

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Constitutional Bench:

1. Article 145(3) of the India Constitution makes it clear for the formation of Constitutional Bench.
2. The largest-ever Constitution Bench was that of 13 judges in the case Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala.
3. It will have minimum three judges of Supreme Court.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Article 145(3) of the Constitution makes it clear. It says “any case involving a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution” must be decided by a Bench of at least five judges.
- In India, these benches are temporary and are dissolved once a legal question or issue is settled.
- It will have five or more judges of the SC.
- A larger bench is constituted either depending on the importance of the issue or if there is a need to review the judgment of a smaller bench.
- For instance, a seven-judge bench is constituted if a need is felt to review the judgment of a five-judge bench.
- To date, the largest-ever Constitution Bench was that of 13 judges in the case Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Declaration of Scheduled Areas:

1. The criteria for declaration of schedule area is mention in the Indian Constitution.
2. Under article 244 (1), The President of India is empowered to declare an area a Scheduled Area.
3. The President can increase or decrease the area of any Scheduled Area in a State after consultation with the Governor.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Article 244(1): The President of India is empowered to declare an area a Scheduled Area.
- He can direct that the whole or any specified part of a Scheduled Area shall cease to be a Scheduled Area.
- The President can increase or decrease the area of any Scheduled Area in a State after consultation with the Governor of that State and also alter its boundary lines, but only by way of rectification of boundaries.
- These criteria are not spelt out in the Constitution of India but have become well established.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding PM SVANidhi Scheme:

1. It aims is to empower street vendors by extending loans and for their holistic development and economic upliftment.
2. Nodal Ministry for this scheme is Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2
- d) None of the above.

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme was launched by the Government of India in June, 2020.
- To empower street vendors by not only extending loans to them but also for their holistic development and economic upliftment.
- The scheme intends to facilitate-collateral free working capital loans of up to Rs.10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately 50 lakh street vendors.
- Nodal Ministry is Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Fischer – Tropsch (FT) process:

1. It is the process where synthesis gas is converted into a mixture of hydrocarbons, oxygenates, water, and carbon dioxide.
2. It involves the reaction of carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrogen (H₂) gases.
3. These gases are derived from coal, natural gas, or biomass, through the process of gasification.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: d

Explanation:

- Fischer – Tropsch (FT) process is the process where synthesis gas (H₂ and CO) is converted into a mixture of hydrocarbons, oxygenates, water, and carbon dioxide.
- It was first developed in the 1920s and was named after its discoverers, Franz Fischer and Hans Tropsch.
- It involves the reaction of carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrogen (H₂) gases.
- These gases are typically derived from various sources, including coal, natural gas, or biomass, through the process of gasification.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD):

1. It was established under the auspices of UNESCO.
2. India is one of the founding members of this organization.
3. The AIBD currently has 192 member.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) was established in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO.
- The AIBD currently has 92 member organisations from across 44 countries, including 26 government members (countries) represented by 48 broadcasting authorities and broadcasters.
- It also has 44 affiliates (organisations) represented by 28 countries and regions in Asia, Pacific, Europe, Africa, Arab States and North America.
- India is one of the founding members of this organization.
- The Prasar Bharati, India's public service broadcaster, is the representative body of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, at AIBD.

