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MCQs with Explanations

Q.1) With reference to the recent Telangana High Court order staying the State Human Rights Commission's proceedings against Sultan-ul-Uloom Educational Society, consider the following statements:

1. Under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, Human Rights Commissions can inquire into all types of administrative and academic disputes.
2. Section 2(d) of the Act defines "human rights" as rights relating to life, liberty, equality, and dignity guaranteed by the Constitution or international covenants.
3. The High Court held that the Human Rights Commission had jurisdiction over internal matters of autonomous educational institutions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Human Rights Commissions do not have the authority to inquire into *all* administrative or academic disputes. Their jurisdiction is limited to cases involving violations of fundamental human rights such as life, liberty, equality, and dignity under the **Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** As per **Section 2(d)** of the Act, "human rights" are defined as rights relating to life, liberty, equality, and dignity guaranteed by the Constitution or

international covenants and enforceable by courts in India.

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Telangana High Court stayed the proceedings precisely because it found that the Commission's interference in the internal affairs of an autonomous educational institution exceeded its jurisdiction.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding the 2025 'Mana Bathukamma' festival in Telangana:

1. Bathukamma is a floral festival celebrated by women in honour of Goddess Parvati.
2. The 2025 celebration created the world's largest Bathukamma, 63.11 feet high, using 10.7 tonnes of flowers.
3. The event was jointly organised by the Telangana Tourism Department, SERP, and GHMC.
4. The synchronised dance performance involved more than 1,000 women and set a Guinness World Record.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Bathukamma is a floral festival of Telangana dedicated to Goddess Parvati (Gauri).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** A **63.11-foot Bathukamma made of 10.7 tonnes of flowers** set a Guinness record for the largest floral installation.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The event was organised by the **Telangana Tourism Department** with support from **SERP and GHMC**.

- **Statement 4 is correct:** A **synchronised dance performance by over 1,000 women** set another Guinness World Record.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding Telangana's Forest cover decline:

1. Shifting (podu) cultivation and illegal tree felling are major contributors to forest loss.
2. The Haritha Haram plantation drive has completely offset forest cover loss in Telangana.
3. Forest fires in the state have reduced between 2022-23 and 2023-24 according to SNPP-VIIRS data.

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Podu cultivation, illegal tree felling, and smuggling are major causes of forest cover loss, especially in Adilabad.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Haritha Haram has not completely offset the forest loss; survival of planted saplings remains poor.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Forest fire alerts detected by SNPP-VIIRS sensors have declined across districts between 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

Q.4) According to the NCRB 2023 data, which of the following statements is correct?

1. Cruelty by husband or relatives accounted for the majority of crimes against women in Telangana.
2. Hyderabad reported the highest number of cybercrime cases among metropolitan cities.

3. Uttar Pradesh recorded more cases of crimes against women than Telangana.

Options:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** In Telangana, cruelty by husband or relatives formed **55.5% of crimes against women** (10,518 out of 23,678 cases), making it the largest category.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Hyderabad reported **53 cybercrime cases**, ranking **second among metropolitan cities**, behind Bengaluru (127 cases).
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Uttar Pradesh recorded **56,083 cases**, which is higher than Telangana's **23,678 cases**.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding vector-borne diseases in Telangana:

1. Dengue and chikungunya are primarily transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito.
2. The National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) monitors and reports cases of such diseases at the national level.
3. Monsoon months increase the risk of vector-borne diseases due to stagnant water and favourable breeding conditions.
4. Telangana recorded more chikungunya cases than dengue cases between April and August 2025.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Dengue and chikungunya are primarily transmitted by *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** NCVBDC collects and publishes data on vector-borne diseases at the national level.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Monsoon months favour mosquito breeding and increase disease incidence.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** Dengue cases (4,296) were **much higher than chikungunya cases (252)** during this period.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding reservation in local bodies:

1. The 50% ceiling on total reservation in public employment and local bodies was established by the Indra Sawhney case (1992).
2. Telangana's OBC quota enhancement to 42% in local bodies, along with existing SC/ST reservations, breaches the 50% ceiling.
3. States can enhance reservation in local bodies without Governor or President's assent if elections are imminent.
4. Section 285A of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, codifies the 50% reservation ceiling in local bodies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The 50% ceiling was laid down in **Indra Sawhney v. Union of India (1992)**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** With SC (15%), ST (10%), and OBC (42%) quotas, Telangana exceeds 50% reservation.

