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Daily MCQs: 24-06-2024

1. Consider the following statements about the National Company Law Tribunal(NCLT)

- 1) It is a constitutional body.
- 2) It is incorporated for dealing with corporate disputes that are of civil nature arising under the Companies 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

2. Consider the following statements about the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006

- 1) The Act applies to all India citizens irrespective of religion and beyond India.
- 2) As per the act, the age of marriage for both boys and girls is 18.
- 3) The Act makes child marriage voidable.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A) Only one
- B) Only two
- C) All three
- D) None

3. With reference to the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, consider the following statements

- 1) The post received statutory recognition under the Representation of People Act,1951.
- 2) According to the constitution, the leader of the largest party in Opposition should be recognised as the Leader of Opposition.

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. Which of the following best describes a black hole?

- A) A star that has exhausted its nuclear fuel
- B) A region in space where the gravitational pull is so strong that not even light can escape
- C) A dark spot on the surface of a star
- D) A region in space with no gravitational field

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5. Which of the following bodies of water does Sudan have a coastline on?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Red Sea
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Mediterranean Sea

Solutions:

1. Answer: B

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect and statement 2 is correct:** NCLT is a **quasi-judicial authority** incorporated for dealing with **corporate disputes that are of civil nature** arising under the Companies Act.
- NCLT was constituted by the Central Government in **2016**.
- It focuses on laws concerning the **insolvency and winding up of companies**.
- The composition of the National Company Law Tribunal includes a president and the necessary judicial and technical members.

2. Answer: B

Explanation

- The Indian Government enacted the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act of 2006 to **ensure that child marriage is eradicated from within the society**.
- This Act is armed with enabling provisions to prohibit child marriages and provide relief to victims and enhance punishment for those who abet, promote or solemnize such marriages.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Act applies to **all India citizens irrespective of religion and beyond India**.

Objectives of the Act

- The primary objective of the Act is to **prohibit solemnization of child marriage**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** As per the act, the **age of marriage for boys is 21, and for girls, it is 18**, and any marriage of people below this age will be considered as a **child marriage** which is illegal, an offence and is punishable under the law.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Act makes **child marriage voidable**.
- The Act also allows for **maintenance and residence for the girl** till her remarriage from the male contracting party or his parents.

Prevention

- **Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPO)** are to be appointed in every state to prohibit child marriages, ensure the protection of the victims as well as prosecution of the offenders.
- The Act provides **punishment for those who permit and promote child marriages**.

Protection

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- The law provides for all **support and aid including medical aid, legal aid, counseling and rehabilitation support to children** once they are rescued.
- It gives **legal status to all children** born from child marriages and makes provisions for their **custody and maintenance**. It provides for the **residence and maintenance of the female contracting party**.

Prosecution of Offenders

- The law provides for **punishment for a male above 18 years of age marrying a child**.

Child Marriage to be Voidable

- Every child marriage **shall be voidable**, at the option of the contracting party who was a child at the time of the marriage.
- The annulment of child marriage can be **sought within two years** after the child who was a party to the marriage had attained **majority**.
- **Only the children** in the marriage themselves can file a **petition for voidability or annulment** of marriage. And if the petitioner is a **minor**, the petition can be filed through a **guardian or the next best friend** of the married child (who must be an adult of 18 years or more), along with the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer (CMPO).

3. Answer: D

Explanation

- The Leader of the Opposition (LoP) is the **Leader of the largest opposition party**.
- The post was **not recognised till 1969** when **Ram Subhag Singh** became the first recognised LoP of the Lok Sabha.
- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The post received **statutory recognition** through the **Salary and Allowances of Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977**.
- The Act extends to **LoPs in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha** the **same official status, allowances and perks that are admissible to Cabinet Ministers**.
- The Act defines the term '**Leader of the Opposition**' as that member of the Lok Sabha or the Rajya Sabha who, for the time being, is the **Leader of that House of the party in Opposition to the government having the greatest numerical strength and recognised**, as such, by the **chairman of the Rajya Sabha or the speaker of the Lok Sabha**.

Who gets the Leader of Opposition post in Lok Sabha?

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The practice has been to recognise the leader of the largest party in Opposition as the LoP provided that party has a **strength that is enough to constitute the quorum for a sitting of the House, or one-tenth of the total membership of the House** — at present that comes to 55 members.
- However, **no such 10 percent rule** for the appointment of the Leader of Opposition is **mentioned in the Leaders of Opposition in Parliament Act**.

