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QUESTIONS

1. Consider the following statements:

1. SWAYAM offers industry-relevant courses to boost employability, with features like multilingual content, AI guidance, credit recognition among others.
2. SWAYAM is the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform providing educational opportunities for learners, was launched by the Ministry of Education in 2017.
3. Swayam-Plus has been aligned with National Education Policy, 2020.

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

2. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) launched the 'Vocal for Local' initiative under its Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).

Statement-II: Initiative aims to boost sustainable growth by showcasing indigenous products through 'Aakanksha' in which indigenous local products from 500 Aspirational Blocks have been mapped and consolidated.

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

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- C. Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- D. Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.

3. Consider the following statements about Mahatari Vandana Yojana:

1. It was recently launched by the Prime Minister in Chhattisgarh.
2. All married women above the age of 21 as of 1st January 2024, including widows, divorced, and deserted women, are eligible to benefit from this scheme.
3. The beneficiaries will receive financial aid of Rs 5000 per month through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) was launched in 2016 as a public-private initiative.
2. PHFI has established fifteen institutes across India to promote multidisciplinary education and research, aiming to inform and assist policies for public health protection.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana:

1. It was introduced by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in 2016.
2. It provides a financial support of Rs.1600 for each LPG connection to the BPL households.
3. It aims to reduce the number of deaths in India due to unclean cooking fuel which emits more black carbon.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

6. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Krishi Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) gives information on crop yields, production, drought situation, cropping patterns, relevant trends, outliers, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Statement-II: The ICCC allows visualisation of GIS-based soil carbon mapping and soil health card data, enabling the generation of customised advisories for farmers.

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



- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- C. Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- D. Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.

7. Consider the following diseases:

- 1. Diphtheria
- 2. Measles
- 3. Rubella

How many of the above are covered under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP)?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None of the above

8. Regarding the New Electric Vehicle Policy, consider the following statements:

- 1. The policy slashes the customs duty rate to 35% for EVs valued at USD 35,000 or more for 5 years.
- 2. The policy caps the number of imported EVs at 10,000 per year.
- 3. To promote local manufacturing, companies must set up operational facilities within 5 years.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

9. Regarding the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), 2024, consider the following statements:

- 1. The scheme's total cost is Rs.10,037 crore, covering a 10-year period with an additional 8 years for committed liabilities.
- 2. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will implement the scheme in collaboration with the states.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

10. With reference to the Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS), consider the following statements:

- 1. It was launched in 2022 which helps drug companies upgrade their facilities to produce medicines that meet global standards.
- 2. Under this scheme, interest subvention of up to a maximum of 9% per annum (10% for units owned and managed by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) for the eligible loan component is available.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

11. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):

- 1. In 2015, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers introduced the PMUY to provide clean cooking fuel like LPG to rural and deprived households.
- 2. Under Ujjwala 2.0 (Phase-2 of PMUY), a special provision has been made for Migrant Families to avail of new connections using Self-Declaration instead of Proof of Address (PA) and Ration Card (RC).

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

12. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Holistic Progress Card (HPC) is a new approach to evaluating students' academic performance that moves away from traditional reliance on marks or grades.

Statement-II: HPC adopts a comprehensive 360-degree evaluation system that takes into account various aspects of a student's development and learning experience.

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

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- C. Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- D. Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.



13. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Dak Karmayogi Project':

1. This is an e-learning platform to enhance the competencies of Gramin Dak Sevaks and Postal Department employees.
2. This portal has been developed 'In-House' under the vision of Mission Karmayogi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

14. Consider the following statements about National Mission on Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem:

1. It was launched in 2010 but was formally approved by the government in 2014.
2. It covers eleven states only, which includes Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam and West Bengal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

15. Consider the following statements:

1. The GROW portal is hosted on the Bhuvan platform, ensuring universal access to state and district-level data related to agroforestry suitability.
2. The GROW portal utilises thematic datasets derived from remote sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) technology.
3. The GROW report aims to facilitate restoration projects for achieving national commitments of Land Degradation Neutrality by 2030.

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

16. Regarding the University Grants Commission (UGC), consider the following statements:

1. It became a statutory organisation of the Government of India in 2006.

2. The commission operates under the Ministry of Education.
3. The Chairman of the commission is chosen from the officers of the Central Government or any State Government.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

17. Consider the following statements with respect to 'C-CARES Web Portal':

1. It is developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a research and development organisation.
2. It will enable provident fund subscribers and coal companies to perform various functions, including online settlement of claims.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

18. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)':

1. The NCGG conducts an Advanced Leadership Development Programme on Public Policy and Governance for Civil Servants of the African Region.
2. It was set up in 2014 by the Government as an apex level autonomous institution under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

19. Regarding the Mera Gaun Mera Dharohar (MGMD) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a national mission on cultural mapping conducted in coordination with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) under the Ministry of Culture.
2. Under this scheme, the government has decided to map and document all the villages of the country.



Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

20. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Maa Kamakhya Divya Pariyojana':

1. It has been sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) scheme.
2. Kamakhya temple is situated on the Nilachal hills in Guwahati, Assam.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

21. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada (PMMSY) for formalisation of the fisheries sector.
2. Its objective is to provide a one-time incentive to beneficiaries for purchasing aquaculture insurance.
3. Under the National Fisheries Sector Digital Platform (NFDPP), this scheme aims to gradually formalise the unorganised fisheries sector.

How many of the statements above are correct?

- A. 2, and 3 only
- B. 1 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

22. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Smart Gram Panchayat Project':

1. The project is funded under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
2. The project aims to extend the PM-WANI (Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) Service to Gram Panchayats in Begusarai, Bihar.
3. The project aims to bridge the rural-urban divide, foster accountability, and efficiency in local self-governance.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

23. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Government e-Marketplace (GeM)':

1. GeM facilitates online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organisations / PSUs.
2. It provides the tools of e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation to facilitate the government users and private individuals.
3. GeM has launched outlet stores for various categories of products such as SARAS, Tribes India, Startup Runway, Khadi India, India Handicraft etc.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

24. Regarding Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2014 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation.
2. GOBAR-DHAN Scheme, a sub-component of the Swachh Bharat Mission was launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti and aims to boost farmers' income.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

25. Regarding Eklavya Model Residential Schools, consider the following statements:

1. It is a scheme for making model residential schools for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and other backward classes across India.
2. Its nodal ministry is the Ministry of Education.
3. These schools will be based on the respective state curriculum with education imparted in the mother language only.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None



26. Regarding the Nirbhaya Fund, consider the following statement:

1. It is specifically aimed at projects for improving women's safety and security.
2. It is a non-lapsable corpus fund.
3. It is being operated by the Ministry of Human Affairs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

27. Consider the following statements:

1. First Skill India Centre (SIC) of the country has been inaugurated in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
2. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP) enterprise working under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
3. NSDC partners with the private sector to implement the Skill India Mission, focusing on efficient vocational training initiatives.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

28. Consider the following statements regarding 'Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)':

1. The IEPFA was set up in 2016, under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, for administering the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF).
2. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between IEPFA and the Development Bank of Singapore Ltd (DBS) in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

29. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR): One Nation One Student ID Card':

1. APAAR would serve as a gateway to Digilocker, a digital system where students can store their important documents and achievements.

2. It assigns a unique identification number to students using their Aadhaar number with parental consent.
3. It is introduced in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020 and the National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCrF).

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

30. With reference to the SMILE Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a scheme after the merger of existing schemes for Beggars and Transgenders.
2. It provides a comprehensive package in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY) supporting Gender-Reaffirmation surgeries through selected hospitals.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

31. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS)':

1. It is a country-wide searchable database of crime and criminal-related fingerprints and managed by the National Crime Records Bureau.
2. It assigns a unique 10-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN) to each person arrested for a crime.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

32. With reference to Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA), consider the following statements:

1. It was an initiative of the Ministry of Education to address the educational service gap for communities from marginalized income groups.
2. The scheme was established with the aim of offering high-quality education and opportunities to students belonging to the SC Category only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

33. With reference to 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)', consider the following statements:

1. AB PM-JAY is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the beneficiaries as identified by latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC. data.
2. The financing for the program is distributed with a ratio of 60:40 for all states and Union Territories (UTs) with legislative assemblies, while it follows a 90:10 ratio for Northeastern states and Jammu and Kashmir.
3. The National Health Authority (NHA) has been constituted as an autonomous entity under the Society Registration Act, 1860 for effective implementation of PM-JAY.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

34. With reference to 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment Scheme', consider the following statements :

1. The Scheme was launched in FY 2020-21 in the wake of Covid-19 Pandemic.
2. The scheme consists of ten parts, with Part I having the smallest allocation at Rs. 10,000 crores.
3. The scheme also aims to enhance the pace of projects in key sectors such as Jal Jeevan Mission and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

35. Regarding PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-Kisan), consider the following:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Government of India.
2. Only farmers with land holding less than five hectares are eligible under this scheme.

3. A mandatory physical verification of 25% of beneficiaries every year is being done as per the provisions laid down in the scheme.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

36. Consider the following statement:

1. The Ministry of Education has unveiled ERNET, India's new integrated web portal for educational institutes.
2. The portal includes Website as a Service (WaaS) and Learning Management as a Service (LMaaS), allowing users to create customized websites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

37. Regarding the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhuyday Yojana (PM-AJAY), consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is not merged under PM-AJAY.
2. The aim of PM-AJAY is to reduce poverty and improve socio-economic development of SC communities.
3. Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and a component of PM-AJAY.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

38. Consider the following statements regarding Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyaan (MMUA):

1. The MMUA scheme is designed to foster the development of rural women who are part of self-help groups to transform them into rural micro-entrepreneurs.
2. Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Scheduled Castes (SCs) people with up to four children are allowed to avail benefits.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

39. With reference to the initiatives to promote Startup in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Funds of Funds Scheme was established with a corpus of Rs.40,000 Cr in 2016.
2. Startup India Seed Fund Scheme provides financial aid for proof of concept, prototype development and product trials.
3. Startup India Investor Connect facilitates AI-based matchmaking to connect startups with investors.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

40. Regarding the Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.
2. The primary focus of the Scheme is to strategically transition from high-volume tourism to high-value nature tourism at ecologically-sensitive wetlands.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

41. Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana is a scheme that will involve installing solar power systems at rooftops of all commercial buildings in the country.
2. Ministry of New and Renewable energy is implementing Rooftop Solar (RTS) Programme for installation of RTS in residential sector.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

42. What is Bharat Tex 2024?

- A. An international carbon tax mechanism.
- B. A technology conference organized by the Ministry of Technology.
- C. A textile event organized by the Ministry of Textiles.
- D. An annual tea festival.

43. With reference to 'Anganwadi Services', consider the following statements:

1. ICDS scheme has been renamed as Anganwadi Services.
2. Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) are recognised as government employees.
3. ICT platform Poshan tracker is designed to capture real-time data on monitoring of Anganwadi Services across the country.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

44. With reference to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), consider the following statements:

1. PMNRF was instituted in 1948 by the then Prime Minister to assist displaced persons from Pakistan.
2. The fund consists entirely of public contributions and does not get any budgetary support.
3. All donations towards the PMNRF are notified for 100% deduction from taxable income.

How many of the statements given above are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

45. Regarding the Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. GIAN is envisaged to catalyze higher education institutions in the country, and initially, it includes only private universities.
2. The GIAN Implementation Committee is headed by the Education Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



46. With reference to “PM e-VIDYA” scheme, consider the following statements :

1. It unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education.
2. The PM eVidya initiative is available to all the students across all the states free of cost.
3. DIKSHA Portal has been created by the Ministry of Education as part of this scheme to act as a storehouse of a large number of eBooks and e-Contents.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

47. Regarding the Adopt A Heritage program 2.0., consider the following statements:

1. The programme is a revamped version of the earlier scheme ‘Adopt a Heritage Scheme’ launched in 2017.
2. The program aims to engage private-public stakeholders in maintaining, developing, and operating heritage sites for sustainable upkeep and improved visitor experience.
3. Corporate entities will take responsibility for selected monuments as part of their CSR initiatives under the program.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

48. Consider the following statements regarding PM-JANMAN Scheme:

1. PM JANMAN is a government scheme that aims to bring tribal communities into the mainstream.
2. It also includes the establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras for trading in forest produce, off-grid solar power systems for 1 lakh households, and solar street lights.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

49. Which of the following are the initiatives of (or are administered by) the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO):

1. Monitors the Desert Locust situation throughout the world
2. Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)
3. Adoption of International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
4. Releasing the State of the World’s Forests (SOFO) Report

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

50. Which of the following schemes/initiatives relate to unorganised labour in India?

1. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)
2. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
3. Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)
4. Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM)

On the basis of information provided above, consider the following options:

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

51. Regarding the Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS), consider the following statements:

1. It offers voluntary third-party certification designed to promote sustainable forest management.
2. The scheme will be overseen by the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Council.
3. Trees Outside Forests Standard is not a part of the scheme.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

52. Regarding the Integrated Case Management Information System (ICMIS), consider the following statements:

1. ICMIS is a next-generation hybrid database adopted by the Supreme Court.
2. It enables litigants to access and retrieve information online through a user-friendly interface.
3. The implementation of ICMIS took place in 2020.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

53. Regarding Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005 by the Ministry of Rural development.
2. It assures 120 days of work yearly at minimum wage for willing adults in rural households.
3. MGNREGA assures work within 15 days or offers an "unemployment allowance" if delayed.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only Two
- C. Only Three
- D. None

54. With reference to Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme, consider the following statements :

1. It is a World Economic Forum (WEF) assisted Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It supports various CoronaVirus Disease 2019 Resilience and Recovery Interventions of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME).
3. Important component of RAMP is preparation of Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs), in which all states/UTs are invited.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

55. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in 2020.
2. It aims to support micro-food processing units with credit-linked subsidies and common infrastructure.
3. It adopts a One District One Product (ODOP) approach to identify food products for districts based on existing clusters and raw material availability.
4. It provides seed capital of Rs. 40,000 per member of Self Help Group (SHG) for working capital and purchase of small tools.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

56. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), consider the following statements:

1. The PMGKAY was first introduced in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA).
2. The scheme was designed to provide 5kg free foodgrains to eligible ration card holders to mitigate the immediate crisis.
3. Initially set to expire in December 2022, the scheme has been extended only once till December 2023.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

57. With reference to Kavach System, consider the following statements:

1. Kavach is a cab signaling train control system with anti-collision features developed by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO).
2. It acts as a vigilant watchdog over the existing signaling system, alerting the loco pilot when approaching a 'red signal' and applying automatic brakes if necessary.
3. The Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering & Telecommunications (IRISET) hosts the 'Centre of Excellence' for Kavach.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

58. Consider the following statements regarding the status of India's Smart Cities Mission (SCM):

1. Surat (Gujarat) emerges as the top-performing city, leading in the completion of projects, fund utilization, and overall criteria.
2. SCM is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, launched in June 2015 to transform 100 cities to provide the necessary core infrastructure and clean and sustainable environment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

59. Regarding the Agnipath Military Recruitment Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. Under this scheme, selected participants will be enrolled as Agniveers for a 5-year term.
2. The Agnipath scheme exclusively applies to commissioned personnel of officer ranks.
3. Under this scheme, a one-time 'Seva Nidhi' package will be paid to the Agniveers.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. All Three
- D. None

60. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the SHREYAS Scheme?

1. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Education.
2. The scheme provides interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies for OBCs and EBCs.
3. The scheme offers 1000 Junior Research Fellowships annually for OBC students pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

61. Which of the following Legislative Frameworks in India provide for income opportunities for rural people ?

1. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
2. Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)
3. National Career Service (NCS) Project
4. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All Four

62. Regarding the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to ensure 100 days of employment per financial year for adult members of rural households willing to engage in unskilled manual labor for public works.
2. The MGNREGA wage rates are fixed according to changes in the CPI-AL (Consumer Price Index-Agriculture Labour), which reflects the increase in inflation in rural areas.
3. It is a Demand-Driven Scheme.

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

- A. One Only
- B. Two Only
- C. All Three
- D. None

63. With reference to the Prime Minister-Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM Vikaas), consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative focussing on the skilling, entrepreneurship and leadership training requirements specifically aimed at minority communities across the country.
2. It is implemented in conjunction with the 'Skill India Mission' through integration with the Skill India Portal (SIP).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



64. With reference to the New Education Policy (NEP), 2020, consider the following statements:

1. The Union government has ordered all states and UTs to make six years as minimum age of admission for Class 1.
2. The new NEP pitches for a "5+3+3+4" design for formal schooling corresponding to the age groups 3-10 years (foundational stage), 10-14 years (preparatory stage), 14-16 years (middle stage), and 16-18 years (secondary stage).
3. NEP brings early childhood education, also known as preschool education for children of ages 3 to 5 years, under the ambit of formal schooling.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

65. Regarding the Jal Jeevan Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Jal Shakti which aims to ensure access to piped water for every household in India.
2. The Jal Jeevan Mission is based on various water conservation efforts like point recharge, desilting of minor irrigation tanks and source sustainability.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

66. With reference to the Project Udbhav, consider the following statements:

1. Project Udbhav is an initiative by the Indian Army to rediscover the profound Indic heritage of statecraft.
2. The Project has been set up by the Indian Army in partnership with the United Service Institution of India (USI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

67. Consider the following :

1. Deep Ocean Mission
2. Sagarmala Project
3. O-SMART
4. Bharatmala Pariyojana

How many of the above are the key initiatives related to the Blue Economy?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All Four

68. With reference to the Agniveers, consider the following statements:

1. The Agniveers are recruited through Agnipath Scheme across the three services i.e., Army, Navy and Airforce.
2. An Agniveer's family is entitled to receive pay for the remaining tenure from the date of death, amounting to over Rs 13 lakh, as well as a contribution of Rs 8 lakh from the Armed Forces Battle Casualty Fund.
3. Seva Nidhi is a scheme which is contributed by the Agniveer approximate 30% with equal matching contribution by the Government.

