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## **DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS (18/3/2026)**

**1. With reference to maternity leave for adoptive mothers, consider the following statements:**

1. The Supreme Court granted 12 weeks of maternity leave to all adoptive mothers irrespective of the child's age.
2. Section 60(4) of the Code on Social Security, 2020 restricted benefits only to mothers adopting children below 3 months.
3. The provision was upheld as constitutional under Articles 14 and 21.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

**2. With reference to Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) 2026, consider the following statements:**

1. It replaces EPS 1995.
2. Pension calculation period was increased from 12 months to 60 months.
3. Wage ceiling and minimum pension have been frequently revised in recent years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only

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(b) 2 and 3 only

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(d) 1, 2 and 3

**3. With reference to the Nagoya Protocol, consider the following statements:**

1. It is associated with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
2. It deals with Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) of genetic resources.
3. India has never submitted any report on its implementation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

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(d) 1, 2 and 3

**4. With reference to petroglyphs, consider the following statements:**

1. They are images carved or incised into rock surfaces.
2. They are painted using natural pigments.
3. They can provide evidence of prehistoric human activity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 3 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

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(d) 1, 2 and 3

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## 5. Samriddh Gram Phygital Services initiative aims to:

- (a) Promote digital banking in urban areas
- (b) Deliver integrated technology-driven rural services
- © Develop smart cities infrastructure
- (d) Provide subsidies for agricultural exports

## SOLUTIONS

### 1. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Solution: Supreme Court granted 12 weeks maternity leave to all adoptive mothers and struck down Section 60(4) as unconstitutional for violating Articles 14 and 21.

### 2. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Solution: EPS 2026 replaces EPS 1995 and increases pension calculation to 60-month average. Wage ceiling and minimum pension remain unchanged for years.

### 3. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Solution: Nagoya Protocol is under CBD and deals with Access and Benefit-Sharing. India submitted its first National Report.

### 4. Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Solution: Petroglyphs are carved into rock surfaces; painted ones are pictographs.

### 5. Answer: (b) Deliver integrated technology-driven rural services

Solution: Initiative focuses on tech-driven rural service delivery for development.