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1. 'HarvestPlus' initiative aims at

- A. Producing biofortified strains of fundamental crops.
- B. Producing genetically modified strains of fundamental crops.
- C. Producing draught resistant strains of fundamental crops.
- D. Producing hybrid strains of fundamental crops.

2. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

- 1) The scheme aims at correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services.
- 2) One of its components aims at making India a medical tourism hub.

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

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

3. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

- 1) The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana provides crop insurance against all non-preventable natural risks.
- 2) Farmers pay a uniform premium for all the crops.

Which of the above given statement(s) 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 Birsa Munda.

- 1) Birsa Munda encouraged the tribals to follow the Birsa Raj.
- 2) He encouraged tribals to understand their cultural roots and observe unity.
- 3) He was thankful towards missionaries for their efforts to improve the lives of the tribals.

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two

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- C. All three
- D. None

5. Consider the following statements.

Statement I: G20 deals with matters related to only macroeconomics.

Statement II: The G20 was founded after the Asian financial crisis as a forum for the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to discuss global economic and financial issues.

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: A

Explanation

- **HarvestPlus initiative** has effectively produced **biofortified strains of fundamental crops** such as rice, maize, and sweet potatoes to mitigate nutrient shortfalls in developing nations. Hence, **answer is option A.**
- These biofortified crops play a very important role in **addressing hidden hunger** and deficiencies in micronutrients.
- Agriculture is an instrumental means of farming biofortified crops, which are **genetically altered plants** to contain higher levels of micronutrients such as iron, zinc, and vitamin A.

2. Answer: A

Explanation

- Government of India is implementing Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) which aims at **correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services and to augment facilities for quality medical education** in the country. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- It was launched in **2006.**
- PMSSY has two components :-

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- **Setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS); and**
 - **Upgradation of existing Government Medical Colleges/Institutions (GMCI)s.**
- Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect.**

3. Answer: A

Explanation

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), launched in **2016** provides **crop insurance** to ensure comprehensive risk cover for crops to farmers against **all non-preventable natural risks** from pre-sowing to post-harvest and to provide adequate claim amounts. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- Farmers pay a low premium (**2% for Kharif, 1.5% for Rabi, and 5% for annual commercial/horticultural crops**), with the remaining cost shared by governments. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect.**

4. Answer: A

Explanation

- He **encouraged the tribals to follow the Birsa Raj** and to not comply with colonial laws and rent payments. He encouraged tribals to **understand their cultural roots and observe unity.** Hence, **statements 1 and 2 are correct.**
- Birsa started the faith of **Birsait.** The religion believed in **One God** and encouraged tribals who had converted to other religions to revert to their original religious beliefs. Hence, **statement 3 is incorrect.**

About Birsa Munda

- 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.
 - Though the movement was suppressed by the British, it led to the enactment of the **Tenancy Act (1903)** which recognised the **khuntkhatti system.**
 - 'Khuntkatti' system is joint ownership or holding of land by tribal lineage.
- In 2021, Government of India had declared that the **birth anniversary (15th November)** of Bhagwan Birsa Munda will be celebrated as **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.**

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5. Answer: D

Explanation:

Genesis of G20

- The G20 was founded in **1999** after the **Asian financial crisis** as a forum for the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to discuss global economic and financial issues. Hence, **statement II is correct**.
- It was **upgraded to the level of Heads of State/Government** in the wake of the global economic and financial crisis of 2007, and, in 2009, was designated the “**premier forum for international economic cooperation**”.
- The forum initially dealt with **matters related to macroeconomics**, but over the years, its agenda has **expanded to cover** issues relating to trade, climate change, sustainable development, health, agriculture, energy, environment, climate change, and anti-corruption. Hence, **statement I is incorrect**.

About G20

- The Group of Twenty (G20) is an **intergovernmental forum** comprising **19 countries** - Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States and the **European Union**.
- At the G20 Summit held in India in 2023, the **African Union**, which represents the 55 countries in the African continent, was given **full membership** in the grouping.