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QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Registration of political parties?

1. Registration of political parties is governed by the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
2. An association seeking registration has to submit an application to the Commission within a period of 6 months following the date of its formation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

2. Consider the following statements with regard to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC):

1. It comes under the administrative control of the Ministry of Textile.
2. A separate harmonised system code by the commerce and industry ministry has been allocated to KVIC.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to Shala Darpan Portal, consider the following statements:

1. It provides an integrated platform to meet the educational and administrative needs of all stakeholders.
2. It has been launched by Union Ministry of Human Resource Development for Kendriya Vidyalaya Samiti.
3. It is a duplex communication system capable of sending and receiving effective dialogue between every stakeholder.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

4. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana:

1. PMMVY is a maternity benefit programme being implemented in all districts of the country.
2. Recently, Haryana was awarded the first position in the category of best performer.
3. It is only for the first living child of the family.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

5. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana?

1. Under the Yojana, Members of Parliament (MPs) are responsible for developing the socio-economic and physical infrastructure of three villages each.
2. Nominated MPs choose a Gram Panchayat from the rural area of the district in which their name belongs in the electoral roll of the country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding Good Governance Index (GGI):

1. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the 'Good Governance Index'.
2. The objectives of GGI are to provide quantifiable data to compare the state of governance in all states and UTs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Budapest Convention?

1. The convention is the sole legally binding international multilateral treaty on cybercrime.
2. India is a signatory to Budapest Convention.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. The 3rd version of Bhuvan Panchayat web portal was recently launched. Consider the following statements in this regard:

1. It aims to provide geo-spatial services to aid gram panchayat development planning process.
2. It has been launched by Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Iran announced complete withdrawal from Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in wake of killing of General Soleimani. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. JCPOA is a deal between Iran and the P5+1 countries to limit Iran's nuclear programme.
2. International Atomic Energy Agency oversees the implementation of the deal.

Which of the above statements is/are *incorrect*?

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

10. With reference to various initiatives dealing with cybercrimes in India, consider the following statements:

1. Cyber Safe Women Initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development aims to spread awareness against atrocities committed against children and women through cyberspace.
2. Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children Scheme (CCPWC) of Ministry of Home Affairs aims to have an effective mechanism to handle cybercrimes against women and children.
3. CyberDost is a Twitter handle launched by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to spread awareness about cybercrimes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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1. Correct Option: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** An association seeking registration has to submit an application to the Commission within a period of **30 days** following the date of its formation.

Supplementary notes:

Registration of Political Parties

- Registration of political parties is governed by the provisions of **Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.**
- An association seeking registration under the above mentioned Section has to submit an application to the Commission within a period of **30 days** following the date of its formation.
- This is as per guidelines prescribed by the Election Commission of India in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 324 of the Commission of India and Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- The Election Commission of India has launched a “Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS)”.
- The salient feature in the PPRTMS is that the applicant, who is applying for a political party registration from 1st January, 2020 will be able to track the progress of his/her application and will get status updates through SMS and e-mail

2. Correct option: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

comes under the administrative control of the MSME ministry.

Supplementary notes:

Khadi Gets Separate HS Code

- Khadi has once again come out of its customary veil, marking its presence in the exclusive HS code bracket, issued by the central government to categorize its products in export.
- **A separate harmonised system code by the commerce and industry ministry has been allocated to KVIC.**
- In a long awaited move to make export of Khadi, exclusively categorized from the general league of textile products, the ministry of commerce and industries has allocated separate HS code for this signature fabric of India to boost its exports in the coming years.
- Harmonised system (HS) is a six-digit identification code developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and custom officers use this code to clear every commodity that enters or crosses any international border
- **The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) comes under the administrative control of the MSME ministry.**
- Earlier, Khadi did not have its exclusive HS code. As a result, all the data regarding export of this signature fabric used to come as a normal fabric under the textile head. Now, we will be able to keep a constant eye not only on our export figures, but it will also help us in planning our export strategies

3. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It has been launched for Navodaya Vidyalayas in India.

Supplementary notes:

Shala Darpan Portal

- **Recently Union Ministry of Human Resource Development launched the Shala Darpan Portal of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS).**
 - The Navodaya Vidyalayas are co-educational residential schools established by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti which is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource to provide quality modern education.
 - It is an end to end e-Governance school automation and management system for NVS.
 - Shala Darpan provides an integrated platform to meet the educational and administrative needs of all stakeholders-students, teachers and parents.
 - It is a duplex communication system capable of sending and receiving effective dialogue between every stakeholder.
 - The major components include integrated content management portal which consists of 636 websites of Navodaya schools across the country.
 - It will contain information relating to the service record, transfer/posting, disciplinary action, ACR tracking and the portal will improve mess management and hostel conditions.
 - Apart from this, it will also strengthen the budget and finance management system.
 - It has been designed from open source technology and hence the cost incurred was very low and updation cost in future will remain low.
 - The major effect will be an end to end info sharing, proper analytical details, better transparency in the evaluation of teachers and students both, 654

bilingual platform for each school and role-based access to have a better evaluation at every stage.

4. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Best performer: In the category of best performance since inception of the Scheme to States/ UTs having a population of more than 1 crore the first position was awarded to the State of Madhya Pradesh, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Haryana was in the third position.

Supplementary notes:

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

- The PMMVY is a maternity benefit programme being implemented in all districts of the country from 01.01.2017.
- Under PMMVY a cash incentive of **Rs. 5000** is provided directly to the bank/ post office account of **Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM)** for the first living child of the family subject to fulfilling specific conditions relating to maternal and child health.
- PMMVY is implemented using the platform of Anganwadi Services Scheme of Umbrella ICDS under the WCD Ministry in respect of States/ UTs implementing scheme through Women and Child Development Department/ Social Welfare Department and through the health system in respect of States/ UTs where the scheme is implemented by Health and Family Welfare Department.
- PMMVY is implemented through a **centrally deployed web-based MIS software application** and the focal point of implementation is the **Anganwadi Centre (AWC)** and **ASHA/ANM**.
- Matru Vandana Saptah (MVS) is a week-long maternity benefit programme which was taken up under PMMVY from December 2-8, 2019 to intensify the implementation of the scheme; create a healthy competition among states/UTs and felicitate states/UTs and districts for exemplary performance in implementation of PMMVY since its inception and during MVS.

How the states have performed?

- Best performer: In the category of best

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performance since inception of the Scheme to States/ UTs having a population of more than 1 crore the first position was awarded to the State of **Madhya Pradesh**, followed by **Andhra Pradesh** and **Haryana** was in the third position.

- In the same category, among States/ UTs having a population of less than 1 crore **Dadra & Nagar Haveli** is in the first position. Himachal stood second and Chandigarh is in the third position.
- District-level awards for States/ UTs with a population of more than 1 crore the first position went to Indore in Madhya Pradesh.
- Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh is in the second position and South Salmara Mankachar in Assam was third.
- Among the districts of States/ UTs having a population of less than 1 crore the first position went to Serchhip in Mizoram, the second position to Unain Himachal Pradesh and Puducherry were in the third position.

5. Correct Option: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Nominated MPs can choose a Gram Panchayat from the rural area of any district in the country.

Supplementary notes:

Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

- The scheme was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 11th October, 2014 on the birth anniversary of Jai Prakash Narayan.
- **Under the Yojana, Members of Parliament (MPs) are responsible for developing the socio-economic and physical infrastructure of three villages each by 2019, and a total of eight villages each by 2024. The first Adarsh Gram (Model Village) was to be developed by 2016, and two more by 2019.**
- From 2019 to 2024, five more Adarsh Grams must be developed by each MP, one each year. This implies that a total of 6,433 Adarsh Grams, of the 2,65,000 gram panchayats, will be created by 2024.
- **Gram Panchayat:** The basic unit for development.

- **Lok Sabha MP:** chooses a Gram Panchayat from within his/her constituency.
- **Rajya Sabha MP:** chooses Gram Panchayat from the rural area of a district of his/her choice in the State from which he/she is elected.
- **Nominated MPs: choose a Gram Panchayat from the rural area of any district in the country.**
- The MPs engages with the community, facilitate the Village Development Plan and mobilise the necessary resources particularly from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and philanthropies.
- The planning process in each village is a participatory exercise coordinated by the District Collector.
- MPs also fill up critical gaps in the plan using the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADs) funds.

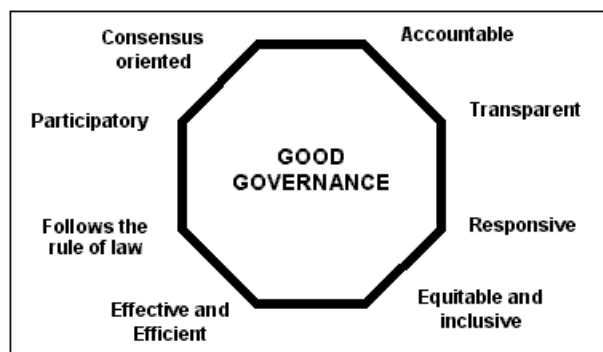
6. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions has launched the 'Good Governance Index'

Supplementary notes:

Good Governance Index (GGI)



- **The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions has launched the 'Good Governance Index'.**
- The GGI is a uniform tool across States to assess the Status of Governance and impact of various interventions taken up by the State Government and UTs.
- **The objectives of GGI are to provide quantifiable data to compare the state of governance in all states and UTs, enable states and UTs to formulate and**

implement suitable strategies for improving governance and shift to result oriented approaches and administration.

- Various principles have been kept in mind while selecting the indicators, i.e. it should be easy to understand & calculate, citizen-centric & result driven, leading to improved results and applicable to all states and UTs, among others.
- Various consultation meetings were held with the stakeholders, including consultations with sector experts, ministries, states & UTs.
- The ten Governance Sectors are measured on total 50 indicators:
- The states and UTs are divided into three groups: a). Big States, b). North-East & Hill States and c). UTs.
- The states and UTs are ranked on all indicators separately, at the same time composite ranking is also calculated for these states and UTs under their respective groups based upon these indicators.

