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- 1) With reference to the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), consider the following statements:
1. BIMSTEC comprises seven countries, all of which have a coastline on the Bay of Bengal.
 2. The BIMSTEC Charter came into force in 2024, providing a formal institutional framework for the organisation.
 3. The Third BIMSTEC Conference on Traditional Medicine Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights was held in India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 2) Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY):

1. PMKKKY aims to provide a minimum standard of social and physical infrastructure in every mining-affected area.
2. The scheme is executed using funds collected at the district level through District Mineral Foundations (DMFs).

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 3) Consider the following statements regarding LCA Tejas:

1. It is a dual-engine heavy air superiority fighter.
2. It can fire Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missiles.
3. It is a fifth-generation stealth fighter.

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

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

- 4) Which of the following statements with respect to the Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC) is/are correct?

1. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. It was constituted following the recommendations of the Idade Commission.
3. It implements the Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED).

Select the answer using the code given below:

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



(d) 1, 2 and 3

5) Consider the following statements regarding Mission Mausam:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched exclusively by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. One of the key objectives is enhancing weather forecasting capabilities across short-term, medium-term, and seasonal scales.
3. It includes research partnerships with global organizations like the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

Explanation

1) **Answer: (B)**

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** BIMSTEC comprises seven countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Bhutan and Nepal are landlocked countries and do not have a coastline on the Bay of Bengal.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** The BIMSTEC Charter came into force on **20 May 2024**, providing a formal institutional framework for the organisation.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** The Third BIMSTEC Conference on Traditional Medicine Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights was held in **Goa, India, in September 2026**. It focused on traditional medicine knowledge, genetic resources and intellectual property rights.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

2) **Answer: (C)**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** One of the core guiding principles and goals of the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) is to ensure that every mining-affected area and its people are provided with a minimum standard of social and physical infrastructure, complementing ongoing State and Central programs.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The actual implementation and execution of PMKKKY projects are carried out by the **District Mineral Foundations (DMFs)**. These are non-profit trusts set up in mining-affected districts, and they utilize the funds that accrue to them under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR Act), which are collected locally at the district level.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

3) **Answer: (D)**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** LCA (Light Combat Aircraft) Tejas is a **single-engine**, lightweight, multi-role fighter, not a dual-engine heavy air superiority fighter.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is capable of firing Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missiles such as Astra and Python-5/Derby.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is a **4.5-generation** fighter aircraft, not a fifth-generation stealth fighter.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**



4) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** The **Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC)** is **not a statutory body**. It is an **advisory body** under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**. It works for the welfare and development of **Denotified Tribes (DNTs), Nomadic Tribes (NTs) and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (SNTs)**.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** The DWBDNC was constituted in **2019** following the recommendations of the **Idate Commission**, formally known as the **National Commission for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes**. The Commission examined the socio-economic conditions of these communities and recommended measures for their welfare and development.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** The DWBDNC implements the **Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED)**. The scheme aims to provide support to DNT, NT and SNT communities through four major components:
 - **Education**
 - **Health**
 - **Livelihood**
 - **Housing**
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

5) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Mission Mausam is **not** a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, nor is it launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It is a **Central Sector scheme** fully funded and implemented by the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** One of the core stated objectives of the mission is to improve India's weather forecasting accuracy across multiple timescales, ranging from short-term updates up to seasonal predictions.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The implementation strategy incorporates collaborative research and partnerships with global organizations like the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to upgrade forecasting techniques.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**