

1. Consider the following statements regarding recently launched National Technical Textile Mission:
1. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Textile and Ministry of Commerce and Industries.
 2. Penetration level of technical textiles is low in India at 5-10%, against 30-70% in advanced countries.
 3. Mission will have four components including education, export promotion, market development and promotion of research.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Your Answer: Not Attempted

Correct Answer: (b)

Solution:

Statement 1 is NOT CORRECT:

- **National Technical Textiles Mission:**
 - The Mission would have a four-year implementation period from FY 2020-21 to 2023-24.
 - It will move into the sunset phase after a four years' period.
 - **A Mission Directorate in the Ministry of Textiles headed by an eminent expert in the related field will be made operational (only under Ministry of Textile).**
 - The Directorate will not have any permanent employment and there will be no creation of building infrastructure for the Mission purpose.

Statement 2 is CORRECT:

- Component 2 - Indian Technical Textiles segment is estimated at USD 16 Billion which is approximately 6% of the 250 Billion USD global technical textiles market.
- The **penetration level of technical textiles is low in India varying between 5-10% against the level of 30-70% in developed countries.**
- The Mission will aim at an average growth rate of 15-20% per annum taking the level of domestic market size to 40-50 Billion USD by the year 2024; through market development, market promotion, international technical collaborations, investment promotions and 'Make in India' initiatives.

Statement 3 is CORRECT:

- **The Mission will have four components:**
 - Component -I (Research, Innovation and Development)
 - Component -II (Promotion and Market Development)
 - Component - III (Export Promotion)
 - Component- IV (Education, Training, Skill Development)

2. With reference to the 'International Labour Organization (ILO)', consider the following statements:
1. The organisation was created after the second world war.
 2. The conventions adopted by ILO are legally binding in nature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Your Answer: Not Attempted

Correct Answer: (b)

Solution:

Statement 1 is NOT CORRECT:

- The **International Labour Organization (ILO)** is a **United Nations agency** whose mandate is to advance social and economic justice through setting international labour standards.
- **Founded in October 1919 (after the first world war)** under the League of Nations, it is the first and oldest specialised agency of the UN.
- The ILO has 187 member states: 186 out of 193 UN member states plus the Cook Islands.
- It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Statement 2 is CORRECT: The International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization has adopted 189 Conventions, which are **legally binding international treaties** that may be ratified by member states, as well as 202 Recommendations, which are not legally binding, but set out standards to guide action by member States.

3. Consider the following pairs:

List I	List II
1. Baitarani River	Odisha
2. Salma Dam	Pakistan
3. Kuki Tribes	Mizoram

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Your Answer: Not Attempted

Correct Answer: (b)

Solution:

Pair 1 is CORRECTLY MATCHED:

- The **Baitarani River or River Baitarani is one of six major rivers of Odisha**, India.
 - Venerated in popular epics and legends, the Baitarani River is a source of water for agricultural irrigation.

Pair 2 is NOT CORRECTLY MATCHED:

- **Afghan-India Friendship Dam (AIFD), formerly Salma Dam**, is a hydroelectric and irrigation dam project **located on the Hari River in Chishti Sharif District of Herat Province in western Afghanistan**.
 - The Afghan cabinet had renamed the Salma Dam to the Afghan-India Friendship Dam to express gratitude to India, which funded and helped with completing the partially constructed project.

Pair 3 is CORRECTLY MATCHED:

- The **Kukis**, also known as the Chin, are one of the hill tribe Zo people.
 - They live in the state of **Mizoram**.

4. With reference to Kisan Credit Card Scheme, consider the following statements

1. It was launched in 1998.
2. Fisheries and animal husbandry farmers are eligible under this scheme.
3. KCC credit holders are covered under personal accident insurance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only

Your Answer: Not Attempted

Correct Answer: (a)

Solution:

All statements are CORRECT:

- The Government of India has extended the facility of **Kisan Credit Card (KCC)** to **fisheries and animal husbandry farmers** to help them meet their working capital needs.
- The **Kisan Credit Card (KCC)** scheme is a credit scheme **introduced** in **1998** by Indian banks.
- This model scheme was prepared by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on the recommendations of R.V.GUPTA committee, to provide term loans for agricultural needs.
- Its objective is to meet the comprehensive credit requirements of the agriculture sector by giving financial support to farmers.
- Participating institutions include all commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks, and state co-operative banks.
- **KCC credit holders are covered under personal accident insurance.**
- The premium is borne by both the bank and borrower in a 2:1 ratio.

5. Consider the following statements with reference to the Beas Project:

1. The Beas Project is a joint venture of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.
2. The River Beas rises in the Rohtang Pass in the Punjab Himalayas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Your Answer: Not Attempted

Correct Answer: (c)

Solution:

Both Statements are CORRECT:

- The **Beas Project** is a **joint venture of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.**
- The **River Beas rises in the Rohtang Pass in the Punjab Himalayas.**
- The Project consists of:
 - Beas-Sutlej Link and Pong Dam on Beas River
 - Beas-Sutlej Link is located in Himachal Pradesh.
 - Pong Dam is located at Pong, in the Dhauladhar range, near Pong village.
- It is mainly an irrigation scheme which is intended to ensure extension of perennial irrigation to Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.