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1) Consider the following statements:

1. Yamuna river originates from the Yamunotri Glacier in the Bandarpunch Range.
2. Hindon and Chambal are left-bank tributaries of Yamuna.
3. Okhla Bird Sanctuary is located on the Yamuna River in Uttar Pradesh.

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

2) With reference to Article 371 and Ladakh, consider the following statements:

1. Article 371A provides special provisions for Nagaland, including safeguards concerning customary law and ownership and transfer of land and its resources.
2. The demand for constitutional safeguards in Ladakh has included protections for land, employment and cultural identity.
3. Ladakh is currently covered by a special provision under Article 371 of the Constitution.

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding the 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam':

1. It was launched as part of the broader 'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat' initiative to celebrate and rediscover the age-old civilisational ties between Tamil Nadu and Varanasi.
2. The Ministry of Culture serves as the designated single nodal ministry responsible for organizing and implementing the initiative.
3. IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) serve as the key implementing and coordinating institutions for the event.

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

4) What is the primary overarching objective of the PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana?

- (a) To provide free agricultural land ownership to landless rural households.
- (b) To grant direct university degrees without attending formal college semesters.
- (c) To construct low-cost urban housing complexes for industrial workers.
- (d) To enhance the competency and skill levels of target marginalized groups, making them employable for wage and self-employment.

5) Consider the components included in the compilation of the Index of Eight Core Industries:



1. Coking coal (as part of total coal production metrics)
2. Alloy and Non-Alloy Steel production
3. Urea, DAP, and Complex Grade Fertilizers
4. Renewable energy sources like solar and wind electricity generation

Which of the above-mentioned items are explicitly included/accounted for in the computation of the Core Industries index?

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

Explanation

1) Answer: (C)

- **Statement 1 is CORRECT:** The Yamuna originates from the **Yamunotri Glacier** in the Bandarpunch Range of Uttarakhand.
- **Statement 2 is INCORRECT:** The Hindon is a **left-bank tributary**, whereas the Chambal is a **right-bank tributary** of the Yamuna.
- **Statement 3 is CORRECT:** Okhla Bird Sanctuary is located on the Yamuna River near Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 is correct: Article 371A** grants special status to the state of Nagaland. It specifies that no Act of Parliament shall apply to Nagaland in respect of religious or social practices, Nagas customary law and procedure, administration of civil and criminal justice involving decisions according to Naga customary law, and **ownership and transfer of land and its resources**, unless the Legislative Assembly of Nagaland so decides by a resolution.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Local political and social groups in Ladakh (such as the Apex Body Leh and Kargil Democratic Alliance) have continuously demanded constitutional safeguards—specifically inclusion under the **Sixth Schedule** or special provisions similar to **Article 371**—to protect their **land, statehood, public employment (job reservations), and distinct tribal cultural identity**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Ladakh is currently governed as a **Union Territory without a legislature** under the *Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019*. It is **not** currently covered under Article 371 or its sub-articles (371A–371J). Constitutional safeguards under Article 371 or the Sixth Schedule remain a major demand rather than an existing provision for Ladakh.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

3) Answer: (C)

- **Statement 1 is CORRECT:** Kashi Tamil Sangamam was conceptualized under the overarching spirit of the '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**' initiative by the Government of India.
 - Its core aim is to rediscover, celebrate, and strengthen the centuries-old cultural, spiritual, educational, and economic ties between Tamil Nadu and Kashi (Varanasi).



- **Statement 2 is INCORRECT:** The primary **nodal ministry** responsible for planning, organizing, and executing the Kashi Tamil Sangamam is the **Ministry of Education**, Government of India (specifically through the **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)** cell at AICTE).
 - **Supporting Ministries:** While the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Railways, and Ministry of Information & Broadcasting are key collaborating stakeholders, the Ministry of Culture is **not** the single or lead nodal ministry.
- **Statement 3 is CORRECT:** **IIT Madras and Banaras Hindu University (BHU)** have served as key implementing institutions for earlier editions of Kashi Tamil Sangamam, facilitating academic exchanges and cultural interactions between Tamil Nadu and Kashi. The implementing arrangements may vary by edition.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

4) **Answer: (D)**

The **PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana** is a Central Sector Scheme launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Its primary objective is **to adopt a multi-pronged strategy to enhance the competencies, skill levels, and economic empowerment of target marginalized groups** (such as Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Economically Weaker Sections, De-Notified Tribes, and Safai Karamcharis) through skill development training programmes, enabling them to secure wage or self-employment.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

5) **Answer: (B)**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Coal component in the index specifically tracks *Coal Production excluding coking coal* (or strictly raw coal variants depending on the specific methodological adjustments to avoid double-counting).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Steel component accounts for the production output of both **Alloy and Non-Alloy Steel**.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Fertilizer component covers major agricultural chemical inputs including Urea, Ammonium Sulphate, Diammonium Phosphate (DAP), and Complex Grade Fertilizers.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The Electricity component measures actual generation across thermal, nuclear, hydro sources, and imports from Bhutan; however, decentralized **renewable energy sources (like standalone solar/wind generation capacities)** are traditionally outside the primary core industrial tracking scope.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**