

# Solutions

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1) Correct Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - **Article 293(2)** empowers the **Union Government** to impose conditions while granting loans to states.
  - This ensures **fiscal discipline** and **inter-governmental coordination**.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - As per **Article 293(3)**, a state **requires prior consent** of the Centre to raise **external loans** (i.e., from foreign sources).
  - This avoids conflicting **international financial obligations**.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - **Article 293(1)** allows states to raise loans **within India** on the **security of their Consolidated Fund**.
  - This gives states fiscal autonomy while maintaining legal accountability.

2) Correct Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - The **buffer zone** is designed to **reduce human-wildlife conflict** and promote **sustainable livelihoods**.
  - Acts as a **transition zone** between core areas and human settlements.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - **Eco-tourism** is generally allowed in **buffer zones**, not core zones.
  - The **core zone**, being ecologically sensitive, allows minimal or no tourism to avoid **disturbance to tigers**.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - The **core zone** is designated as **Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH)** under the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972** (as amended in 2006).
  - It receives the **highest level of protection** with stringent regulation on human activities.

3) Correct Answer: (d) Utilizes mechanical and biological filtration to recycle water

Explanation:

- **RAS** is a **closed-loop system** that minimizes water usage.
- **Key features:**
  - Uses **mechanical filters** to remove solid waste.
  - Employs **biological filters** (nitrifying bacteria) to convert harmful ammonia into nitrates.
  - Maintains **controlled environment** – temperature, pH, oxygen.
- Promotes **sustainable aquaculture**, reducing **antibiotic dependency** and **water pollution**.

4) Correct Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - Biofuels offer an **alternative to fossil fuels** and utilize **agricultural waste**, enhancing **energy security**.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - **Bioethanol** (liquid fuel) and **biogas** (gaseous fuel) can be **derived from rice straw** through microbial fermentation.

• **Statement 3: Incorrect**

- Biofuels **reduce** but do **not eliminate** greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Lifecycle emissions** (production, transport, combustion) still exist, though lower than fossil fuels.

5) Correct Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- **Composting:**
  - Converts rice straw into **organic manure**, enhancing **soil nutrients and fertility**.
- **Mushroom Cultivation:**
  - **Rice straw** serves as a **low-cost substrate**.
  - Generates **additional income** for farmers through **edible mushroom farming**.
- **Soil Incorporation:**
  - Incorporating rice straw into soil **increases water retention**, aeration, and microbial activity.
  - Helps in **carbon sequestration** and **reduces the need for burning**.

6) Correct Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - **CIL** is the **world's largest coal producer** and a major contributor to India's energy sector.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - CIL contributes to around **83% of India's coal production**, meeting nearly **40% of commercial energy needs**.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - In **2024**, CIL was awarded the '**Green World Environment Award**' in the **CSR category** for sustainable initiatives.

7) Correct Answer: (a) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - The scheme focuses on institutions with high **NIRF rankings**, not **NAAC accreditation**.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - The **Vidyalaxmi Portal** simplifies **education loan processes**, integrates multiple banks, and allows tracking.
- **Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - **NBA rankings** are not used as a criterion. Only **NIRF rankings** are used to identify eligible institutions.

8) Correct Answer: (d) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - **CENVAT (Central Value Added Tax)** allows credit on taxes paid on **inputs and capital goods**, simplifying tax for **manufacturers and service providers**.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - It actually **reduces costs** by **eliminating cascading taxes** (tax on tax), thus lowering the final price.
- **Statement 3: Correct**

- Reduced tax burden encourages **reinvestment, technological upgrade, and productivity gains.**

9) **Correct Answer: (c) Restricted tributary flow and high evaporation rates**  
Explanation:

- The **Jordan River**, the main source for the Dead Sea, has been **heavily diverted** for agriculture and domestic use.
- **High evaporation rates**, due to **arid climate** and **closed basin**, lead to **water loss >1 meter per year.**
- Other reasons like overfishing or salinity **do not** significantly impact the water level decline.

11) **Correct Answer: (a) Only one**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - **AFSPA was enacted in 1958** to enable the armed forces to **maintain public order** in **disturbed areas**, often affected by **insurgency** or **ethnic conflicts.**
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - AFSPA is **not applicable in all northeastern states.** It is currently in force in **Assam, Nagaland, parts of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh**, not in **Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, or Sikkim.**
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - The law permits armed forces to **open fire after giving due warning** if any person is found violating laws in a disturbed area.

