



## Editorial Quiz (March 2024) - Part II

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### Question 1:

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP) provides foundational datasets from central and state government entities in machine-readable formats, along with a user-friendly interface and powerful analytics.

**Statement-II:** NDAP aims to address current limitations in using government data by leveraging extensive research on user demands, skills, and challenges.

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

#### National Data and Analytics Platform(NDAP):

- The NITI Aayog, along with ministries and state governments, introduced the NDAP, an innovative open data platform.
- National Data and Analytics Platform(NDAP) provides **foundational datasets** from central and state government entities in machine-readable formats, along with a user-friendly interface and powerful analytics. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**

- NDAP aims to **address current limitations** in using government data by leveraging extensive research on user demands, skills, and challenges. **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 2:

Gelephu Smart City Project is related to which of the country:

1. Bhutan
2. Nepal
3. Sri Lanka
4. China

**Correct Answer : 1**

### Explanation

#### Gelephu Smart City Project:

- **Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC)** is a planned 1,000-square-kilometer **carbon-neutral city** in Bhutan, focusing on eco-friendly industries like IT, education, hotels, and hospitals, as part of the country's economic diversification efforts beyond hydropower and tourism to tackle challenges like youth outmigration.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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### Question 3:

Regarding the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), consider the following statements:

1. It involves the accreditation programme for Certification Bodies, standards for organic production, promotion of organic farming, etc.
2. It is implemented by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

(APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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**

#### **National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP):**

- It involves the accreditation programme for Certification Bodies, standards for organic production, promotion of organic farming, etc. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is implemented by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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#### **Question 4:**

Regarding Nano Urea, consider the following statements:

1. It is developed and patented by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).
2. Compared to conventional urea prill, Nano Urea has a desirable particle size of about 5-10 nm and less surface area.
3. It is produced by an energy-efficient, environment-friendly production process with less carbon footprints.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

4. None

**Correct Answer : 2**

## Explanation

### Nano Urea:

- It is developed and patented by the **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Compared to conventional urea prill, Nano Urea has a desirable particle size of about 20-50 nm and more surface area. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- It is produced by an energy-efficient, environment-friendly production process with less carbon footprints. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 5:

Regarding the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), consider the following statements:

1. Established in 1986 under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), it serves as a repository of information on crime and criminals.
2. It was set up based on the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission.
3. The National Digital Police Portal, launched by the NCRB, facilitates police officers in searching for criminals or suspects on the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems(CCTNS) database.

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 Crime Records Bureau (NCRB):

- Established in 1986 under the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**, Government of India, it serves as a repository of information on crime and criminals. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It was established following the advice of the **Tandon Committee**, the National Police Commission (1977-1981), and the Task Force of the Home Ministry. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The **National Digital Police Portal**, launched by the NCRB, facilitates police officers in searching for criminals or suspects on the CCTNS database and provides citizens with services like online complaint filing. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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## Question 6:

Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:**The Mahad Satyagraha is considered to be the foundational event of the Dalit movement.

**Statement-II:**Mahad Satyagraha was led by Mahatma Gandhi.

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

### Mahad Satyagraha:

- The Mahad Satyagraha is considered to be the **foundational event** of the Dalit movement. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
  - **Before** the Mahad Satyagraha, anti-caste protests, although existing, had been **mostly localized** and sporadic, making this event the first instance of the community collectively displaying its resolve to reject the caste system and assert their human rights.
- **Babasaheb Ambedkar** most notable achievement was energizing the Dalit emancipation movement, awakening their consciousness and driving their quest for political influence, with the

Mahad Satyagraha of 1927 marking a pivotal moment under Ambedkar's leadership. **Hence, statement-II is incorrect.**

**Hence, option C is correct because Statement-I is correct and Statement-II is incorrect.**

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### Question 7:

Regarding the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), consider the following statements:

1. The Act aims to prevent money laundering and allows for the confiscation of assets obtained from or used in money laundering.
2. The Enforcement Directorate (ED), a part of the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance, is tasked with investigating money laundering offenses.

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

#### Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA):

- The Act aims to **prevent money laundering** and allows for the confiscation of assets obtained from or used in money laundering. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Enforcement Directorate (ED), a part of the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance, is tasked with investigating money laundering offences as per the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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### Question 8:

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:**The primary aim of the Right to Information Act,2005 is to enable citizens to access information, fostering transparency and accountability in governmental operations.

**Statement-II:**The Right To Information, 2005 is derived from the fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression under Article 19 of the Constitution.

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**

#### **Right to Information Act:**

- The primary aim of the **Right to Information Act,2005** is to enable citizens to access information, fostering transparency and accountability in governmental operations. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- Right To Information,2005 is derived from the **fundamental right** of freedom of speech and expression under Article 19 of the Constitution. **Hence, statement-II is correct.**
  - It was declared as a part of Art 19 in **Raj Narain vs State of UP case**

**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 9:**

Regarding Siliguri Corridor, consider the following statements:

1. It is a narrow stretch of land located in the West Bengal, that connects India's northeastern states to the rest of India.
2. It borders Nepal, Bangladesh, and the Kingdom of Bhutan.



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

#### Siliguri Corridor:

- It is a narrow stretch of land located in the **West Bengal**, that connects India's northeastern states to the rest of India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It borders Nepal, Bangladesh, and the Kingdom of Bhutan. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**



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#### Question 10:

Regarding the Persian Gulf, consider the following statements:

1. Situated in Western Asia, it forms a segment of the Indian Ocean.
2. It is an extension of the Gulf of Oman and connects to the Indian Ocean via the Strait of Hormuz in



the east.

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

### Persian Gulf:

- Situated in Western Asia, it forms a segment of the Indian Ocean. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is an extension of the Gulf of Oman and connects to the Indian Ocean via the Strait of Hormuz in the east. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**



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### Question 11:

Regarding Tuberculosis (TB), consider the following statements:

1. TB, primarily affecting the lungs, is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
2. It is not a curable but preventable disease.
3. People with weakened immune systems, like those with HIV, malnutrition, diabetes, or who use tobacco, are at a significantly higher risk of getting sick.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### Explanation

#### Tuberculosis (TB):

- TB, primarily affecting the lungs, is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is a curable and preventable disease. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- People with weakened immune systems, like those with HIV, malnutrition, diabetes, or who use tobacco, are at a significantly higher risk of getting sick. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 12:

Regarding Governor consider the following statements:

1. All executive actions of the government of a state are formally taken in his name.
2. He appoints the chief minister and other ministers.
3. He serves as the chancellor and appoints vice-chancellors of state universities.

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**

#### **Governor:**

- All executive actions of the government of a state are formally taken in his name. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- He appoints the chief minister and other ministers. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- He serves as the chancellor and appoints vice-chancellors of state universities. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 13:**

The World Social Protection Report is released by which of the following?

1. International Labour Organisation (ILO)
2. World Bank
3. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
4. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Correct Answer : 1**

### **Explanation**

#### **World Social Protection Report:**

- Recently, the International **Labour Organization** report titled '**World Social Protection Report 2020-22**' has revealed that globally, 4.1 billion people are living without any social safety net of any kind.
- The report highlighted that the pandemic response was uneven and insufficient. Thereby, Covid-19 has further underscored the critical importance of achieving universal social protection.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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#### Question 14:

Regarding CERT-In, consider the following statements:

1. CERT-In, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, is a national nodal agency for managing cyber security threats like hacking and phishing.
2. CERT-In comes under the ambit of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

##### CERT-In:

- CERT-In, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, is a national nodal agency for managing cyber security threats like hacking and phishing. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- CERT-In **operates outside the scope** of the RTI Act, 2005 limiting public access to information about its activities and functioning. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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#### Question 15:

Regarding Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), consider the following statements:

1. The government provides an additional 5 kg of free food grains per month to families covered by the National Food Security Act, in addition to the subsidized ration.
2. The scheme is limited only to Households led by widows, terminally ill individuals, disabled individuals, or those aged 60 years or older without guaranteed income or community backing.