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

69. Consider the following statements regarding India Semiconductor Mission (ISM):

1. The ISM was launched in 2021 under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).
2. It is part of the comprehensive program for the development of sustainable semiconductor and display ecosystems in the country.
3. The programme aims to provide financial support to companies investing in semiconductors, display manufacturing and design ecosystem.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None



70. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY):

1. The Scheme was aimed at enhancing access to water for farming, expanding the cultivable area under assured irrigation.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme launched in 2015.
3. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme, Integrated Watershed Management Programme, and On-Farm Water Management schemes were amalgamated in PMKSY.

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

71. With reference to ATAL Bhujal Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. ATAL Bhujal Yojana is a Central Sponsored Scheme for facilitating sustainable groundwater management.
2. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
3. The scheme is being funded by the Government of India and the World Bank on a 50:50 basis.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

72. With reference to 5T Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. The 5T initiative is a governance initiative launched by the state of Telangana.
2. It is a governance model that stands for Teamwork, Transparency, Technology, Time, and Transformation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

73. Which of the following statements regarding the Rashtriya Gokul Mission is/are true?

1. The mission has been implemented for the development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds since December 2014.

2. The scheme is continued under the umbrella scheme Rashtriya Pashudhan Vikas Yojna from 2021 to 2026 with a budget outlay of Rs. 2400 crore.
3. The nodal ministry responsible for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission is the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
4. One of the objectives of the mission is to reduce the use of high genetic merit bulls for breeding purposes.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 1, 2, and 3
- C. 1 and 4
- D. 1 and 3

74. Consider the following statements:

1. Har Khet ko Pani (HKKP) is a part of Jal Jeevan Mission scheme.
2. In 2020, the Ministry of Jal Shakti launched a mobile application for Geo-Tagging of the components of projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

75. Which of the following statements are true regarding the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah?

1. The main objective of the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah is to raise awareness about critical life stages, including pregnancy, infancy, childhood, and adolescence.
2. The theme of the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah is 'Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat,' emphasizing nutrition, education, and empowerment.
3. Poshan Abhiyaan primarily targets pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls, and children under 12 years of age.

Answer the question based on the options given below:

- A. One statement only
- B. Two statements only
- C. Three statements only
- D. None of the above

76. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), consider the following statements:

1. It covers only rural areas and those who open an account would get indigenous Debit Card (RuPay card).
2. Guinness World Records has acknowledged the PMJDY's success, certifying that the "Most bank accounts opened in one week as part of the Financial Inclusion Campaign" was achieved by the Department of Financial Services, Government of India.

How many statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 & 2
- D. None of the above

77. With reference to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), consider the following statements:

1. The NMCG is implemented by the National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga also known as the National Ganga Council.
2. The Union Minister of Jal Shakti is the Chairman of the National Ganga Council.

How many statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 & 2
- D. None of the above

78. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme':

1. It is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, ASI, and State/UTs governments.
2. It aims to involve only private companies to take up the responsibility for making our heritage and tourism more sustainable.
3. Under this scheme, companies with the best heritage site plans can become 'Monument Mitras' and link pride to their CSR activities.

How many of the above given statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. None of the above

79. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):

1. It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG).
2. Phase 2 of PMUY (Ujjawala 2.0) aims to provide LPG connections to 50 million women from the Below Poverty Line (BPL) households.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

80. Consider the following States of India:

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Bihar
3. West Bengal
4. Punjab

How many of the above states are covered under the National Mission on Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem, 2010?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

81. With reference to the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for Battery Storage, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme is strategically designed to harness the potential of renewable energy sources to provide clean, reliable, and affordable electricity to citizens.
2. By offering VGF support, the scheme targets achieving a Levelized Cost of Storage (LCoS) ranging from Rs. 50-60 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

82. Consider the following statements regarding National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA):

1. NeVA is a work-flow system deployed on NIC Cloud, MeghRaj which helps the Chair of the House to conduct the proceedings of the House smoothly.
2. NeVA is a device neutral and member centric application created to equip the members of house to handle diverse House Business smartly.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

83. Consider the following statements regarding 'Skill India Digital (SID)':

1. It is envisioned as the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship in India.
2. It is a project under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

84. Regarding the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched by MoMSME on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti in 2023.
2. The scheme will cover 18 traditional trades in the first instance, such as carpenter, blacksmith, goldsmith, potter, etc.
3. The scheme supports artisans and craftspeople by providing credit, skill training, and promoting cultural heritage, integration into the formal economy, global value chains, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

85. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Kisan Rin Portal (KRP) is joint initiative of NITI Aayog and RBI .
2. The Ghar-Ghar KCC Abhiyaan underscores government commitment to Universal Financial Inclusion.
3. The WINDS initiative is an effort aimed at establishing a network of Automatic Weather Stations & Rain Gauges at taluk/block and gram panchayat levels.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3
- C. 1 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

86. Regarding the SHREYAS, consider the following statements:

1. The SHREYAS initiative aims to empower students from Scheduled Castes, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Other Backward Classes by providing them access to quality education.
2. It is an umbrella scheme, under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

87. Which of the following best describes the PM-WANI Scheme?

- A. It is a framework that enables any entity, such as a shopkeeper or a tea stall owner, to set up a public Wi-Fi hotspot and provide internet service to customers.
- B. It is an academic development scheme for providing funding to state universities and colleges to improve infrastructure, faculty recruitment, and research facilities.
- C. It is a women-centric welfare program that aims to create a conducive environment for the overall development of women, especially in rural and marginalized communities.
- D. It is an agricultural development scheme that aims to improve water-use efficiency in the agriculture sector.

88. With reference to the PM-KISAN Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology introduced an AI chatbot, a first for the central government's flagship PM-KISAN scheme.
2. The Chatbot will provide the farmers with "prompt, clear and accurate" responses to their queries.
3. The Chatbot is integrated with Bhashini, providing multilingual support to cater to the diverse linguistic and regional backgrounds of the beneficiaries.



How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two
- C. Only Three
- D. None

89. With reference to the report on the “Implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Higher Education”, consider the following statements:

1. The report emphasized that a major portion of India’s higher education system operates under Central Acts.
2. 94% of students are enrolled in Central institutions, leaving just 6% in State higher educational institutions.
3. National Education Policy aims to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education to 50% by 2035.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

90. Regarding the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. MGNREGA is one of the largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005 by the Ministry of Rural Development.
2. Unlike earlier employment guarantee schemes, the scheme aims to address the causes of chronic poverty through a rights-based framework.
3. Wages must be paid according to the statutory minimum wages specified for agricultural labourers in the state under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

91. Which of the following statements is/are **not** correct regarding Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana?

1. It is administered by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. It is a central sector scheme funded from the Consolidated Fund of India.

3. It provides free of cost devices to senior citizens from any (caste) category who are unable to afford them.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

92. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), consider the following statements:

1. The Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. PMMSY is implemented in all the States and Union Territories for a period of five years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

93. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM WANI) was launched by the Department of Telecom (DoT) in December 2020.
2. PM-WANI is a key part of India’s Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
3. DPI refers to blocks or platforms such as digital identification, payment infrastructure and data exchange solutions that help countries deliver essential services to their people.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 1, 2, and 3
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

94. What is the primary objective of Vidya Samiksha Kendras (VSKs) under the National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR)?

- A. To provide on-demand learning materials to students
- B. To leverage data and technology for improving learning outcomes
- C. To offer online support for lesson plans to teachers
- D. To track the transition of students to higher education

95. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana:

1. This initiative was launched on Gandhi Jayanti in 2014, by the Ministry of Finance, stands as one of the largest global efforts to promote financial inclusion.
2. This initiative spans across urban and rural regions, and individuals opening an account receive a domestic Debit and Credit card (Visa card).
3. Through Jan Dhan accounts, over 50 crore people have been brought into the formal banking system, with half of these accounts belonging to women.

How many of the above given statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. None of the above

96. Consider the following statements about The ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) initiative:

1. It was launched by Ministry of Culture.
2. It has been launched to promote cultural learning among citizens aged between 15 to 35 years.

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

97. Consider the followings statements regarding Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme (MSSC):

1. Under the scheme, women of any age group, including girl children, can open an account with a minimum deposit of Rs. 1000 and a maximum deposit of Rs. 2 Lakhs.
2. The scheme offers an interest rate of 7.5% p.a., which is compounded quarterly.
3. It has a provision for partial withdrawal and premature closure of the account is allowed at any time after six months of opening without any reduction in the interest rate.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

98. With respect to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), consider the following statements:

1. It is a non-statutory body established by executive action.
2. Its main function is to regulate telecom services, including fixation/revision of tariffs for telecom services.
3. The recommendations of the TRAI are binding upon the Central Government.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 2
- B. Only 3
- C. Only 2 and 3
- D. Only 1 and 3

99. Consider the following statements regarding PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM –YASASVI):

1. The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Education.
2. The Scheme covers students from Other Backward Class (OBC), SC, Denotified, Nomadic and semi-Nomadic Tribe (DNT) categories but excludes Economically Backward Castes (EBC).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

100. With reference to the AMRUT Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. Under this mission the purpose is to ensure that every household has access to a tap with the assured supply of water and a sewerage connection.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

101. Which of the following are the components of National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) programme:

1. NIDHI-PRAYAS (Promoting and Accelerating Young and Aspiring Innovators and Startups)
2. NIDHI Entrepreneurs-In-Residence (EIR) Program
3. NIDHI Seed Support Program

4. Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) and Centres of Excellence (CoE)

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1, 2 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

- 102.** With reference to the AMRUT Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. Under this mission the purpose is to ensure that every household has access to a tap with the assured supply of water and a sewerage connection.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

- 103.** Regarding the scheme “Vivad se Vishwas II”, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme “Vivad se Vishwas II” is launched by the Ministry of Finance.
2. The scheme aims to resolve contractual disputes efficiently and promote ease of doing business with the government.
3. Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal will be used for the implementation of the scheme.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
B. Only two
C. All three
D. None

- 104.** With reference to BharatNet Project, Consider the following statements :

1. National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) was launched in October 2011 and was renamed as Bharat Net Project in 2015.
2. It is the world’s largest rural broadband connectivity programme using Optical Fiber.
3. Bharat Broadband Network Ltd. is a Special Purpose Vehicle set up by the Government of India under the Companies Act, 1956.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
B. Only Two
C. All Three
D. None

- 105.** Consider the following statements regarding the Nagar Van Yojana (Urban Forest Scheme):

1. It is a joint initiative of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) India and Prime Minister’s Council on Climate Change (PMCCC).
2. It was introduced in the year 2020 with the objective of creating 1000 Nagar Vans (urban forests) in cities equipped with any urban local body - Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council or Municipality.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

- 106.** Which one of the following schemes aims to provide play-based learning teaching material tailored for children between the age group of 3 to 8 years?

- A. PM Schools for Rising India (SHRI)
B. National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) Bharat Mission
C. National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)
D. National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF FS) & Jai Pitara

- 107.** Consider the following statements with respect to ‘National Food Security Mission (NFSM)’:

1. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched on the recommendations of the agriculture sub-committee of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
2. The scheme focuses on specific crops like rice, wheat, and pulses initially later includes coarse cereals, nutri-cereals, and oilseeds in its scope.
3. High-yielding varieties and hybrids are developed, produced, and distributed to farmers to enhance the quality and quantity of agricultural output.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
B. Only two
C. All three
D. None

- 108.** With reference to the Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, consider the following statements:

1. It is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the beneficiaries as identified by latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), 2011 data.

2. The National Health Authority (NH) A.is a nodal agency which has been constituted as an autonomous entity under the National Health Authority Act, 1860.
3. The National Health Authority (NH) A.has given States/Union Territories the option to use other databases that have similar information about people's backgrounds and economic situations to cover families that were not verified in the SECC, 2011.

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

- A. Only one
B. Only two
C. All three
D. None

109. Consider the following statements:

1. In 2023, RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) Scheme has been relaunched as "Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM- USHA).
2. PM-USHA is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

110. With reference to the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, consider the following statements:

1. The nodal ministry of this mission is the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
2. The scheme is continued under the umbrella scheme Rashtriya Pashudhan Vikas Yojna from 2021 to 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

111. Consider the following statements with respect to 'PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan':

1. Its sole emphasis lies in the progression of industrial corridors exclusively.
2. Its digital platform creates a unified space for planning and executing infrastructure projects.
3. The scheme aims to enhance port trade by increasing cargo capacity and reducing turnaround time.

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

- A. Only one
B. Only two
C. All three
D. None

112. SANKALP and STRIVE is related to which of the following:

- A. Skill enhancement scheme for education and industry
B. Awareness campaign by income tax department
C. Development project scheme for northeast region
D. None of the above

113. Consider the following statements with respect to 'PM-eBus Sewa' scheme':

1. Under this scheme, city bus operations will be done on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.
2. States shall be responsible for running the bus services and making payments to the bus operators.
3. These bus operations will not be supported by the Central Government through the provision of subsidies.

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

- A. Only one
B. Only two
C. All three
D. None

114. Consider the following statements about National AYUSH Mission:

1. It is a central sector scheme implemented by the Ministry of AYUSH.
2. The Mission addresses the gaps in health services through supporting the efforts of states/UT Governments for providing AYUSH health services/ education in the country, particularly in vulnerable and far-flung areas.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
B. Only 2
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

115. With reference to the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored scheme that was introduced in the Union Budget 2022-23.



2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
3. It aims to fund infrastructure projects, ensuring seamless connectivity and accessibility across the North East Region in line with the spirit of PM Gati Shakti.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None of the above

116. Consider the following statements regarding Jal Jeevan Mission (Rural):

1. It aims to provide 55 litres of water per family per day to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections by 2024.
2. Har Ghar Jal status under this mission has been achieved by all the Indian States and Union Territories before the proposed dateline.
3. The Mission comes under the Ministry of Rural Development.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

117. Regarding the Mission Amrit Sarovar, consider the following statements:

1. The Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched in March 2023, as part of World Water Day celebrations.
2. Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) has been engaged as the technical partner for the Mission Amrit Sarovar.
3. The Mission aims to transform the water landscape, improve livelihoods, and ensure water availability for generations to come.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

118. Consider the following statements about Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission:

1. It was launched in September 2022, and is a national initiative to enhance India's digital health infrastructure, aligned with the flagship Ayushman Bharat scheme.
2. In 2023, the National Health Authority (NH A.introduced the "100 Microsites" initiative to fast-track the nationwide implementation of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), with Kerala taking the lead by establishing the inaugural operational ABDM Microsite.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

119. With reference to the 6th census of Minor Irrigation (MI) schemes, consider the following statements:

1. This census is released annually by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. Dug-wells have the highest share in MI schemes followed by shallow tube-wells, medium tube wells and deep tube wells.
3. Maharashtra leads in MI schemes in India, followed by Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

120. Consider the following statements regarding the newly launched Vishwakarma Yojana:

1. Artisans and craftspeople enrolled in the scheme can access up to ₹1 lakh (first tranche) and ₹2 lakh (second tranche) credit support at a 5% concessional interest rate.
2. The scheme offers a stipend of ₹500 for skill training and ₹1,500 for the purchase of modern tools.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



121. Consider the following statements regarding the components under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban:

1. Under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), a Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 Lakh for each Economically Weaker Section (EWS) dwelling by the Government of India.
2. A Central Assistance of Rs. 1 lakh per dwelling for qualified slum residents during redevelopment is provided under its In-situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) component.
3. Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO), National Housing Bank (NHB), and State Bank of India (SBI) are the designated Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) responsible for channeling the subsidy under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS).

How many statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All Three
- D. None

122. Consider the following statements regarding the PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM –YASASVI):

1. It is being implemented as an umbrella scheme by the Ministry of Skill Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. Both Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Denotified, Nomadic and semi-Nomadic Tribe (DNT) categories are included in the scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

123. Consider the following statements:

1. In India, the Medical Device Sector is regulated by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
2. India is the 4th largest medical devices market in Asia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

124. Consider the following statements regarding Psychedelic Substances:

1. Psychedelic substances can cause alterations in perception, thought, and mood.
2. They are non-addictive and non-toxic.
3. They are allowed to use under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

125. Consider the following statements regarding ‘River-Cities Alliance (RCA) Global Seminar’:

1. The RCA is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) & the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
2. The implementation of RCA program is being monitored by the Central Monitoring Committee at central level and at State level by the Chief Secretary of state.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

126. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
2. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) is administered by Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs).
3. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) is a one-year accidental insurance scheme offering coverage for death only due to accident.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

127. Consider the following pairs:

1. Project Saksham: The mass skilling exercise for employees of Indian Railways.
2. Saksham LMIS: Digital learning platform for healthcare professionals.



3. Project Sashakt: Scheme for women empowerment. How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- A. Only one pair
- B. Only two pairs
- C. Only three pairs
- D. None of the pairs

128. Which of the following ministry has launched, Catch the Rain 2023 Campaign?

- A. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

129. Consider the following statements regarding 'Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks Scheme':

1. The ultimate objective of the Bulk Drug Parks Scheme is to result an upsurge in the export of bulk drugs to various countries.
2. The scheme will be implemented by State Implementing Agencies (SI A. to be set up by the respective State Governments.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

130. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. SVAMITVA is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for mapping the land parcels in rural inhabited areas.
2. Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) is a Central Sector scheme of Ministry of Rural Development.
3. The major aim of land reforms was providing agricultural land to all the landless.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

131. Consider the following statements regarding Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment Act, (PoSH) 2013:

1. 'Vishakha guidelines' of Vishakha and others v State of Rajasthan 1997 became the basis of the PoSH Act.

2. The Act places a legal obligation on employers to constitute an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) at workplace to address complaints of sexual harassment.

3. The Internal Complaints Committees (ICC) have the powers of civil courts to gather evidence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 2 and 3 only

132. Which of the following is/are correct about the updated Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware manufacturing in India?

