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**Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to '[Shram Suvidha Portal](#)'**

1. It is developed by the Ministry of Labour & Employment
2. It was developed to bring transparency and accountability in enforcement of labour laws and ease complexity of compliance

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.1) Solution (c)**

Shram Suvidha Portal: The Ministry of Labour & Employment has developed a unified Web Portal 'Shram Suvidha Portal', to bring transparency and accountability in enforcement of labour laws and ease complexity of compliance. The facilities available to establishments on Shram Suvidha Portal as on today include:

- Transparent Labour Inspection Scheme through computerized system based on risk based criteria and uploading the inspection reports within 72 hours by the Labour inspectors. The time period for uploading the reports has been reduced to 48 hrs since 05.11.2018.
- Common Registration for ESIC and EPFO,
- Common ECR for ESIC & EPFO,
- Single Annual online return for 8 Central laws and 3 returns under the Mines Act, 1952.
- Online licensing under the Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act, 1970 and the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 besides the Labour Inspection Scheme for enforcement agencies.
- Online Registration by Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) under three Acts i.e the Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act, 1970, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 and The Building and Other Construction Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996.

**Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to '[Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana \(PMRPY\)](#)'**

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1. It incentivises employers for generation of new employment, where Government of India will be paying the full employer's contribution towards EPF & EPS both
2. It is targeted for employees earning wages less than Rs 5,000/- per month

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.2) Solution (a)**

The Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) Plan Scheme has been designed to incentivise employers for generation of new employment, where Government of India will be paying the full employer's contribution towards EPF & EPS both w.e.f 01.04.2018 (earlier benefit was applicable for employer's contribution towards EPS only) for the new employment. This scheme has a dual benefit, where, on the one hand, the employer is incentivised for increasing the employment base of workers in the establishment, and on the other hand, a large number of workers will find jobs in such establishments. A direct benefit is that these workers will have access to social security benefits of the organized sector

Under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY), the Government of India is now paying full employer's contribution (EPF and EPS both) with effect from 1st April, 2018 for a period of three years to the new employees as well as to the existing beneficiaries for their remaining period of three years. Before 1st April, 2018, the Government was paying under PMRPY only the EPS share (8.33% of the wages) out of the total employer's share of contribution (12% of the wages).

The PMRPY Scheme is targeted for employees earning wages less than Rs 15,000/- per month.

**Q.3) The 'HELP' and 'OLAP' Policy is associated with**

- a) Exploration and production of conventional as well as non-conventional Hydrocarbon resources
- b) Hybrid and Electric Vehicles
- c) Eco-Sensitive Zones and Environmental Impact Assessment
- d) Women Safety

### Q.3) Solution (a)

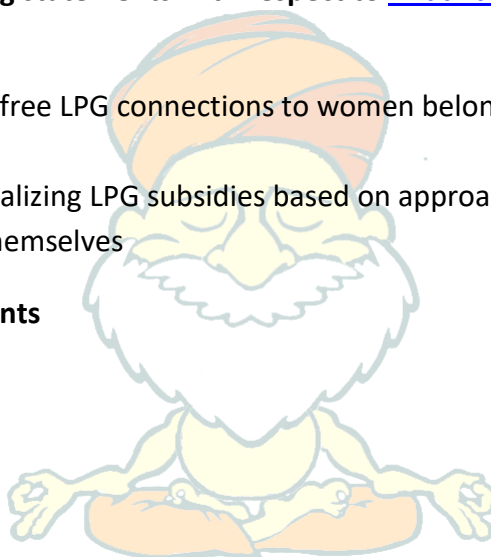
Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP)/ Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) – This is a paradigm shift from Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime to Revenue Sharing Contract (RSC) regime based on the principle of ease of doing business. It provides for single License for exploration and production of conventional as well as non-conventional Hydrocarbon resources; Pricing and Marketing Freedom; reduced rate of royalty for offshore blocks, Open Acreage Licensing Policy that means option to select the exploration blocks without waiting for formal bid round. Expression of Interest can be submitted round the year and Bidding is carried out every 6 months.

### Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to '[Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana \(PMUY\)](#)'

1. It provides deposit-free LPG connections to women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families
2. It is aimed at rationalizing LPG subsidies based on approach to cut subsidy leakages, but not subsidies themselves

#### Select the correct statements

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



### Q.4) Solution (a)

In order to provide clean cooking fuel LPG to BPL households in the country, the Government has launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana"(PMUY) scheme to provide to provide 5 Crore deposit-free LPG connections to women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, which were subsequently increased to 8 Crore with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 12800 crore. Beneficiaries are identified through Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) list and in case the names are not appearing in the SECC list, beneficiaries are identified from categories i.e. SC/STs households, beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY (Gramin), Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Forest dwellers, Most backward Classes (MBC), Tea & Ex-Tea Garden Tribes and people residing in Islands/ river islands.

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**Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Advanced Motor Fuels (AMF)'**

1. It is one of the International Energy Agency's (IEA) transportation related Technology Collaboration Programmes
2. It provides an international platform for co-operation to promote cleaner and more energy efficient fuels and vehicle technologies

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.5) Solution (c)**

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas joined Advanced Motor Fuels (AMF), a Technology collaboration programme (TCP) under International Energy Agency (IEA) as Member on 9.5.2018. It is an international platform to promote collaboration in R&D for developing advanced motor fuels / alternate fuels with greater focus on improving fuel efficiency and reduced GHG emissions.