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**

#### **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY):**

- The government provides an additional 5 kg of free food grains per month to families covered by the National Food Security Act, in addition to the subsidized ration. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Apart from Households led by widows, terminally ill individuals, disabled individuals, or those aged 60 years or older without guaranteed income or community backing the scheme also covers other groups such as All the citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line families, etc. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 16:**

Regarding National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), consider the following statements:

1. The Act provides legal entitlement for subsidized food grains to 100% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population under the Targeted Public Distribution System.
2. Under the Act, the household's eldest woman aged 18 years or older is required to be the head of the household for issuing ration cards.
3. Under the Act, the Centre allocates food grains, while States/UTs are accountable for implementing the Act.

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 Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA):**

- The Act provides legal entitlement for subsidized food grains to **75% of the rural** population and 50% of the urban population under the Targeted Public Distribution System. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- Under the Act, the household's eldest woman aged 18 years or older is required to be the head of the household for issuing ration cards. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Under the Act, the Centre allocates food grains, while States/UTs are accountable for implementing the Act. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 17:**

Regarding PIB's Fact Check Unit, consider the following statements:

1. It was notified under the IT Rules of 2021.
2. Only queries related to the Government of India are considered actionable, while others are considered irrelevant for action.
3. It is headed by the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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



**Correct Answer : 2**

## **Explanation**

### **PIB's Fact Check Unit:**

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology recently notified the inclusion of the Press Information Bureau's Fact Check Unit under the **IT Rules of 2021**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Only queries related to the Government of India are considered actionable, while others are considered irrelevant for action. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- A **senior DG/ADG level officer** of the Indian Information Service (IIS) heads it, with day-to-day operations managed by IIS officers at different levels. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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### **Question 18:**

Consider the following statements:

1. The Paris Agreement in 2015 introduced the concept of a Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), a parallel to the global mitigation goal aimed at limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C.
2. While mitigation progress can be measured using a single metric, adaptation necessitates a more intricate evaluation method.
3. The Glasgow-Sharm El-Sheikh Work Programme on the Global Goal on Adaptation, was launched during COP28.

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 **Paris Agreement in 2015** introduced the concept of a **Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)**,

a parallel to the global mitigation goal aimed at limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

- While mitigation progress can be measured using a single metric, adaptation necessitates a more intricate evaluation method. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The **Glasgow-Sharm El-Sheikh Work Programme** on the Global Goal on Adaptation, initiated at **COP26**, set forth a series of workshops and negotiations to establish an operational framework for the GGA by COP28. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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### Question 19:

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:**China-Pakistan Economic Corridor(CPEC) is a part of the Belt and Road Initiative.

**Statement-II:**The Belt and Road Initiative aims to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Gulf region, Africa, and Europe with a network of land and sea routes.

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

- China-Pakistan Economic Corridor(CPEC) is a part of the Belt and Road Initiative. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- The Belt and Road Initiative aims to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Gulf region, Africa, and Europe with a network of land and sea routes. **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 20:

Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** UN-Water is a coordinating body comprising United Nations entities (Members) and international organizations (Partners) focusing on water and sanitation matters.

**Statement-II:** There is no single United Nations Agency, Fund, or Programme dedicated exclusively to water issues.

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-Water:

- UN-Water is a **coordinating body** comprising United Nations entities (Members) and international organizations (Partners) focusing on water and sanitation matters. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- There is **no single** United Nations Agency, Fund, or Programme dedicated exclusively to water issues. **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 21:

World Water Development Report (WWDR) is released by which of the following:

1. UNESCO
2. World Meteorological Organization
3. World Bank
4. IPCC

**Correct Answer : 1**

### **Explanation**

#### **World Water Development Report (WWDR):**

- The **UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme** coordinates the production of the World Water Development Report (WWDR) for UN-Water, which **UNESCO** then publishes, unveiling annually on World Water Day, celebrated on **22<sup>nd</sup> March**.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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#### **Question 22:**

Regarding Mission Amrit Sarovar, consider the following statements:

1. The Mission is aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of a celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
2. It would lead to the creation of 50,000 water bodies of a size of about an Acre or more.
3. The Mission encourages the mobilization of citizen and non-government resources to supplement these efforts.

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**

### **Mission Amrit Sarovar:**

- Amrit Sarovar Mission was launched on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 with a view to conserve water for the future.
- The Mission is aimed at **developing and rejuvenating** 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of a celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It would lead to the creation of 50,000 water bodies of a size of about an Acre or more. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Mission encourages the **mobilization** of citizen and non-government resources to supplement these efforts. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### **Question 23:**

Regarding Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Core Scheme) launched in 2015.
2. It is an umbrella scheme that includes two major components: the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP).
3. The Watershed Development component (WDC) of PMKSY is being implemented by the Department of Land Resources.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

## **Explanation**

### **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY):**

- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Core Scheme)** launched in 2015. **Hence, statement 1 is**

**correct.**

- It is an **umbrella scheme** that includes two major components: the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP). **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Watershed Development component (WDC) of PMKSY is being implemented by the **Department of Land Resources. Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### Question 24:

Regarding Agni-V, consider the following statements:

1. Agni-V is an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) powered by solid fuel.
2. It is a two-stage solid-rocket-powered missile capable of carrying a 1.5-tonne nuclear warhead.

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

#### Agni-V:

- Agni-V is an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) powered by **solid fuel. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is a **three-stage** solid-rocket-powered missile capable of carrying a 1.5-tonne nuclear warhead. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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#### Question 25:

Consider the following statements regarding Biological Diversity Act, 2002 :



1. The Parliament passed the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, in accordance with India's commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) of 1992.
2. It establishes a two-tier structure comprising a National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) at the national level, and State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) at the state level.

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**

#### **Biological Diversity Act, 2002:**

- The Parliament passed the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, in accordance with India's commitments under the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** of 1992. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It establishes a **3-tier framework** comprising a National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) at the national level, State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) at the state level, and Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at the local body level. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 26:**

Regarding India TB Report 2024, consider the following statements:

1. As per the report, the gap between the estimated number and actual cases of tuberculosis (TB) is closing in India.
2. It is released by the World Health Organisation.

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**

#### **India TB Report 2024:**

- As per the report, the gap between the estimated number and actual cases of tuberculosis (TB) is closing in India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The India TB Report 2024 was released by the **Union Health Ministry. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 27:**

Regarding the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), consider the following statements:

1. The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, enacted by the Parliament in 1958, grants the armed forces special powers and immunity to maintain public order in "disturbed areas."
2. The Central Government, the Governor of a State has the authority to declare a State or Union Territory, or a part thereof, as a disturbed area.
3. Under the act, the armed forces are immune from prosecution unless the State Government provides sanctions to the prosecuting agencies.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### **Explanation**

### Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA):

- The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, enacted by the Parliament in 1958, grants the armed forces special powers and immunity to maintain public order in "**disturbed areas.**" **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Central Government, the Governor of a State, or the administrator of a Union Territory has the authority to declare a State or Union Territory, or a part thereof, as a disturbed area. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Under the act, the armed forces are immune from prosecution unless the **Union Government** provides sanctions to the prosecuting agencies. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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### Question 28:

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** The Ramakrishna Movement was initiated by Swami Vivekananda to spread the universal message of Vedanta.