◆ **Only one statement is incorrect, hence option (a) is correct.**

12) **Correct Answer: (a) 1 only**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - The **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** conducts **regular inspections** under **safeguards agreements**, especially for countries under the **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).**
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - IAEA does **not supervise nuclear disarmament.** That responsibility lies with bodies like the **UNODA (United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs).**
- **Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - IAEA does **not ensure compliance** with **all nuclear-related UNSC resolutions;** it only supports implementation of specific resolutions when mandated.

13) **Correct Answer: (d) Star-eyed Bush Frog**  
Explanation:

- The **Star-eyed Bush Frog (Raorchestes signatus)** is **endemic to the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.**
- It thrives in the **montane forests and moist grasslands** of the **Western Ghats**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Other species mentioned:
  - **Bengal Tiger** – Found across India.
  - **Olive Ridley Turtle** – Found along the east coast.
  - **Great Indian Bustard** – Native to Rajasthan and grasslands of western India.

14) **Correct Answer: (d) None**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - **Managed honey bees** are **vulnerable** to **pathogen spillback** from wild pollinators, making them **susceptible to virulent strains.**
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**

10) **Correct Answer: (d) 1 and 3 only**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - FRBM Act aimed at **eliminating revenue deficit** and **reducing fiscal deficit**, ensuring **macroeconomic stability.**
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - States are **required** to enact their **own fiscal responsibility laws**, aligned with FRBM principles.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - The **2018 Amendment** introduced a **combined debt target of 60% of GDP:**
    - **40% for Centre, 20% for States.**
  - Pathogen spillover usually leads to a **decline in biodiversity**, not enhancement. Wild pollinators often lack immunity to introduced pathogens.
- **Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - Pathogen **spillback increases disease severity** in managed bees; it does **not eradicate** infections.

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

15) **Correct Answer: (b) 1, 3, and 4 only**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - IEEH is the **successor to the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC).**
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - The IEEH does **not focus exclusively on financing** for developing countries. It promotes **knowledge-sharing, innovation, and policy dialogues.**
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - India's participation is through the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).**
- **Statement 4: Correct**
  - IEEH **aligns with India's national energy efficiency programs**, such as PAT, UJALA, and ECBC.

16) **Correct Answer: (d) Mid-flight manoeuvrability**  
Explanation:

- **Hypersonic missiles** travel at speeds exceeding **Mach 5** (5 times the speed of sound).
- Their **mid-flight manoeuvrability** enables **unpredictable trajectories**, making them extremely hard to track and intercept.
- Traditional intercept systems **fail to respond in time** to these rapid changes in direction.

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

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - The **Oriental Pied Hornbill** is **not the largest**; the **Great Hornbill** is the largest in Asia.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - It is **highly adaptable**, found in **forests, plantations, and near human habitations.**
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - It acts as a **'forest engineer'**, helping in **seed dispersal** over long distances.
- **Statement 4: Correct**
  - It prefers **subtropical and tropical moist lowland forests**, but can live in **secondary forests** too.

18) **Correct Answer: (a) Only one**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**



- Under **Article 292**, the Union cannot borrow **without restriction**; borrowing must be backed by **parliamentary approval** and **secured** against the **Consolidated Fund of India**.
- Statement 2: Correct**
  - Under **Article 293(3)**, a state **must seek Centre's consent** to borrow if it owes loans to the Union.
- Statement 3: Correct**
  - Borrowing by both Union and States is **regulated by laws** enacted under **Articles 292 and 293**, respectively.

19) **Correct Answer: (a) 3 only**  
Explanation:

- Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - Under the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (Section 38V)**, the **state government** is the **notifying authority**, not the NTCA.
- Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - Core zones** are **strictly protected**. **Human habitation is prohibited**; sustainable activities are only allowed in **buffer zones**.
- Statement 3: Correct**
  - State governments** submit proposals to **NTCA**, which evaluates and approves the plan.

