

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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Q.1) Which of the following statements about 'Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan'

- a) It has been launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW)
- b) It aims to provide assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care, free of cost, universally to all pregnant women on the 9th of every month
- c) It guarantees a minimum package of antenatal care services to women in their 2nd / 3rd trimesters of pregnancy at designated government health facilities
- d) All of the above

Q.1) Solution (d)

The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan has been launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India. The program aims to provide assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care, free of cost, universally to all pregnant women on the 9th of every month.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India highlighted the aim and purpose of introduction of the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan in the 31st July 2016 episode of Mann Ki Baat.

PMSMA guarantees a minimum package of antenatal care services to women in their 2nd / 3rd trimesters of pregnancy at designated government health facilities.

The programme follows a systematic approach for engagement with private sector which includes motivating private practitioners to volunteer for the campaign; developing strategies for generating awareness and appealing to the private sector to participate in the Abhiyan at government health facilities.

Read More - <https://pmsma.nhp.gov.in/about-scheme/#about>

In News - <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/year-ender-2016-list-of-health-ministrys-various-initiatives/>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI)

1. It will provide scientific data for framing evidence-based policy for elderly citizens and help in expanding the scope of health and social security policy and programmes for older population
2. LASI is jointly funded by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the United States' National Institute on Ageing, and the United Nations Population Fund-India

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3. The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai in collaboration with Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and University of Southern California (USC), USA is undertaking the "The Longitudinal Ageing Study in India" under the aegis of the Ministry of Union Health and Family Welfare

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 1, 2 and 3
- c) Only 1
- d) 2 and 3

Q.2) Solution (b)

The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare launched the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) to assess the needs of its elderly people and frame policies accordingly. The survey will take into account study on 60,000 elderly people over 25 years plan and will be the largest survey of its kind.

LASI project will be jointly funded by the Union Health Ministry, United Nation's Population Fund-India and United States National Institute on Ageing. The survey would be undertaken by the Mumbai based International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), in collaboration with Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and University of Southern California (USC). It will provide Union Health Ministry sufficient data on older population in the country that in turn would be used to develop a scientifically validated data needed for their health, economic and social analysis of the older population. It will investigate various health structures, and impact of social determinants on health of the elderly. It will provide scientific data for framing evidence-based policy for elderly citizens and help in expanding the scope of health and social security policy and programmes for older population.

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138270>

Q.3) Global Financial Stability Report is released by

- a) IMF
- b) WTO
- c) World Bank
- d) UNDP

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Q.3) Solution (a)

A semi-annual report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that assesses the stability of global financial markets and emerging market financing

The Global Financial Stability Report focuses on current conditions, especially financial and structural imbalances that could risk an upset in global financial stability and access to financing by emerging market countries.

It emphasizes the ramifications of financial and economic imbalances that are highlighted in one of the IMF's other publications, the World Economic Outlook.

The Global Financial Stability Report replaced two previous reports by the IMF, the annual International Capital Markets Report and the quarterly Emerging Market Financing Report. The purpose of the replacement was to provide a more frequent assessment of the worldwide financial markets and to focus on emerging market financing in a global context.

In News - <http://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/financial-stability-report-rbi-warns-of-further-rise-in-bad-loans-subdued-growth-4451164/>

Q.4) Consider the following statements about Strategic Forces Command (SFC)

1. It forms part of India's Nuclear Command Authority (NCA)
2. It is responsible for the management and administration of the country's tactical and strategic nuclear weapons stockpile
3. Nuclear-capable strategic ballistic missile Agni-IV which was recently tested, will be operational under SFC

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.4) Solution (d)

The Strategic Forces Command (SFC) sometimes called Strategic Nuclear Command, forms part of India's Nuclear Command Authority (NCA). It is responsible for the management and administration of the country's tactical and strategic nuclear weapons stockpile. It was created on January 4, 2003.

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In News - <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/india-successfully-test-fires-agni-iv-missile/articleshow/56291127.cms>

Q.5) Consider the following statements concerning Sikkim

1. Sikkim is India's first fully organic state
2. Kanchenjunga National Park was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List
3. Sikkim was awarded the cleanest state in India by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)
4. Bermiok-Tokal Senior Secondary School in a remote village in south Sikkim became the first school in the northeast to have smart classes and smart TVs

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Q.5) Solution (c)

2016 turned out to be a great year for Sikkim as it became India's first fully organic state besides being adjudged the cleanest state, overall best in education and tourist destination while the famed Kanchenjunga National Park was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Around 75,000 hectares of agricultural land were gradually converted to certified organic land by implementing practices and principles as per guidelines laid down in National Programme for Organic Production.

2016 also saw the Pawan Chamling government amending the state gambling and casino rules banning all locals from entering casinos in the state starting July.

All four districts of the state figured among top 10 ranked districts of hill states of the country. Simultaneously, in October, Sikkim was also adjudged the cleanest tourist destination in the country by the Ministry of Tourism.

Bermiok-Tokal Senior Secondary School in a remote village in south Sikkim became the first school in the northeast to have smart classes and smart TVs. Sikkim was once again conferred with the overall best state in education.

In News - <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/sikkim-became-indias-first-fully-organic-state-in-2016-4452765/>