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Pre-Mix - 5 MCQs for Prelims

Subject - Polity

Date - 30th March 2023

1. Which of the following is/are compulsory provisions of the Part IX of the constitution:

1. Providing for constitution of funds for crediting all money of the panchayats.
2. Twenty- one years to be Minimum age for consenting elections to panchayat.
3. Reservation of one- third seat for women in panchayat at all three levels.
4. Determining the manner of election of the chairperson of the village panchayat.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only

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3. They have their origins in British

Parliament.

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1. If an offence is punishable with life sentence or death penalty, judgement will require to state reasons for awarding the sentence.
2. As per the Criminal Procedure Code 1973, conviction and sentencing hearings must be held on separate days.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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5. Consider the following statements regarding observations of NFHS 5 report.

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Answers with Explanations

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Answer : C

Explanation

The compulsory (obligatory or mandatory) and voluntary (discretionary or optional) provisions (features) of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1992) or the Part IX of the Constitution:

Compulsory Provisions:

- Organisation of Gram Sabha in a village or group of villages.
- Establishment of panchayats at the village, intermediate and district levels.
- Direct elections to all seats in panchayats at the village, intermediate and district levels.
- Indirect elections to the post of chairperson of panchayats at the intermediate and district levels.

Voting rights of the chairperson and other members of a panchayat elected directly or indirectly.

- 21 years to be the minimum age for contesting elections to panchayats.

- Reservation of seats (both members and chairpersons) for SCS and STS in panchayats at all the three levels.

- Reservation of one-third seats (both members and chairpersons) for women in panchayats at all the three levels.

- Fixing tenure of five years for panchayats at all levels and holding fresh elections within six months in the event of supersession of any panchayat.

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Explanation

Parliamentary Committees

What is a PC

- It is a Committee which is
 - appointed or elected by the House or nominated by the Speaker
 - works under the **direction of the Speaker**
 - presents its **report to the House or to the Speaker**
 - **Has a secretariat** provided by the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha
- **Need of PC when we already have LS/RS to execute work of Parliament**
- Work done by the Parliament in modern times is not only **varied and complex in nature but also considerable in volume.**
- The **time at its disposal is limited.**
- It cannot, therefore, give close consideration to all the legislative and other matters that come up before it.

- Therefore, it is assisted by several committees in the discharge of its duties.

Mention in the constitution of India

- Parliamentary committees draw their authority from **Article 105** (on privileges of Parliament members) and **Article 118** (on Parliament's authority to make rules for regulating its procedure and conduct of business).
- However, the constitution does not **make any specific provisions regarding their composition, tenure, functions, etc.**
- All these matters are dealt with by the **rules of two Houses respectively.**

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Answer : B

Explanation

- On September 19th, 2022, a 3-judge bench of the Supreme Court referred certain issues of death penalty sentencing to a larger 5 judge constitutional bench.
- One of these issues relates to the amount of time required to collect and present mitigation evidence at the stage of sentencing.
- **S. 235(2)**, Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) divides criminal trials into two

stages: a hearing on conviction and a separate hearing on sentencing.

- This bifurcated trial was not prescribed by the old 1898 CrPC. It was introduced after the 48th Law Commission of India (1971) recommended.
- But there is no explicit mention of hearing being on different dates.
- In death penalty cases, S. 354(3), CrPC requires that judges give special reasons before imposing a death sentence.

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Underweight : 32.1% (35.8%)

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Answer : B

Explanation

Statement 1 : Incorrect -

Full immunization in kids aged 12-23 months- 76%

Statement 2 : Correct

Total Fertility Rate

National Level : 2.0

Highest : Bihar 3.0

Lowest : Sikkim 1.1

Statement 3 : Correct

Stunting : 36% (38%)