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** States cannot bypass legislative or constitutional procedures; assent by Governor or President is required.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Section 285A explicitly codifies the 50% ceiling for local bodies in Telangana.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding the Sammakka Saralamma Central Tribal University:

1. The university is located in the Mulugu district of Telangana and is named after two revered tribal warrior women.
2. Over ₹800 crore has been allocated by the Central Government for the development of this university.
3. The newly unveiled logo incorporates words from various tribal languages to celebrate diversity and inclusion.
4. The university aims to introduce courses focused on tribal food traditions, Ayurveda, and instruction in tribal languages.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
- B. 1, 3, and 4 only
- C. 2, 3, and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: D

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The university is located in **Mulugu, Telangana**, and named after **Sammakka and Saralamma**, tribal warrior women celebrated in Telangana's history.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Centre has allocated **over ₹800 crore** for the university's development.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The logo includes **words from tribal languages** as a symbol of diversity and inclusion.

- **Statement 4 is correct:** The university plans to offer **culturally relevant courses** such as tribal food traditions, Ayurveda, and tribal languages.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding the recent 'Stop Use Notice' issued by the Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA):

1. The notice was issued after the detection of Diethylene Glycol, a toxic industrial solvent, in two cough syrups.
2. The Relife Cough Syrup batch in question was manufactured in Telangana.
3. Citizens have been advised to report these syrups through a toll-free number provided by the DCA.
4. Diethylene Glycol contamination can lead to kidney failure, neurological damage, and even death.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1, 3 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Stop Use Notice was issued after the **Madhya Pradesh Drug Testing Laboratory** found **Diethylene Glycol (DEG)** in two cough syrups—Relife and Respifresh TR.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The **Relife** batch (LSL25160) was manufactured by **M/s. Shape Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Gujarat**, not in Telangana.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The **DCA advised citizens to report the syrups via its toll-free number (1800-599-6969)**, operational on working days.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** **DEG contamination** can lead to **kidney failure, neurological damage, and fatalities.**

- Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

Q.9) Consider the following statements regarding workers' rights and industrial safety in India:

1. The Factories Act, 1948, mandates safe working conditions, machinery maintenance, and regulated working hours.
2. The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 and Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 provide statutory compensation for workplace injuries and deaths.
3. The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSHWC) Code, 2020, if enforced, will strengthen statutory safety rights for workers.
4. Industrial accidents in India often occur due to employer negligence, underinvestment in safety, and inadequate regulatory enforcement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
- B. 1, 2, and 4 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Factories Act, 1948 governs workplace safety, machinery maintenance, working hours, rest breaks, and welfare facilities like canteens and crèches.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 and Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 provide statutory mechanisms for compensating workers injured or killed on the job.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The OSHWC Code, 2020, in its current form, **moves health and safety from a statutory right to executive discretion**, potentially weakening workers' rights rather than strengthening them.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Industrial accidents in India often result from employer negligence,

underinvestment in safety, long working hours, and weak regulatory enforcement, as confirmed by the ILO and recent tragedies like Sigachi Industries and Ennore.

- Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

Q.10) Consider the following statements about the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025:

1. It is organized by NABARD to showcase rural artisans, weavers, and self-help groups.
2. The 12th edition of the Mahotsav was inaugurated in Hyderabad by the Chief Minister of Telangana.
3. A Geographical Indication (GI) Pavilion was inaugurated as part of the event.
4. The Mahotsav aims to promote sustainable livelihoods, skill development, and connect rural producers to modern markets.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 3, and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. All of the above

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** NABARD organizes the Mahotsav to showcase rural artisans, weavers, self-help groups, and entrepreneurs from across India.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 12th edition of the Mahotsav was inaugurated by **Hyderabad Collector Harichandana Dasari**, not the Chief Minister of Telangana.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** A **Geographical Indication (GI) Pavilion** was inaugurated to promote region-specific products and protect local crafts.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The Mahotsav aims to **promote sustainable livelihoods, skill development**, and connect rural producers to modern markets.
- Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

Q.11) With reference to the proposed Transferable Development Rights (TDR) policy in Telangana, consider the following statements:

1. The policy aims to make TDRs mandatory for builders seeking permission beyond a certain number of floors.
2. TDRs are compensatory rights issued to landowners in lieu of monetary compensation for land acquired for public projects.
3. Under the 2017 TDR policy, 400% TDR was applicable for sites affected under lake conservation projects.
4. The new TDR policy seeks to promote lake development by reducing the financial burden of land acquisition on the State.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The proposed policy plans to **mandate TDR acquisition for builders** seeking permission for additional floors to create steady market demand.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** TDRs are indeed **compensatory rights** issued to landowners whose land is acquired for **public purposes** such as road widening or lake conservation.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Under the **2017 TDR policy, 200% TDR** applied to **lake and drain development projects**, not 400%.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The new policy aims to **reduce the State's financial burden** in acquiring land while promoting **lake conservation and development**.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

Q.12) With reference to the Global Big Cats Photography Competition 2025, consider the following statements:

1. The competition was jointly organized by the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA), Aarts Maestro, and the Uttar Pradesh Eco Tourism Development Board.
2. Hyderabad-based photographer Jeet Aman received a special award for his image of a leopard with a full moon backdrop taken in Jawai Bera, Rajasthan.

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The competition was jointly organized by **IBCA, Aarts Maestro**, and the **Uttar Pradesh Eco Tourism Development Board**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** **Jeet Aman**, a wildlife photographer from **Hyderabad**, won a **special award** for his image titled "*Leopard with Full Moon*", captured in **Jawai Bera, Rajasthan**.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

Q.13) Consider the following statements regarding the Telangana High Court's recent order on BC reservation:

1. The High Court stayed the government order which enhanced BC reservation from 23% to 42% in local bodies.
2. The Court directed the Telangana State Election Commission (TSEC) to conduct elections under the earlier reservation framework.
3. The ruling allowed total reservations to exceed 50% in exceptional cases.

4. The Court cited the failure to follow the “triple test” as a reason for halting the enhanced quota.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2, and 4 only
- C. 2, 3, and 4 only
- D. 1, 3, and 4 only

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Telangana High Court stayed the operation of **GO 9**, which sought to increase BC reservation from 23% to 42% in local body elections.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Court directed the **Telangana State Election Commission (TSEC)** to conduct elections under the **earlier reservation framework**, treating the additional 17% BC-reserved areas as general seats.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The ruling did **not allow total reservations to exceed 50%**; instead, it reinforced the Supreme Court and statutory ceiling on total reservations for SCs, STs, and BCs.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The Court cited that the State Government **failed to follow the “triple test”** mandated by Supreme Court precedents before enhancing reservations — which includes empirical data collection, commission-based study, and adherence to the 50% ceiling.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.14) Consider the following statements regarding Telangana’s Tourist Police initiative:

1. It involves the deployment of trained police personnel at key tourist destinations to enhance visitor safety.
2. Officers underwent training at the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHM), Hyderabad.

