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**1. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) functions under the**

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

**2. With reference to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), which of the statements is not correct?**

- A. It was an outcome of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro.
- B. India is not a party to UNCCD.
- C. UNCCD is the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.
- D. The Convention specifically addresses the arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands.

**3. With reference to the Competition Commission of India (CCI), consider the following statements.**

- 1. It is a constitutional body.
- 2. It is responsible for the implementation of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

**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

**4. The Mukurthi National Park, one of the habitats of Nilgiri tahr, is situated in**

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Karnataka
- D. Goa

**5. Consider the following statements about the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).**

- 1. It is an autonomous international organization within the United Nations system.
- 2. It works for the safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology, contributing to international peace and security.
- 3. India is one of the members of IAEA.

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- A. Only one

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- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

### Solutions:

1. Answer: A

### Explanation:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a **statutory authority** established under the provisions of **the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 ("Aadhaar Act 2016")** by the Government of India.
- It is under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**.
- UIDAI was created to **issue Unique Identification numbers (UID), named as "Aadhaar", to all residents of India.**
- Under the Aadhaar Act 2016, UIDAI is responsible for Aadhaar enrolment and authentication, including operation and management of all stages of Aadhaar life cycle, developing the policy, procedure, and system for issuing Aadhaar numbers to individuals and perform authentication and the security of identity information and authentication records of individuals.

2. Answer: B

### Explanation:

- The United Nations has three major Conventions: **the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).**
- **Statement A is correct:** These conventions were the result of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, also called the **Earth Summit**.
- **Statement C is correct:** Established in **1994**, the UNCCD is the **sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.**
- **Statement D is correct:** The Convention **specifically addresses the arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands**, where some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and peoples can be found.
- **Statement B is incorrect:** The Convention has more than 190 parties including **India**.

3. Answer: D

### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is a **statutory body** established under the **Competition Act, 2002** for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the Act.
- The following are the objectives of the Commission.
  - To prevent practices having adverse effects on competition.

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- To promote and sustain competition in markets.
- To protect the interests of consumers and
- To ensure freedom of trade
- CCI consists of a Chairperson and 6 Members appointed by the Central Government.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 [MRTP Act] repealed and was replaced by the Competition Act, 2002.

4. Answer: **B**

### Explanation:

- Mukurthi National Park is located in the Nilgiris district of the **state of Tamil Nadu**.
- The park is characterized by montane grasslands and shrublands interspersed with **sholas in a high altitude area** of high rainfall, near-freezing temperatures and high winds.
- Mukurthi is perhaps the only area of the Nilgiris that has **not been badly affected by conversion to exotic monoculture plantations**. It is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.
- The Park is sandwiched **between the Mudumalai National Park and the Silent Valley National park**.
- There are several streams, many of which drain into the **Bhavani River (a tributary of Cauvery)**.
- Major attraction of the park is **Nilgiri tahr** (endemic sheep, IUCN- Endangered).

5. Answer: **C**

### Explanation:

- The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is the world's central intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical co-operation in the nuclear field.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It works for the safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology, contributing to international peace and security and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The IAEA is an autonomous international organization within the United Nations system. It partners with more than a dozen UN organizations, thereby helping extend the reach of its services.
- **IAEA reports annually to the UN General Assembly.**
- Created in 1957, the IAEA Secretariat is headquartered in Vienna, Austria.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Total Membership: 177 (including **India**).