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1. GovAI is a

- A. Pressure group of All India service officers
- B. Annual conference of all Governors and Lt. governors
- C. Novel concept of applying artificial intelligence in governance
- D. None of the above

2. Consider the following statements.

- 1) Copyright can be used to describe the rights that creators have over their literary works.
- 2) Paintings and sculptures can be protected using copyright.

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

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

3. Consider the following statements about The United Nations Peacekeeping Forces.

- 1) The UN Peacekeeping Forces may only be employed when both parties to a conflict accept their presence.
- 2) The operational control of the force belongs to the United Nations Security Council.
- 3) The Force is deployed only after an UN Security Council decision.

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 statements with reference to the Lok Adalats.

- 1. Lok Adalat serves as an alternative method of dispute resolution.
- 2. Lok Adalats are constitutional bodies.
- 3. The award made by the Lok Adalats is final and binding on all parties and no appeal lies against such an award before any court of law.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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5. Consider the following statements.

1. The Union Government passed Model Prisons Act 2023 to act as a framework for prison management.
2. Prison is a State subject under the Indian constitution.

Which one 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: C

Explanation:

- **GovAI** refers to a novel concept of applying artificial intelligence (AI) in **governance** to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of government operations, decision-making, and service delivery. **Hence answer is option C.**
- It aims to use AI-driven technologies, such as machine learning models, natural language processing, and predictive analytics, to transform governance into a more responsive, data-driven, and inclusive process.

2. Answer: D

Explanation:

- Copyright is a legal term used to describe the **rights that creators have over their literary and artistic works. Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- Works covered by copyright range from **books, music, paintings, sculpture and films, to computer programs, databases, advertisements, maps and technical drawings. Hence statement 2 is correct.**

3. Answer: A

Explanation:

- The United Nations Peacekeeping Forces are employed by the UN to **maintain or re-establish peace in an area of armed conflict.**
- The UN may engage in **conflicts between states as well as in struggles within states.** The UN acts as an **impartial third party** in order to prepare the ground for a settlement of the issues that have provoked armed conflict.
- The **three basic principles** that guide U.N.'s Peacekeeping missions are:
 - **Consent of the parties**
 - **Impartiality**
 - **Non-use of force except in self-defence and defence of the mandate.**

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- The UN Peacekeeping Forces may **only be employed when both parties to a conflict accept their presence. Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- The Peacekeeping Forces are **subordinate to the leadership of the United Nations.** They are normally deployed as a consequence of a **UN Security Council** decision. However, on occasion, the initiative has been taken by the **General Assembly.** Operational control belongs to the **Secretary-General and his secretariat. Hence statements 2 and 3 are incorrect.**
- The first UN peacekeeping mission was a team of observers deployed to the Middle East in 1948, during the **1948 Arab-Israeli War.**

4. Answer: B

Explanation:

- Lok Adalat (people's courts) is a body established by the government to settle disputes through **conciliation and compromise.**
- Lok Adalat is an **alternative method of dispute resolution.** It is a forum where **disputes or cases pending in the court of law or at the pre-litigation stage** are settled amicably. **Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- Lok Adalats have been given **statutory status** under the **Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- Under the Act, the **award made by the Lok Adalats is deemed to be a decree of a civil court** and is **final and binding** on all parties and **no appeal lies against such an award** before any court of law. **Hence statement 3 is correct.**
- If the parties are not satisfied with the award of the Lok Adalat, though there is **no provision for an appeal against such an award,** they are **free to initiate litigation** by approaching the court of appropriate jurisdiction by filing a case by following the required procedure, in exercise of their right to litigate.

5. Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Model Prisons Act 2023:** Prison is a State subject and so the Union Government has come up with this model to act as a framework for prison management. **Hence, statements 1 and 2 are correct.**
- The salient features of this act are,
 - Provision for security assessment and segregation of prisoners, individual sentence planning,
 - Grievance redressal, prison development board, attitudinal change towards prisoners.
 - Provision of separate accommodation for women prisoners, transgender, etc.
 - Provision for use of technology in prison administration with a view to bring transparency in prison administration.
 - Provision for video conferencing with courts, scientific and technological interventions in prisons, etc.
 - Provision of punishment for prisoners and jail staff for use of prohibited items like mobile phones etc. in jails.

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- Provision regarding establishment and management of high security jail, open jail (open and semi open), etc.
- Provision for protecting the society from the criminal activities of hardened criminals and habitual offenders, etc.
- Provision for legal aid to prisoners, provision of parole, furlough and premature release etc. to incentivise good conduct.
- Focus on vocational training and skill development of prisoners and their reintegration into the society.