1. The incentive for incremental investment in domestic manufacturing has been increased to 5% in the updated scheme.
2. An additional optional incentive has been introduced for the utilization of domestically produced components.
3. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is the nodal ministry for the scheme.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 Only
- B. 2 and 3 Only
- C. 1 Only
- D. All the above

133. Consider the following statements regarding 'Transport and Marketing Assistance Scheme':

1. The scheme aims to provide assistance for the international component of freight and marketing of agricultural produce to mitigate disadvantage of higher cost of transportation to exports.
2. Under the scheme, the government reimburses the entire portion of freight charges to promote agricultural exports.
3. The scheme is applicable on specified products only and the dairy products aren't included under this because of their perishable nature.

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

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

134. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi", is a flagship programme, under the Union Ministry for Education.
2. The training for anganwadi staff will be provided by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

135. Which of the following statements is correct as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016?

1. All manufacturers of disposable products such as tin, glass, plastics packaging etc are required to provide necessary financial assistance to local authorities for the establishment of a waste management system.
2. The bio-degradable waste should be processed, treated and disposed of through plasma gasification.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

136. With reference to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985, which of the statements is/are correct?

1. The Act has not been amended even once since its introduction.
2. Bhang is not prohibited under the act.
3. The act permits the cultivation and sale of opium for medical and scientific purposes.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

137. Regarding the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, consider the following statements:

1. FTP 2023 aims at process re-engineering and automation to facilitate ease of doing business for exporters.
2. The government intends to encourage the use of the foreign currency in cross-border trade.

3. The government aims to increase India's overall exports to USD 2 trillion by 2030, with equal contributions from the merchandise and services sectors.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only

138. With reference to the Stand-up India scheme, consider the following statements:

1. Stand-up India scheme provides loans to all the entrepreneurs who are above 18 years of age.
2. Loans under the scheme are available for only Brownfield projects.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

139. Consider the following statements regarding 'Indian Space Policy 2023':

1. As per the policy, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) will be the interface between ISRO and non-governmental entities.
2. The policy allows private sector to take part in space activities like building satellites, rockets, and launch vehicles, data collection and dissemination.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

140. Consider the following statements regarding 'Guidelines for Assessment of Child Suspects':

1. The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) will be responsible for conducting a preliminary assessment of the child suspect and the board must complete this assessment within six months from the date the child is first brought before it.
2. The JJ Act, 2015 categorizes offenses committed by children into two categories: Serious offences and Heinous offences.



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

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

141. Consider the following statements:

1. The YUVA Portal was recently launched to identify potential young start-ups in India's science and technology innovation ecosystem.
2. The Indian Sign Language AstroLab offers virtual access to educational videos in Indian sign language, promoting inclusivity and accessibility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

142. Consider the following statements regarding 'Sangathan Se Samridhi Campaign':

1. The campaign is a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Samaveshi Vikaas and aims to mobilize 10 crore women from eligible rural households into SHGs.
2. The campaign was launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

143. With reference to newly launched UDAN 5.0 scheme, consider the following statements:

1. There is no restriction on the distance between the origin and the destination of the flight.
2. Under this, only Network and Individual Route Proposal proposed by airlines will be considered.
3. Now, Airlines would be required to commence operations within 3 months of the award of the route.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

144. Consider the following statements regarding Public Provident Fund (PPF):

1. It is a short-term savings scheme backed by the government.
2. The minimum annual investment required to keep a PPF account active is Rs. 500.
3. The annual maximum deposit amount in PPF account is Rs. 1.5 lakhs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 only

145. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana:

1. All accounts under the scheme are provided with an overdraft facility of Rs. 10,000.
2. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana account can be opened only in Public Sector Banks.
3. Under the scheme, to avail the accident insurance, the beneficiary must have performed at least one successful transaction using the card in the 90 days prior to date of accident.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

146. Consider the following statements regarding Sukanya Samridhi Scheme:

1. Under the scheme, parents or legal guardians can open deposits for up to two daughters aged below 10.
2. The minimum initial deposit in Sukanya Samridhi account is Rs 250, with a maximum annual ceiling of Rs 1,50,000.
3. Under the scheme, the deposits can be made for 15 years, and the account matures on completion of 18 years from the date of opening.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

147. Consider the following statements regarding Small Saving Schemes:

1. Small Savings Schemes are a set of savings instruments that provide returns that are generally higher than bank fixed deposits.
2. The interest rates on such instruments are determined by the market forces.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

148. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' programme launched by the National Mission for Cultural Mapping (NMCM) to map rural India's cultural assets?

1. The programme involves the identification and mapping of cultural assets and art repositories of the nation.
2. The programme aims to categorize villages based on historical significance only.
3. The survey process for mapping cultural assets of villages was carried out jointly by the Ministry of Culture and the Common Services Centres (CSC) of Ministry of Rural Development.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 Only
- B. 1 and 2 Only
- C. 2 and 3 Only
- D. 1,2 and 3

149. With reference to National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE), consider the following statements:

1. A document that specifies the history of education in Indian schools.
 2. Its objectives include shifting from rote learning and connecting education to real-life situations.
 3. The Formulation of NCFSE is undertaken by NCERT.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 and 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only

150. With Jal Jeevan Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It envisages supply of 55 litres of water per person per day to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) by 2024.
2. It comes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
3. It focuses on integrated demand and supply-side management of water at the local level.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

151. with reference to Atal Innovation Mission consider the following statements,

1. Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) is a program to set up innovation labs in schools across India.
2. ATL Sarthi is a comprehensive self-monitoring framework to strengthen the ecosystem of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

152. Which of the following is/are related to promoting the ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country?

1. CollabCAD
2. iCREST
3. PRAGYATA
4. Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 2 and 4 only

153. Regarding the Sagar Manthan Dashboard, consider the following statements:

1. It is launched by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
2. It is the Real-time Performance Monitoring Dashboard of MoPSW.



3. It will ensure the timely completion of projects, informed decision-making, increased efficiency and effectiveness of projects.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only

154. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It comes under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
2. It aims to make LPG available to economically weaker households in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

155. Regarding the Institution of Eminence (IOE), consider the following statements:

1. It is aimed at empowering higher education institutions in India and helping them implement world-class teaching systems.
2. Till now, 50 prestigious educational institutions in the country have got the Institutions of Eminence status.
3. The IOE tag will give greater autonomy and freedom to decide fees, course durations, and governance structures.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only

156. With reference to the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is implemented in all states and Union Territories in India.
2. It will provide free sanitary napkins to all adolescent girls in India.
3. It aims to promote menstrual hygiene and reduce school absenteeism among adolescent girls.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

157. Regarding the 'Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture', consider the following statements:

1. The Scheme provides a scholarship for a period of 2 years to the selected beneficiaries in the age group of 18-25 years.
2. Under this scheme, selected fellows in the 40 years and above age range will receive a senior fellowship for two years to carry out cultural research.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None of the above

158. With reference to the New India Literacy Programme, consider the following statements:

1. Continuing Education is one of the components of the scheme.
2. It aims to cover a target of 5.00 crore non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above.
3. The scheme is mainly based on volunteerism for teaching and learning.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

159. With reference to semi-conductors in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme aims to offer financial incentives in designing and deployment of semiconductor designs.
2. India is one of the top 5 countries producing semiconductors.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2



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1. Ans: D

Exp:

- SWAYAM, the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform providing educational opportunities for a vast number of learners, was launched by the Ministry of Education in 2017. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- SWAYAM Plus now offers industry-relevant courses to boost employability, with features like multilingual content, AI guidance, credit recognition, and pathways to employment, developed in collaboration with companies like L&T, Microsoft, CISCO, and others. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Swayam-Plus has been aligned with National Education Policy, 2020. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

2. Ans: A

Exp:

- The NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) launched the 'Vocal for Local' initiative under its Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).
- Initiative aims to boost **sustainable growth** by showcasing indigenous products through 'Aakanksha.' A dedicated window on the **GeM portal facilitates e-commerce for local products.**
- **Statement I and II both** are correct. Statement I is talking about **Vocal for Local initiative** being the part of the **Aspirational Block Programme (ABP)** and **statement II** is talking about how local products from **500 aspirational blocks** mapped and consolidated under **Aakanksha** to boost the sustainable growth of local products. In this way we can say that **statement II** is defining **statement I**.
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

3. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Prime Minister recently launched the Mahatari Vandana Yojana in Chhattisgarh.
- The scheme aims to ensure the **economic empowerment of women, provide them with financial security**, promote gender equality, and strengthen their decisive role within families. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- All married women above the **age of 21 as of 1st January 2024**, including widows, divorced, and deserted women, are eligible to benefit from this scheme. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

◆ Eligible married women in Chhattisgarh will receive financial aid of **Rs 1000 per month** through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

- Approximately **70 lakh women are expected to benefit** from the Mahatari Vandana Yojana in Chhattisgarh, contributing to their socio-economic upliftment.
- The other initiatives aimed at enhancing women's well-being are the **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Lakhpati Didi, Jan Dhan Accounts, Mudra Loans, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Ujjwala.**

4. Ans: D

Exp:

- In the inaugural rankings for schools of public health, the **Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)** has secured the **2nd position globally**, following the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- The rankings are part of a report titled '**A New Model for Ranking Schools of Public Health: The Public Health Academic Ranking**,' published in the International Journal of Public Health.
 - ◆ The project aimed to create an international bibliometric university ranking system for academic public health.
- The PHFI was launched by the former Prime Minister of India, **Manmohan Singh**, in 2006. It is a **public-private initiative** involving Indian and international academia, governments, agencies, and civil society groups. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- It aims to **enhance institutional capacity in India for public health** training, research, and policy development. Focused on promotive, preventive, and therapeutic services, PHFI's approach addresses Indian conditions and similar challenges globally.
- PHFI has established six institutes across India to promote multidisciplinary education and research, aiming to inform and assist policies for public health protection. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

5. Ans: B

Exp:

- The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG)**, introduced the '**Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)**' in 2016 as a flagship scheme with the objective of making clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**



- ◆ Usage of traditional cooking fuels had detrimental impacts on the health of rural women as well as on the environment due to huge emission of particulate matter and black carbon.
- It aims to **reduce the number of deaths in India** due to unclean cooking fuel which emits more **black carbon**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**
 - ◆ It also aims to set up infrastructure to accompany LPG connections, which includes providing complimentary gas stoves, deposits for LPG cylinders, and establishing a distribution network.
- The scheme provides a financial support of **Rs 1600 for each LPG connection** to the BPL households. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

6. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Krishi ICCC is a state-of-the-art tech-based solution housed in the **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare**, designed to aid in making informed decisions using multiple IT applications and platforms such as weather data from the **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**; sowing data from **Digital Crop Survey**; farmer-and farm-related data from **Krishi Mapper** (an application for geo-fencing and geo-tagging of land); market intelligence information from the **Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics (UPAg)**; and yield estimation data from the **General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES)**.
- The ICCC gives information on crop yields, production, drought situation, cropping patterns, relevant trends, outliers, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). **Hence, Statement I is correct.**
- The ICCC allows visualisation of GIS-based **soil carbon mapping** and **soil health card data**, enabling the generation of customised advisories for farmers regarding suitable crops and their water and fertiliser requirements. **Hence, statement II is correct.**
- **Hence, Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.**

7. Ans: C

Exp:

Universal Immunization Programme (UIP):

- The program provides free immunization against 12 vaccine-preventable diseases.
- **Nationally Against 9 Diseases:** Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Rubella, severe form of Childhood Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and Meningitis & Pneumonia caused by Haemophilus influenza type B.

- **Sub-nationally Against 3 Diseases:** Rotavirus diarrhoea, Pneumococcal Pneumonia and Japanese Encephalitis
- **Hence, Option C is correct.**

8. Ans: D

Exp:

Centre's New Electric Vehicle Policy:

- **Highlights of the Policy:**
 - ◆ **Duty Reduction for EV Imports:**
 - The policy slashes **customs duty rate to 15%** (applicable to Completely Knocked Down - CKD units) will be imposed on EVs with a minimum CIF (Cost, Insurance, and Freight) value of USD 35,000 or above for a total period of 5 years. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
 - ◆ **Import Cap and Investment Prerequisites:**
 - While allowing reduced-duty imports, the policy **caps the number of imported EVs at 8,000 per year**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - Manufacturers must invest a minimum of Rs 4,150 crore (~USD 500 Mn) to avail duty concessions.
 - There's no ceiling on the maximum investment, incentivising substantial capital infusion into the sector.
 - ◆ **Manufacturing and Value Addition Requirements:**
 - To promote local manufacturing, companies must set up operational facilities **within 3 years** and achieve a **minimum domestic value addition (DVA) of 25% within the same period**, escalating to **50% within 5 years** from the date of issuance of approval letter by the Ministry of Heavy Industries. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**
 - DVA is a percentage share of value that represents the value an economy adds to goods and services produced for export.

9. Ans: A

Exp:

- The Union Cabinet has approved the **Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), 2024** to foster industrial growth and employment generation in the **northeastern region**.

● **Objective of the Scheme:**

- ◆ It is aimed at **developing industries and generating employment** in the Northeast region. It focuses on **attracting new investments**, nurturing existing ones, and promoting industries like **renewable energy and Electric Vehicle charging stations** while restricting environmentally harmful sectors such as cement and plastic.
- ◆ The scheme's total cost is **Rs. 10,037 crore**, covering a 10-year period with an additional 8 years for committed liabilities. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- ◆ **The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** will implement the scheme in collaboration with states, overseen by national and state-level committees. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

10. Ans: A

Exp:

- **Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance (PTUAS) Scheme** helps drug companies upgrade their facilities to produce medicines that meet global standards. It was launched in July 2022. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Up to a maximum of 5% per annum (6% for units owned and managed by **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**) of interest subvention for the loan component eligible under the scheme, capped at Rs. 10 crore. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- This subsidy is applicable for a maximum period of 3 years on the reduced balance for loans sanctioned by **scheduled commercial banks /financial institutions**, both in the public and private sectors.

11. Ans: A

Exp:

- In May 2016, the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** introduced the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' (PMUY) to provide **clean cooking fuel** like LPG to rural and deprived households. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
 - ◆ This aimed to replace traditional cooking fuels like firewood and coal, which had negative impacts on the health of rural women and the environment.
 - ◆ Under **Ujjwala 2.0** (Phase-2 of PMUY), a special provision has been made for **Migrant Families to avail of new connections** using Self-Declaration instead of Proof of Address (PA) and Ration Card (RC). **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**

12. Ans: A

Exp:

- The **Holistic Progress Card (HPC)** is a new approach to evaluating students' academic performance that moves away from traditional reliance on marks or grades. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It adopts a comprehensive **360-degree evaluation system** that takes into account various aspects of a student's development and learning experience. **Hence, statement 2 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.**

13. Ans: C

Exp:

Dak Karmayogi Project:

- This is an e-learning platform to enhance the competencies of Gramin Dak Sevaks and Postal Department employees. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Meghdoot Awards** are a national-level award given by **India Post** to **top-performing employees** in the **Department of Posts**.
- The awards were introduced in **1984** to recognize outstanding performance and encourage postal employees.
- This portal has been developed 'In-House' under the vision of Mission Karmayogi. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

14. Ans: A

Exp:

National Mission on Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem (2010):

- The Programme was **launched in 2010** but was formally **approved by the government in 2014**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is a **multi-pronged, cross-cutting mission** across various sectors.
- It **contributes to the sustainable development of the country** by enhancing the understanding of climate change, its likely impacts and adaptation actions required for the Himalayas- a region on which a significant proportion of India's population depends for sustenance.
- **States Covered:**
 - ◆ **Eleven States:** Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam and West Bengal.



- ◆ **Two Union Territories:** Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

- Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

15. Ans: D

Exp:

- The GROW portal is hosted on the **Bhuvan platform**, ensuring universal access to state and district-level data related to **agroforestry** suitability. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- The portal utilises thematic datasets derived from **remote sensing** and **Geographic Information System (GIS)** technology, offering comprehensive information on factors influencing agroforestry suitability. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
- The GROW report aims to **facilitate restoration projects for achieving national commitments of Land Degradation Neutrality and restoring 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030**, as well as creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. Hence, **statement 3 is correct.**

16. Ans: A

Exp:

University Grants Commission:

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) came into existence on 28th December, 1953 and became a **statutory Organization of the Government of India by an Act of Parliament in 1956**, for the coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in university education. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct.**
- The UGC operates under the **Ministry of Education**, the Central Government appoints a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and ten other members to the UGC. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
- The Chairman is chosen from people **who are not officers of the Central Government or any State Government.** Hence, **statement 3 is not correct.**

17. Ans: D

Exp:

- Recently, the Ministry of Coal (MC) launched the **C-CARES web portal** of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO).
- The C-CARES web portal is developed by the **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**, a Research and development organization under **MeitY**, the portal promises to revolutionize record-keeping and streamline processes for CMPFO subscribers and pensioners. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**

- CMPFO is an **autonomous organization** under the **MoC** for administering **Provident Fund and Pension schemes** for social security in the coal sector.

- ◆ The Organization is presently rendering services to about 3.3 lakh Provident Fund subscribers and 6.1 lakh pensioners of the coal sector.

- C-CARES will enable CMPF subscribers and coal companies to perform various functions tailored to their needs, including **online settlement of claims**, paperless working, timely and accurate settlement of claims, reduction in processing time, and grievance redressal. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**

18. Ans: D

Exp:

- The **National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)**, recently concluded its Advanced Leadership Development Programme on Public Policy and Governance for **Civil Servants of the African Region.** Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**

- ◆ It focused on **Land Administration, Sustainable Development, and Public Policy Practices** and was attended by officers from **Eritrea, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Gambia**, the program aimed to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange.

