

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

Q.1) Choose the following pairs:

(Missiles/Defence deals) : : (Associated country)

1. Spike Anti-Tank Guided Missiles : : Israel
2. Tsirkon hypersonic cruise Missiles : : Iran
3. Harpoon Missiles : : US
4. S-400 Triumf Missiles : : Russia

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 4 only
- b) 1, 2 and 4
- c) 1, 3 and 4
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q.1) Solution (c)

Correct pairs:

- Spike Anti-Tank Guided Missiles : : Israel
- Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile : : Russia
- Seahawk Multi-Role Helicopters : : US
- S-400 Triumf Missiles : : Russia

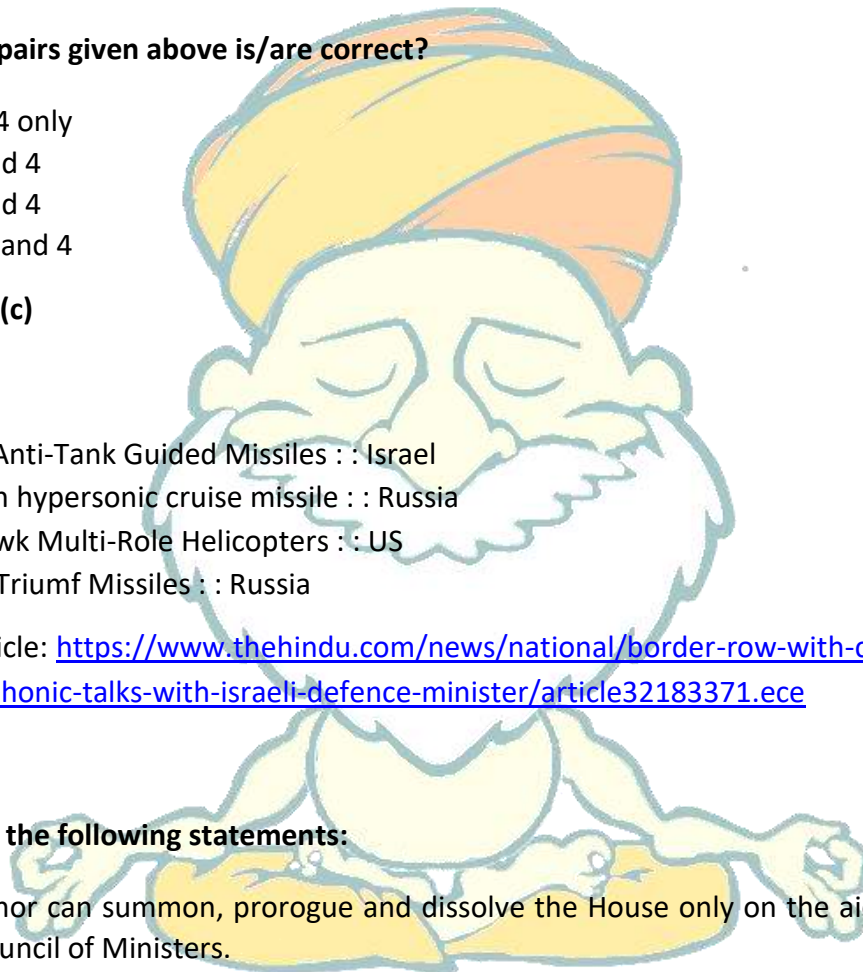
Reference article: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/border-row-with-china-figures-in-rainaths-telephonic-talks-with-israeli-defence-minister/article32183371.ece>

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. Governor can summon, prorogue and dissolve the House only on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers.
2. Chief Minister is appointed by the governor and other ministers are appointed by the governor on the advise of the Chief Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



Q.2) Solution (c)

Article 164:

The Chief Minister shall be appointed by the governor and other ministers shall be appointed by the governor on the advise of the Chief Minister;

The ministers shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor; and

The council of ministers shall be collectively responsible to the legislative assembly of the state.

The five- judge Constitution Bench judgment of the Supreme Court in Nabam Rebia versus Deputy Speaker on July 13, 2016, held that a Governor cannot employ his “discretion”, and should strictly abide by the “aid and advice” of the Cabinet to summon the House.

“The Governor can summon, prorogue and dissolve the House only on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister as the head. And not at his own,” the Bench had held.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/news-analysis-governor-cannot-employ-his-discretion-and-should-strictly-abide-by-the-aid-and-advice-of-the-cabinet-to- summon-house-supreme-court/article32191699.ece>

Q.3) Which of the following is are correctly matched?

GI Tag

State

1. Tirur Betel leaf – Tamil Nadu
2. Palani Panchamirtham – Kerala
3. Tawlhlohpuan – Nagaland

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 3
- b) 1 Only
- c) 2 and 3
- d) None

Q.3) Solution (d)

Government has allotted GI tags to 4 new products during 2019

- Palani Panchamirtham in Palani Town, Tamil Nadu

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- Tawlhlohpuan from Mizoram
- Mizo Puanchei from Mizoram
- Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala

Q.4) Which of the following statements are correct about Karewas?

1. They are lacustrine deposits in the Valley of Kashmir and Jammu.
2. They are composed of sand, silt, clay, shale, mud, lignite, gravel and loessic sediments.
3. They help in the cultivation of saffron, almond, walnut, apple and orchards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.4) Solution (d)

Karewas

- Karewas are lacustrine deposits (deposits in lake) in the Valley of Kashmir and Jammu.
- They lie between Great Himalayas & Pir Panjal Range.
- They are characterized with fossils of mammals and at places by peat.
- Karewas were formed during the Pleistocene Period (1 million years ago), when the entire Valley of Kashmir was under water.
- Due to the rise of Pirpanjal, the drainage was impounded and a lake of about 5000 sq. km area was developed and thus a basin was formed.
- The deposits left in the process are known as karewas. The thickness of karewas is about 1400 m.
- The Karewa deposits are composed of sand, silt, clay, shale, mud, lignite, gravel and loessic sediments.
- Therefore, it is extremely important for agricultural and horticultural practices in the valley.
- Apart from saffron, it also helps in the cultivation of almond, walnut, apple and orchards.

Q.5) Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)?

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1. It is a national regulatory body for Indian Pharmaceuticals and medical devices.
2. It works under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. Regulation of sales and distribution of drugs is its primary concern.

Choose correct answer:

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

Q.5) Solution (b)

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) is the national regulatory body for Indian pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

It is the Central Drug Authority for discharging functions assigned to the Central Government under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Under the Drug and Cosmetics Act, the regulation of manufacture, sale and distribution of Drugs is primarily the concern of the State authorities while the Central Authorities are responsible for approval of New Drugs, Clinical Trials in the country, laying down the standards for Drugs, control over the quality of imported Drugs and coordination of the activities of State Drug Control Organisations.

It works under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Do you know?

- Within the CDSCO, the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) regulates pharmaceutical and medical devices.
- National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority controls prices of drugs as per the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Q.6) Consider the following statements:

1. The writ of habeas corpus can be issued against both public authorities as well as private individuals
2. The writ is not issued where the proceeding is for contempt of a legislature or a court.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.6) Solution (c)

The writ of habeas corpus can be issued against both public authorities as well as private individuals. The writ, on the other hand, is not issued where the (a) detention is lawful, (b) the proceeding is for contempt of a legislature or a court, (c) detention is by a competent court, and (d) detention is outside the jurisdiction of the court.

Q.7) Consider the following statements with reference to No-Confidence Motion:

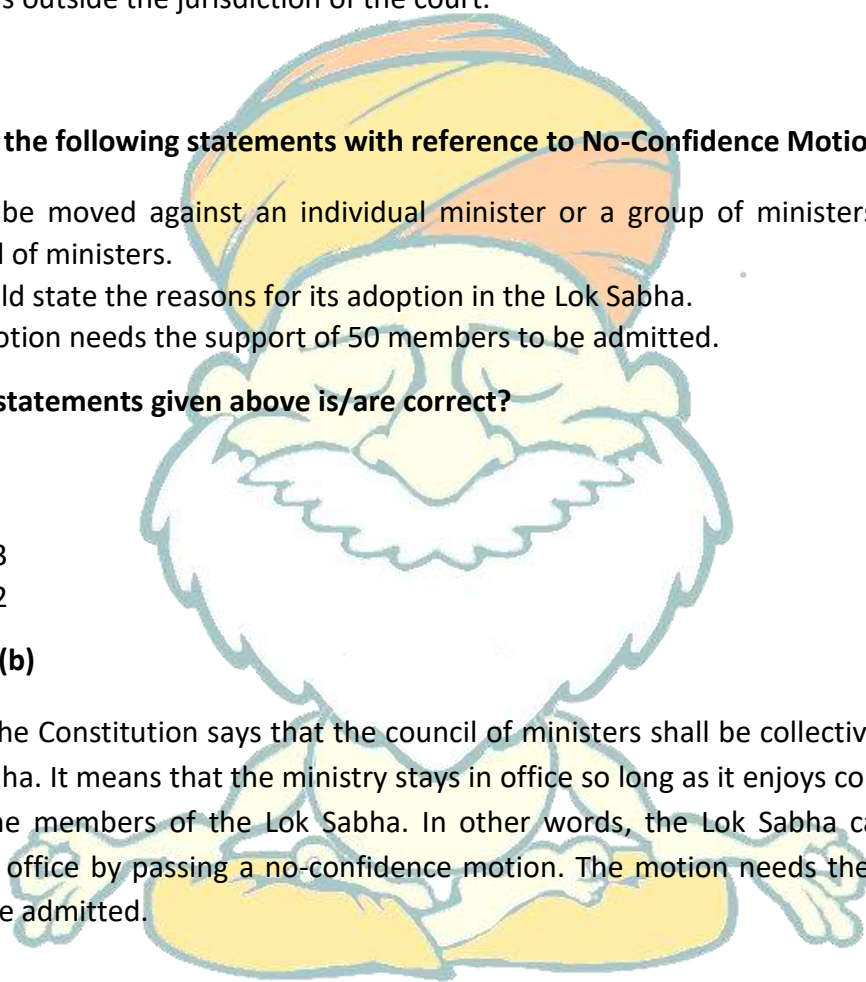
1. It can be moved against an individual minister or a group of ministers or the entire council of ministers.
2. It should state the reasons for its adoption in the Lok Sabha.
3. The motion needs the support of 50 members to be admitted.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.7) Solution (b)

Article 75 of the Constitution says that the council of ministers shall be collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha. It means that the ministry stays in office so long as it enjoys confidence of the majority of the members of the Lok Sabha. In other words, the Lok Sabha can remove the ministry from office by passing a no-confidence motion. The motion needs the support of 50 members to be admitted.



<i>Censure Motion</i>	<i>No-Confidence Motion</i>
1. It should state the reasons for its adoption in the Lok Sabha.	1. It need not state the reasons for its adoption in the Lok Sabha.
2. It can be moved against an individual minister or a group of ministers or the entire council of ministers.	2. It can be moved against the entire council of ministers only.
3. It is moved for censuring the council of ministers for specific policies and actions.	3. It is moved for ascertaining the confidence of Lok Sabha in the council of ministers.
4. If it is passed in the Lok Sabha, the council of ministers need not resign from the office.	4. If it is passed in the Lok Sabha, the council of ministers must resign from office.

Q.8) Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) is located in –

- a) Karnataka
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

Q.8) Solution (b)

Nagarjunsagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve is the largest tiger reserve in India. The reserve spreads over five districts across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/conservationists-eland-as-andhra-pradesh-sees-remarkable-increase-in-tiger-numbers/article32207246.ece>

Q.9) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Strait of Hormuz is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.
- 2. Oman, Iran, United Arab Emirates are the basin countries across Strait of Hormuz.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.9) Solution (c)

The Strait of Hormuz is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. It provides the only sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the open ocean and is one of the world's most strategically important choke points.

On the north coast lies Iran, and on the south coast the United Arab Emirates and Musandam, an enclave of Oman.

Senkaku-Diaoyu Islands Dispute – The Big Picture – RSTV IAS UPSC



Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/iran-moves-mock-aircraft-carrier-to-sea-amid-us-tensions/article32201036.ece>

Q.10) Consider the following statements regarding Botswana:

1. It is a landlocked country.
2. Tropic of cancer passes through it.
3. Botswana has the world's largest elephant population.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.10) Solution (c)

Botswana

- It is a landlocked country in Southern Africa. Its 70% territory is covered by Kalahari Desert.
- Botswana has the world's largest elephant population, estimated to be around 130,000.
- It is Africa's oldest continuous democracy.

