

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'INS Karanj'

1. It is a scorpene class submarine
2. It is built by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) in collaboration with French Naval Group (formerly DCNS).

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

The Navy's third state-of-the-art Scorpene class submarine, INS Karanj, was launched. The new submarine is named after the earlier Kalvari class INS Karanj, which was decommissioned in 2003.

Six Scorpene class submarines are being built under Project 75 by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), Mumbai, under a \$3.75 billion technology transfer signed in October 2005 with the Naval Group of France.

The Scorpene class is the Navy's first modern conventional submarine series in almost two decades, since INS Sindhushastra was procured from Russia in July 2000.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ins-karanj-boosts-navys-firepower/article22613449.ece>

Q.2) Consider the following statement about 'Nilgiri marten'

1. It is endemic to the Western Ghats of India
2. It is listed in Schedule II of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

Select the correct statements

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

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Q.2) Solution (c)

The Nilgiri marten (*Martes gwatkinsii*) is the only species of marten found in southern India. It occurs in the hills of the Nilgiris and parts of the Western Ghats.

Nilgiri Marten is listed in Schedule II part II of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and has been placed on Appendix III of CITES by India.

IUCN Status - Vulnerable

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/pampadum-shola-has-significant-population-of-evasive-nilgiri-marten/article22597494.ece>

Q.3) Recently the creation of the Indian Enterprise Development Services (IEDS) was approved. It will be under the

- a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- c) Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises
- d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Q.3) Solution (c)

Formation of a new service in the name of Indian Enterprise Development Service (IEDS) in the Office of Development Commissioner (MSME), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). The creation of the new cadre and change in structure will not only strengthen the organization but will also help to achieve the vision of "Startup India", "Stand-up India" and "Make in India".

The measure will enhance the capacity and efficiency of the organization and also help in achieving growth in MSME sector through a focussed and dedicated cadre of technical officers.

Q.4) Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) is under the jurisdiction of

- a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- b) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

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Q.4) Solution (d)

SFIO is a multi-disciplinary organization under Ministry of Corporate Affairs, consisting of experts in the field of accountancy, forensic auditing, law, information technology, investigation, company law, capital market and taxation for detecting and prosecuting or recommending for prosecution white-collar crimes/frauds.

SFIO has head office in New Delhi and regional offices in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Q.5) Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan was an organisation in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Rajasthan

Q.5) Solution (d)

Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan

- The Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (Association for the Empowerment of Workers and Peasants) is an Indian social movement and grassroots organisation best known for its successful struggle and demand for the Right to Information Act (RTI) which grew out of the demand for minimum wages for workers.
- It is one of the forefront civil rights movements in India, and can cite legislation of the RTI as its major achievement.
- It was formed in 1990, working in rural Rajasthan. Its objective was to use modes of struggle and constructive action for changing the lives of its primary constituents — the rural poor.