- NCGG was set up in 2014 by the Government as an apex-level autonomous institution under the **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.** Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**

19. Ans: C

Exp:

Mera Gaun Mera Dharohar (MGMD) Scheme:

- The **MGMD Programme** is a **national mission** on cultural mapping conducted in coordination with the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** under the Ministry of Culture. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**

- The Government of India has decided to **map and document** all villages under the Mera Gaun, Meri Dharohar (MGMD) Programme. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**

- ◆ The program seeks to compile comprehensive information detailing the life, history, and ethos of Indian villages and make it available to virtual and real-time visitors.

20. Ans: D

Exp:

- Recently, the Indian Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of **Maa Kamakhya Divya Pariyojana** (Maa Kamakhya Access Corridor).
 - ◆ It has been sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) scheme. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Situated on the **Nilachal hills in Guwahati, Assam**, Kamakhya temple is a significant pilgrimage centre. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The temple is dedicated to different forms of Mother Shakti, namely **Sundari, Tripura, Tara, Bhuvaneshvari, Bagalamukhi and Chinnamasta.**
- **Ambubachi Mela** is one of the major festivals of this temple. The festival is held every year to **commemorate the yearly menstruation of Goddess Kamakhya.**

21. Ans: D

Exp:

- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana:**
 - ◆ Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana, a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada (PMMSY) for formalisation of the fisheries sector and supporting fisheries micro and small enterprises with an investment of over Rs. 6,000 crores over a period of next four years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27 in all States/Union Territories. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Its objectives includes:**
 - ◆ Gradual Formalisation of the unorganised fisheries sector through self-registration of fishers, fish farmers and supportive workers under a National Fisheries Sector Digital Platform (NFDP). **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**
 - ◆ Facilitating access to institutional financing for fisheries sector micro and small enterprises.
 - ◆ Providing a one-time incentive to beneficiaries for purchasing aquaculture insurance. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
 - ◆ Incentivising adoption and expansion of safety and quality assurance systems for fish, and fishery products and maintenance of jobs.

22. Ans: C

Exp:

- **Smart Gram Panchayat Project:**
 - ◆ The project is funded under the **revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

- ◆ Emphasis is placed on using technology to enhance access to online services in critical sectors like health, education, and skilling, improving the quality of life in rural areas.
- ◆ The project aims to extend the **PM-WANI (Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) Service to Gram Panchayats in Begusarai, Bihar.** **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- ◆ Begusarai leads the digital transformation in Bihar by equipping all Gram Panchayats with Wi-Fi services under the **PM-WANI Scheme.**
- ◆ The project aims to bridge the rural-urban divide, foster accountability, and efficiency in local self-governance. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

23. Ans: B

Exp:

- **Government e-Marketplace (GeM):**
 - ◆ **GeM facilitates** online procurement of common use **Goods & Services** required by various **Government Departments/Organisations/PSUs.** **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ It provides the tools of **e-bidding, reverse e-auction** and **demand aggregation** to facilitate the government users. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - ◆ GeM has launched outlet stores for various categories of products such as SARAS, Ajeevika, Tribes India, Startup Runway, Khadi India, India Handloom, India Handicraft, Divyangjan etc. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

24. Ans: B

Exp:

- **Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen:** The Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), launched in 2014 by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, is a nationwide campaign to achieve universal sanitation coverage and eliminate open defecation in rural areas. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **GOBAR-DHAN Scheme**, a sub-component of SBM launched in 2018 by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, aims to increase farmers' income by converting biodegradable waste into compressed biogas (CBG). **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

25. Ans: D

Exp:

Eklavya Model Residential Schools:

- EMRS is a scheme for making model residential schools for **Schedule Tribes (STs)** across India. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**



- Its nodal ministry is the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**. Hence, **statement 2 is not correct**.
- The EMR School follows the **CBSE curriculum**. Hence, **statement 3 is not correct**.
- The scheme aims to build schools at par with the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas with a focus on special **state-of-the-art facilities** for preserving local art and culture besides providing training in sports and skill development.

26. Ans: B

Exp:

Nirbhaya Fund:

- It is aimed specifically at projects for improving women's safety and security. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- It is a **non-lapsable** corpus fund. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- The Nirbhaya Fund is being operated by the Union **Ministry of Women and Child Development**. Hence, **statement 3 is not correct**.

27. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship inaugurated the first Skill India Centre (SIC) of the country in Sambalpur, Odisha, marking a significant step towards enhancing the skill set of India's youth. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct**.
 - ◆ The SIC in Sambalpur, Odisha, **aims to upgrade the skills of the youth, particularly focusing on new-age job roles**.
 - It will empower over 1200 students through skill training programs in demand-driven industries.
 - ◆ The SIC offers courses in high-demand trades such as Media & Entertainment, Leather, Tourism & Hospitality, and IT-ITeS.
 - ◆ The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) will oversee the implementation of training programs to ensure adherence to quality standards and the overall functioning of the centre.
 - ◆ NSDC is a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP) enterprise working under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- It was established to catalyse the skilling ecosystem, NSDC partners with the private sector to implement the Skill India Mission, focusing on efficient vocational

training initiatives. It supports enterprises, startups, and organizations by providing funding, concessional loans, and innovative financial products to enhance skilling initiatives. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

28. Ans: B

Exp:

- The IEPFA was set up on 7th September 2016, under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, for administering the Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF) for making refunds of shares, unclaimed dividends, and matured deposits/debentures, among other things, to investors. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct**.
- In a significant move towards enhancing investor awareness and protection, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and the Development Bank of Singapore Ltd (DBS) in New Delhi. Hence, **Statement 2 is correct**.
 - ◆ IEPF promotes awareness and protects the interests of investors.
 - ◆ The IEPFA has conducted several Investor Awareness Programmes aimed at increasing financial literacy and empowering investors to protect themselves from financial fraud.

29. Ans: D

Exp:

- **'APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card'** would serve as a gateway to **Digilocker**, a digital system where students can store their important documents and achievements, such as exam results and report cards. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- It assigns a unique identification number to students using their **Aadhaar number** with parental consent. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- It is **introduced in accordance with** the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 and the National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCrF). Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

30. Ans: C

Exp:

- **SMILE Scheme:**
 - ◆ It is a new Scheme after the merger of existing Schemes for **Beggars and Transgenders**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
 - ◆ The two sub-schemes of SMILE are 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons' and 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of engaged in the act of Begging'.



- ◆ Scheme provides for the use of the **existing shelter homes** available with the State/UT Governments and Urban local bodies for rehabilitation of the transgender persons.
- ◆ Through Composite Medical Health it provides a comprehensive package in convergence with **Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY)** supporting **Gender-Reaffirmation surgeries** through selected hospitals. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

31. Ans: D

Exp:

National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS):

- Conceptualized and managed by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), it is a country-wide searchable database of crime- and criminal-related fingerprints. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ The web-based application functions as a central information repository by consolidating fingerprint data from all states and Union Territories.
- NAFIS assigns a unique 10-digit **National Fingerprint Number (NFN)** to each person arrested for a crime. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
 - ◆ This unique ID can be used for the person's lifetime, and different crimes registered under **different FIRs will be linked to the same NFN.**

32. Ans: B

Exp:

- The scheme **SHRESHTA** (Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas) was an initiative of the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** with aims to bridge the educational service gap in areas dominated by Scheduled Castes (SCs) by providing high-quality education, socio-economic upliftment, and overall development for SC students, with the goal of offering them quality education and opportunities. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- Students from the **SC community** who are currently **studying in 8th and 10th grade** are eligible to benefit from the scheme. Additionally, students from marginalized income groups within the SC community, with an annual income of up to Rs 2.5 lakh, are also eligible. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

33. Ans: C

Exp:

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri — Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the **beneficiaries as identified by latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data.** **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The National Health Authority (NHA) has provided flexibility to States/UTs to use non- Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) beneficiary family databases with similar socio-economic profiles for tagging against the leftover (unauthenticated) SECC families.
- The funding for the scheme is shared – **60:40 for all states and UTs** with their own legislature, **90:10 in Northeast states and Jammu and Kashmir**, Himachal and Uttarakhand and 100% Central funding for UTs without legislature. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** has been constituted as an autonomous entity under the Society Registration Act, 1860 for effective implementation of PM-JAY in alliance with state governments. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

34. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure was launched in FY 2020-21 in the wake of **Covid-19 Pandemic.** **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ The scheme has been expanded and continued as 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24' with allocation of Rs 1.3-lakh crore.
- The scheme has eight parts, **Part-I being the largest with allocation of Rs. 1 lakh crore.** This amount has been allocated amongst states in proportion to their share of central taxes and duties as per the award of the 15th Finance Commission. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The scheme also aims to enhance the pace of projects in key sectors such as Jal Jeevan Mission and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana by providing funds for meeting the state share. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

35. Ans: A

Exp:

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-Kisan):

- It is a **Central Sector Scheme** with **100% funding** from the Government of India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ It is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.



- **Scope of the Scheme:** The scheme was initially meant for Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) having **landholding up to 2 hectares** but the scope of the scheme was **extended to cover all landholding farmers**. Hence, **statement 2 is not correct**.
- **Physical Verification Module:** A mandatory **physical verification of 5% beneficiaries** every year is being done as per the provisions laid down in the scheme. Hence, **statement 3 is not correct**.

36. Ans: B

Exp:

- The **Ministry of Electronics & IT** has recently unveiled ERNET, India's new integrated web portal for educational institutes, offering domain registration, DNS (Domain Name System), and value-added services. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct**.
- The portal includes Website as a Service (WaaS) and Learning Management as a Service (LMaaS), **allowing users to create customized websites and Learning Management Systems** using various templates. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
 - ◆ The ERNET India is a **not-for-profit scientific society under MeitY**. It is the exclusive domain registrar for all the education & research institutes having 'ac.in', 'edu.in' & 'res.in' as domain name.

37. Ans: C

Exp:

- Recently, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment highlighted the **Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhuyday Yojana (PM-AJAY)** is a comprehensive scheme amalgamating three **Centrally Sponsored Schemes**.
- These schemes include:
 - ◆ **Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)**,
 - ◆ **Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)**, and
 - ◆ **Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY)**.
 - **(PMAY is not merged under this scheme)**. Hence, **statement 1 and statement 3 are correct**.
 - ◆ This initiative, launched in the fiscal year 2021-22, **aims to uplift Scheduled Caste (SC) communities** by generating employment opportunities through skill development, income-generating schemes, and various initiatives. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.

38. Ans: C

Exp:

- The Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyaan (MMUA) scheme is **designed to foster the development of rural women who are part of self-help groups**, transforming them into "rural micro-entrepreneurs" with a target annual income of Rs 1 lakh per member. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- **Child Limitations:**
 - ◆ **General and OBC Women:** Limited to three children to qualify for the scheme.
 - ◆ **STs and SCs:** Allowed up to four children to avail benefits. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
 - ◆ **Moran, Motok, and 'Tea Tribes':** Subject to a four-child cap.

39. Ans: B

Exp:

Government Initiatives Taken to Promote Startup :

- **Funds of Funds (FoF) Scheme:**
 - ◆ The FoF for Startups Scheme, established in June 2016 with a corpus of Rs. 10,000 Cr, aims to boost the Indian Startup ecosystem by spreading contributions over the 14th and 15th Finance Commission cycles based on implementation progress, facilitating access to domestic capital. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct**.
- **Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISF):**
 - ◆ SISF, approved for a four-year period from 2021-22 with a corpus of Rs. 945 Cr, provides financial aid to Startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry, and commercialisation. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- **Startup India Investor Connect:**
 - ◆ Startup India Investor Connect facilitates AI-based matchmaking to connect startups with investors, streamlining the process for entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas to multiple investors through a single application. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

40. Ans: C

Exp:

- The '**Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme**' is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- The scheme will be implemented over the next three years (2023 onwards) to encourage optimal use of wetlands, and enhance biodiversity, carbon stock, eco-tourism opportunities and income generation for local communities.



- ◆ The primary focus of the Scheme is to strategically transition from **high-volume tourism to high-value nature tourism** at ecologically-sensitive wetlands. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

41. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Indian Prime Minister launched the '**Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana,**' a pioneering government initiative aimed at installing rooftop solar power systems in one crore **households** across the nation. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The Ministry of New and Renewable energy is implementing **Rooftop Solar (RTS) Programme** Phase-II, wherein Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is being provided for installation of RTS in the **residential sector**. The Programme envisages installation of 4 GW of RTS capacity in the residential sector, and has been extended till 31.03.2026. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

42. Ans: C

Exp:

- **Bharat Tex 2024:**
 - ◆ Bharat Tex 2024 is the **largest textile event in 2024**, organized by the **Ministry of Textiles** and 11 Textile Export Promotion Councils of India. It will take place in New Delhi from **February 26 to 29, 2024**.
 - The event will showcase the **entire textile value chain of India**, from farm to fashion, and highlight its heritage, craftsmanship, and innovations.
 - Bharat Tex 2024 aims to position India as a global powerhouse in textiles and attract investments, trade, and partnerships from around the world.
- **Hence, option C is correct.**

43. Ans: B

Exp:

Anganwadi Services:

- The **ICDS scheme** was launched in India on 2th October 1975. **It was renamed as Anganwadi Services** and the services are now offered as part of the **Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- AWWs are **not recognised government employees** and the monthly honorarium for Anganwadi workers is significantly lower than the minimum wage in many states, often falling between **Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

- ICT platform **Poshan tracker** has been designed to capture real-time data on implementation and monitoring of Anganwadi Services across the country. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

- ◆ It provides a 360 - degree view of the activities of the **Anganwadi Centre (AWC)**, **service deliveries of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs)** and complete beneficiary management.

44. Ans: D

Exp:

Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF):

- PMNRF was instituted in 1948 by then **Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru**, to assist displaced persons from Pakistan. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The fund is currently used to provide support to **people affected by natural and man-made disasters**.
 - ◆ This includes natural disasters like **floods, cyclones, and earthquakes**, and **man-made disasters** like major accidents, acid attacks, and riots.
- The fund consists entirely of **public contributions** and does **not get any budgetary support**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The corpus of the fund is invested with **banks in fixed deposits**. Disbursements are made with the **approval of the Prime Minister**.
- All donations towards the PMNRF are notified for **100% deduction from taxable income** under Section 80G of the **Income Tax Act, 1961**. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

45. Ans: D

Exp:

Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) Scheme:

- Union Cabinet has approved a programme titled **Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN)** in **Higher Education** aimed at **tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs** internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India so as **to augment the country's existing academic resources**, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and **elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence**.
- GIAN is envisaged to catalyse higher education institutions in the country, and that **it will initially include all IITs, IIMs, Central Universities, IISc Bangalore, IISERs, NITs and IIITs** subsequently cover good State Universities where the spinoff is vast. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**



- GIAN is an evolving scheme which will initially include participation of foreign faculty in Institutes as Distinguished/Adjunct/Visiting faculty/Professors of Practice, etc., to participate in delivering Short or Semester-long Courses. Other activities will be included in due course.
- MHRD has already constituted a GIAN Implementation Committee headed by Secretary (HE), MHRD to finalize and approve the GIAN implementation through courses and also decide on budget allocation. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

46. Ans: C

Exp:

- PM e-Vidhya:
 - ◆ About:
 - A comprehensive initiative called PM e-VIDYA was initiated as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan in 2020.
 - It unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. Hence, Statement 1 is correct.
 - The PM eVidya initiative is available to all the students across all the states free of cost. Hence, Statement 2 is correct.
 - ◆ Key Components of PM eVidya:
 - Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA): DIKSHA is the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in States/Union Territories and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades. Hence, Statement 3 is correct.
- DIKSHA Portal and Mobile App: It has been created by the Ministry of Education as a storehouse of a large number of eBooks and e-Contents created by States/UTs and National level organizations.

47. Ans: C

Exp:

- Recently, the Ministry of Culture has shed light on the Adopt A Heritage program 2.0.
- The programme is a revamped version of the earlier scheme (Adopt a Heritage Scheme) launched in 2017 by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and clearly defines the amenities sought for different monuments as per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR), 1958. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

- The program aims to involve various private-public stakeholders in the maintenance, development, and operation of heritage sites, thus ensuring their sustainable upkeep while also enhancing the visitor experience. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- Under the program, corporate entities will assume responsibility for selected monuments as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

48. Ans: C

Exp:

PM-JANMAN Scheme:

- PM JANMAN is a government scheme that aims to bring tribal communities into the mainstream. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
- The scheme (comprising Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes) will be implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with the State governments and the PVTG communities.
- The scheme will concentrate on 11 critical interventions overseen by 9 line Ministries, ensuring the implementation of existing schemes in villages inhabited by PVTGs.
 - ◆ It encompasses various sectors, including safe housing under the PM-AWAS Scheme, access to clean drinking water, improved healthcare, education, nutrition, road and telecommunications connectivity, as well as opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.
- The plan also includes the establishment of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras for trading in forest produce, off-grid solar power systems for 1 lakh households, and solar street lights. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- The scheme is expected to enhance the quality of life and well-being of the PVTGs, by addressing their multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and exclusion, and by recognizing and valuing their unique and valuable contribution to national and global development.

49. Ans: D

Exp:

- Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is a specialised agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.
 - ◆ World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16th October. The day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the founding of the FAO in 1945.