How important is the Leader of the Opposition?

- The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha is said to be the **"shadow Prime Minister with a shadow Cabinet"**.
- The Leader of the Opposition will take over the administration if the ruling government resigns or is defeated on the floor of the House.

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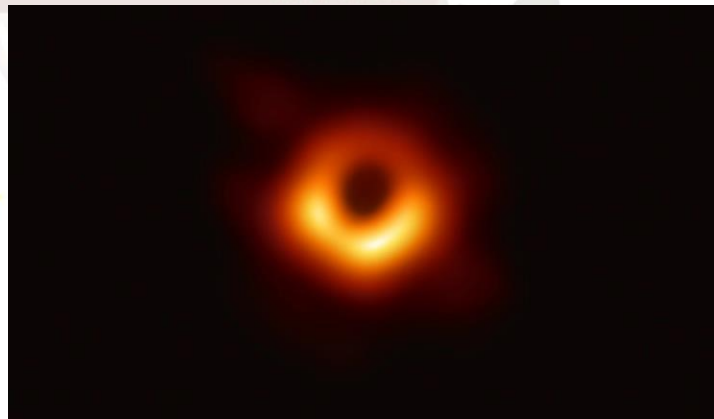
4. Answer: B

Explanation

- Black Holes are **huge concentrations of matter packed into very tiny spaces.**
- A black hole is **so dense that gravity** just beneath its surface- the **event horizon**, is **strong** enough that nothing, **not even light can escape.**
 - The event horizon is a boundary that contains all the matter that makes up the black hole.

Finding Black Holes

- Black holes **don't emit or reflect light**, making them effectively **invisible to telescopes.**
- Scientists primarily **detect and study** them **based on how they affect their surroundings:**
 - Black holes can be **surrounded by rings of gas and dust, called accretion disks**, that emit light across many wavelengths, including X-rays. These disks are crucial for investigating black holes.
 - A supermassive black hole's **intense gravity can cause stars to orbit around it in a particular way.** Astronomers tracked the orbits of several stars near the centre of the Milky Way to prove it houses a supermassive black hole, a discovery that won the 2020 Nobel Prize.
 - When very **massive objects accelerate through space**, they create **ripples** called **gravitational waves.** Scientists can detect some of these by the ripples' effect on detectors.
 - Massive objects like black holes can **bend and distort light from more distant objects.** This effect, called **gravitational lensing**, can be **used to find isolated black holes that are otherwise invisible.**
- The first image of a black hole was captured in 2019 by the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) collaboration.



Types of Black Holes

Astronomers generally divide black holes into **three categories according to their mass:**

- **Stellar-mass black holes:**
 - Stellar-mass black holes are born when extremely massive stars collapse and typically **weigh between five and 10 times the mass of the Sun.**

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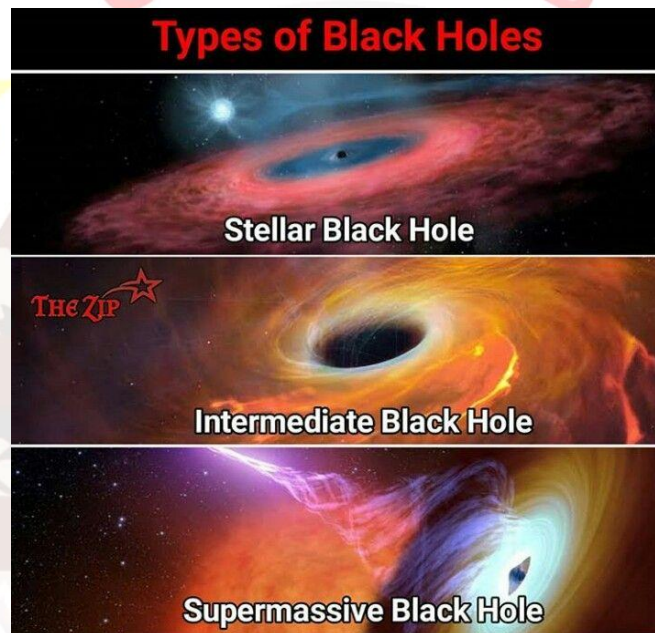
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- Stellar-mass black holes can continue to gain mass through collisions with stars and other black holes.
- **Supermassive black holes:**
 - Supermassive black holes are classified as **having masses more than 100,000 times that of our sun.**
 - They can be **found at the center of most galaxies**, including the Milky Way.
- **Intermediate-mass black holes:**
 - Black holes can be super-big or super-small. The missing link is an intermediate-mass black hole, weighing roughly **100 to 1,000 times our Sun's mass.**
 - Few such black holes have been found in other galaxies.