20) **Correct Answer: (c) 2 only**  
Explanation:

- Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - WADA is **jointly funded** by the **IOC and national governments**, with **equal contributions** from both.
- Statement 2: Correct**
  - The **World Anti-Doping Code** is the **unified global standard**, followed by all national and international federations.
- Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - WADA does not conduct tests directly; it focuses on **policy, compliance, education, and capacity building**.

21) **Correct Answer: (a) Only one**  
Explanation:

- Statement 1: Correct**
  - TIG was constituted in 2021** under the Department of Telecommunications to create a **6G roadmap**, covering areas from **R&D to commercialization**.
- Statement 2: Correct**
  - It has **specific task forces** for **spectrum management, international standards, devices, and funding mechanisms**.
- Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - TIG aims to establish **global leadership** in 6G, with a focus on **international collaboration**, not just domestic rollout.

◆ Only one statement is incorrect, hence **option (a)** is correct.

22) **Correct Answer: (b) Only two**  
Explanation:

- Statement 1: Correct**
  - The **Earth acts as a ground** due to its **low electric potential**, enabling safe discharge of lightning.
- Statement 2: Correct**
  - Lightning rods **ionize surrounding air, reducing resistance**, and creating a **conductive path** for the electrical discharge.
- Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - Franklin rods** use **passive ionization**, while **Early Streamer Emission (ESE) rods** actively emit upward

streamers—they do not operate on the same principle.

23) **Correct Answer: (b) Only two**  
Explanation:

- Statement 1: Correct**
  - It's a **collaborative platform** of India's **industry, academia, R&D institutes**, and startups to **develop 6G capabilities**.
- Statement 2: Correct**
  - Supports development of **6G tech**, while also **enhancing India's 5G ecosystem**, including patent generation and indigenous R&D.
- Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - Bharat 6G Alliance is **not isolated**; it aligns with **global groups** like the **Next G Alliance (USA)** and **6G Flagship (Finland)** to contribute to **international standardization**.

24) **Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4**  
Explanation:

- Statement 1: Correct**
  - Launched in **2017** by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- Statement 2: Correct**
  - Strengthens **AMR surveillance** and **R&D capacity**, including lab networks and data collection.
- Statement 3: Correct**
  - Uses a **One Health approach**, covering **human, animal, and environmental health sectors**.
- Statement 4: Correct**
  - Advocates for **reduced antibiotic use in livestock**, aligned with **FAO-OIE-WHO standards**.

25) **Correct Answer: (c) Profitability ratios**  
Explanation:

- D-SIBs are identified by **RBI** based on systemic importance, using criteria like:
  - Size relative to GDP**
  - Interconnectedness within financial system**
  - Cross-jurisdictional activity**
  - Substitutability and complexity**
- Profitability ratios** (e.g., **ROA, ROE**) reflect **financial performance**, not **systemic risk**, and hence **are not a criterion**.

26) **Correct Answer: (c) The Governor of the State, the Central Government, or the UT Administrator**  
Explanation:

- As per **Section 3 of AFSPA**, the **Governor, Central Government, or UT Administrator** can declare an area as **"disturbed"**.
- The declaration allows **armed forces special powers** under AFSPA for maintaining public order.

27) **Correct Answer: (d) Hard corals have limestone skeletons, while soft corals do not**  
Explanation:

- Hard Corals (Scleractinians):**
  - Have **calcium carbonate skeletons**, form **coral reefs**.
  - Host **zooxanthellae** algae.
- Soft Corals:**
  - Do **not have rigid skeletons**, appear flexible (fan or tree-like).
  - Are **non-reef-building**, but may still contain **zooxanthellae**.

28) Correct Answer: (c) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - The AMRSN (ICMR) focuses primarily on **human AMR surveillance**; veterinary integration is **limited**.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - The **National One Health Mission**, launched in 2022, integrates efforts across **human, animal, and environmental health**.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - NCDC has released national **infection control and antibiotic use guidelines**, improving **hospital-level AMR stewardship**.

29) Correct Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - **Prior sanction** of the **Union Government** is required before prosecuting armed forces personnel for acts under AFSPA.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - Immunity only covers acts **performed under AFSPA**. **Personal or unrelated crimes** are **not protected**.
- **Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - **Judicial review is permitted**, especially if **fundamental rights** are involved. Courts have intervened in various cases.
- **Statement 4: Correct**
  - **Civilian complaints** need **Union sanction** to proceed legally against armed forces under AFSPA.

