

# Pre-Mix - 5 MCQs for Prelims

## **Subject - International Relations**

## **Date - 15th March 2023**

- 1. India is part of which of the following Initiative:
  - 1. Australia Group
  - 2. Nuclear Suppliers Group
  - 3. MTCR (Missile Technology Control Regime)
  - 4. The Wassenaar Arrangement

### Which of the given above is /are Correct?

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- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 3 and 4 only
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- 2. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. With regards to FATF consider the following
  - 1. Recently, Nicaragua was removed from Grey List of FATF
  - 2. It is an inter-governmental body established by United Nations
  - 3. India has been a member of FATF since its inception.

#### Select the correct answer:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1 and 2 only
- 3. Which of the following are members of G-20?
  - A. USA, Qatar, Turkey, Japan
  - B. Indonesia, Israel, India, Italy
  - C. India, China, USA, Mexico
  - D. South Africa, Australia, Finland, Iran



- 4. Consider the following statements regarding the Green Grid Initiative.
  - 1. It is a conceptual transnational electricity grid meant to supply renewable power only to UN member states.
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- 5. Consider the following statements with reference to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR):
  - 1. The importance of IPR was first recognized in the Paris Convention and Berne Convention
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## **Answers with Explanations**

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#### Answer: C

#### **Explanation**

- The 48-member NSG is an elite club of countries that deals with the <u>trade-in</u> <u>nuclear technology</u> and fissile materials besides contributing to the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons.
- Brought in 1974 in response to the Indian nuclear test (smiling Buddha)
- It is a <u>Group of nuclear supplier countries</u> that seek to prevent nuclear proliferation by <u>controlling the export</u> of materials, equipment and technology that can be used to <u>manufacture nuclear weapons</u>.
- India is not a member.
- China, one of the five nuclear-weapon states, stridently <u>opposes India's NSG bid</u> <u>primarily on the grounds</u> that New <u>Delhi</u> is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-<u>Proliferation Treaty (NPT).</u>
- The <u>Missile Technology Control Regime</u>
   (<u>MTCR</u>) is an informal political
   understanding among states that seek to
   limit the proliferation of missiles and
   missile technology.
- The regime was **formed in 1987** by the G-7 industrialized countries.
- India joined the group in 2016.

- The <u>MTCR is not a treaty and does not impose</u> any legally binding obligations on Partners (members)
- Australia Group is an <u>informal association</u> of 42 nations formed in 1985 that <u>works to prevent the exportation</u> of chemical and biological weapons and the materials used to produce them.
- India joined it in 2018
- Wassenaar Arrangement is an elite club of countries which subscribe to arms export controls, similar to the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Missile Technology Control Regime.
- WA has 42 members, the latest entrant being India. (2018)
- With the exception of China, all the other permanent members of the <u>U.N. Security</u> <u>Council are signatories of the WA</u>, which is headquartered in Vienna.
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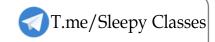
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#### Answer: A

#### **Explanation**

 The Global Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed Nicaragua and Pakistan from its 'grey list' of jurisdictions





under increased monitoring, noting their progress in improving their money-laundering prevention regimes. (October 2022)

The <u>Financial Action Task Force (FATF)</u>
 was <u>established</u> in July 1989 by a <u>Group of Seven (G7) Summit</u> in Paris, initially to examine and develop measures to combat money laundering

#### More on FATF

- The FATF currently has **39 members**.
- The decision-making body of the FATF is known as its plenary, which meets thrice a year.
- Its meetings are attended by 206 countries of the global network, including members, and observer organisations.
- World Bank, some offices of the United Nations and regional development banks are observer organizations within the FATF.



#### 3 Mandates of FATF

- 1. Anti-money laundering (AML)
- 2. Combating financing of terrorism (CFT)
- 3. Proliferation Financing (PF)

#### **Grey List:**

- Countries that are <u>considered safe</u>
   <u>haven</u> for supporting terror funding and money laundering are put in the FATF grey list.
- This inclusion <u>serves as a warning</u> to the country that it may enter the blacklist.

#### **Blacklist:**

- Countries known as Non-Cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs) are put in the blacklist.
- These <u>countries support terror funding</u> and money laundering activities.
- The FATF revises the blacklist regularly, adding or deleting entries.
- Myanmar has been placed on the blacklist from the grey list
- Myanmar has failed to address a large number of strategic deficiencies in its antimoney laundering and counter terroristfinancing systems.
- Myanmar has become the third country, after North Korea and Iran, to be blacklisted by the FATF.

#### **Additional Information**

- Global anti-money laundering watchdog FATF on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 <u>added South</u> <u>Africa and Nigeria</u> to its "grey list" of countries for failing to combat money laundering and terrorism financing, in a set back to Africa's two largest economies.
- Cambodia & Morocco are no longer in the Grey list.

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## Answer : C Explanation

- G20 is an intergovernmental forum that contains the European Union and 19 countries.
- The G20 grouping was formed to solve the major issues of the world, which are related to
  - Stability of International Finance





- o Economy of the world
- Migration due to changes in climatic conditions
- o Sustainable development

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## Answer : D Explanation

## It is a transnational grid that will be laid all over the globe to transport the solar power generated across the globe to different load centres.

- It would thus help in realizing the vision of "One Sun, One World, One Grid" articulated by India.
- The idea was first proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the <u>first</u> <u>assembly of the International Solar</u> <u>Alliance (ISA)</u> in 2018.
- India established the Green Grids Initiative-One Sun One World One Grid (GGI-OSOWOG) project in collaboration with the United Kingdom to create an integrated global electricity grid.
- The goal of this project is to <u>connect energy</u> <u>systems across borders</u> in order to

# <u>accelerate</u> the transition to renewable energy.

- To accelerate the transition to sustainable energy, Britain and India have planned to improve connections between the world's electricity power grids.
- The <u>program will connect 80 countries</u>, allowing surplus renewable energy to be sent to locations with a deficit.
- For instance, countries, where the sun has set, may draw energy from those who are still able to create solar electricity.

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#### Answer: C

#### **Explanation**

- The importance of IPR was first recognized in the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (1883) & Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary & Artistic Works (1886).
- Both are administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).





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- WTO governs IPR through Trade-Related Aspects of the Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).
- TRIPS came into force in 1995 & is binding on all members of the World Trade Organization.

TRIPS Agreement covers most forms of intellectual property including

- Patents
- Copyright
- Trademarks
- Geographical indications
- Industrial designs
- Trade secrets

Exclusionary rights over new plant varieties







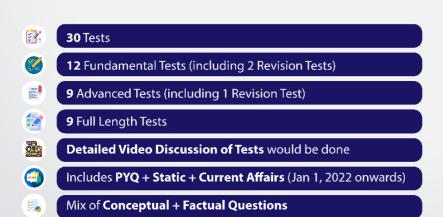
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