3. The initiative is limited to Hyderabad and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts only.

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Trained police personnel have been deployed across major tourist destinations to ensure **visitor safety and better tourist management**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The personnel underwent specialised training at **NITHM, Hyderabad**, including field visits to heritage and religious sites.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The initiative covers **seven districts of Telangana**, not just Hyderabad and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.15) Consider the following statements regarding the Devi Awards:

1. The Devi Awards were instituted by Telangana Government in 2014 to honour women achievers across diverse fields.
2. The 2025 edition was held in Hyderabad after a gap of nine years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Devi Awards were **not instituted by the Telangana Government**. They were launched in **2014 by The New Indian Express Group** to recognise and celebrate women achievers from diverse walks of life such as business, arts, sports, education, and social service.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** The **2025 edition of the Devi Awards** was indeed **held in Hyderabad after a gap of nine years**, marking the return of the prestigious event to the city.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.16) Consider the following statements regarding Telangana's new school inspection panels:

1. Each inspection team for primary and upper primary schools will consist of three members headed by a primary school headmaster.
2. High school inspection teams will comprise nine members, including seven subject teachers and a school assistant for physical education.
3. Each team will inspect 50 primary and upper primary schools and 100 high schools every quarter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Each team for primary and upper primary schools will have three members — a primary school headmaster as nodal officer and two secondary grade teachers.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** High school inspection teams will consist of nine members — a gazetted headmaster (nodal officer), seven subject teachers, and a school assistant for physical education.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Each team will inspect **100 primary and upper primary schools** and **50 high schools** every quarter, not the other way around.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.17) With reference to the recent initiatives of the CSIR–National Geophysical Research

Institute (NGRI), consider the following statements:

1. The Laser Interferometer Seismological Observatory (LISO) will enhance India's ability to detect and study seismic activities.
2. The Centre for Geothermal Energy Research (CGER) aims to promote geothermal energy as a clean and renewable resource.
3. Both LISO and CGER are part of the Ministry of Earth Sciences' initiative on renewable energy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** LISO will strengthen India's seismic monitoring and earthquake detection using advanced laser interferometry.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** CGER focuses on geothermal energy research to support India's clean energy goals.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Both facilities are under **CSIR**, which functions under the **Ministry of Science and Technology**, not the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.18) Consider the following statements regarding the Jeevandan Programme of Telangana:

1. The *Jeevandan* programme is a state-run organ donation initiative that promotes deceased and living donor organ transplants.
2. Telangana recorded the highest number of deceased organ donors in India in 2022 under the *Jeevandan* programme.

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** *Jeevandan* is a flagship organ donation and transplantation programme of the Telangana government, launched to create a robust ecosystem for organ donation, promote awareness, and facilitate coordination between hospitals, NGOs, and government agencies. It covers both living and deceased donor transplants.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** In 2022, Telangana recorded **194 deceased organ donors** — the highest in the country — under *Jeevandan*. The state also achieved **263 kidney transplants from deceased donors** that year, reflecting the programme's effectiveness and medical excellence.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

Q.19) Consider the following statements regarding the Brilliant Trophy Juniors Online Chess Tournament:

1. It is a national-level online chess competition for junior players in India, conducted across multiple age categories from under-7 to under-15.
2. Telangana has produced notable chess players including Grandmaster Harika Dronavalli.
3. The tournament is held exclusively offline to promote in-person competitive experience.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. All of the above

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The tournament's primary objective is to identify and nurture

young chess talent through competitive **online** play across multiple age categories.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** Telangana has produced notable chess players, including **Grandmaster Harika Dronavalli**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The tournament is **online**, not held exclusively offline.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.20) Consider the following statements regarding Bharath Thammineni:

1. He is the first Indian to summit all nine 8,000-metre peaks currently accessible to Indian climbers.
2. He guided India's first blind girl to successfully summit Mount Everest.

