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1) Consider the following statements regarding the Department of Military Affairs (DMA):
   1. It is headed by the Defence minister of India.
   2. It was created along with the post of Chief of Defence Staff in 2019.
   3. The Department of Military Affairs is one of the five departments under the Ministry of Defence.
   4. The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) was created following the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee (1999) and the subsequent Group of Ministers (GoM) report (2001).

   How many of the statements given above is/are correct?
   (a) Only One
   (b) Only Two
   (c) Only Three
   (d) All Four

2) With reference to female employment trends in India as per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) reports, consider the following statements:
   1. The female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) in India has shown a continuous upward trend over the last few years.
   2. In rural India, self-employment (including own-account work and unpaid helper roles) constitutes the largest share of female employment.
   3. The agriculture sector employs the highest proportion of female workers in the country.

   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

3) Consider the following statements regarding the Temple brain health wearable, recently seen in the news:
   1. It is a wearable device designed to monitor brain health and ageing by measuring cerebral blood flow.
   2. It was developed to measure brain activity through electroencephalography (EEG).

   Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
   (a) 1 only
   (b) 2 only
   (c) Both 1 and 2
   (d) Neither 1 nor 2

4) With reference to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), consider the following statements:
   1. It is a statutory body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.
   2. It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
   3. It is empowered to frame rules governing the functioning of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).

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 with reference to the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) of India:

1. R&AW monitors terrorist elements and smuggling networks that may pose threats to India's national security.
2. The head of R&AW is appointed by the President of India through a resolution passed by Parliament.
3. R&AW undertakes both covert and overt intelligence-gathering operations.

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

Explanation

1) Answer: (C)

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** The DMA is headed by the **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** as its ex-officio Secretary, while the Defence Minister heads the overall Ministry of Defence.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** The Cabinet approved the creation of the post of **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** alongside the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in December 2019 as a core Higher Defence Management reform.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** It is one of the **five departments** under the Ministry of Defence (alongside DoD, DDP, DDR&D, and DESW).
- **Statement 4 is Correct:** The structural framework for creating the DMA and CDS stems directly from the recommendations of the **Kargil Review Committee (1999)** and the subsequent **Group of Ministers (GoM) report (2001)**.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Female LFPR (15 years and above, usual status) **did not increase continuously.** According to the PLFS 2025 report, it declined **from 41.3% in 2023 to 40.3% in 2024 and 40.0% in 2025.**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** In rural India, 70.7% of female workers were self-employed in 2025. This includes:
  - **Own-account workers and employers:** 37.9%.
  - **Helpers in household enterprises (unpaid family workers):** 32.9%.
  - This was higher than the shares of regular wage/salaried workers (9.3%) and casual labourers (20%).
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Agriculture was the **largest employer of female workers in India**. According to PLFS 2025, it accounted for 59.8% of female employment nationally, compared with 11.7% in manufacturing and 14.7% in other services.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

3) **Answer: (A)**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Temple wearable (developed by Deepinder Goyal) is designed as a forehead-worn wearable that monitors changes in **cerebral blood flow** and circulation to provide insights into brain health, biological recovery, and aging.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The device relies on **optical sensors** (using light-based technology similar to photoplethysmography / PPG near the temple area) to detect relative changes in blood volume and flow. It does **not** measure electrical brain activity via Electroencephalography (EEG).
- **Therefore option A is the correct answer.**

4) **Answer: (A)**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** ICAI is a statutory regulatory body established by Parliament under the **Chartered Accountants Act, 1949**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It operates under the overall administrative jurisdiction and oversight of the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** ICAI is **not** empowered to frame rules for the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). NFRA is an independent statutory regulator established by the Central Government under Section 132 of the Companies Act, 2013, and its rules and regulations are formulated by the Central Government/MCA, not by ICAI.
- **Therefore option A is the correct answer.**

5) **Answer: (B)**
- **Statement 1 – Correct:** R&AW is India's external intelligence agency. It monitors terrorist groups, their activities and smuggling networks operating across borders to identify potential threats to India's national security.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** The statement is incorrect because the appointment of the R&AW chief is not made by the President through a parliamentary resolution. The source does not provide details of the formal appointment procedure.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** R&AW gathers intelligence through both covert and overt operations. Covert operations involve secret intelligence activities, while overt operations involve gathering information through open and identifiable sources.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**