

# Solutions

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1) Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Incorrect** – Minority institutions are allowed to admit non-minority students (with possible quotas), not an absolute restriction.
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Incorrect** – While enjoying certain **autonomies**, these institutions must still adhere to **national quality standards**.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Correct** – The **Pramati Educational and Cultural Trust v. Union of India (2014)** ruling exempted minority institutions from the **RTE Act's reservation provisions**.

Thus, two statements (1 and 2) are incorrect.

2) Answer: (c) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Incorrect** – The **no-harm rule** is a **foundational principle** but not automatically enforceable in every treaty.
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Correct** – **Equitable and reasonable utilization (ERU)** is a widely accepted principle for **shared water resources**.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Correct** – Customary law encourages states to conduct **Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)** for projects with potential **cross-border impacts**.

3) Answer: (c) Network Slicing

Explanation:

- **Network Slicing:**
  - Allows creation of **virtual networks** within a single physical infrastructure.
  - **Tailors network resources** to specific types of traffic (e.g., **low latency for industrial applications**, high bandwidth for streaming).
  - **Key feature** for both 5G and emerging 6G technologies.

4) Answer: (a) 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Incorrect** – The **National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004** does not grant **absolute immunity** from state interference.
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Incorrect** – Institutions established **before Independence** may also claim **minority status** if they fulfill the criteria.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Correct** – The **T.M.A Pai Foundation v. State of Karnataka (2002)** case provided **guidelines** for

determining minority autonomy.

status and administrative

5) Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Correct** – **Terahertz (THz) frequencies** enable **faster data transfer** but are limited by **short-range propagation**.
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Correct** – **Integrated Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IIRS)** boost **signal quality** by redirecting signals to weak areas.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Correct** – **Massive MIMO** uses multiple antennas to support **numerous simultaneous connections**, enhancing network capacity.

6) Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Incorrect** – ERU does not grant **exclusive rights** to upstream states; it promotes **balanced sharing**.
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Correct** – ERU aims to allocate **water resources fairly** based on the **social, economic, and environmental needs** of all riparian states.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Incorrect** – While cooperation is encouraged, **notification** is not an explicit binding requirement under ERU.

Thus, only **Statement 2** is correct.

7) Answer: (d) Establishment of a domestic carbon market

Explanation:

- The **2023 NDC update** emphasizes:
  - Setting up a **domestic carbon market** as a key strategy.
  - Aligns with the **Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2022**, which underpins the **Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)**.
  - Supports India's commitment to the **Paris Agreement** by encouraging **market-based emissions reductions**.

8) Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Incorrect** – The vision is **comprehensive** and not limited solely to **rural connectivity**.
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Incorrect** – While it aligns with **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, it does not focus solely on the **"Make in India"** aspect.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Correct** – **Bharat 6G Vision** does prioritize enhancing India's **global intellectual property contributions** in 6G.

Thus, **two statements (1 and 2)** are incorrect.

9) Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Correct** – CSR is mandatory for companies meeting **specific thresholds** (net worth, turnover, profit).
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Incorrect** – Both the **company and its responsible officers** can face penalties for **non-compliance**.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Incorrect** – Unspent CSR funds are required to be **utilized within three years** or transferred to a **government-specified fund**, not carried forward indefinitely.

10) Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:**
  - **Correct** – Azad played a pivotal role in establishing institutions like the **IITs**, contributing to India's **modern educational framework**.
- **Statement 2:**
  - **Incorrect** – He did **not** found the **Indian Statistical Institute**; this institution was founded by **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**.
- **Statement 3:**
  - **Correct** – He was a strong advocate for **liberal and universal education** in post-independent India, shaping the country's **educational policies**.

Thus, **only two statements (1 and 3)** are correct.

11) Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:**  
Polio **primarily affects children under five**, not adults. This is why global eradication efforts focus heavily on **immunizing young children**.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**  
Polio is a **highly infectious viral disease** that **targets the nervous system** and can lead to **permanent paralysis**.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**  
**Most polio infections are asymptomatic**. Only about **1 in 200 cases** leads to irreversible paralysis.
- **Statement 4 – Incorrect:**  
In severe cases, **polio can affect the respiratory muscles**, causing **breathing difficulties** and requiring ventilatory support.

12) Answer: (c) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**  
Nal Sarovar is a **saline lake** located in **Gujarat, India**.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**  
It is a **Ramsar Site** and a key habitat for **migratory birds**, especially during winter.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**  
It is **not located in Northeast India**.
- **Statement 4 – Incorrect:**  
The lake is **saline**, not freshwater.

