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1. Consider the following statements about the PRASHAD Scheme.

- 1) The scheme aims at achieving integrated development of pilgrimage and heritage destinations.
- 2) The scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme with funding responsibility shared between the state and center.
- 3) Projects are implemented through the identified agencies by the respective State Governments.

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 Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN).

- 1) The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) was established under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- 2) The DBN has the mandate to support delivery of telecommunication service in underserved areas.
- 3) The balance to the credit of DBN lapses at the end of the financial year.

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 Hepatitis.

- 1) Hepatitis can be caused only by a viral infection.
- 2) Jaundice may be a symptom of Hepatitis.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

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D. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

- 1) The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is the implementing body for the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- 2) India is a member of the OPCW.
- 3) OPCW oversees the global endeavour to permanently eliminate chemical weapons.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. 'One Nation One Subscription' offers

- A. Country-wide access to Doordarshan channels free of cost.
- B. Country-wide unified payment for toll charges.
- C. Country-wide access to scholarly research articles and journal publication.
- D. Country-wide free electricity for farmers.

Solutions:

1. Answer: B

PRASHAD Scheme

- The 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) was launched by the **Ministry of Tourism** in the year 2014-15 with the objective of **integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations**. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- It is a **Central Sector Scheme with complete financial assistance by the Government of India**. Hence, **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- The scheme has been launched with the vision of focused infrastructure development to **harness pilgrimage and heritage tourism destinations** for its direct and multiplier effect upon **employment generation and economic development**.

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- The scheme aimed at infrastructure development such as entry points (Road, Rail and Water Transport), last mile connectivity, basic tourism facilities like Information/ Interpretation Centers, ATM/ Money exchange, eco-friendly modes of transport, area Lighting and illumination with renewable sources of energy, parking, drinking water, toilets, etc.

Implementation Agency

- The projects identified under this scheme shall be implemented through the identified agencies by the **respective State/ Union Territory Government**. Hence, **statement 3 is correct**.

2. Answer: A

Explanation

Digital Bharat Nidhi

- The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) was established under the **Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003** in 2002. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- The **Telecommunications Act, 2023** renamed USOF as **Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)**.
- The DBN has the mandate to **support universal service** through **promoting access and delivery of telecommunication service in underserved rural, remote and urban areas**. Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.
- The balance to the credit of DBN, collected as **Universal Access Levy, does not lapse at the end of the financial year**. Hence, **statement 3 is incorrect**.

3. Answer: B

Explanation

About Hepatitis

- Hepatitis refers to an inflammatory condition of the liver. Usually caused by a **viral infection**, but there exists **other possible causes** of hepatitis which are autoimmune responses, medications, drugs, toxins, and alcohol. Hence, **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- There are **5 main hepatitis viruses**, referred to as types **A, B, C, D, and E**.
- Acute infection may occur with limited or no symptoms, or may include **symptoms** such as **jaundice** (yellowing of the skin and eyes), **dark urine**, extreme fatigue, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain Hence, **statement 2 is correct**.

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4. Answer: C

Explanation

About Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

- The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is the **implementing body for the Chemical Weapons Convention**, which prohibits the development, production, stock-piling and use of chemical weapons. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- The OPCW, with its 193 Member States (including **India**), oversees the global endeavour to permanently and verifiably eliminate chemical weapons. Hence, **statements 2 and 3 are correct**.
- OPCW was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 2013 for its comprehensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons.

5. Answer: C

Explanation:

One Nation One Subscription

- The Union Cabinet has approved One Nation One Subscription, a **new Central Sector Scheme** for providing **country-wide access to scholarly research articles and journal publication**. Hence, **answer is option C**.
- The scheme will be administered through a simple, user friendly and fully digital process.
- The benefits of One Nation One Subscription scheme will be provided to **all Higher Educational Institutions under the management of the Central or State Government and Research & Development Institutions of the Central Government**, through a **national subscription coordinated by a central agency**, namely the **Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET)**, an autonomous inter-university centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- The initiative will **expand access to scholarly journals** to a vast diaspora of students, faculty, researchers and scientists of all disciplines, including those in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, thereby promoting core as well as interdisciplinary research in the country.