

Pre-Mix – 5 MCQs for Prelims**Subject – Polity****Date – 21st February 2023****Current Affairs Special****May 2022**

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Answers with Explanations

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Answer : B

Explanation

Obligations of the Registered Political Parties

- Under Section 29 C of the RP Act the registered parties are required to furnish a contribution report. Such contributions are 100% exempted from income tax as an incentive to the parties for strengthening the electoral democracy.

- Section 29A (9) of the Act mandates every political party to communicate any change in its name, head office, office bearers, address, PAN to the Commission without delay. They also have to submit audited annual statements and a return of income for each assessment year to be eligible for exemption from income tax.
- The parties need to include in their constitution that they must contest an election conducted by the ECI within five years of registration.
- Upon participation in an election, they have to furnish their election expenditure statement within 75 days in case of Assembly polls and within 90 days in case of Lok Sabha election.
- Any aggrieved party can approach the Chief Electoral Officer concerned with full facts within 30 days of the ECI order, along with all the evidence, to seek remedial action.

Conditions for Recognition as a National Party

- At present (2019), a party is recognised as a national party if any of the following conditions is fulfilled :
- If it secures six per cent of valid votes polled in any four or more states at a general election to the Lok Sabha or to the legislative assembly; and, in addition, it wins four seats in the Lok Sabha from any state or states; or
- If it wins two per cent of seats in the Lok Sabha at a general election; and these candidates are elected from three states; or
- If it is recognised as a state party in four states.

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Context

- Ministry of Education recently (27 June 2022) released the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) for 2018-19 and 2019-20 for the first time ever.
- Released by: The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), under MOE.
- PGI-D assesses the performance of the school education system at the District level by creating an index for comprehensive analysis.

6 categories

- Outcomes
- Effective Classroom Transaction
- Infrastructure Facilities & Student's Entitlements
- School Safety & Child Protection

- Digital Learning
- Governance Process.

10 grades

The highest achievable grade is 'Daksh', which is for districts scoring more than 90% of the total points in that category or overall.

- 'Utkarsh' (81% to 90%)
- 'Ati Uttam' (71% to 80%)
- 'Uttam' (61% to 70%)
- 'Prachesta-1' (51% to 60%)
- 'Prachesta-2' (41% to 50%).
- The lowest grade in PGI-D is 'Akanshi-3' which is for scores upto 10% of the total points.

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Ati Uttam - Rajasthan has the highest 24 districts in this grade, followed by Punjab (14), Gujarat (13), and Kerala (13).

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69A. Power to issue directions for blocking for public access of any information through any computer resource.-(1) Where the Central Government or any of its officers specially authorised by it in this behalf is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient so to do, in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of any cognizable offence relating to above, it may subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), for reasons to be recorded in writing, by order, direct any agency of the Government or intermediary to block for access by the public or cause to be blocked for access by the public any information generated, transmitted, received, stored or hosted in any computer resource.

Section 70. Protected system.

[(1) The appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare any computer resource which directly or indirectly affects the facility of Critical Information Infrastructure, to be a protected system.

Explanation.-For the purposes of this section, —Critical Information Infrastructure means the

computer resource, the incapacitation or destruction of which, shall have debilitating impact on national

security, economy, public health or safety.]

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Constitutional Framework (6th August to 12th August)

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About the News

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ILP

- In December 2019, **Manipur** became the fourth northeastern State to be brought under the Inner-Line Permit (ILP) system after **Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland**.

- The ILP – a temporary official travel document to allow inward travel of an Indian citizen into a protected area, was implemented under the British-era Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation.

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Explanation

Article 75(5) : A Minister who for any period of six consecutive months is not a member of either House of Parliament shall at the expiration of that period cease

to be a Minister.

Article 326 :

326. Elections to the House of the People and to the Legislative Assemblies of States to be on the basis of adult suffrage.—The elections to the House of the People and to the Legislative Assembly of every State shall be on the basis of adult suffrage; that is to say, every person who is a citizen of India and who is not less than ²[eighteen years] of age on such date as may be fixed in that behalf by or under any law made by the appropriate Legislature and is not otherwise disqualified under this Constitution or any law made by the appropriate Legislature on the ground of non-residence, unsoundness of mind, crime or corrupt or illegal practice, shall be entitled to be registered as a voter at any such election.

- Section 8. Disqualification on conviction for certain offences.

- A person convicted of any offence and sentenced to imprisonment for **not less than two years** (other than any offence referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2)) shall be disqualified from the date of such conviction and shall continue to be disqualified for a **further period of six years since his release.**