**Statement-II:** Vedanta, rooted in the Vedas, is among the world's oldest and most comprehensive spiritual philosophies.

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

#### Ramakrishna Movement:

- The Ramakrishna Movement was initiated by **Swami Vivekananda** to spread the universal message of Vedanta. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- **Vedanta**, rooted in the Vedas, is among the world's oldest and most comprehensive spiritual philosophies. **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 29:

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of about 2.1 children per woman is called Replacement-level fertility.

**Statement-II:** TFR represents the average number of children a woman would have in her lifetime given the current age-specific fertility rates in the population.

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

#### Total Fertility Rate (TFR):

- TFR of about 2.1 children per woman is called Replacement-level fertility. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
  - TFR lower than 2.1 children per woman — indicates that a generation is not producing enough children to replace itself, eventually leading to an outright reduction in population.
- Total Fertility Rate (TFR) represents the **average number of children** a woman would have in her lifetime given the current age-specific fertility rates in the population. **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 30:

Consider the following pairs:

City	Region
1. Besham	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
2. Dasu	Iran
3. Turbet	Syria

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 : 1**

### Explanation

#### Major Cities:

- Besham is a city in the Shangla District of **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**, Pakistan. **Hence, pair 1 is correctly matched.**
- Dasu or Dassu is the district headquarters of the Upper Kohistan District of **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**, Pakistan. **Hence, pair 2 is not correctly matched.**
- **Turbat** is located in **Balochistan**. **Hence, pair 3 is not correctly matched.**

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### Question 31:

Regarding the Finance Commission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a constitutional body that recommends the distribution of tax revenues between the Union and the States, as well as among the States.
2. The Finance Commission is constituted by the Minister of Finance under Article 280 of the

Constitution.

3. It comprises a Chairman and four other members appointed by the President, each serving a term specified in the presidential order and eligible for reappointment.

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:**

- It is a constitutional body that recommends the distribution of tax revenues between the Union and the States, as well as among the States. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Finance Commission is constituted by the **President of India** under Article 280 of the Constitution. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- It comprises a Chairman and four other members appointed by the President, each serving a term specified in the presidential order and eligible for reappointment. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 32:**

Regarding the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), consider the following statements:

1. It is an autonomous and statutory body established under the IRDA Act 1999.
2. It functions under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
3. It is the apex body overseeing the insurance sector in India ensuring the protection of policyholders' interests and promoting orderly growth, regulation, and development of the industry.

How many of the statements given above are correct?



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

**Correct Answer : 3**

### **Explanation**

#### **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):**

- It is an autonomous and statutory body established under the IRDA Act 1999. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It functions under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It is the **apex body** overseeing the insurance sector in India ensuring the protection of policyholders' interests and promoting orderly growth, regulation, and development of the industry. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

#### **Question 33:**

“India Employment Report 2024”, is released by which of the following?

1. International Labour Organisation (ILO)
2. World Bank
3. International Monetary Fund
4. NITI Aayog

**Correct Answer : 1**

### **Explanation**

#### **India Employment Report 2024:**

- The **International Labour Organisation (ILO)** and the Institute of Human Development (IHD)

have jointly published a report titled "India Employment Report 2024".

- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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### Question 34:

Consider the following statements:

1. MeitY initiated the API Setu project to serve as an API Marketplace cum Directory Portal, aiming to provide impetus to policy implementation.
2. An 'Open API' policy was notified by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to develop an open and interoperable platform to enable seamless service delivery across the government.

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

- **MeitY initiated the API Setu project**, also known as the Open API Platform project, in March 2020, to serve as an API Marketplace cum Directory Portal, aiming to provide impetus to policy implementation. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- An 'Open API' policy was notified by the **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)** in July 2015 with an objective to develop an open and interoperable platform to enable seamless service delivery across the government. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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### Question 35:

Regarding NI-KSHAY, consider the following statements:

1. NI-KSHAY is the web-enabled patient management system for TB control under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).
2. The system is created and managed by the Central TB Division (CTD) in partnership with the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and the World Health Organization Country Office for India.
3. The NIKSHA 2.0 portal enhances TB patient support by facilitating access to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) opportunities, thereby improving treatment outcomes.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

### **Explanation**

#### **NI-KSHAY:**

- NI-KSHAY is the **web-enabled** patient management system for TB control under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The system is created and managed by the Central TB Division (CTD) in partnership with the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and the World Health Organization Country Office for India. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The NIKSHA 2.0 portal enhances TB patient support by facilitating access to **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** opportunities, thereby improving treatment outcomes. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 36:**

Consider the following statements:

1. Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve (NDBR), the second biosphere reserve of the country, is spread across three districts.
2. Nanda Devi National Park (NDNP) and the Valley of Flowers National Park (VoFNP), are both recognized as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
3. The region's varied topography results in distinct micro-climates, causing a shift in forest types from dry deciduous forests in lower areas to alpine meadows above the timberline across the altitude range.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### Explanation

- **Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve (NDBR)**, the second biosphere reserve of the country, is spread across three districts of Uttarakhand viz. Chamoli, Pithoragarh, and Bageshwar. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Nanda Devi National Park (NDNP) and the Valley of Flowers National Park (VoFNP), are both recognized as **UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The region's **varied topography** results in distinct micro-climates, causing a shift in forest types from dry deciduous forests in lower areas to alpine meadows above the timberline across the altitude range. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 37:

Consider the following pairs:

Mission	Objective
1. Mission Divyastra	Agni-5 Missile-(MIRV) Technology
2. Mission Shakti	Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Missile
3. Mission DefSpace	INS Arihant

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

4. None

**Correct Answer : 2**

## Explanation

### Important Missions:

- **Mission Divyastra:** India successfully tested Mission Divyastra — the **first flight test** of an indigenously developed **Agni-5 missile** with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle. **Hence, pair 1 is correctly matched.**
- **Mission Shakti** was an **anti-satellite (ASAT) missile** test conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on March 27, 2019. The goal of the mission was to develop highly potent ASAT weapons. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**
- **Mission DefSpace:** It is an ambitious effort to **develop innovative solutions** for the three Services ( Indian Air Force, Navy, and Army) in the space domain through the Indian industry and start-ups. **Hence, pair 3 is not correctly matched.**
  - **INS Arihant** is India's nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, categorized within the SSBN program.
- **Hence, option B is correct.**

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### Question 38:

Tajikistan is bordered by which of the following countries:

1. Afghanistan
2. Turkmenistan
3. Kyrgyzstan
4. China

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Correct Answer : 2

## Explanation

- **Tajikistan is bordered by:**
  - Afghanistan in the South.
  - Uzbekistan in the West.
  - Kyrgyzstan in the North.
  - China in the East.
- **Hence, option B is correct.**



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### Question 39:

Consider the following statements:

1. The Central Issue Price (CIP) is the rate at which the government offers food grains from the central pool to states for beneficiaries of the National Food Security Act, 2013, and other welfare schemes.
2. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) is the price at which the government buys crops from farmers, providing them with protection against sudden drops in market prices.

