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**1. Consider the following statements about PM SHRI Schools initiative**

- 1) It is a scheme for making model residential schools for Scheduled Tribes students across India.
- 2) The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

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. Which of the following countries does the Strait of Malacca lie between?**

- A. India and Sri Lanka
- B. Thailand and Cambodia
- C. Malaysia and Indonesia
- D. Philippines and Taiwan

**3. The Foreigners Tribunal was established under which of the following Acts?**

- A. Indian Citizenship Act, 1955
- B. Foreigners Act, 1946
- C. Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983
- D. National Security Act, 1980

**4. With reference to the Wholesale Price Index, consider the following statements**

- 1) It is released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- 2) WPI basket does not cover services.

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

**5. Umling La Pass is located in which Indian state/union territory?**

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Ladakh

**Solutions:**

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### 1. Answer: D

#### Explanation

**Both the statements are incorrect.**

- In 2022, the Central Government launched a new initiative - **PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India)**.
- This is a new **centrally sponsored scheme for upgradation and development of more than 14500 Schools across the country** by strengthening the selected existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central Government/ State/ UT Government/ local bodies.
- PM SHRI Schools will showcase all components of the **National Education Policy 2020** and act as **exemplar schools** and also offer **mentorship to other schools** in their vicinity.

#### Objectives

- The aim of these schools will not only be **qualitative teaching, learning and cognitive development**, but also **creating holistic and well-rounded individuals** equipped with key 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- **Pedagogy** adopted in these schools will be more experiential, holistic, integrated, play/toy-based (particularly, in the foundational years) inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible and enjoyable.
- These schools will be equipped with **modern infrastructure** including labs, smart classrooms, libraries, sports equipment, art room etc. which is inclusive and accessible.
- These schools shall also be developed as **green schools** with water conservation, waste recycling, energy-efficient infrastructure and integration of organic lifestyle in curriculum.

### 2. Answer: C

#### Explanation

- The Strait of Malacca lies between the countries of **Malaysia and Indonesia**. It is one of the most important maritime passages in the world, facilitating a significant portion of global trade, especially between the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea.
- The strait serves as a critical chokepoint for the transportation of oil and other goods. The narrow stretch of water is bordered by the Malay Peninsula to the northeast and the Indonesian island of Sumatra to the southwest.

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- India and Sri Lanka are separated by the Palk Strait and the Gulf of Mannar.
- Thailand and Cambodia share a land border but are not separated by a significant strait.
- The Philippines and Taiwan are separated by the Bashi Channel.

### 3. Answer: B

#### Explanation

- A Foreigners Tribunal is a **quasi-judicial body** established under the **Foreigners (Tribunal) Order, 1964**, which aims to **determine if a person staying illegally in India is a foreigner or otherwise**.
- The Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 was issued by the Central Government under Section 3 of **The Foreigners Act, 1946**.
- In 2019, the 1964 order was amended to provide the **District Magistrates** in all States and Union Territories the power to constitute tribunals, something that only the Centre was authorized to implement earlier.
- At present, Assam has more than 100 functional Foreigners Tribunals with an additional 1000 sanctioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs in mid-2019.

### 4. Answer: B

#### Explanation

- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) measures and tracks the changes in the **price of goods in the stages before the retail level**. It provides estimates of inflation at the wholesale transaction level for the economy as a whole.
- **Statement 2 is correct: WPI basket does not cover services.**

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- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is released by the **Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**
- The base year is **2011-2012.**
- The index basket consists of commodities under 3 main categories in decreasing order of weightage: **Manufactured products (64.2%), Primary Articles (22.6%) and Fuel and Power (13.2).**

**5. Answer: D**

#### Explanation

- Umling La Pass is located in the **union territory of Ladakh, India.** It is renowned for being the highest motorable pass in the world, with an altitude of approximately 5,600 meters (18,400 feet) above sea level.
- The pass was constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under Project Himank, which focuses on building roads in the challenging terrains of Ladakh.
- Umling La provides vital connectivity to the remote areas of Eastern Ladakh, enhancing strategic access and facilitating movement for both military and civilian purposes.