13) Answer: (c) Famous for floating gardens, shikara markets, and Mughal gardens along its shore

Explanation:

- **Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir**, is renowned for:
  - **Floating vegetable gardens**
  - **Houseboats and Shikaras**
  - **Mughal gardens** like **Shalimar Bagh**
  - Historical islands like **Char Chinar**

All other options are either factually incorrect or misrepresent the lake's features.

14) Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**  
The **PM Internship Scheme** targets **1 crore youth over 5 years**.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**  
Internships are provided in **multiple sectors** like **agriculture, pharma, automobiles**, etc.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**  
The **stipend is shared** – ₹4,500 by the **government**, ₹500 by the **companies**.

15) Answer: (b) Article 15(4) and Article 16(4)

Explanation:

- **Article 15(4):**  
Empowers the **State to make special provisions** for the **advancement of socially and educationally backward classes**.
- **Article 16(4):**  
Enables **reservation in public employment** for **backward classes** not adequately represented.
- Other Articles listed (14, 19, 21) do not address **affirmative action** directly.

16) Answer: (d) None

Explanation:

- The **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** has **three objectives**:
  - **Conservation** of biodiversity
  - **Sustainable use** of its components
  - **Fair and equitable benefit-sharing** from genetic resources

Hence, **all four statements** are incorrect.

17) Answer: (b) It has limited range and is easily blocked by physical obstructions

Explanation:

- **mmWave** is capable of **high-speed data transfer**, but:
  - Has **short range**
  - Is **easily blocked** by **walls, trees**, and even **rain**
- It **does not conflict with IoT**, and it's not susceptible to high external interference.

18) Answer: (d) None

Explanation:

- **Cartagena Protocol:**  
Focuses on **biosafety** and **transboundary movement** of **LMOs**, not climate change.
- **Nagoya Protocol:**  
Focuses on **access to genetic resources** and **benefit-sharing**, not only marine biodiversity.
- **Both are legally binding protocols under the CBD**, and **CBD membership** is typically required to be a party.

19) Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** India can use western river waters for **domestic use, hydropower, and limited irrigation**.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** India can develop **run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects**, within **design restrictions**.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:** The Treaty **does not explicitly require EIAs**, though it is considered good international practice.

20) Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** The **Indus Waters Treaty** does **not explicitly mention the no-harm rule**.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** The no-harm rule concerns **significant harm**, not **all potential harm**.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** It is a **customary international law principle** requiring **due diligence** by states to prevent transboundary environmental harm.

21) Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** The **Hyderabad state was integrated through a military operation** called **Operation Polo** in 1948, due to the Nizam's resistance. It was not a peaceful negotiation.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** **Kashmir's accession** was managed by **Jawaharlal Nehru** and **Governor-General Lord Mountbatten**, not Patel. Patel focused more on other princely states.

22) Answer: (b) To bridge the digital divide in rural areas by providing e-governance and digital services

Explanation:

- The **Common Service Centres (CSCs)** are the **front-end delivery points** for various **e-governance, banking, healthcare, and education services** in rural India.
- They aim to ensure **digital inclusion** and serve as access points for **citizens living in remote areas**.

23) Answer: (d) None

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – False:** Patel **opposed the Nawab's decision** to join Pakistan.
- **Statement 2 – False:** The **referendum led to integration with India**, not independence.
- **Statement 3 – False:** Patel employed **diplomatic pressure and military presence**, indicating a **pragmatic mix of diplomacy and force**.

24) Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** Expansion of **cities into nearby rural areas** is a key feature.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** This results in **peri-urban zones** combining urban and rural features.

- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:** It **does involve infrastructure expansion**, e.g., roads, water supply, etc.

25) Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- Natural urbanisation refers to **urban population growth due to natural increase** (births > deaths).
- **High levels of healthcare and infrastructure** encourage this growth.
- It **excludes rural-urban migration**, differentiating it from rural push factors.

26) Answer: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** AMRUT focuses on **basic urban services** like **water, sanitation, transport**.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** It **does not construct new cities**; it **upgrades existing ones**.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** Promotes **sustainability and inclusivity** in urban development.

27) Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** ICMR **does not primarily fund private firms**; it supports research that aligns with **public health priorities**.
- **Statements 2 & 3 – Correct:** ICMR's mandate includes:
  - **Translating research** into public health applications.
  - Conducting research on **national health challenges**.

