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- 1) A senior customs official posted at an international port intercepted a massive consignment where a syndicate was attempting to evade customs duties and illegally smuggle prohibited narcotics into the country. Recognizing the threat to national security and public revenue, the officer immediately reported the issue and initiated a probe to dismantle the illicit trade network.

Which one among the following key intelligence and enforcement agencies should the aggrieved authority or whistle-blower approach to handle such large-scale smuggling and commercial fraud?

- (a) Enforcement Directorate (ED)
- (b) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- (d) Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)

- 2) Consider the following statements with reference to the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY):

- 1. Floating solar installations under the scheme can help reduce water evaporation from reservoirs.
- 2. The scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in which States bear 60% of the project cost.
- 3. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) All three statements are correct.
- (b) There are two correct statements only.
- (c) There is only one correct statement.
- (d) None of the statements is correct.

- 3) Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Cotton Corporation of India functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- 2. It acts as the nodal agency for undertaking Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations for seed cotton (*kapas*).
- 3. It is a statutory body established under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 4) Consider the following statements with reference to the PM-KISAN Scheme:

- I. PM-KISAN provides direct income support to eligible farmer families through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- II. The scheme aims to supplement the financial needs of farmers for agricultural inputs and allied activities.
- III. Recent reforms in PM-KISAN have emphasized Aadhaar-based authentication, digital land records integration and transparent beneficiary identification.



Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct?

1. Statement II reinforces the objective implicit in Statement I by explaining the purpose of the income support.
2. Statement III extends the intent of Statement I by strengthening transparency and efficiency in the delivery mechanism.
3. Statement I contradicts Statement III because direct income support cannot be linked with digital verification systems.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 3 only

- 5) With reference to *Project SARATHI*, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to improve patient experience in hospitals through trained youth volunteers providing non-clinical assistance.
2. The project is integrated with the MY Bharat initiative to mobilise and train volunteers.
3. Volunteers under the project are authorised to perform basic clinical duties under the supervision of doctors.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Explanation

1) Answer: (B)

The **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** is India's apex intelligence and enforcement agency operating under the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**, Ministry of Finance. It is specifically tasked with detecting, investigating, and combating **cross-border smuggling** of contraband—including prohibited narcotics, gold, arms, and fake Indian currency—as well as major **commercial fraud** and duty evasion under the **Customs Act, 1962**.

- **Role in Narcotics Enforcement:** DRI officers are empowered under both the *Customs Act, 1962* and the *Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985* to conduct searches, seizures, arrests, and initiate prosecutions.

Why Other Options Are Incorrect:

- **Enforcement Directorate (ED):** Enforces financial laws related to **foreign exchange violations (FEMA)** and **money laundering (PMLA)**. It investigates the illicit money trails resulting from crime, but does not handle frontline customs interception or maritime border smuggling investigations directly.



- **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):** India's premier agency for investigating **corruption among public servants**, major economic crimes, and high-profile criminal cases. It is not dedicated to routine customs duty evasion or illegal border trade enforcement.
- **Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO):** Functions under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) to investigate **complex white-collar corporate frauds** under the *Companies Act*, rather than cross-border smuggling networks.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Floating solar photovoltaic (FSPV) installations cover water surfaces, which helps significantly reduce water evaporation losses from reservoirs and lakes.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) is a **Central Sector Scheme** funded entirely by the central government via Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of ₹1 crore per MW, rather than a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a 60% cost share borne by States.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme is associated with and implemented under the aegis of the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

3) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Cotton Corporation of India functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Textiles, not the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It acts as the nodal agency for undertaking MSP operations for seed cotton (*kapas*).
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** CCI is a **Public Sector Undertaking**, not a statutory body established under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

4) Answer: (B)

Relationship 1 is correct because **Statement II reinforces the objective of the PM-KISAN Scheme implicit in Statement I** by explaining that the income support is intended to supplement the financial needs of farmers for agricultural inputs and allied activities.

Relationship 2 is correct because **Statement III extends the objective of the PM-KISAN Scheme implicit in Statement I** by strengthening transparency, efficiency, and accurate beneficiary identification through Aadhaar-based authentication, digital land records integration, and other verification mechanisms.

Relationship 3 is incorrect because **Statement I does not contradict Statement III**; in the PM-KISAN Scheme, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and digital verification systems are complementary mechanisms used to ensure that benefits reach the intended beneficiaries and to reduce duplication and leakages.

Therefore, Relationships 1 and 2 are correct. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.



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5) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1:** Correct. Volunteers assist with hospital navigation, wheelchair/stretchers support, diagnostic guidance and other **non-clinical** services.
- **Statement 2:** Correct. The project is integrated with the **MY Bharat** initiative to institutionalise youth participation in healthcare.
- **Statement 3:** Incorrect. Volunteers **do not perform clinical or administrative responsibilities**; they only complement healthcare services.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

