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1. With reference to the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, consider the following statements.

1. Both the Central & State governments have the authority to declare a species as vermin.
2. Any wild animal listed in Schedule I to IV of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 can be declared as a vermin.
3. Wild animals declared as vermin will be included in Schedule V of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, depriving them of protections under that law.

Which of the following statements are correct?

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

2. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), consider the following statements.

1. It aims to provide a yearly life insurance coverage of Rs. 2,00,000 in case of the demise of the insured person, at a premium rate of Rs. 330 per annum.
2. The Life Insurance Corporation of India is the implementation agency for PMBJP.

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

3. With reference to the National Food Security Act, 2013, which one of the following statements is not correct?

- A. The Act legally entitled the population to receive subsidized food grains under the Universal Public Distribution System.
- B. According to the Act, pregnant women and lactating mothers are entitled to meals and maternity benefits of not less than Rs 6000.
- C. In case of non-supply of entitled foodgrains or meals, the beneficiaries will receive food security allowance.
- D. The implementation of the scheme comes under the ambit of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

4. Mission Karmayogi was launched with the main objective of

- A. To provide mentorship to tribal youth through digital mode.
- B. Assisting Indian MSMEs by solving their grievances, encouraging, supporting, helping and handholding.
- C. Nationwide programme to lay the foundation for capacity building of civil servants.

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D. Implementing Direct Benefit Transfer for procurement of food grains by the Food Corporation of India.

5. With reference to the USTTAD initiative, consider the following statements.

1. The Scheme aims to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities.
2. Beneficiaries under the scheme are restricted to minority communities.

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 Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 divides species into 'schedules' ranked from I to VI.
- Out of the six schedules, Schedule I and Schedule II species are afforded the highest levels of protection under the law as they are extremely rare, endemic, or endangered.
- Species under Schedules III and IV are also protected, but the penalties are lower.
- **Statements 1 & 2 are incorrect:** Under Section 62 of WPA, the **Central Government** may, on the requests from the respective States, declare any wild animal **other than those specified in Schedule I & Part II of Schedule II** (that lists most endangered and iconic species like tigers, leopards, and elephants) of the law to be vermin for any area for a given period of time for selective slaughter.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** As long as the notification is in force such wild animals shall be included in Schedule V of the law, depriving them of any protection under that law.
- A species is declared as vermin
 - if they have become dangerous to human life or property, or
 - if they have become so disabled or diseased as to be beyond recovery.
- **Schedule VI** of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 regulates and restricts cultivation, possession and sale of a rare plant species. It includes beddome's cycad, blue vanda, kuth, ladies slipper orchids, the pitcher plant and red vanda.

2. Answer: D

Sol:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is a campaign launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses.

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- PMBJP stores have been set up to provide generic drugs, which are available at lesser prices but are equivalent in quality and efficacy as expensive branded drugs.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect: Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)** is the implementation agency for PMBJP.

Who can open a Jan Aushadhi store?

- State Governments or any organization / reputed NGOs / Trusts / Private hospitals / Charitable institutions / Doctors / Unemployed pharmacists/ individual entrepreneurs are eligible to apply for new Jan Aushadhi stores.
- The applicants shall have to employ one B Pharma / D Pharma degree holder as Pharmacist in their proposed store.
- Statement 1 is related to **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana.**

3. Answer: A

Sol:

- The National Food Security Act, 2013 was notified on 10th September, 2013 with the objective to provide for food and nutritional security in human life cycle approach, by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity.
- **Statement A is incorrect:** The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population for receiving subsidized foodgrains under **Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)**, thus covering about two-thirds of the population.
- The eligible persons will be **entitled to receive 5 Kgs of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices of Rs. 3/2/1 per Kg for rice/wheat/coarse grains.** The existing **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households**, which constitute the poorest of the poor will continue to receive **35 Kgs of foodgrains per household per month.**
- **Statement B is correct:** The Act also has a special focus on the nutritional support to women and children. Pregnant women and lactating mothers will be entitled to meals and maternity benefits of not less than Rs 6000. It is however restricted to two children only.
- Children upto 14 years of age will be entitled to nutritious meals as per the prescribed nutritional standards.
- **Statement C is correct:** In case of non-supply of entitled foodgrains or meals, the beneficiaries will receive **food security allowance.** The Act also contains provisions for setting up of grievance redressal mechanism at the District and State levels
- The eldest women of the household of age 18 years or above will be the head of the household for the purpose of issuing ration cards.
- **Statement D is correct:** The implementation of the scheme comes under the ambit of the **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** (not under the Ministry of Agriculture and farmer's welfare).

4. Answer: C

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Sol:

- Mission Karmayogi is a nationwide programme to lay the **foundation for capacity building of civil servants**. It will help the officers to learn about the best practices across the world.
- Officially called the "**National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB)**", the mission plans to **transform human resource management in the country**.
- Mission Karmayogi aims to prepare the Indian civil servant for the future by making him more creative, constructive, imaginative, innovative, proactive, professional, progressive, energetic, enabling, transparent and technology-enabled.
- The fundamental focus of the reform is the creation of a '**citizen centric civil service**' capable of creating and delivering services conducive to economic growth and public welfare.
- It shifts the focus from "Rule based training to **Role based training**". Greater thrust has been laid on behavioural change.

5. Answer: A

Sol:

USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Scheme was launched in 2015 to **preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities**.
- It is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority affairs.
- The scheme aims at
 - capacity building and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans
 - documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; set standards for traditional skills
 - training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; and
 - develop national and international market linkages.

Eligible Trainees/beneficiaries

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The trainee should belong to a minority community. However, to promote inter-community solidarity, **25% candidates belonging to BPL families of non-minority communities** may also be considered. In addition, 3% seats will also be reserved for **differently abled persons** belonging to minority communities.
- The trainee should be between **14-35 years of age**. Upper age limit may be relaxed for differently abled persons belonging to minorities.
- The minimum qualification of a trainee should be at least **Class V**. This may also be relaxed for differently abled persons belonging to minorities.
- More than one member of a family is eligible for training in the same art/craft form, provided she/he fulfills the eligibility criteria.

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