28) Answer: (c) To study the resilience of Japanese honoki (magnolia) wood in space conditions

Explanation:

- **LignoSat** is the **world's first wooden satellite**, testing **honoki wood in space's vacuum and radiation**.
- It explores **sustainable materials** for **future spacecraft structures**.

29) Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** Aims to **conserve 30% of land and marine areas by 2030**.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** It is **not exclusively for marine biodiversity**.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** COP-16 urged **integration into national policies and climate alignment**.
- **Statement 4 – Incorrect:** It is a **global goal**, not limited to **developed countries**.

30) Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** Kolong **does not originate in Meghalaya**, but **branches from the Brahmaputra** in Assam.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** It is a **tributary**, not a **tributary of Brahmaputra**.

31) Correct Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**



- The **Rules of Procedure** of both Houses of Parliament provide for the **conduct of secret sittings**.
- As per **Rule 248 of the Lok Sabha**, a motion can be passed to conduct a sitting in secret, wherein **only members and authorized personnel** are allowed.
- However, **Parliament has never officially invoked this provision** till date, hence it remains **unused in practice**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
  - During the **Indo-China War of 1962**, there was a **proposal for holding a secret sitting** in Parliament to discuss sensitive war-related matters.
  - However, **Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru rejected the proposal**, emphasizing the importance of **transparency and public accountability** in democratic deliberations.
  - This remains the **closest instance** to a secret sitting, though it was **not implemented**.

### Conclusion:

- Both statements correctly describe the **existence of the provision** and the **historical context**.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (c)**.

**32) Correct Answer: (c) 1, 2, and 4 only**

### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**
  - The **UN80 Initiative** aims to **strengthen strategic planning** and ensure **cost-effective** use of resources across UN agencies.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
  - A key objective is to **enhance inter-agency collaboration**, fostering better **coordination** in global challenges such as **climate change, pandemics, and conflicts**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:**
  - There is **no proposal** under the UN80 Initiative to establish a **separate financial institution**.
  - Instead, the focus is on **internal financial reform** and enhancing **transparency and accountability** within existing structures.
- **Statement 4 is correct:**
  - The Initiative emphasizes the **importance of timely contributions** from member states to avoid **financial bottlenecks** in UN operations.

### Conclusion:

- Statements 1, 2, and 4 are correct.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (c)**.

**33) Correct Answer: (b) Only two**

### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**
  - The **RPA 1950** provides for the **preparation of electoral rolls, qualifications of voters**, and matters related to **delimitation and allocation of seats**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**
  - The **conduct of elections, disqualifications, and corrupt practices** are dealt with under the **Representation of the People Act, 1951**, not the 1950 Act.
- **Statement 3 is correct:**
  - The **RPA 1950** lays down provisions related to the **allocation of seats in Parliament and State Legislatures** and also handles **delimitation**.

### Conclusion:

- Only Statements 1 and 3 are correct.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (b)**.

**34) Correct Answer: (a) Only one**

### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:**
  - The **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)** audits not only **tax revenue** but also **non-tax revenues, grants, loans, and public expenditure** across government departments and PSUs.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
  - The CAG conducts **three types of audits**:
    - **Compliance Audit** – ensures laws and rules are followed.
    - **Financial Audit** – verifies accuracy of financial statements.
    - **Propriety Audit** – examines public expenditure for wastefulness or extravagance.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:**
  - The CAG is a **constitutional authority under Article 148**, but does **not advise the Prime Minister** on policy matters. It only submits audit reports to the **President or Governor**, which are then laid before the Parliament or State Legislature.

### Conclusion:

- Only Statement 2 is correct.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (a)**.

**35) Correct Answer: (d) None**

### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:**
  - **Autopen-generated signatures** are **not universally accepted** in all legal or financial transactions. Their acceptance depends on **national laws and institutional policies**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**
  - Traditional autopens are **mechanical devices** and do **not require biometric authentication**.
  - Some modern **digital signature systems** may use biometrics, but **not autopens**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:**
  - The use of an autopen **does not automatically invalidate** a document. However, **legal validity may be challenged**, especially if **authorization or consent is unclear**.

### Conclusion:

- All three statements are incorrect.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (d)**.

**36) Correct Answer: (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I**

### Explanation:

- **Statement I is correct:**
  - The green waste processing plant helps in **reducing fossil fuel dependence** by producing **alternative fuels** from biodegradable waste.
- **Statement II is correct:**
  - The plant converts green waste into **eco-friendly fuels**, such as **wooden pellets**, which can be used in place of **coal** in energy production.
- **Explanation Link:**

- Since **eco-friendly fuels from green waste** serve as **alternatives to fossil fuels**, Statement II logically **explains** Statement I.

