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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

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ANSWER & EXPLANATION:

Qn 1:

Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 Too restrictive. NTE is not confined strictly to 9 PM–6 AM; it broadly covers economic, cultural, and social activities that extend beyond the "conventional working day," often till late night or early morning.
- Statement 2– Correct. London, Amsterdam, and New York have indeed created roles like "Night Mayor/Night Czar" to promote nightlife and ensure safety.
- Statement 3 Correct. Maharashtra (Mumbai) has allowed malls, eateries, and multiplexes to remain open 24×7 in certain zones. NITI Aayog has discussed developing NTE as part of urban economic revival post-COVID.

Qn 2:

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- Statement 1 Correct: India has launched the National Veterinary Blood Bank Network (N-VBBN) to strengthen animal healthcare by ensuring availability of safe blood for livestock and companion animals (dogs, horses, etc.). This is the **first such national-level initiative** in the world, making it significant.
- Statement 2 Correct: The project is spearheaded by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through its research institutes like the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), making it an institutional initiative.
- **Statement 3 Correct:** Unlike human blood transfusion services, veterinary blood banks in India presently lack a comprehensive **statutory regulatory framework**. They

operate under guidelines issued by veterinary councils and ICAR, but not under a central law like the Drugs and Cosmetics Act (which governs human blood banks).

Thus, all three statements are correct.

Qn 3:

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation

- 1– RPA, 1951 vests jurisdiction in High Courts.
- 2 Article 243-O for Panchayats, via State law.
- 3 Bar applies till results; writs not allowed (*Ponnuswami, Mohinder Singh Gill*).

Qn 4:

Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 Incorrect: AIDC is levied only on specific imports and certain excisable products (like petrol and diesel), not on all domestically produced goods. It is not a blanket levy on all domestic production.
- Statement 2 Correct: Like all cesses, the revenue from AIDC goes to the Consolidated Fund of India. However, as per constitutional provisions, the government is obligated to use the earmarked amount for the intended purpose—in this case, agriculture infrastructure and development.
- Statement 3 Correct: When AIDC was introduced (Union Budget 2021–22), the government reduced basic customs duty/excise duty rates correspondingly so that the total tax incidence remains broadly unchanged. This ensured that AIDC collection was for agriculture infrastructure without raising consumer prices significantly.

Qn 5:

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: Type Ia supernovae occur in binary systems when a white dwarf accretes matter from its companion and crosses the Chandrasekhar limit (~1.4 solar masses), triggering runaway carbon fusion.
- Statement 2 is correct: Type II supernovae happen when a massive star (>8 solar masses) exhausts its nuclear fuel, leading to core collapse under gravity.
- Statement 3 is correct: Unlike novae (less energetic), supernovae are extremely luminous, sometimes brighter than a galaxy, and their remnants may form neutron stars, pulsars, or black holes.