



MCQs:

1. Which of the following statement/s is/are true?

1. The Finance Commission (FC) is a constitutional body.
2. Under Article 280 of the Constitution, the President of India is required to constitute a Finance Commission at an interval of five years or earlier.

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: c

Explanation:

- The Finance Commission (FC) is a constitutional body, that determines the method and formula for distributing the tax proceeds between the Centre and states, and among the states as per the constitutional arrangement and present requirements.
- Under Article 280 of the Constitution, the President of India is required to constitute a Finance Commission at an interval of five years or earlier.

2. REACHOUT scheme is implemented by?

- (a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
(b) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(c) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(d) Ministry of Science and Technology

Ans: c

Explanation:

- REACHOUT scheme is implemented by Ministry of Earth Sciences.



3. Rhine, Elbe and Danube are major rivers of?

- (a) Israel
- (b) USA
- (c) Germany
- (d) France

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Germany's largest wooded area, Black Forest, is in the southwest near the Swiss and French border.
- Major Rivers: Rhine, Elbe, Danube.

4. Which of the following statement/s are true?

1. Maldharis are local pastoral communities settled within Gir Protected Areas.
2. Barda sanctuary is located at Gujarat.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Barda sanctuary, about 100 kilometres away from Gir National Park, has been identified as a potential site to accommodate the Asiatic Lions.
- Members of the Maldhari community will also have to be relocated along with the big cats as it is important to restore around 1,000 km of 'exclusive lion habitat' under Project Lion through incentivised voluntary relocation of forest villages.
- Maldharis are local pastoral communities settled within Gir Protected Areas and the Barda WLS.



5. Which of the following is not a member of Columbo Security Dialogue?

- (a) India
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Bangladesh

Ans: d

Explanation:

- CSC was formed in 2011 as a trilateral maritime security grouping of India, Sri Lanka and Maldives.
- Later Mauritius joined as fourth member and Bangladesh & Seychelles participate as observer countries.