7. Correct Option: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India is not a signatory to Budapest Convention.

Supplementary notes:

Budapest Convention

- The Council of Europe's (CoE) Cybercrime Convention is also known as the Budapest Convention. It was open for signature in 2001 and came into force in 2004.
- 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.
- India is not a signatory to Budapest Convention.

8. Correct Option: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It has been launched by ISRO.

Supplementary notes:

Bhuvan Panchayat 3.0

- For better planning and monitoring of government projects, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the Bhuvan Panchayat web portal's version 3.0.
- For the first time, a thematic data base on a 1:1000 scale for the entire country is available with integrated high resolution satellite data for planning.
- In the project that will last for at least two years, ISRO will collaborate with the gram panchayat members and stakeholders to understand their data requirements.
- The third version of the portal will provide database visualization and services for the benefit of panchayat members, among others.
- The project is meant to provide geo-spatial services to aid gram panchayat development planning process of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- The space-based information support for decentralized planning programme was taken up in 2011 to empower panchayati raj institutions and its stake-holders to enable participatory and decentralized planning in the country.
- Taking advantage of information and communication technology, the Bhuvan Panchayat web portal was launched for visualization, planning and monitoring of schemes at panchayat levels.

9. Correct option: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The JCPOA established the Joint Commission to oversee the implementation of the deal. IAEA will verify the nuclear related provisions of the JCPOA.

Supplementary notes:

Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)

- Iran has completely withdrawn from JCPOA

(Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) nuclear deal. The announcement came after the US troops killed General Qassem Soleimani.

- Earlier the Iranian nuclear issue was at crossroads in the wake of the decision by the United States to withdraw from that agreement. A year after this Iran announced partial withdrawal from the nuclear deal. Iran warned it would resume higher uranium enrichment in 60 days if the remaining signatories did not make good on promises to shield its oil and banking sectors from sanctions.
- **In 2015, Iran agreed a long-term deal on its nuclear programme with a group of world powers known as the P5+1 - the US, UK, France, China, Russia and Germany.**
- Under the accord, Iran agreed to limit its sensitive nuclear activities and allow in international inspectors in return for the lifting of crippling economic sanctions.
- **Iran's compliance with the nuclear-related provisions of the JCPOA will be verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) according to certain requirements set forth in the agreement.**
- Iran had two facilities - Natanz and Fordo - where uranium hexafluoride gas was fed into centrifuges to separate out the most fissile isotope, U-235. Under the JCPOA, it was limited to installing no more than 5,060 of the oldest and least efficient centrifuges at Natanz until 2026 - 10 years after the deal's "implementation day" in January 2016. No enrichment will be permitted at Fordo until 2031, and the underground facility will be converted into a nuclear, physics and technology centre. In addition, research and development must take place only at Natanz and be limited until 2024.
- Iran's uranium stockpile was reduced by 98% to 300kg (660lbs), a figure that must not be exceeded until 2031. It must also keep the stockpile's level of enrichment at 3.67%.
- Iran also agreed to remove and disable the original core of Arak reactor and replace it to reduce weapons grade Plutonium output.
- Iran also agreed not to engage in activities, including research and development, which could contribute to the development of a nuclear bomb.

- **The JCPOA established the Joint Commission, with the negotiating parties all represented to oversee the deal and also provides for dispute resolution. If the Joint Commission cannot resolve a dispute, it will be referred to the UN Security Council.**

10. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect: Cyber Safe Women is an initiative of Maharashtra Government.**
- **Statement 3 is incorrect: CyberDost twitter handle was launched by Ministry of Home Affairs.**

Supplementary notes:

Cyber Safe Women Initiative

- **Maharashtra Government has launched a 'Cyber Safe Women' initiative to educate women about how the web is used by anti-social elements and child predators to commit various types of crimes.**
- **It aims to create awareness on the cyberspace in light of the increasing number of cases where women and children are targeted.**
- **This initiative was launched in 34 districts and 90 places across the state, all at once.**
- **It will help in educating women about how the web is used by anti-social elements and child predators to commit various types of crimes.**

Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children Scheme (CCPWC)

- **The main objective of Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) Scheme is to have an effective mechanism to handle cybercrimes against women and children in the country.**
- **The scheme was launched by Ministry of Home Affairs in 2019.**
- The main features of the scheme are:
 - Online cybercrime reporting platform
 - One national level cyber forensic laboratory
 - Training of Police officers, judges & prosecutors



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Other Initiatives Dealing with Cyber Crimes

- Central Cybercrime Reporting Portal (www.cybercrime.gov.in) launched on 20th September 2018 to report complaints pertaining to Child Pornography (CP)/Child

Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) or sexually explicit content.

- **Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched Twitter account named @CyberDost. It aims to spread awareness about cybercrimes and normal precautions to be taken for prevention.**

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