

# OFFICERS IAS ACADEMY

## IAS ACADEMY RUN BY FORMER CIVIL SERVANTS

Daily MCQs: 04-12-2024

**1. Consider the following statements about the Border Security Force (BSF).**

- 1) BSF is the largest border guarding force in the world.
- 2) BSF is a paramilitary force under the Defence ministry.
- 3) India's borders with China, Myanmar and Nepal are guarded by the BSF.

**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 Internal Complaints Committee and Local Complaints Committee under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.**

- 1) The Local Complaints Committee will receive complaints from domestic workers.
- 2) Both the Complaints Committees have the powers of civil courts for gathering evidence.

**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. With reference to Foreigners Tribunals (FTs), consider the following statements.**

- 1) A Foreigners Tribunal has the powers of a civil court.
- 2) If a person fails to provide proof of citizenship, the Foreigners Tribunal has the powers to send him/her to a detention centre.

**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 funds.**

- 1) Venture capital funds
- 2) Exchange traded funds
- 3) PIPE funds
- 4) Mutual funds
- 5) Real estate funds

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Which of the above funds are considered as Alternate Investment Funds (AIFs)?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 3 and 5 only
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

5. "Mentor India - The Mentors of Change" is an initiative under

- A. Smart India Hackathon
- B. Atal Innovation Mission
- C. UNNATI
- D. Bharatiya Khel

Solutions:

1. Answer: A

Explanation

Border Security Force

- The Border Security Force (BSF) is the **largest border guarding force in the world** with a strength of nearly 2.65 lakh personnel. Hence, **statement 1 is correct**.
- It was formed in the wake of the **Indo-Pakistani War of 1965**.
- BSF was created as a **paramilitary force** under the **Ministry of Home Affairs** to safeguard India's borders with **Pakistan** and later with **Bangladesh**, ensuring national security, preventing illegal activities, and supporting counter-insurgency operations. Hence, **statements 2 and 3 are incorrect**.
- Since its inception, BSF has played a crucial role in defending India's territorial integrity and maintaining peace along the borders.

2. Answer: C

Explanation

- Every employer is required to constitute an **Internal Complaints Committee** at each office or branch with **10 or more employees**.
- Every district will have a **Local Complaints Committee (LCC)** so as to enable women in the unorganised sector or small establishments to work in an environment free of sexual harassment.
- The LCC will receive complaints:
  - From women working in an organisation having less than 10 workers;
  - When the complaint is against the employer himself;

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- From domestic workers. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- At least **50 percent** of the nominated members in any Internal or Local Committee must be women.
- The Complaints Committees have the powers of **civil courts** for gathering evidence. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**
- The Complaints Committees are required to provide for **conciliation** before initiating an inquiry, if requested by the complainant.

### 3. Answer: C

#### Explanation

##### How does a Foreigners Tribunal (FT) function?

- According to the 1964 order, an FT has the **powers of a civil court in certain matters** such as summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him or her on oath and requiring the production of any document. Hence, **statement 1 is correct.**
- An FT has to **dispose of a case within 60 days of reference.**
- If the person **fails to provide any proof of citizenship**, the FT can send him or her to a **detention centre**, now called **transit camp**, for deportation later. Hence, **statement 2 is correct.**

##### About Foreigners Tribunal

- The Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) are **quasi-judicial bodies** formed through the **Foreigners (Tribunals) Order of 1964** under the **Foreigners' Act of 1946.**
- The 1964 order **allows local authorities in a State to refer a person suspected to be a foreigner to tribunals.**
- The FTs are **currently exclusive to Assam** as cases of "illegal immigrants" are dealt with according to the Foreigners' Act in other States.
- Each FT is **headed by a member drawn from judges, advocates, and civil servants with judicial experience.**

### 4. Answer: C

#### Explanation

##### Categories of AIF:

- **Category I AIF:**
  - Venture capital funds (Including Angel Funds). Hence, **fund 1 is correct.**
  - Social Venture Funds
  - Infrastructure funds
- **Category II AIF** (real estate funds, private equity funds, funds for distressed assets, etc). Hence, **fund 5 is correct.**

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- **Category III AIF** (hedge funds, private investment in public equity (PIPE) Funds, etc.). Hence, **fund 3 is correct.**
  - *Mutual funds and Exchange traded funds are not covered under Alternate Investment funds. Hence, **answer is option C.***

### About AIF:

- Alternative Investment Fund or AIF is a **privately pooled investment vehicle**, which collects funds from investors, for investing it in accordance with a defined investment policy for the benefit of its investors.
- AIF **does not include funds covered under the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, SEBI (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 1999** or any other regulations of the Board to regulate fund management activities.
- In India, AIFs are regulated by the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012.**

### 5. Answer: B

### Explanation:

- To enable all other initiatives (under **Atal Innovation Mission**) to succeed, AIM has launched the “**Mentor India – The Mentors of Change**” programme, in collaboration with the public sector, corporates and institutions, to support all the initiatives of the mission. Hence, **answer is option B.**

### About Atal Innovation Mission

- The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is a flagship initiative set up by the **NITI Aayog** to **promote innovation and entrepreneurship** across the length and breadth of the country. It was setup in **2016.**
- Towards this end, AIM has taken a **holistic approach** to ensure creation of a problem-solving innovative mindset in schools and creating an ecosystem of entrepreneurship in universities, research institutions, private and MSME sector.

### Initiatives under Atal Innovation Mission

- Atal Tinkering Labs - at School Level
- Atal Incubators at Universities, Institutions, Industry Level
- Atal Community Innovation Centres
- Atal New India Challenges
- Applied Research and Innovation for Small Enterprises (ARISE)