(SOLUTION) TEST – 37 (Textbook) (INSTA Prelims Test Series 2022)

78. Correct Answer: C

Answer Justification:

Ahead of Assembly polls in five States, the expenditure limit for candidates for Lok Sabha constituencies was increased depending on the State, while the spending limit for Assembly constituencies was hiked.

The Election Commission (EC) had formed a committee in 2020 to study the spending limit.

Apart from a 10% increase in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last major revision in spending limits for candidates was carried out in 2014. The EC had formed a committee in 2020 to study the spending limit.

The committee recommended enhancing the limit after taking into account the "demand from political parties" and the "increase in electors", as well as the increase in the Cost Inflation Index.

79. Correct Answer: D

Answer Justification:

To bridge the gap between projected budgetary requirements and budget allocation for defence and internal security and to provide greater predictability for enabling critical defence capital expenditure, the Commission has recommended setting up of a dedicated non-lapsable fund, the Modernisation Fund for Defence and Internal Security (MFDIS), with four specific sources: (a) Transfers from the Consolidated Fund of India, (b) disinvestment proceeds of DPSEs, (c) proceeds from the monetisation of surplus defence land and (d) proceeds of receipts from defence land likely to be transferred to state governments and for public projects in the future.

80. Correct Answer: B

Answer Justification:

A partial protection against double jeopardy is a Fundamental Right guaranteed under Article 20(2) of the Constitution of India, which states "No person shall be prosecuted and punished for the same offence more than once".

81. Correct Answer: C

Answer Justification:

It is the Speaker who decides the date for the election of the Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker is independent of the Speaker, not subordinate to him, as both are elected from among the members of the House.

The Deputy Speaker ensures the continuity of the Speakers office by acting as the Speaker when the office becomes vacant. In addition, when a resolution for removal of the Speaker is up for discussion, the Constitution specifies that the Deputy Speaker presides over the proceedings of the House.

82. Correct Answer: D

Answer Justification:

Ambedkar's first political party, the Independent Labour Party (ILP), was committed to the welfare of the working classes.

In 1942, Ambedkar established his second political party, the Scheduled Castes Federation (SCF), in Bombay.

Ambedkar launched the Republican Party of India (RPI) in 1956. He envisaged the RPI as a secular-socialist front drawing its ideological motives from Buddhist principles and representing the poor agrarian classes and the socially marginalised castes.

Source

83. Correct Answer: B

Answer Justification:

Electoral Bond is a financial instrument for making donations to political parties.

State Bank of India is authorised to issue and encash these bonds, which are valid for fifteen days from the date of issuance.

These bonds are redeemable in the designated account of a registered political party. The bonds are issued in multiples of Rs. 1,000, Rs. 10,000, Rs. 1 lakh, Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 1 crore without any maximum limit.

The bonds are available for purchase by any person (who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India) for a period of ten days each in the months of January, April, July and October as may be specified by the Central Government.

Statement 3 is wrong.