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1. Consider the following statements about Question Hour

1. A starred question is distinguished by an asterisk and needs a written answer.
2. Question Hour is not mentioned in the rules of procedure.

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

Answer: **D**

Explanation:

- The first hour of every parliamentary sitting is slotted for this. During this time, the members ask questions and the ministers usually give answers. The questions are of three kinds, namely, starred, unstarred and short notice.
- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** A starred question (distinguished by an asterisk) requires an **oral answer** and hence supplementary questions can follow.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect: Question Hour is mentioned** in the rules of procedure unlike Zero Hour

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/lok-sabha-secretariat-releases-schedule-for-parliaments-monsoon-session/article32502425.ece>

2. Consider the following statements about The Merchandise Exports From India Scheme (MEIS).

1. MEIS schemes are applicable to SEZ units.
2. The rewards are given by way of duty credit scrips to exporters

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

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Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** SEIS and MEIS schemes are applicable to SEZ units.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The MEIS was launched as an incentive scheme for the export of goods. The rewards are given by way of duty credit scrips to exporters.
- MEIS was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) for the period 2015-2020.
- The MEIS is notified by the DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) and implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- MEIS replaced the various export incentive schemes which gave different types of duty credit scrips namely, Focus Market Scheme (FMS), Focus Product Scheme (FPS), Vishesh Krishi Gramin Udyog Yojana (VKGUY), Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS) and Agri Infrastructure incentive scheme

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/capping-meis-benefits-will-seriously-affect-traders-fieo/article32508182.ece>

3. Persian Gulf is surrounded by which of the following countries?

1. Bahrain
2. Iraq
3. UAE
4. Oman
5. Iran

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Persian Gulf: The countries that surround the Persian Gulf are: **Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.**

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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/saudi-arabia-grants-approval-for-uae-israel-flights-to-use-its-airspace/article32505485.ece>

4. Which among the following is/are correct regarding Mission Karmayogi

1. MHRD be the apex body to direct the reforms.
2. All central and state government employees will be covered in this.
3. Functional and behavioural competencies are also considered in training
4. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be created under the Mission to provide all kinds of technological support for the training programmes

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
B. 3 and 4 only
C. 2, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Prime Minister's Public Human Resource Council will be set up as the apex body to direct the reforms.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme will cover 46 lakh, Central government employees, at all levels, and involve an outlay of ₹510 crores over a five-year period, according to an official statement.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** Apart from domain knowledge training, the scheme will focus on “functional and behavioural competencies” as well, and also includes a monitoring framework for performance evaluations.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be created under the Mission to provide all kinds of technological support for the training programmes. The aim is to provide set of skills to civil servants to serve in the direction to ensure ease of living life for people in general and also ease of doing business in the country.

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5. Global Innovation Index is released by

- A. World Bank
- B. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- C. World Intellectual Property Organization
- D. IMF

Answer: C

Explanation:

- The GII rankings are published every year by Cornell University, INSEAD and the UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and GII Knowledge Partners.
- It is based on 80 indicators ranging from intellectual property filing rates to mobile-application creation, education spending and scientific and technical publications.
- The GII is commonly used by corporate and government officials to compare countries by their level of innovation.
- It analyses the medical innovation landscape of the next decade, looking at how technological and non-technological medical innovation will transform the delivery of healthcare worldwide.
- It also explores the role and dynamics of medical innovation as it shapes the future of healthcare, and the potential influence this may have on economic growth.
- India has climbed 4 spots and has been ranked 48th by the World Intellectual Property Organization in the Global Innovation Index 2020 rankings.
- The WIPO had also accepted India as one of the leading innovation achievers of 2019 in the central and southern Asian region, as it has shown a consistent improvement in its innovation ranking for the last 5 years.

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