### Conclusion:

- Both statements are correct and logically linked.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (a)**.

**37) Correct Answer: (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect**

### Explanation:

- Statement I is correct:**
  - The **APAAR ID** is a **unique academic ID** linked to **DigiLocker**, which consolidates student records and **prevents duplication or fraud**.
  - It enables **easy verification**, ensures **data transparency**, and enhances **academic portability**.
- Statement II is incorrect:**
  - APAAR does **not use blockchain technology**.
  - It uses the **centralized DigiLocker platform**, not a **decentralized blockchain system**.

### Conclusion:

- Only Statement I is correct.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (c)**.

**38) Correct Answer: (d) None**

### Explanation:

- Statement 1 is incorrect:**
  - Audible Enclaves use **ultrasonic beams** to deliver sound at a **specific point**, not in all directions.
  - The sound is heard **only where the beams intersect**, so it is **not omnidirectional**.
- Statement 2 is incorrect:**
  - The technology is **still experimental** and has **not yet been commercialized** for large-scale public broadcasting.
- Statement 3 is incorrect:**
  - Environmental factors such as **reflective surfaces, noise, and reverberation** can **distort or interfere** with ultrasonic beams, affecting functionality.

### Conclusion:

- All statements are incorrect.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (d)**.

**39) Correct Answer: (b) Only two**

### Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct:**
  - The Act empowers the **central government** to **prohibit or restrict imports/exports** for reasons including **public health, environmental protection, security**, etc.
- Statement 2 is incorrect:**
  - Goods are not confiscated if documentation is proper. Confiscation applies in cases of **fraud, smuggling, or non-compliance**.
- Statement 3 is correct:**
  - The Act allows **warehousing** of goods without paying customs duty immediately, offering time before final clearance or re-export.

### Conclusion:

- Only Statements 1 and 3 are correct.
- Hence, the **correct answer is (b)**.

**40) Correct Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only**

### Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct:**
  - The program provides selected startups **access to C-DOT's telecom labs, mentorship, and support for product development**.
- Statement 2 is incorrect:**
  - The program is implemented by **STPI under the Ministry of Communications**, not by the **Department of Science and Technology**.
- Statement 3 is correct:**
  - Startups must be recognized by DPIIT** to qualify for the program.

**41) Correct Answer: (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I**

### Explanation:

- Statement I is correct:**
  - The **revised MSME classification (2020)** raised the investment and turnover limits for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.
  - This allows enterprises to **grow in scale** without **losing access to MSME benefits**, such as:
    - Priority sector lending**
    - Interest subvention**
    - Credit Guarantee schemes**
    - Market access initiatives**
- Statement II is correct:**
  - The objective was to **ensure MSMEs are not prematurely excluded** from government support as they expand.
  - Earlier, **growing enterprises** would cross the threshold and be **disqualified from benefits**, affecting their **sustainability during the growth phase**.
- Explanation Link:**
  - Statement II explains Statement I** by detailing the **rationale** behind allowing larger units to remain within the MSME fold.

### Conclusion:

- Both statements are correct and linked.
- Correct answer: (a)**

**42) Correct Answer: (b) Only two**

### Explanation:

- Statement 1 is incorrect:**
  - Anti-Dumping Duties (ADD)** are **recommended by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)** under the **Ministry of Commerce**.
  - They are **imposed by the Ministry of Finance, not the Ministry of External Affairs**.
- Statement 2 is correct:**
  - ADD is typically imposed for a **maximum of 5 years**, unless extended by a **sunset review**.
- Statement 3 is correct:**
  - ADD is **not protectionist** and is consistent with **WTO rules**, specifically the **Anti-Dumping Agreement**.
  - It is a **trade remedy** to counter **unfair pricing** and prevent **injury to domestic industries**.

### Conclusion:

- Statements 2 and 3 are correct.
- **Correct answer: (b)**

43) **Correct Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:**
  - The **Constitution of India** does **not explicitly mention secret sittings**.
  - However, **Article 118** empowers Parliament to make its own **rules of procedure**, under which secret sittings are allowed.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
  - **Rule 248** of the Lok Sabha Rules permits a **secret sitting** when recommended by the **Leader of the House** and **approved by the Speaker**.
- **Statement 3 is correct:**
  - Proceedings of secret sittings are **not published by default**.
  - They are published **only if** the House passes a **specific resolution** to do so.

