

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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Q.1) Consider the following statements about Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC)

1. Only members of Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) can join HCoC
2. It calls for blanket ban on ballistic missiles

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.1) Solution (d)

The HCoC complements the important, ongoing work of the MTCR. All states, whether or not they are members of the MTCR are encouraged to join the HCoC, which reflects the founding States' intent to make the Code universally accepted.

The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC) is the result of efforts of the international community to internationally regulate the area of ballistic missiles capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction. The HCoC is the only multilateral transparency and confidence building instrument concerning the spread of ballistic missiles.

The HCoC does not ban ballistic missiles, but it calls for restraining their production, testing, and export. It is the only normative instrument to verify the spread of ballistic missiles.

India has joined the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC)

In News - <http://ptinews.com/news/7973493> Work-starts-on-two-more-Kudankulam-units-nbsp--

Q.2) Consider the following statements about National Development Bank

1. It is established by the SAARC nations
2. The bank shall support public projects only through loans and private projects only through equity participation

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2

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- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.2) Solution (d)

The New Development Bank (NDB), formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

The Bank shall support public or private projects through loans, guarantees, equity participation and other financial instruments.

In News - <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/p2vAnKED5VHnBRMITalAnM/New-Development-Bank-to-lend-25-billion-next-year-KV-Kama.html>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about HFC₂₃

1. It is a by-product of HCFC₂₂, which is used in refrigeration and air conditioning
2. Emission of HFC₂₃ is included in the UNFCCC's Kyoto Protocol

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.3) Solution (c)

HFC-23 is a by-product of HCFC-22, which is used in refrigeration and air conditioning. This variant of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) has a global warming potential 14,800 times more than that of carbon dioxide.

The Kyoto Protocol's clean development mechanism (CDM) has led to the destruction of large volumes of the very potent greenhouse gas HFC-23.

Emissions of all HFCs are included in the UNFCCC's Kyoto Protocol.

In News - <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-us-agree-to-amend-montreal-protocol-to-phase-down-hfcs/articleshow/54857041.cms>

Q.4) Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav is conceptualized by

- a) Ministry of External Affairs
- b) Ministry of Culture
- c) Sahitya Akademi
- d) Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts

Q.4) Solution (b)

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=151652>

Q.5) The Strait of Gibraltar connects

- a) Australia and Papua New Guinea
- b) Nicaragua and Costa Rica
- c) Caspian Sea and Mediterranean Sea
- d) Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea

Q.5) Solution (d)

