

Q.8) Solution (c)**Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme**

- It is a centrally funded scholarship scheme for students in all states, which opens every year and has to be applied between August and November.
- Aim: To help students of minority communities viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis, Jains and Buddhists from families with annual income below Rs. 1 lakh.
- Eligibility: Students need to score at least 50% in their class exams.
- Structure of the Scholarship: It is given in two tiers every year to:
 - Students in class 1 to 5: Rs. 1,000 per year.
 - Students of class 6 to 10: Rs. 10,700 if a hosteller or Rs 5,700 if a day scholar.

Application Process:

- Eligible students need to register at the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and submit educational documents, bank account details and Aadhaar numbers among other documents.
- The scheme is online and one can apply for a fresh or renewal scholarship on the NSP or through a mobile application of NSP.

Q.9) Mansar lake which was recently in news, is located in which of the following state?

- a) Assam
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Kerala

Q.9) Solution (c)

- Mansar Lake is situated in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir
- Surinsar Lake and Mansar Lake are considered to be twin lakes.
- It is a lake having a natural border of forest-covered hills.
- Surinsar-Mansar Lakes were designated as Ramsar Convention in November 2005.
- Mansar is of immense importance from Pilgrimage as well as Heritage point of view

