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TEST YOURSELF

Daily Current Affairs MCQs

Q1. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct with respect to the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

1. It is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of husbandry sector in the country.
2. The scheme has an estimated investment of Rs. 200 crores for its implementation during a period of 10 years.
3. It focuses on adopting Area-based approach.

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

In News- Recently, the Prime Minister digitally launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and the e-Gopala app.

Statement 1 is not correct: It is a scheme for focused and sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the country. The scheme focuses on beneficiary-oriented activities in Marine, Inland fisheries and Aquaculture. PMMSY aims at enhancing fish production by an additional 70 lakh tonne by 2024-25, increasing fisheries export earnings to Rs.1,00,000 crore by 2024-25, doubling of incomes of fishers and fish farmers, reducing post-harvest losses from 20-25% to about 10% and generation of additional 55 lakhs direct and indirect gainful employment opportunities

Statement 2 is not correct: With an estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crores for its implementation during a period of 5 years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories, it is a part of AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package.

Statement 3 is correct: PMMSY scheme primarily focuses on adopting 'Cluster or Area-based approaches' and creation of Fisheries clusters through backward and forward linkages.

Q2. With reference to the Representation of People (RP) Act 1951, Consider the following statements:

1. Under Section 8 (1), (2) of RPA 1951, if any of the lawmakers are convicted of crimes like rape and untouchability, he will be disqualified for a minimum period of six years.
2. Under Section 8(4) of RPA 1951, the convicted lawmakers can hold on to their seats provided they filed an appeal in the higher court within three months of their conviction in the lower judiciary.

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

In News- The Supreme Court prioritised the need to expeditiously complete trial in over 4000 criminal cases, from corruption to money laundering, pending against legislators across the country.

Statement 1 is correct: Under Section 8 (1), (2) of the Act if any of the lawmakers are convicted of crimes like rape; murder; practising Untouchability or Sati; violating Foreign Exchange Regulation Act; causing enmity over religion, language or region; indulging in electoral violations, insulting Indian Constitution; importing and exporting banned goods, indulging in terrorist activities; etc. will be disqualified for a minimum period of six years. It is irrespective of whether they are fined or imprisoned.

Statement 2 is not correct: Section 8(4) of the RP Act allowed convicted MPs, MLAs and MLCs to continue in their posts, provided they appealed against their conviction/sentence in higher courts within three months of the date of judgment by the trial court. However, in 2013 Lily Thomas vs. Union of India case, SC struck down section 8(4) of RPA, 1951 calling it unconstitutional.

Q3. With reference to the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM), consider the following statements:

1. Under this, every Indian citizen will have unique health IDs, digitised health records with identifiers for doctors and health facilities.
2. The initiative is implemented by respective states under the National Health Mission.

Which of the statements given is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of National Digital Health Mission on August 15, 2020 during his speech on India's 74th Independence Day. With the launch of the historic mission, every Indian will soon have a digital health account. Under the National Digital Health Mission, every Indian will get a Health ID card that will work as a health account comprising information regarding the person's past medical conditions, treatment and diagnosis.

Statement 2 is not correct: The National Health Authority (NHA), which runs the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, would be designing and implementing the NDHM.

Q4. With reference to ARISE-Atal New India Challenges programme launched recently, consider the following statements:

1. It will spur applied research and innovation in the education sector as per the New Education Policy 2020.
2. The programme will be driven by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), NITI Aayog and four other ministries.

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

In News- Government launches Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges programme for MSMEs, start-ups.

Statement 1 is not correct: The government launched the Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges programme to support MSMEs and startups for making India innovative, resilient, tech-driven, and research and development (R&D)-oriented.

Statement 2 is correct: The NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), in collaboration with ISRO and four ministries, will focus on challenges in 15 sectors through the programme.

Q5. Which of the following statement(s) is/are **correct** with respect to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)?

1. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is the second-largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations.
2. Its headquarters is in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
3. India is a member of the OIC.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is the second-largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations with a membership of 57 states.

Statement 2 is correct: It is headquartered in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Statement 3 is not correct: India is not a member of the OIC. However, for the first time in five decades, the United Arab Emirates invited the foreign minister of India Sushma Swaraj to attend

the inaugural plenary 46th meeting of OIC foreign ministers held in Abu Dhabi overruling strong objections by Pakistan.

Q6. Recently, Govt sets up an expert panel to look into the issue of waiver of interest during the moratorium period, the committee is headed by:

- (a) Anand Sharma
- (b) Rajiv Mehrishi
- (c) Gopalakrishnan
- (d) Anand Sharma

Answer: B

Explanation:

Option B is correct: The government recently has constituted an expert committee under former CAG Rajiv Mehrishi to look into the much-debated issue of waiver of interest on loans during the moratorium period. The announcement came hours after the government informed the Supreme Court that an expert panel has been set up to look into the issue of interest being charged by banks on instalments deferred during the moratorium. The RBI had announced the loan moratorium to help borrowers combat the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.