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1. Consider the following statements about the PCPNDT Act, 1994:

1. It prohibits sex selection both before and after conception.
2. All ultrasound clinics are required to register under the Act.
3. First-time offenders face imprisonment of up to five years.
4. State Medical Councils have the authority to suspend medical practitioners convicted under the Act.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1, 2, and 4 only

(b) 1, 2, 3, and 4

(c) 2, 3, and 4 only

(d) 1 and 4 only

Answer: (a)

Statement 3 is incorrect. First offenders face up to three years imprisonment, not five. Five years applies to subsequent offences.

2. With reference to India's care economy, consider the following statements:

1. According to NSO's Time Use Survey 2019, women spend significantly more hours per day on unpaid care work than men.
2. The ILO estimates that investing 2% of India's GDP in care services could generate approximately 11 million jobs.
3. The Palna Scheme provides day-care facilities for children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years.
4. Women in paid care employment in India earn roughly at par with men in similar roles.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1, 2, and 3 only

(b) 2, 3, and 4 only

(c) 1, 3, and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: (a)

Statement 4 is incorrect. Women in paid care work earn approximately six times less than men in equivalent roles – the gender wage gap in this sector is severe.

3. With reference to India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India's TFR as per SRS 2024 has fallen below the replacement level of 2.1.
2. Delhi records the lowest TFR among all states and union territories of India.
3. Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh are the only states with a TFR above 2.1 as of 2024.
4. India's TFR in 1985 was approximately 4.3.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Answer: (d)

All four statements are factually correct as per the SRS Statistical Report 2024 and related demographic data.

4. With reference to India's textile sector, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India is the sixth largest exporter of textiles and apparel in the world.
2. The PM MITRA Parks Scheme envisages the development of seven mega integrated textile parks.
3. India is the largest producer of silk in the world.
4. The textile industry provides direct employment to approximately 45 million workers.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Answer: (a)

Statement 3 is incorrect. India is the **second** largest producer of silk in the world, not the largest.

5. Consider the following statements about India's R&D expenditure:

1. India's Gross Expenditure on R&D (GERD) as a percentage of GDP stands between 0.6% and 0.7%.

2. The private sector contributes more than 70% of India's total R&D expenditure.
3. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) was established in the year 2023.
4. The RDI Scheme has a corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1, 3, and 4 only

(b) 2, 3, and 4 only

(c) 1, 2, and 3 only

(d) 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: (a)

Statement 2 is incorrect. India's private sector contributes only around 36% of total R&D expenditure – it is in innovation-leading economies like the US, South Korea, and China that private sector contributions exceed 70%.

- 6.** With reference to the Indicators of Global Climate Change (IGCC) 2025 Report, consider the following statements:
1. Human activities accounted for 1.37°C out of a total observed warming of 1.39°C above pre-industrial levels in 2025.
 2. Global greenhouse gas emissions reached 56.8 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent in 2025 – the highest ever recorded.
 3. La Niña conditions contributed to 2025 being the hottest year on record by amplifying human-caused warming.
 4. Scientists estimate a 91% probability that at least one year before 2030 will breach the 1.5°C warming threshold.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 1, 2, and 4 only

(b) 2, 3, and 4 only

(c) 1 and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3, and 4

Answer: (a)

Statement 3 is incorrect. La Niña did the opposite – it temporarily suppressed global temperatures by cooling the Pacific, which is why 2025 ranked only third warmest despite record human-caused warming. Had La Niña not been active, 2025 would have broken all heat records.