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1. With reference to Registration and Recognition of Political Parties, consider the following statements.

- 1) Political parties are registered under Representation of Peoples Act, 1951.
- 2) The Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, lays down the criteria for declaring any registered political party as a national party or a state party.
- 3) The Election Commission has the power to deregister parties.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) scheme, consider the following statements.

- 1) It aims to provide comprehensive and quality antenatal care universally to all pregnant women.
- 2) The scheme will cover beneficiaries only from rural areas.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None of the above

3. With reference to border issues, consider the following pairs

1.	Lipulekh	Indo-China
2.	Galwan	India, Bhutan and China
3.	Doklam	Indo-Nepal

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

4. With reference to the e-shram portal, consider the following statements.

- 1) The e-shram portal aims to register unorganised workers in the country.
- 2) The worker should be an income tax payee to be registered as an 'unorganised worker'.

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3) The unique number allotted is permanent and valid for lifetime.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. With reference to the Arab League, consider the following statements.

- 1) Arab League has members from both Asia and Africa.
- 2) Iran is a full member of the grouping.

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

Unrecognised political parties

- Either newly registered parties (under the **Representation of Peoples Act, 1951**) or those which have not secured enough percentage of votes in Assembly or General Elections to become a State party or those which have never contested in elections since being registered are considered **registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs)**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- Such parties don't enjoy all the benefits extended to the recognised parties.
- While the EC has the power to register parties under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, it **does not have the power to deregister parties that are inactive**. Hence, **statement 3 is incorrect**.

Provisions for recognised party status

- A recognised political party shall either be a **National party** or a **State party** if it meets certain laid down conditions.
- The **Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968**, lays down the criteria for declaring any registered political party as a national party or a state party. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.

National Party

- As per the Election symbols order, a registered political party needs to **fulfil at least one of the following three conditions** to be recognised as a national party:
 - It needs to win a minimum **two percent** of seats in the Lok Sabha (11 seats) from at least three different states.

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- It needs to get **at least six percent of votes in four states** in Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, in addition to **winning four Lok Sabha seats**.
- It needs to get **recognised as a state party in four or more states**.

State Party

- In order to be recognised as a state party, a political party needs to **fulfil at least one of the four criteria** laid down by the Election Commission of India.
- A political party will be recognised as a state party:
 - If it wins **three percent of the total seats** in the Legislative Assembly of the state (subject to a minimum of three seats).
 - If it wins one Lok Sabha seat for every 25 Lok Sabha seats allotted for the state.
 - If it gets **at least six percent of votes** in a state during a Lok Sabha or Assembly election. In addition, it also needs to win **at least one Lok Sabha or two Legislative Assembly seats**.
 - If it wins **at least eight percent votes** in a state during the Lok Sabha or Legislative Assembly elections.

2. Answer: A

Explanation: About

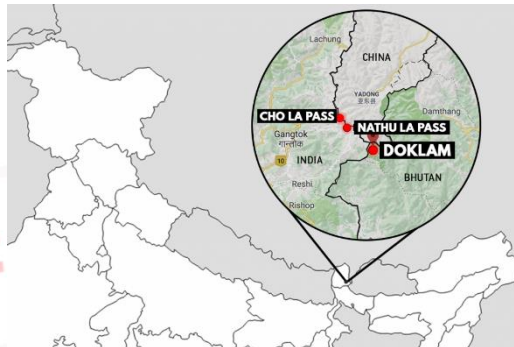
- The **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** launched “Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan” (PMSMA) with an aim to **provide fixed-day, free of cost, assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care universally to all pregnant women** in their 2nd / 3rd trimesters of pregnancy at designated government health facilities. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- Launched in 2016, PMSMA envisages to improve the quality and coverage of Antenatal Care (ANC) including diagnostics and counselling services as part of the **Reproductive Maternal Neonatal Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) Strategy**.
- One of the key focus areas of PMSMA is to generate demand through Information Education & Communication (IEC), Inter-personal Communication (IPC) and Behavior Change Communication (BCC) activities.
- Extensive use of audio-visual and print media in raising mass awareness is an integral part of IEC/BCC campaign.
- Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM), Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) and Anganwadi Worker (AWW) play a pivotal role in mobilization of the community and potential beneficiaries in **both rural and urban areas** for availing of services during the PMSMA. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.

3. Answer: D

Explanation

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- **Doklam** is a high plateau and a valley, lying between **China's** Chumbi Valley to the north, **Bhutan's** Ha District to the east and **India's** Sikkim state to the west.
- The **Galwan** Valley lies along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), which serves as the de facto border between **India** and **China**. This valley is situated at a high altitude, around 14,000 feet, and is characterized by challenging terrain.
- The **Lipulekh Pass** is a Himalayan pass on the border between Uttarakhand, **India** and the **Tibet region** of China, near their trijunction with **Nepal**. The territorial claims surrounding Lipulekh Pass have led to geopolitical tensions between India and Nepal.

1.	Lipulekh	Indo-Nepal
2.	Galwan	Indo-China
3.	Doklam	India, Bhutan and China

4. Answer: B

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Explanation

About E-shram Portal

- The E-shram portal was launched by the **Ministry of Labour and Employment** in 2021 to **register 38 crore unorganised workers**, such as construction labourers, migrant workforce, street vendors and domestic workers, among others. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- The workers are issued an **e-Shram card containing a 12 digit unique number**. This is a **permanent number** and valid for lifetime. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.
- The portal is open to workers engaged in the unorganised sector and **aged between 16-59 years**.
- There are **no income criteria** for registering on e-Shram as an unorganised worker. However, the worker **should not be an income tax payee**. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- It is envisaged that **all the social security benefits** to unorganized workers will be delivered through this portal.
- The portal was developed by the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**, in technical collaboration with the **National Informatics Centre** under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Why in News?

- The Ministry of Labour & Employment has launched the **revamped and upgraded version of the eShram portal**, now offering additional features to serve as a **'One Stop Solution' for the benefit of unorganised workers**.
- The move would provide **seamless access of different Social Security Schemes** to the unorganised workers registered on the eShram portal.
- The primary purpose of the "eShram One Stop Solution" is to **simplify the registration process** for unorganised workers and **facilitate their access to government welfare schemes**.

5. Answer: A

Explanation

BRICS Expansion

- The Arab League, formally known as the **League of Arab States**, was established in **1945** with initially just **six nations**: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria, to promote the **independence, sovereignty, affairs, and interests of its member countries and observers**.
- Currently, it has **22 member states**, who have pledged to **cooperate on economic and military affairs, among other issues**.
- Its membership includes Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**. Iran is not a member. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.

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