

 Ministry of Rural Development signs MoU to support effective governance systems under DAY-NRLM.

In this context consider the following statements relating to DAY_NRLM:

- 1) The DAY-NRLM is the flagship program of the Government of India towards creating institutional platforms for the rural poor, mainly women.
- It is enabling the poor to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services in addition to increased access to rights, entitlements, and public services.

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
- Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India has launched a nation-wide campaign for promotion of Digital Life Certificate for Central Government pensioners.

In this context consider following statements:

- 1) Earlier, life certificates had to be submitted in physical form and for this old pensioners were forced to stand in queue outside banks for hours.
- 2) Now, it has become possible at the click of a button from the comfort of their homes.
- 3) In the process of submission of Life Certificate through Face Authentication by mobile, the details regarding Aadhaar Number, Mobile Number for OTP, PPO Number, Account Number with Bank/Post Office are required for the first time.
- This facility is also available to the employees of the State Government and the disbursing authority in the form of the Treasury Office of the State.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- d) 1,2,3 and 4

- 3. Which of the following international platforms are shared by India and Maldives?
 - 1) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
 - 2) Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
 - 3) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3
- 4. Consider the following statements:
 - 1) As per the Paris Agreement's provisions, countries must 'update' their pledges every five years.
 - 2) India's updated pledges to combate climate change are sector-specific and binding in nature.

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
- 5. Consider the following statements
 - 1) Pashmima is a fine type of wool which is obtained from breeds of mountain goats found in Tibet and parts of Ladakh.
 - 2) Shahtoosh shawls are made from the fine undercoat fibre obtained from the Tibetan Antelope.
 - Possession and sale of Shahtoosh shawls is banned under the Wild Life Protection Act and CITES.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) 1,2 and 3
- Consider the following statements about Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund (IRAF), recently in news.
 - It is a multi-donor trust fund, established with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

 It will be managed by the United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (UN MPTFO) to support global action on disaster resilience of infrastructure systems, especially in developing countries and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

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
- 7. Which of the following statements is/ are correct about the Fiscal Responsibility Management Act (FRBMA), 2003?
 - 1) States need to take prior permission from the central government for market borrowing.

2) It aimed to reduce Fiscal deficit and revenue deficit contingent liabilities and total liabilities. Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 8. Consider the following statements regarding Market Stabilisation Scheme in India:
 - 1) These are bonds floated by the Central Government to absorb excess liquidity from the system.
 - 2) These bonds are raised through an auction and are tradable in the secondary market.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 9. With reference to the Harappan Civilization, consider the following statements:
 - 1) The citadels were inhabited by the common people
 - 2) The Great Bath was used for ritual bathing and it was made up of stone
 - 3) The roads were laid out along a grid pattern

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only

- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3 only
- 10. Great prominence is given in the Rig Veda to two popular assemblies called 'Sabha' and 'Samiti' which seem to have formed an essential feature of the government.

In this context, which of the statements is/are correct?

 The Sabha, which mainly dealt with policy decisions and political business, included common people.

2) The Samiti, less political in character, was a more select body of the elders or nobles. Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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