**Conclusion:**

- Statements 2 and 3 are correct.
- **Correct answer: (b)**

44) **Correct Answer: (a) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:**
  - The **George VI Ice Shelf** lies within the **Antarctic region**, south of **60° S latitude**.
  - This region is governed under the **Antarctic Treaty System (ATS)**, which:
    - Demilitarizes Antarctica
    - Promotes **peaceful scientific exploration**
    - Bans **sovereignty assertions**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**
  - ATS does **not allow sovereign control** or **exclusive research zones**.
  - It **prohibits new territorial claims** and **freezes existing ones**.

**Conclusion:** Only Statement 1 is correct. **Correct answer: (a)**

45) **Correct Answer: (a) Only one [Incorrect statement]**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:**
  - **TB Champions** are **trained survivors of TB**, not **health professionals**.
  - They engage in **peer-led outreach**, combatting stigma and encouraging **early detection and adherence**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
  - The model emphasizes **peer advocacy** – TB survivors **share experiences** to instill **confidence and compliance** among patients.
- **Statement 3 is correct:**
  - The model has been successfully implemented in **Meghalaya**, especially in **remote tribal regions**, to reach underserved populations.

**Conclusion:** Only Statement 1 is incorrect. **Correct answer: (a)**

46) **Correct Answer: (d) None of the above**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:**

- **Compliance is assessed periodically**, not just once.
- FATF conducts **Mutual Evaluations** every few years, covering both **technical compliance** and **effectiveness**.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**

- The compliance review includes both **legal and institutional frameworks**.
- It **does not ignore** laws—it checks whether countries have **sound legal systems** aligned with **FATF's 40 Recommendations**.

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:**

- FATF is concerned with **anti-money laundering (AML)** and **counter-terrorism financing (CFT)**, not **international trade agreements**.

- **Statement 4 is incorrect:**

- The assessment includes **both law enforcement and legislative measures**—not only enforcement.

**Conclusion:** All statements are incorrect. **Correct Answer: (d)**

47) **Correct Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:**

- OTEC functions best in **tropical regions**, where a minimum **20°C temperature difference** exists between **warm surface water** and **cold deep water**.

- **Statement 2 is correct:**

- Unlike solar and wind, OTEC can produce **continuous energy 24x7**, due to **stable oceanic temperature gradients**.

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:**

- OTEC is **not based on tidal activity**; that pertains to **tidal energy**.
- OTEC depends on **temperature gradients**, not **tidal range**.

- **Statement 4 is incorrect:**

- OTEC is still in **experimental or pilot stages** in countries like Japan, India, and the US.
- It is **not yet fully commercialized** or **widely deployed**.

**Conclusion:** Only Statements 1 and 2 are correct. **Correct Answer: (b)**

48) **Correct Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:**

- The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** is empowered to **certify products, services, and systems** to ensure **standardization**.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**

- BIS standards are **mandatory only for specific categories**, especially **critical products** like gas cylinders, helmets, cement, etc.
- For many industries, standards remain **voluntary**.

- **Statement 3 is correct:**

- BIS functions as an **autonomous body** under the **Ministry of Consumer Affairs**.

- **Statement 4 is incorrect:**

- The **ISI mark** is **mandatory only for notified products**, not for all manufacturers.

**Conclusion:** Only Statements 1 and 3 are correct.

**Correct Answer: (a) Only one [incorrect statement]**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:**

- The **Pact of the Future** aims to **reform global governance**, including making the **UNSC more representative** of current geopolitics.

- **Statement 2 is correct:**



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- The proposal includes **adding more non-permanent members** to ensure **inclusive and equitable representation**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:**
  - The reform is focused on **under-represented regions** like **Africa, Latin America, and Asia-Pacific**, **not** Europe or North America.

**Conclusion:** Only Statement 3 is incorrect.

**Correct Answer:** (c) Only three

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:**
  - The program ensures **saturation of government schemes** in **Scheduled Tribe-majority villages**.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**
  - PMJUGA is **not solely implemented** by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
  - It is a **multi-ministerial initiative** involving **17 ministries** for integrated development.
- **Statement 3 is correct:**
  - It promotes **sustainable agricultural practices** for **Forest Rights Act (FRA) patta holders**, ensuring **livelihood and conservation**.
- **Statement 4 is correct:**
  - The scheme targets the **integrated development** of **63,000 ST-majority villages**, covering **health, education, agriculture, and infrastructure**.

**Conclusion:** Only Statement 2 is incorrect.



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