Q.11) Nabam Rebia and Bamang Felix v. Deputy Speaker (2016) case dealt with –

- a) Unconstitutional practice of instantaneous Triple Talaq
- b) Discretionary power of the Governor
- c) Tussle between Lt. Governor v. Chief Minister
- d) Resignation, Disqualification and Anti-Defection

Q.11) Solution (b)

A 2016 verdict of the Supreme Court in the Nabam Rebia and Bamang Felix v. Deputy Speaker case, which had resulted from a constitutional crisis in Arunachal Pradesh, had expressly stated that a "governor can summon, prorogue and dissolve the House, only on the aid and advice of the council of ministers".

In the Nabam Rebia case, the Supreme Court, speaking through a five-judge Bench, viewed that the discretionary power of the Governor is extremely limited and entirely amenable to judicial review.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/news-analysis-governor-cannot-employ-his-discretion-and-should-strictly-abide-by-the-aid-and-advice-of-the-cabinet-to-summon-house-supreme-court/article32191699.ece>

Q.12) Consider the following pairs:

(Place/Region in news) : : (Associated country)

1. Okavango Delta : : Ethiopia
2. Darfur : : Sudan
3. Bandar Abbas : : Iran

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

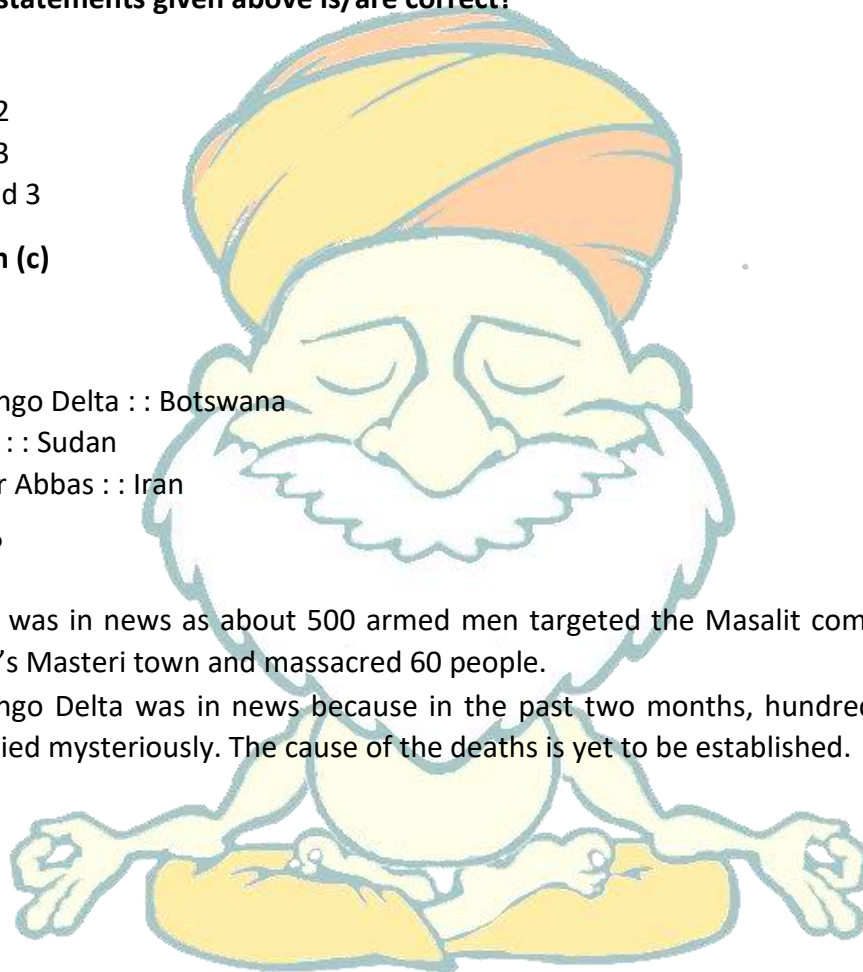
Q.12) Solution (c)

Correct pairs:

1. Okavango Delta : : Botswana
2. Darfur : : Sudan
3. Bandar Abbas : : Iran

Do you know?

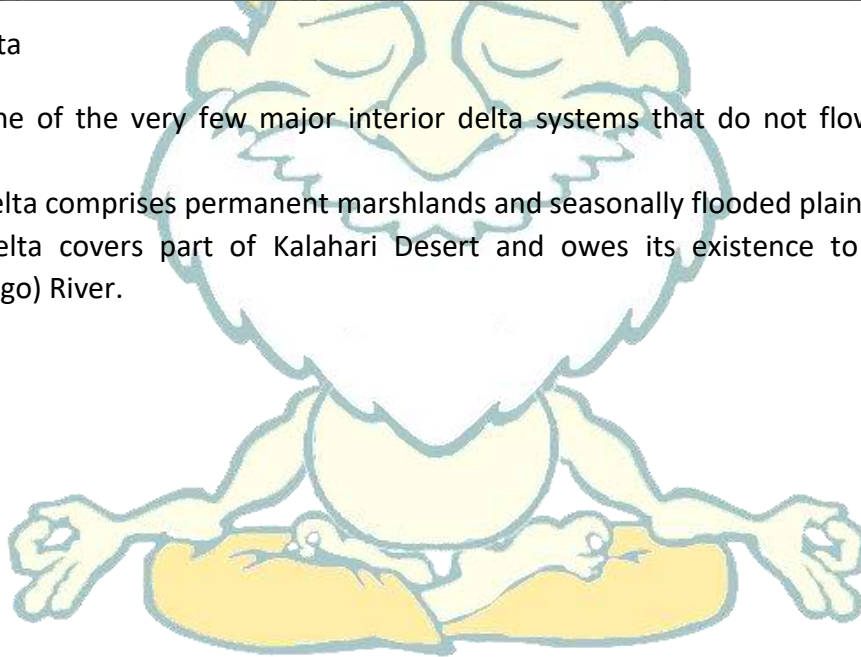
- Darfur was in news as about 500 armed men targeted the Masalit community in west Darfur's Masteri town and massacred 60 people.
- Okavango Delta was in news because in the past two months, hundreds of elephants have died mysteriously. The cause of the deaths is yet to be established.





Okavango Delta

- It is one of the very few major interior delta systems that do not flow into a sea or ocean.
- This delta comprises permanent marshlands and seasonally flooded plains.
- The delta covers part of Kalahari Desert and owes its existence to the Okavango (Kavango) River.





Q.13) With reference to United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), consider the following –

1. It was established in 1991 to strengthen the international response to complex emergencies and natural disasters.
2. It is the successor to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO)

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q.13) Solution (d)

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

- OCHA is a United Nations (U.N.) body

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- It was established in 1991 to strengthen the international response to complex emergencies and natural disasters
- It is the successor to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO)
- OCHA's mandate was subsequently broadened to include coordinating humanitarian response, policy development and humanitarian advocacy
- OCHA organized the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey.
- It is a sitting observer in the United Nations Development Group.
- The headquarters is based in two locations (New York and Geneva)

Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/fresn-violence-sudans-darfur-region-several-killed-more-injured/article32199502.ece>

Q.14) "Operation Breathing Space" is associated with –

- a) India and Israel
- b) Pakistan and China
- c) India and China
- d) US and Russia

Q.14) Solution (a)

"Operation Breathing Space"

Israeli team, led by a "high ranking" research and development (R&D) defence official and DRDO to develop rapid testing for COVID-19.

The tests that the Israeli teams will be conducting trials for include an audio test, a breath test, thermal testing, and a polyamino test which seeks to isolate proteins related to COVID-19.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/israeli-team-arrives-for-trials-of-four-rapid-covid-19-tests-brings-high-tech-equipment/article32206292.ece>

Q.15) Consider the following statements about the Blue poppy:

1. It is considered the Queen of Himalayan Flowers.
2. It is found from Kumaon to Kashmir at elevations of 3,000 to 5,000 meters.
3. It is a species of flowering plant from which both opium and poppy seeds are derived and is also a valuable ornamental plant.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.15) Solution (b)

Found from Kumaon to Kashmir at elevations of 3,000 to 5,000 meters, the Blue poppy, *Meconopsis aculeata*, is considered the Queen of Himalayan Flowers.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/climb-or-die-himalayan-plants-on-steep-trek-to-survive-climate-change/article32206679.ece>

Q.16) India had launched Green Growth Equity Fund (GGEF) to invest in green Infrastructure Projects. Which of the following statements regarding GGEF are correct?

1. It is a joint fund between India and European Union.
2. It aims to leverage private sector funding in Green Infrastructure projects in India.
3. The joint fund will be established under NIIF.

Select the code from below:

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

Q.16) Solution (b)

Green Growth Equity Fund

India and the UK announced the launch of an Early Market Engagement for the joint UK-India Fund, namely a Green Growth Equity Fund

It aims to leverage private sector investment from the City of London to invest in green infrastructure projects in India

Both governments will invest up to £120 million each (i.e. totally £ 240 million)

The joint fund which will be established under the NIIF framework.

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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/working-with-india-to-make-clean-power-accessible-says-uk-minister/article32213863.ece>

Q.17) Which of the following statements about Administrative tribunals is/are correct?

1. These were added in the constitution by the 42nd Amendment act.
2. These tribunals can only be constituted for the matters related to public services of the Centre and the states.
3. These tribunals follow the principal of natural justice.

Select the correct answer using code below

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

Q.17) Solution (a)

The original Constitution did not contain provisions with respect to tribunals.

The 42nd Amendment Act of 1976 added a new Part XIV-A to the Constitution. This part is entitled as 'Tribunals' and consists of only two Articles—Article 323 A dealing with administrative tribunals and Article 323 B dealing with tribunals for other matters.

Article 323 A empowers the Parliament to provide for the establishment of administrative tribunals for the adjudication of disputes relating to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to public services of the Centre, the states, local bodies, public corporations and other public authorities.

These tribunals are not bound by the procedure laid down in the Civil Procedure Code of 1908; rather these are guided by the principles of natural justice.

Do you know?

The jurisdiction of Central Administrative Tribunal extends to the all-India services, the Central civil services, civil posts under the Centre and civilian employees of defence services, but, the members of the defence forces, officers and servants of the Supreme Court and the secretarial staff of the Parliament are not covered by it.

Article reference: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/safeguarding-the-autonomy-of-tribunals/story-sTaztHIM2iZBhyaUTowxVM.html>

Q.18) Which among the following goods attract GST Compensation Cess?

1. Coal
2. Aerated drinks
3. Cigarettes containing tobacco

Choose correct answer:

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

Q.18) Solution (d)

GST Compensation Cess is a levy which will be applicable in addition to the regular GST taxes (CGST + SGST/UTGST on intrastate supplies and IGST on interstate supplies). GST Cess will be levied on supply of certain notified goods – mostly belonging to the luxury and demerit category.

The GST Cess is levied to compensate states who may suffer any loss of revenue due to the implementation of GST, as per the provisions of the GST Compensation Cess Act.

Which goods will attract GST Cess?

Items :: GST Cess Ceiling

- Coal :: INR 400 / tonne
- Pan Masala :: 60%
- Aerated Drinks :: 15%
- Motor vehicles :: Vary according to Engine cc and lengths
- Diesel driven motor vehicles :: 3%
- Cigarettes with tobacco :: 36% + Rs. 4170 per thousand

Q.19) Consider the following statement about Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA|TS)

1. It is a set of criteria which allows tiger sites to check if their management will lead to successful tiger conservation
2. Lansdowne Forest Division is the only site in India that is CA|TS approved

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Select the correct statements

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

Q.19) Solution (c)

The CA|TS was developed in response to the need for stringent conservation procedures for protection of the big cat through a partnership between governments and conservation organisations to assess the levels of effective management, among others.

To date, three sites – Lansdowne Forest Division in Uttarakhand, India, Chitwan National Park in Nepal and Sikhote-Alin Nature Reserve in Russia – have been awarded CA|TS Approved status.

CA|TS is a set of criteria which allows tiger sites to check if their management will lead to successful tiger conservation. CA|TS is organised under seven pillars and 17 elements of critical management activity.