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Bharath Thammineni completed the summit of **Cho Oyu in October 2025**, thereby becoming the first Indian to conquer all nine accessible 8,000-metre peaks.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** He also assisted the **first blind Indian girl** to summit Mount Everest in April 2025, showcasing his contribution to inclusive mountaineering.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

Q.21) Consider the following statements regarding the Telangana OBC quota issue in local body elections:

1. The Supreme Court upheld the 50% ceiling on total reservations in local body elections, disallowing the proposed 42% OBC quota increase.
2. The High Court stayed the increase in OBC reservation but allowed elections

to proceed with total reservations capped at 50%.

3. The “triple test” for extending reservations includes identification of backwardness, determination of inadequate representation, and ensuring administrative efficiency.
4. The Supreme Court allowed the State government to exceed the 50% reservation ceiling in exceptional circumstances without justification.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 3 and 4 only

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Supreme Court emphasized the 50% reservation ceiling, disallowing Telangana’s proposed increase.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The High Court had stayed the GOs on enhanced OBC reservation but allowed elections to proceed with total reservations capped at 50%.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The “triple test” from **K. Krishna Murthy v. Union of India (2010)** must be followed before extending reservations.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The Supreme Court did **not** allow the State to exceed the 50% ceiling without proper justification.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.22) Consider the following statements regarding the HMDA bathymetric survey:

1. It will use sonar-based bathymetric techniques to measure water body depths.
2. The survey aims to distinguish between permanent water bodies and stagnant water.

3. The base map for HMDA will use lat-long coordinates instead of traditional survey numbers.
4. Only two-dimensional mapping will be done for all areas under HMDA jurisdiction.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The survey will use sonar (echo-sounding) devices to measure depths of lakes and water bodies.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** One of the main objectives is to differentiate between true water bodies and stagnant water to avoid planning errors.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The base map will be primarily based on **lat-long coordinates**, with survey numbers only superimposed.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** A **three-dimensional map** will be prepared for the Telangana Core Urban Region, while only remaining areas will have two-dimensional mapping.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.23) With reference to the FSSAI’s 2025 ban on sugar-based ORS drinks, consider the following statements:

1. The order prohibits any drink not meeting WHO’s ORS formula from using the “ORS” label.
2. The campaign leading to the ban was initiated by a Hyderabad-based paediatrician.
3. The FSSAI order allows limited sale of such drinks in hospitals with disclaimers.
4. WHO’s ORS formula prescribes a specific ratio of glucose and electrolytes to prevent dehydration.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 4 only

Answer: A

Explanation::

- **S1 – Correct:** The ban applies to all drinks not conforming to WHO's ORS standards.
- **S2 – Correct:** The campaign was led by **Dr. Sivaranjani Santosh of Hyderabad.**
- **S3 – Incorrect:** Sale in hospitals and pharmacies is prohibited entirely.
- **S4 – Correct:** WHO's ORS formula balances glucose and electrolytes for safe rehydration.

Q.24) Assertion and Reason

Assertion (A): Telangana renamed its Police Housing Corporation as TGPICS to reflect its expanding infrastructural role.

Reason (R): The State Government aims to create self-sustaining public-sector agencies with multi-sectoral consultancy capacity.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true, but R is false.
- D. A is false, but R is true.

Answer: A

Explanation::

- Telangana's decision to rebrand its Police Housing Corporation as **TGPICS** aligns with its larger administrative reform policy to make state enterprises **technically advanced, financially sustainable, and capable of offering consultancy services** across sectors—moving from traditional construction roles to modern infrastructure management.

Q.25) Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the recent inflow record at

the Nizam Sagar irrigation project in Telangana?

1. The Nizam Sagar project was built by the seventh Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan.
2. The Singur project is located upstream on the Manjeera River.
3. The Nizam Sagar project was constructed across the Godavari River in 1931.