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**

- The **Central Issue Price(CIP)** is the rate at which the government offers food grains from the central pool to states for beneficiaries of the National Food Security Act, 2013, and other welfare schemes. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** is the price at which the government buys crops from farmers, providing them with protection against sudden drops in market prices. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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### **Question 40:**

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:**Digital public infrastructure comprises digital networks that facilitate the delivery of social services to citizens, with notable instances including Aadhaar, the United Payments Interface (UPI), and Fastag.

**Statement-II:**Digital public infrastructure (DPI) could help India become an \$8-trillion economy by 2030.

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**

### **Digital Public Infrastructure:**

- Digital public infrastructure comprises **digital networks** that facilitate the delivery of social services to citizens, with notable instances including Aadhaar, the United Payments Interface (UPI), and Fastag. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- Digital public infrastructure (DPI) could help India become an \$8-trillion economy by 2030, according to a report by the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom) and Boston-based management consulting firm Arthur D Little International. **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 41:**

Regarding the United Nations Refugee Agency for Palestinians (UNRWA), consider the following statements:

1. It operates in Gaza, the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan, where refugees sought shelter after being expelled.
2. It relies heavily on voluntary donations from donor states such as the US, with a small subsidy from the UN covering only administrative expenses.

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**

**United Nations Refugee Agency for Palestinians (UNRWA):**

- It operates in Gaza, the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan, where refugees sought shelter after being expelled. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It relies heavily on **voluntary donations** from donor states such as the US, with a small subsidy from the UN covering only administrative expenses. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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#### Question 42:

Sudan is surrounded by which of the following countries:

1. Egypt
2. Djibouti
3. Ethiopia
4. Central African Republic

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

#### Explanation

- Located in northeastern Africa, it is bordered by Egypt to the north, the Red Sea, Eritrea, and Ethiopia to the east, South Sudan to the south, the Central African Republic and Chad to the west, and Libya to the northwest.
- **Hence, option B is correct.**



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**Question 43:**

Consider the following statements:

1. Taiwan Strait, also called Formosa Strait, is a 180-kilometer-wide strait separating the island of Taiwan and continental Asia.
2. The median line of the Taiwan Strait serves as an informal boundary separating the Chinese mainland from Taiwan.

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**

### **Taiwan Strait:**

- Taiwan Strait, also called Formosa Strait, is a 180-kilometer-wide strait separating the island of Taiwan and continental Asia. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The median line of the Taiwan Strait serves as an informal boundary separating the Chinese mainland from Taiwan. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**



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### **Question 44:**

Regarding the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), consider the following statements:

1. NITI Aayog serves as the nodal agency for all matters related to UNDP in India.
2. The UNDP initiated its Accelerator Lab in India to collaborate with the government's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in addressing pollution.
3. The Gender Social Norms Index is published by UNDP.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two

3. All Three
4. None

**Correct Answer : 2**

### **Explanation**

#### **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP):**

- The **Department of Economic Affairs under** the Finance Ministry serves as the nodal agency for all matters related to UNDP in India. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The UNDP initiated its Accelerator Lab in India to collaborate with the government's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in addressing pollution. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Gender Social Norms Index is published by UNDP. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 45:**

Consider the following statements:

1. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has the power to register parties under the Representation of the People Act, (RPA) 1951.
2. The Representation of the People Act, (RPA),1950 gives the election commission the power to de-register the party.

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**

## Election Commission of India (ECI):

- ECI has the **power to register** parties under the Representation of the People Act, (RPA) 1951. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- ECI has the power to register parties under the Representation of the People Act, (RPA) 1951, but it **does not have** the power to **deregister parties** that are inactive. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
  - A party can only be de-registered if its registration was obtained by fraud; if it is declared illegal by the Central Government; or if a party amends its internal Constitution and notifies the ECI that it can no longer abide by the Indian Constitution.

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## Question 46:

Regarding the Pey Jal Survekshan Awards, consider the following statements:

1. They are given annually by the Ministry of Jal Shakti since 2014.
2. The awards extend to commendations for Best Water Body, Sustainability Champion, Reuse Champion, Water Quality, City Saturation, and AMRUT 2.0 Rotating Trophy of the Year.

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

### Pey Jal Survekshan Awards:

- The **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** recently announced the **first** Pey Jal Survekshan Awards. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The awards extend to commendations for Best Water Body, Sustainability Champion, Reuse Champion, Water Quality, City Saturation, and AMRUT 2.0 Rotating Trophy of the Year. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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### Question 47:

Consider the following statements:

1. Water supply and sanitation is a State subject.
2. The Ministry of Jal Shakti is the nodal Ministry in charge of urban water supply.
3. Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) acts as an Advisory body at the Central level to advise the concerned State agencies and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the implementation, operation & maintenance of urban water supply.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### Explanation

- **Water supply** and sanitation is a State subject. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** is the nodal Ministry in charge of urban water supply. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) acts as an Advisory body at the Central level to advise the concerned State agencies and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the implementation, operation & maintenance of urban water supply. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 48:

Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme provides financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to BPL households.
2. Along with a deposit-free LPG connection, Ujjwala 2.0 will provide the first refill and a hotplate free of cost to the beneficiaries.
3. The beneficiaries can also join the PAHAL scheme to receive the subsidy amount directly in their

bank accounts.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

### **Explanation**

#### **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana:**

- The scheme provides financial support of Rs 1600 for each LPG connection to BPL households. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Along with a deposit-free LPG connection, **Ujjwala 2.0** will provide the first refill and a hotplate free of cost to the beneficiaries. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The beneficiaries can also join the **PAHAL scheme** to receive the subsidy amount directly in their bank accounts. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 49:**

Regarding Fiat money, consider the following statements:

1. Fiat money is a currency issued by a government or private entity that is not backed by a commodity like gold.
2. Fiat money gives central banks greater control over the economy because they can control how much money is printed.

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**

### **Fiat Money:**

- Fiat money is a **government-issued currency only and not issued by any private entity** and is not backed by a commodity such as gold. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- Fiat money gives central banks **greater control** over the economy because they can control how much money is printed. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Most modern paper currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, are fiat currencies.
- One danger of fiat money is that governments can print too much of it, resulting in hyperinflation.

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### **Question 50:**

Regarding Colombo Security Conclave (CSC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a regional security grouping comprising India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and Mauritius.
2. It has a permanent secretariat in New Delhi, which was established in 2021 to coordinate activities and implement decisions made at the National Security Advisor (NSA) level meetings.

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**

**Colombo Security Conclave (CSC):**

- It is a regional security grouping comprising India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and Mauritius. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- A permanent secretariat in **Colombo** was set up in 2021 to coordinate activities and implement NSA decisions. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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### Question 51:

Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Membership to the Indian Ocean Rim Association is open to all sovereign states of the Indian Ocean Rim willing to subscribe to the principles and objectives of the Charter.

**Statement-II:** It is an intergovernmental organization established to promote economic cooperation and regional integration among countries bordering the Indian Ocean.