CA|TS was developed by tiger and protected area experts. Officially launched in 2013, CA|TS is an important part of Tx2, the global goal to double wild tiger numbers by the year 2022.

Q.20) The Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) reports on the status and trends of the world's forest resources is released by –

- a) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- b) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- c) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- d) United Nations Environment Programme

Q.20) Solution (a)

The Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) reports on the status and trends of the world's forest resources. It is led by the Forestry Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Q.21) With reference to Budapest Convention, consider the following:

1. The convention is the sole legally binding international multilateral treaty on cybercrime.

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2. The Budapest Convention is supplemented by a Protocol on Xenophobia and Racism committed through computer systems.
3. India is yet to join this treaty.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.21) Solution (d)

Convention on Cybercrime, also known as the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime or the Budapest Convention is the first international treaty seeking to address Internet and computer crime (cybercrime) by harmonizing national laws, improving investigative techniques, and increasing cooperation among nations.

The convention is the sole legally binding international multilateral treaty on cybercrime. It coordinates cybercrime investigations between nation-states and criminalizes certain cybercrime conduct.

It serves as a guideline for any country developing comprehensive national legislation against Cybercrime and as a framework for international cooperation between State Parties to this treaty.

The Budapest Convention is supplemented by a Protocol on Xenophobia and Racism committed through computer systems.

This Convention has eagerly called for Indian participation since its formation in 2001, but India has decided not to be a party to it.

Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-quest-for-order-amid-cyber-insecurity/article32225383.ece>

Q.22) Consider the following statements with reference to Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES):

1. It is not a United Nations body.
2. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provides secretariat services to IPBES.
3. Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is a report by the IPBES.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.22) Solution (b)

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is an independent intergovernmental body established by States to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development.

It was established in Panama City, on 21 April 2012 by 94 Governments. It is not a United Nations body. However, at the request of the IPBES Plenary and with the authorization of the UNEP Governing Council in 2013, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) provides secretariat services to IPBES.

Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is a report by the IPBES on the global state of biodiversity.

Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/fewer-species-more-disease/article32224701.ece>

Source: <https://ipbes.net/about>

Q.23) With reference to Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements

1. AIIB has more than 100 member nations.
2. India is the only country to enjoy a permanent seat on the Bank's board of directors.
3. AIIB does not have any members from outside Asia.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

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

Q.23) Solution (a)

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

It is a multilateral development bank with a mission to improve social and economic outcomes in Asia.

Headquartered in Beijing, it began operations in January 2016 and have now grown to 103 approved members worldwide.

India has been the bank's biggest beneficiary, with a quarter of the AIIB's approved projects geared towards its development. India has received the most funding of any country from the bank (received \$4.35 billion)

India is also the only country apart from China to enjoy a permanent seat on the Bank's board of directors.

India is one among the 57 founding members in 2016

India is its second--largest shareholder (with 7.62% voting shares) after China (26.06%)

Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/aiib-to-look-at-indias-project-proposals-from-economic-view/article32225257.ece>

Source: <https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/index.html>

Q.24) Consider the following:

1. It is popularly known as Dhaman, is widely distributed across South and Southeast Asia.
2. It can adapt quickly to a variety of habits: arid land, open fields, farmland, coastal regions, freshwater or brackish water wetlands.
3. It is also called the farmer's friend.

The above features/characteristics are associated with –

- a) Common Crane
- b) Mongoose
- c) Rat snake
- d) Red rice

Q.24) Solution (c)

Indian Rat Snake



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Rat Snakes are also called the farmer's friend as it helps rid fields of rodents and does the same in urban settlements

They are non-poisonous and will not attack unless cornered

Indian Rat Snake (*Ptyas mucosa*), popularly known as Dhaman, is widely distributed across South and Southeast Asia

It can adapt quickly to a variety of habits: arid land, open fields, farmland, coastal regions, freshwater or brackish water wetlands

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/indian-rat-snake-in-the-monsoon/article32227685.ece>

Q.25) Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) is a global public health threat and India has some of the highest antibiotic resistance rates. Which of the following are proven to affect AMR in India?

1. Mass bathing in Ganga
2. Irrational use of antibiotics in livestock industries
3. Unchecked discharge of effluents by the pharmaceutical industry

Select the correct code:

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

Q.25) Solution (d)

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has emerged as a global public health concern as antibiotics are becoming inefficient against a wide range of pathogenic bacteria. Rampant usage of antibiotics for human and veterinary purposes has resulted in the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria (ARB) in the guts of humans and animals, which are subsequently released in to the environment.

In India, factors such as high consumption of a broad spectrum of antibiotics, antibiotic fixed-dose combinations and antibiotic consumption in animal food contribute to AMR.

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Mass-bathing in the Ganga during pilgrimages may be contributing to anti-microbial resistance (AMR), says a government-commissioned report on the threat from AMR. Such resistance — previously acknowledged to be widespread in India — is said to be the reason for certain key antibiotics becoming ineffective against diseases, including tuberculosis. Other than 'cultural factors' such as bathing in the Ganga, the drivers of AMR included excessive use of antibiotics in the livestock industry and unchecked discharge of effluents by the pharmaceutical industry.

Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/antibiotics-extensively-misused-in-dairy-sector-survey/article32223803.ece>

Q.26) Which among the following amendment act inserted Article 239AA which confers a special status to Delhi among UTs where it was provided with a legislative assembly to make laws on state subjects?

- a) Sixty-ninth amendment act
- b) Forty-second amendment act
- c) Forty-eight amendment act
- d) Ninety-one amendment act

Q.26) Solution (a)

Sixty-ninth amendment act inserted Article 239AA which confers a special status to Delhi among UTs where it was provided with a legislative assembly to make laws on state subjects.

Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/l-g-rejects-cabinet-decision-on-lawyers-for-riots-anti-kaa-cases/article32234694.ece>

Q.27) Consider the following:

1. The Council of Ministers aid and advise the Lieutenant-Governor in the exercise of his functions in relation to matters with respect to which the Delhi legislative assembly has power to make law.
2. In the case of difference of opinion between the Lieutenant Governor and Council of Ministers, the Lieutenant Governor shall refer it to the President for decision and act according to the decision given thereon by the President.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.27) Solution (c)

Lt. Governor and Council of Ministers

The Council of Ministers (i.e. CM and his Ministers) are elected to aid and advise the LG in the exercise of his functions in relation to matters with respect to which the Legislative assembly has power to make law.

Therefore, in respect of Public Order, Police & Land – LG would not need aid and advise from the Council of Ministers. For other matters enumerated in the State List, this arrangement would work.

In the case of difference of opinion between the Lieutenant Governor and Council of Ministers, the Lieutenant Governor shall refer it to the President for decision and act according to the decision given thereon by the President. — 239AA (4)

Article reference: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/l-g-rejects-cabinet-decision-on-lawyers-for-riots-anti-caa-cases/article32234694.ece>

Q.28) Jezero Crater, which was in news recently, is associated with –

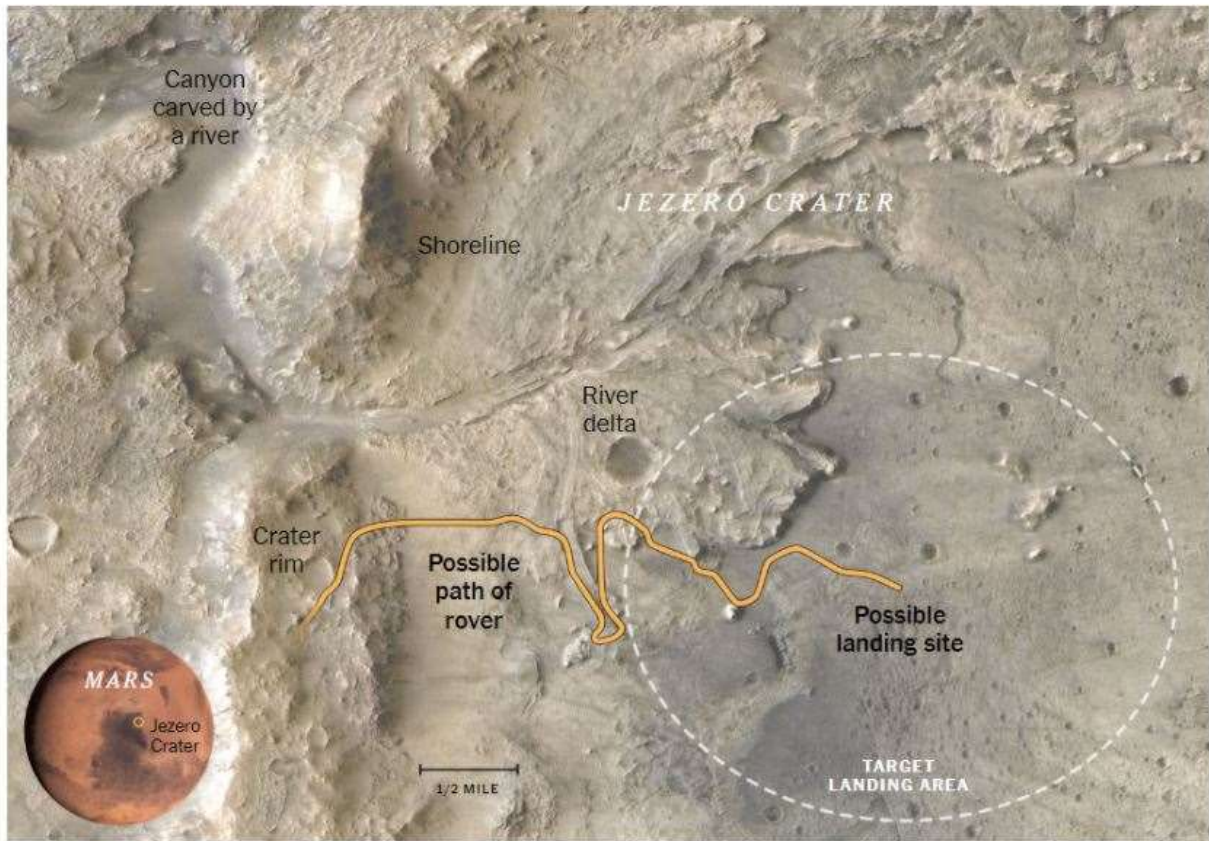
- a) Mars 2020 landing site
- b) China's Tianwen-1 landing site
- c) Lonar lake site
- d) None

Q.28) Solution (a)

Jezero Crater is the landing site for the NASA's Mars Perseverance Rover also known as Mars 2020.

NASA chose Jezero crater as the landing site for the Perseverance rover because scientists believe the area was once flooded with water and was home to an ancient river delta.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/nasa-launches-mars-rover-perseverance-to-look-for-signs-of-ancient-life/article32231782.ece>



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Q.29) With reference to vision SAGAR, which of the following statements is true/correct?

1. It aims to establish India as a global leader in solar energy, by creating the policy conditions for its diffusion across the country as quickly as possible.
2. It is an ambitious national initiative aimed at bringing about a step change in India's logistics sector performance, by unlocking the full potential of India's coastline and waterways.
3. It aims to improve the efficiency of existing corridors through development of Multimodal Logistics Parks and elimination of choke point.
4. It provides a mechanism for India to expand strategic partnerships with other IOR littorals in Asia and Africa.

Q.29) Solution (d)

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In 2015, India unveiled its strategic vision for the Indian Ocean i.e. Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).

It is an increasing recognition of the increasing importance of maritime security, maritime commons and cooperation.

Through SAGAR, India seeks to deepen economic and security cooperation with its maritime neighbours and assist in building their maritime security capabilities. For this, India would cooperate on the exchange of information, coastal surveillance, building of infrastructure and strengthening their capabilities.

Further, India seeks to safeguard its national interests and ensure Indian Ocean region to become inclusive, collaborative and respect international law.

Source: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1642278>

Q.30) Consider the following statements about 'AIM-iCREST':

1. It was launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
2. It has been designed to enable the incubation ecosystem and provide requisite support to foster the incubation enterprise economy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.30) Solution (c)

Atal Innovation Mission launched 'AIM-iCREST', in partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Wadhvani Foundation.

AIM iCREST – an Incubator Capabilities enhancement program for a Robust Ecosystem focuses on creating high performing Startups

About the initiative

AIM iCREST has been designed to enable the incubation ecosystem and act as a growth hack for AIM's Atal and Established incubators across the country.