Options:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Nizam Sagar project, built by the seventh Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, in 1931, recorded **291 TMCft** of inflow this year — its **second-highest in 50 years**, following heavy monsoon rains in the Manjeera basin.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The **upstream Singur project**, built across the **Manjeera River**, contributed **217 TMCft**, forming the major share of Nizam Sagar's total inflow this year.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Nizam Sagar project is constructed across the **Manjeera River**, a tributary of the Godavari, **not directly on the Godavari River.**
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.26) With reference to the Naikpod tribal masks of Telangana, consider the following statements:

1. The GI application for Naikpod tribal masks was filed under Class 20 of goods.
2. The Naikpod community primarily uses bamboo, wood, and natural dyes to craft these masks.
3. If approved, this will be the 29th GI-tagged product from Telangana.
4. The Naikpod tribal masks are mainly produced in the Adilabad district of Telangana.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
- B. 1, 3, and 4 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The GI application for Naikpod tribal masks was filed under *Class 20 (Select Goods Type)*.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Naikpod artisans use *locally sourced bamboo, wood, and natural dyes* to produce their eco-friendly masks.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** If approved, this will mark the *29th GI recognition* for Telangana.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The specific district was not mentioned in the application report; the craft is associated with *tribal regions of Telangana*, not limited to Adilabad.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.27) Consider the following statements about the Telangana Masters Inter-District Swimming Championship 2025:

1. The championship is a state-level competition for masters swimmers across multiple age groups.
2. Sakshi Yadav won four gold medals in the women's 30–34 years category.
3. Only freestyle events were conducted in the championship.
4. The championship promotes lifelong fitness, women's participation in sports, and district-level talent development.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2, and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. All of the above

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The championship targets **masters swimmers across multiple**

age groups, providing a platform for adult competitive swimming.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** **Sakshi Yadav** of Ranga Reddy district won gold in **100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, and 100m breaststroke** in the women's 30–34 years category.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The championship included **both freestyle and breaststroke events**, not only freestyle.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The championship encourages **lifelong fitness, women's sports participation, and district-level talent development**.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.28) With reference to the Indiramma Indlu scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme originally focused on rural housing for the weaker sections.
2. Recent guidelines allow eligible urban beneficiaries to construct G+1 houses on plots less than 60 sq. yards.
3. Financial assistance is provided in four installments during construction stages.
4. Construction under the scheme mandates two rooms, a kitchen, bathroom, and toilet.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2, and 3 only
- C. 2, 3, and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: D

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Indiramma Indlu scheme initially targeted rural housing for weaker sections, ensuring affordable homes with basic facilities.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The recent guidelines allow urban beneficiaries with plots **less than 60 sq. yards** to construct G+1 houses, relaxing previous restrictions.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** Financial assistance of ₹5 lakh is provided in **four installments** linked to construction stages to facilitate completion.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Houses under the scheme must include **two rooms, a kitchen (min. 35.5 sq.ft), a bathroom, and a toilet**, ensuring minimum living standards.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

Q.29) An inscription believed to date back to the Rashtrakuta period was recently discovered in which of the following places?

- A. Bidar, Karnataka
- B. Nagapuri, Telangana
- C. Ellora, Maharashtra
- D. Hampi, Karnataka

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The inscription was found by archaeology enthusiast Kolipaka Srinivas near a neglected temple in Nagapuri village, Cherial mandal, Siddipet district. It is currently undeciphered but belongs to the Rashtrakuta period (8th–10th century AD).
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.30) Consider the following statements regarding the Sir CV Raman Akshaya Vidya Science Centre in Hyderabad:

1. It has been set up exclusively for slum students of government schools to promote hands-on science learning.
2. The centre is a collaborative initiative between the Akshaya Vidya Foundation and the Telangana State Government.

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

Answer 30- A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The centre targets slum students from government schools and

focuses on hands-on, curriculum-based learning.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – it is a collaboration between the **Akshaya Vidya Foundation and the Secunderabad Cantonment Board**, not the Telangana State Government.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.31) Consider the following statements regarding Shobath Kadi:

1. *Shobath Kadi* is a Gondi translation of the *Sundarakanda*, composed as a collection of 37 devotional songs.
2. It was translated by Thodasam Kailas and released by the Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma in Adilabad.

