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Q.1) With reference to H1B visa and L1 visa consider the following statements

- 1. L1 visa is a non-immigrant visa for short amount of time
- 2. H1B visa allows Indian employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in speciality occupations

Select the correct statements:

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

The H-1B is a non-immigrant visa in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act. It allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in specialty occupations.

An L-1 visa is a visa document used to enter the United States for the purpose of work in L-1 status. It is a non-immigrant visa, and is valid for a relatively short amount of time, from three months (for Iran nationals) to five years (India, Japan, and Germany), based on a reciprocity schedule. With extensions, the maximum stay is seven years

In News - <u>http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/bit-breakthrough-unlikely-at-india-us-trade-meet-116101800488</u> 1.html

Q.2) Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

- 1. Yamal Project :: Liquefied Natural Gas
- 2. Project Alloy :: Merged Reality
- 3. Project Tango :: 3D mapping technology

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

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Q.2) Solution (d)

Project Tango is Google's take on three-dimensional mapping technology, but differs in that it is intended to mimic the way humans navigate the world around them.

The mapping software works on an Android platform that's tricked out with image processing and vision sensing technology. Project Tango uses depth sensors, visual clues and motion tracking to essentially map the world around whoever is carrying the device.

Yamal is a liquefied natural gas project located deep in the Russian Arctic, a region that is ice-bound for seven to nine months during the year and where the sun remains beneath the horizon for three months at a time.

Q.3) Surya Kiran is a Joint Exercise between

- a) India and Bhutan
- b) India and Myanmar
- c) India and Nepal
- d) India and Maldives

Q.3) Solution (c)

In News - <u>http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/indo-nepal-joint-military-exercise-kicks-off-1587086</u>

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

- 1. It is the primary judicial branch of the United Nations
- 2. India is a party of the PCA according to the Hague Convention on 1899
- 3. Sessions of the PCA are held in private and are confidential

Which of the following statements is are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) 1 and 2
- c) 2 and 3
- d) 1 and 3

Q.4) Solution (c)

The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) is an intergovernmental organization located at The Hague in the Netherlands. The PCA is not a court, but rather an organiser of arbitral tribunals to resolve conflicts between member states, international organizations, or private parties. It should not be confused with the International Court of Justice which is the primary judicial branch of the United Nations, while the **PCA is not a UN agency**.

India is a party of the PCA according to the Hague Convention on 1899

List of parties to the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907 – Click Here

Established by treaty at the First Hague Peace Conference in 1899, the Permanent Court of Arbitration is the oldest global institution for the settlement of international disputes. The Court offers a wide range of services for the resolution of international disputes which the parties concerned have expressly agreed to submit for resolution under its auspices. Unlike the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration has no sitting judges: the parties themselves select the arbitrators. Another difference is that sessions of the Permanent Court of Arbitration are held in private and are confidential. The Court also provides arbitration in disputes between international organisations and between states and international organisations.

In News - <u>http://indianexpress.com/article/world/australia-indonesia-mulling-joint-patrols-in-south-china-sea-3731673/</u>

Q.5) Operation Sangaris is a military intervention of the French military in which of the following countries?

- a) Chad
- b) Central African Republic
- c) South Sudan
- d) Congo

Q.5) Solution (b)

Operation Sangaris is a military intervention of the French military in the Central African Republic, ongoing since December 2013.

In News - <u>http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-international/france-ends-car-</u> <u>military-mission/article9289369.ece</u>