

Q: Consider the following statement regarding World Bank index on the life cycle of a working woman:

1. Indian women have 74.4% of the rights that men.
2. India scored higher than the 63.7 average for the South Asian region.
3. Global score was less than the score of India.

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:

- Indian women have 74.4% of the rights that men have, according to latest World Bank index on the life cycle of a working woman. Globally, the score is 77.1%.
- India scored higher than the 63.7 average for the South Asian region, though lower than Nepal which had the region's highest score of 80.6.
- Of the 190 economies covered in the Index, only 14 scored a perfect 100: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Luxemburg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding "Samarth" scheme:

1. This scheme is under the ministry of Women and Child development.
2. It aims to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile sectors.
3. It is a demand driven and placement-oriented umbrella skilling programme.

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:

- Samarth is a demand driven and placement-oriented umbrella skilling programme of Ministry of Textiles. The implementation period of the scheme is up to March 2024.
- Samarth aims to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding Spinning and Weaving.
- The training programme and course curriculum have been rationalized keeping in view the technological and market demand of the domestic and international economies.
- In addition to the entry level skilling, a special provision for upskilling/ re-skilling programme has also been operationalized under the scheme towards improving the productivity of the existing workers in Apparel & Garmenting segments.
- Samarth also caters to the upskilling/ re-skilling requirement of traditional textile sector such as handloom, handicraft, silk and jute.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. As per Article 233 of the Constitution, a lawyer needs to have only 7 years of practice as an advocate in High Court.
2. The apex court was of the opinion that Rule 6(9) lacks transparency.

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:

- As per Article 233 of the Constitution, a lawyer needs to have only 7 years of practice as an advocate in High Court. Under the circumstances to provide 20 years' experience under Rule 3(2)(b) is rightly held to be unconstitutional, arbitrary and violative of the Article 14 of the Constitution of India.
- The apex court said it was of the opinion that Rule 6(9) lacks transparency and it confers uncontrolled discretion and excessive power to the Selection Committee.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Forest Certification in India:

1. Forest in only Maharashtra was certified.
2. Forest in Tripura was first to obtain FSC certification.

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: d

Explanation:

- The forest certification industry has been operating in India for the last 15 years. Currently, forests in only Uttar Pradesh are certified. Forty-one divisions of the UP Forest Corporation (UPFC) are PEFC-certified, meaning they are being managed according to standards endorsed by PEFC.
- These standards have been developed by the New Delhi-based nonprofit Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF).
- Some other states too obtained certification, but subsequently dropped out. The Bhamragad forest division in Maharashtra was the first to obtain FSC certification for forest management. Later, two divisions in Madhya Pradesh and one in Tripura also obtained FSC certification. UPFC too had FSC certification earlier. However, all of these expired over time.

Q: The World Bank is lending up to \$1 billion to help India with preparedness for future pandemics as well as to strengthen its health infrastructure. Consider the following statement:

1. Health service delivery will be supported in in seven States.
2. Half of the money will be spent on Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Programme (PHSPP)
3. Remaining half of the amount will be used in Ayushman Scheme of the government.

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:

- In addition to the national-level interventions, one of the loans will prioritise health service delivery in seven States: Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh.
- The \$500-million Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Programme (PHSPP) will support the government's efforts to prepare India's surveillance system to detect and report epidemics of potential international concern.
- Another \$500-million Enhanced Health Service Delivery Programme (EHSDP) will support government's efforts to strengthen service delivery through a redesigned primary healthcare model, which includes improved household access to primary healthcare facilities, stronger links between each household and its primary care facility through regular household visits and risk assessment of non-communicable diseases.