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 Ocean Rim Association:

- Membership to the Indian Ocean Rim Association is **open to all** sovereign states of the Indian Ocean Rim willing to subscribe to the principles and objectives of the Charter. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- It is an intergovernmental organization established to **promote economic cooperation** and regional integration among countries bordering the Indian Ocean. **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 52:

Regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body of the Government of India and was established under the Competition Act, 2002.
2. CCI aims to establish and maintain equitable competition in the economy, ensuring a level playing field for producers and benefiting consumers.
3. The Commission consists of one Chairperson and six Members who shall be appointed by the Central Government.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

### Explanation

#### Competition Commission of India (CCI):

- It is a **statutory body** of the Government of India and was established under the Competition Act, 2002. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- CCI aims to establish and maintain **equitable competition** in the economy, ensuring a level playing field for producers and benefiting consumers. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The Commission consists of one Chairperson and six Members who shall be appointed by the Central Government. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 53:

Regarding the Model Code of Conduct, consider the following statements:

1. The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is an agreed-upon set of norms and principles that direct the

- behavior of political parties and candidates during elections.
2. Under the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), critiques of political parties must concentrate solely on their policies, past performance, and accomplishments.
  3. The MCC has statutory backing under the Representation of People Act, 1951.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### **Explanation**

#### **Model Code of Conduct:**

- The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is an agreed-upon **set of norms** and principles that direct the behavior of political parties and candidates during elections. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Criticism of political parties must be limited to their policies and programmes, past record, and work. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Though the MCC **does not have** any statutory backing, it has come to acquire strength in the past decade because of its strict enforcement by the EC. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 54:**

Regarding No-Confidence Motion, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India explicitly mentions the procedure for the No Confidence Motion.
2. Any Lok Sabha MP, who can garner the support of 50 colleagues, can, at any point of time, introduce a motion of no-confidence against the Council of Ministers.
3. A no-confidence motion can be moved in either of the houses.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One

2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

**Correct Answer : 1**

### **Explanation**

#### **No-Confidence Motion:**

- **Rule 198** of the Lok Sabha specifies the procedure for a Confidence or No Confidence Motion, which is not mentioned in the Constitution. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **Any Lok Sabha MP**, who can garner the support of 50 colleagues, can, at any point of time, introduce a motion of no-confidence against the Council of Ministers. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- A no-confidence motion can be moved **only in the Lok Sabha**. It cannot be moved in the Rajya Sabha. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 55:**

Regarding the Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), consider the following statements:

1. It is a survey-based measure that asks the respondents about changes in their perception of key business variables as compared with the previous month.
2. It is calculated separately for the manufacturing and services sectors and then a composite index is also constructed.
3. PMI is compiled by the World Trade Organisation for more than 40 economies worldwide.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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



**Correct Answer : 2**

## Explanation

### Purchasing Managers Index:

- It is a **survey-based measure** that asks the respondents about changes in their perception about key business variables as compared with the previous month. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is calculated **separately** for the manufacturing and services sectors and then a composite index is also constructed. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- PMI is compiled by **IHS Markit** for more than 40 economies worldwide. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**
  - IHS Markit is a global leader in information, analytics, and solutions for the major industries and markets that drive economies worldwide.
  - IHS Markit is part of S&P Global.

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### Question 56:

Regarding the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), consider the following statements:

1. It's a quasi-judicial body established to address civil corporate disputes arising under the Companies Act, 2013.
2. It was established on the recommendation of the Balakrishna Eradi committee.
3. It has the power to enforce its order, similar to courts.

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

### National Company Law Tribunal:

- It's a **quasi-judicial body** established to address civil corporate disputes arising under the

Companies Act, 2013. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

- It was established on the recommendation of the **Balakrishna Eradi committee. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It is not limited or bound by the rules laid down in the Code of Civil Procedure and is guided by the principles of natural justice, subject to the other provisions of this Act and of any rules that are made by the Central Government.
- It can **enforce any order** that it gives in the same manner as a court would enforce it. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 57:

Regarding Lal Bahadur Shastri, consider the following statements:

1. He served as the President of the Servants of People Society which was founded by Lala Lajpat Rai that worked for the upliftment of Harijans.
2. In 1930, he was given the position of President of the Allahabad Congress Committee.
3. He also participated in the Civil Disobedience Movement to encourage people to oppose paying land profits and taxes to the government.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

### Explanation

#### Lal Bahadur Shastri:

- **Shastriji** became the President of the Servants of People Society which was founded by Lala Lajpat Rai and worked for the upliftment of Harijans. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- In 1928, he joined the Indian National Congress as an active member.
- In 1930, he was given the position of President of the **Allahabad Congress Committee. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- He also participated in the **Civil Disobedience Movement** to encourage people to oppose paying land profits and taxes to the government. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**
- He directed a door-to-door campaign as well at the time of Gandhi's Salt Satyagraha.

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**Question 58:**

Regarding the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, consider the following statements:

1. Established in 1995 it is an intergovernmental organization with a mission to promote sustainable democracy globally.
2. India is not a member of this organization.
3. It has been granted UN observer status.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

**Explanation**

**International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance:**

- Established in 1995 it is an **intergovernmental organization** with a mission to promote sustainable democracy globally. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- India is a **founding member**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- It has been granted **UN observer status**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**
- The secretariat of the Institute is in Stockholm, Sweden

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**Question 59:**

Regarding the Electoral Trusts Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. Only companies registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 are eligible to apply as

- Electoral Trusts, requiring renewal every three financial years.
- Electoral trusts are required to donate 95% of their annual contributions to political parties registered under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

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

- 1 Only
- 2 Only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer : 4**

### **Explanation**

#### **Electoral Trusts Scheme:**

- Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013 was notified by the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**.
- Only companies registered under **Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956** are eligible to apply as Electoral Trusts, requiring renewal every three financial years. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Electoral trusts are required to **donate 95%** of their annual contributions to political parties registered under the Representation of the People Act, 1951. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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#### **Question 60:**

Regarding an Initial Public Offering (IPO), consider the following statements:

- It involves a privately owned or government-owned company raising funds by selling shares to the public or new investors.
- Following the IPO, the company is listed on the stock exchange.
- A listed company can raise share capital for growth and expansion in the future through a follow-on public offering or FPO.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only One

2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

**Correct Answer : 3**

### **Explanation**

#### **Initial Public Offering (IPO):**

- It involves a **privately owned** or government-owned company raising funds by selling shares to the public or new investors. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Following the IPO, the company is listed on the stock exchange. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- A listed company can **raise share capital for growth** and expansion in the future through a follow-on public offering or FPO. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 61:**

Regarding the Fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. It deals with the management and administration of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled tribes where tribal groups predominate.
2. The Fifth Schedule applies to the administration and control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in any state except Assam, Manipur, Tripura, and Mizoram.

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

### Fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution:

- It deals with the **management and administration** of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled tribes where tribal groups predominate. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Fifth Schedule applies to the administration and control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in any state except Assam, **Meghalaya**, Tripura, and Mizoram. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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### Question 62:

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

1. Established in 1949 through the signing of the Washington Treaty, NATO is a security alliance.
2. Ukraine officially became the 32<sup>nd</sup> member of NATO, ending its decades-long post-World War II neutrality.

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 Organization (NATO):

- Established in 1949 through the signing of the **Washington Treaty**, NATO is a security alliance. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Sweden** officially became the 32<sup>nd</sup> member of NATO, ending its decades-long post-World War II neutrality. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

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**Question 63:**

The Artificial Intelligence Act, 2024 was recently passed by which of the following:

1. European Union
2. India
3. China
4. United States

**Correct Answer : 1**

**Explanation**

**Artificial Intelligence Act, 2024:**

- Recently, the **European Union** Parliament approved the **Artificial Intelligence Act**, after nearly three years of deliberation. The EU Artificial Intelligence Act is the first major regulatory act aimed directly at addressing the risks posed by the commercialization/deployment of artificial intelligence (AI).
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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**Question 64:**

Regarding Article 356, consider the following statements:

1. It is based on the Government of India Act, 1935.
2. According to Article 356, the President's Rule can be imposed on any state of India on the grounds of the failure of the constitutional machinery.
3. The President's Rule can be initially imposed for six months and extended for up to five years, subject to parliamentary approval every year.

