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Daily MCQs: 13-12-2025

- 1) The Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF) is primarily associated with
- Financing land-based climate mitigation projects
 - Mobilizing public and private finance for sustainable ocean-based activities
 - Regulation of maritime disputes
 - Fisheries subsidy negotiations under WTO
- 2) With reference to the recent advisory issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) regarding certain websites and VPN services, consider the following statements:
- The advisory was issued under the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
 - VPN service providers operating in India are required to maintain user activity logs and share them with the government on demand.
 - The advisory mandates prior government approval for individuals to use VPN services.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 1 and 2 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 3) With reference to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), consider the following statements:
- It provides free food grains to beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013.
 - The scheme covers both Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH).
 - PMGKAY includes distribution of pulses and edible oil to ensure nutritional security.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 4) With reference to the National Film Heritage Mission in India, consider the following statements:
- It aims to preserve and digitize old films, including features, shorts, and documentaries.
 - The National Film Heritage Mission is implemented and films are maintained by the National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC).
 - The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting provides financial support to regional films under the scheme called Development, Communication and Dissemination of Filmic Content (DCDFC).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 2 and 3 only

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(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 5) With reference to Retail Inflation in India, consider the following statements:
1. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) used for inflation targeting is compiled by the Labour Bureau.
 2. Core inflation excludes food and fuel items from the CPI basket.
 3. A sustained rise in housing prices directly increases CPI inflation with a higher weight in rural CPI than in urban CPI.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Explanation:

1) Answer: (B)

The Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF) designed as a **multi-stakeholder platform** that connects governments, financial institutions, investors, development agencies, and private enterprises to **scale up funding for a sustainable and regenerative blue economy**. Its core objective is to **bridge the gap between ocean sustainability goals and financial systems** by promoting investment in sectors such as sustainable fisheries, marine conservation, offshore renewable energy, coastal resilience, and blue carbon.

BEFF does **not** function as a regulatory or negotiating body. It does not deal with maritime dispute resolution or trade negotiations such as fisheries subsidies. Instead, its emphasis is on **financial mobilization**, including innovative instruments like blue bonds, blended finance, and public-private partnerships, to make ocean-based projects **bankable and investible**.

Hence, BEFF is primarily associated with **mobilizing public and private finance for sustainable ocean-based activities**.

2) Answer: (B)

Statement 1 is correct: The MeitY advisory regarding websites and VPN services was issued under the Information Technology Act, 2000, which empowers the government to block public access to information in the interest of sovereignty, security, and public order.

Statement 2 is correct: VPN service providers operating in India are required to maintain specified user data/logs and provide them to government agencies on lawful demand, in line with obligations under the IT Act and allied directions (including cybersecurity and due-diligence requirements).

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Statement 3 is incorrect: The advisory does not mandate prior government approval for individuals to use VPN services; it only imposes obligations on VPN service providers to maintain logs and comply with government requests.

3) Answer: (A)

Statement 1 is correct: Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) provides **free food grains** to beneficiaries covered under the **National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013**. After being merged with NFSA in 2023, the entitlement of food grains is provided **at zero cost**.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme covers **both Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households** (the poorest of the poor) and **Priority Households (PHH)** identified under NFSA.

Statement 3 is incorrect: PMGKAY **does not include pulses or edible oil**. The scheme provides only **cereals (rice or wheat)**. Nutritional diversification through pulses and oils is not a component of PMGKAY.

4) Answer: (B)

Statement 1 is correct: The mission has digitized 1,469 films totaling 4.3 lakh minutes, including features, shorts, and documentaries.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Films are preserved and maintained by the **National Film Archives of India (NFAI)**, not NFDC.

Statement 3 is correct: The Ministry supports film production and promotion through the **DCDFC scheme**, helping regional films reach wider audiences.

5) Answer: (C)

Statement 1 is incorrect:

- The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** used for inflation targeting is compiled by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** under the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**.

Statement 2 is correct:

Core inflation is calculated by **excluding food and fuel items** from the CPI basket.

- This helps policymakers assess **underlying demand-side inflationary pressures**, as food and fuel prices are highly volatile.

Statement 3 is incorrect:

- **Housing has significant weight only in Urban CPI**, reflecting rental and housing costs in cities.
- In **Rural CPI**, housing has **negligible or no weight**; hence, a rise in housing prices does **not** have a higher impact on rural CPI than urban CPI.