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Under the initiative, the AIM's incubators are set to be upscaled and provided requisite support to foster the incubation enterprise economy, that will help them to significantly enhance their performance.

This will be complemented by providing training to entrepreneurs, through technology driven processes and platforms.

Source: <https://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1642441>

STATIC QUIZ

Q.1) Consider the following statements:

1. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has added Part X to the Constitution of India.
2. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has added Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT* correct?

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has added Part IX to the Constitution of India.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has added Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. Not less than one-third of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Panchayat shall be reserved for women. However, these one-third seats should be calculated excluding the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes

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2. There shall be no reservation in the offices of the Chairpersons in the Panchayats at the village level.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.2) Solution (d)

Not less than one-third (including the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes) of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Panchayat shall be reserved for women.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The offices of the Chairpersons in the Panchayats at the village or any other level shall be reserved for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and women in such manner as the Legislature of a State may, by law, provide.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.3) Consider the following statements

1. A person can be disqualified for being a member of Panchayat if he/she is less than twenty-five years of age.
2. According to Constitution the tenure of a State Election Commissioner is five years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.3) Solution (d)

No person shall be disqualified for being a member of Panchayat on the ground that he is less than twenty-five years of age, if he has attained the age of twenty-one years.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

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Subject to the provisions of any law made by the Legislature of a State, the conditions of service and tenure of office of the State Election Commissioner shall be such as the Governor may by rule determine

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.4) Consider the following statements:

1. Every Municipality (unless sooner dissolved under any law) shall continue for five years from the date appointed for its first meeting
2. A Municipality constituted upon the dissolution of a Municipality before the expiration of its duration shall continue for five years from its first meeting.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.4) Solution (b)

Every Municipality, unless sooner dissolved under any law for the time being in force, shall continue for five years from the date appointed for its first meeting.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

A Municipality constituted upon the dissolution of a Municipality before the expiration of its duration shall continue only for the remainder of the period for which the dissolved Municipality would have continued.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.5) Consider the following statements:

1. The Finance Commission constituted under article 243X shall also review the financial position of the Municipalities.
2. The election to the board of a Cooperative Society shall be conducted before the expiration of a period of six months from the date of the expiry of the term of the board.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.5) Solution (d)

The Finance Commission constituted under article 243-I shall also review the financial position of the Municipalities.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The election of a board shall be conducted before the expiry of the term of the board so as to ensure that the newly elected members of the board assume office immediately on the expiry of the term of the office of members of the outgoing board.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.6) Consider the following statements:

1. The idea of establishment of 3-tier Panchayat-raj system was recommended by Ashok Mehta Committee
2. Andhra Pradesh was the first state to establish Panchayati Raj.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.6) Solution (d)

The idea of establishment of 3-tier Panchayat-raj system was recommended by Balwant Rai Mehta Committee and submitted its report in November 1957.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

Rajasthan was the first state to establish Panchayati Raj in 1959, in Nagaur district. Rajasthan was followed by Andhra Pradesh, which also adopted the system in 1959.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.7) With respect to the Local Government in India, Consider the following statements?

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1. 33% of the seats in local bodies are reserved for women.
2. According to the Indian Constitution, the local government is not an independent tier in the Federal system
3. The grants-in-aid to Panchayats are from Consolidated Fund of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.7) Solution (a)

33% of the seats in local bodies are reserved for women

Hence statement 1 is correct.

The local government is an independent tier in the Federal system

Hence statement 2 is incorrect

The grants in aid to Panchayats are from Consolidated Fund of State (not India).

Hence Statement 3 is incorrect.

Q.8) Which of the following statements is/are correct about Panchayat system in India?

1. The provisions of Part IX of the Constitution relating to the Panchayats are not applicable to the Fifth Schedule areas.
2. PESA was enacted to extend the provisions of Part IX of the Constitution to Scheduled Areas and Tribal areas.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.8) Solution (a)

The provisions of Part IX of the constitution relating to the Panchayats are not applicable to the Fifth Schedule areas. However, the Parliament may extend these provisions to such areas, subject to such exceptions and modifications as it may specify.

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Hence statement 1 is correct

PESA (Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act), 1996 is with regard to Scheduled Areas (Fifth Schedule Areas) and not Tribal areas (under Sixth Schedule).

Hence statement 2 is incorrect

Q.9) Which of the following *DOES NOT* fall under the compulsory provisions of 73rd Amendment Act, 1992?

1. Authorizing panchayats to levy, collect and appropriate taxes, duties, tolls and fees
2. Providing reservation of seats for backward classes in panchayats at all level.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.9) Solution (c)

Voluntary Provisions

Providing reservation of seats (both members and chairpersons) for backward classes in panchayats at any level.

Granting financial powers to the pachayats, that is, authorizing them to levy, collect and appropriate taxes, duties, tolls and fees.

Compulsory Provisions

Reservation of seats (both members and chairpersons) for SCs and STs in panchayats at all the three levels.

Hence statements 1 and 2 *DOES NOT* falls under Compulsory Provisions

Q.10) With reference to the urban local bodies in India, which of the following statements is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

1. Notified area committee is an entirely nominated body.
2. Mayor is the chief executive authority of a Municipal corporation
3. A municipal corporation has two authorities, namely the standing committees and the commissioner.

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Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.10) Solution (a)

Notified area committee is an entirely nominated body

Hence statement 1 is correct

The municipal commissioner is responsible for the implementation of the decisions taken by the council and its standing committees. Thus, he is the chief executive authority of the corporation.

Hence statement 2 is incorrect

A municipal corporation has three authorities, namely, the council, the standing committees and the commissioner.

Hence statement 3 is incorrect

Q.11) Consider the following statements:

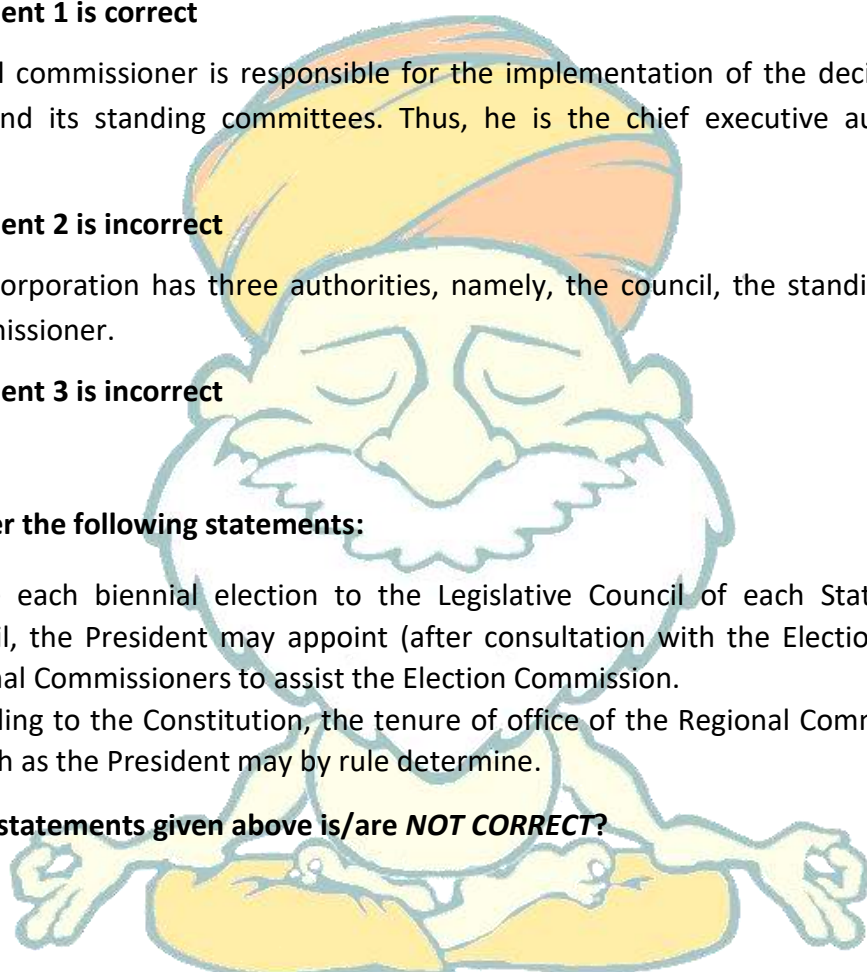
1. Before each biennial election to the Legislative Council of each State having such Council, the President may appoint (after consultation with the Election Commission) Regional Commissioners to assist the Election Commission.
2. According to the Constitution, the tenure of office of the Regional Commissioners shall be such as the President may by rule determine.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT CORRECT?

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

Q.11) Solution (d)

Before each biennial election to the Legislative Council of each State having such Council, the President may also appoint after consultation with the Election Commission such Regional



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Commissioners as he may consider necessary to assist the Election Commission in the performance of the functions conferred on the Commission.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The conditions of service and tenure of office of the Election Commissioners and the Regional Commissioners shall be such as the President may by rule determine

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.12) Consider the following statements:

1. The Legislature of a State may from time to time by law make provision (in so far as provision in that behalf is not made by Parliament) with respect to all matters relating to the elections to either House of the Legislature of the State including the preparation of electoral rolls.
2. There shall be two electoral rolls for every territorial constituency, one for election to either House of Parliament and one for election to the either House of the Legislature of a State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.12) Solution (a)

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and in so far as provision in that behalf is not made by Parliament, the Legislature of a State may from time to time by law make provision with respect to all matters relating to, or in connection with, the elections to the House or either House of the Legislature of the State including the preparation of electoral rolls and all other matters necessary for securing the due constitution of such House or Houses.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

There shall be one general electoral roll for every territorial constituency for election to either House of Parliament or to the House or either House of the Legislature of a State.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

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Q.13) Consider the following statements regarding National Commission for Scheduled Tribes:

1. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes shall have the power to regulate its own procedure.
2. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and other Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Prime Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.13) Solution (a)

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes shall have the power to regulate its own procedure.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and other Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

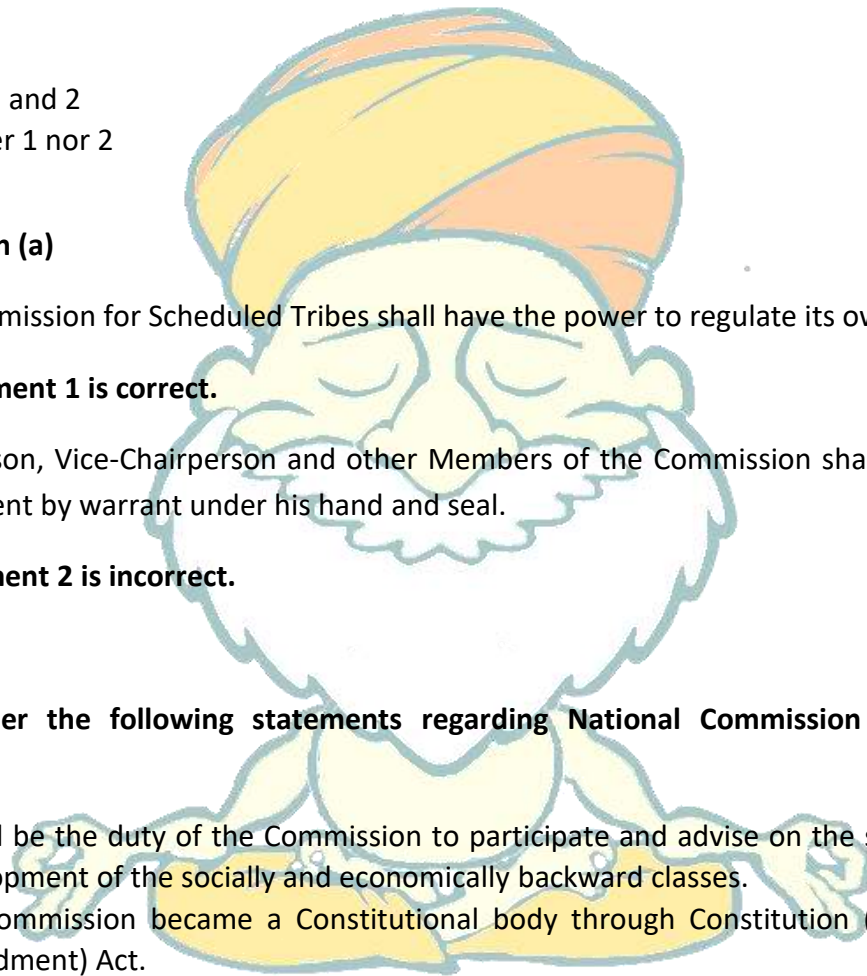
Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.14) Consider the following statements regarding National Commission for Backward Classes:

1. It shall be the duty of the Commission to participate and advise on the socio-economic development of the socially and economically backward classes.
2. The Commission became a Constitutional body through Constitution (Ninety Second Amendment) Act.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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



Q.14) Solution (c)

It shall be the duty of the Commission to participate and advise on the socio-economic development of the socially and educationally backward classes and to evaluate the progress of their development under the Union and any State.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The Commission became a Constitutional body through Constitution (One Hundred and Second Amendment) Act, 2018.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.15) Consider the following statements:

1. According to the Constitution, Parliament shall determine the procedure to be followed by the Goods and Services Tax Council in the performance of its functions.
2. Every decision of the Goods and Services Tax Council shall be taken at a meeting, by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the weighted votes of the total members of the Goods and Services Tax Council.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.15) Solution (d)

According to the Constitution, The Goods and Services Tax Council shall determine the procedure in the performance of its functions.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

Every decision of the Goods and Services Tax Council shall be taken at a meeting, by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the weighted votes of the members present and voting.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.16) Consider the following statements:

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1. The Governor of a state shall constitute a Finance Commission to review the financial position of the panchayats after every five years.
2. The Governor shall place the recommendations of the commission along with the action taken report before the state legislature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.16) Solution (c)

The Governor of a state shall constitute a finance commission to review the financial position of the panchayats after every five years.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The Governor shall place the recommendations of the commission along with the action taken report before the state legislature.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.17) Consider the following statements.

