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- 1) Identify the river of the Indian sub-continent on the basis of the following information:
 1. It is the largest tributary of the Godavari River.
 2. It is formed by the confluence of the Wardha and Wainganga rivers.
 3. Its course flows along the administrative boundary between Maharashtra and Telangana.
 4. It joins the Godavari River near Kaleshwaram.Select the answer from the following:
 - (a) Indravati
 - (b) Pranahita
 - (c) Sabari
 - (d) Manair
- 2) Consider the following statements regarding the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009:
 1. It mandates that every child aged 6 to 14 years has a fundamental right to elementary education in a neighborhood school.
 2. It requires private unaided schools to reserve a minimum of 15% of their entry-level seats for children from economically weaker sections and disadvantaged groups.
 3. The Act prohibits any screening procedure for admission to ensure non-discrimination and equal access to education.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 only
- 3) With reference to the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), consider the following statements:
 1. It is an online platform facilitating the procurement of goods and services by government organisations.
 2. Central Government departments are legally required to procure goods and services available on GeM.
 3. The AABHAR Collection on GeM is a dedicated gifting storefront operating strictly through a Business-to-Government (B2G) mechanism.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 RELIEF (Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) Initiative:
 1. It is a time-bound scheme launched under the Export Promotion Mission to safeguard exporters affected by geopolitical and maritime logistics disruptions in West Asia.



2. The scheme is implemented directly by the Ministry of Finance to provide immediate fiscal bailouts.
3. It provides enhanced risk coverage through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC), including financial support to offset surging shipping and insurance costs.

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

5) Consider the following statements regarding ethanol-blended fuels:

1. E85 and E100 fuels can help reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
2. Ethanol blending in petrol can reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the fuel life cycle, depending on production methods.
3. Higher ethanol blends are compatible with all conventional petrol engines.

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)

- The **Pranahita River** is formed by the confluence of two major rivers of the Deccan plateau—the **Wardha River** and the **Wainganga River** (with the Penganga River having already merged into the Wardha).
- **Administrative Boundary:** For a significant portion of its length, the Pranahita flows along the border separating the states of **Maharashtra** (Gadchiroli district) and **Telangana** (Kumuram Bheem Asifabad and Mancherial districts).
- **Confluence with Godavari:** It empties into the Godavari River at **Kaleshwaram** in Telangana, which is also famous for the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and the Kaleshwara Mukteswara Swamy temple.
- **Largest Tributary:** By volume of discharge and drainage basin area, the Pranahita is the **largest tributary** of the Godavari River, contributing about 34% of its total flow.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (C)

Statement 1 is Correct: The RTE Act, 2009 operationalizes **Article 21-A** of the Indian Constitution, guaranteeing free and compulsory elementary education to all children aged **6 to 14 years** in a neighborhood school.

Statement 2 is Incorrect: Under **Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act**, private unaided schools are mandated to reserve a minimum of **25%** (not 15%) of their entry-level seats for children belonging to economically weaker sections (EWS) and disadvantaged groups.

Statement 3 is Correct: **Section 13** of the Act explicitly prohibits capitation fees and any screening procedure (such as interviews or tests for children or parents) during admission to ensure **non-discrimination and equal access**.



Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

3) Answer: (D)

- **Statement 1 is CORRECT:** Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is an **online public procurement platform** launched on 9 August 2016.
 - It facilitates the procurement of goods and services by **Central and State Government Ministries, Departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)**, and other eligible government organisations.
 - **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce).
 - It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and competition in public procurement.
- **Statement 2 is CORRECT:** Under Rule 149 of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, procurement of goods and services available on GeM is **mandatory for Central Government Ministries and Departments**, subject to applicable procurement rules.
 - **State Governments are not legally mandated** under the Central GFR to procure goods and services through GeM. However, they may adopt GeM through their own procurement policies and arrangements.
- **Statement 3 is CORRECT:** The AABHAR Collection is a **dedicated gifting storefront on GeM** that showcases curated gifts, handicrafts, handlooms and indigenous products.
 - It operates through a **Business-to-Government (B2G) model**, enabling eligible government buyers to procure gifting products from registered sellers.
 - It supports the **Vocal for Local initiative** by promoting traditional artisans, weavers and indigenous enterprises.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

4) Answer: (C)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The RELIEF initiative was introduced as a targeted, time-bound framework under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) to provide an operational safety net for Indian exporters navigating trade lane diversions and freight spikes in West Asia.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme is administered under the umbrella of the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** (specifically the Department of Commerce), not the Ministry of Finance.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** It leverages the institutional mechanism of the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) to extend enhanced insurance and credit-guarantee backing, alongside partial reimbursements for surging logistics and insurance surcharges (especially aiding MSMEs).
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

5) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** Ethanol can partially replace petrol derived from crude oil.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** Life-cycle emissions may be lower depending on feedstock, production and land-use practices.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:** Higher ethanol blends generally require compatible engines and fuel systems.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer**