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1. Which of the following organizations comprise the World Bank Group?

1. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
2. International Development Association
3. International Finance Corporation
4. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
5. International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

2. With reference to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), consider the following statements.

1. The CBI needs the consent of the state to investigate any case relating to that state or having jurisdiction of that state.
2. The Supreme Court and High Courts can order the CBI to investigate a crime anywhere in the country without the consent of states.
3. When a state withdraws its consent, there will be no bar on investigation into cases that are already being probed by the CBI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. Which among the following are the services provided under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme?

1. Supplementary Nutrition
2. Pre-school non-formal education
3. Nutrition & health education
4. Immunization
5. Health check-up and
6. Referral services

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

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- B. 1, 4, 5 and 6 only
- C. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

4. With reference to the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), consider the following statements.

1. It is a statutory body.
2. The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change acts as the chairman of the NBWL.
3. No alteration of boundaries in national parks and wildlife sanctuaries can be done without the approval of the NBWL.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements about Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.

1. It is present at the tri-juncture of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.
2. It is a part of the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve.

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

Solutions:

1. Answer: D

Sol:

- The World Bank is an international organization dedicated to providing financing, advice, and research to developing nations to aid their economic advancement.
- Currently, the World Bank has two stated goals that it aims to achieve by 2030.
 - The first is to **end extreme poverty** by decreasing the number of people living on less than \$1.90 a day to below 3% of the world population.
 - The second is to **increase overall prosperity** by increasing income growth in the bottom 40% of every country in the world.

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- The World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) were founded simultaneously in **1944** at the United Nations Bretton Woods Conference in the United States to support European and Asian countries in post-war reconstruction efforts.
- The IMF and the World Bank are called **Bretton Woods twins** and are headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Structure of the World Bank

- The World Bank Group consists of five organizations:
 - **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**: an institution that provides debt financing to governments that are considered middle income.
 - **International Development Association (IDA)**: a group that gives interest-free loans to the governments of poor countries.
 - **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**: focuses on the private sector and provides developing countries with investment financing and financial advisory services.
 - **Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)**: an organization that promotes foreign direct investments in developing countries.
 - **International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)**: an entity that provides arbitration on international investment disputes.
- At present, the World Bank Group has more than 180 member countries (including **India**).

2. Answer: **D**

Sol:

- The precursor to the CBI was the **Special Police Establishment**, which was India's first agency to investigate corruption. It was set in **1941** by the British.
- In **1963**, the Home Ministry expanded its power and changed its name to the **Central Bureau of Investigation**. It is governed by the **Delhi Special Police Establishment Act (DSPE), 1946**.
- The CBI was established with a view to investigate serious crimes related to Defence of India, corruption in high places, serious fraud, cheating and embezzlement and social crime, particularly of hoarding, black-marketing and profiteering in essential commodities, having all-India and inter-state ramifications.
- CBI acts as an **interface** between the law enforcement agencies of India and other countries to ensure cooperation. It facilitates exchange and sharing of information by these agencies.

Supervision over CBI

- The superintendence of CBI related to investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 lies with the **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)** and in other matters with the **Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT)** in the Ministry of Personnel, Pension & Grievances.

NIA vs. CBI

- The National Investigation Agency has been constituted after the Mumbai terror attack in **November 2008** mainly for investigation of incidents of terrorist attacks, funding of

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terrorism and other terror related crime, whereas CBI investigates crime of corruption, economic offences and serious and organized crime other than terrorism.

CBI Director

- Before the lokpal act was legislated, the CBI director was appointed by the DSPE Act. Now, the **Lokpal Act** governs the appointment of the CBI director.
- Now, the CBI director is appointed by the Centre on the basis of the recommendation of a **search committee** comprising:
 - the Prime Minister as the chairperson,
 - the Chief Justice of India and
 - the Leader of Opposition.
- In the absence of a formal Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, **the leader of the floor of the largest opposition party** takes part in the search committee meetings.

What is general consent?

- Unlike the National Investigation Agency, which is governed by its own NIA Act and has jurisdiction across the country, the CBI is governed by the **Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946** which grants the CBI power to investigate a case in Delhi, without any permission, since it is part of the Centre.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** However, in all the states, the CBI needs the **consent of the state** to investigate any case relating to that state or having jurisdiction of that state.
- The Central police cannot investigate or enter the state without the consent since **police and public order are state subjects** and the Centre cannot intervene in law and order matters.
- The CBI can initiate suomotu investigations only in **Union Territories**, under section 2 of the DSPE Act.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The **Supreme Court and High Courts**, however, can order the CBI to investigate such a crime anywhere in the country without the consent of states.

Types of consent

- There are **two kinds of consent: case-specific and general**.
 - "General consent" is normally given to help the CBI seamlessly conduct its investigation into cases of corruption against central government employees in the concerned state. Almost all states have given such consent.
 - Otherwise, the CBI would require consent in every case.

What does withdrawal mean?

- It means the CBI will not be able to register any fresh case involving a central government official or a private person stationed in such states without getting case-specific consent.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** However, **there will be no bar on investigation into cases that are already being probed** by the CBI. The CBI cannot file any new FIRs in any new cases.

3. Answer: D

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Sol:

- Launched on 2nd October, 1975, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme represents one of the world's largest and unique programmes for early childhood care and development.
- It is implemented by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.

Beneficiaries

- The scheme is targeted at
 - **children upto the age of 6 years,**
 - **pregnant and lactating mothers and**
 - **women 16–44 years of age.**
- The scheme is aimed to improve the **health, nutrition and education** of the target community.

Services under ICDS

- The ICDS Scheme offers a package of **six services**, viz.
 - Supplementary Nutrition
 - Pre-school non-formal education
 - Nutrition & health education
 - Immunization
 - Health check-up and
 - Referral services

4. Answer: B

Sol:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is a statutory body constituted by the Central Government under the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
- The role is “advisory” in nature and advises the Central Government on framing policies and measures for conservation of wildlife in the country.
- Primary function of the Board is to promote the conservation and development of wildlife and forests. NBWL has power to review all wildlife-related matters and approve projects in and around national parks and sanctuaries.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The National Board for Wildlife has 47 members with the **Prime Minister in the Chair**. The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is the Vice-Chairperson.
- The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change acts as the Chairperson of the **standing committee** of NBWL.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Recommendation of the NBWL is mandatory for alteration of the boundary of a protected area such as National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, Tiger reserve, etc.

5. Answer: B

Sol:

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- Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located in the Nilgiris district of **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Present at the **tri-juncture of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala**, the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) is a part of the **Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve**, the first Biosphere Reserve in India, declared in 1986. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- A variety of habitat ranging from tropical evergreen forest, moist deciduous forest, moist teak forest, dry teak forest, secondary grasslands and swamps are found here.
- It has a common boundary with **Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala)** on the West and **Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka)** on the North.
- It is known for its flagship species like **Tiger, Elephant etc.**