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 356:**

- It is based on the **Government of India Act, 1935. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- According to Article 356, the President's Rule can be imposed on any state of India on the grounds of the failure of the **constitutional machinery. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The President's Rule can be extended every six months, initially for six months and later for **up to three years** with parliamentary approval. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 65:**

Consider the following pairs:

<b>Port</b>	<b>Country</b>
1. Chattogram	Bangladesh
2. Mongla	Maldives
3. Kyaukpyu	Myanmar

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

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

## Explanation

### Ports:

- **Chittagong** officially **Chattogram** is the second-largest city in **Bangladesh**. Home to the Port of Chittagong, it is the busiest port in Bangladesh. **Hence, pair 1 is correctly matched.**
- **Mongla** is a **seaport of Khulna city**, which is located to the north. It is the second largest and second busiest seaport in **Bangladesh**. **Hence, pair 2 is not correctly matched.**
- **Kyaukpyu** is a coastal town in **Myanmar's** westernmost state of Rakhine. It is the site of a major port and Special Economic Zone (SEZ) project, which is being developed by China. **Hence, pair 3 is correctly matched.**

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### Question 66:

Composite Water Management Index is released by which of the following:

1. NITI Aayog
2. Ministry of Jal Shakti
3. Central Water Commission
4. Central Pollution Control Board

**Correct Answer : 1**

### Explanation

#### Composite Water Management Index:

- **Composite Water Management Index (CWMI)** was launched by **NITI Aayog** to provide an annual snapshot of the water sector status and water management performance of the states and union territories (UTs) in India.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

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### Question 67:

Regarding the Human Development Index (HDI), consider the following statements:

1. It is a comprehensive measure that combines a country's average achievements in health, education, and standard of living.
2. It has been published biennially by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1990.
3. India's rank improved from 135 to 134 in 2022, accompanied by advancements in all HDI indicators including life expectancy, education, and Gross National Income per capita.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### Explanation

#### Human Development Index (HDI):

- It is a comprehensive measure that combines a country's average achievements in health, education, and standard of living. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Human Development Report has been published annually by the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** since 1990. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- India's rank improved from **135 to 134 in 2022**, accompanied by **advancements in all HDI indicators** including life expectancy, education, and Gross National Income per capita. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 68:

Regarding the Central Water Commission, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's leading technical organization in water resources, currently operating as an attached office of the Ministry of Jal Shakti under the Government of India.
2. It is headed by the Minister of Jal Shakti.

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**

#### **Central Water Commission:**

- It is India's leading technical organization in water resources, currently operating as an attached office of the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** under the Government of India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is headed by a Chairman, with the status of **Ex-Officio Secretary** to the Government of India. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The Commission is responsible for initiating, coordinating, and advancing, in consultation with relevant state governments, schemes for the management, conservation, and utilization of water resources nationwide, focusing on flood control, irrigation, navigation, drinking water supply, and water power development.

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#### **Question 69:**

Regarding the Namami Gange Programme, consider the following statements:

1. Approved as a 'Flagship Programme' by the Union Government in 2014 with a budget outlay of Rs. 20,000 Crores, it is an integrated conservation mission.
2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change administers it to achieve two goals: effectively reducing pollution and conserving and rejuvenating the National River Ganga.
3. A three-tier monitoring mechanism exists for project implementation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

4. None

**Correct Answer : 2**

## **Explanation**

### **Namami Gange Programme:**

- Approved as a '**Flagship Programme**' by the Union Government in 2014 with a budget outlay of Rs. 20,000 Crores, it is an integrated conservation mission. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Ministry of Jal Shakti's** Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation administers it to achieve two goals: effectively reducing pollution and conserving and rejuvenating the National River Ganga. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- A **three-tier monitoring mechanism** has been proposed for project implementation, consisting of a high-level task force chaired by the Cabinet Secretary at the national level, a state-level committee chaired by the Chief Secretary, and a district-level committee chaired by the District Magistrate. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### **Question 70:**

Regarding the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a multi-modal transportation route connecting the Pacific Ocean and the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea through Iran, extending to northern Europe via St. Petersburg, Russia.
2. The corridor comprises seaports on the Persian Gulf and in the Caspian region, along with road and rail routes.

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

### International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC):

- It is a **multi-modal transportation** route connecting the **Indian Ocean** and the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea through Iran, extending to northern Europe via St. Petersburg, Russia. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The corridor comprises seaports on the **Persian Gulf** and in the **Caspian region**, along with road and rail routes. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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### Question 71:

Consider the following pairs:

Operations	Country
1. Operation All Clear	China
2. Operation 1027	Myanmar
3. Operation Kaveri	Saudia Arabia

How many of the pairs given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 1**

## Explanation

### Operations:

- **Operation All Clear** was a military operation conducted by **Royal Bhutan Army** forces against Assam separatist insurgent groups. **Hence, pair 1 is not correctly matched.**
- **Operation 1027** was an offensive launched by the **Myanmar National Unity Government (NUG)** and ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) against the military junta in October 2023. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**
- **Operation Kaveri** was an operation conducted by the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian

citizens and foreign nationals from **Sudan** during the 2023 Sudan conflict. **Hence, pair 3 is not correctly matched.**

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### Question 72:

Consider the following pairs:

City	Country
1. Gelephu	Bhutan
2. Nusantara	Indonesia
3. Neom	Saudia Arabia

How many of the pairs given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

### Explanation

#### Cities:

- Bhutan's Prime Minister is focusing on creating a regional economic hub called "**Gelephu Mindfulness City**" (**GMC**) in **Gelephu**, along the India border, following a plan initiated by the King in December 2023, aiming to establish a 1,000 square kilometer special administrative zone with distinct Bhutanese architecture and investor-friendly regulations. **Hence, pair 1 is correctly matched.**
- **Nusantara** was selected as the official name for **Indonesia's new capital city** to symbolize the country's national geopolitical vision, known as Wawasan Nusantara. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**
- **Neom**, a new urban area initiated by Crown Prince Bin Salman of **Saudi Arabia** in 2017, is located in Tabuk at the northern tip of the Red Sea. **Hence, pair 3 is correctly matched.**

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**Question 73:**

Vichur Conservation Project, recently seen in the news is related to which of the following:

1. Bird Species
2. Cow Species
3. Butterfly Species
4. Fish Species

**Correct Answer : 2**

**Explanation**

**Vichur Conservation Project:**

- The Vechur Conservation Project aims to conserve and improve the **Vechur cattle breeds**.
- **Hence, option B is correct.**

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**Question 74:**

Consider the following statements:

1. Data exchanges, as scalable ecosystems, mobilize various stakeholders, providing fertile ground for deploying advanced analytics to drive outcome-oriented decision-making and achieve economies of scale.
2. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) has recently unveiled the National Data Governance Framework Policy (NPD Framework).
3. India Urban Data Exchange has been established by the NITI Aayog in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One
2. Only Two

3. All Three
4. None

**Correct Answer : 2**

## **Explanation**

### **Data Exchanges:**

- Data exchanges, as **scalable ecosystems**, mobilize various stakeholders, providing fertile ground for deploying advanced analytics to drive outcome-oriented decision-making and achieve economies of scale. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) has recently unveiled the National Data Governance Framework Policy (NPD Framework). **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- India Urban Data Exchange has been established by the **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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### **Question 75:**

The Income & Wealth Inequality in India Report is released by which of the following:

1. World Inequality Lab
2. World Bank
3. International Monetary Fund
4. None of the above

**Correct Answer : 1**

## **Explanation**

### **Income & Wealth Inequality in India Report:**

- India's top 1% income and wealth shares have reached historical highs and are among the very highest in the world, according to the Income & Wealth Inequality in India Report released by

**World Inequality Lab.**

- Hence, option A is correct.

