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MCQ PRACTICE



POLITY

Week 104

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2. Autonomous functioning
3. Democratic control

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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2. The Prime Minister is the ex-officio Chairperson.
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1.Explanation

- ✓ Article 43B of the constitution of India provides for the promotion of co-operative societies.
- ✓ The State shall endeavour to promote voluntary formation, autonomous functioning, democratic control and professional management of co-operative societies.
- ✓ Therefore, option (d) is the correct answer.

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2.Explanation

- ✓ The next four days of the Parliament Budget Session 2025 are set to be volatile, with the Central government attempting to introduce the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in the House this week despite heavy resistance from other parties.
- ✓ Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has stated that the suitable timing for the Bill's presentation will be determined following deliberations with the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) and a meeting with the Speaker.
- ✓ The Lok Sabha's Business Advisory Committee consists of 15 members, including the Speaker, who serves as the ex-officio Chairperson. Hence, statements 1 and 2 are not correct.
- ✓ The Speaker nominates the members. In practice, after being selected by the Speaker, a new Committee is formed and takes office in the first week of June each year. Hence, statement 3 is correct.
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3.Explanation

- ✓ The Kerala Urban Policy Commission (KUPC), a first-of-its-kind council in the country, stated in a report that by 2050, 80 percent of the state's population will be urban. The commission, led by Dr. M Satish Kumar, delivered its findings to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
- ✓ Kerala is the sole state that has an urban policy. This is a significant milestone in Kerala's development history because the report will provide insights for establishing development policies for the state over the next 25 years, particularly in light of rising urbanisation and climate change.
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4.Explanation

- ✓ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, alluding to the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act enacted by Parliament in 2014, stated that “things would have been different” if the Supreme Court had not overturned the Narendra Modi government’s first major policy reform.
- ✓ Parliament passed the Constitution (99th Amendment) Act and the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act in August 2014. These two statutes established an independent panel to appoint judges to the Supreme and High Courts, replacing the collegium system.
- ✓ The NJAC Act, the supporting law, allowed any two members of the NJAC to veto a suggestion if they disagreed with it. The statute also stated that seniority, regional representation, and other factors will be considered while making appointments.

- ✓ “In the context of the Indian Constitution, the Executive’s overwhelming involvement in appointing judges had a negative impact on the judiciary’s independence. The judiciary is assigned an important role for upholding the rule of law and democracy. Its independence and its power of judicial review are part of basic structure. Primacy of judiciary in appointment of judges is part of basic structure. In light of this, the court asked if the new method maintains the judiciary’s supremacy in appointing judges.
- ✓ “The veto power with the Law Minister or with non-judge members, as against a Supreme Court Judge who is the member of the collegium, may involve interference with the independence of judiciary,” the court said while striking down the amendment, and consequently, the NJAC Act, as unconstitutional.
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5.Explanation

- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the SHe-Box Portal.
- ✓ The Sexual Harassment Electronic Box (SHe-Box) is a Government of India program that provides a single-window platform for women to report workplace sexual harassment.
- ✓ It is available to all women, regardless of their employment status (organised or unorganised, public or private).
- ✓ When a complaint is filed on SHe-Box, it is automatically forwarded to the proper authority for further action. This tool enables prompt resolution and responsibility for workplace harassment incidents.
- ✓ Therefore, option (c) is the correct answer.