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**Que 1: Consider the following statements with respect to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).**

1. It is the primary agency in India to perform tasks related to space based applications and space exploration.
2. It comes under the Department of Science and Technology.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Que 2: Consider the following crops:**

- 1) Wheat
- 2) Cotton
- 3) Mustard

**Which of the above is/are Rabi crops ?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) all of the above

**Que 3 : "World Press Freedom Index" is released by which of the following agencies?**

- a) Amnesty International
- b) Reporters Without Borders
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Que 4: With respect to Collegium system in India consider the following statements

1. There is no mention of the collegium in the original constitution of India.
2. The National Judicial Appointments Commission has replaced the Collegium system after passing of Ninety-ninth Amendment of the Constitution of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 1 and 2 both
- d) neither 1 nor 2

Que 5: The provision regarding "Living wage" has been mentioned in which of the following article of the Constitution:

- a) Article 41
- b) Article 42
- c) Article 43
- d) Article 44

### Explanation

1: Ans (a)

- Statement 1 is correct while statement 2 is incorrect.
- ISRO is the primary agency in India to perform tasks related to **space based applications, space exploration and development of related technologies.**
- It is one of the six government space agencies in the world which possess full launch **capabilities, deploy cryogenic engines, launch extraterrestrial missions and operate large** fleets of artificial satellites.
- It operates under the **Department of Space (DOS)** which is directly overseen by the Prime Minister of India.

2: Ans (c)

- Rabi crops are the crops that are sown at the **end of monsoon or at the beginning of winter season.**
- Major Rabi crops are **wheat, mustard, gram, peas, barley.**
- Cotton is not a Rabi crop. It is a kharif crop.

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#### 3: Ans (b)

- Option b is the correct answer.
- World Press Freedom Index is produced by **Reporters Without Borders (RSF)**, a French NGO.

#### 4:Ans (a)

- **Statement 1 is correct.**
- The “**Collegium system**” was never in the original system of constitution. It **was introduced later by judgments of the Supreme court of India.**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect**, as on 16 October 2015, Supreme Court struck down the 99th constitutional amendment and the **NJAC Act, restoring the two-decade old collegium system** of judges appointing judges in higher judiciary.
- The Supreme Court declared that NJAC is interfering with the autonomy of the judiciary by the executive which amounts to tampering of the basic structure of the constitution where parliament is not empowered to change the basic structure.

#### 5: Ans (c)

- It has been mentioned under **Article 43 of Indian constitution.**
- **Article 43** reads as - “State shall endeavour to secure, by suitable legislation or economic organisation or in any other way, to all workers, industrial or otherwise, work, **a living wage, conditions of work ensuring a decent standard of life and full enjoyment of leisure** and social and cultural opportunities”.

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