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**Question 76:**

Consider the following pairs:

<b>GNSS</b>	<b>Country</b>
1. BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS)	Japan
2. Galileo	European Union
3. GLONASS	Russia

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

**Explanation**

**Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS):**

- BeiDou, or BDS, is a global GNSS owned and operated by the People's Republic of **China**. BDS was formally commissioned in 2020. The operational system consists of 35 satellites. BDS was previously called Compass. **Hence, pair 1 is not correctly matched.**
- Galileo is a global GNSS owned and operated by the **European Union**. The EU declared the start of Galileo Initial Services in 2016 and plans to complete the system of 24+ satellites in 2021. **Hence, pair 2 is correctly matched.**
- GLONASS (Globalnaya Navigazionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema, or Global Navigation Satellite System) is a global GNSS owned and operated by the **Russian Federation**. The fully operational system consists of 24+ satellites. **Hence, pair 3 is correctly matched.**

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### Question 77:

Consider the following statements:

1. Crux Alliance is a partnership of governments, organizations, and businesses committed to improving air quality through actions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants.
2. Climate and Clean Air Coalition provides effective and ambitious policy design and advisory services around the world.
3. NDC Transport Initiative for Asia is a regional initiative that aims at a holistic approach to decarbonizing the transport sector in China, India, Vietnam, and other Asian countries.

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

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

**Correct Answer : 1**

### Explanation

- **Climate and Clean Air Coalition** is a partnership of governments, organizations, and businesses committed to improving air quality through actions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **Crux Alliance** provides effective and ambitious policy design and advisory services around the world. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
  - The Crux Alliance was established in 2018 to support the rapid implementation of ambitious, cutting-edge climate policies. By using top-of-the-class, nonprofit organizations with deep policy design expertise, the Crux Alliance helps policymakers in the 20 highest-emitting countries to design carbon mitigation policies for the sectors critical to long-term climate stability.
- **NDC Transport Initiative for Asia** is a regional initiative that aims at a holistic approach to decarbonizing the transport sector in China, India, Vietnam, and other Asian countries. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 78:

Regarding the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, consider the following statements:

1. A person with a disability is someone who has a long-term impairment that affects their physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory abilities.
2. The types of disabilities have been increased from existing 7 to 21 and the Central Government will have the power to add more types of disabilities.
3. It fulfills the obligations to the United National Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), to which India is a signatory.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

### **Explanation**

#### **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016:**

- A person with a disability is someone who has a long-term impairment that affects their physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory abilities. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The types of disabilities have been increased from **existing 7 to 21** and the Central Government will have the power to add more types of disabilities. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It fulfills the obligations to the United National Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), to which India is a signatory. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 79:**

Regarding the World Happiness Report 2024, consider the following statements:

1. Finland has topped the list for the seventh year in a row, followed by Denmark.
2. India with the rank 126 fared better than China.
3. It is released by the World Bank.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

1. Only One

2. Only Two
3. All Three
4. None

**Correct Answer :** 1

### **Explanation**

#### **World Happiness Report 2024:**

- Finland topped the list for the seventh year in a row, followed by Denmark, Iceland and Sweden. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- India ranked 126<sup>th</sup> while **China ranked 60<sup>th</sup>**. Nepal at 93, Pakistan at 108, Myanmar at 118, Sri Lanka at 128 and Bangladesh at 129<sup>th</sup> spots. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The World Happiness Report is published annually by the **United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network** and takes into account six variables — GDP per capita, healthy life expectancy, having someone to count on, freedom to make life choices, generosity, and freedom from corruption. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 80:**

Regarding Short Selling, consider the following statements:

1. Short selling involves the sale of a borrowed security with the intention of buying it again at a later date at a lower price.
2. India's regulations permit short selling, but financial authorities require traders to identify short sales at the time of the order.

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**

### **Short Selling:**

- Short selling involves the sale of a **borrowed security** with the intention of buying it again at a later date at a lower price. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- India's regulations **permit short selling**, but financial authorities require traders to identify short sales at the time of the order. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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### **Question 81:**

Consider the following statements:

1. Hedge funds are renowned for employing more aggressive investment strategies in pursuit of greater returns for their investors.
2. Hedge funds are private investments that are only available to accredited investors.
3. Hedge funds have the same basic pooled fund structure as mutual funds.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

## **Explanation**

### **Hedge Funds:**

- Hedge funds are renowned for employing **more aggressive** investment strategies in pursuit of greater returns for their investors. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Hedge funds are private investments that are only available to **accredited investors**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Hedge funds have the same basic pooled fund structure as **mutual funds**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**



**Question 82:**

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:**PM-WANI's framework takes forward the goal of the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018 (NDCP) of creating a robust digital communications infrastructure.

**Statement-II:**PM-WANI aims to enhance public WiFi hotspot availability, particularly in rural regions, to strengthen the nationwide digital communication infrastructure.

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**

**PM-WANI:**

- PM-WANI's framework takes forward the goal of the **National Digital Communications Policy, 2018 (NDCP)** of creating a robust digital communications infrastructure. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- PM-WANI aims to **enhance public WiFi hotspot** availability, particularly in rural regions, to strengthen the nationwide digital communication infrastructure. **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.**

### Question 83:

Regarding the Assisted Reproductive Technology, consider the following statements:

1. It encompasses all methods for achieving pregnancy by manipulating sperm or egg cells outside the body and transferring resulting embryos into the woman's reproductive system.
2. While it includes - sperm donation, and in-vitro-fertilization (IVF) it excludes gestational surrogacy.
3. It is regulated under the Assisted Reproductive Technology Regulations 2023, issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### Explanation

#### Assisted Reproductive Technology:

- It encompasses **all methods** for achieving pregnancy by manipulating sperm or egg cells outside the body and transferring resulting embryos into the woman's reproductive system. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It includes- sperm donation, in-vitro-fertilization (IVF) (where the sperm is fertilized in a lab), and **gestational surrogacy** (the child is not biologically related to a surrogate). **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- It is regulated under the Assisted Reproductive Technology Regulations 2023, issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 84:

Consider the following statements:

1. The CEC and ECs are selected on the recommendation of a panel that includes the Prime Minister, a Union Cabinet Minister, and the Leader of Opposition/leader of the largest opposition party in Lok Sabha.
2. Recommendations of the Selection Committee will be valid even when there is a vacancy in this Committee.

3. A Search Committee headed by the Law Minister will propose a panel of names to the Selection Committee.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 2**

### **Explanation**

#### **Chief Election Commissioner(CEC) and Election Commissioner(ECs):**

- The CEC and ECs are selected on the recommendation of a panel that includes the **Prime Minister**, a Union Cabinet Minister, and the Leader of Opposition/leader of the largest opposition party in Lok Sabha. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Recommendations of the Selection Committee will be valid even when there is a vacancy in this Committee. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- A Search Committee headed by the **Cabinet Secretary** will propose a panel of names to the Selection Committee. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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#### **Question 85:**

Regarding IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, consider the following statements:

1. The 2021 Rules define social media intermediaries as intermediaries that primarily or solely enable online interaction between two or more users.
2. The Fact Check Unit has limitless powers to decide what information is false and compel social media intermediaries to act based on these findings.