30) Correct Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - Coral reefs are **mostly found in tropical regions**, but **deep-sea corals** also exist in **cold waters** (e.g., Norway, Antarctica).
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - **Corals depend on zooxanthellae** for **up to 90% of their energy**. Without them, survival is **not sustainable** long-term.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - **Coral bleaching** occurs when **zooxanthellae** are **expelled** due to **stressors** like **rising temperatures**, leading to **energy loss** and potential death.

31) Correct Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - The ICZM project in India is **funded by the World Bank**, **not** by the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)** or the **United Nations**.
  - It is coordinated by the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - ICZM involves **scientific mapping** of **coastal erosion, biodiversity, marine pollution, and hazard risk zones**.
  - Aims for **sustainable management** of **coastal ecosystems** and **livelihood security**.

32) Correct Answer: (a) 1970 UNESCO Convention

Explanation:

- This Convention addresses the **illicit import, export, and transfer of cultural property**.
- India ratified it in **1980**, forming the basis for international legal and diplomatic efforts to **reclaim stolen artifacts**.

• Other options:

- **Vienna Convention (1961)**: Relates to **diplomatic relations**, not cultural heritage.
- **CBD (1992)**: Deals with **biological diversity**, not artifacts.
- **Hague Convention (1954)**: Applicable during **armed conflict**, not peacetime heritage repatriation.

33) Correct Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - **Silvanguard** does **not use underwater drones**. It's a **terrestrial and aerial** system using **drones, sensors, and thermal cameras**.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - Operates **autonomously**, detecting **early-stage wildfires** before satellites can.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - Integrated with **Silvanet**, an **IoT-based sensor network** for real-time forest fire monitoring.

34) Correct Answer: (d) Third-generation fire-and-forget anti-tank missile integrated on a tracked vehicle

Explanation:

- **Nag Missile** is developed by **DRDO**, has **fire-and-forget capability**, and is designed to **destroy tanks with ERA**.
- Integrated on **NAMICA (Nag Missile Carrier)** – a **tracked, amphibious vehicle**.
- Uses **Imaging Infrared (IIR)** seeker for precise targeting.

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

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - Maasai are **ecologically integrated pastoralists**, known for **sustainable livestock herding** in **semi-arid savannas** of **Kenya and Tanzania**.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - They do **not inhabit the Horn of Africa**. Their territory spans the **Great Rift Valley grasslands**, **not deserts or salt flats**.

36) Correct Answer: (c) Validates tri-service jointness and multi-domain warfare in high-altitude environments

Explanation:

- Conducted in **Arunachal Pradesh**, this **tri-service drill** involved:
  - **Drones, UAVs, fighter aircraft, and space-based ISR assets**.
- It emphasized **multi-domain operations** (land, air, space), **not desert or ASEAN naval operations**.

37) Correct Answer: (c) None

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect** – Located in **Bhagalpur, Bihar**, **not Nepal**.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect** – Declined after **Bakhtiyar Khilji's invasion** (12th century), **before Mughal era**.
- **Statement 3: Incorrect** – **Sanskrit**, not **Pali**, was the primary medium, especially for **Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism**.

38) Correct Answer: (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect** – Blue Economy does **not advocate maximum exploitation**. It emphasizes **sustainability and inclusive growth**.



- **Statement 2: Correct** – The core of Blue Economy Vision 2030 is ecological sustainability, aligned with SDG-14.

39) **Correct Answer: (a) Only one**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct** – Founded by **King Dharmapala** of the **Pala Dynasty**.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect** – Became prominent in the **Pala period**, not **Gupta era**.
- **Statement 3: Incorrect** – Known primarily from **Tibetan sources**, especially **Tāranātha**, not Arab or Persian travelers.

40) **Correct Answer: (b) Only two**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect** – IFAW does **not work only in UNEP-declared parks**. It operates in diverse landscapes including **community areas and disaster zones**.
- **Statement 2: Correct** – Promotes **coexistence strategies**, e.g., **wildlife corridors** and **conflict mitigation**.
- **Statement 3: Correct** – Works on **legal reform, anti-trafficking**, and **animal rescue**, aligned with **CITES** and **domestic laws**.

