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**1. With reference to the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in India, consider the following statements.**

1. CDS acts as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister on all tri-Services matters.
2. CDS exercises military command over the three service chiefs.

**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. The town 'Channapatna', famous for its wooden toys with the geographical indication tag, is located in?**

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Telangana

**3. The Reserve Tranche facility is related to**

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. New Development Bank
- D. World Bank

**4. The Coringa Sanctuary, one of the largest stretches of mangroves in India, is situated in**

- A. Odisha
- B. West Bengal
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

**5. Consider the following statements about the Enforcement Directorate (ED).**

1. It is a specialized financial investigation agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Enforcement Directorate enforces the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

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

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- B. 2 only
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### Solutions:

1. Answer: A

### Explanation:

- In 2019, the Union Cabinet had given approval to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in the **rank of a four-star General with salary and perquisites equivalent to a Service Chief** and then Army Chief Gen. Rawat was appointed to the post.
- It is a long-pending demand to **bring in tri-service synergy and integration** and the biggest top-level military reform since Independence.
- The CDS is the **Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister and Permanent Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CoSC)**.
- In addition, the **Department of Military Affairs** was created as the fifth department in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) with the **CDS functioning as its Secretary**.

### Mandate

- The broad mandate of the CDS includes bringing about jointness in operations, logistics, transport, training, support services, communications, repairs and maintenance of the three Services.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** He acts as the **Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister on all tri-Services matters**. However, the three Chiefs continue to advise the Defence Minister on matters exclusively concerning their respective Services.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The CDS **do not exercise any military command, including over the three Service Chiefs**.
- The CDS is also meant to bring about synergy and optimise procurements, training and logistics and facilitate restructuring of military commands for optimal utilisation of resources by bringing about jointness in operations.
- The **specialised tri-service divisions** — special operations, defence cyber and defence space — were also brought under the ambit of the CDS.
- While **capital procurements are still with the Department of Defence (DoD)**, the **prioritisation is with the CDS**.

2. Answer: B

### Explanation:

- **Channapatna** toys are a particular form of **wooden toys** (and dolls) that are manufactured in the town of Channapatna in the Ramanagara district of **Karnataka**.
- This traditional craft is protected as a **geographical indication** (GI) under the World Trade Organization, administered by the Government of Karnataka.
- As a result of the popularity of these toys, Channapatna is known as Gombegala Ooru (toy-town) of Karnataka.
- Channapatna toys have a **200 year old history** and are made out of wood — soft ivory wood, teak, rubber, cedar or neem — and lacquered with vibrant, natural dyes.
- Its history has been traced to the **era of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan** in the 18th century.

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- The fame of Channapatna toys was built on the smooth quality and bright colours of the products that were safe to handle.
- The Channapatna toys are laced with vegetable dyes and colours **devoid of chemicals** and hence they are safe for children.

3. Answer: B

### Explanation:

- Reserve tranche is the portion of the required quota of currency each member country must provide to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** that can be **utilized for its own purposes—without a service fee or economic reform conditions**.
- Initially, member nations' reserve tranches are **25% of their quota**, but this position **can change** according to any lending that the IMF does with its holdings of the member's currency.
- The reserve tranches that countries hold with the IMF are considered their **facilities of first resort**, meaning they will tap into them before seeking a formal credit tranche that charges interest.

4. Answer: C

### Explanation:

- Coringa Sanctuary, a part of **Godavari Mangroves** in **Andhra Pradesh**, was declared in 1978 as a wildlife sanctuary to conserve the mangrove vegetation of the estuary.
- The sanctuary is formed in the delta and estuary region of **Godavari river** which merges into the Bay of Bengal.
- The Coringa Sanctuary is the **second-largest stretch of mangroves along the Eastern Coast of India** (after the Sunderbans in West Bengal), with a unique ecosystem, flora and fauna, rare mangrove species, as also otters, fishing cats, sea turtles etc.
- It is also adobe to many migratory bird species coming from Europe, North and Central Asia.

5. Answer: B

### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Enforcement Directorate (ED) is a specialized financial investigation agency under the **Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance**, which enforces the following laws: -
  - **Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)** - A Civil Law, with officers empowered to conduct investigations into suspected contraventions of the Foreign Exchange Laws and Regulations, adjudicate, contraventions, and impose penalties on those adjudged to have contravened the law.
  - **Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA)** - A Criminal Law, with the officers empowered to conduct investigations to trace assets derived out of the proceeds of crime, to provisionally attach/ confiscate the same, and to arrest and

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prosecute the offenders found to be involved in Money Laundering. **Hence, statement 2 is correct.**

- ED was established in 1956 with its headquarters at **New Delhi**.
- The ED director is appointed as per provisions of the **Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003**. The Centre appoints the director on recommendation of a committee, with the Central Vigilance Commissioner as chairperson.