- ◆ It is one of the UN food aid organisations based in Rome (Italy).
- **Initiatives Taken:**
 - ◆ **Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS).**
 - ◆ **Monitors the Desert Locust situation throughout the world.**
 - ◆ The Codex Alimentarius Commission or CAC is the body responsible for all matters regarding the implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme.
 - ◆ The **International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture** was adopted by the Thirty-First Session of the Conference of the FAO in 2001.
- **Flagship Publications:**
 - ◆ The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA).
 - ◆ **The State of the World's Forests (SOFO).**
 - ◆ The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI).
 - ◆ The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA).
 - ◆ The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO).
- **Hence, option D is correct.**

50. Ans: D

Exp:

- Provided through **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)** and **Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)**.
 - ◆ **PMJJBY:**
 - Rs. 2.00 Lakh in case of death of insured, due to any reason, at an annual premium of Rs. 436/-. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ **PMSBY:**
 - Rs. 2.00 Lakh in case of accidental death or total permanent disability and Rs. 1.00 lakh for partial permanent disability due to accident at a premium of Rs. 20/- per annum. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
- **Health and Maternity Benefits:**
 - ◆ The health and maternity benefits are insured through **Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)** under deprivation and occupation criteria. **Hence, Statement 3 is correct.**

- ◆ It provides health insurance coverage up to Rs. 5.00 lakhs per family for secondary and tertiary care-related hospitalization.
- **Old Age Protection:**
 - ◆ To provide old age protection to unorganised sector workers, the Government of India launched a pension scheme in 2019 namely **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM)** to provide a monthly pension of Rs. 3000/- after attaining the age of 60 years to unorganized workers. **Hence, Statement 4 is correct.**

51. Ans: B

Exp:

- Recently, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has launched the **Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS)**, offering **voluntary third-party certification** designed to promote sustainable forest management and agroforestry in the country. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Nodal Agencies:**
 - ◆ The scheme will be overseen by the **Indian Forest and Wood Certification Council**, which will act as a multistakeholder advisory body.
 - ◆ **Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal** will act as the scheme operating agency and will be responsible for overall management of the Scheme.
 - ◆ The **National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies under the Quality Council of India** will accredit the certification bodies which will carry out independent audits and assess adherence of various entities on the standards prescribed under the scheme. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Trees Outside Forests Standard:**
 - ◆ A separate Trees Outside Forests Standard is **now introduced** as a part of the Scheme.
 - 'Trees outside Forests' means trees growing outside recorded and notified forests, in farm lands of an individual farmers or group of small farmers or plantation area on private land of institutions and industries, etc. and include all trees on the hedges and bunds, **trees in different models of agroforestry, silvo-pastoralism, urban and rural forestry systems and block plantations.** **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

52. Ans: B

Exp:

About Integrated Case Management Information System (ICMIS):

- ICMIS is a next-generation hybrid database adopted by the SC. It integrates various information sources related to cases, such as case status, orders, judgments, appeals, etc. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
- ICMIS enables litigants to access and retrieve information online through a user-friendly interface. It also provides real-time updates on the progress of cases. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- ICMIS helps reduce manipulation and delay in case filing and disposal. It also facilitates the online filing of cases and documents through e-filing portals.
- The Integrated Case Management Information System (ICMIS), implemented in 2017, played a crucial role in achieving the highest disposal numbers. Hence, statement 3 is not correct.

53. Ans: B

Exp:

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS):

- MGNREGA is one of the largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005 by the Ministry of Rural development. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
- It provides a legal guarantee for one hundred days of employment in every financial year to adult members of any rural household willing to do public work-related unskilled manual work at the statutory minimum wage. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.
- The cornerstone of MGNREGA's design is its legal guarantee, ensuring that any rural adult can request work and must receive it within 15 days. Hence, statement 3 is correct.
 - ◆ If this commitment is not met, an "unemployment allowance" must be provided.

54. Ans: B

Exp:

- Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) is a World Bank assisted Central Sector Scheme. Hence, Statement 1 is not correct.
- RAMP Scheme supports various CoronaVirus Disease 2019 (Covid) Resilience and Recovery Interventions of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME). Hence, Statement 2 is correct.

- Important component of RAMP is preparation of Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs), in which all states/UTs are invited. Hence, Statement 3 is correct.

- ◆ The overall monitoring and policy overview of RAMP would be done by an apex National MSME Council.

55. Ans: D

Exp:

Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme:

- The PMFME Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in June 2020. Hence, Statement 1 is correct.
- It aims to enhance the competitiveness and formalization of the unorganized micro food processing sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain.
- The scheme envisages an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.
- Under the scheme, 2,00,000 micro food processing units will be directly assisted with credit-linked subsidies at 35% of the eligible project cost with a maximum ceiling of Rs.10 lakh per unit. Hence, Statement 2 is correct.
- The scheme also provides for common infrastructure, branding and marketing support, capacity building and research, and a robust project management framework.
- The scheme adopts a One District One Product (ODOP) approach to identify food products for districts keeping in view the existing clusters and availability of raw material. Hence, Statement 3 is correct.
 - ◆ The ODOP could be a perishable produce based or cereal based or a food item widely produced in an area.
- The scheme also provides seed capital of Rs. 40,000 per member of SHG for working capital and purchase of small tools, with a maximum limit of Rs. 4 lakh per SHG. Hence, Statement 4 is correct.

56. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was first introduced in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). Hence, Statement 1 is correct.



- ◆ The National Food Security Act, 2013 legally entitled **upto 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population** to receive subsidized food grains under **Targeted Public Distribution System**.
- It was designed to provide **5kg free foodgrains** to eligible ration card holders to mitigate the immediate crisis due to the corona pandemic. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
- Initially set to **expire in December 2022**, the scheme was extended till **December 2023** and now, it has been **extended for an additional five years**. **Hence, Statement 3 is not correct.**
- Since its inception, the government has allocated 1,118 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains from its central procurement pool at a cost of **Rs 3.9 lakh crore**.

57. Ans: C

Exp:

Kavach System:

- Kavach is a **cab signaling train control system with anti-collision features** developed by the **Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO)** in association with **three Indian vendors**. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ It has been adopted as our **National Automatic Train Protection (ATP) System**.
- It adheres to **Safety Integrity Level-4 (SIL-4)** standards and acts as a vigilant watchdog over the existing signaling system, **alerting the loco pilot when approaching a 'red signal'** and applying automatic brakes if necessary to prevent overshooting the signal. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
 - ◆ The system also relays **SoS messages** during emergency situations.
- It features centralized live monitoring of train movements through the **Network Monitor System**.
 - ◆ The **Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering & Telecommunications (IRISET)** in **Secunderabad, Telangana** hosts the 'Centre of Excellence' for Kavach. **Hence, Statement 3 is correct.**

58. Ans: C

Exp:

- **Status of India's Smart Cities Mission:**
 - ◆ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs's latest data, as of 3rd November 2023, provides insights into the **status of India's Smart Cities Mission**.

- With the mission's deadline approaching in June 2024, the analysis showcases top-performing cities, financial milestones, and regional variations in project completion.
- **Key Findings Regarding the Status of India's Smart Cities Mission:**
 - ◆ **Leading Cities in Completion of Projects:**
 - **Surat (Gujarat)** emerges as the **top-performing city**, leading in the completion of projects, fund utilization, and overall criteria. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - **Agra (Uttar Pradesh(UP)), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Varanasi (UP), and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)** secure positions in the top five cities, showcasing commendable progress.
 - ◆ **Regional Disparities:**
 - **Union Territories (UTs)** and cities in **Northeastern states** find themselves in the bottom 10.
- **Smart Cities Mission:**
 - ◆ It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, launched in June 2015 to transform 100 cities to provide the necessary core infrastructure and clean and sustainable environment to enable a decent quality of life to their citizens through the application of "Smart Solutions". **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
 - The mission aims to meet the aspirations of India's population living in cities through various urban development projects.

59. Ans: A

Exp:

Agnipath Military Recruitment Scheme:

- **About:**
 - ◆ Agnipath, enables **patriotic youth to serve in the Armed Forces**.
 - ◆ Participants, termed **Agniveers**, undergo a **4-year term** with around 45,000 to 50,000 recruits annually.
 - After four years, only 25% of the batch is selected for a 15-year service extension in their respective services. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - ◆ The Agnipath scheme exclusively applies to **non-commissioned personnel below officer ranks**.



○ Commissioned officers hold an exclusive rank in the Indian armed forces. They often hold a commission under the president's sovereign power and are officially instructed to protect the country.

◆ Eligibility for aspirants is between 17.5 and 23 years. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

● **Benefits for Agniveers:**

◆ Upon the completion of the 4-years of service, a one-time '**Seva Nidhi**' package of Rs 11.71 lakhs will be paid to the Agniveers that will include their accrued interest thereon. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

60. Ans: B

Exp:

- The SHREYAS Scheme for OBC & EBC students is implemented by the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, not the Ministry of Education. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The scheme has two components: **National Fellowship for OBC Students** and Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on **Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for OBCs & EBCs. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The National Fellowship for OBC Students provides financial assistance to OBC students pursuing higher education, **specifically M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees in various recognized universities, research, and scientific institutions.** The scheme offers **1000 Junior Research Fellowships annually for advanced studies and research. Hence, statement 3 is correct.**
- The Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for OBCs & EBCs provides interest subsidies on educational loans for OBCs and EBCs pursuing approved courses abroad at the Masters, M.Phil, and Ph.D. levels.

61. Ans: D

Exp:

- **Rural Economic Disruptions:** During the **fiscal year 2021-22**, the rural economy faced challenges due to the **Covid-19 pandemic** affecting employment and income levels.
 - ◆ Subsequently, in the **fiscal year 2022-23**, **elevated inflation rates and increased interest rates** significantly disrupted rural demand.
 - ◆ These factors **heavily impacted job opportunities and income stability** in rural areas across the nation.

● **Related Indian Government Initiatives that provide for income opportunities for rural people:**

◆ Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Hence, **Statement 1 is correct.**

◆ Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY). Hence, **Statement 2 is correct.**

◆ National Career Service (NCS) Project. Hence, **Statement 3 is correct.**

◆ Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM). Hence, **Statement 4 is correct.**

◆ Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI)

◆ PM Kaushal Vikas Yojna

62. Ans: D

Exp:

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA):

- **MGNREGA** is one of the **largest work guarantee programmes** in the world.
 - ◆ The **primary objective** of the scheme is to **guarantee 100 days** of employment in every financial year to adult members of any rural household willing to do public work-related **unskilled manual work. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **MGNREGA wage rates** are fixed according to **changes in the CPI-AL (Consumer Price Index-Agriculture Labour)**, which reflects the increase in the inflation in rural areas. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
 - ◆ **Legal Right to Work:** Unlike earlier employment guarantee schemes, the **act aims at addressing the causes of chronic poverty** through a rights-based framework.
 - ◆ At least **one-third of beneficiaries have to be women.**
 - ◆ Wages must be paid according to the **statutory minimum wages** specified for agricultural labourers in the state under the **Minimum Wages Act, 1948.**
- **Demand-Driven Scheme:** The most important part of MGNREGA's design is its **legally backed guarantee for any rural adult** to get work within 15 days of demanding it, failing which an 'unemployment allowance' must be given. Hence, **statement 3 is correct.**

63. Ans: C

Exp:

- **Prime Minister-Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM Vikaas):** New PM Vikas has been added to the Ministry of Minority Affairs' Budget in 2023.



- ◆ It is a skilling initiative focussing on the skilling, entrepreneurship and leadership training **requirements of the minority and artisan communities** across the country. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- ◆ The scheme is intended to be implemented in conjunction with the **'Skill India Mission'** of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and through integration with the Skill India Portal (SIP). **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

64. Ans: B

Exp:

New Education Policy, 2020 :

- There were 14 States and Union Territories, as of March 2022, that allow Class 1 admission for children **who have not completed six years.**
 - ◆ However, the Union government has recently ordered all states and UTs to **make six years the minimum age** of admission for Class 1, by the **New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.** **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- The new NEP pitches for a "5+3+3+4" design for formal schooling corresponding to the **age groups 3-8 years (foundational stage), 8-11 years (preparatory stage), 11-14 years (middle stage), and 14-18 years (secondary stage).** **Hence, Statement 2 is not correct.**
- This brings early childhood education (also known as **preschool education** for children of ages **3 to 5 years**) under the ambit of formal schooling. **Hence, Statement 3 is correct.**
 - ◆ This effectively means that a **child should be 6 years old** to be eligible for admission into Class 1, after completing three years of early childhood education.

65. Ans: C

Exp:

Jal Jeevan Mission:

- Jal Jeevan Mission is a centrally sponsored scheme under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti, that** aims to ensure **access of piped water** for every household in India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Jal Jeevan Mission is **based on various water conservation efforts** like point recharge, desilting of minor irrigation tanks, use of greywater (wastewater from sinks, kitchen) for agriculture and source sustainability. It will be based on a **community approach to water.** **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

66. Ans: C

Exp:

Project Udbhav:

- Indian Army in partnership with the United Service Institution of India (USI), wrapped up a hybrid-panel discussion as part of Project Udbhav. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
 - ◆ The discussion focused on **"The Evolution of Indian Military Systems, Warfare, and Strategic Thinking: Current Research and Future Directions."**
- **Project Udbhav** is an initiative set in motion by the Indian Army to rediscover the profound Indic heritage of statecraft and strategic thoughts derived from ancient Indian texts of statecraft, warcraft, diplomacy and grand strategy. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**

67. Ans: C

Exp:

Blue Economy:

- According to the **World Bank**, the **blue economy** is the "sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of the ocean ecosystem."
- Some Key **Government Initiatives Related to the Blue Economy** in India are :
 - ◆ Deep Ocean Mission
 - ◆ Sagarmala project
 - ◆ O-SMART
 - ◆ Integrated Coastal Zone Management
 - ◆ NavIC
- However, **The Bharatmala Pariyojna** is an ecosystem of road development which includes development of tunnels, bridges, elevated corridors, flyovers, overpass, interchanges, bypasses, ring roads etc. to provide shortest, jam free & optimized connectivity to multiple places, it is a centrally-sponsored and funded Road and Highways project of the Government of India. **Hence, option C is correct.**

68. Ans: D

Exp:

- The **Agniveers** are recruited through **Agnipath Scheme** across the Three services i.e., **Army, Navy and Airforce.** **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It allows **patriotic and motivated youth** to serve in the **Armed Forces** for a **period of four years.**
- An **Agniveer's family** is entitled to receive pay for the remaining tenure from the **date of death**, amounting

to over **Rs 13 lakh**, as well as a contribution of **Rs 8 lakh** from the **Armed Forces Battle Casualty Fund**. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.

- An **Agniveer's family** is entitled to several forms of compensation, including a **non-contributory insurance sum of Rs 48 lakh**.
- **Seva Nidhi** is a scheme which is contributed by the **Agniveer** approximately **30 %** with equal matching contribution by the **Government of India**. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

69. Ans: C

Exp:

India Semiconductor Mission (ISM):

- The ISM was launched in 2021 with a total financial outlay of Rs 76,000 crore under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY). Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- It is part of the **comprehensive program for the development of sustainable semiconductor and display ecosystems** in the country. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- The programme aims to provide financial support to companies investing in semiconductors, display manufacturing and design ecosystem. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.
- Components:
 - ◆ Scheme for setting up of Semiconductor Fabs in India:
 - It provides fiscal support to eligible applicants for setting up of Semiconductor Fabs which is aimed at attracting large investments for setting up semiconductor wafer fabrication facilities in the country.
 - ◆ Scheme for setting up of Display Fabs in India:
 - It provides fiscal support to eligible applicants for setting up of Display Fabs which is aimed at attracting large investments for setting up TFT LCD/AMOLED-based display fabrication facilities in the country.

70. Ans: A

Exp:

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY):

- PMKSY was launched in 2015 with the goal of enhancing access to water for farming, expanding the cultivable area under assured irrigation, improving water use efficiency, and **promoting sustainable water conservation practices**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.

- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Core Scheme)**, where Centre- States share will be 75:25. Hence, **statement 2 is not correct**.

- ◆ In the case of the northeastern region and hilly states, the share will be 90:10.

- In 2020, the Ministry of Jal Shakti launched a mobile application for **Geo-Tagging of the components of projects under PMKSY**.

- **Formulation:** It was formulated by amalgamating following schemes:

- ◆ **Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP)** - Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (now Ministry of Jal Shakti).

- ◆ **Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)** - Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development.

- ◆ **On-Farm Water Management (OFWM)** - Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC). Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

71. Ans: A

Exp:

- ATAL Bhujal Yojana is a **Central Sector Scheme** for facilitating sustainable groundwater management with an outlay of Rs. 6000 crore. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct**.
- It is being implemented by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- The scheme is being funded by the **Government of India** and the **World Bank** on a **50:50** basis. The entire World Bank's loan component and central assistance will be passed on to the States as grants. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

72. Ans: B

Exp:

- The 5T initiative is a governance initiative launched by the state of Odisha. Hence, **statement 1 is not correct**.
- It is a governance model that stands for **Teamwork, Transparency, Technology, Time, and Transformation**, launched with the aim of improving governance and ensuring efficient delivery of public services. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- **In 2022, the Odisha Government Chief added another T (Tour) to the 5T Initiative** and gave them **6T-Mantra**, asking the Ministers to 'Tour' more and work towards strengthening the grassroots further.

73. Ans: A

Exp:

Rashtriya Gokul Mission

- **About:**
 - ◆ It is being implemented for **development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds since December 2014. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ The scheme is also continued **under umbrella scheme Rashtriya Pashudhan Vikas Yojna from 2021 to 2026** with a budget outlay of Rs.2400 crore. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
 - **Nodal Ministry:**
 - ◆ Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**
 - **Objectives:**
 - ◆ To enhance productivity of bovines and increase milk production in a sustainable manner using advanced technologies.
 - ◆ To propagate use of high **genetic merit bulls for breeding purposes. Hence, statement 4 is not correct.**
 - ◆ To enhance Artificial insemination coverage through strengthening breeding network and delivery of Artificial insemination services at farmers doorstep.
 - ◆ To promote indigenous cattle & buffalo rearing and conservation in a scientific and holistic manner.

