

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

January 23, 2017

Q.1) Consider the following statements about Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO)

1. The 24th COCSSO was organised by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in collaboration with the Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES), Government of Maharashtra
2. The theme of this year's Conference is "Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare"

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

As per the recommendations of the National Statistical Commission, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation organizes a COCSSO every year, which provides a platform for the Central and State Statisticians to exchange views and discuss common issues relating to statistical activities.

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In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=157481>

Q.2) Recently Jones Lang LaSalle's released its fourth annual City Momentum Index of cities around the world. Consider the following statements

1. The Index tracks the speed of change of a city's economy and commercial real estate market
2. Bengaluru has emerged as the most dynamic city
3. 5 of the top 10 cities are from Asia

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2

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

Q.2) Solution (d)

The Index tracks the speed of change of a city's economy and commercial real estate market. It covers 134 major established and emerging business hubs and identifies cities that have the potential to maintain the greatest dynamism over the short and long term.

Bengaluru has emerged as the most dynamic city in Jones Lang LaSalle's fourth annual City Momentum Index of cities around the world. Bengaluru is followed by Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam and Silicon Valley in the U.S. Other cities in Top 10 category include Shanghai, Hyderabad, London, Austin, Hanoi, Boston and Nairobi.

JLL City Momentum Index - <http://www.jll.com/cities-research/city-momentum>

In News - <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/six-indian-cities-in-worlds-most-dynamic-list/article9487780.ece>

Q.3) Which of the following statements about International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers (STWC) is/are correct?

- a) STCW was adopted in 1978 by conference at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, and entered into force in 1984
- b) The 1978 STCW Convention was the first to establish basic requirements on training, certification and watch keeping for seafarers on an international level
- c) It applies to ships of non-party States when visiting ports of States which are Parties to the Convention
- d) All of the above

Q.3) Solution (d)

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (or STCW), 1978 sets qualification standards for masters, officers and watch personnel on seagoing merchant ships.

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STCW was adopted in 1978 by conference at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, and entered into force in 1984. The Convention was significantly amended in 1995.

The 1978 STCW Convention was the first to establish basic requirements on training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers on an international level. Previously the standards of training, certification and watchkeeping of officers and ratings were established by individual governments, usually without reference to practices in other countries. As a result, standards and procedures varied widely, even though shipping is extremely international by nature.

The Convention prescribes minimum standards relating to training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers which countries are obliged to meet or exceed.

One important feature of the Convention is that it applies to ships of non-party States when visiting ports of States which are Parties to the Convention.

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=157441>

Q.4) The Chagos Archipelago is located in

- a) Atlantic Ocean
- b) Indian Ocean
- c) Pacific Ocean
- d) Arctic Ocean

Q.4) Solution (b)

The British Foreign Secretary has sought Indian assistance in resolving current tensions between the U.K., the U.S. and Mauritius over the future of the U.S. military base Diego Garcia, and the Indian Ocean Chagos Archipelago, amid a warning from Mauritius last year that it would push to take the matter to the International Court of Justice.

The Chagos Islands — referred to by the British as the British Indian Ocean Territory, but which is not recognised as such by Mauritius — is home to the U.S. military base Diego Garcia. In the 1960s and 1970s, inhabitants were removed from the islands. Tensions remain, with Mauritius maintaining that the archipelago remains its integral part.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/U.K.-seeks-Indian-help-in-resolving-Chagos-Archipelago-dispute/article17063926.ece>

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Q.5) Consider the following statements about Lean Manufacturing Competitiveness Scheme

1. It is a component of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP)
2. It is basically an initiative to reduce "waste" in manufacturing
3. National Productivity Council (NPC) was selected as National Monitoring and Implementing Unit (NMIU) for facilitating implementation and monitoring of the Scheme

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Q.5) Solution (c)

The objectives of the Scheme are to enhance the manufacturing competitiveness of MSMEs through the application of various Lean Manufacturing (LM) techniques by;

- Reducing waste;
- Increasing productivity;
- Introducing innovative practices for improving overall competitiveness;
- Inculcating good management systems; and
- Imbibing a culture of continuous improvement.

The Lean Manufacturing Competitiveness Scheme was started as a pilot phase in 2009 for 100 Mini Clusters (10 or so manufacturing MSME units) in 11th Five Year Plan. National Productivity Council (NPC) was selected as National Monitoring and Implementing Unit (NMIU) for facilitating implementation and monitoring of the Scheme.

The Scheme was up-scaled in September, 2013 considering the recommendations of the evaluation report conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI).

In News - http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/interaction-with-beneficiaries-of-up-scaled-revised-2013-lean-manufacturing-competitiveness-117012001291_1.html