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1. Consider the following statements regarding India's Bilateral Investment Treaty framework -

1. India's first Model BIT was signed in 1993 and amended in 2003.
2. The proposed new BIT model will exclude the Most-Favoured Nation (MFN) clause to prevent treaty-shopping.
3. Under the new model, foreign investors can initiate international arbitration immediately without exhausting domestic remedies.
4. Tax-related disputes will remain within scope of investment treaties under the new framework.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

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

Answer - A) 1 and 2 only

Explanation - Statements 1 and 2 are correct per the article. Statement 3 is incorrect—the new model requires AT LEAST TWO YEARS of local remedies exhaustion before international arbitration (not immediate initiation). Statement 4 is incorrect—the new framework will EXCLUDE tax-related disputes from investment treaty scope maintaining taxation as sovereign policy matter. The framework represents carefully calibrated balance between investor protection and India's regulatory sovereignty.

2. Consider the following statements regarding India's inclusive transformation -

1. Multidimensional poverty declined from 29.17% in 2013-14 to 11.28% in 2022-23.
2. Rural tap water coverage under Jal Jeevan Mission reached 81.87% as of May 2026.
3. Maternal Mortality Ratio increased from 88 to 130 per 100,000 live births (2021-23).
4. Women associated with Self-Help Groups increased from 2.37 crore to 10 crore under DAY-NRLM.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only

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

Answer - A) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation - Statements 1, 2, and 4 are correct reflecting progress in inclusive transformation. Statement 3 is incorrect—Maternal Mortality Ratio DECLINED from 130 (2014-16) to 88 (2021-23), not increased. The data demonstrates substantial improvement in poverty reduction, water access, and women's economic empowerment across India's vulnerable sections.

3. Consider the following statements regarding SIPRI Yearbook 2026 findings -

1. Global estimated nuclear warhead inventory is 12,187 as of January 2026.

2. Russia and USA together possess around 83% of all stockpiled nuclear warheads.
3. India's estimated nuclear arsenal increased to 190 warheads from 180 the previous year.
4. India has signed the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT).

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 2 only

Answer - A) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation - Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct per SIPRI data. Statement 4 is incorrect—India has NOT signed the NPT maintaining strategic autonomy. India is among four countries (along with Israel, North Korea, and Pakistan) that have not signed the NPT. India's modest nuclear arsenal expansion reflects response to regional security challenges particularly China's growing military capabilities.

4. Consider the following statements regarding randomness amplification and cybersecurity -

1. ETH Zürich researchers demonstrated device-independent randomness amplification using quantum entanglement.
2. Randomness amplification can convert weakly random data into certifiably perfect randomness.
3. As per NCRB Crime in India 2024 Report, cybercrime cases increased by 6% compared to 2023.
4. Cyber Swachhta Kendra provides tools for botnet detection and malware cleaning.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 4 only

Answer - A) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation - Statements 1, 2, and 4 are correct. Statement 3 is incorrect—cybercrime cases INCREASED by OVER 17% in 2024 compared to 2023, not 6%. The overall crime rate declined by 6%, but cybercrime showed significant increase. Quantum randomness amplification represents breakthrough in cryptographic security addressing fundamental computational limitations in generating true randomness.

****REMEMBER Mnemonic for Key Concepts - BIT-INCLUSIVE-NUCLEAR-CYBER**

- **B**ilateral treaties balance investor rights with regulatory sovereignty
- **I**nclusive transformation reduces multidimensional poverty through integrated programs
- **N**uclear arsenal expansion reflects strategic competition despite disarmament efforts
- **C**yber threats increase requiring quantum-based security solutions

5. Consider the following statements regarding the French Open -

1. The French Open was founded in 1891 and is named after French aviator Roland Garros.
2. The tournament is held between late May and early June on red clay courts in Paris.
3. The French Open serves as the first Grand Slam event of the tennis season.
4. Clay surface creates high bounce and slows fast serves making it unique among Grand Slams.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 2 only

Answer – A) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation – Statements 1, 2, and 4 are correct per the article. Statement 3 is incorrect—the French Open serves as the SECOND Grand Slam event of the tennis season, following the Australian Open held in January. The French Open's late May/early June timing positions it between Australian Open and Wimbledon in seasonal calendar.

6. Consider the following statements regarding Grand Slam tournaments –

1. Australian Open is held on hard courts in Melbourne during January.
2. Wimbledon Championships is held on grass courts and is the oldest tennis tournament.
3. US Open is held on clay courts in August–September in New York City.
4. The four Grand Slams operate under a shared governance framework maintaining coordination.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 4 only

Answer – A) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation – Statements 1, 2, and 4 are correct. Statement 3 is incorrect—the US Open is held on HARD COURTS, not clay courts, in New York City during August–September. The three different playing surfaces (hard courts, grass courts, and clay courts) across Grand Slams create distinct technical demands for players.