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Q.1) Consider the following statements about Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC)

- 1. The corridor covers states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal
- 2. The double track and single track segment will be electrified and it is a metre gauge corridor

Select the correct statement(s)

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

The corridor covers states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

It is going to be a broad gauge corridor.

The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor with a route length of 1856 km consists of two distinct segments: an electrified double-track segment of 1409 km between Dankuni in West Bengal & Khurja in Uttar Pradesh & an electrified single-track segment of 447 km between Ludhiana (Dhandarikalan) - Khurja - Dadri in the state of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

In News - <u>http://indianexpress.com/article/business/economy/india-inks-loan-pact-with-</u> world-bank-for-eastern-freight-corridor-3096363/

Q.2) International Conference on Zero organized at UNESCO headquarters is associated with which of the following?

- a) to celebrate the rich and remarkable history of mathematics
- b) to build upon SDGs on eliminating poverty
- c) to discuss the means for developing net zero emission technologies
- d) to support and follow up on measures for eradicating polio

Q.2) Solution (a)

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In News - http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=138530

Q.3) Hartz reforms is concerned with

- a) Brexit
- b) Greek bailout
- c) German labour market
- d) US Presidential Elections

Q.3) Solution (c)

After a decade of high unemployment and weak growth leading up to the turn of the 21st century, Germany embarked on a significant labour market overhaul. The reforms, collectively known as the Hartz reforms, were put in place in three steps between January 2003 and January 2005. They eased regulation on temporary work agencies, relaxed firing restrictions, restructured the federal employment agency, and reshaped unemployment insurance to significantly reduce benefits for the long-term unemployed and tighten job search obligations.

Read More - <u>http://swarajyamag.com/world/so-called-employment-protection-</u> legislation-is-bad-news-for-workers

In News - <u>http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/job-creation-is-unfinished-business/article9246290.ece</u>

Q.4) Maastricht treaty is related to

- a) body of international copyright treaties administered by WIPO
- b) reforming the European Union
- c) establishes for the European Community a border system and a common policy on the temporary entry of persons
- d) responsible for the creation of the European Union

Q.4) Solution (d)

The Maastricht Treaty created the European Union and led to the creation of the single European currency, the euro.

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In News - <u>http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/gwDfL31kFziMGJY8MABUxN/The-unborn-</u> <u>must-share-higher-fiscal-burden.html</u>

Q.5) Which of the following regional organization is/are members of Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

- a) Gulf Cooperation Council
- b) European Union
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None

Q.5) Solution (c)

Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats. It comprises 35 member jurisdiction and 2 regional organizations (Gulf Cooperation Council and EU). Israel and Saudi Arabia has observer status.

In News - http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/brics-calls-for-tacklingterrorism-early-adoption-of-ccit-3086410/

