coastal communities, and foster sustainable development. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 88:

Consider the following statements:

1. Fundamental Rights are justiciable as they can be enforced legally by the courts if there is a violation.
2. If a law violates fundamental rights, the courts cannot declare it invalid and unconstitutional; they can only request Parliament to amend the law.
3. During a national emergency, fundamental rights can be suspended except for those guaranteed under Articles 20 and 21.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

- **Fundamental Rights** are justiciable as they can be enforced legally by the courts if there is a violation. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- If there is a law that violates fundamental rights then the courts can declare it as invalid and unconstitutional in line with Article 13 of the Constitution of India. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- During a **national emergency**, fundamental rights can be suspended except for those guaranteed under Articles 20 and 21. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 89:

Regarding Lord Mahavira, consider the following statements:

1. Mahavira belonged to the Ikshvaku dynasty.
2. Mahavira and his followers communicated their teachings in Prakrit, enabling ordinary people to comprehend them easily.
3. Mahavira introduced the concept of Brahmacharya (Celibacy/Chastity) among the five teachings of Jainism.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

Lord Mahavira:

- **Mahavira** belonged to the **Ikshvaku dynasty**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Mahavira and his followers communicated their teachings in Prakrit, enabling ordinary people to comprehend them easily. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Jainism** advocates the observance of **five Mahavratas**, namely Ahimsa (Non-violence), Satya (Truth), Asteya or Acharya (Non-stealing), Aparigraha (Non-attachment/Non-possession), and Brahmacharya (Celibacy/Chastity).
 - Mahavira introduced the concept of **Brahmacharya (Celibacy/Chastity)** among the five teachings of Jainism. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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Question 90:

Regarding India-UAE relations, consider the following statements:

1. The UAE is now India's third-largest trading partner, India's second-largest export destination, and India's fourth-largest source of FDI.
2. UAE is the second country after the United States, and India has both a trade and an investment agreement.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT** correct?

1. 1 Only
2. 2 Only
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

India-UAE Relations:

- The UAE is now India's third-largest trading partner, India's second-largest export destination, and India's fourth-largest source of FDI. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **UAE is the only country** in which India has both a trade and an investment agreement. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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Question 91:

Consider the following pairs:

Location	Country
1. Crete Island	Greece
2. Sagaing	Myanmar
3. Nusantara	Indonesia

How many of the above-given pairs are correctly matched?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 3

Explanation

- **Crete** is the largest island in **Greece** and the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. **Hence, pair 1 is correctly matched.**
- **Sagaing Region** is an administrative region of **Myanmar**, located in the north-western part of the country. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**
- **Nusantara** is one of the major cities **of Indonesia**. **Hence, pair 3 is correctly matched.**

Hence, option C is correct.

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Question 92:

Consider the following:

Statement-I:

Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), a zoonotic illness, is colloquially referred to as “monkey disease” due to its link with monkey fatalities.

Statement-II:

It is caused by the Kyasanur Forest Disease Virus (KFDV), which primarily affects humans and monkeys.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

1. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I
2. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
3. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
4. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD):

- Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), a **zoonotic illness**, is colloquially referred to as “monkey disease” due to its link with monkey fatalities. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- It is caused by the Kyasanur Forest disease Virus (KFDV), which primarily affects humans and monkeys. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**
- It was first identified in **1957** in a sick monkey from the Kyasanur Forest in Karnataka. Since then, between 400-500 human cases per year have been reported.

Hence, option A is correct because both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement I.

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Question 93:

Regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP), consider the following statements:

1. The central government notifies MSP for 23 crops every year before the Kharif and Rabi seasons based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.
2. It acts as a reference price at which the government and its agencies procure certain food grains from farmers.
3. MSP is mandatory for the purchase of food grains by private traders or companies as well.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 2

Explanation

Minimum Support Price(MSP):

- The central government notifies **MSP for 23 crops** every year before the Kharif and Rabi seasons based on the recommendations of the **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)**, an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - These crops include food grains such as cereals, coarse grains, and pulses. However, public

procurement is largely limited to a few foodgrains such as paddy (rice), wheat, and, to a limited extent, pulses

- It acts as a **reference price** at which the government and its agencies procure certain food grains from farmers. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- MSP is **not mandatory** for the purchase of food grains by private traders or companies. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 94:

Regarding the Free Movement Regime (FMR), consider the following statements:

1. It aimed to facilitate local border trade, improve access to education and healthcare for border residents, and strengthen diplomatic ties.
2. India has this mechanism with Bangladesh, Nepal, and Myanmar.
3. While the Free Movement Regime has been recently suspended with Myanmar but will continue with Bangladesh and Nepal.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

Free Movement Regime (FMR):

- It aimed to facilitate **local border trade**, improve access to education and healthcare for border residents, and strengthen diplomatic ties. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- India has this mechanism with **only Myanmar**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- Recently Indian Home Minister announced that the "Free Movement Regime" (FMR) in place in Indian States bordering Myanmar from 2018 would be **scrapped** and that the India-Myanmar border be fenced. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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Question 95:

Consider the following pairs:

Tribes	Place
1. Chin	Rajasthan
2. Kuki	Manipur
3. Mizos	Mizoram

Which of the pairs given above is/are **NOT** correctly matched?

1. 1 Only
2. 1 and 2 Only
3. 2 and 3 only
4. 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer : 1

Explanation

- The **Chin people** are an ethnic group native to the Chin State and Rakhine State of **Myanmar**. **Hence, pair 1 is not correctly matched.**
- **Kukis** are an ethnic tribe found in the state of **Manipur**. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**
- The **Mizo people**, historically recorded as the Lushais, are an ethnic group native to the state of **Mizoram** in India and neighboring states of Northeast India. **Hence, pair 3 is correctly matched.**
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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Question 96:

Greece is bordered by which of the following:

1. Albania
2. North Macedonia
3. Bulgaria
4. Turkey

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 1, 2 and 3 only
3. 2, 3, and 4 only
4. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer : 4

Explanation

Greece:

- Greece is one of the oldest civilizations in the world and is considered the cradle of Western civilization. It is the birthplace of democracy, philosophy, theater, and the Olympic Games.
- **Greece** is a country in southern Europe with a long coastline on the Mediterranean Sea. It is bordered by **Albania, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, and Turkey**.
 - Hence, option D is correct.



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