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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ FOR UPSC

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(Answer & Explanation)

Qn1. Answer: (a) 1 & 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct: The Darien Gap is located between Panama and Colombia, acting as a natural barrier.
- **Statement 2** is incorrect: The Darien Gap is the only missing link in the Pan-American Highway and does not currently connect North and South America via road.
- **Statement 3** is correct: The region is home to indigenous communities such as the Emberá and Wounaan.

Qn.2 Answer: (b) 1 & 2

Explanation:

- • **Statement 1: Correct.** The Ocean Coordination Mechanism is indeed an initiative that fosters international cooperation to address ocean-related challenges, including ocean conservation and the sustainable use of marine resources. It involves various stakeholders, including countries, international organizations, and NGOs.
- • **Statement 2: Correct.** The OCM focuses on improving coordination among the United Nations' specialized agencies dealing with marine and ocean issues. Key agencies like the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization), and WHO (World Health Organization) are part of this coordination mechanism.
- • **Statement 3: Incorrect.** While the OCM aims to address marine pollution, it is not limited to plastic waste, and it was not exclusively established by UNEP in 2015. The OCM was established as part of broader global efforts to coordinate actions under sustainable ocean management initiatives, such as the United Nations' Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).
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Qn. 3 Answer: (a) 1& 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:** This is **correct**. The Gyan Bharatam Mission is indeed focused on expanding access to digital education, especially in rural and underserved areas, by promoting the use of technology to bridge educational gaps.
- **Statement 2:** This is **correct**. The mission aims at improving the quality of education across India, particularly focusing on higher educational institutions by integrating more digital and technological tools into their systems.
- **Statement 3:** This is **incorrect**. The Gyan Bharatam Mission does not specifically focus on providing financial assistance for students pursuing technical courses abroad. It is more about improving digital education infrastructure and access within India.

Qn. 4 Answer: (c) both 1 & 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct. "Beggars-thy-neighbour" refers to economic policies that seek to improve a country's economic position by damaging the economies of other nations, typically by creating trade barriers or manipulating currency.
- **Statement 2** is correct. Common examples of "Beggars-thy-neighbour" policies include imposing tariffs to protect domestic industries or devaluing a currency to make exports cheaper, which harms other countries' economic performance.

Qn. 5 Answer: (d) All

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct: The Makhana Board was indeed established by the Government of Bihar to promote the production, processing, and marketing of Makhana. The objective is to increase farmers' income and ensure the growth of Makhana as a valuable agricultural product.
- **Statement 2** is correct: Makhana is primarily grown in the northern districts of Bihar, such as Purnia, Madhubani, and Saharsa, which are known for their vast water bodies and suitable climate for the cultivation of Makhana.
- **Statement 3** is correct: The Makhana Board plays an important role in regulating the quality of Makhana, ensuring fair trade practices, and working on price stabilization mechanisms to protect both farmers and consumers.

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