

(SOLUTION) IASBABA TEST 46 CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Correct Answer: A

Explanation

Solution (a)

Statement Analysis:

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Incorrect
The Alma-Ata Declaration defined health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not mere absence of diseases. This definition of health along with the concepts of primary health care formed the two core principles of this declaration. It recognised health as a human right – and to attain the same, several social and economic sectors in addition to the health sector need to be actively involved and show results.	The Alma-Ata Declaration was adopted at the International Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC) was held between September 6-12, 1978.

2. Correct Answer: B

Explanation

Solution (b)

Mahendragiri

News: The Odisha government has proposed a second biosphere reserve in the southern part of the state at Mahendragiri, a hill ecosystem having rich biodiversity.

About

- The area of the proposed Mahendragiri Biosphere Reserve is around 470,955 hectares and is spread over Gajapati and Ganjam districts in the Eastern Ghats.
- The hill ecosystem acts as a transitional zone between the flora and fauna of southern India and the Himalayas, making the region an ecological estuary of genetic diversities.
- A biosphere reserve in Mahendragiri is urgently needed for the conservation of the landscape, ecosystems, rare and threatened plant species in the hill system, which is now under severe degradation.
- Mahendragiri is inhabited by the Soura people, a particularly vulnerable tribal group as well as the Kandha tribe.
- The hills have diverse vegetation, according to the report of the proposed Mahendragiri Biosphere Reserve. The rich flora in Mahendragiri represents 40 per cent of the reported flora of Odisha, with around 1,358 species of plants.
- Twenty-nine of the 41 species of threatened medicinal plants found in Odisha according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature are found in the biosphere reserve area.
- Mahendragiri is the second highest mountain peak of Odisha after Deomali in Koraput district.

3. Correct Answer: A

Explanation

Solution (a)

Article 244 (A) of the Constitution

- Article 244(A) allows for creation of an ‘autonomous state’ within Assam in certain tribal areas.
- It also has a provision for a Legislature and a Council of Ministers.
- Article 244(A) accounts for more autonomous powers to tribal areas.
- The Constitution (Twenty-second Amendment) Act, 1969, inserted new article 244A in the Constitution to empower Parliament to enact a law for constituting an autonomous State within the State of Assam and also to provide the autonomous State with Legislature or a Council of Ministers or both with such powers and functions as may be defined by that law.
- The 22nd Amendment amended article 275 in regard to sums and grants payable to the autonomous State on and from its formation under article 244A.

How is it different from the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution?

- The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution — Articles 244(2) and 275(1) — is a special provision that allows for greater political autonomy and decentralised governance in certain tribal areas of the Northeast through autonomous councils that are administered by elected representatives.
- In Assam, the hill districts of Dima Hasao, Karbi Anglong and West Karbi and the Bodo Territorial Region are under this provision.
- In Autonomous Councils under the Sixth Schedule, they do not have jurisdiction of law and order.