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- 1) With reference to IIP, consider the following statements:
1. An increase in the IIP indicates an increase in industrial output relative to the base period.
 2. IIP is a volume index rather than a price index.
 3. A fall in IIP necessarily means that India's overall GDP has contracted.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1 and 2 only
 - (d) 1,2 and 3
- 2) Consider the following statements with reference to the International Whaling Commission (IWC):
1. The International Whaling Commission was established under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946.
 2. The commercial whaling moratorium adopted by the IWC prohibits all forms of whaling, including Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling.
 3. The IWC recognises commercial whaling, Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling and special permit whaling as different categories of whaling.
- Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?
- (a) All three statements are correct.
 - (b) There is no correct statement.
 - (c) There are two correct statements that include statement 3.
 - (d) There is only one correct statement.
- 3) With reference to the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:
1. The Governor may create a new autonomous district or alter the boundaries of an existing one, subject to the prescribed constitutional procedure.
 2. Autonomous District Councils can make laws on land, forests other than reserved forests, and inheritance, subject to the Governor's approval.
 3. The President may direct that a law made by Parliament shall not apply to an autonomous district or region, except in Assam.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
 - (b) 1 and 3 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 4) Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Coast Guard:
1. It was formally established in 1978 under the Coast Guard Act, 1978.
 2. It operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
 3. It is a multi-mission organisation conducting year-round operations at sea.
 4. It is responsible for enforcing maritime laws and protecting the marine environment.



Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY):

1. It is a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
2. It aims to create a National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) to provide work-based digital identities to micro and small enterprises in the fisheries sector.
3. It facilitates access to institutional credit for micro and small enterprises in the fisheries value chain.

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

Explanation

1) Answer: (C)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** An increase in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) signifies that the volume of industrial output has expanded compared to the designated base period.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** IIP measures changes in the physical volume or quantity of industrial output rather than monetary value or price changes. It counts physical quantities produced—such as tonnes of coal, meters of fabric, or units of machinery—comparing current output against a base period.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** A fall in IIP does not necessarily imply contraction in overall GDP because GDP includes agriculture and services as well.

2) Answer: (C)

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** The International Whaling Commission (IWC) was established in 1946 under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW). The Convention is the founding legal framework of the IWC and provides for the conservation and management of whale stocks.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The IWC's commercial whaling moratorium does not prohibit all forms of whaling. It specifically applies to commercial whaling. The IWC continues to regulate Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling, which is undertaken by indigenous communities for subsistence purposes.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** The IWC recognises three categories of whaling: commercial whaling, Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling, and special permit (scientific) whaling. These categories have different regulatory arrangements.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

3) Answer: (D)



- **Statement 1 is correct:** Under the Sixth Schedule, the **Governor may, by public notification, create a new autonomous district and alter the area**, boundaries or name of an autonomous district, subject to the constitutional procedure prescribed in the Schedule. For creation, increase/decrease of area and unification of districts, the Governor must consider the report of a Commission appointed under Paragraph 14(1).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The **District and Regional Councils can make laws on matters such as the allotment, occupation or use of land**; management of forests other than reserved forests; inheritance of property; marriage and divorce; and social customs. Under Paragraph 3(3), such laws have no effect until they receive the Governor's assent.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Under Paragraph 12, **in Assam, the Governor may direct that an Act of Parliament shall not apply to an autonomous district or region**, or shall apply with specified exceptions or modifications. In Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram, the **corresponding power regarding Acts of Parliament** is vested in the President under Paragraphs 12A, 12AA and 12BB, respectively. Hence, the President's power applies except in Assam.
- Hence, all three statements are correct.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

4) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** was formally established in **1978** under the **Coast Guard Act, 1978**. It functions as an independent **Armed Force of India** with responsibilities related to maritime security and safety.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The ICG operates under the **Ministry of Defence**, Government of India, **not the Ministry of Home Affairs**. It is headed by the **Director General, Indian Coast Guard**, and its headquarters is located in **New Delhi**.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** The ICG is a **multi-mission organisation** that conducts **round-the-year operations at sea**. Its activities include maritime surveillance, search and rescue, coastal security and assistance to vessels and mariners.
- **Statement 4 is Correct:** The ICG has important **maritime law-enforcement and environmental responsibilities**. It enforces laws relating to **poaching, smuggling and narcotics**, assists mariners in distress, safeguards life and property at sea, and works to **protect marine ecosystems and rare species**.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

5) Answer: (D)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** PM-MKSSY is implemented as a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the overarching Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** A core component of the scheme is the creation of the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) to gradually formalize the unorganized fisheries sector and issue work-based digital identities to micro and small enterprises.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme specifically focuses on facilitating enhanced access to institutional credit and formal financial services for micro and small enterprises operating across the fisheries value chain.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**