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1. 'Digital arrest' refers to

- A. Fraudsters impersonating law enforcement officials and falsely accusing victims of illegal activities.
- B. Law enforcement agencies targeting the seizure of digital assets linked to suspected money laundering operations.
- C. Social media channels of those accused of hate speech being suspended to prevent the spread of harmful content.
- D. None of the above

2. Consider the following statements about the Aditya L-1 Mission.

- 1) Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VLEC) is one of the main payloads of the spacecraft.
- 2) VLEC can help to study the solar corona from the lowermost part upwards.
- 3) Coronal mass ejections have the potential to disrupt radio communication networks on earth.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

3. With reference to the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), consider the following statements.

- 1) The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) seeks to implement a set of personal laws applicable equally to all citizens, irrespective of their religion.
- 2) Directive Principle of State Policy (DPSP) directs the State to secure a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about reservations.

- 1) Articles 17 guarantee equality to all citizens in public employment.

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2) The Supreme Court fixed a cap of 50% for reservation, in the Golaknath case.

Which of the statements(s) given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements in respect of the Collegium.

- 1) It is a body comprising the Chief Justice of India and the four senior most judges of the Supreme Court.
- 2) It is clearly defined in the constitution.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Solutions:

1. Answer: A

Explanation

- In **digital arrest scam**, perpetrators pose as **law enforcement officials**, such as CBI agents, income tax officers, or customs agents, and initiate contact with victims via phone calls.
- Subsequently, they request that the victims switch to **video communication** through platforms like WhatsApp and Skype. The scammers then threaten the victims with a digital arrest warrant, citing various reasons such as financial misconduct, tax evasion, or other legal violations. Hence, **answer is option A**.
- In certain instances, these fraudsters create a **police station-like set-up** to further convince victims that the call is legitimate. Under the guise of “clearing their name”, “assisting with the investigation”, or “refundable security deposit/escrow account”, individuals are coerced into transferring large sums of money to specified bank accounts or UPI IDs.
- Once the **victims comply and make the payment, the scammers vanish**, leaving the victims to face financial loss and potential identity theft.

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2. Answer: D

Explanation:

- ISRO successfully launched the country's first space mission to study the sun, **Aditya-L1**.
- The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (**PSLV**) carried the 1,475-kg spacecraft to an elliptical orbit around the Earth.
- The main payload is the Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (**VLEC**), designed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, which will help study the **solar corona** from the lowermost part upwards. The VLEC can image the solar corona down to 1.05 times the solar radius, the closest any such payload has imaged. Hence, **statements 1 and 2 are correct**.
- The payloads on the mission will study the upper atmospheric layers of the Sun called chromosphere and corona. They will study the expulsion of plasma and magnetic fields called coronal mass ejection (**CME**). The magnetic field of the corona and the drivers of the space weather will also be studied.
- CME can damage the electronics in satellite in near-earth space and disrupt radio communication networks on the earth. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

3. Answer: C

Explanation

- **The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is a proposal** aimed at creating and implementing a set of **personal laws applicable equally to all citizens, irrespective of their religion**. Currently, personal laws related to **marriage, divorce, inheritance, and other civil matters** differ significantly across various religious communities. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- **Article 44**, part of **DPSP** of the constitution states that *the State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India*. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.

4. Answer: D

Explanation

What is the history of reservation?

- **Articles 15 and 16** guarantee equality to all citizens in any policy of the government and public employment respectively. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.

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- In order to achieve **social justice**, they also enable **special provisions for the advancement of socially and educationally backward classes or OBC, Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST)**.
- **Reservations for SC and ST are fixed at 15% and 7.5%** respectively, in jobs, educational institutions and public sector undertakings (PSU) at the central level.
- It was in **1990**, when **V. P. Singh** was Prime Minister, that **27% reservation for OBC** was implemented in **central government employment** based on **Mandal Commission (1980)** recommendations.
- Subsequently in **2005**, reservation was enabled for OBC, SC and ST in **educational institutions including private institutions**.
- In **2019**, **10% reservation** was enabled for the **Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)** among the unreserved category.

What is the creamy layer?

- The 27% reservation for OBC was **upheld by the Supreme Court** in the **Indra Sawhney case (1992)**.
- It opined that **caste is a determinant of class in the Indian context**. However, in order to uphold the basic structure of equality, it **fixed a cap of 50%** for reservation unless there are exceptional circumstances. The court also provided for **exclusion of creamy layer from OBC**. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- The **criteria for identifying a person as part of the creamy layer** is based on the **recommendations of the Justice Ram Nandan Prasad Committee (1993)**.
- It is determined by the **position/income of an applicant's parents alone**. The criteria for belonging to creamy layer is parental income, excluding income from salary and agricultural income, being **more than ₹8 lakh in each year in the last three consecutive financial years**.
- Further, the following categories of applicants are also considered as **belonging to creamy layer** : (a) parents, either of whom entered government service (centre or State) as Group A/Class I officer or parents, both of whom entered as Group B/Class II officers or father, who was recruited in Group B/Class II post and promoted to Group A/Class I before 40 years of age; (b) either of the parents employed in a managerial position in PSUs; (c) either of the parents holding constitutional posts.

5. Answer: A

Explanation:

- Under the system, the **Chief Justice of India along with four senior-most Supreme Court judges** recommend appointments and transfers of judges. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.

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- A High Court Collegium, meanwhile, is led by the incumbent Chief Justice and the two senior most judges of that court.
- The Collegium system is **not rooted in the Constitution**. Instead, it has evolved through judgments of the Supreme Court. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- In this system, the government's role is limited to getting an inquiry conducted by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) if a lawyer is to be elevated as a judge in a High Court or the Supreme Court.
- The government can also raise objections and seek clarifications regarding the Collegium's choices, but, if the Collegium reiterates the same names, the government is bound, under Constitution Bench judgments, to appoint them to the post.