41) **Correct Answer: (d) A-3, B-2, C-1**  
Explanation:

- **A. Xenotransplantation – 3**
  - **Definition:** Transplantation of **living cells, tissues, or organs** from one species to another (e.g., **pig to human**).
  - **Relevance:** Aims to address **organ donor shortages**, though raises ethical and health concerns (e.g., **zoonosis**, **rejection**).
- **B. Auxiliary Transplant – 2**
  - Partial organ (often **liver**) is transplanted to provide **functional support**, without removing the native organ.
  - Used in cases of **potential organ recovery**.
- **C. CRISPR – 1**
  - **Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats:** A **precise gene-editing tool**.
  - Used to **edit animal DNA** for xenotransplant compatibility.

42) **Correct Answer: (b) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3**  
Explanation:

- **Operation Brahma – Myanmar Earthquake (2025)**
- **Operation Maitri – Nepal Earthquake (2015)**
- **Operation Dost – Turkey-Syria Earthquake (2023)**
- **Operation Sahayata – Sri Lanka Flood & Cyclone Relief**

◆ Highlights India's growing role in **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** diplomacy, under "**Neighbourhood First**" and "**Act East**" policies.

43) **Correct Answer: (a) Only one**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - **IMD criteria:**  $\geq 40^{\circ}\text{C}$  in plains ( $\geq 30^{\circ}\text{C}$  hills), and  $\geq 4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  above normal.  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$  is not the sole threshold.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - **Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT)** considers **temperature + humidity + wind speed + radiation**. Essential for assessing heat stress.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - Heatwaves disproportionately affect **urban informal workers, elderly**, and **low-income groups**.
  - Events like **Ahmedabad 2010** and **Odisha 1998** show high mortality in these populations.

44) **Correct Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - BHS can be any **ecologically/culturally important site**, not just national parks or sanctuaries.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - **Panchayats and Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs)** can propose BHS under **Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002**.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - Sites with **endemic/threatened species** or **cultural significance** (e.g., **sacred groves**) are eligible.

45) **Correct Answer: (a) 1 only**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct**
  - Myanmar shares a **maritime boundary with India** in the **Andaman Sea** (strategically important in Indo-Pacific context).
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - **China**, not Thailand, shares the **longest land border** with Myanmar (over **2,000 km**).

46) **Correct Answer: (b) 2 only**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - **Judiciary is not excluded** from RTI. SC rulings (2010, 2019) affirmed that **CJI's office is a public authority**.
- **Statement 2: Correct**
  - The **Judicial Standards and Accountability Bill (2010)** proposed **mandatory public disclosure of judges' assets**, but it lapsed.

47) **Correct Answer: (d) None**  
Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - **Heatwaves** are classified as serious hazards in NDMA's disaster plan after events like **2015 heatwave**.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - **$35^{\circ}\text{C}$  wet bulb temperature** is the **survivability threshold**. Below  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  is not fatal under normal conditions.
- **Statement 3: Incorrect**
  - India lacks a **uniform Heat Action Plan**. States like **Gujarat, Odisha** have their own, but national uniformity is absent.

48) **Correct Answer: (c) Tamil Nadu's second BHS under Biological Diversity Act, 2002**  
Explanation:

- **Kasampatty Sacred Grove** is Tamil Nadu's **second BHS**, after **Arittapatti**.
- Recognized for:
  - **Pollinator corridors, microclimate regulation**, and **cultural worship** of deity **Veeranan**.
- Declared under **Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act** through **community participation**.

49) **Correct Answer: (c) Active strike-slip fault from Indian-Eurasian plate interaction**  
Explanation:

- Myanmar lies on the **Sagaing Fault**, a **strike-slip fault** between the **Indian and Eurasian plates**.
- Responsible for major quakes in **Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw**, etc.
- Other options:
  - **Option a:** Myanmar  $\neq$  stable shield.
  - **Option b:** Incorrect plate junction.

- **Option d:** Not a volcanic zone.

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

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Incorrect**
  - BHS are governed by the **Biological Diversity Act**, not the **Forest Rights Act (FRA)**.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect**
  - **Spiritual value** (e.g., sacred groves) **is sufficient**, if it also contributes to **ecological balance**.
- **Statement 3: Correct**
  - **State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs)** are central to BHS declaration and management processes.



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