

19th March Prelims Daily Solutions

Q.1) Consider the following statements:

1. If a court finds it difficult to make a choice between death penalty and life imprisonment it should opt for the lesser punishment.
2. Article 142 of the Constitution of India deals with enforcement of decrees and orders of Supreme Court.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Inspired by: Life imprisonment is the rule, death penalty the exception: SC

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Answer: (c)

Article 142 of Constitution of India deals with Enforcement of decrees and orders of Supreme Court and unless as to discovery, etc. It states that the Supreme Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction may pass such decree or make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it.

Death penalty is exceptional

- Life imprisonment is the rule to which the death penalty is the exception.
- The death sentence must be imposed only when life imprisonment appears to be an altogether inappropriate punishment, having regard to the relevant facts and circumstances of the crime.

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. Parliament decide the number of judges of supreme court while president decide the numbers in high courts.
2. Salaries of high court judges is charged on Consolidated Funds of State while pension is charged on Consolidated Funds of India.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Answer: (c)

"Polity Titbits: Functions/powers of Judiciary"

- Parliament decide the number of judges of supreme court while president decide the numbers in high courts
- Both supreme court and high court judges are appointed as well as removed by president
- Salaries of high court judges is charged on CFS while pension is charged on CFI
- Appointment by collegium system (CJI plus 4 seniormost supreme court judges) after 3rd judges case
- District judges are appointed by governor in consultation with high courts
- Both SC and HC judges need 10 year practice in high court but SC judge need 5 year judgeship in high court while HC judge needs 10 years of judgeship
- A distinguished jurist can be appointed as judges of supreme court but not high court
- Removal by special majority of parliament on grounds of proved misbehavior or incapacity

Q.3) Rashtriya Garima Abhiyaan' is a National campaign to

- a) Rehabilitate the homeless and destitute the persons and provide them with suitable sources of livelihood.
- b) Release the sex workers from their practice and provide them with alternative sources of livelihood.
- c) Eradicate the practice of manual scavenging and rehabilitate the manual scavengers
- d) Release the bonded laborers from their bondage and rehabilitate them

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Answer: (c)

Rashtriya Garima Abhiyan is National Campaign for Dignity and Eradication of Manual Scavenging. The practice continues in the country in spite of efforts of several people, implementation of government schemes such as the National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers since 1992 and Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers since 2007, and regardless of it being banned in 1993 through Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (prohibition) Act.

Q.4) The Country-by-Country (CbC) reports sometimes seen in news in context to India-US relations is related to:

- a) Export-Import
- b) Taxation
- c) Defence Purchase
- d) BPO

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Answer: (b)

CBC reports

- The Income Tax Act requires Indian subsidiaries of multinational companies to provide details of key financial statements from other jurisdictions where they operate.
- This provides the IT department with better operational view of such companies, primarily with regards to revenue and income tax paid.
- The objective of mandating CbC is to ensure that all relevant tax authorities have access to the same information about an MNC's value chain and the resulting tax consequences.
- The provision was a part of the base erosion and profit shifting action plan, and later incorporated in IT Act also.

Q.5) Which of the following best describes the term "Merchant Discount Rate" sometimes seen in news?

- a) The incentive given by a bank to a merchant for accepting payments through debit cards pertaining to that bank.
- b) The amount paid back by banks to their customers when they use debit cards for financial transactions for purchasing goods or services.
- c) The charge to a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from his customers through the bank's debit cards.
- d) The incentive given by the Government to merchants for promoting digital payments by their customers through Point of Sale (PoS) machine and debit cards.

Inspired by: CSP 2018

Answer: (c)

MDR is a fee charged from a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from customers through credit and debit cards in their establishments. MDR compensates the card issuing bank, the lender which puts the PoS terminal and payment gateways such as MasterCard or Visa for their services.