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With reference to Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, consider the following statements: 1. It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Labor and Employment. 2. It, among other things, will also impart training in soft skills, entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy. 3. It aims to align the competencies of the unregulated workforce of the country to the National Skill Qualification Framework. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 3 only. Statement 3 is true (NSQF alignment of the informal workforce), but statement 1 is false: PMKVY is the flagship of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, not Labour and Employment. This option is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Soft skills, entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy are part of PMKVY training, so 2 is true, yet statement 3 is also true. Isolating 2 is incomplete. This option is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) 2 and 3 only. PMKVY sits under MSDE, so statement 1 fails. It does train soft skills and related literacies, and it maps unregulated workers to the NSQF. Hence 2 and 3. This option is the official key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. The wrong nodal ministry knocks out the full set. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 2 and 3 only. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana is run by the skill ministry, not by Labour and Employment. The scheme's content includes soft skills, entrepreneurship and financial/digital literacy, and its aim includes aligning informal workers to the National Skill Qualification Framework. Statements 2 and 3 therefore stand; 1 does not.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

MSDE

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (from 2014-15)

NSDC

National Skill Development Corporation, key implementing partner

NSQF

National Skill Qualification Framework levels

Short-term training / RPL

Two main PMKVY verticals

ITI / DGT

Longer vocational stream under the same ministry family

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