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## 1. Consider the following statements regarding the Enforcement Directorate

1. It is mandated with the task of enforcing the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).
2. The administrative control of the Directorate is under the Ministry of Home affairs

### 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

## 2. Consider the following statements about the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

1. It is a 6-member body entrusted with the task of fixing policy interest rate required to achieve the inflation target.
2. The decisions of MPC are taken by simple majority.
3. It is headed by the Finance Minister who enjoys a casting vote.

### Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

## 3. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

### Ethnic communities- Region associated

- 1) Ahmadians - Pakistans
- 2) Kurds - Turkey
- 3) Houthis- Yemen
- 4) Uyghurs- China

### Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1,2 and 3 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1,2,3 and 4

4. The United Arab Emirates(UAE) is not bordered by which of the following countries?

- a) Oman
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Iran
- d) All the above

5. Consider the following statements about National Commission for Women

- 1) It was set up in 2020 by an executive resolution of the Government of India.
- 2) One of the objectives of the commission is to review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women.

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

1)Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** It is a **Multi Disciplinary Organization** mandated with the task of **enforcing the provisions of two special fiscal laws – Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA)**
- The origin of this Directorate goes back to 1st May, 1956, when an **'Enforcement Unit' was formed, in Department of Economic Affairs**, for handling Exchange Control Laws violations under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The administrative control of the Directorate was transferred from Department of Economic Affairs to **Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance** (not Home ministry) in 1960

Functions

- Processing cases of fugitives from India **under Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018.**
- Sponsor cases of preventive detention under Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974(**COFEPOSA**) **in regard to contraventions of FEMA**

The Directorate enforces two laws

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- **FEMA**, a **Civil Law having quasi judicial powers**, for investigating suspected contraventions of the Exchange Control Laws and Regulations with the **powers to impose penalties** on those adjudged guilty
- **PMLA**, a **Criminal Law** whereby the Officers are **empowered to conduct enquiries to locate, provisionally attach/confiscate assets** derived from acts of Schedules Offences besides arresting and prosecuting the Money Launderers.

2)Answer: C

Explanation:

About MPC

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is a committee of the RBI, headed by its Governor, which is entrusted with the task of fixing the benchmark policy interest rate (repo rate) to contain inflation within the specified target level.
- The MPC has six members
  - RBI Governor (Chairperson), RBI Deputy Governor in charge of monetary policy, one official nominated by the RBI Board and remaining 3 members would represent the Government.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The MPC takes decisions based on **majority vote**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** In case of a tie, the **RBI governor will have a second or casting vote**.

3)Answer: D

Explanation:

Ahmadians

- There are an estimated **10 million Ahmadis** around the world, living in more than 200 countries.
- Of this, about **40 lakh live in Pakistan** and 1.5 lakh in India.
- Ahmadis from Pakistan have steadily moved to the West, fleeing persecution, seeking refuge in countries such as the UK, Germany and Canada.

Khurds

- Iranian ethnic **group native to a mountainous region of Western Asia** known as Kurdistan, which spans **southeastern Turkey**, northwestern **Iran**, northern **Iraq**, and northern **Syria**.
- About 20 million Kurds, a quarter of Turkey's population live in the underdeveloped south-east. By **subsuming Kurdish sub-national identity**, Turkish nationalism resulted in politico-economic discontent among Kurds.
- It **fuelled a Kurdish insurgency** led by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which Turkey calls a terrorist organisation.
- Although most Kurds have conformed to their respective nationalities, **aspiration for a unified homeland, Kurdistan, remains**.

### Houthis

- The **Houthi** movement, named after the family it is associated with, emerged from **Yemen's** northern province Saada.



- Saudi Arabia backed Yemeni government and Houthis supported by Iran has been locked in an increasingly complex war.

### Uyghurs

- Uyghurs (or Uighurs, Uygurs) are **ethnically and culturally a Turkic people** living in the **areas of Central Asia** commonly known as **East Turkistan**.
- The largest population live in **China's autonomous Xinjiang region**, in the country's north-west.
- Today, Uyghurs practice a moderate form of Islam and lead predominantly secular lives.
- There are an estimated 20 million Uyghurs living in East Turkistan and abroad, though Chinese sources put the number at 11.65 million.
- Under decades of repressive rule, the existence of the Uyghur nation is under threat as the Chinese government continues to carry out deliberate policies opposing centuries-old tradition, culture & religion.

#### 4) Answer: C

#### Explanation

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a **federation of seven states**: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Umm al-Qaiwain, Fujairah, Ajman and Ra's al-Khaimah.
- Four-fifths of the UAE is desert.
- Each emirate is governed by a ruler; together, they jointly form the Federal Supreme Council. One of the rulers serves as the President of the UAE.
- The UAE also has the distinction of hosting the **largest number of Indian migrants** at 3.31 million.

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5) Answer: B

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The National Commission for Women was set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The objective of the commission is to
  - review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women ;
  - recommend remedial legislative measures ;
  - facilitate redressal of grievances and
  - advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women.