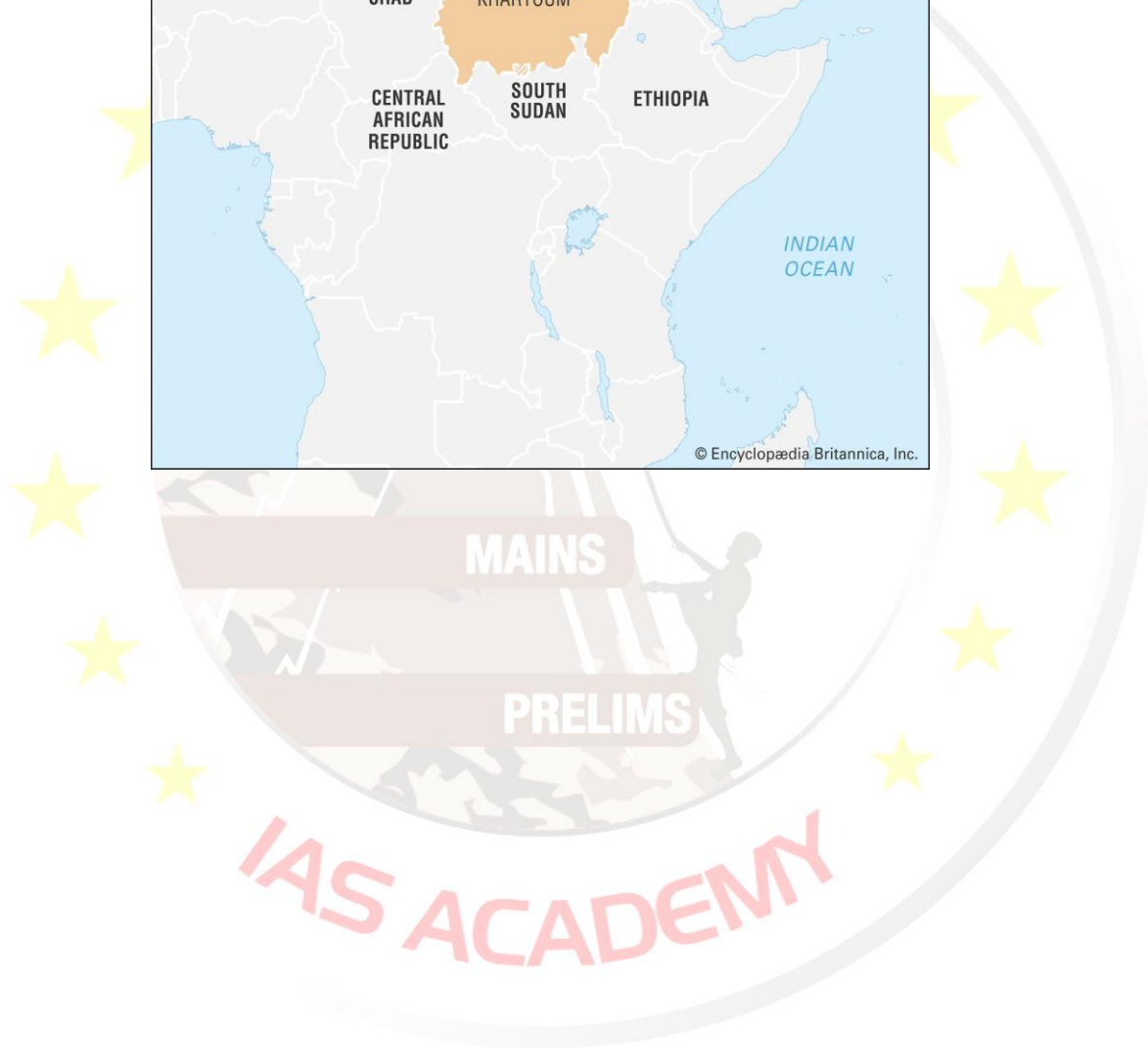
5. Answer: B

Explanation

- Sudan has a coastline along the Red Sea.
- The Republic of the Sudan is **located between Egypt and Eritrea** in northeastern Africa, bordering the **Red Sea in the northeast.**
- It borders **Libya** in the northwest, **Chad** in the west, the **Central African Republic** in the southwest, **South Sudan** in the south, and **Ethiopia** in the southeast.

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