

IASbaba's Daily Prelims Test [Day 49]

TOPIC: Polity – Local Government & Constitutional Bodies, Environment, S&T and Current Affairs

1. Among the following constitutional bodies, which of the following does not have Financial Autonomy?

1. Election Commission.
2. Comptroller and Auditor General.
3. Union Public Service Commission.
4. Supreme Court

Choose the correct code from the following.

1. 1 only.
2. 1 and 3 only.
3. 2 and 4 only.
4. None of the above.

Answer: 1

Election Commission expenditure is not charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India, ie it can be voted upon for the expenditure in the Parliament.

2. Consider the following statements.

1. The Constitution of India prescribes that Panchayats should be assigned the task of preparation of plans for economic development and social justice.
2. The process of removal of a State Election Commissioner is similar to the removal of a Judge of a State High Court

Choose the correct statement/s from the following codes.

1. 1 only.
2. 2 only.
3. Both.
4. None of the above.

Answer: 3.

Both the statements are correct. Under 73rd Amendment Act, 1992 the constitution has empowered the State Legislature to devolve powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats preparation of plans for economic development and social justice. According to 73rd Amendment Act, 1992, there shall be State Election Commission in each state which shall conduct elections to the local bodies in every five years. state election commissioner to be appointed by the governor. His conditions of service and tenure of office shall also be determined by the governor. He shall not be removed from the office except in the manner and on the grounds prescribed for the removal of a judge of the state high court.

3. President can remove the chairman or any other member of U.P.S.C from the office for some particular reasons without even referring the matter to the Supreme Court for any enquiry.

Which among the following are those reasons?

1. Insolvency.
2. Infirmity of mind or body.
3. If any member or chairperson during his tenure, engages in any paid employment outside the duties of his/her office.
4. Misbehavior.

Choose the correct code from the following.

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

Answer: 1

In case of misbehavior, the President has to refer the matter to Supreme Court. The Supreme Court conducts an enquiry and recommends for removal if misbehavior is proved and the President removes that particular member.

4. Considering the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act 1992, who among the following is/are not elected indirectly?

1. Members of Panchayat at intermediate level.
2. Chairperson of a Panchayat at village level.
3. Chairperson of a Panchayat at district level.

Choose the correct code from the following.

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

Answer: 2.

Statements 2 and 3 are wrong in this context.

All the members of panchayats at the village, intermediate and district levels shall be elected directly by the people. Further, the chairperson of panchayats at the intermediate and district levels shall be elected indirectly—by and from amongst the elected members thereof. However, the chairperson of a panchayat at the village level shall be elected in such manner as the state legislature determines.

5. Which among the following are the Constitutional bodies?

1. Joint State Public Service Commission
2. Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities
3. Attorney General
4. Solicitor General

Choose the correct code from the following.

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

Answer: 3

The Constitution makes a provision for the establishment of a Joint State Public Service Commission (JSPSC) for two or more states. While the UPSC and the SPSC are created directly by the Constitution, a JSPSC can be created by an act of Parliament on the request of the state legislatures concerned. Thus, a JSPSC is a statutory and not a constitutional body. The two states of Punjab and Haryana had a JSPSC for a short period, after the creation of Haryana out of Punjab in 1966.

Originally, the Constitution of India did not make any provision with respect to the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities. Later, the States Reorganisation Commission (1953-55) made a recommendation in this regard. Accordingly, the Seventh Constitutional Amendment Act of 1956 inserted a new Article 350-B in Part XVII of the Constitution.

The Solicitor General of India is subordinate to the Attorney General for India, who is the Indian government's chief legal advisor, and its primary lawyer in the Supreme Court of India. The Solicitor General of India is appointed for the period of 3 years. The Solicitor General of India is the secondary law officer of the country, assists the Attorney General, and is himself assisted by several Additional Solicitors General of India. Unlike the post of Attorney General for India, which is a Constitutional post under Article 76 of the Constitution of India, the posts of the Solicitor General and the Additional Solicitors General are merely statutory.

6. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 that gave a Constitutional status for Panchayat Raj Institutions has added new part and a new schedule into the Constitution of India.

Choose the correct pair of new part and new schedule.

1. Part IX, 11th schedule.
2. Part IX-A, 11th schedule.
3. Part IX, 12th schedule.
4. Part IX-A, 12th schedule.

Answer: 1.

7. National Commission for SC's is set up under the Article 338. This has been empowered to investigate all the matters relating to the constitutional and other legal safeguards for which of the following communities?

1. Scheduled Caste.
2. Scheduled Tribes.
3. Anglo Indians.
4. Other Backward Class communities.

Choose the correct code from the following.

