

Current Affairs MCQ's

1. Active Euthanasia is
 - a) Legal in India
 - b) When a person dies by means of withdrawal of life support with an intention to hasten a terminally ill-patient's death.
 - c) Administration of lethal compounds for the purpose of ending life

The correct statement is/are

- 1) a and c
- 2) c Only
- 3) a, b and c
- 4) b Only

Solution (2)

Active Euthanasia is illegal in India. Jurisdictions where euthanasia or assisted suicide is legal include the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Estonia, Albania, the US states of Washington and others.

2. In the 16th Lok Sabha elections (held in 2014) there has been a tussle between the major political parties of India over Leader of Opposition (LoP). Consider the following statements with regard to LoP
 - a) According to law, since 1953, the opposition party appoints the LoP and the status is given to a party that has at least 10% of the total strength of the House
 - b) There were no LoPs in the regimes of Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi
 - c) If any party fails to get 10% seats in opposition, then 10% criteria can be met with an alliance

Which of the above is/are correct?

1. a Only
2. b Only
3. a and c
4. None

Solution: (2)

The Leader of the Opposition is the politician who leads the official opposition in either House of the Parliament of India. According to law, since 1953, speaker appoints the LoP and the status is given to a party that has at least 10% of the total strength of the House (55 seats in the Lok Sabha)

If any party fails to get 10% seats in opposition, the House will not have recognized leader of the opposition. A single party has to meet the 10% seat criteria, not an alliance.

3. With reference to United Nations Security Council (UNSC), consider the following
 - a) Each of the permanent members has power to veto

- b) There are five permanent members and ten non-permanent members elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly
- c) India is a non-permanent member

Which of the above is/are correct?

- 1) a Only
- 2) a and b
- 3) a and c
- 4) b and c

Solution: (1)

There are five permanent members and ten non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly (with end of term date)

- 4. Recently the U.S. had to evacuate its Embassy amid clashes between militias for control of Tripoli airport. The Embassy is located in?
 - 1) Syria
 - 2) Egypt
 - 3) Iraq
 - 4) Libya

Solution (4)

Polity MCQ's

- 5. Consider the following statements
 - 1) As per the recent Supreme Court decision, all death sentence-related appeals Court will be heard by a three-judge Bench
 - 2) At present such appeals are heard by a two-judge Bench unless a reference is made for hearing by a three-judge Bench

The correct statement is/are

- 1) 1 Only
- 2) 2 Only
- 3) Both 1 and 2
- 4) None

Solution (3)

All death sentence-related appeals, filed and pending in the Supreme Court will be heard by a three-judge Bench from August 16, 2014. At present such appeals are heard by a two-judge Bench unless a reference is made for hearing by a three-judge Bench.

- 1. The Constituent Assembly that was setup in 1946 was criticized on the following factors
 - a) Not a Sovereign Body
 - b) Not a Representative Body

- c) Dominated by Congress
- d) Lawyer-Politician Domination

Select the correct answer

- 1) b Only
- 2) a and b
- 3) a, b and d
- 4) All of the above

Solution (4)

Source : Lakshmikanth Chapter 2 'Making of the Constitution'

2. Democratic polity is based on the doctrine of popular sovereignty. Consider the following
- a) Referendum
 - b) Initiative
 - c) Recall
 - d) Plebiscite

Which of the above are used in direct democracy?

- 1) d Only
- 2) a and b
- 3) a, c and d
- 4) All of the above

Solution (4)

Source : Lakshmikanth Chapter 4 'Preamble of the Constitution'

3. The first schedule of Indian Constitution pertains to
- a) Names of states
 - b) Names of union territories
 - c) Territorial extent of states
 - d) Territorial extent of union territories

Select the correct answer

- 1) a and b
- 2) a and c
- 3) b and d
- 4) All of the above

Solution (4)

Source : Lakshmikanth Chapter 5 'Union and its Territory'

4. According to Article 1, the territory of India includes:
- 1) States and Union Territories

- 2) Territories that may be acquired in the future
- 3) Both a and b
- 4) None

Solution (3)

Source : Lakshmikanth Chapter 5 'Union and its Territory'

5. Consider the following with regard to Finance Commission
 - a) It is constituted by the Prime Minister every fifth year
 - b) Article 275 provides for a Finance Commission
 - c) It is a quasi-judicial body

Select the correct answer

- 1) c only
 - 2) a and b
 - 3) b only
 - 4) a and c
6. General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR)
 - a) Is a measure to curb tax evasion
 - b) Vodafone case is related to GAAR
 - c) Empowers Revenue or income tax department to deny tax benefits to companies

Select the correct answer

- 1) a and b
 - 2) a and c
 - 3) a only
 - 4) All of the above
7. Consider the following
 - a) the Parliament under Article 368 can amend any part of the Constitution including the Fundamental Rights but without affecting the 'basic structure' of the Constitution
 - b) joint sitting is made in the case of a deadlock over a constitutional amendment bill

Select the correct answer

- 1) a only
- 2) b only
- 3) Both a and b
- 4) None