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Indian Council for Cultural Relations**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations was established on 9 April 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India.
2. By increasing soft power through I.C.C.R. and cultural diplomacy, it provides a strong foundation for India's foreign policy.
3. Its main objective is to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programs relating to cultural relations of India with other countries.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

- (A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) all of the above

Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role :- After the closure of the scholarship by I.C.C.R., the students of Afghanistan may have to face financial troubles. Till now An allowance of Rs 2500 per month and Rs 6500 was given by I.C.C.R. separately for the house.

Exam Useful Points:-

- After the Taliban regime came to Afghanistan, students from Afghanistan who do not want to return home, the scholarships given to the students who have completed the course have been stopped.
- If there is a demand of the students, then they should be given scholarship to do doctorate or they should be allowed to do jobs.
- The Indian Council for Cultural Relations was established on 9 April 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India, which is an autonomous organization.
- Its objective is to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programs relating to India's cultural relations with other countries.

- I.C.C.R. provides a strong foundation for India's foreign policy by increasing soft power through cultural diplomacy.
- India's economic benefits will be given by foreign students giving priority to India in the matter of higher education.
- Its main objective is to promote cultural exchange between citizens of different countries and Indian citizens.

Tax Inspectors Without Borders Program

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint OECD/UNDP initiative launched in July 2015 to strengthen the audit capability and compliance of MNCs in developing countries across the world.
2. It focuses on relocation and pricing matters of the tourism and financial services sectors.
3. India has been selected as the partner administration for this programme, providing tax expertise.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

- (A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) all of the above

Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role:- Recently, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have started the Tax Inspectors Without Borders Entry Program in Seychelles.

Exam Useful Points:-

- India has been selected as the partner administration for this program which has provided tax expertise.
- TIWB is a capacity building programme, a joint initiative launched in July 2015 to strengthen the audit capability and compliance of MNCs in developing countries around the world.

- It recruits qualified specialists from developing countries across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. The fifth engagement with India was launched in June 2021 in Bhutan.
- Over the next 12 months, India aims to help strengthen Seychelles' tax administration by transferring technical know-how and skills to its tax auditors while sharing best audit practices.
- It focuses on relocation and pricing matters of the tourism and financial services sectors.
- This is the sixth penetration program that India has supported by providing tax expertise.

Senkaku Island

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. Senkaku Island is located in the East China Sea between the People's Republic of Japan and the Republic of China (Taiwan).
2. After the China-Japanese War, Taiwan was ceded to Japan under the Treaty of Shimonose in 1895.
3. The Senkaku Diaoyu dispute sheds light on China's irreconcilable differences in its territorial claims in the East China Sea, South China Sea and Indian territory.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

- (A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) all of the above

Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role:- Recently the new Prime Minister of Japan Fumiyo Kishiksha has said that US President Joe Biden gave a strong message regarding the commitment of the United States to protect the islands located in the disputed East China Sea, these islands are called Senkaku Island in Japan

Exam Useful Points:-

- According to the US-Japan Security Treaty, it is the responsibility of the United States to protect Japan and these uninhabited islands also come under this treaty.

- Senkaku Island is located in the East China Sea between the People's Republic of Japan and the Republic of China (Taiwan). This group of islands consists of five uninhabited islands and three barren rocks with an area ranging from 800 square meters to 4.32 square kilometers.
- China says that these islands have been part of its country since ancient times as a fishing area administered by the province of Taiwan.
- After the Sino-Japanese War, Taiwan was ceded to Japan under the Treaty of Shimonose in 1895.
- Taiwan was freed from Japanese authority by the Treaty of San Francisco. China says that these islands should have been returned along with the return of Taiwan.
- The Senkaku/Diaoyu dispute highlights China's adamant attitude to its territorial claims in the East China Sea, South China Sea and Indian territory.

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