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1. Consider the following statements about the different vessels of the Indian Navy.

1. INS Surat is the final ship of the Project 15B stealth destroyer class.
2. INS Nilgiri is the sixth Scorpene-class submarine under the Kalvari-class Project 75.
3. INS Vaghsheer is the lead ship of the Project 17A stealth frigate class.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements about the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve.

1. It is in the state of Karnataka.
2. It is contiguous with the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary and Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. The Enforcement Directorate is responsible for the enforcement of which of the following Acts?

- 1) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA)
- 2) The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)
- 3) The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA)

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1 and 3 only
- D) 1,2 and 3

4. Consider the following statements

- 1) India is the largest fish producing nation in the world.
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) aims to address critical infrastructure gaps in the fisheries sector.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following pairs :

Important ports sometimes mentioned in the news

- 1. Duqm : Oman
- 2. Changi : Myanmar
- 3. Chabahar : Iraq
- 4. Gwadar : Pakistan

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1 and 4 only
- c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- d) 2, 3 and 4 only

Solutions:

1. Answer: A

Explanation:

- 15 Jan 25 became a landmark day in India's history as the Indian Navy commissioned three frontline combatants together at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
 - **INS Nilgiri**, the lead ship of the **Project 17A stealth frigate class**; **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**
 - **INS Surat**, the fourth and **final ship of the Project 15B stealth destroyer class**; **Hence, statement 2 is incorrect.** and
 - **INS Vaghsheer**, the sixth and **final submarine of the Scorpene-class project.** **Hence, statement 3 is incorrect.**

2. Answer: C

Explanation:

- The Nagarahole Tiger Reserve is located in the districts of **Mysuru and Kodagu districts of Karnataka.** **Hence, statement 1 is correct.**

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- It has an area of 847.981 sq. km, including a core area of 643.392 sq. km and a buffer area of 204.589 sq. km.
- The reserve is contiguous with the **Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala to the south and Bandipur Tiger Reserve to the southeast. Hence, statement 2 is correct.**
- This reserve in the Western Ghats play host to many carnivores and herbivores, including tiger, leopard, Asiatic wild dog, sloth bear, Asiatic elephant, gaur, sambar, chital, four-horned antelope, and South-western langur, among others.
- The reserve had **142 tigers** as of the 2023 census, the **third-highest population in India.**
- At present, there are 28 spotted deer for every sq. km of the reserve.

3. Answer: D

Explanation About ED

- It was constituted in **1956** for **handling Exchange Control Laws violations** under the **Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).**
- At present, the **administrative control** of the Enforcement Directorate is with the **Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.**
- The ED today is a multi-disciplinary organization mandated with **investigation of the offense of money laundering and violations of foreign exchange laws.**

Statutory Functions

- The statutory functions of the Directorate include **enforcement of following Acts:**

1. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA):

- It is a criminal law enacted to **prevent money laundering** and to provide for **confiscation of property** derived from, or involved in, money-laundering and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- ED has been given the **responsibility to enforce the provisions of the PMLA** by conducting investigation to trace the assets derived from proceeds of crime, to provisionally attach the property and to ensure prosecution of the offenders and confiscation of the property by the Special court.

2. The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA):

- It is a civil law enacted to consolidate and amend the laws relating to **facilitate external trade and payments** and to promote the **orderly development and maintenance of foreign exchange market in India.**
- ED has been given the responsibility to conduct **investigation into suspected contraventions** of foreign exchange laws and regulations, to **adjudicate** and **impose penalties** on those adjudged to have contravened the law.

3. The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA):

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- This law was enacted to **deter economic offenders** from evading the process of Indian law by **remaining outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts**.
- It is a law whereby the Directorate is mandated to **attach the properties of the fugitive economic offenders** who have escaped from India warranting arrest and provide for the confiscation of their properties to the Central Government.

4. Sponsoring agency under COFEPOSA:

- Under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974 (COFEPOSA), the Directorate is empowered to **sponsor cases of preventive detention** with regard to contraventions of FEMA.
 - COFEPOSA was enacted to provide for **preventive detention** in certain cases for the purposes of **conservation and augmentation of foreign exchange and prevention of smuggling activities**.

4. Answer: B

Explanation

- India is the **third largest fish producing country**, contributing 8 percent to the global fish production and ranks second in aquaculture production. (As of March 2023) **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- The fish production in 2021-22 is 16.24 Million Tonnes comprising marine fish production of 4.12 Million Tonnes and 12.12 Million Tonnes from Aquaculture.

About Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

- The central government launched the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in 2020 to bring about the **Blue Revolution** through sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector in India.
- It is implemented by the **Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**.

Objectives

- It is a flagship scheme for **integrated, sustainable, inclusive development of marine and inland fisheries sector** in the country with an estimated investment of Rs. 20,000 crores for its implementation during a period of 5 years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories.
- It aims at enhancing **fish production by an additional 70 lakh tonne** by 2024-25, **increasing fisheries export earnings to Rs.1,00,000 crore** by 2024-25, **doubling of incomes** of fishers and fish farmers, **reducing post-harvest losses** from 20-25% to about **10%**.
- It is **designed to address critical gaps in fish production and productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management**, modernization and

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strengthening of value chain, traceability and establishing a robust fisheries management framework and fishers' welfare. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**

- It primarily focuses on adopting '**Cluster or Area based approaches**' and creation of **Fisheries clusters** through backward and forward linkages.
- The scheme also aims at generating additional **55 lakhs direct and indirect gainful employment opportunities** in the fisheries sector and allied activities.

Sub components covered under PMMSY

- Enhancement of Production and Productivity
- Infrastructure and Post-Harvest Management
- Fisheries Management and Regulatory Framework.

5. Answer: B

Explanation

1. Duqm : Oman
2. Changi : Singapore
3. Chabahar : Iran
4. Gwadar : Pakistan