

Pre-Mix – 5 MCQs for Prelims

Subject – Polity & Governance

Date – 23rd January 2023

1. What is the correct chronological order in which the following States of the Indian Union were created or granted full statehood?

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Nagaland
3. Maharashtra
4. Haryana

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1-3-4-2
- B. 3-1-2-4
- C. 1-3-2-4
- D. 3-1-4-2

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1. A person to be elected to the legislative council may not be an elector for an assembly constituency in the concerned state.
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Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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3. National Commission for Review of the Working of the Constitution has recommended that Directive Principles be made justiciable.

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- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
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4. Consider the following statements

1. The maximum number of seats in the legislative assembly of a state is mentioned in the Constitution of India.
2. Participation of workers in management of local self governments is a directive principle of state policy.

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Answers with Explanations

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Answer : B

Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect. A person to be elected to the legislative council must be an elector for an assembly constituency in the concerned state.

Statement 2 is correct. A person to be elected to the legislative assembly must be an elector for an assembly constituency in the concerned state.

6. **Qualification for membership of a Legislative Council.**—(1) A person shall not be qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in the Legislative Council of a State to be filled by election unless he is an elector for any Assembly constituency in that State.

(2) A person shall not be qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in the Legislative Council of a State to be filled by nomination by the Governor unless he is ordinarily resident in the State.

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Answer : A

Explanation

Statement 1 is correct

- Provided that the laws made for the implementation of Directive Principles cannot be declared invalid by the courts on the ground of violation of some Fundamental Rights.(Article 31 C)

Statement 2 is correct

- However, this extension was declared as unconstitutional and invalid by the Supreme Court in the Minerva Mills case (1980).
- It means that the Directive Principles were once again made subordinate to the Fundamental Rights. But the Fundamental Rights conferred by Article 14 and Article 19 were accepted as subordinate to the Directive Principles specified in Article 39 (b) and (c).
- In the Minerva Mills case (1980), the Supreme Court also held that 'the Indian Constitution is founded on the bedrock of the balance between the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles

Statement 3 is incorrect

- The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (NCRWC) was set up by a resolution of the Government of India in 2000.
 - The 11-member Commission was headed by M.N. Venkatachaliah, the former Chief Justice of India.
 - It submitted its report in 2002 .
1. The heading of Part-IV of the Constitution should be amended to read as 'Directive Principles of State Policy and Action'.
 2. A new Directive Principle on control of population should be added.
 3. An independent National Education Commission should be set-up every five years.
 4. An Inter-Faith Commission should be established to promote interreligious harmony and social solidarity.
 5. There must be a body of high status to review the level of implementation of the Directive Principles.

6. A strategic Plan of Action should be initiated to create a large number of employment opportunities in five years.

7. Implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the National Statistical Commission (2001).

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¹[170. **Composition of the Legislative Assemblies.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of article 333, the Legislative Assembly of each State shall consist of not more than five hundred, and not less than sixty, members chosen by direct election from territorial constituencies in the State.

³[43A. **Participation of workers in management of industries.**—The State shall take steps, by suitable legislation or in any other way, to secure the participation of workers in the management of undertakings, establishments or other organisations engaged in any industry.]

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Explanation

Social Progress Index (SPI): States and Districts of India prepared by the Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative was submitted to Economic Advisory Council- Prime Minister.

Social Progress Index:

- Assesses states and districts based on 12 components across three critical dimensions of social progress - Basic Human Needs, Foundations of well-being, and Opportunity.
- Based on the SPI scores, states and districts have been ranked under six tiers of social progress.

The tiers are

Tier 1: Very High Social Progress;

Tier 2: High Social Progress;

Tier 3: Upper Middle Social Progress;

Tier 4: Lower Middle Social Progress;

Tier 5: Low Social Progress;

Tier 6: Very Low Social Progress.

- The report also dwells on India's performance based on Global SPI.
- In the September 2022 report, India is ranked 110th out of 169 nations.

Report findings:

- Puducherry has the highest SPI score of 65.99 in the country, attributable to its remarkable performance across components like Personal Freedom and Choice, Shelter, and Water and Sanitation.
- Lakshadweep and Goa closely follow with scores of 65.89 and 65.53, respectively.

Jharkhand and Bihar scored the lowest, 43.95 and 44.47, respectively

Aizwal (Mizoram), Solan (HP) and Shimla (HP) - top 3 best performing districts.

Basic Human Needs assess the performance of states and districts in terms of Nutrition and Basic Medical Care, Water and Sanitation, Personal Safety and Shelter.

Foundations of Wellbeing evaluates the progress made by the country across the components of Access to Basic Knowledge, Access to Information and Communication, Health and Wellness, and Environmental Quality.

Opportunity focuses on Personal Rights, Personal Freedom and Choice, Inclusiveness, and Access to Advanced Education.