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

Answer: 4

Like the National Commission for Schedules Castes (SCs), the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (STs) is also a constitutional body in the sense that it is directly established by Article 338-A of the Constitution. It investigates and monitors all matters relating to the constitutional and other legal safeguards for the STs and evaluates their working.

8. Which is/are the constitutionally mandated bodies under the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992?

1. State Finance Commission.
2. State Election Commission.
3. District Planning Committee.
4. Gram Sabha.

Choose the correct code from the below.

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

Answer: 2

Gram Sabha is mandated under the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act and not 74th Amendment Act. District Planning Committee is mandated under Article 243-ZD.

9. Which among the following institutions are considered to be the bulwarks of the democratic system of government in India?

1. Supreme Court.
2. Election Commission.
3. Finance Commission.
4. Comptroller and Auditor General.
5. U.P.S.C.

Choose the correct code from the following.

1. 1, 2 only.
2. 1, 2, 5 only.
3. 1, 2, 4, 5 only.
4. All the above.

Answer: 3.

10. There are 18 functional items placed within the purview of municipality according to 74th Constitutional Amendment Act 1992. Which among those items are compulsorily to be devolved to Urban Local Bodies by the concerned State Government?

1. Regulation of land use and construction of building.
2. Water supply for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes.
3. Fire services.

Choose the correct code from the following.

- 1) 1, 2 only.
- 2) 2, 3 only.
- 3) 3 only.
- 4) None.

Answer: 4

It is not mandatory for a State Government to transfer powers to ULB's with respect to the functional items present in the 12th schedule. It is left to concerned State government to devolve the powers with respect to the items mentioned in the 12th schedule.

11. Consider the following

1. Tiger Moth
2. Dolphin
3. Mice
4. Grasshopper
5. Frog
6. Bats

Which of the above can produce Ultrasonic sounds?

1. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
2. 2, 4 and 6
3. 2 and 6
4. 1, 2 and 6

Solution- 1

12. Animal Husbandry and Plant breeding programmes are examples of

1. Artificial Selection
2. Reverse Evolution
3. Natural Selection
4. Mutation

Solution- 1

13. Plants require 'Micro-nutrients' for their growth and development. Consider the following w.r.t it

1. Boron
2. Calcium
3. Iron
4. Magnesium
5. Manganese
6. Potassium
7. Sodium

Select the correct answer using the codes

1. 2, 4, 6 and 7
2. 1, 3 and 5
3. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6
4. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Solution- 2

Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium and Sodium are macro-nutrients.

14. Consider the statements

1. Bay of Bengal in the South
2. Situated on Shan plateau
3. One of the most important river systems is Salween

Select the correct answer from the code below

1. Thailand
2. Bangladesh
3. Myanmar
4. Vietnam

Solution- 3

15. Arrange the rivers from North to South

1. Kishenganga
2. Penganga
3. Ganga
4. Wainganga

Select the correct answer from code

1. 1-2-3-4
2. 3-1-2-4
3. 1-3-4-2
4. 1-3-2-4

Solution- 3

16. Recently PM of Canada handed over 900 years old Khajuraho Temple's Sculpture. What is the name of it?

1. Dancing Lady
2. Parrot Lady
3. Dancing Parrot
4. Dancing Queen

Solution- 2

17. Consider the statements

1. Cold water corals are found in North-East as well as North-West Atlantic Ocean
2. Cold water corals also have symbiotic relation with algae like tropical corals
3. Cold water corals have small polyps as compared to tropical corals
4. World's largest known cold water coral is Rost Reef located in Norway

Select the correct answer using the codes

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

Solution- 4

Cold water or Deep water corals do not have symbiotic relation with algae unlike tropical corals. The polyps of cold water corals are bigger than tropical corals

18. Consider the following

1. Prithvi- Surface to Surface
2. BrahMos- Air to Air
3. Astra- Air to Air
4. Pragati- Surface to Surface
5. Akash- Air to Surface

Which of the above are correctly matched?

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

Solution- 3

BrahMos- All variants

Akash- Surface to Air

19. HFC's are potent green house gas. It finds applications in various fields like

1. As refrigerant
2. Treatment for Asthma
3. Agents for plastic thermal insulation foams
4. As propellant
5. Fire-fighting agents

Select the correct answer from the codes given

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

Solution- 1

<http://www.britannica.com/science/hydrofluorocarbon>

20. Consider the following

1. Shark
2. Termites
3. Crow
4. Racoons
5. Vulture
6. Ants

Which of the above are scavengers?

1. 1, 4 and 5
2. 2, 3, 4 and 5
3. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6
4. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Solution- 4

All are scavengers