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**Q1: With reference to the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, consider the following statements:**

1. The Act prohibits only games of chance involving monetary stakes.
2. The Act bans advertisements related to real money gaming platforms.
3. The Act empowers authorities to block financial transactions linked to illegal gaming platforms.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A: 1 and 2 only
- B: 2 only
- C: 2 and 3 only
- D: 1, 2, and 3

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**Q2: With reference to the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), consider the following statements:**

1. ESIC is a statutory body functioning under the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
2. ESIC derives its mandate from the Code on Social Security, 2020.
3. ESIC provides medical, maternity, disability and dependent benefits to insured workers and their families.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A: 1 and 2 only
- B: 1 and 3 only
- C: 2 and 3 only
- D: 1, 2, and 3

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**Q3: With reference to the Tirukkural, consider the following statements:**

1. It consists of 1,330 couplets written in classical Tamil.
2. It deals exclusively with spiritual and religious themes.
3. It addresses governance, ethics, economy, and human relationships.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A: 1 and 2 only
- B: 1 and 3 only
- C: 2 and 3 only
- D: 1, 2, and 3

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**Q4: With reference to the SPREE Scheme (Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees), 2025, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a time-bound, one-time initiative of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation to expand social security coverage.
2. Registration under the scheme is mandatory for all establishments employing 10 or more workers across India.
3. The scheme has been extended beyond December 2025 and remains operational till January 31, 2026.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- A: 1 and 2 only
- B: 1 and 3 only
- C: 2 and 3 only
- D: 1, 2, and 3

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**Q5: With reference to the geographical characteristics of the Middle East, consider the following statements:**

- 1. The Middle East is often described as a *tricontinental hub* because it connects Africa, Asia, and Europe.**
- 2. Turkey and Egypt are considered transcontinental countries due to their territorial presence in more than one continent.**
- 3. The Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb are important maritime chokepoints connecting the Mediterranean Sea directly to the Arabian Sea.**

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- A: 1 and 2 only**
- B: 2 only**
- C: 2 and 3 only**
- D: 1, 2, and 3**

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