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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

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ANSWER & EXPLANATION:

Qn 1:

Answer: b) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:**
The CCC is **not held annually**. It is generally held **once every two years** (biennially), though the frequency can vary in special circumstances.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
It is **the apex-level brainstorming forum** of the armed forces where strategic issues related to national security, defence preparedness, and military reforms are discussed.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
The **Prime Minister**, not the Defence Minister, **presides over the CCC** and leads the deliberations.
The Defence Minister, CDS, Service Chiefs, and NSA also participate actively, but they do not lead the conference.

Qn 2:

Correct Answer: a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct**
 - The *General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017* are a **set of guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure**.
 - They lay down rules for financial management, budgeting, accounting, internal control, and procurement for **all government departments, ministries, and organizations** that utilize public funds.

- **Statement 2 – Correct**
 - GFR 2017 **mandates e-procurement** for transparency and efficiency.
 - All procurements **above ₹5 lakh** must be done through the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** or other e-procurement portals, **except in special cases** such as national security concerns or natural disasters.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect**
 - The **CAG** is responsible for **audit and oversight, not rule-making** for financial procedures.
 - It is the **Ministry of Finance**, not the CAG, that frames rules like GFR.
 - CAG audits the utilization of funds and compliance with GFR but **cannot issue rules or guidelines** for budgeting or procurement.

Qn 3:

Correct Answer: B) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect**
 - The ISA was indeed established in **1994 under the framework of UNCLOS**, but its **headquarters are in Kingston, Jamaica, not Montego Bay**.
 - *Montego Bay, Jamaica* is where the UNCLOS agreement was originally **adopted in 1982**, leading to confusion.
- **Statement 2 – Correct**
 - ISA is mandated to **regulate exploration and exploitation** of mineral resources like **polymetallic nodules, polymetallic sulphides, and cobalt-rich crusts** in international waters, also known as *Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)* or *the Area*.
- **Statement 3 – Correct**
 - **India is a pioneer investor country**, having received its first exploration contract from ISA in **2002** for the Central Indian Ocean Basin.
 - Recently, in 2025, India secured its first **global license for polymetallic sulphides** in the **Carlsberg Ridge**, further strengthening its position in deep-sea exploration.

Qn 4:

Correct Answer: B. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
The campaign is **jointly led by MoHFW and MoWCD**, reflecting convergence between health and nutrition initiatives.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
The campaign **does not focus exclusively on maternal and child health**. It also emphasizes the **early detection and prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)** such as anemia, diabetes, hypertension, breast cancer, and cervical cancer.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
The campaign plans to **integrate women's health records with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** to ensure effective tracking and follow-up care.

Qn 5:

Correct Answer: d. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
PMS deposits are **rich mineral deposits located around hydrothermal vent systems**, formed when superheated, metal-rich fluids rise from beneath the Earth's crust.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
PMS **do not contain only ferrous metals** like iron and nickel. They also include **copper (Cu), lead (Pb), zinc (Zn), silver (Ag), gold (Au), cobalt (Co)**, and others, making them a highly diverse source of industrially important metals.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
The **black smoker chimneys** are a key visual indicator of PMS. They form when **hot, mineral-laden fluids meet cold seawater**, causing metal sulphides to precipitate and create the chimney-like structures.