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1. Consider the following statements about Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs)

- 1) REITs allow individual investors to invest in income-generating real estate projects without actually buying properties.
- 2) Currently India has no REIT fund.

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 National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

1. It is a statutory body created under the Disaster Management Act.
2. It is headed by the home minister of India.

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. The jurisdiction of the National Investigation Agency extends to which of the following?

- 1) persons in the service of the government wherever they are posted;
- 2) persons on ships and aircraft registered in India wherever they may be;
- 3) persons who commit a scheduled offence beyond India against the Indian citizen or affecting the interest of India.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

4. Consider the following statements about the International Labour Organisation(ILO)

- 1) India is a founder member of the ILO.
- 2) It is the only tripartite U.N. agency which brings together governments, employers and workers of 187-member States, to set labor standards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2

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D) Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)

- 1) It is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- 2) It aims to create an effective framework and ecosystem for the prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of cybercrime in the country.

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: A

Explanation

- REIT or Real Estate Investment Trust can be described as a **company that owns and operates real estate properties to generate income.**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** They **pool money from the investors and invest it in commercial real estate projects** like workspaces, malls, etc.
- Modeled after mutual funds, REITs pool capital investors who **earn dividends from real estate investments.** Investors **do not individually buy, manage, or finance** any properties. For instance, they lease properties and collect rent thereon. The rent thus collected is later distributed among shareholders as income and dividends.
- REITs **operate similarly to shares**, being listed on stock exchanges, enabling investors to buy or sell them at any time on the exchange.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Currently, India has **only three REIT funds** - Embassy Office Parks REIT, Mindspace Business Parks REIT, and Brookfield India Real Estate Trust.

2. Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct and Statement 2 is incorrect:** The **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** is a statutory body constituted under the **Disaster Management Act 2005**, with the **Prime Minister of India** as its Chairman, a Vice Chairman with the status of Cabinet Minister, and eight members with the status of Ministers of State.
- The Disaster Management Act also has statutory provisions for the constitution of the **National Disaster Response Force** for the purpose of specialized response to natural and man-made disasters.

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- The NDMA is the **apex statutory body for disaster management in India**. It is under the **control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**.

3. Answer: D

Explanation

- The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is functioning as the **Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency** in the country.
- It is mandated to investigate all the **offences**:
 - **affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India, friendly relations with foreign states, and**
 - **the offences under the statutory laws enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, conventions and resolutions of the United Nations, its agencies and other international organisations.**
- These include **terror acts and their possible links with crimes** like smuggling of arms, drugs and fake Indian currency and infiltration from across the borders.
- The agency has the power to search, seize, arrest and prosecute those involved in such offences.
- Headquartered in **Delhi**, the NIA has its branches in several parts of the country.

When did the NIA come into being?

- In the wake of the **26/11 Mumbai terror attack in November 2008**, which shocked the entire world, the central government decided to establish the NIA.
- The agency came into existence on **December 31, 2008 under the NIA Act, 2008**, and started its functioning in **2009**.
- NIA was created mainly to specialize in investigations into **incidents of terrorist attacks and bomb blasts** in various parts of the country. Majority of such incidents were found to have **complex inter-state and international linkages** while at the same time being **linked to drug and arms smuggling** among other activities.
- The NIA Act was amended in the year **2019** to **enlarge the mandate** of the NIA by inclusion of **offences related to human trafficking, manufacture/sale of prohibited arms, cyber-terrorism and offences under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908** and **expanded its jurisdiction beyond India**.

How wide is the NIA's jurisdiction?

- The law under which the agency operates extends to:
 - **whole of India and also applies to Indian citizens outside the country;**
 - **persons in the service of the government** wherever they are posted;
 - **persons on ships and aircraft registered in India** wherever they may be;
 - **persons who commit a scheduled offence beyond India against the Indian citizen or affecting the interest of India. Hence all the statements are correct.**

Why in the News?

- The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested five individuals in a major operation against an organized human trafficking and cyber fraud syndicate.

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4. Answer: C

Explanation

- The International Labour Organisation was created in 1919, as part of the **Treaty of Versailles** that ended World War I.
- In **1944**, ILO adopted the **Declaration of Philadelphia** which embodies basic principles of economic justice.
- It became the **first specialized agency of the UN** in 1946.
- **Statement 2 is correct: ILO is the only tripartite U.N. agency which brings together governments, employers and workers** of 187-member States, to set labor standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.
- **Statement 1 is correct: India is a founder member** of the ILO.
- It is headquartered in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

Why in the News?

- The **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** under the aegis of the **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** and the **International Labour Organization (ILO)** has announced a strategic partnership to advance skill development and lifelong learning in India and globally.

5. Answer: B

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) is an **initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to deal with cyber crime in the country in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The I4C works under the Union Home Ministry to create an **effective framework and ecosystem** for the **prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of cybercrime** in the country.
- I4C focuses on tackling all the issues related to Cybercrime for the citizens, which includes **improving coordination** between various **Law Enforcement Agencies and the stakeholders**, driving change in India's overall capability to tackle Cybercrime and to improve citizen satisfaction levels.

Objectives of I4C

- To act as a **nodal point to curb Cybercrime** in the country.
- To **strengthen the fight against Cybercrime** committed against women and children.
- Facilitate **easy filing Cybercrime related complaints** and identifying Cybercrime trends and patterns.
- To act as an early warning system for Law Enforcement Agencies for **proactive Cybercrime prevention and detection.**
- **Awareness creation** among the public about preventing Cybercrime.
- Assist States/UTs in capacity building of Police Officers, Public Prosecutors and Judicial Officers in the area of cyber forensic, investigation, cyber hygiene, cyber-criminology, etc.