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**

#### **IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021:**

- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** notified rules in February 2021, outlining due diligence for intermediaries, including social media, grievance redressal mechanisms, and a code of ethics for digital media.
- The 2021 Rules **define social media intermediaries** as intermediaries that primarily or solely enable online interaction between two or more users. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Fact Check Unit** has limitless powers to decide what information is false and compel social media intermediaries to act based on these findings. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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#### **Question 86:**

Regarding the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), consider the following statements:

1. It functions as an integrated intelligence grid linking databases of core security agencies of the Indian government.
2. Big Data and Analytics will be used to analyze large volumes of generated data for a clearer understanding of events and tracking suspects.
3. Data is accessible only upon completion of proper authorization and authentication due to end-to-end encryption.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

## **Explanation**

### **National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID):**

- It functions as an **integrated** intelligence grid linking databases of core security agencies of the Indian government. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Big Data and Analytics** will be used to analyze large volumes of generated data for a clearer understanding of events and tracking suspects. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Data is accessible only upon completion of proper authorization and authentication due to **end-to-end encryption**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### **Question 87:**

Regarding Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is implemented by the National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) under the guidance of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
2. Under PMKVY 3.0 the emphasis is on developing skills in new-age and Industry 4.0 job roles to bridge the demand-supply gap, making it more trainee- and learner-centric.
3. PMKVY 3.0 will be implemented in a more centralized structure with greater responsibilities to the central government agencies.

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 Kaushal Vikas Yojana:**

- It is implemented by the **National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC)** under the guidance of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). **Hence, statement 1**

**is correct.**

- Under PMKVY 3.0 the emphasis is on developing skills in **new-age** and Industry 4.0 job roles to bridge the demand-supply gap, making it more trainee- and learner-centric. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- PMKVY 3.0 will be implemented in a more **decentralized** structure with greater responsibilities and support from States/UTs and Districts. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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### Question 88:

Regarding the UMANG App, consider the following statements:

1. The UMANG mobile app is a Government of India all-in-one single, unified, secure, multi-channel, multi-lingual, multi-service mobile app.
2. UMANG was developed by the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & IT.

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

#### UMANG App:

- The UMANG mobile app is a Government of India **all-in-one single**, unified, secure, multi-channel, multi-lingual, multi-service mobile app. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- UMANG was developed by the **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**, Ministry of Electronics & IT. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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### Question 89:



Regarding the Forest Rights Act, 2006 consider the following statements:

1. It was implemented to recognize and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.
2. Forest rights can be claimed by individuals or communities who have resided in forest land for their livelihood for at least three generations (75 years).

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**

#### **Forest Rights Act, 2006:**

- It was implemented to recognize and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling **Scheduled Tribes** and other traditional forest dwellers. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Forest rights can be claimed by individuals or communities who have resided in forest land for their livelihood for at **least three generations** (75 years) before December 13, 2005. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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#### **Question 90:**

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

1. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan' (PM-AASHA) is an umbrella scheme to ensure a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for farmers.
2. Under PM-AASHA, States/UTs can select either the Price Support Scheme (PSS) or the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) for a specific oilseed crop for the entire state in a given procurement season.
3. Only one scheme i.e. PSS or PDPS may be made operational in one State with respect to one commodity.

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-AASHA Scheme:**

- Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanrakshAn Abhiyan' (PM-AASHA) is an umbrella scheme to ensure a **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** for farmers. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Under PM-AASHA, States/UTs can select either the Price Support Scheme (PSS) or the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) for a **specific oilseed crop** for the entire state in a given procurement season. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Only one scheme** i.e. PSS or PDPS may be made operational in one State with respect to one commodity. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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#### **Question 91:**

Regarding BharatNet Project, consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest rural broadband connectivity program globally, utilizing Optical Fiber, and is implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Ltd. (BBNL).
2. It is financed by the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).
3. It is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunication under the Ministry of Communications.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer : 3**

## Explanation

### BharatNet Project:

- National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) was launched in October 2011 and was renamed as **Bharat Net Project in 2015.**
- It is the **largest rural broadband** connectivity program globally, utilizing Optical Fiber, and is implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Ltd. (BBNL). **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is financed by the **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).** **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- It is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunication under the Ministry of Communications. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

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### Question 92:

Kalyanis, Baavis, and Gokattes recently seen in the news are best described as

1. Water bodies
2. Birds
3. Tribes
4. None of the above

**Correct Answer : 1**

## Explanation

- Bengaluru, formerly Kalyana Nagara or the City of Lakes, had lakes created by human effort, where rainwater flowed through channels called rajakaluves.
- Lakes were constructed in a series, with overflow from upstream lakes flowing into the lakes downstream, with the wetlands around the lakes helping groundwater recharge.
- In proximity to the lakes were **several smaller water bodies**, for example, kalyanis (temple ponds), baavis (wells/stepwells), and gokattes (ponds for washing cattle).
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

**Question 93:**

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) is a fee that a merchant is charged by their issuing bank for accepting payments from their customers via credit and debit cards.

**Statement-II:** MDR compensates the bank issuing the card, the bank that installs the PoS (Point of Sale) terminal and network providers, and payment gateways for their services.

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**

**Merchant Discount Rate (MDR):**

- Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) is a fee that a **merchant is charged** by their issuing bank for accepting payments from their customers via credit and debit cards. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- MDR **compensates the bank** issuing the card, the bank that installs the PoS (Point of Sale) terminal and network providers, and payment gateways for their services. **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.**

### Question 94:

Regarding the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to create a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.
2. It has been incorporated as a "Not for Profit" Company under the Companies Act 1956.
3. National Financial Switch (NFS) and Immediate Payment System (IMPS) are the only services operated by it.

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 Payments Corporation of India (NPCI):

- It is an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to create a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It has been incorporated as a "Not for Profit" Company under the **Companies Act 1956. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Apart from the National Financial Switch (NFS) and Immediate Payment System (IMPS) it also operates many services like the Aadhaar-enabled Payments System (AEPS) and National Automated Clearing House (NACH). **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

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### Question 95:

Regarding the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), consider the following statements:

1. NAPS is an Indian government initiative to promote apprenticeships nationwide, fostering youth skill development.
2. The government gives employers 25% of the stipend, up to a maximum of INR 1500 per month per apprentice, to encourage them to offer apprenticeships and lessen their financial load.

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 Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS):**

- NAPS is an Indian government initiative to **promote apprenticeships** nationwide, fostering youth skill development. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The government gives employers **25% of the stipend**, up to a maximum of INR 1500 per month per apprentice, to encourage them to offer apprenticeships and lessen their financial load. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

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#### **Question 96:**

Consider the following:

**Statement-I:** Carrying capacity is the maximum population an ecosystem can support sustainably without harming its resources or health.

**Statement-II:** When Earth's carrying capacity is exceeded by population growth, it leads to unacceptable negative impacts.

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**

### **Carrying Capacity:**

- Carrying capacity is the **maximum population** an ecosystem can support sustainably without harming its resources or health. **Hence, statement-I is correct.**
- When Earth's carrying capacity is exceeded by population growth, it leads to unacceptable **negative impacts. Hence, statement-II is correct.**
- Carrying capacity assessments is crucial for understanding and managing the balance between human activities and the preservation of natural ecosystems to ensure long-term sustainability.

**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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