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** *Shobath Kadi* is indeed a Gondi translation of the *Sundarakanda*, presented as a collection of **37 devotional songs**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** while the translation was done by **Thodasam Kailas**, the book was released by Telangana Governor **Jishnu Dev Varma** at an event in **Mahbubnagar**, not in Adilabad.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.32) Consider the following statements about Komaram Bheem:

1. Komaram Bheem led an armed tribal rebellion against the Nizam's oppressive rule in the Hyderabad region.
2. He gave the famous slogan "*Jal, Jangal, Zameen*" (Water, Forest, Land), symbolizing tribal rights over natural resources.

3. He was killed in the Jodeghat hills of present-day Telangana in 1940 while fighting the British forces.

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Komaram Bheem, a Gond tribal leader from Telangana, led a fierce armed revolt against the **Nizam's oppressive administration**, defending tribal rights and dignity.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** He coined the slogan "**Jal, Jangal, Zameen**", emphasizing the rights of tribal people over natural resources like water, forest, and land.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Komaram Bheem was **martyred at Jodeghat** in 1940 **fighting the Nizam's police**, not the British forces.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.33) With reference to the recent request by Telangana regarding cotton procurement, consider the following statements:

1. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) currently procures cotton with a moisture content ranging between 8% and 12%.
2. Telangana has sought relaxation of the moisture content norm up to 20%.
3. The 2025–26 cotton marketing season in Telangana covers an area of over 50 lakh acres under cultivation.

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The CCI procures cotton only when the moisture content is between **8% and 12%**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Telangana government has requested the Centre to **raise the permissible limit to 20%** due to high moisture caused by persistent rains.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The area under cotton cultivation in Telangana is **45.32 lakh acres**, not over 50 lakh acres.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

Q.34) With reference to the Musi River Development Project, consider the following statements:

1. A total of 734 acres of institutional land has been resumed and transferred to the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL).
2. The resumed lands include those from institutions such as WALAMTARI, TSERL, and the Indian Institute of Public Health.
3. The government has not provided any alternative land to the institutions that lost land under this transfer.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The government transferred **734 acres of institutional land** to MRDCL to facilitate the Musi River Development Project.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Lands were resumed from major institutions such as **WALAMTARI, Telangana State Engineering Research Laboratory (TSERL), and Indian Institute of Public Health**, among others.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The government **did provide alternative land** to the affected

institutions at HMDA layout in Shamshabad and Future City, though in smaller extents.

- Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

Q.35) The restoration of Bam Rukn-ud-Daula Lake aligns with which of the following national missions?

1. Mission Amrit Sarovar
2. National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP)
3. Smart Cities Mission
4. Jal Jeevan Mission

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, and 3 only
- D. 1, 3, and 4 only

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** *Mission Amrit Sarovar* aims to rejuvenate and develop at least **75 water bodies in each district**, promoting water conservation and community participation — objectives that align with the restoration of Bam Rukn-ud-Daula Lake.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The *National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP)* seeks to conserve and restore polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas. The ecological restoration and heritage preservation of Bam Rukn-ud-Daula Lake are consistent with this mission's goals.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The *Smart Cities Mission* emphasizes sustainable urban infrastructure, green zones, and heritage conservation. HYDRAA's initiative to integrate walking tracks, parks, and public amenities around the lake supports these objectives.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The *Jal Jeevan Mission* focuses on providing **tap water supply to rural households**, not on lake restoration or urban waterbody rejuvenation.
- Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

