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Daily MCQs: 30-07-2024

1. With reference to the NIPUN Bharat Mission, consider the following statements.

1. It aims to create an enabling environment to ensure universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy by 2035.
2. No additional funding is being allocated for the NIPUN Bharat Mission.

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 is a key focus area of the "Mera Yuva Bharat" initiative?

- A. Agricultural reform
- B. Urban infrastructure development
- C. Youth development
- D. Healthcare services for senior citizens

3. The primary objective of the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) is

- A. To provide financial support to state governments
- B. To train civil servants and promote good governance practices
- C. To manage electoral processes in India
- D. To regulate the education system in India

4. The government implements the PM-DAKSH Yojana with the main objective of

- A. Computerization of records & strengthening of State Waqf Boards
- B. Preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian Culture
- C. Provide interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies for the students belonging to the minority communities
- D. Conducting skill development training programmes for marginalized persons of the society

5. Consider the following statements about Defence Acquisition Council

1. It is the highest decision-making body in the Defence Ministry for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the three services and the Indian Coast Guard.
2. The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Council.

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

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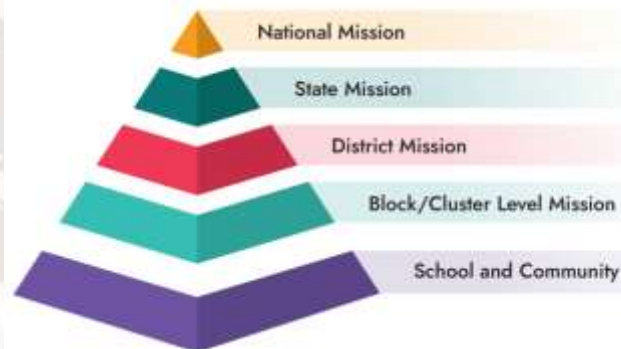
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Solutions:

1. Answer: B

Explanation

- It is a National Initiative launched by the **Ministry of Education** for **Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat)**, for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains **foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27**. It is launched as a part of the **National Education Policy 2020**. Hence **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- The programme will be **implemented in the mission mode**, with the use and strengthening of the existing mainstream structures. The **Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education (MoE) will be the implementing agency** at the national level and will be headed by a Mission Director.
- A **five-tier Implementation mechanism** for the Mission will be set up.
- **Statement 2 is correct**: No additional funding is being allocated for the NIPUN Bharat Mission. Instead, money is being allocated from the **Samagra Shiksha scheme**.



Objectives of the Mission

- To ensure an **inclusive classroom environment** by incorporating play, discovery, and **activity-based pedagogies**, linking it to the daily life situations.
- To enable **children** to become **motivated, independent and engaged readers and writers** with comprehension possessing sustainable reading and writing skills.
- To make children understand the reasoning in the domains of number, measurement and shapes; and enable them to become independent in problem solving by way of numeracy and spatial understanding skills.
- To ensure availability and effective usage of high-quality and culturally responsive **teaching learning material** in **children's familiar/home/mother language(s)**.
- To focus on continuous **capacity building of teachers**, head teachers, academic resource persons and education administrators.
- To actively engage with all stakeholders i.e., Teachers, Parents, Students and Community, policy makers for building a strong foundation of **lifelong learning**.
- To ensure tracking of learning levels of all students.

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2. Answer: C

Explanation

- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) is an **autonomous body** that was set up by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** to provide an **overarching institutional mechanism** powered by technology for **youth development and youth-led development**.
- The portal was launched in 2023.
- This mechanism would provide equitable access to opportunities for youth to actualise their aspirations and build an **Amrit Bharat by 2047**.
- The platform connects youth with programs and learning opportunities in Businesses, Government Departments and Non-Profit Organisations.
- Such engagement would deepen youth understanding of the issues of the local community and would allow them to help in generating constructive solutions.
- MY Bharat would offer such **experiential learning programs**. Given that modern youth have good exposure to digital networks and digital tools, such learning programs can also provide local communities with useful inputs and at the same time provide an opportunity to youth to help others.

3. Answer: B

Explanation

- The National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) was set up in **2014** by the Government of India as an **apex-level autonomous institution** under the **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions**.
- NCGG deals with a **gamut of governance issues** from local, state to national levels, across all sectors.
- The Centre is mandated to **work in the areas** of governance, policy reforms, capacity **building and training of civil servants** and technocrats of India and other developing countries. It also works as a **think tank**.
- Since its inception, the Centre has been extensively working in areas such as primary and elementary education, decentralized planning at district and block levels, capacity building of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs), participatory models of learning and action, rural development, cooperatives, and public sector management, etc.
- In addition, it focuses on issues related to good governance, social accountability, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), among other sectors.
- The affairs of the NCGG are managed under the overall superintendence and direction of the **Governing Body**, which is **headed by the Cabinet Secretary**.

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- The two-week Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for Bangladesh civil servants, organized by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), concluded in New Delhi.

4. Answer: D

Explanation:

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- The **Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi, PM-DAKSH Yojana** is being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment from 2020-21.
- The scheme aims to cover **marginalized persons of Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Economically Backward Classes, De-notified Tribes and Safai karamcharis including waste pickers.**
- Under this Yojana, eligible target groups are being provided **skill development training programmes** on (i) Up-skilling/ Reskilling (ii) Short Term Training Programme (iii) Long Term Training Programme and (iv) Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP).
- The scheme is implemented by the **three Corporations**
 - National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC),
 - National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) &
 - National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

5. Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Defence Acquisition Council is the **highest decision-making body in the Defence Ministry for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force) and the Indian Coast Guard.**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The **Minister of Defence is the Chairman of the Council.**
- The DAC is responsible for giving policy guidelines to acquisitions, based on long-term procurement plans.
- It also clears all acquisitions, which includes both imported and those produced indigenously or under a foreign license.
- The objective of the Defence Acquisition Council is to ensure expeditious procurement of the approved requirements of the Armed Forces in terms of capabilities sought, and time frame prescribed, by optimally utilizing the allocated budgetary resources.