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**1. Consider the following statements about Wetlands**

1. Montreux Record is associated with it.
2. Loktak Lake (Manipur) has been removed from the Montreux Record.

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: A

**Explanation:**

- A wetland is a distinct ecosystem that is flooded by water, either permanently or seasonally, where oxygen-free processes prevail. The primary factor that distinguishes wetlands from other land forms or water bodies is the characteristic vegetation of aquatic plants, adapted to the unique hydric soil
- **Statement 1 is correct: The Montreux Record is a register of wetland sites** on the List of Wetlands of International Importance where changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring, or are likely to occur as a result of technological developments, pollution or other human interference.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect: Two** wetlands of India are in Montreux Record, 1) **Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan)** and 2) **Loktak Lake (Manipur)**. **Chilka lake (Odisha)** was placed in the record but was later **removed** from it

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/wetlands-being-identified-in-rajasthan-to-protect-biodiversity/article32634387.ece>

**2. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)**

1. It is aimed for the betterment of minority community
2. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the implementing agency

**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: A

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) seeks to provide **better socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities** particularly in the field of education, health & skill development which would further lead to lessening of the gap between the national average and the minority communities with regard to backwardness parameters.
- The erstwhile Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) has been restructured and renamed as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram for effective implementation since 2018.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect: Ministry of Minority Affairs** is the implementing agency

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1655693>

**3. What does G4 countries, sometimes seen in news, aims to achieve**

- A. Policy coordination between its members in order to achieve global economic stability
- B. Permanent seat in United Nations Security Council
- C. To tackle global problems by discussing big issues and planning what action to take
- D. None of the above

Answer: B

**Explanation:**

- There have been proposals suggesting the introduction of new permanent members in the UNSC. The candidates usually mentioned are **Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan**. They comprise the group of four countries known as the G4 nations, which mutually support one another's bids for permanent seats.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-push-for-reform-the-hindu-editorial-on-un-reforms/article32633648.ece>

**4. Which among the following is/are correct regarding Poshan Abhiyaan**

1. National Council on Nutrition (NCN) has been setup under this.
2. The targeted group is young children and adolescent girls only.
3. The target of the mission is to bring down stunting among children in the age group 0-6 years from 38.4% to 25% by 2022.
4. Swasth Bharat Preraks are a part of this.

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Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Answer: **B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges- Set up under the Poshan Abhiyaan, the Council is also known as **National Council on Nutrition (NCN)**. The NCN is headed by the **Vice-Chairman of the NITI Aayog**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Poshan Abhiyaan targets to **reduce stunting, under nutrition, anaemia** (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and reduce low birth weight by 2%, 2%, 3% and 2% per annum respectively.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Abhiyaan targets to reduce stunting, under nutrition, anaemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and reduce low birth weight by 2%, 2%, 3% and 2% per annum respectively.  
The **target** of the mission is to bring down **stunting** among children in the age group 0-6 years from **38.4% to 25% by 2022**.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** **Swasth Bharat Preraks** will be deployed one in each district for coordinating with district officials and enabling fast and efficient execution of the Abhiyan across the country. Swasth Bharat Preraks would function as catalyst for fast tracking the implementation of the Abhiyan.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1655613>

5. **Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), sometimes seen in news is associated with**

- A. UK
- B. Russia
- C. Japan
- D. USA

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

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There are 4 Foundational Agreements between the US and its Partners

**1) General Security Of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)**

- GSOMIA allows intelligence sharing between militaries
- Signed by India in 2002.

**2) Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)**

- Have access to each other's designated military facilities for refueling and replenishment.
- Signed by India in 2016.

**3) Communications and Information Security Memorandum of Agreement (CISMOA)**

- COMCASA(Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement) is the India specific version of CISMOA.
- Valid for 10 years, COMCASA aims to provide a legal framework for the transfer of highly sensitive communication security equipment from the US to India that will streamline and facilitate interoperability between their armed forces.
- Signed by India in 2018.

**4) Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA)**

- BECA will allow India and US to share geospatial and satellite data with each other.
- India has not signed BECA yet.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/us-keen-on-finalising-geo-spatial-cooperation-at-22-dialogue-in-october/article32633882.ece>