74. Ans: B

Exp:

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY):

- PMKSY was launched in 2015 with the goal of enhancing access to water for farming, expanding the cultivable area under assured irrigation, improving water use efficiency, and **promoting sustainable water conservation practices.**
- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Core Scheme)**, where Centre- States share will be 75:25.
 - ◆ In the case of the north-eastern region and hilly states, the share will be 90:10.
- In 2020, the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** launched a mobile application for **Geo-Tagging** of the components of projects under **PMKSY. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Har Khet ko Pani (HKKP)** is one of the component of this scheme which aims to create **new water sources through Minor Irrigation.** Repair, restoration and renovation of water bodies, strengthening carrying capacity of traditional water sources, **constructing rain water harvesting structures. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**

75. Ans: B

Exp:

- The main objective of the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah is indeed to raise awareness about critical life stages, including pregnancy, infancy, childhood, and adolescence, to promote better nutrition across India. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- True. The theme of the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah is 'Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat,' emphasizing the importance of nutrition, education, and empowerment. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
- Poshan Abhiyaan primarily targets pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls, and children under 6 years of age, not 12 years. **Therefore, statement 3 is incorrect.**

76. Ans: B

Exp:

- The **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** has successfully completed **nine years** of implementation.
- It was launched on August 28, 2014 and **stands as one of the largest financial inclusion initiatives globally**, led by the **Ministry of Finance** to provide affordable financial services to vulnerable and economically disadvantaged sections.
- **About:**
 - ◆ PMJDY creates a **platform for universal access to banking facilities** with at least one basic banking account for every household, financial literacy, and access to credit, insurance, and pension facilities.
- **Features of PMJDY:**
 - ◆ It aims to expand banking services through branches and Banking Correspondents (BCs).
 - It covers both urban and rural areas and those who open an account would get indigenous **Debit Card (RuPay card). Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
 - There is no requirement to maintain any minimum balance in PMJDY accounts.
- **Achievements:**
 - ◆ More than **50 crore people** have been included in the formal banking system through Jan Dhan accounts.
 - Approximately **67% of these accounts** have been opened in rural and semi-urban areas.
 - Around **34 crore RuPay cards** have been issued to these accounts, providing **₹2 lakh accident insurance cover.**

- ◆ Guinness World Records has acknowledged the PMJDY's success, certifying that the "Most bank accounts opened in one week as part of the Financial Inclusion Campaign is 18,096,130 and was achieved by the Department of Financial Services, Government of India." Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**

77. Ans: A

Exp:

- **National Mission for Clean Ganga:**
 - ◆ On August 12, 2011, the NMCG was listed as a **society** under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860.**
 - ◆ The NMCG is implemented by the **National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of River Ganga** also known as the National Ganga Council. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Organization Structure:**
 - ◆ The Act envisages five tier structure at national, state and district level to take measures for prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution in river Ganga as below:
 - ◆ National Ganga Council under chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - ◆ Empowered Task Force (ETF) on river Ganga under chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti (Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation).
 - ◆ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
 - ◆ State Ganga Committees
 - ◆ District Ganga Committees in every specified district abutting river Ganga and its tributaries in the states.

78. Ans: B

Exp:

Adopt a Heritage Scheme:

- **About:**
 - ◆ It is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture ASI, and State/UTs governments. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ It was launched on **27 September 2017 (World Tourism Day)** by the President of India.
- **Aim:**
 - ◆ The Project aims to develop synergy among all partners to effectively promote 'responsible tourism'.

- ◆ It aims to involve **public sector companies, private sector companies, and corporate citizens/individuals** to take up the responsibility for making our heritage and tourism more sustainable. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

- ◆ It is to be done through the development, operation, and maintenance of **world-class tourist infrastructure and amenities at ASI/ State heritage sites** and other important tourist sites in India.

- **Monument Mitras:**

- ◆ Agencies/Companies would become '**Monument Mitras**' through the innovative concept of 'Vision Bidding', where the agency with the best vision for the heritage site will be given an opportunity to associate pride with their **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility)** activities. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

79. Ans: A

Exp:

- The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG)**, introduced the '**Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)**' as a flagship scheme with the objective of making clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes etc. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Target:**
 - ◆ Under **Ujjwala 1.0**, the target was to provide **LPG connections to 50 million women from the below poverty line (BPL) households**, by March 2020. However, in August 2018, women from seven other categories were brought under the purview of the scheme:
 - SC/ST, those under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), beneficiaries of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest Dwellers, most backward classes, tea gardens and Islands.
 - ◆ Under **Ujjwala 2.0**, an **additional 10 million LPG connections** will be provided to the beneficiaries. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - Government has also fixed a target of providing piped gas to 21 lakh homes in 50 districts.

80. Ans: A

Exp:

- **National Mission on Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem (2010):**
 - ◆ This mission is the Part of the **National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).**

- ◆ This mission covers **11 states** and **Two Union Territories**.
- ◆ **States:**
 - Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam and West Bengal
- ◆ **Union Territories: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.**
Hence, option A is correct.

81. Ans: B

Exp:

Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for Battery Storage:

- **About:**
 - ◆ The government will provide financial support of up to **40% of the capital cost as budgetary support through VGF** to substantially reduce the cost of battery storage systems, making them more economically viable.
 - ◆ The scheme is strategically designed to harness the potential of renewable energy sources, **such as solar and wind power**, to provide clean, reliable, and affordable electricity to citizens. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - ◆ To ensure the benefits of the scheme reach consumers, **a minimum of 85% of the BESS project capacity will be made available to Distribution Companies (Discoms).**
 - This strategic move not only strengthens the integration of renewable energy into the electricity grid but also **minimizes waste and optimizes the utilization of transmission networks**. Consequently, it reduces the need for costly infrastructure upgrades.
- **Objective:**
 - ◆ The primary objective is to facilitate the development of **4,000 megawatt hour (MWh) of BESS projects by 2030-31.**
 - ◆ By offering VGF support, the scheme targets achieving a Levelized Cost of Storage (LCoS) ranging from **Rs. 5.50-6.60 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - This cost-effectiveness makes stored renewable energy a practical choice for managing peak power demand nationwide.

82. Ans: C

Exp:

NeVA:

- **NeVA is a work-flow system deployed on NIC Cloud, MeghRaj which helps the Chair of the House to**

conduct the proceedings of the House smoothly, Hon'ble Members to carry out their duties in the House efficiently and to conduct Legislative Business of the House in a Paperless manner. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

- **NeVA is a device neutral and member centric application created to equip them to handle diverse House Business smartly** by putting entire information regarding member contact details, rules of procedure, list of business, notices, bulletins, bills, starred/unstarred questions and answers, papers laid, committee reports etc. in their hand held devices/tablets and equip all Legislatures/ Departments to handle it efficiently. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- NeVA will completely eliminate the process of sending out a notice/request for collection of data.

83. Ans: A

Exp:

- **Skill India Digital (SID) is envisioned as the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** for skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship in India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It aims to bring together various skilling initiatives and create a seamless ecosystem for skill development, aligning with the principles of the G20 framework for building DPIs.
- It is a project under **'Ministry for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship'**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

84. Ans: B

Exp:

- Recently, the Prime Minister of India has launched the **'Prime Minister (PM) Vishwakarma Scheme'** on the occasion of **Vishwakarma Jayanti**. It will be implemented as a **Central Sector Scheme**, fully funded by the Government of India. **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME)** is the Nodal Ministry for the Scheme. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **Scope and Coverage:** The scheme encompasses **18 traditional trades across both rural and urban areas**. These trades encompass carpenters, boat-makers, blacksmiths, potters, sculptors, cobblers, tailors, and more. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Objectives:**
 - ◆ To ensure that artisans are seamlessly integrated into both domestic and global value chains, thus enhancing their market access and opportunities.



- ◆ Preservation and promotion of **India's rich cultural heritage** of traditional crafts.
- ◆ Assisting artisans in **transitioning to the formal economy** and integrating them into global value chains.
- ◆ **Skill Development and Empowerment:** The Scheme has been allocated a budget ranging from **Rs 13,000 crore** for five financial years from 2023-2024 to 2027-2028.
 - The scheme offers a stipend of **Rs 500 for skill training and Rs 1,500** for the purchase of modern tools.
- ◆ They will also be eligible for collateral-free credit support of up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%.

Hence, statement 3 is correct.

85. Ans: D

Exp:

- Kisan Rin Portal is developed through a collaborative effort involving MoA&FW, Ministry of Finance, RBI, and NABARD, the KRP aims to revolutionize access to credit services under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The "Ghar-Ghar KCC Abhiyaan" underscores government commitment to Universal Financial Inclusion, ensuring every farmer has unhindered access to credit facilities crucial for their agricultural pursuits. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The WINDS initiative is an effort aimed at **establishing a network of Automatic Weather Stations & Rain Gauges** at taluk/block and gram panchayat levels. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

86. Ans: B

Exp:

- The **Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS)** initiative has been a cornerstone in India's efforts to empower students from **Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) (but not EWS)** by providing them access to quality education. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- SHREYAS is an umbrella scheme, under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

87. Ans: A

Exp:

Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM WANI):

- Launched by the Department of Telecom (DoT) in December 2020, it is one key scheme **launched to bolster the penetration of public WiFi hotspots** to establish a robust digital communication infrastructure throughout the nation, especially in rural areas.
 - ◆ PM-WANI is a key part of India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- It is a framework that enables any entity, such as a **shopkeeper, a tea stall owner, or a Kirana store owner, to set up a public Wi-Fi hotspot and provide internet service to customers.**
- **Hence, option A is correct.**

88. Ans: B

Exp:

- Recently, the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare launched an AI chatbot** — the first of its kind to be integrated with a major flagship scheme of the central government — for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN scheme). **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The Chatbot will provide the farmers with "**prompt, clear and accurate**" responses to their query. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The **AI Chatbot**, accessible through the **PM-KISAN mobile application**, is integrated with Bhashini which offers multilingual support, catering to the linguistic and regional diversity of the PM-KISAN beneficiaries. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

89. Ans: A

Exp:

- In a special session of Parliament, the Parliament Standing Committee on Education, presented a comprehensive report on the "Implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Higher Education."
- The report emphasized that a significant portion of India's higher education system operates under State Acts, with 70% of universities falling under this category. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- Furthermore, 94% of students are enrolled in State or private institutions, leaving just 6% in Central higher educational institutions. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**



- The National Education Policy 2020 seeks to tackle the evolving development needs of India. It aims to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education from 26.3% to 50% by 2035, adding 3.5 crore new seats. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

90. Ans: C

Exp:

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme:

- **MGNREGA** is one of the largest work guarantee programmes in the world launched in 2005 by the **Ministry of Rural development. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The primary objective of the scheme is to **guarantee 100 days of employment** in every financial year to adult members of any rural household willing to do public work-related unskilled manual work.
 - ◆ Unlike earlier employment guarantee schemes, **the scheme aims to address the causes of chronic poverty through a rights-based framework. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Wages must be paid according to the **statutory minimum wages** specified for agricultural laborers in the state under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

91. Ans: C

Exp:

- **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana** was launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 - ◆ It is a central sector scheme funded from the **Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The Scheme is being implemented by the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The eligibility criteria for the scheme are: **Senior Citizens, belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category (eligibility is not caste based)** and suffering from any of the age related disability or infirmity. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**
- The scheme works by distributing free of cost devices, commensurate with the extent of disability or infirmity that is manifested among the eligible senior citizens.
 - ◆ The devices supported under the scheme are: Walking sticks, Elbow crutches, Walkers/Crutches, Hearing Aids, Wheelchair, Artificial Dentures and Spectacles.

92. Ans: B

Exp:

- The scheme "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)" was launched by the **Department of Fisheries; Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- PMMSY is implemented in **all the States and Union Territories** for a period of **five years** from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**

93. Ans: B

Exp:

- The PM-WANI, launched by the **Department of Telecom (DoT) in December 2020**, is one key scheme launched to bolster the penetration of **public WiFi hotspots to establish a robust digital communication infrastructure throughout the nation, especially in rural areas. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- PM-WANI is a key part of **India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**. It can democratise internet access and bridge the digital divide by enabling anyone to become a Wi-Fi provider and anyone to become a Wi-Fi user, without any licence, registration, or fee. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- DPI refers to blocks or platforms such as **digital identification, payment infrastructure and data exchange solutions** that help countries deliver essential services to their people. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

94. Ans: B

Exp:

- The primary **objective of Vidya Samiksha Kendras (VSKs) under the National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR) is to leverage data and technology to bring a significant improvement in learning outcomes. Hence, option B is correct.**
- This initiative aims to cover data from over 15 lakh schools, 96 lakh teachers, and 26 crore students. By utilizing big data analysis, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and machine learning, the system will analyze this data meaningfully.
- The goal is to enhance the overall monitoring of the education system, leading to improved learning outcomes.
 - ◆ "To leverage data and technology for improving learning outcomes," accurately captures the central purpose of Vidya Samiksha Kendras. It highlights the use of advanced technologies to analyze educational data for the betterment of learning outcomes.



95. Ans: A

Exp:

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has successfully completed nine years of implementation.

- It was launched on 28th August, 2014, and stands as one of the largest financial inclusion initiatives globally, led by the Ministry of Finance to provide affordable financial services to vulnerable and economically disadvantaged sections.
 - ◆ Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- It covers both urban and rural areas and those who open an account would get indigenous Debit Card (RuPay card). There is no requirement to maintain any minimum balance in PMJDY accounts.
 - ◆ Hence, statement 2 is not correct.
- More than 50 crore people have been included in the formal banking system through Jan Dhan accounts. Approximately 55.5% of Jan Dhan accounts belong to women, promoting financial empowerment.
 - ◆ Hence, statement 3 is correct.

96. Ans: D

Exp:

- The Union **Minister of Education** launched the **ULLAS**: Nav Bharat Sakshara Karyakram mobile application.
 - ◆ Hence statement 1 is correct.
- The ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) is a transformative initiative launched by the Indian government to promote **lifelong learning and bridge the gaps in basic literacy** and critical life skills among citizens aged 15 and above.
 - ◆ Hence statement 2 is correct.

97. Ans: B

Exp:

Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme (MSSC)

- The **Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme (MSSC)** is a **small savings scheme** launched by the **Ministry of Finance**, to commemorate the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**, aimed at encouraging women investors.
- Women of any **age group, including girl children, can open an MSSC account with a minimum deposit of Rs. 1000 and a maximum deposit of Rs. 2 Lakhs for a two-year period until March 2025. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- So far, 14,83,980 accounts have been opened with total deposits of Rs 8,630 crore under the scheme.
- The scheme offers an attractive **interest rate of 7.5% p.a., compounded quarterly**, along with the provision

for **partial withdrawal and premature closure** of the account is allowed at **any time after six months of opening** but with the interest **rate reduced by 2%.** Hence, **statement 2 is correct and 3 is not correct.**

98. Ans: A

Exp:

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was established with effect from 20th February 1997 by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.
 - ◆ Hence statement 1 is not correct.
- **Composition:**
 - ◆ TRAI consists of a chairperson and not more than two whole-time Members and not more than two part-time Members.
- **Functions:**
 - ◆ To regulate telecom services, including fixation/revision of tariffs for telecom services which were earlier vested in the Central Government.
 - ◆ Ensure quality of service and transparency in tariff.
 - ◆ Advise the government on policy matters and licensing issues.
 - ◆ Hence statement 2 is correct.
- The recommendations of the TRAI are **not binding** upon the Central Government.
 - ◆ Hence statement 3 is not correct.

99. Ans: D

Exp:

- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** is implementing an umbrella scheme namely PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM –YASASVI) for **students in the Other Backward Class (OBC), SC, Denotified, Nomadic and semi-Nomadic Tribe (DNT) and Economically Backward Caste (EBC) categories.**
 - Hence, both the statements are not correct.

100. Ans: C

Exp:

AMRUT Mission:

- **Launch:** June 2015
- **Concerned Ministry:** Housing and Urban Affairs
- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **Purpose:**
 - ◆ To ensure that every household has access to a tap with the assured supply of water and a sewerage connection. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

- The Priority zone of the Mission is water supply followed by sewerage.
- ◆ To increase the amenity value of cities by developing greenery and well maintained open spaces (e.g. parks).
- ◆ To reduce pollution by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorized transport (e.g. walking and cycling).
- Components:
 - ◆ Capacity building, reform implementation, water supply, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage, urban transport and development of green spaces and parks.
 - The reforms aim at improving delivery of citizen services, bringing down the cost of delivery, improving financial health, augmenting resources and enhancing transparency. It also includes replacement of street lights with LED lights.

101. Ans: D

Exp:

National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI)

- About:
 - ◆ The NIDHI is a groundbreaking initiative designed to drive innovation, support startups, and create a thriving **entrepreneurial ecosystem** in India.
 - ◆ NIDHI comprises various components that provide a comprehensive framework for promoting and accelerating **innovation-driven enterprises across the nation**.
- Components of NIDHI Program:
 - ◆ NIDHI-PRAYAS (Promoting and Accelerating Young and Aspiring Innovators and Startups)
 - ◆ NIDHI Entrepreneurs-In-Residence (EIR) Program
 - ◆ NIDHI Seed Support Program
 - ◆ NIDHI Accelerator Program
 - ◆ Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) and Centres of Excellence (CoE)
 - ◆ NIDHI-Inclusive Technology Business Incubators (iTBI) program

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

102. Ans: C

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103. Ans: C

Exp:

- Recently, the Ministry of Finance launched the scheme, "Vivad se Vishwas II to effectively settle the pending **contractual disputes of government** and government undertakings. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
 - ◆ The scheme was announced in the **Union Budget 2023-24** by the Union Finance Minister.
- The Scheme aims to provide a platform for **resolving contractual disputes** efficiently and promptly, promoting ease of doing business with the government and encouraging fresh investments in the country. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- It will be implemented through an online functionality on the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal**. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

104. Ans: C

Exp:

- National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) was launched in October 2011 and was renamed as Bharat Net Project in 2015. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
- It is the world's largest rural broadband connectivity programme using Optical Fiber. And also a flagship mission implemented by Bharat Broadband Network Ltd. (BBNL). Hence, statement 2 is correct.



