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**Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'Annavitran Portal'**

1. It has been implemented to display electronic transactions made through ePoS devices for distribution of subsidized foodgrains to beneficiaries.
2. It is under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

**Select the correct statements**

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

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

Annavitran Portal ([www.annavitran.nic.in](http://www.annavitran.nic.in)) has been implemented to display electronic transactions made through ePoS devices for distribution of subsidized foodgrains to beneficiaries. This portal also shows all India picture of Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries besides allocated and distributed quantity of foodgrains up to district level.

**Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to '[Integrated Management of Public Distribution System \(IM-PDS\)](#)'**

1. It is aimed at de-duplication of ration cards/beneficiary
2. It is a central sector scheme

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.2) Solution (c)**

A new central sector scheme namely "Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IM-PDS)" has been approved for implementation during 2018-19 and 2019-20. The key objectives of the scheme are to integrate PDS system/portals of States/UTs with Central System/portals, introduction of National Portability, and de-duplication of ration cards/beneficiary, etc.

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The new scheme will bring more transparency and efficiency in distribution of foodgrains as it will improve the mechanism to identify fake/duplicate ration cards and provide the option to PDS beneficiaries to lift their entitled foodgrains from the Fair Price Shops of their choice at the national level.

**Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'e-FRRO'**

1. It provides visa related services to foreigners
2. It is launched by Ministry of External Affairs

**Select the correct code:**

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

**Q.3) Solution (a)**

'e-FRRO' (e-Foreigners Regional Registration Office). e-FRRO module provides 27 Visa related services to foreigners. It has proved to be very successful and has obviated the need for foreigners to visit FRRO Offices for extending their stay, change of Visa status etc.

It is launched by Ministry of Home Affairs

e-FRRO is designed, developed and hosted by National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.

**Q.4) The term "Mehram" with respect to Haj Pilgrimage means**

- a) Nocturnal Travel
- b) Male Companion
- c) Obligatory Religious Prayer
- d) Practice from abstaining from food and drink

**Q.4) Solution (b)**

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A committee formed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) to look into the Haj policy recommended that women above 45 years, unaccompanied by a man, should be allowed on Haj pilgrimage in groups of four, provided their school of thought permits.

Until 2017, mehram, an unmarried kin, as the male escort of women Haj travellers remained an essential feature of India's policy.

**Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to ['Pradhan mantri Jan Vikas Karykram'](#)**

1. It is aimed at socio-economic-educational empowerment of Minorities and other weaker sections of the society
2. 100 Minority Concentration Districts have been selected under the scheme

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.5) Solution (a)**

Renaming and restructuring of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).

The restructured programme would provide better socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities particularly in the field of education, health & skill development as compared to the present situation, which would further lead to lessening of the gap between the national average and the minority communities with regard to backwardness parameters. The flexibility introduced in the programme will enable addressing important issues that would result in speedier implementation leading to greater inclusiveness of the minority communities.

The criteria for identification of Minority Concentration Towns and Clusters of Villages have been rationalized by lowering the population percentage criteria of Minority Communities and fulfilment of backwardness parameters in the following manners:-

Earlier only those Towns which were found backward in terms of both in Basic Amenities and Socio-economic parameters were taken up as MCTs. Now, the Towns which were found backward in either or both of the criteria have been taken up as MCT.

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Earlier only those Cluster of Villages which were having at-least 50% population of Minority Community were taken. Now the population criteria has been lowered to 25%.

These rationalization of criteria would facilitate the inclusive growth of communities and social harmony

The area to be covered under PMJVK would be 57% more as compared to the existing MsDP.

The MsDP covered 196 district of the country whereas PMJVK will cover 308 districts of the country.

