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1. Consider the following statements about Stand-Up India scheme

- 1) It aims to promote entrepreneurship amongst women, SC & ST category.
- 2) Loans under the scheme are available for only green field projects.
- 3) The scheme is operationalised by the Ministry of Social Justice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2
- C. 2 only
- D. 2 and 3

2. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice (2015), headed by E M Sudarsana Natchiappan is related with

- A. Universal Civil Code
- B. Simultaneous Elections
- C. New Pension Scheme
- D. Right to Information Act

3. Which of the following type of petitions can be filed after a review plea against the final conviction is dismissed?

- A) Writ petition
- B) Review petition
- C) Curative petition
- D) Petition for Special Leave to Appeal

4. Operation flood is

- A. A massive dairy development program launched by the Indian government.
- B. A massive flood wall construction program across the Cauvery river by the Karnataka government.
- C. An operation launched by the Odisha Government to zero down deaths caused by floods.
- D. None of the above.

5. With reference to the India - United Arab Emirates (UAE) Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), consider the following statements

- 1) The bilateral trade pact is India's first in the region and the first comprehensive trade agreement with any country in a decade.
- 2) CEPA covers goods, services and digital trade, among others, that allows all of India's exports a duty-free access to the Emirates.

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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: B

Explanation

- Stand up India Scheme was launched in 2016 to **promote entrepreneurship at grassroot level** focusing on economic empowerment and job creation.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The purpose of Stand-Up India is to promote entrepreneurship amongst **women, SC & ST category**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Loans under the scheme are available for **only green field projects**. Green field signifies, in this context, the **first-time venture of the beneficiary in the manufacturing, services or the trading sector & activities allied to agriculture**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme is anchored by the **Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance**.

2. Answer: B

Explanation

In **2015, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, headed by E M Sudarsana Natchiappan**, prepared a report on holding **simultaneous elections**. The report said that simultaneous elections would help to reduce:

- the massive expenditure that is currently incurred for the conduct of separate elections,
- the policy paralysis that results from the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct during election time,
- the impact on the delivery of essential services and,
- the burden on crucial manpower that is deployed during election time.

3. Answer: C

Explanation

- **Curative petitions** is a **judicially created mechanism** of the Court to ensure that an **aggrieved person is entitled to relief against the final judgment of the Court after the dismissal of a review petition**, in order to do complete justice as intended under **Article 142** of the Constitution of India.

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- The statutory provisions for **Review Petition** is under **Article 136** of the Constitution from an **order of the High Court refusing to grant a certificate under Article 134A** of the Constitution or in any other case from any judgment, decree, determination, sentence, or order passed or made by any Court or Tribunal, except relating to armed forces.
- **Writ petitions** are filed in the **Supreme Court** and **High Courts** of India. The statutory provisions for such Petitions are in **Article 32 and 226** of the Constitution to file in the Supreme Court and High Courts, respectively. The Court may issue writs like habeas corpus, mandamus, certiorari, quo warranto, and prohibition.
- The **review petition** is a petition in which it is prayed before the Court of law to **review its order or judgement which it has already pronounced**. Under **Article 137** of the Constitution of India and the rules made under **Article 145**, the **Supreme Court** of India has the power to review its judgment pronounced by it.

4. Answer: A

Explanation

- **Operation Flood**, also referred to as the "**White Revolution**," was a **massive dairy development program** launched by the Indian government in **1970**.
- It transformed India from a **milk-deficient nation to a milk-surplus one**.

5. Answer: A

Explanation

- **India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)' Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** entered into force in **2022**.
- The bilateral trade pact is **India's first in the region and the first comprehensive trade agreement with any country in a decade**. Hence statement 1 is correct.
- This landmark agreement has set out the **bilateral trade target of US\$100 billion**, to be achieved in the next five years.

Features of CEPA

- CEPA covers **goods, services and digital trade**, among others, that allows **90% of India's exports a duty-free access to the Emirates**. Hence statement 2 is incorrect.
- Besides trade in goods, under CEPA, the **services sector** comprising computer-related services, health, tourism, travel, engineering, and accountancy also get **preferential market access to the UAE economy**.
- The agreement also provides for
 - An **open and non-discriminatory environment for cross-border trade** between the two countries;
 - The **removal of unnecessary technical barriers (TBT)** for UAE and Indian exporters.
- India has **excluded certain goods** (such as Dairy, fruits, vegetables, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, etc.) from the agreement through a "**sensitive list**" of products amounting to 10 per cent of tariff lines that are excluded completely from the agreement.

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- The agreement contains **strict rules of origin provisions** to prevent other countries from using the agreement to reroute their exports through UAE to benefit from lower tariffs.
- The agreement also has **safeguard mechanisms** that would be triggered if there was a significant surge in imports of a specific product in either country.