- Bharat Broadband Network Ltd. is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) set up by the Government of India under the Companies Act, 1956. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

105. Ans: B

Exp:

Nagar Van Yojana (NVY):

- The Nagar Van Yojana (Urban Forest Scheme), a progressive initiative of the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- The NVY was introduced in the year 2020 with a visionary objective – the creation of **1000 Nagar Vans (urban forests) in cities equipped with Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Municipalities, and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)**. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- This ambitious initiative is designed to foster not only a holistic and healthy living environment for city residents but also to contribute significantly to the growth of cleaner, greener, and more sustainable urban centres.

106. Ans: D

Exp:

Major Initiatives Taken Under NEP 2020:

- **PM Schools for Rising India (SHRI):** PM-SHRI scheme aims to provide high-quality education in an **equitable, inclusive, and joyful school environment**.
- **NIPUN Bharat:** The vision of National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) Bharat Mission is to create an enabling environment to ensure the **universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy**, so that every child achieves the desired learning competencies in reading, writing, and numeracy by the **end of Grade 3, by 2026-27**.
- **PM e-VIDYA:** The initiative aimed to **promote online education and digital learning** by providing various e-learning platforms like DIKSHA and offering e-books and e-contents to students across the country.
- **NCF FS and Jadui Pitara:** Launch of **National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF FS)** and **Jadui Pitara** for play-based learning teaching material tailored for children between the age group of 3 to 8 years.
- **NISHTHA:** The **National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTH A)** is a capacity-building program for **teachers and school principals in India**.
Hence, option D is correct.

107. Ans: B

Exp:

- The **National Food Security Mission (NFSM)** is a scheme supported by the **central government** that was introduced based on the suggestions of the **agricultural sub-committee** of the **National Development Council (NDC)**. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- Initially, the scheme concentrates on targeting crops such as **rice, wheat, and pulses**. Over time, it expands its coverage to encompass **coarse cereals, nutri-cereals, and oilseeds** as well. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- **High-yielding varieties and hybrids** are **developed, produced, and distributed** to farmers to enhance the **quality and quantity** of agricultural output. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

108. Ans: A

Exp:

- **Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY** is an entitlement-based scheme that targets the beneficiaries as identified by latest **Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), 2011 data**. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
- ◆ The **National Health Authority (NHA)** is a **nodal agency** which has been constituted as an **autonomous entity** under the **Society Registration Act, 1860**. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

- The **NHA** has given **States/Union Territories** the option to use other databases that have similar information about people's backgrounds and economic situations to cover families that were not verified in the **SECC, 2011**. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

109. Ans: C

Exp:

- In the light of the National Education Policy, RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan) Scheme has been relaunched as "Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan PM-USHA" in June 2023. Hence, statement 1 is correct.
- RUSA, as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched in October 2013, aiming at providing strategic funding to higher education institutions throughout the country. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

110. Ans: B

Exp:

Rashtriya Gokul Mission:

- **About:**
 - ◆ It has been **implemented for development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds since December 2014.**
 - ◆ The scheme is also **continued under umbrella scheme Rashtriya Pashudhan Vikas Yojna from 2021 to 2026** with a budget outlay of Rs.2400 crore. **Hence, statement 2 is correct**
- **Nodal Ministry:**
 - ◆ Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **Objectives:**
 - ◆ To **enhance productivity of bovines and increase milk production** in a sustainable manner using advanced technologies.
 - ◆ To **propagate use of high genetic merit bulls for breeding purposes.**
 - ◆ To enhance **Artificial insemination** coverage through strengthening breeding network and delivery of Artificial insemination services at farmers doorstep.
 - ◆ To **promote indigenous cattle & buffalo rearing** and conservation in a scientific and holistic manner.

111. Ans: A

Exp:

- The 'PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan aims to ensure **integrated planning and implementation of infrastructure projects**, with focus on expediting works on the ground, saving **costs and creating jobs.**
- It has a **dual focus** on advancing both **industrial and defense corridors.** **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- This scheme has subsumed the **National Infrastructure Pipeline** that was launched in **2019.**
- Its **digital platform** creates a **unified space for planning and executing infrastructure projects.** **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The scheme aims to enhance **port trade** by increasing **cargo capacity** and **reducing turnaround time.** **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

112. Ans: A

Exp:

- **Both SANKALP and STRIVE** are integral components of **India's efforts to address the skill gap**, enhance workforce productivity, and promote sustainable

economic growth by aligning skill development with industry needs.

◆ **Hence, option A is correct.**

● **SANKALP:**

- ◆ SANKALP stands for "Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion."
- ◆ It is a **flagship program under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** aimed at providing demand-driven and outcome-oriented skill training to individuals.
- ◆ The program focuses on enhancing the employability and livelihood prospects of youth across various sectors through skill development and training programs.

● **STRIVE:**

- ◆ STRIVE stands for "Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement."
- ◆ Like SANKALP, STRIVE is also an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- ◆ **STRIVE aims to improve the relevance and efficiency of vocational training and education by focusing on quality training, industry engagement, and improved performance of the vocational education ecosystem.**
- ◆ It intends to enhance the capacities of training institutions, foster entrepreneurship, and strengthen the link between skill development and employability.

113. Ans: A

Exp:

- Under this scheme, **city bus operations** will be done on a **Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.** **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **States/Cities** shall be **responsible** for running the **bus services** and making payments to the **bus operators.** **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The **Central Government** will support these **bus operations** by providing **subsidies** to the extent specified in the proposed scheme. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

114. Ans: B

Exp:

About National Ayush Mission:

- Launched in September 2014 by the Department of AYUSH under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, during the 12th Plan for implementation through States/UTs.

- It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
 - ◆ Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- Now, it is implemented by the Ministry of AYUSH .
- The scheme involves expansion of the AYUSH sector to promote holistic health of Indians.
- The Mission addresses the gaps in health services through supporting the efforts of State/UT Governments for providing AYUSH health services/ education in the country, particularly in vulnerable and far-flung areas.
 - ◆ Hence, statement 2 is correct.

115. Ans: A

Exp:

- The PM-DevINE scheme as a Central Sector scheme, was introduced as a part of the **Union Budget 2022-23**. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- The Cabinet granted approval for the PM-DevINE scheme on 12th October 2022. It **has been granted 100% Central funding**, ensuring that resources are directly allocated to the development initiatives.
- It is implemented by the **Ministry of Development of the Northeast Region**. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.
- **Objectives of PM-DevINE:**
 - ◆ **Infrastructure Development:** In line with the spirit of **PM GatiShakti**, PM-DevINE aims to fund infrastructure projects in a cohesive manner, ensuring **seamless connectivity and accessibility across the NER**. Hence, statement 3 is correct.
 - ◆ **Supporting Social Development Projects:** Recognizing the unique needs and challenges of the NER, the **scheme endeavours to support social development projects** that address critical issues and improve the overall quality of life for the region's inhabitants.
- **Empowering Youth and Women:** PM-DevINE seeks to create **livelihood opportunities specifically targeting the youth and women of the NER**, enabling them to participate actively in the region's development and progress.

116. Ans: D

Exp:

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (Rural):** The goal of this mission is to **provide 55 litres of water per person (not family) per day** to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) by 2024. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

- It comes under **the Ministry of Jal Shakti**. Hence, statement 3 is not correct.

● **Current Status:**

- ◆ As of January 3, 2023, the count of rural households having access to tapped water connections had risen to 108.7 million, equivalent to 56.14%.
 - Consequently, the Mission is faced with the task of extending its coverage to an extra 76.3 million rural households (47.3%) within the upcoming two years.
- ◆ As reported by the program's dashboard, so far, **the Har Ghar Jal status**, which involves the provision of tap water supply to all rural households, **has been attained by 9 states and Union Territories:** Haryana, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, Daman and Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli, Telangana, Gujarat, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

117. Ans: B

Exp:

- On April 24, 2022, **Mission Amrit Sarovar** was launched as part of India's "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**" celebrations for the 75th year of independence. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)** has been engaged as Technical partner for the Mission. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
 - ◆ BISAG-N is an **autonomous scientific society registered under the Societies Registration Act, of 1860**. It comes under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- **Water Security through Collaboration:**
 - ◆ The mission's collaborative nature, combining governmental departments, technical partners, and local communities, highlights its multi-faceted approach to water security.
 - ◆ The ultimate goal is to **transform the water landscape, enhance livelihoods, and ensure water availability for generations to come**. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

118. Ans: D

Exp:

- The **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)** is a national initiative that aims to develop the digital health infrastructure of the country. It was launched in September 2021.



◆ Ayushman Bharat is a flagship scheme of India which was launched as recommended by the National Health Policy 2017, to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

◆ Hence, statement 1 is correct.

● The National Health Authority (NHA) has unveiled the “100 Microsites” project, aimed at accelerating the adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) across India.

◆ Mizoram has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first state to operationalize an ABDM Microsite in its capital city, Aizawl.

◆ Hence, statement 2 is correct.

119. Ans: A

Exp:

● The Ministry of Jal Shakti has released the 6th census of minor irrigation schemes (with reference year 2017-18), shedding light on the state of irrigation practices across India. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

● So far, five censuses were conducted in 1986-87, 1993-94, 2000-01, 2006-07, and 2013-14.

Key Highlights of the Report

● Total Minor Irrigation Schemes:

◆ A total of 23.14 million minor irrigation (MI) schemes have been reported in the country.

◆ Among these, 21.93 million (94.8%) are groundwater (GW) schemes, and 1.21 million (5.2%) are Surface Water (SW) schemes.

● Dominant Types of Schemes:

◆ Dug-wells have the highest share in MI schemes followed by shallow tube-wells, medium tube-wells and deep tube-wells. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

◆ Nationally, GW schemes saw a 6.9% increase, while SW schemes increased by 1.2%.

● Leading States in MI Schemes:

◆ Uttar Pradesh leads in MI schemes in India, followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. Hence, statement 3 is not correct.

◆ Maharashtra is the leading State in dug-wells, surface flow and surface lift schemes.

◆ Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Punjab are the leading States in shallow tube-wells, medium tube-wells and deep tube-wells, respectively.

◆ In SW schemes, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Odisha and Jharkhand have the highest share.

120. Ans: C

Exp:

● Features of Vishwakarma Yojana:

◆ Recognition and Support: Artisans and craftspeople enrolled in the scheme will receive a PM Vishwakarma certificate and an identity card.

○ They will also be eligible for collateral-free credit support of up to ₹1 lakh (first tranche) and ₹2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

◆ Skill Development and Empowerment: The Vishwakarma Yojana has been allocated a budget ranging from ₹13,000 crore to ₹15,000 crore for five financial years from 2023-2024 to 2027-2028.

○ The scheme offers a stipend of ₹500 for skill training and ₹1,500 for the purchase of modern tools. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

121. Ans: C

Exp:

● Components of PMAY-U:

◆ In-situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR): The ISSR program offers Central Assistance of Rs. 1 lakh per dwelling for qualified slum residents during redevelopment, utilizing land as a resource in collaboration with private developers. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

◆ Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS): The CLSS aids beneficiaries from EWS/LIG, Middle Income Group (MIG)-I, and MIG-II seeking housing loans for buying, constructing, or enhancing homes.

◆ These individuals can avail interest subsidies of:

○ 6.5% on loan amount up to Rs. 6 Lakh

○ 4% on loan amount up to Rs. 9 Lakh

○ 3% on loan amount up to Rs. 12 Lakh

◆ Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO), National Housing Bank (NHB), and State Bank of India (SBI) are the designated Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) responsible for channeling the subsidy through lending institutions and monitoring progress. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

◆ Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP):

○ AHP provides Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 Lakh for each Economically Weaker Section (EWS) dwelling by the Government of India. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

- Affordable housing projects can include various categories, but they qualify for Central Assistance **if at least 35% of the homes target the EWS category.**
- States/UTs set an upper ceiling on the sale price of EWS homes to ensure affordability.

122. Ans: D

Exp:

PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM-YASASVI):

- **Beneficiaries:** Students in the Other Backward Class (OBC), SC, **Denotified, Nomadic and semi-Nomadic Tribe (DNT)** and Economically Backward Caste (EBC) categories will be able to avail the national scholarship. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- **Implementing Agency:** The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has been tasked to implement the Scheme by conducting a merit test. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- **Key Components of the Scheme:**
 - ◆ **Pre-Matric Scholarship** for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
 - ◆ **Post-Matric Scholarship** for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
 - ◆ **Top Class School Education** for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
 - ◆ **Top Class College Education** for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
 - ◆ **Construction of Hostel** for OBC Boys and Girls.

123. Ans: B

Exp:

Indian Medical Device Sector:

- **About:**
 - ◆ The medical devices sector in India is a sunrise sector, growing at a fast pace and essential component of the healthcare industry.
 - ◆ Its importance was highlighted during the Covid-19 pandemic when India produced **medical devices and diagnostic kits like ventilators, RT-PCR kits, and PPE kits** on a large scale.
 - ◆ It is a multi-product sector, **with the following broad classifications:**
 - Electronics Equipment
 - Implants
 - Consumables and Disposables
 - In Vitro Diagnostics (IVDs) reagents
 - Surgical Instruments

- ◆ The Sector has remained largely unregulated till 2017 when Medical Device Rules, 2017 were framed by the **Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)**. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**

● **Status:**

- ◆ **India is the 4th largest Asian medical devices market** after **Japan, China, and South Korea**, and among the **top 20 medical devices markets globally**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

124. Ans: A

Exp:

Psychedelics:

- Psychedelics are a group of drugs that **alter perception, mood, and thought processing** while a person is still clearly conscious. Usually, the person's insight also **remains unimpaired**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Psychedelics are **non-addictive and non-toxic**. Compared to illicit drugs, psychedelics **cause much less harm to the end user**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The two most commonly used psychedelics are **d-lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) and psilocybin**.
- In India, the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985** prohibits the use of psychedelic substances. **Hence, Statement 3 is not correct.**

125. Ans: D

Exp:

- The **RCA** is a **joint initiative** of the **Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS)** & the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** with a vision to connect **river cities** and focus on **sustainable river centric development**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The **Alliance** focuses on three broad themes **Networking, Capacity Building and Technical Support**.
- The implementation of the RCA programme is being monitored by the **Central Monitoring Committee** at **central level** and at **State level** by the **Chief Secretary of State**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

126. Ans: C

Exp:

- Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is administered by **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** through the National Pension System (NPS). **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) is administered by **LIC** or any other life insurance company in partnership with banks/Post office. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**



- Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) is a one-year accidental insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for **death or disability** due to accident. Hence, statement 3 is not correct.

127. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Union Health Ministry has introduced the **SAKSHAM** (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management), a Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - ◆ It serves as a **comprehensive digital learning platform for offering online training and medical education to all healthcare professionals** across the country. Hence, pair 2 is correct.
- The **Indian Railways** has launched **Project Saksham**, country's largest time-bound "upskilling" exercise for its employees to boost their efficiency. Hence, pair 1 is correct.
- **Project Sashakt** was proposed by a panel led by PNB chairman Sunil Mehta. Bad loans of up to ₹ 50 crore will be managed at the bank level, with a deadline of 90 days. For bad loans of ₹ 50-500 crore, banks will enter an inter-creditor agreement, authorizing the lead bank to implement a resolution plan in 180 days, or refer the asset to NCLT. For loans above ₹ 500 crore, the panel recommended an independent AMC, supported by institutional funding through the AIF. The idea is to **help consolidate stressed assets**. Hence, pair 3 is not correct.

128. Ans: A

Exp:

Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain 2023 Campaign

- Recently, The **National Water Mission (NWM)**, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR), Ministry of Jal Shakti organised a workshop- cum- orientation programme at **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi** for **Central Nodal Officers (CNO) and Technical Officers (TO)**, who will be visiting the 150 water-stressed districts across the nation, for ensuring effective and action-oriented implementation of the "**Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain**" – 2023 (JSA: CTR). Hence, option A is correct.
- JSA: CTR- 2023 is **4th in the series of Jal Shakti Abhiyan** launched in 2019 and aims to address **water stress in 150 districts across India** and focuses on water conservation, renovation of water bodies, bore well recharge, watershed development, and afforestation.

129. Ans: A

Exp:

- The government aims to develop **3 mega Bulk Drug parks** in India in partnership with States.
- The scheme is expected to **reduce manufacturing cost of bulk drugs** in the country and **dependency on other countries for bulk drugs**. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- The scheme will be implemented by **State Implementing Agencies (SIA)** to be set up by the respective State Governments. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

130. Ans: B

Exp:

- **SVAMITVA** is a **Central Sector Scheme** of the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** for **mapping the land parcels in rural inhabited areas** using **drone technology** and **Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS)**. Hence statement 1 is not correct.
- **National Workshop on Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP)** was inaugurated by the **Ministry of Rural Development**. It is a Central Sector scheme that has been extended to 2023-24, to complete its original targets as well as expand its ambit with a slew of new schemes. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
- The major aim of land reforms was **providing agricultural land to all the landless**. It resulted in cultivation of cash crops as a predominant form of cultivation. Hence, statement 3 is correct.

131. Ans: C

Exp:

Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment Act, (PoSH) 2013

- The **POSH Act** is a **legislation enacted by the Government of India in 2013** to address the issue of **sexual harassment** faced by women in the workplace.
- The PoSH Act defines sexual harassment to **include unwelcome acts such as physical contact and sexual advances, a demand or request for sexual favours, making sexually coloured remarks, showing pornography, and any other unwelcome physical, verbal, or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature**.
- **Background:** The Supreme Court in a landmark judgment in the **fo etatS v srehto dna ahkhsiV 7991 nahtsajaR** case gave '**Vishakha guidelines**'.
 - ◆ These guidelines formed the basis for the **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013**. Hence, statement 1 is correct.