1. Article 280 provides for a Finance Commission as a quasi-federal body.
2. The Constitution envisages the Finance Commission as the balancing wheel of fiscal federalism in India.
3. The Fifteenth Finance Commission headed by Shri. N.K.Singh makes recommendations for the five years commencing from April 1, 2020.

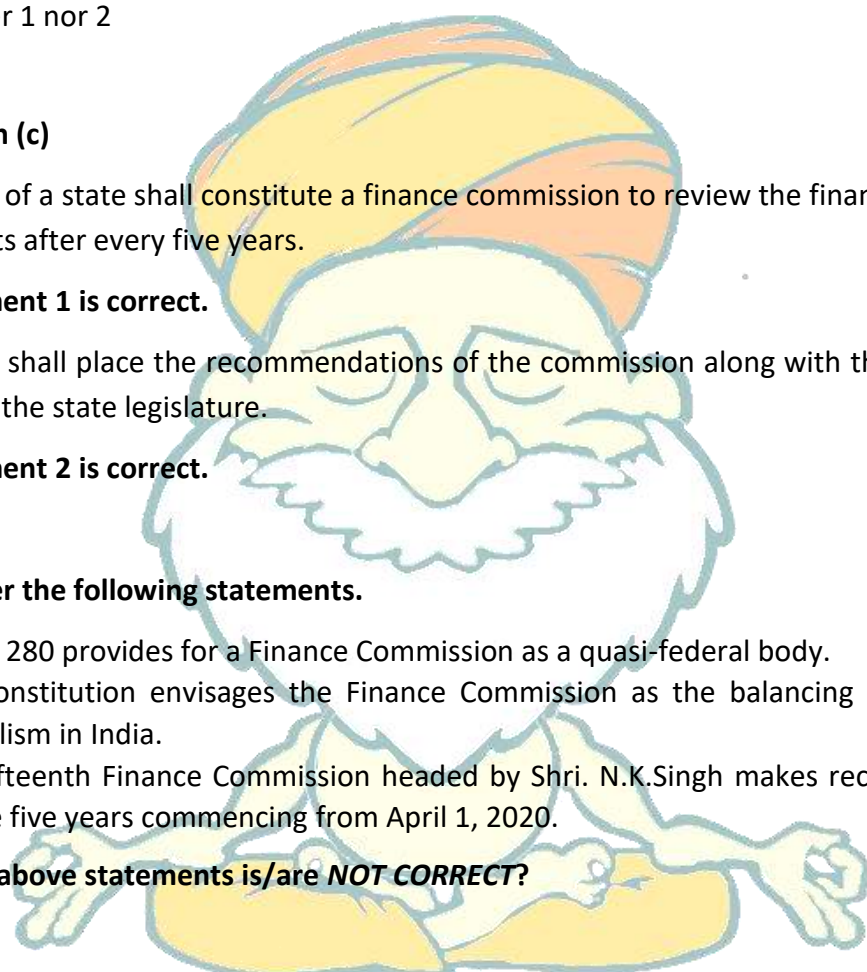
Which of the above statements is/are NOT CORRECT?

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

Q.17) Solution (a)

Article 280 provides for a Finance Commission as a quasi-judicial body.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.



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Fiscal federalism implies the division of financial powers and responsibility between the center and the federal units. Indian constitution provides for Finance Commission under Article 280 to balance the wheel of fiscal federalism.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

The Fifteenth Finance Commission headed by Shri. N.K.Singh makes recommendations for the five years commencing from April 1, 2020.

Hence Statement 3 is correct.

Q.18) With reference to Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Consider the following statements?

1. The President determines the composition of Union Public Service Commission.
2. The jurisdiction of UPSC can be extended by the Parliament
3. The UPSC is not consulted while making reservations of appointments or posts in favour of any backward class of citizens

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.18) Solution (d)

The President determines the composition of Union Public Service Commission.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The jurisdiction of UPSC can be extended by the Parliament.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

The UPSC is not consulted while making reservations of appointments or posts in favour of any backward class of citizens

Hence Statement 3 is correct.

Q.19) Which of the following is/are the functions of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes:

1. Investigation and monitoring of all matters relating to the constitutional and other legal safeguards for the SCs and evaluating their working.

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2. According to the Constitution, the Union and every State Government shall consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting Scheduled Castes.
3. The commission presents an annual report to the Parliament upon their working.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q.19) Solution (c)

Investigation and monitoring of all matters relating to the constitutional and other legal safeguards for the SCs and evaluating their working.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

According to the Constitution, the Union and every State Government shall consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting Scheduled Castes.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

The commission presents an annual report to the President (not Parliament) upon their working.

Hence Statement 3 is incorrect.

Q.20) Which of the following is/are not considered as Constitutional bodies in india?

1. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
2. National Commission for Minorities
3. National Human Rights Commission
4. Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities
5. Advocate General of the State

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 2 and 3 only
- b) 1, 4 and 5 only
- c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only

Q.20) Solution (a)

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Scheduled Tribes (ST's), Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities, Advocate General of the State is a constitutional body.

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National Commission for Women (1992), the National Commission for Minorities (1993), the the National Human Rights Commission (1993) and the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (2007) are statutory bodies.

Q.21) Consider the following statements regarding provisions related to National Investigation Agency Act:

1. National Investigation Agency constituted under the Act is functioning as the Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency in India.
2. Under the Act, the Governor shall, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court (for the trial of Scheduled Offences) designate one or more Courts of Session as Special Court.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.21) Solution (b)

National Investigation Agency is functioning as the Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency in India.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The Central Government shall, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court, by notification in the Official Gazette, for the trial of Scheduled Offences, designate one or more Courts of Session as Special Court.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.22) Consider the following statements:

1. Central Vigilance Commission shall consist of a Central Vigilance Commissioner and not more than two Vigilance Commissioners.

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2. Central Vigilance Commissioner is appointed on the recommendation of a three member committee consisting of the Prime Minister, an Union Minister of Cabinet Rank and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.22) Solution (a)

Central Vigilance Commission shall consist of a Central Vigilance Commissioner and not more than two Vigilance Commissioners.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Central Vigilance Commissioner is appointed on the recommendation of a three member committee consisting of the Prime Minister as its head, the Union Minister of home affairs and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.23) Consider the following statements regarding Central Information Commission:

1. The Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) and such number of Central Information Commissioners not exceeding 5.
2. Chief Information Commissioner shall be a person who is qualified to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.23) Solution (d)

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The Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) and such number of Central Information Commissioners not exceeding 10 as may be deemed necessary.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.24) Consider the following statements regarding NITI Aayog:

1. Only those Union Territories having Legislatures are represented in the Governing Council of NITI Aayog.
2. National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD) is a Central Autonomous Organization attached to NITI Aayog.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.24) Solution (a)

Governing Council: It comprises the Chief Ministers of all the States, Chief Ministers of Union Territories with Legislatures (i.e., Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir) and Lt. Governors of other Union Territories.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The Government of India established the National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD) in 1962. It is a Central Autonomous Organization attached to NITI Aayog, Ministry of Planning.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.25) Consider the following statements regarding Attorney General of India:

1. No qualification is prescribed in the Constitution regarding the appointment of Attorney General.
2. According to Constitution, Attorney General shall be impeached from his office in the manner in which a Judge of Supreme Court is removed.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.25) Solution (d)

The President shall appoint a person who is qualified to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court to be Attorney-General for India.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The Attorney-General shall hold office during the pleasure of the President, and shall receive such remuneration as the President may determine.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

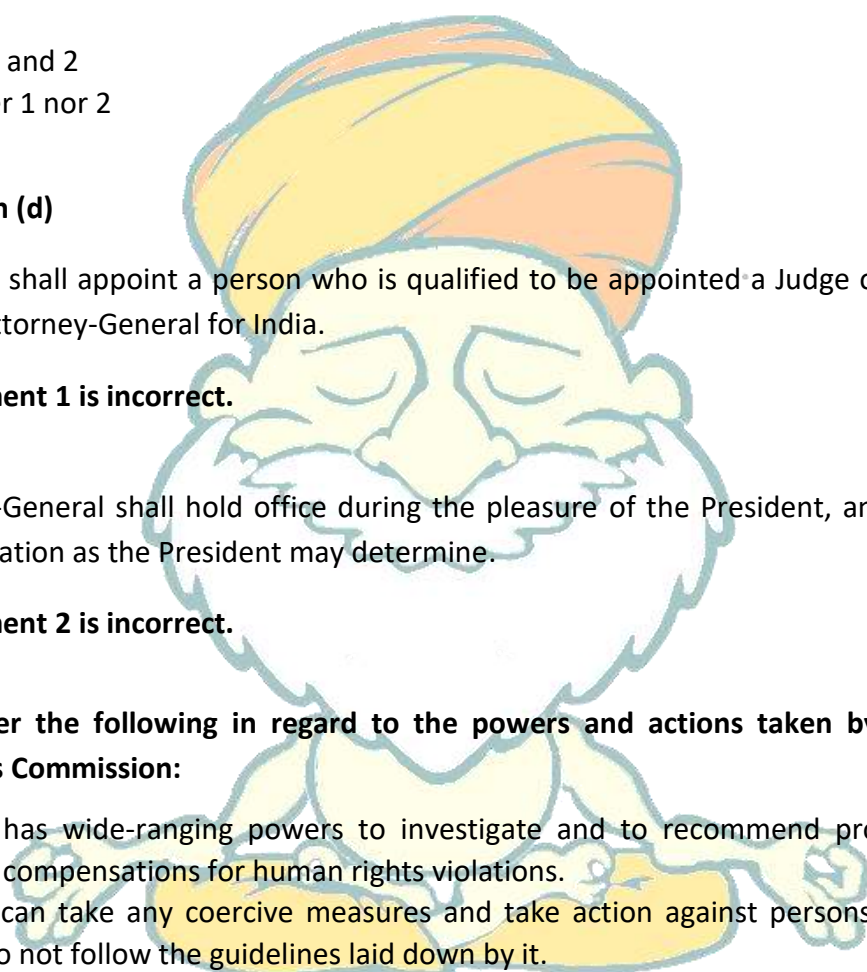
Q.26) Consider the following in regard to the powers and actions taken by the National Human Rights Commission:

1. NHRC has wide-ranging powers to investigate and to recommend prosecutions and award compensations for human rights violations.
2. NHRC can take any coercive measures and take action against persons or authorities who do not follow the guidelines laid down by it.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.26) Solution (b)



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NHRC has wide-ranging powers to investigate, recommend prosecutions, and award compensations for human rights violations.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The functions of the commission are mainly recommendatory in nature. It has no power to punish the violators of human rights, nor to award any relief including monetary relief to the victim.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.27) Which of the following is/are the objectives of establishing a National Green Tribunal:

1. To provide effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment.
2. Giving relief and compensation for damages to persons and property

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.27) Solution (c)

To provide effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Giving relief and compensation for damages to persons and property

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.28) Which of the following states was the first to establish the institution of Lokayukta?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Karnataka
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Kerala

Q.28) Solution (a)

Maharashtra established the system of Lokayukta in 1971 through 'The Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayuktas Act', and the institutions of the Lokayukta and Uplokayukta came into existence on October 25, 1972

Q.29) Who among the following comes under the purview of Lokpal?

