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## 1. Strait of Gibraltar connects

- A. Arabian Sea and Indian ocean
- B. Red Sea and Indian ocean
- C. Mediterranean Sea and Indian ocean
- D. Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic ocean

## 2. Consider the following pairs.

S. No	Constitutional Amendment	Provision
1.	99th	33 per cent reservation for women in both Lok Sabha and state assemblies.
2.	101st	Replace the collegium system of appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges by establishing a National Judicial Appointment Commission (NJAC).
3.	106th	GST regime was brought in under the 'One Nation One Tax' slogan.

Which of the above given pair(s) is/are *incorrectly* matched?

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

## 3. Consider the following statements about the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM).

- 1) National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) aims at creating a unified national market for agricultural commodities.

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- 2) e-NAM is completely funded by the Central Government.
- 3) National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) abolishes all the existing Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis.

**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 Supreme Court.**

1. The Constitution of India originally provided for a maximum of 30 judges for the Supreme Court.
2. The maximum possible number of judges for the Supreme Court can only be altered by a constitutional amendment.
3. Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

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

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

**5. Consider the following statements about Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).**

1. The major role of the CCI is to undertake price support operations, whenever the market prices of kapas fall below the minimum support prices.
2. CCI undertakes commercial purchase operations during lean seasons.

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

- A. 1 only

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

### Solutions:

1. Answer: D

### Explanation:



2. Answer: C

### Explanation:

- **The Ninety Ninth Amendment Act, 2014:** This act sought to replace the collegium system of appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges by establishing a **National Judicial Appointment Commission (NJAC)**. Hence pair 1 is incorrectly matched.
- **The Hundred First Amendment Act, 2016:** This act brought the **GST regime** in existence under the 'One Nation One Tax' slogan. Hence pair 2 is incorrectly matched.

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- **The Hundred Sixth Amendment Act, 2023:** This has finally paved the way for **33 per cent reservation for women** in both Lok Sabha and state assemblies. **Hence pair 3 is incorrectly matched.**

### 3. Answer: B

#### Explanation:

- National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) is a **pan-India electronic trading portal** which networks the existing Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis to create a **unified national market for agricultural commodities**. **Hence statement 1 is correct and statement 3 is incorrect.**
- It provides the farmers access to nationwide market, with prices commensurate with the quality of their produce.
- Launched in **2016**, e-NAM is **completely funded by the Central Government** and is implemented by **Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)**, under the aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**
- e-NAM portal enables farmers to **trade their produce through their nearby e-NAM mandis** and **facilitate traders to bid online from any location**.
- The e-NAM portal provides **single window services** for all APMC related information and services such as commodity arrivals, quality & prices and buy & sell offers, etc.

### 4. Answer: A

#### Explanation:

#### Article 124: Establishment and Constitution of the Supreme Court

- (1) There shall be a Supreme Court of India consisting of a Chief Justice of India and, until Parliament by law prescribes a larger number, of not more than 7 other Judges. **Hence statements 1 and 2 are incorrect.**

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- (2) Every Judge of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal and shall hold office until he attains the age of sixty-five years.  
**Hence statement 3 is correct.**

#### 5. Answer: C

#### Explanation:

- Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) was established in **1970** under the **administrative control of the Ministry of Textiles** as a **Public Sector Undertaking** under the **Companies Act 1956**.
- In the initial period of setting up, as the only public sector undertaking in the field of marketing of cotton, CCI played a role of a canalizing agency for imports of cotton and purchase of raw cotton for giving necessary price support to enterprising cultivators and also for procuring raw cotton for textile mills.
- The role and function of CCI continued to enlarge with the changing cotton scenario in the country.
- Now, the major role of the CCI is to **undertake price support operations**, whenever the market prices of kapas fall below the minimum support prices (MSP) announced by Govt. of India, **without any quantitative limit. Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- Besides MSP operations, to **fulfil the raw material requirement** of the domestic textile industry particularly for lean season, CCI undertakes **commercial purchase operations. Hence statement 2 is correct.**