- **Key Provisions:**

- ◆ **Prevention and Prohibition:** The Act places a legal obligation on **employers to prevent and prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace.**
- ◆ **Internal Complaints Committee (ICC):** Employers are required to constitute an **ICC at each workplace with 10 or more employees** to receive and address complaints of sexual harassment. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
 - The Complaints Committees have the **powers of civil courts** for gathering evidence. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**
- ◆ **Duties of Employers:** Employers must undertake awareness programs, provide a safe working environment, and **display information about the POSH Act at the workplace.**

132. Ans: D

Exp:

Enhanced Production Linked Incentive for IT Hardware. The Union Cabinet recently approved an updated **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware manufacturing in India.**

- This move comes as India's electronics manufacturing industry has experienced significant growth, achieving a major milestone by crossing **USD 105 billion in production.**
What are the Major Highlights Related to Updated PLI Scheme for IT Hardware?
- **Enhancements to the PLI Scheme for IT Hardware:**
 - ◆ The **PLI scheme for IT hardware was first notified in March 2021.** The scheme provides upwards of **4% in incentives** for incremental investment in domestic manufacturing for eligible firms
 - ◆ The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY),** stated that the incentive has been increased to **5% in the updated scheme.** **Hence, Statements 1 and 3 are correct.**
 - Additionally, an **"additional optional incentive"** has been introduced for the **utilization of domestically produced components.** **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
- **Production-Linked Incentives Scheme:**
 - ◆ The **Production-Linked Incentives (PLI) scheme** is the latest addition to the list of reforms introduced under the aegis of the **'AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' (Self-Reliant India) initiative.**
 - ◆ The **Union Budget 2021-22** announced the **PLI schemes for 14 key sectors**

- The 14 sectors are **mobile manufacturing, manufacturing of medical devices, automobiles and auto components, pharmaceuticals, drugs, specialty steel, telecom & networking products, electronic products, white goods (ACs and LEDs), food products, textile products, solar PV modules, advanced chemistry cell (ACC) battery, and drones and drone components.**

133. Ans: C

Exp:

Transport and Marketing Assistance Scheme:

- It provides **assistance for the international component of freight and marketing of agricultural produce which is likely to mitigate disadvantage of higher cost of transportation of export of specified agriculture products** due to trans-shipment and to promote brand recognition for Indian agricultural products in the specified overseas markets. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Under the TMA, the **government reimburses a certain portion of freight charges and provides assistance** for the marketing of agricultural produce. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
 - ◆ The assistance, at notified rates, will be available for export of eligible agriculture products to the permissible countries, as specified from time to time.
- The **revised scheme has included dairy products** among other agriculture products in its purview and **increased the rates of assistance.** **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

134. Ans: B

Exp:

- The Union Minister for Women and Child Development introduced the government's flagship program **'Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi'**, which will focus on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) at anganwadis across the country. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) will provide the training for anganwadi workers under the 'Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi' program. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

135. Ans: A

Exp:

Key Features of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016:

- **Responsibilities of Generators** have been introduced to segregate waste in to three streams:
 - ◆ **Wet** (Biodegradable)
 - ◆ **Dry** (Plastic, Paper, metal, wood, etc.)



- ◆ **Domestic hazardous wastes** (diapers, napkins, empty containers of cleaning agents, mosquito repellents, etc.) and **handover segregated wastes to authorized rag-pickers or waste collectors** or local bodies.
- Waste Generators will have to pay:
 - ◆ **'User Fee'** to waste collectors.
 - ◆ **'Spot Fine'** for Littering and Non-segregation.
- All manufacturers of **disposable products** such as tin, glass, plastics packaging etc. or brand owners who introduce such products in the market shall **provide necessary financial assistance to local authorities** for the establishment of a **waste management system**. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The bio-degradable waste should be **processed, treated and disposed** of through **composting or bi-methanation within the premises as far as possible**. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

136. Ans: A

Exp:

Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985:

- It was enacted in 1985 and deals **with drugs and their trafficking** in the country.
 - ◆ The act has since been amended thrice in 1988, 2001, and 2014. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The Act prohibits the production, manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation & consumption of many **narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances**, including cannabis, heroin, opium etc. The law,
 - ◆ However **Bhang** is not prohibited under the Act. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **Section 20** of the NDPS Act lays out the punishment for the **production, manufacture, sale, purchase, import and inter-state export of cannabis**, as defined in the Act. The prescribed punishment is based on the number of drugs seized.
- It also provides for the death penalty in some cases **where a person is a repeat offender.**
- The NDPS Act empowers the Central Government to permit and regulate cultivation of opium poppy for medical and scientific purposes. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

137. Ans: C

Exp:

- FTP 2023 is based on the principles of trust and partnership with exporters and aims at process re-engineering and automation to facilitate ease of doing business for exporters. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

- The government also intends to encourage the use of the Indian currency in cross-border trade, aided by a new payment settlement framework introduced by the RBI in July 2022. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- According to FTP 2023, The government aims to increase India's overall exports to USD 2 trillion by 2030, with equal contributions from the merchandise and services sectors. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

138. Ans: D

Exp:

- The eligibility for a loan under the Stand-Up India Scheme is SC/ST and/or women entrepreneurs, above 18 years of age, who are not in default to any bank/ financial institution and have not taken any loan for a similar project. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- Loans under the scheme are available for **only Greenfield projects.**

- ◆ A greenfield project is one which is not constrained by prior work. It is constructed on unused land where there is no need to remodel or demolish an existing structure. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

139. Ans: A

Exp:

Some of major provisions of the Indian Space Policy 2023:

- The policy will pave the **way forward with much-required clarity in space reforms** and augment private industry participation to drive the space economy opportunity for the country.
- **Delineation of Roles:**
 - ◆ The policy delineates the roles and responsibilities of **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), space sector PSU NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe).**
 - ◆ **Strategic activities related to the space sector will be carried out by NSIL**, which will work in a demand-driven mode.
 - ◆ **IN-SPACe** will be the interface between ISRO and non-governmental entities. **Hence, Statement 1 is not correct.**
 - ◆ **ISRO will focus its energies on developing new technologies**, new systems and research and development.
 - ◆ The operational part of ISRO's missions will be moved to the **NewSpace India Limited.**



● **Entry of Private Sector:**

- ◆ The policy will allow the **private sector to take part in end-to-end space activities** that include building satellites, rockets, and launch vehicles, data collection and dissemination. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**
- ◆ The **private sector can use ISRO facilities** for a small charge and is encouraged to invest in creating new infrastructure for the sector.

140. Ans: C

Exp:

- The **Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)** will be responsible for conducting a preliminary assessment of the child suspect.
- The JJB must complete this assessment within **three months** from the date the child is first brought before it. **Hence Statement 1 is not correct.**
- The JJ Act, 2015 categorizes offences committed by children into **three categories**: Petty offences, Serious offences and Heinous offences. **Hence Statement 2 is not correct.**
- **Petty Offences** include those for which the **maximum punishment** under any law is imprisonment up to **three years**
- **Serious offences** include crimes for which the **punishment is a minimum imprisonment for a term of more than three years and not exceeding seven years.**
- **Heinous offences** include those for which the **minimum punishment under the Indian Penal Code or any other law is imprisonment for seven years or more.**

141. Ans: C

Exp:

- YUVA Portal was launched to **connect and identify potential young start-ups** in India's science and technology innovation ecosystem. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- An astronomy lab in Haryana's Karnal was also launched, which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to excel in various forms of skill, art, and craft.
- The Indian Sign Language AstroLab, **equipped with 65 pieces of equipment** including a large telescope and **audiovisual aids, offers virtual access** to educational videos in **Indian sign language, promoting inclusivity and accessibility.** **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

142. Ans: A

Exp:

- The campaign is a part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Samaveshi Vikaas** and aims to mobilize 10 crore women from eligible rural households into SHGs. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Ministry of Rural Development's **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)** launched a national campaign called "**Sangathan Se Samridhhi.** **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

143. Ans: A

Exp:

Key Features of UDAN 5.0:

- There is no restriction on the distance between the origin and the destination of the flight. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- VGF to be provided will be capped at 600 km stage length for both Priority and Non-Priority areas; earlier capped at 500 km.
- No predetermined routes would be offered; only Network and Individual Route Proposal proposed by airlines will be considered. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The same route would not be awarded to a single airline more than once, whether in different networks or in the same network.
- Airlines would be required to commence operations within 4 months of the award of the route; earlier this deadline was 6 months. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

144. Ans: C

Exp:

Public Provident Fund (PPF):

- PPF is a long-term savings scheme backed by the Indian government that encourages individuals to save for their retirement. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- The scheme has a tenure of 15 years, with an option to extend for an additional five years after maturity.
- The minimum annual investment required to keep a PPF account active is Rs. 500, with a maximum investment limit of Rs. 1.5 lakh per financial year. **Hence, statements 2 and 3 are correct.**

145. Ans: B

Exp:

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)

- **About:**
 - ◆ **PMJDY - National Mission for Financial Inclusion,** aims to ensure access to **financial services,** namely, **basic savings & deposit accounts, remittance, credit, insurance, pension** in an affordable manner.



- ◆ Under the scheme, a **Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD)** account can be opened in any bank branch or **Business Correspondent (Bank Mitra)** outlet, by persons not having any other account. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

- **Benefits under PMJDY:**

- ◆ There is no requirement to **maintain any minimum balance** in **PMJDY accounts** and interest is earned on the deposit in **PMJDY accounts**.
 - **Rupay Debit card** is provided to the **PMJDY account holder**.
 - An **overdraft (OD) facility** up to **Rs. 10,000** to **eligible account holders** is available. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- ◆ It provides insurance cover to its account holders.
 - The **key condition to avail the accident insurance** is that the beneficiary must have **performed at least one successful transaction** (financial or non-financial) **using the card in the 90 days prior** to date of accident. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

146. Ans: B

Exp:

Sukanya Samridhi Account Scheme:

- SSA is a government-backed small deposit scheme that aims to **promote the welfare of girl children in India**.
- Parents or legal guardians can open deposits for **up to two daughters aged below 10**, and in the case of **twins girls or three girl children**, the scheme allows three accounts to be opened. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The minimum initial deposit is Rs 250, with a maximum annual ceiling of Rs 150,000. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- Deposits can be made for a maximum of **15 years**, and the account matures on completion of **21 years from the date of opening or on the marriage of the account holder**, whichever is earlier. **Hence, statement 3 is not correct.**

147. Ans: A

Exp:

Small Savings Instruments:

- **About:**

- ◆ Small savings instruments **help individuals achieve their financial goals over a particular period**.
- ◆ They are the **major source of household savings** in India.

- ◆ They are popular as they not only provide returns that are generally higher than bank fixed deposits but also come with a sovereign guarantee and tax benefits. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

- ◆ Collections from all small savings instruments are credited to the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF).

- **Rates of Small Saving Instruments:**

- ◆ The interest rates of the small savings schemes are linked to market yields on G-secs with a lag and are reviewed, fixed on a quarterly basis. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- ◆ The Shyamala Gopinath panel (2010) constituted on the Small Saving Scheme had suggested a market-linked interest rate system for small savings schemes.

148. Ans: A

Exp:

- The **process involves identification and mapping the cultural assets and art repositories of the nation** i.e., art expressions, crafts and skills, wisdom tradition and other cultural practices whether oral, aural, visual or kinetic. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Villages have been **categorized into seven to eight categories** based on **ecological, developmental, and historical significance, as well as cultural aspects** such as famous textiles or products or connected to some historical or mythological events such as the Independence struggle or epics like the Mahabharata. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**
- The cultural asset mapping of villages was carried out through field surveys by joint teams of the **Ministry of Culture** and the Common Services Centres (CSC), **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**.
- **Hence, statement 3 is not correct**

149. Ans: B

Exp:

- The NCFSE serves as a guideline for **developing syllabi, textbooks, and teaching practices in India**. **Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
- Its objectives include **shifting from rote (memorization by repetition) learning, connecting education to real-life situations**, making examinations more flexible, and enriching the curriculum beyond textbooks. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- **The formulation of NCF-SE will be undertaken by the NCERT**. The NCFSE document shall henceforth be revisited and updated once every 5-10 years, considering the frontline curriculum. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

150. Ans: D

Exp:

- Launched in 2019, it envisages supply of 55 litres of water per person per day to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) by 2024. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- JJM looks to create a jan andolan for water, thereby making it everyone's priority.
- It comes under Jal Shakti Ministry. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The mission ensures functionality of existing water supply systems and water connections, water quality monitoring and testing as well as sustainable agriculture.
- It also ensures conjunctive use of conserved water; drinking water source augmentation, drinking water supply system, grey water treatment and its reuse.
- JJM focuses on integrated demand and supply-side management of water at the local level. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

151. Ans: C

Exp:

- **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL)** is a sub scheme under the Atal Innovation Mission of the Government of India. The objective of this scheme is to **foster curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds**; and inculcate skills such as design mindset, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing etc. By setting up innovation labs in schools across India. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- **ATL Sarthi** is a comprehensive **self-monitoring framework launched by AIM** to strengthen the **ecosystem** of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL). It is designed to enable ATLs to be efficient and effective. **Hence, statement 2 is Correct.**

152. Ans: A

Exp:

- In 2020, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and the National Informatics Centre (NIC) launched CollabCAD in Atal Tinkering Labs (or ATL schools) to provide students experience in **creating and modifying 3D designs**. CollabCAD is a collaborative network enabled and desktop CAD (Computer -Aided Design) software system, which provides a total engineering solution from 2D drafting & detailing to 3D printing.
- The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has launched an incubator capabilities enhancement program 'AIM-

iCREST'. **AIM-iCREST** is an Incubator Capabilities Enhancement program for a Robust Ecosystem focused on **creating high performing Startups**.

- The **Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign)** completed 7 years in December 2022. The aim of the Campaign is to make a barrier-free and conducive environment for **Divyangjans (Persons with Disabilities - PwDs)** all over the country.
- Recently, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has released guidelines on **digital education titled 'PRAGYATA'**. The guidelines include eight steps of online/digital learning i.e. Plan- Review- Arrange-Guide- Yak (talk)- Assign- Track- Appreciate.

153. Ans: D

Exp:

- The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)** launched Sagar Manthan dashboard. This new digital platform has integrated all the data related to the Ministry and other subsidiaries. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- It is the **Real-time Performance Monitoring** Dashboard of MoPSW that will monitor and track the progress of their projects. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
 - ◆ The dashboard is a positive development **towards Digital India vision**. It will ensure the **timely completion of projects, informed decision-making**, increased efficiency & effectiveness of projects. It will also **promote risk management, resource allocation**, and progress reporting. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

154. Ans: C

Exp:

- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is a government flagship scheme launched in 2016 by the Government of India with the aim to make LPG available to **economically weaker households in India**. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The scheme aims to safeguard the health of women and children by providing them with clean cooking fuel (LPG).
- In May 2016, **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG)**, introduced the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' (PMUY). **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

155. Ans: C

Exp:

- The central Government formulated the IoE scheme to establish **20 prestigious educational institutions in the country**.



- It was introduced by the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** in 2017 that required the IoE scheme to **receive accreditation within five years of notification.**
- The status of 'Institute of Eminence' was launched to empower higher education institutions in India and **help them implement world-class teaching systems** to enhance affordable access to high-quality education. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- Twenty institutions (10 Public and 10 Private Institutions) received the grant, and eleven among the selected ones got the **Institutions of Eminence status in April 2021. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

156. Ans: C

Exp:

- **Menstrual Hygiene Scheme:**
 - ◆ Currently, **26 states and Union Territories implemented the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme** with either the **National Health Mission (NHM) budget or combined budget of NHM and the state. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.**
 - ◆ In 2021-22, approximately 3.49 million adolescent girls were provided sanitary napkin packs every month as per "**Health Management Information System**" (HMIS) data. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
 - ◆ The Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers implements the **Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janausadhi Pariyojna**, which is an important step in ensuring the health security for women.
 - Under the project, over 8,800 **Janaushidhi Kendras** have been set up across the country that provide **Oxo-biodegradable sanitary napkins named 'Suvidha'** at Rs 1 per pad.
 - ◆ The scheme aims to promote menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls, especially those from rural areas, and reduce school absenteeism due to menstruation. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

157. Ans: B

Exp:

- Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture provides a **Scholarship of Rs.5000/- per month** is provided to selected beneficiaries in the **age group of 18-25 years**, in four equal six monthly installments for a period of 2 years. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

- Under this scheme, Senior Fellowship is provided to **selected Fellows in the age group of 40 years and above** for 2 years for cultural research.
 - ◆ **Junior Fellowship** is provided to selected Fellows in the **age group of 25 to 40** for 2 years. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

158. Ans: D

Exp:

- Government has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, "New India Literacy Programme" (NILP) for implementation during five years from the FYs 2022-23 to 2026-27 with financial outlay of Rs.1037.90 crore out of which Rs.700.00 crore is Central share and Rs.337.90 crore is State share.
- The scheme aims to cover a target of 5.00 crore non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above. **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
- The Scheme has five components: (i) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (ii) Critical Life Skills, (iii) Vocational Skills Development, (iv) Basic Education and (v) Continuing Education. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- The scheme is mainly based on volunteerism for teaching and learning. **Hence, statement 3 is correct.**

159. Ans: A

Exp:

- **The Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme** was introduced by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to address the challenges faced by the domestic semiconductor design sector and to develop the country's environment for semiconductor chip design.
 - ◆ The Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme aims to **provide financial incentives as well as design infrastructure support across different stages of development and deployment of semiconductor design(s)** for Integrated Circuits (ICs), Chipsets, System on Chips (SoCs), Systems & IP Cores, and semiconductor linked design(s), over the course of five years.

Hence, statement 1 is Correct.
- **India currently imports all chips** with zero manufacturing hubs in India. However, India has recently launched several initiatives to promote domestic manufacturing of semiconductor chips. **Hence, statement 2 is not correct.**

