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**Daily MCQs: 04-12-2025**

- 1) Which of the following features are provided by Sanchar Saathi?
1. Allows a user to report suspected fraudulent calls, SMS or spam directly from phone logs.
  2. Lets a citizen check all mobile connections registered under their name.
  3. Provides GPS-based real-time tracking of all smartphone users in India.
  4. Enables blocking of lost or stolen phones across all telecom networks via IMEI.

Select the correct answer:

- 1, 2 and 4 only
  - 1, 2 and 3 only
  - 2, 3 and 4 only
  - All four
- 2) Consider the following statements:
1. India is a founding member of International IDEA (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance).
  2. The organisation focuses exclusively on election monitoring.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 only
  - 2 only
  - Both 1 and 2
  - Neither 1 nor 2
- 3) Consider the following impacts of volcanic ash on aircraft:
1. It can cause abrasion of cockpit windscreens, reducing pilot visibility.
  2. It can block the cooling holes of turbine blades.
  3. It disrupts cabin pressurisation by damaging engines.
  4. It increases lift, making the aircraft unstable.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- Only two
  - Only three
  - All four
  - Only one

- 4) Consider the following statement regarding Cess in India
1. Cess are levied by Central government for the purposes of the Union.
  2. The funds need to be shared with the State governments.
  3. It is added to Public account of India and it is used for a specific purpose like Education, health etc.

Choose the correct statements from the above

- One only
- Two only
- All three
- None of the above

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5) With reference to the UMEED Portal, consider the following statements:

1. It makes geotagging and digital registration of all Waqf properties mandatory.
2. Properties that are not uploaded by the deadline are automatically derecognized as Waqf.
3. The portal aims to bring transparency by enabling online tracking of leasing and encroachment disputes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Explanation:**

**1) Answer: (A)**

- Sanchar Saathi, a Department of Telecommunications (DoT) initiative, offers key features like **Chakshu for reporting suspected fraudulent calls, SMS, or spam directly from phone logs, allowing users to flag cyber-crimes or impersonation attempts via call, SMS, or WhatsApp.**
- **It also enables citizens to check all mobile connections registered under their name through the "Know Mobile Connections in Your Name" service** on the app or portal ([sanchar.saathi.gov.in](http://sanchar.saathi.gov.in)), helping detect unauthorized SIMs linked to Aadhaar or identity details.
- The app **facilitates blocking lost or stolen phones across all telecom networks using the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR)**, which traces and blacklists devices by IMEI to prevent misuse nationwide.
- However, **it does not provide GPS-based real-time tracking of smartphone users**, as no sources mention such surveillance functionality; the focus remains on fraud prevention, device blocking, and connection verification without location services.
- Hence, **1, 2 and 4 are correct & 3 is incorrect.**

**2) Answer: (A)**

- Chief Election Commissioner of India, today assumed the Chairship of the Council of Member States of International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) for the year 2026.
- India, a founding Member State of International IDEA, will oversee the governance of an intergovernmental Council of 35 Member States and two Observers from all regions of the world. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.** International IDEA is an intergovernmental organization that supports democracy worldwide.
- It does work on election monitoring and electoral processes, but its mandate is much broader. The organization also focuses on strengthening democratic

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institutions, constitution-building, democracy assessment, political participation, gender equality, and conflict and security issues related to democracy. **Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.**

### 3) Answer: (B)

- Volcanic ash can **cause abrasion of cockpit windscreens, reducing pilot visibility**. The abrasive particles can make windscreens opaque and impair pilot vision.
- Volcanic ash **can block the cooling holes of turbine blades**. The ash melts in the engine and solidifies as glass, which can clog cooling holes and other critical engine components, leading to overheating and engine failure.
- Volcanic ash **disrupts cabin pressurisation by damaging engines**. Engine damage from ash ingestion can lead to loss of engine power, which in turn affects the cabin pressurisation system since engines drive the pressurisation pumps.
- The statement that volcanic ash increases lift, making the aircraft unstable, is incorrect. Volcanic ash does not increase lift; instead, it generally degrades aircraft performance and stability by damaging engines and sensors, but it does not act as a lifting agent.

### 4) Answer: (A)

**Statement 1 is correct:** Cess are levied by the Central government for the purposes of the Union under **Article 271** of the Constitution of India. A **cess is a tax on tax**. The Indian government levies it on the tax liability and it is used for a specific purpose.

**Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The funds **need not be shared with the State governments** and are thus at the exclusive disposal of the union government.

**Statement 3 is Incorrect:** It is added to the **consolidated fund of India** and it is used for specific purpose like Education, health etc. **Not added in Public Account of India**. Some different types of cesses levied in India are infrastructure cess on motor vehicles, Krishi Kalyan cess on service value, Swachh Bharat cess, education cess, and cess on crude oil, among others.

### 5) Answer: (A)

**Statement 1 is correct.** The UMEED Portal was introduced to create a unified digital database of all Waqf properties in the country. As part of this exercise, it requires every Waqf property to be registered online with complete details, including location-based information obtained through geotagging. This requirement is mandatory for all properties, whether newly declared or previously existing.

**Statement 2 is incorrect.** Failure to upload property details on the portal by the prescribed deadline does *not* result in automatic loss of Waqf status. Instead, such

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properties are treated as incomplete or disputed entries and are referred for verification or adjudication before the appropriate authority. Automatic derecognition has not been provided for.

**Statement 3 is correct.** One of the stated purposes of the portal is to increase transparency and improve the management of Waqf assets. By centralizing data, ensuring accurate property documentation, and enabling digital tracking of key information, the system helps bring clarity in matters relating to leasing, misuse, and encroachment.

