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Daily MCQs: 19-11-2024

**1. 'Right to Shelter' is protected under which Article of the Constitution of India?**

- A. Article 14
- B. Article 17
- C. Article 19
- D. Article 21

**2. Consider the following statements.**

- 1) India is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- 2) Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act draws from the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 3) United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) obliges India to promote accessibility as an essential right.

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

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

**3. Consider the following statements about Generic drugs.**

- 1) Generic drugs are drugs produced by other manufacturers once the patent for the original drug expires.
- 2) A generic drug is slightly inferior to an already existing brand-name drug in terms of quality and performance characteristics.
- 3) Generic drugs are slightly expensive compared to their branded counterparts.

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

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

**4. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).**

- 1) The scheme aims to provide access to clean cooking fuel to poor households.

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- 2) The scheme releases deposit free LPG connections in the name of the eldest male member of the family.

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

5. Consider the following statements.

**Statement I:** 15th November is celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is celebrated.

**Statement II:** It is the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II is the correct explanation for Statement I
- B. Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II is not the correct explanation for Statement I
- C. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- D. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

Solutions:

1. Answer: D

Explanation

- **Imposing a pan-India ban on instant 'bulldozer justice'**, Supreme Court has held **demolition of a citizen's house** merely because he is an accused or even a convict, that too without following the due process as prescribed by law, will be **"totally unconstitutional"**.
- The apex court underlined that **right to shelter is part of right to life guaranteed under Article 21** of the Constitution. Hence, **answer is option D**.
- It laid down **detailed guidelines** for razing illegal structures and ruled that a **state cannot breach a family's right to shelter** by demolishing their house only because one of its members is accused of a heinous crime.
- The order calls for **15 days' notice**, served on the owner by registered post, containing details of the violations as well as the grounds for the action to be taken.
- A **personal hearing**, a **reasoned order** and an **inspection report** signed by witnesses have also been made mandatory.

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2. Answer: C

### Explanation

#### Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act:

- As a signatory to the **United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**, India is obligated to promote accessibility as an essential right. Hence, **statements 1 and 3 are correct.**
- Enacted in **2016**, the RPwD Act draws on the CRPD and aims “to **ensure that all persons with disabilities can lead their lives with dignity, without discrimination and with equal opportunities.**” Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
  - The Act increased types of disabilities from **existing 7 to 21.**
  - **All Government institutions of higher education** and those **getting aid** from the Government are required to **reserve at least 5% of seats** for persons with benchmark disabilities.
  - **Four percent reservation** for persons with benchmark disabilities is to be provided in **posts of all Government establishments** with differential quotas for different forms of disabilities.
  - **Incentives to employers in the private sector** are to be given who provide **5% reservation** for persons with benchmark disability.
- The **RPwD Rules of 2017**, framed under the Act, were to lay down specific accessibility standards.
- So far, **17 standards and guidelines** have been notified across government ministries and departments. The **lack of uniformity across the different guidelines** would create issues in enforcement, the SC noted.
- It added that once the mandatory rules are prescribed, the Centre, state governments and union territories would have to **ensure that non-compliance with the accessibility standards is penalised.**

#### Why in news?

- A bench of the Supreme Court has ordered the Union government to **frame mandatory rules for ensuring the accessibility of public places and services to persons with disabilities.**
- The apex court **reaffirmed accessibility as a fundamental right** and noted that the **provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act were not being treated as mandatory.**

3. Answer: A

### Explanation

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### Generic drugs

- When a company develops a new drug — often after years of research — it applies for a patent, which **prohibits anyone else from making the drug for a fixed period** (usually 20 years unless specified).
- To recover the cost of research and development, companies usually price their brand-name drugs on the higher side.
- Once the patent expires, other manufacturers duplicate and market their own versions of the drug — known as **Generic drugs**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- A generic drug is **created to be the same as an already existing brand-name drug** in dosage form, safety, strength, route of administration, quality, performance characteristics, and intended use. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- Generic drugs are **equally effective and inexpensive (50%-90% less)** compared to their branded counterparts. Hence, **statement 3 is incorrect**.

### 4. Answer: A

### Explanation

#### About Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

- The **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas** launched PMUY to release **deposit free LPG connections** in the **name of adult women members of poor households** across the country. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- Launched in **2016**, the primary objective of the PMUY is to **provide access to clean cooking fuel LPG** to poor households thereby protecting their health by reducing the serious health hazards associated with use of conventional cooking fuel such as firewood, coal, cow dung etc. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- Under the scheme, **cash assistance of Rs. 1600** is given to the beneficiaries to get a deposit-free new connection.
- Additionally, all PMUY beneficiaries will be provided with **first LPG refill and stove (hotplate) both free of cost** by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).
- A **targeted subsidy of Rs.300** per LPG cylinder for upto 12 refills per year is also provided to PMUY consumers.

#### Beneficiaries

- Initially, the beneficiaries were identified through Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC), 2011 data.
- The **scope of PMUY was later expanded to cover all the poor families in the country** subject to fulfilling the terms and conditions.

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5. Answer: A

**Explanation:**

- In 2021, Government of India had declared that the **birth anniversary (15th November)** of Bhagwan Birsa Munda will be celebrated as **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas**. Hence, **answer is option A**.
- Birsa Munda (1875–1900) was a **religious leader and folk hero** from the **Munda Tribe** of the **Chhota Nagpur Plateau area**.
- He spearheaded a **tribal religious movement named Munda Rebellion/Ulgulan/ Great Tumult** that arose in the tribal belt of **modern-day Bihar and Jharkhand** in the late 19th century, as a response to the oppressive policies of the British such as new land settlement systems.