Q.36) With reference to the Indiramma Housing Scheme recently in news, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme provides financial assistance of ₹5 lakh to each beneficiary for constructing houses ranging between 400 and 600 sq. ft.
2. It is implemented solely through State funds without any integration with Central schemes.
3. The Government of Telangana recently allowed G+1 constructions on plots smaller than 400 sq. ft. to benefit urban poor.
4. The scheme also integrates employment and sanitation components through MGNREGA and Swachh Bharat Mission.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** ₹5 lakh assistance for houses of 400–600 sq. ft.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — the scheme is *integrated* with Central schemes like MGNREGA and Swachh Bharat Mission.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — G+1 construction allowed for smaller plots (<400 sq. ft.) to aid urban beneficiaries.
- **Statement 4 is correct** — the scheme integrates with Central employment and sanitation schemes for holistic development.
- Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

Q.37) According to the recent NITI Aayog reports on India's services sector, Telangana's growth trajectory over the past decade is primarily attributed to which of the following factors?

1. Development of a digitally driven, IT-centric economic model

2. Establishment of innovation hubs like T-Hub, WE-Hub, and T-Works
3. Expansion of the Hyderabad–Warangal Industrial Corridor and logistics parks
4. Focus on agricultural mechanization and rural employment schemes

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2, and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 3, and 4 only

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Telangana’s sustained growth in the services sector was driven by a **digitally driven, IT-centric economic model**, which significantly boosted its Gross State Value Added (GSVA) from 52.8% in 2011–12 to 62.4% in 2023–24. This model prioritized IT, finance, professional services, and innovation-led growth.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The establishment of **innovation and startup hubs** such as **T-Hub, WE-Hub, and T-Works** created a robust digital ecosystem that fostered entrepreneurship and attracted global technology investments, positioning Hyderabad as a national leader in innovation.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The **Hyderabad–Warangal Industrial Corridor** and the development of **logistics parks** were recommended by NITI Aayog to strengthen transport-linked services and expand economic opportunities beyond Hyderabad into Tier-2 cities like Warangal and Karimnagar.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The **focus on agricultural mechanization and rural employment schemes** relates to the primary sector, not to the services-led transformation highlighted in Telangana’s growth story.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.38) With reference to the term “Global Command Centre”, often used in the context of Hyderabad’s Global Capability Centres (GCCs), consider the following statements:

1. A Global Command Centre refers to a hub where multinational companies manage only their customer service operations.
2. Hyderabad has become a key location for such centres, where global business decisions, analytics, and innovation are executed.
3. These centres are limited to the Information Technology sector only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** A Global Command Centre or GCC does not merely handle customer service; it performs high-value strategic functions such as data analytics, technology development, finance, and innovation.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Hyderabad has emerged as a hub for GCCs where multinational corporations like McDonald’s, Microsoft, and others operate global decision-making and innovation processes.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** GCCs are not limited to IT; they span multiple sectors such as finance, healthcare, retail, and hospitality.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

Q.39) With reference to the Periodic Public Safety Inspection App recently launched by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), consider the following statements:

1. The app uses GIS-based technology to record and monitor road safety issues in real-time.

2. It allows field engineers to capture geo-tagged photographs and GPS data of road defects directly from the field.
3. The data collected through the app is integrated into a centralized dashboard for evidence-based decision-making.
4. The app has been developed under the Smart Cities Mission of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The *Periodic Public Safety Inspection App* launched by GHMC uses **GIS-based technology (ArcGIS Field Maps)** to record and monitor road safety issues in real time. This ensures precise, location-specific data collection for timely identification and rectification of infrastructure problems.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Field engineers can use the app to **capture geo-tagged**

photographs and GPS data of road defects such as potholes, open manholes, or damaged footpaths directly from the field. This feature ensures evidence-based tracking and improves the reliability of inspection reports.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** The app's design includes a **centralized dashboard** that compiles field data for supervisory review, enabling **evidence-based decision-making, transparency, and accountability** throughout the inspection-to-resolution process.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The app is a **GHMC initiative** developed using ArcGIS technology for Hyderabad's municipal governance. It was **not launched under the national Smart Cities Mission** of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**