1. Armed Forces
2. Prime Minister of India
3. Group 'A' or Group 'B' officers
4. Group 'C' or Group 'D' officials

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1, 2 and 3
- b) 2, 3 and 4
- c) 3 and 4
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q.29) Solution (b)

The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, commonly known as The Lokpal Act, is an anti-corruption Act of Indian Parliament in India which "seeks to provide for the establishment of the institution of Lokpal to inquire into allegations of corruption against certain public functionaries and for matters connecting them".

The following come under the jurisdiction of Lokpal:

- Prime Minister of India
- All ministers of the Union
- Members of Parliament
- Group 'A' or Group 'B' officers
- Group 'C' or Group 'D' officials

Q.30) With reference to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), Consider the following statements:

1. Its establishment was recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.

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2. Originally the CVC was neither a constitutional body nor a statutory body but in 2003 the Parliament enacted a law conferring statutory status on the CVC.
3. It has all the powers of a civil court and its proceedings have a judicial character.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.30) Solution (d)

Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) establishment was recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Originally the CVC was neither a constitutional body nor a statutory body but in 2003 the Parliament enacted a law conferring statutory status on the CVC.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

It has all the powers of a civil court and its proceedings have a judicial character

Hence Statement 3 is correct.

Q.31) Consider the following statements regarding National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA):

1. The chairperson of NDMA is appointed on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising of Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha.
2. The chairperson of the NDMA designates one of the members as the vice-chairperson of the NDMA.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.31) Solution (a)

Prime Minister of India is the ex-officio chairperson of NDMA.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The chairperson of the NDMA designates one of the members as the vice-chairperson of the NDMA. The vice-chairperson has the status of a Cabinet Minister while the other members have the status of a Minister of State.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.32) Consider the following statements:

1. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 mentions about the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.
2. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 shall apply to public servants in and outside India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.32) Solution (c)

The Lokpal and Lokayuktas, 2013 mentions about the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 shall apply to public servants in and outside India.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.33) Consider the following statements:

1. Not less than fifty per cent of the Members of the Lokpal shall be from amongst the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.
2. A member of Lokpal shall not be a member of any Panchayat.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.33) Solution (b)

Not less than fifty per cent of the Members of the Lokpal shall be from amongst the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and women.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

A member of Lokpal shall not be a member of any Panchayat or Municipality.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.34) Consider the following statements regarding NITI Aayog:

1. Vice-chairperson of NITI Aayog enjoys the rank of a Cabinet Minister.
2. Fostering Cooperative Federalism is one of the functions of NITI Aayog.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT CORRECT**?

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

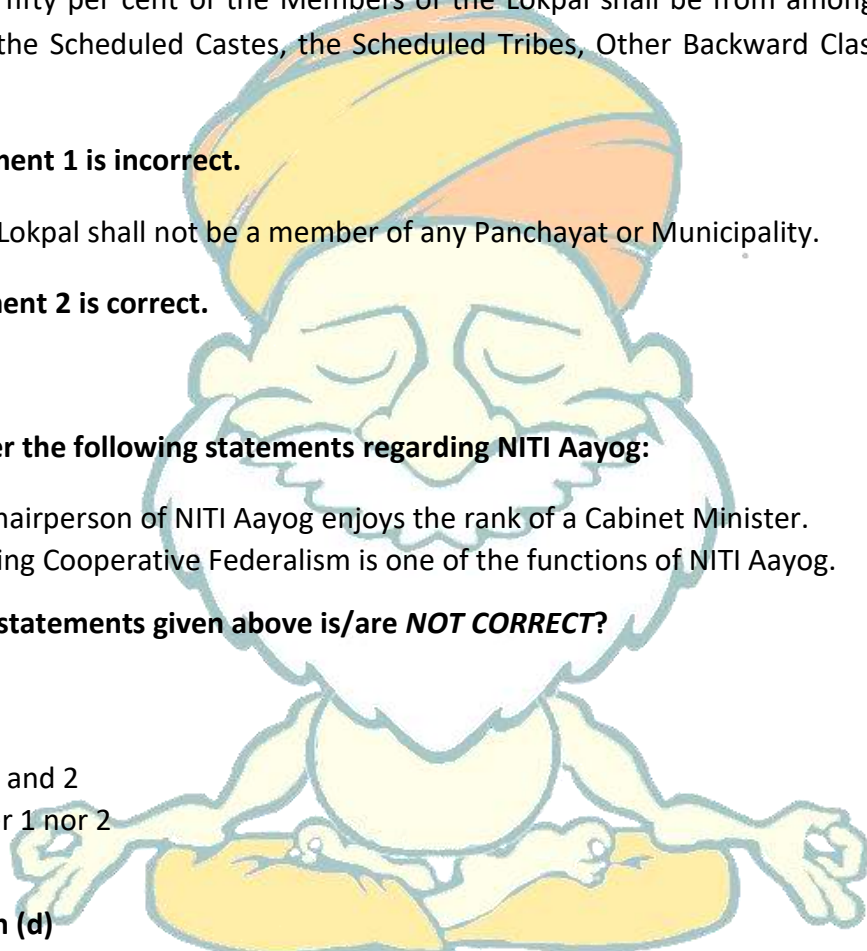
Q.34) Solution (d)

Vice-chairperson of NITI Aayog enjoys the rank of a Cabinet Minister.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Fostering Cooperative Federalism is one of the functions of NITI Aayog. Full time members of NITI Aayog enjoy the rank of a Minister of State.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.



Q.35) Consider the following statements:

1. Part XIV-A (Tribunals) is added to the Constitution of India by 44th Constitutional Amendment Act.
2. Article 323 B contemplates establishment of tribunals for public service matters only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.35) Solution (d)

Part XIV-A (Tribunals) is added to the Constitution of India by 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

Article 323 A contemplates establishment of tribunals for public service matters only.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

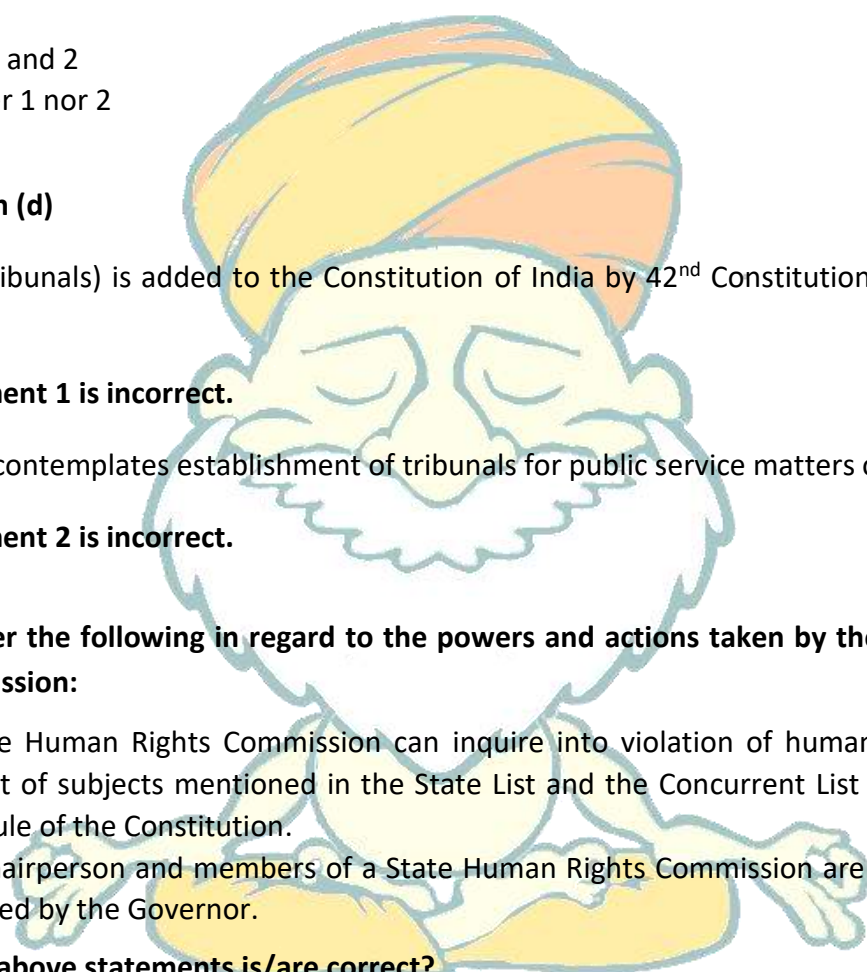
Q.36) Consider the following in regard to the powers and actions taken by the State Human Rights Commission:

1. A State Human Rights Commission can inquire into violation of human rights only in respect of subjects mentioned in the State List and the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.
2. The chairperson and members of a State Human Rights Commission are appointed and removed by the Governor.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.36) Solution (a)



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A State Human Rights Commission can inquire into violation of human rights only in respect of subjects mentioned in the State List and the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Although the chairperson and members of a State Human Rights Commission are appointed by the Governor, they can be removed only by the President.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.37) With reference to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), consider the following statements:

1. The CBI is not a statutory body.
2. Establishment of the CBI was recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.37) Solution (c)

The CBI is not a statutory body. It derives its powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.

Hence statement 1 is correct.

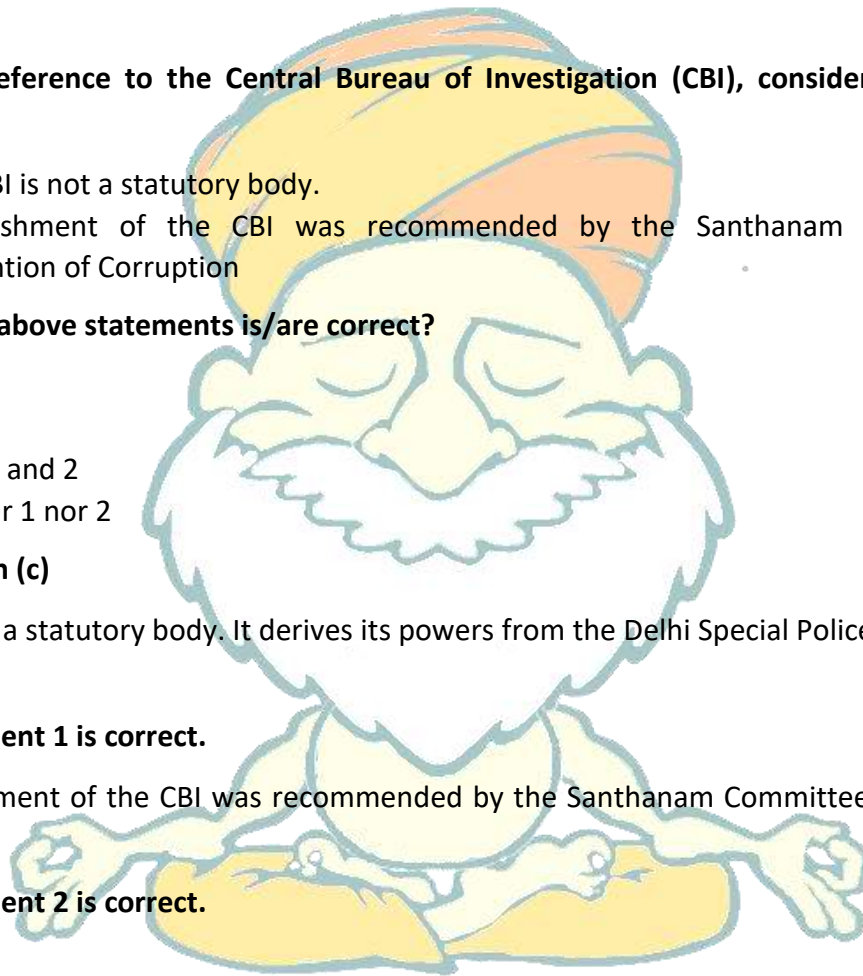
The establishment of the CBI was recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.

