

CURRENT AFFAIRS



MCQ PRACTICE



POLITY

Week 108

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2. to deal with economic and political issues impinging on national security
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Answers and Explanations

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1.Explanation

- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), India's highest decision-making body on national security, has taken stringent actions against Pakistan following the discovery of cross-border links in the terror attack that killed 26 people, including a foreign national, in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ Functions of the Committee would be as under:-
- ✓ (i) deal with all Defense-related concerns;
- ✓ (ii) to deal with issues of law and order and internal security;
- ✓ (iii) Address foreign policy concerns having security consequences, including agreements with other countries.
- ✓ (iv) deal with economic and political concerns that affect national security;
- ✓ (v) to analyse the workforce requirements for national security, including proposals for the creation of posts with pay scales of rupees 18400-22400 or higher, and the development of new entities to deal with security-related issues;



- ✓ (vi) to review situations relating to projects, acquisition, or procurement of security-related equipment that have not been delegated to be approved either by the Minister-in-Charge of the respective Department or by the Minister of Finance; and
- ✓ (vii) to evaluate cases of increases in firmed-up/revised cost estimates due to factors such as schedule overruns, scope modifications, underestimation, and so on.
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2.Explanation

- ✓ A local court in Maharashtra's Raigad district sentenced a former police inspector to life imprisonment for the murder of assistant inspector Ashwini Bidre-Gore.
- ✓ The court relied on technical and circumstantial evidence to reach its decision to reconstruct a series of events. The court determined that she had gone to his house that evening, where she was murdered, and that he had hired two accomplices to help him dispose of the body. The trio dissected the body and dropped it into a creek, using plastic bags and weights to block it from drifting ashore.
- ✓ Special Public Prosecutor Pradip D Gharat stated that he used corpus delicti to prove the offence. The Latin phrase, which translates to 'body of the crime', is ironically referred to in several Supreme Court decisions where the physical body of a crime victim is never located.
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3.Explanation

- ✓ Every year, February 21 is observed as International Mother Tongue Day, a day with special significance in India, where hundreds of mother tongues are spoken across the subcontinent.
- ✓ Initially, the Eighth Schedule listed 14 languages: Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya (renamed Odiya in 2011), Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.
- ✓ The Eighth Schedule was created as a list of languages that would help to enrich Hindi. Birla notes that M Satyanarayana, a Constituent Assembly member, initially created a list of 12 languages for inclusion in the Schedule, which was approved by Jawaharlal Nehru. Nehru then added Urdu to the list, emphasising its importance in symbolising India's Indo-Islamic heritage. Hence, statement 2 is correct.
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4.Explanation

- ✓ In part A, the President and Vice President of India are entitled to get emoluments, allowances and privileges as are specified in the Second Schedule.
- ✓ Part B is omitted.
- ✓ In Part C, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House of the People and the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Council of States and the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Council of a State are entitled to get emoluments, allowances and privileges as are specified in the Second Schedule.
- ✓ In Part D, the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the High Courts are entitled to get emoluments, allowances and privileges as are specified in the Second Schedule.
- ✓ In part E, the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India get emoluments, allowances and privileges as are specified in the Second Schedule.
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5.Explanation

- ✓ The Telangana government issued a gazette notification that formally introduced Scheduled Caste sub-categorisation, sometimes known as reservation inside reservation.
- ✓ According to the notification, Scheduled Castes in the state shall be classified into three groups: Group I, II, and III.
- ✓ According to the Gazette notification that implemented the Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservation) Act, 2025, Group I will receive 1% of the SC quota of 15%, Group II will receive 9%, and Group III will receive 5%. Group I includes 15 socioeconomically deprived castes, Group II contains 18, and Group III has 26 such castes.
- ✓ Therefore, option (c) is the correct answer.