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Daily MCQs: 12-12-2025

- 1) Which of the following can *directly* contribute to a fall in a country's foreign exchange reserves?
1. RBI intervention to prevent currency depreciation
 2. Net outflow of Foreign Portfolio Investments
 3. Increase in exports of goods and services

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 2) With reference to the Adichanallur archaeological site, consider the following statements:
1. It is an Iron Age urn-burial site, located on the banks of the Tamiraparani river.
 2. Evidence of early metallurgy, including copper artifacts, has been found at the site.
 3. Carbon dating of samples from the site has indicated antiquity going back to the early first millennium BCE.

How many of the above is/are correct?

- Only one
 - Only two
 - All three
 - None
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding the Swasthya Portal:
- I. The portal has been developed to monitor the health and nutritional status of Scheduled Tribe (ST) populations across the country.
 - II. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to enable evidence-based planning and targeted interventions.
 - III. The portal features an analytics dashboard, a knowledge repository, and a dedicated Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) corner for real-time tracking.
 - IV. It covers all Indian citizens under the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM)

Which of the above statements are correct:

- I, II and III only
 - I and III only
 - II, III and IV only
 - I, II, III and IV
- 4) Consider the following statements about the Tiwa community:
1. Tiwas are a Scheduled Tribe primarily inhabiting parts of Assam, Tripura and Meghalaya.
 2. They are known for the Jonbeel Mela, which features a traditional barter system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

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5) With reference to Department of Promotion of industrial and internal trade, consider the following statements:

1. It functions under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
2. It was renamed after the inclusion of Internal Trade within its mandate.
3. It is responsible for regulating external trade through Foreign Trade Policy (FTP).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Explanation:

1) Answer: (A)

- RBI intervention to prevent currency depreciation, directly reduces forex reserves When the central bank tries to stop the domestic currency from weakening, it does so by **selling foreign currency (such as US dollars)** from its reserves and buying domestic currency.
This **directly drains foreign exchange reserves**, because the stock of foreign currency held by the central bank decreases.
- Net outflow of Foreign Portfolio Investments Can reduce forex reserves
When FPIs withdraw their investments from the country, they convert domestic currency into foreign currency to take money out. If such outflows are large and not balanced by other capital inflows, the **overall balance of payments weakens**, and the central bank may need to supply foreign currency from reserves to maintain orderly market conditions.
This ultimately leads to a **fall in foreign exchange reserves**.
- Increase in exports of goods and services Does NOT reduce forex reserves
Higher exports bring **more foreign currency into the country**.
This increases the supply of foreign exchange and typically **adds to forex reserves** rather than reducing them.

2) Answer: (C)

Statement 1 is correct:

Adichanallur is widely recognized as an Iron Age urn-burial site located on the banks of the Tamiraparani (Tambraparani) river in Tamil Nadu.

Statement 2 is correct: Excavations at Adichanallur have revealed evidence of early metallurgy, with copper artifacts and some bronze objects found among the burial goods, indicating advanced metalworking practices during the Iron Age.

Statement 3 is correct:

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Recent carbon dating of samples from Adichanallur places the site's antiquity in the early first millennium BCE, with calibrated dates ranging from approximately 900 BCE to 650 BCE, confirming its significance as an early Iron Age site.

3) Answer: (A)

Statement 1 is correct: The Swasthya Portal has been created specifically to **collect, compile and monitor health and nutrition data of Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities** across states. It is not meant for the general population.

Statement 2 is Correct: The portal is an initiative of the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)**. It supports **evidence-based policymaking**, enabling Ministries and State Tribal Welfare Departments to identify health gaps and plan targeted interventions for ST groups.

Statement 3 is Correct: The portal includes:

- A **real-time analytics dashboard** for monitoring health indicators,
- A **knowledge repository** containing guidelines, best practices, and research,
- A dedicated **Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) corner**, reflecting MoTA's focus on eliminating SCD among tribal populations.

Statement 4 is incorrect: The portal does **not** operate under the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) and does **not** track health information of all citizens. Its mandate is **exclusively ST-focused**.

4) Answer: (B)

- The **Tiwa (Lalung) community** is an indigenous Scheduled Tribe of Northeast India. They are primarily concentrated in **Assam**, especially in districts like **Morigaon, Nagaon, Hojai, and Karbi Anglong**, and some groups also live in the hilly regions of **Meghalaya**.
- Tiwas are divided into **Hill Tiwas** and **Plains Tiwas**, with each group maintaining distinct cultural traits, social systems, and agricultural practices. Therefore, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- The community is well-known for its association with the **Jonbeel Mela**, a unique centuries-old fair held near Jagiroad in Assam.
- The highlight of the mela is the **traditional barter system**, where tribal communities such as the Tiwas, Karbis, and Khasi engage in exchange of goods without monetary transactions.
- This reflects the continuation of indigenous economic practices and inter-community relations in the region. Therefore, **statement 2 is correct**.

5) Answer: (A)

Statement 1 is Correct – Department of Promotion of industrial and internal trade comes under **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**.

Statement 2 is Correct – Department of Promotion of industrial and internal trade was renamed **DPIIT** after **Internal Trade** was added.

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Statement 3 is Incorrect – External trade and **Foreign Trade Policy** are handled by **DGFT**, not DPIIT.