Hence statement 2 is correct.

Q.38) Consider the following statements about National Investigation Agency (NIA):

1. The NIA was created by an Act of the Parliament following Mumbai Terror Attack of November 2008.
2. The NIA deals with offences under certain laws, which also includes among them the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



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

Q.38) Solution (c)

The NIA was created by an Act of the Parliament following Mumbai Terror Attack of November 2008.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The NIA deals with offences under certain laws, which also includes among them the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.39) Consider the following statements about State Administrative Tribunals (SAT):

1. The Administrative Tribunals Act of 1985 empowers the Central government to establish the State Administrative Tribunals (SATs) on specific request of the concerned state governments.
2. SAT exercise original jurisdiction in relation to recruitment and all service matters of state government employees.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.39) Solution (d)

The Administrative Tribunals Act of 1985 empowers the Central government to establish the State Administrative Tribunals (SATs) on specific request of the concerned state governments.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

SAT exercise original jurisdiction in relation to recruitment and all service matters of state government employees.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.40) The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) exercises original jurisdiction in relation to recruitment and service matters of public servants belonging to:

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1. Civilian employees of defence services
2. Officers of the Supreme Court
3. All-India Services
4. Secretarial staff of the Parliament
5. State government employees

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 2, 4 and 5 only
- d) 3 only

Q.40) Solution (a)

The CAT exercises original jurisdiction in relation to recruitment and all service matters of public servants covered by it. Its jurisdiction extends to the all-India services, the Central civil services, civil posts under the Centre and civilian employees of defence services. However, the members of the defence forces, officers and servants of the Supreme Court and the secretarial staff of the Parliament are not covered by it.

Q.41) Consider the following statements regarding The Protection of Human Rights Act:

1. A person appointed as a Member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
2. The functions relating to human rights in case of Union territory of Delhi shall be dealt with by the National Human Rights Commission.

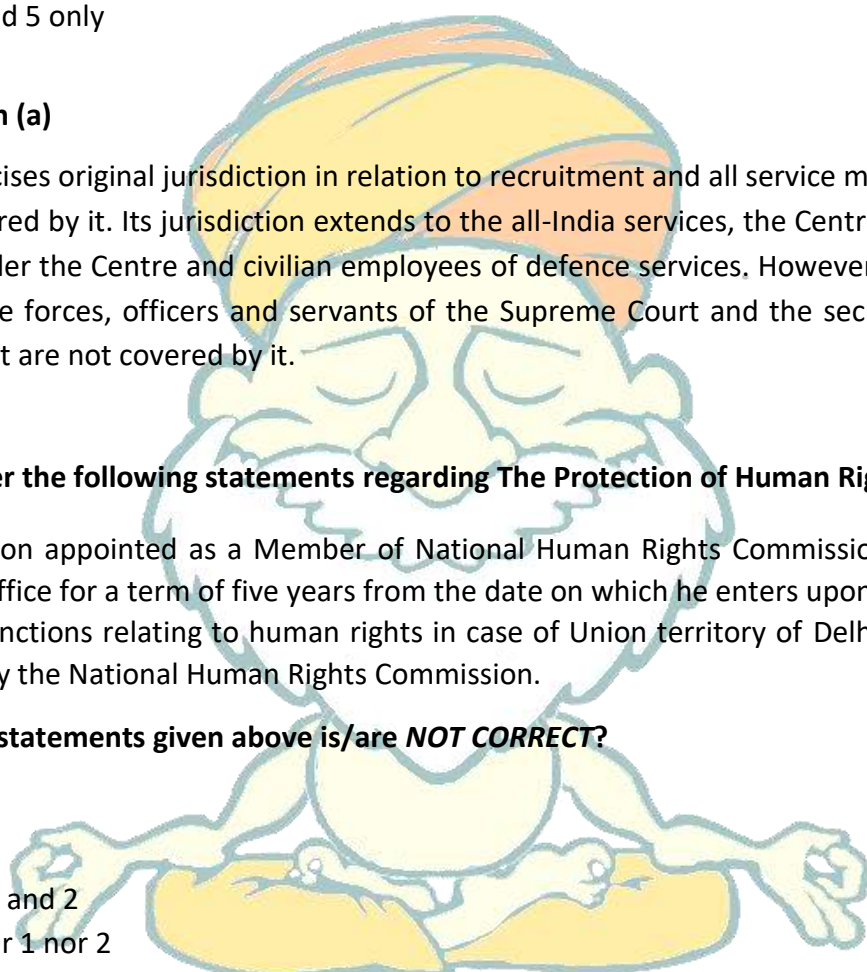
Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.41) Solution (a)

A person appointed as a Member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) shall hold office for a term of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.



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The functions relating to human rights in case of Union territory of Delhi shall be dealt with by the National Human Rights Commission.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.42) Consider the following statements regarding the Right to Information Act:

1. The Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
2. The salaries and allowances payable to the Chief Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of the Chief Election Commissioner.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.42) Solution (d)

The Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for such term as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of service of the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.43) Consider the following statements regarding THE MUSLIM WOMEN (PROTECTION OF RIGHTS ON MARRIAGE) ACT, 2019:

1. The Act extend to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
2. The Act doesn't apply, when the pronouncement of talaq by a Muslim husband upon his wife is in the written form.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.43) Solution (a)

The Act extend to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Any pronouncement of talaq by a Muslim husband upon his wife, by words, either spoken or written or in electronic form or in any other manner whatsoever, shall be void and illegal.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.44) Consider the following statements regarding The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019:

1. As the Act doesn't provide an alternative, a minor child has to wait up to 18 years in order to make an application to the District Magistrate for issuing a certificate of identity as a transgender person.
2. Prime Minister shall act as an ex-officio chairperson of the National Council for Transgender Persons mentioned in the Act.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT CORRECT?

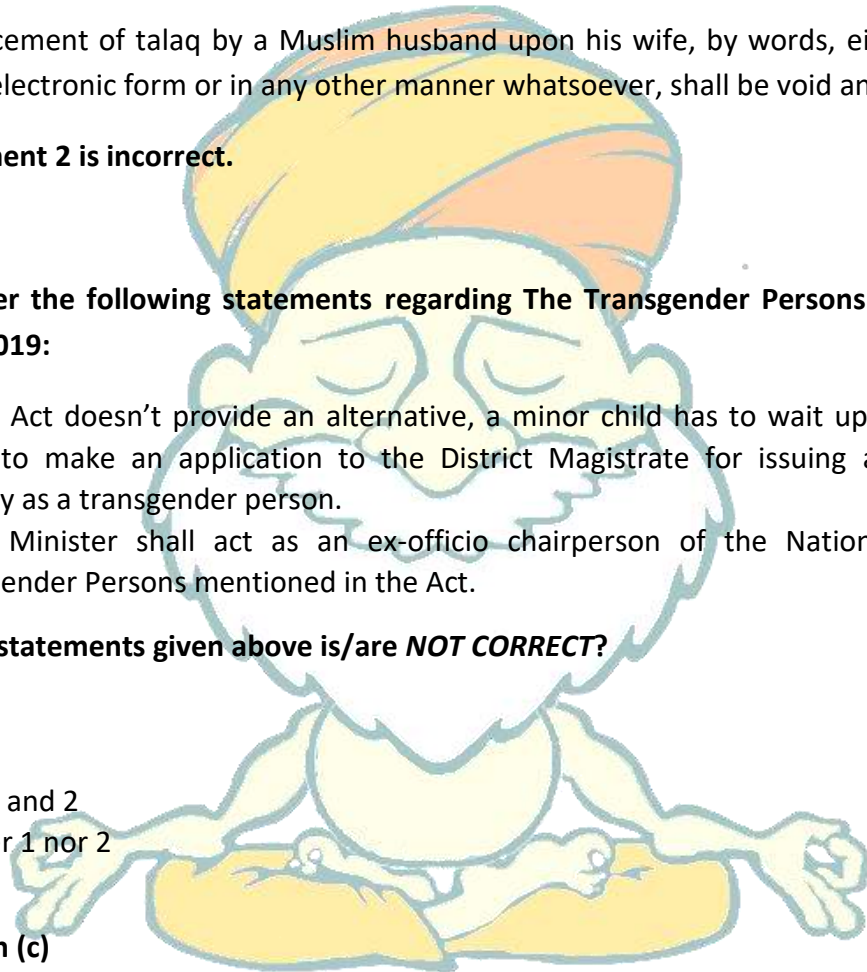
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.44) Solution (c)

In the case of a minor child, an application to the District Magistrate for issuing a certificate of identity as a transgender person shall be made by a parent or guardian of such child.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The Union Minister in-charge of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment shall act as an ex-officio chairperson of the National Council for Transgender Persons mentioned in the Act.



Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.45) Consider the following statements regarding Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019 :

1. It reduces the time period for renewal of Licence for acquisition and possession of firearms and ammunition from five years to three years.
2. Whoever, by using force, takes the firearm from the police or armed forces shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.45) Solution (b)

It increases the time period for renewal of Licence for acquisition and possession of firearms and ammunition from three years to five years.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

Whoever, by using force, takes the firearm from the police or armed forces shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than ten years but which may extend to imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.

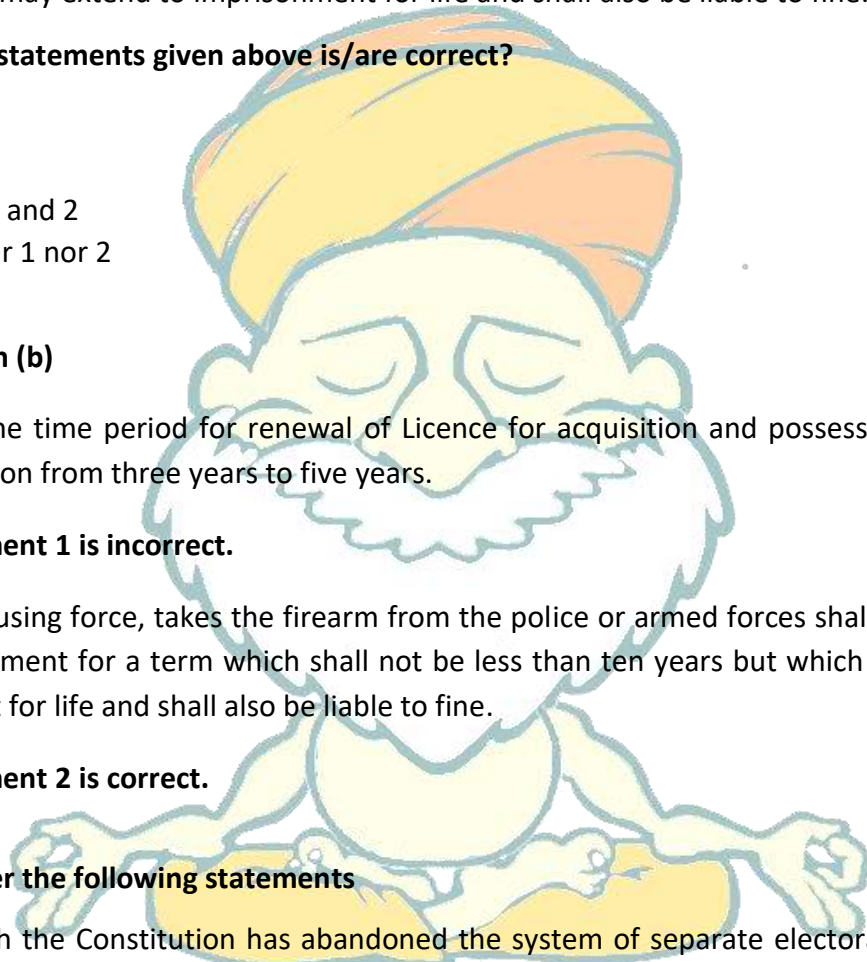
Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.46) Consider the following statements

1. Though the Constitution has abandoned the system of separate electorate, it provides for the system of communal representation by reserving seats for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the Lok Sabha.
2. Though the Constitution has adopted the system of proportional representation in the case of Rajya Sabha, it has not preferred the same system in the case of Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2



d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.46) Solution (b)

Though the Constitution has abandoned the system of communal representation, it provides for the reservation of seats for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the Lok Sabha on the basis of population ratios.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

Though the Constitution has adopted the system of proportional representation in the case of Rajya Sabha, it has not preferred the same system in the case of Lok Sabha. Instead, it has adopted the system of territorial representation for the election of members to the Lok Sabha.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.47) Consider the following statements with regard to Constitution of India:

1. Territorial integrity or continued existence of any State is not guaranteed by the Constitution.
2. The Constitution prohibits discrimination against any citizen on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth but not on the ground of residence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.47) Solution (c)

Territorial integrity or continued existence of any state is not guaranteed by the Constitution.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The Constitution prohibits discrimination against any citizen on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth but not on the ground of residence.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.48) Consider the following statements in regard to Council of Ministers:

1. It is the duty of every minister to stand by cabinet decisions and support them both within and outside the Parliament.

