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DAILY CURRENT Affairs QUIZ FOR UPSC

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(Answer & Explanation)

Qn1. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- The CBDT is a statutory authority under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963, functioning under the Ministry of Finance.
- It deals exclusively with direct taxes such as income tax, corporate tax, etc.
- Indirect taxes are administered by the CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs).

Qn.2 Answer: (c) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- The scheme permits duty-free import of **natural cut and polished diamonds below $\frac{1}{4}$ carat (25 cents)**, not for any carat size.
- Export obligations under the scheme require **10% value addition**.

The Department of Commerce, Government of India has introduced the Diamond Imprest Authorisation (DIA) Scheme

Qn. 3 Answer: (a) 1 & 2

Explanation:

- The Mannan community is a **Scheduled Tribe in Kerala**, known for their traditional livelihood practices such as farming and honey collection.
- While they have unique traditions and cultural practices, there is **no recent UNESCO** recognition related to them.

Qn. 4 Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct as it aligns with Criterion 2 under the Ramsar Convention, which prioritizes wetlands supporting threatened species or ecological communities.
- Statement 2 is correct as it follows Criterion 6, requiring a wetland to regularly support 1% of a specific waterbird species' population..
- Statement 3 is correct as per Criterion 5, which focuses on wetlands regularly supporting 20,000 or more waterbirds.

Qn. 5 Answer: (b) 1 & 2 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: A whip is a written directive issued by a political party to its members to ensure party discipline in legislative matters.

Statement 2 is correct: If a member defies the party whip, they may face disqualification under the Tenth Schedule (Anti-Defection Law), unless the whip is withdrawn or the party condones the act.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The position of the whip is not mentioned in the Indian Constitution; it is based on parliamentary conventions and party rules.