



## UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS 01-02-2024

**Q1:**

**Consider the following statements regarding Indian Stamp Act, 1899:**

- 1. A stamp is an authorized mark, seal, or endorsement by the State Government for duty purposes.**
- 2. Certain instruments or documents have specified charges outlined in Schedule 1 of the Act.**
- 3. The Act includes provisions for digital signatures, adapting to the modern digital landscape.**

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

**A:** Only one

**B:** Only two

**C:** All three

**D:** None

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The Indian Stamp Act of 1899 is a fiscal statute overseeing taxes through stamps on transaction instruments. It defines stamps as authorized marks, seals, or endorsements for duty. Certain documents have specified charges in Schedule 1. **Hence statements 1 and 2 is correct.**

The new draft bill proposes modernization, introducing digital e-stamping and incorporating digital signatures into instruments. Penalties may increase, with the maximum raised from Rs 5,000 to Rs 25,000 for contraventions. These changes reflect an effort to adapt the Act to contemporary needs. **Hence statement 3 is incorrect.**



**Q2:**

**Consider the following pairs:**

| <b>G.I. Tagged item</b> | <b>State</b>     |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Sujini Embroidery       | Bihar            |
| Kondapalli Toys         | Karnataka        |
| Lakadong Turmeric       | Sikkim           |
| Chamba Rumal            | Himachal Pradesh |

**How many of the given pairs above are correct?**

**A:** Only one pair

**B:** Only two pairs

**C:** Only three pairs

**D:** All four pairs

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

**G.I. Tagged item- State**

- **Sujini Embroidery-** Bihar
- **Kondapalli Toys-** Andhra pradesh
- **Lakadong Turmeric-** Meghalaya
- **Chamba Rumal-** Himachal Pradesh

**Hence option (b) is correct.**

**Q3:**

**Consider the following statements about Deputy CM:**

- 1. Andhra Pradesh has 5 Deputy Chief Ministers.**
- 2. Position of Deputy PM was upheld by Supreme Court in Devi Lal Case.**



**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:**

The practice of appointing Deputy Chief Ministers is widespread in Indian politics, with four out of five states in the recent November polls having Deputy Chief Ministers. All major states, except Tamil Nadu and Kerala, feature this position. In Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has appointed five Deputy Chief Ministers, showcasing a unique governance approach. **Hence statement 1 is correct.** However, legal challenges have arisen, as seen in the case of K M Sharma vs Devi Lal and Ors (1990), where the Supreme Court upheld the appointment of Devi Lal as Deputy Prime Minister, emphasizing the significance and complexities of the role. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**

**Q4:**

**Nestled in the Kannan Devan Hills of the southern Western Ghats in India, this sanctuary, initially declared in 1975 for the preservation of the Nilgiri Tahr, achieved national park status in 1978. Encompassing the southern side of the park is the prominent Anamudi peak. Notably, this natural habitat is home to the rare Neelakurinji flower, which blooms only once every 12 years.**

**The above paragraph defines which of them best?**

**A:** Periyar National Park

**B:** Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary

**C:** Kudremukh National Park

**D:** Eravikulam National Park

**Answer:** D



**Explanation:**

Eravikulam National Park, situated in the Kannan Devan Hills of the southern Western Ghats in India, serves as a sanctuary and national park established in 1975 and 1978, respectively, to safeguard the endangered Nilgiri Tahr. This natural haven, adorned with the iconic Anamudi peak, boasts diverse flora, including rolling grasslands and shola forests. Home to the rare Neelakurinji flower, blooming once every 12 years, the park supports a vibrant ecosystem with wildlife such as Gaur, Sloth Bear, Nilgiri Langur, Tiger, Leopard, Giant Squirrel, and wild dog, creating a vital habitat within the Western Ghats. **Hence option (d) is correct.**

**Q5:**

**Bharat 5G Portal is launched by which of the following?**

**A:** Ministry of Electronics and Communication Technology

**B:** Ministry of Science and Technology

**C:** Ministry of Communications

**D:** Prime Minister's Science, Technology & Innovation Advisory Council

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The Chairman of the Digital Communications Commission and Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications recently unveiled the "Bharat 5G Portal" during Bharat Telecom 2024. This comprehensive platform is a one-stop solution for all things related to 5G and 6G, catering to startups, industry, and academia in domains like 5G, 6G, IPR, and quantum technology. Notably, it includes the Future Tech-Experts registration portal, a collaborative initiative with PANIIT USA. **Hence option (c) is correct.**