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1. Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24 is a Bilateral Special Forces Exercise between

- A. India and Australia
- B. India and Italy
- C. India and Indonesia
- D. India and Japan

2. With reference to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), consider the following statements.

- 1) It is an executive body.
- 2) It aims to safeguard the interests of the farmers.

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

3. With reference to the PM GatiShakti Project, consider the following statements.

- 1) It aims at improving multimodal connectivity.
- 2) It is an inter-ministerial initiative.
- 3) It incorporates infrastructure schemes under central government and state governments, and economic zones,

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

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

4. Consider the following statements about the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

- 1) It is a non-governmental organization dealing with international migration.
- 2) IOM serves as coordinator of the United Nations network on migration.
- 3) One of the objectives of IOM is to facilitate pathways for regular migration.

How many of the above statements(s) is/are correct?

- A. Only one

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

5. Consider the following statements about the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

- 1) ILO is the only tripartite U.N. agency which brings together governments, employers and workers.
- 2) India joined ILO in 2020.

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: C

Explanation

- The Indian Army contingent has departed for Jakarta, Indonesia to take part in the 9th edition of Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24.
- Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24 is a **Bilateral Special Forces Exercise between India-Indonesia**. Hence, **answer is option C**.
- The aim of the exercise is to acquaint both the sides with each other's operating procedures, enhance mutual understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Special Forces of both armies.

2. Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Food Corporation of India (FCI) is a **statutory corporation** under the **Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- It was setup in 1965 under the **Food Corporation's Act 1964** to fulfill following objectives of the Food Policy:

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- **Effective price support operations** for safeguarding the interests of the farmers, Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
- **Distribution of foodgrains** throughout the country for public distribution system and
- **Maintaining satisfactory level of operational and buffer stocks of foodgrains** to ensure national food security.
- FCI's foremost priority is to **ensure food security** for the nation by effectively managing the procurement, storage, and distribution of essential commodities, thereby providing a reliable and sufficient food supply to meet the needs of the population.

Why in News?

- FCI has started procurement of paddy in Punjab.

3. Answer: D

Explanation

- In 2021, the Government of India **launched the “PM GatiShakti — National Master Plan”** for **infrastructure development** aimed at boosting multimodal connectivity and driving down logistics costs. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- PM GatiShakti is a **digital platform that connects 16 ministries** — including Roads and Highways, Railways, Shipping, Petroleum and Gas, Power, Telecom, Shipping, and Aviation- with a view to **ensuring holistic planning and execution of infrastructure projects.** Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
- The GatiShakti portal will offer **200 layers of geospatial data**, including on existing infrastructure such as roads, highways, railways, and toll plazas, as well as geographic information about forests, rivers and district boundaries to **aid in planning and obtaining clearances.**
- The portal will also allow various government departments to **track**, in real time and at one centralised place, the **progress of various projects**, especially those with multi-sectoral and multi-regional impact.
- By incorporating infrastructure schemes under various ministries of central government and state governments, and economic zones, the GatiShakti platform aims to **boost last-mile connectivity and bring down logistics costs with integrated planning and reducing implementation overlap.** Hence, **statement 3 is correct.**

Why in News?

- The 82nd meeting of the Network Planning Group (NPG) under the PM GatiShakti initiative was held recently.

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4. Answer: B

Explanation

- Established in **1951**, International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the **leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration**. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- IOM works to ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to the challenges of migration and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.
- In 2016, IOM entered into an **agreement with the United Nations**, becoming a **related organization**.
- IOM serves as **coordinator of the United Nations network on migration**, established by the Secretary-General in 2018. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- According to IOM's latest strategic plan, the organization's **three main objectives** for 2024-2028 are:
 - to save lives and protect people on the move,
 - drive solutions to displacement and
 - facilitate pathways for regular migration. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

Why in News?

- The head of the International Organization for Migration said that over 14 million people had fled their homes in Sudan, either inside the country or over its borders.
- The civil war in Sudan, which erupted in 2023, has led to one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent times.
- The conflict primarily involves the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) paramilitary group, resulting in widespread violence and displacement.

5. Answer: A

Explanation:

- The International Labour Organisation was created in **1919**, as part of the **Treaty of Versailles** that ended World War I.
- In **1944**, ILO adopted the **Declaration of Philadelphia** which embodies basic principles of economic justice.
- It became the **first specialized agency of the UN** in 1946.
- ILO is the **only tripartite U.N. agency which brings together governments, employers and workers** of 187 member States, to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.

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- **India is a founder member** of the ILO. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect.**
- It is headquartered in **Geneva, Switzerland.**

Why in News?

- The 352nd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is being held at Geneva (Switzerland).

