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1. 'Shayara Bano v. Union of India' case often talked about in the media is linked with

- Declaration of the practice of instant triple talaq (talaq-e-biddah) as unconstitutional
- Hormonius balance between fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy
- Declaration of Right to privacy as a fundamental right
- Curtailling misues of Article 356 by the center.

2. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is an executive body.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is chaired by the Prime Minister.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is under the operational control of the Prime Minister's Office.

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

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

3. Consider the following statements with reference to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

- If a child fails to fulfil promotion criteria in Class 5 in the regular examination, they can be expelled.
- If a child fails to fulfil promotion criteria in Class 8 in the regular examination, they can be held back.
- There is an emphasis on remedial measures for detained students to close learning gaps.

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

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

4. Consider the following statements with reference to the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958.

- A foreigner can enter a protected area only with a permit.
- These permits are to be issued by the State government or any office authorised by it.
- The permit typically includes only the 'place of entry' and the 'period of stay' can extend as long as the visitor wishes to stay.

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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 the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

1. The treaty aims at minimizing barriers to international trade by reducing quotas, tariffs, and subsidies
2. GATT is widely believed to have evolved out of deliberations in the World Trade Organization.

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:

- **Shayara Bano v. Union of India** (2017), wherein the Supreme Court declared the practice of **instant triple talaq** (talaq-e-biddah) **unconstitutional**, affirming that it violates the fundamental rights of Muslim women and is against the principles of gender justice. **Hence answer is option A.**

2. Answer: A

Explanation:

- **The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** is a **statutory body** constituted under the **Disaster Management Act 2005**, with the **Prime Minister of India** as its Chairman, a Vice Chairman with the status of Cabinet Minister, and eight members with the status of Ministers of State. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect and statement 2 is correct.**
- The Disaster Management Act also has statutory provisions for the constitution of the **National Disaster Response Force** for the purpose of specialized response to natural and man-made disasters.

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- The NDMA is the **apex statutory body for disaster management in India**. It is under the **control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**. Hence **statement 3 is incorrect**.

3. Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Centre has done away with the “no-detention” policy for Classes 5 and 8, paving the way for schools to fail students who are unable to clear year-end exams.
- The Ministry of Education has published a gazette notification, titled “**Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Rules, 2024**”, which states that if a child fails to fulfil promotion criteria in Classes 5 or 8 in the regular examination, they can be held back. **Hence statement 2 is correct**.
- In the Rules, the Ministry also emphasised the need for **remedial measures** for such students to close learning gaps. **Hence statement 3 is correct**.
- While the **Right to Education Act, 2009** had been amended to scrap the no-detention policy as early as 2019, the Rules have been notified only now.
- After all other options are exhausted, if there is a need to detain the student, they shall be detained. At the same time, **no student should be expelled** from school until Class 8. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect**.
- The ‘no-detention’ policy was **enshrined in the Right to Education Act, 2009**, but one of the significant concerns was that the policy led to high failure rates.

4. Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Order stated that **no foreigner shall enter into or remain in any protected area except under and in accordance with a permit** issued by the Central government or any office authorised by the Central government. **Hence statement 1 is correct and statement 2 is incorrect**.
- The permit shall include the following details — **place of entry, place of residence and period of stay**. **Hence statement 3 is incorrect**.
- The areas falling between the inner line and the international Border of the following States and Union Territories were declared as Protected Areas — **parts of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand and the whole of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Sikkim** (partly as protected areas and partly as restricted areas).
- Another Order in 1963 declared the **entire Andaman & Nicobar Islands and parts of Sikkim** as “restricted area.”

5. Answer: A

Explanation:

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- The **General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)**, signed in **1947**, is a treaty **minimizing barriers to international trade** by eliminating or reducing quotas, tariffs, and subsidies. It was intended to **boost economic recovery after World War II**. Hence **statement 1 is correct**.
- GATT was expanded and refined over the years, leading to the creation in **1995** of the **World Trade Organization**, which absorbed the organization created to implement GATT. Hence **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- The **Council for Trade in Goods (Goods Council)** is now responsible for the GATT and consists of representatives from all WTO member countries.

