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1. Consider the following statements about Guru Ghasidas- Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve.

- 1) It is the largest tiger reserve in India.
- 2) It is located in the state of Odisha.
- 3) The tiger reserve is contiguous with the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.

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

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

2. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

- 1) One of its objectives is doubling the incomes of fishers and fish farmers.
- 2) The scheme aims at creation of Fisheries clusters through backward and forward linkages.
- 3) PMMSY is implemented as a Central Sector Scheme.

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

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

3. Consider the following statements about Solar Cycle and Sunspot activity.

- 1) Solar maximum is when the Sun has the most sunspots.
- 2) The end of the solar cycle is the solar maximum
- 3) Sunspots arise due to disturbances in the sun's magnetic field.

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

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

4. Consider the following.

- 1) Children
- 2) Adolescent girls

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- 3) Pregnant women
- 4) Senior citizens
- 5) Lactating mothers

Mission POSHAN 2.0 focuses on addressing malnutrition in how many of the above groups?

- A. Only two
- B. Only three
- C. Only four
- D. All five

5. Consider the following about absentee voting.

- 1) Individuals who are unable to vote in person due to illness are eligible for absentee voting.
- 2) Members of the armed forces, deployed on election duty, are not eligible for absentee voting.

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

Solutions:

1. Answer: A

Explanation

Guru Ghasidas- Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve

- **Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh** has been notified as **India's 56th tiger reserve. Hence, statement 2 is incorrect**
- It is the **third largest tiger reserve** in India after **Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh** and **Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam. Hence, statement 1 is incorrect.**
- This tiger reserve is located in Chhattisgarh encompasses the **Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- The tiger reserve is contiguous with the **Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh** and is also connected to **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh** to the West and **Palamau Tiger Reserve in Jharkhand** to the East. Hence, **statement 3 is correct.**
- The forests are primarily made up of distinct species of flora such as **Teak, Sal, Tendu, Mahua, etc**

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- **Fauna** species found here include **Tigers, Leopards, Jackals, Barking deer, Wild Boar, Sloth bear.**

2. Answer: B

Explanation

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

- The central government launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in **2020** to bring about the **Blue Revolution** through **sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector** in India.
- PMMSY is being implemented in all the States and Union Territories for a period of **5 years** from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.
- It is implemented by the **Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.**

Objectives

- It is a flagship scheme for **integrated, sustainable, inclusive development of the marine and inland fisheries sector.**
- It aims at enhancing **fish production by an additional 70 lakh tonnes** by 2024-25, **increasing fisheries export earnings to Rs.1,00,000 crore** by 2024-25, **doubling of incomes** of fishers and fish farmers, **reducing post-harvest losses** from 20-25% to about **10%**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- It is designed to **address critical gaps in fish production and productivity**, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of value chain, traceability and establishing a robust fisheries management framework and fishers' welfare.
- It primarily focuses on adopting '**Cluster or Area based approaches**' and creation of **Fisheries clusters** through backward and forward linkages. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
- The scheme also aims at generating additional **55 lakhs direct and indirect gainful employment opportunities** in the fisheries sector and allied activities.
- Under PMMSY, **financial assistance for livelihood and nutritional support** are provided for traditional and socio-economically backward, eligible active marine and inland fishermen families during the fishing ban period.
- PMMSY also supports **insurance coverage** for fishermen and offers **interest subvention schemes** for fishing vessels.
- PMMSY is implemented as an umbrella scheme having **both Centrally Sector Components and Centrally Sponsored Scheme Components.** Hence, **statement 3 is incorrect.**

3. Answer: B

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Explanation

Solar Cycle and Sunspot activity

- **Sunspots** are darker, cooler areas on the surface of the sun that arise due to **disturbances in the sun's magnetic field**. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.
- The **total number of sunspots varies** during the 11-year solar cycle.
- The **middle of the solar cycle** is the **solar maximum**, or when the Sun has the **most sunspots**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- As the **cycle ends**, it fades back to the **solar minimum** and then a new cycle begins. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.

4. Answer: C

Explanation

- **Mission POSHAN 2.0** is an **Integrated Nutrition Support Programme**. It seeks to address the challenges of **malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers** through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and by creation of a convergent eco-system to develop and promote practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity. Hence, **answer is option C, as Senior Citizens are not covered under the scheme**.
- Poshan 2.0 will seek to optimize the **quality and delivery of food** under the Supplementary Nutrition Program.
- Mission Poshan 2.0 will contribute to **human capital development** of the country; address **malnutrition** challenges; promote **nutrition awareness** and **good eating habits** for sustainable health & well-being and address nutrition related deficiencies through key strategies.
- Under the programme, nutritional norms and standards and quality and testing of THR will be improved and greater stakeholder and beneficiary participation will be promoted besides traditional community food habits. Poshan 2.0 will bring 3 important programmes/schemes under its ambit, viz., **Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Poshan Abhiyaan**.

5. Answer: A

Explanation:

About Absentee voting

- Postal voting, also known as **absentee voting**, is a method of voting in which **electors cast their ballots by mail** rather than in person at a polling station.

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- This method is particularly useful for individuals who are **unable to vote in person** due to various reasons, such as being away from their home constituency, having a disability, or being engaged in essential services on election day.

Who is eligible for postal ballots?

- The eligibility criteria for postal ballots **vary depending on the specific election and jurisdiction**. However, some **common categories** of eligible voters include:
 - **Service voters:** Members of the armed forces, paramilitary forces, and other government employees deployed on election duty far from their home constituencies. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
 - **Absentee voters:** Individuals who are unable to vote in person due to reasons such as being away from their home constituency for work, illness, or disability. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
 - **Electors on election duty:** Government officials and polling staff who are assigned duties at polling stations other than their own.
 - **Electors under preventive detention:** Individuals who are detained under preventive custody orders during the election period.
 - **Note:** The Election Commission of India allowed **media persons** covering election activities and **senior citizens who are 85 years and older** to cast their vote through postal ballots in the recently held general elections.