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2. President can remove a minister even at a time when the council of ministers enjoys the confidence of the Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.48) Solution (c)

It is the duty of every minister to stand by cabinet decisions and support them both within and outside the Parliament. If any minister disagrees with a cabinet decision and is not prepared to defend it, he must resign.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

President can remove a minister even at a time when the council of ministers enjoys the confidence of the Lok Sabha.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.49) With reference to Election Commission of India, Consider the following statements:

1. The President has the power to increase/decrease the number of Election Commissioners in the Election Commission.
2. A Regional Commissioner shall not be removed from office except on the recommendation of the Chief Election Commissioner.

Which of the above statement[s] is/are correct?

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

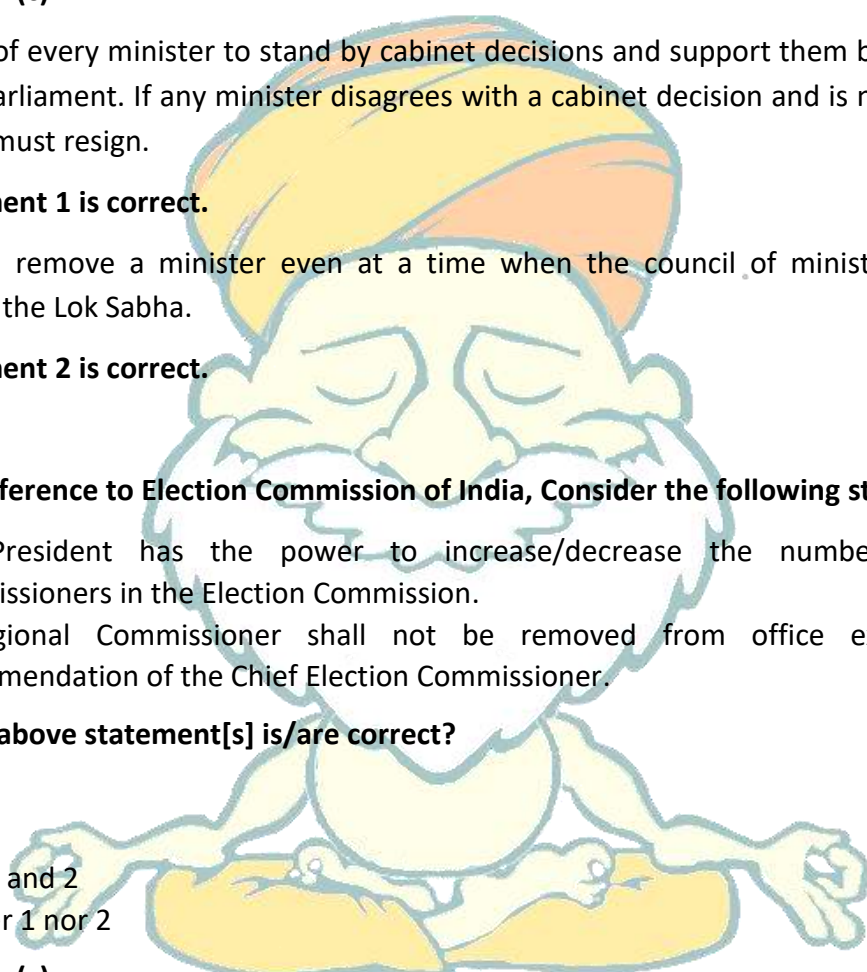
Q.49) Solution (c)

The Election Commission shall consist of the Chief Election Commissioner and such number of other Election Commissioners, if any, as the President may from time to time fix.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

A Regional Commissioner shall not be removed from office except on the recommendation of the Chief Election Commissioner.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.



Q.50) Consider the following statements:

1. The lists of the SCs or STs vary from state to state.
2. Any inclusion or exclusion of any caste or tribe from Presidential notification can be done only by the Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.50) Solution (c)

The lists of the SCs or STs vary from state to state and union territory to union territory.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Any inclusion or exclusion of any caste or tribe from Presidential notification can be done only by the Parliament.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

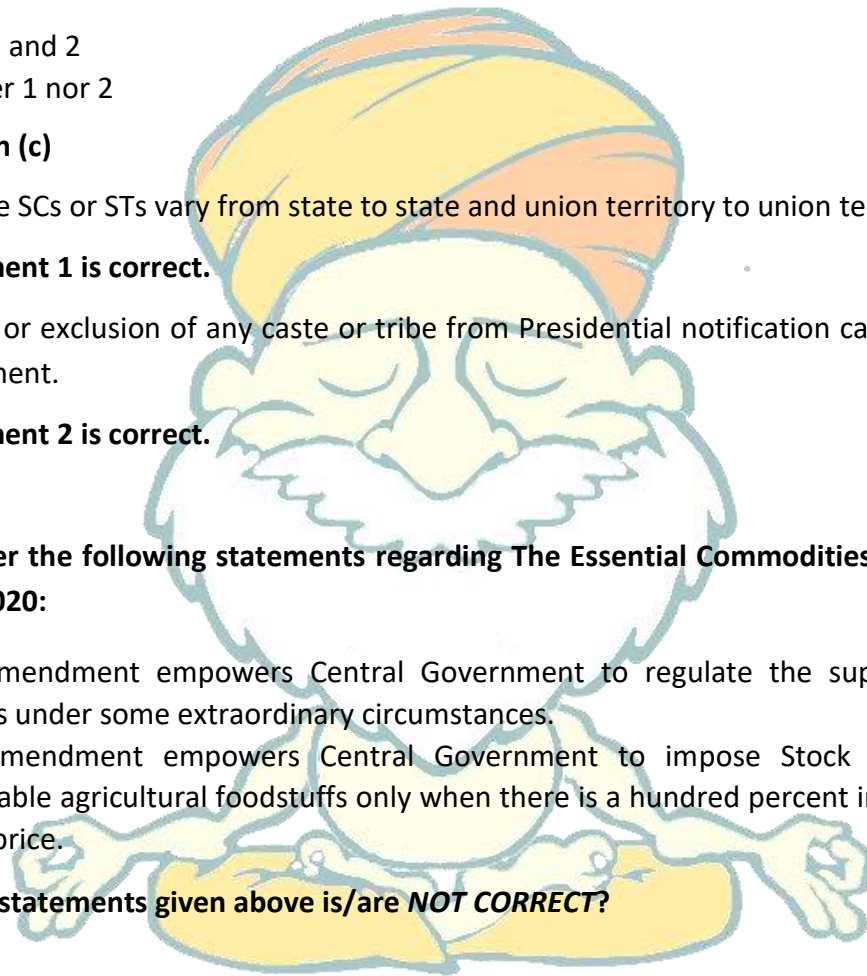
Q.51) Consider the following statements regarding The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020:

1. The amendment empowers Central Government to regulate the supply of Potato, Onions under some extraordinary circumstances.
2. The amendment empowers Central Government to impose Stock Limit on non-perishable agricultural foodstuffs only when there is a hundred percent increase in their retail price.

Which of the statements given above is/are *NOT CORRECT*?

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

Q.51) Solution (b)



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The amendment empowers Central Government to regulate the supply of Potato, Onions under some extraordinary circumstances.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The amendment empowers Central Government to impose Stock Limit on non-perishable agricultural foodstuffs only when there is a fifty percent increase in their retail price. Central Government can impose stock limit on horticultural produce only when there is a hundred percent increase in its retail price.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.52) Consider the following statements regarding The Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 :

1. The Ordinance suspends the Central Council of Indian Medicine constituted under The Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970.
2. The Central Council of Indian Medicine shall be reconstituted within a period of one year from the date of the supersession of the Central Council under this Ordinance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.52) Solution (c)

The Ordinance suspends the Central Council of Indian Medicine constituted under The Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The Central Council of Indian Medicine shall be reconstituted within a period of one year from the date of the supersession of the Central Council under this Ordinance.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.53) Consider the following statements regarding The Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020:

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1. The sumptuary allowance paid to each Cabinet Minister under the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952 shall be decreased by 30 percent.
2. The allowance reduction is for a period of one year commencing from the 1st April, 2021.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.53) Solution (d)

The sumptuary allowance paid to each Minister under the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952 shall be decreased by 30 percent.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

The allowance reduction is for a period of one year commencing from the 1st April, 2020 to meet the exigencies arising out of Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Hence Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q.54) Consider the following statements regarding The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020:

1. The ordinance defines the term 'Healthcare service personnel'.
2. The punishable offence against healthcare service personnel (mentioned in the Ordinance) shall be cognizable and non-bailable.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT CORRECT?

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

Q.54) Solution (d)

The ordinance defines the term 'Healthcare service personnel'.

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The Ordinance defines healthcare service personnel as a person who is at risk of contracting the epidemic disease (as he/she may come in contact with the affected patients) while carrying out duties related to the epidemic.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The punishable offence against healthcare service personnel (mentioned in the Ordinance) shall be cognizable and non-bailable.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.55) Consider the following statements regarding the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2019:

1. There shall be no regular examination at the end of every academic year up to 6th Class.
2. No child shall be expelled from a school till the completion of elementary education.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.55) Solution (b)

There shall be a regular examination in the fifth class and in the eighth class at the end of every academic year.

Hence Statement 1 is incorrect.

No child shall be expelled from a school till the completion of elementary education.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.56) Consider the following statements

1. The pardoning power of the President is independent of the judiciary and is an executive power
2. Both the Governor and the President have concurrent power in respect of suspension, remission and commutation of death sentence

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.56) Solution (c)

The pardoning power of the President is independent of the judiciary and is an executive power.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Both the Governor and the President have concurrent power in respect of suspension, remission and commutation of death sentence

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.57) Which of the following statements is/are correct about Censure motion?

- 1. It can be moved against any individual minister.
- 2. It should state the reasons for its adoption in the Lok Sabha.
- 3. If it is passed in the Lok Sabha, the council of ministers should resign from the office.

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q.57) Solution (c)

Censure motion can be moved against any individual minister.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

It should state the reasons for its adoption in the Lok Sabha.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

If it is passed in the Lok Sabha, the council of ministers need not resign from the office.

Hence Statement 3 is incorrect.

Q.58) Which of the following statements is/are correct about Private Bill?

- 1. It is introduced by any member of Parliament other than a minister.

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2. Its rejection by the House has no implication on the parliamentary confidence in the government or its resignation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.58) Solution (c)

Private Bill is introduced by any member of Parliament other than a minister.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

Its rejection by the House has no implication on the parliamentary confidence in the government or its resignation.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.59) Consider the following statements regarding an ordinary bill in state legislature:

1. At the most, the council can detain or delay the bill for a period of four months.
2. The bill, which has originated in the council and was sent to the assembly, if rejected by the assembly, the bill ends and becomes dead.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.59) Solution (c)

At the most, the council can detain or delay the bill for a period of four months—three months in the first instance and one month in the second instance.

Hence Statement 1 is correct.

The bill, which has originated in the council and was sent to the assembly, if rejected by the assembly, the bill ends and becomes dead.

Hence Statement 2 is correct.

Q.60) Consider the following statements

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1. The Tenth Schedule is added to the Constitution by the 91st Constitutional Amendment Act.
2. The question of disqualification under the Tenth Schedule is decided by Governor and the decision is subject to judicial review.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.60) Solution (d)

The Tenth Schedule is added to the Constitution by the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act.

Hence statement 1 is incorrect.

The question of disqualification under the Tenth Schedule is decided by the Chairman, in the case of legislative council and Speaker in the case of legislative assembly. In 1992, the Supreme Court ruled that the decision of Chairman/Speaker in this regard is subject to judicial review.

Hence statement 2 is incorrect.

