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Q.1) Recently seaweed 'Sargassum Zhangii' was found growing along the rocky shores from Tamil Nadu. Consider the following statements about seaweed 'Sargassum Zhangii'

1. It is endemic to China
2. It is the first reported case of the seaweed outside China

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

The seaweed sargassum zhangii is found growing along the rocky shores from Tamilnadu. This is the first reported case of the seaweed outside China. The seaweed is endemic to China. Its presence in Indian Shores far away from China highlights its invasive potential.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/Invasive-algae-species-found-in-Tamil-Nadu/article16789620.ece>

Q.2) Recently Qatar abolished the 'kafala' labour system. Consider the following statements

1. It is a system used to monitor migrant labourers
2. The kafala systems governs labour migration in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries only

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.2) Solution (a)

Under "kafala", all foreign workers require a local sponsor, in the form of an individual or company, and need their permission to switch jobs or leave the country.

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The kafala systems that governs labour migration in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates), as well as for most workers in Lebanon and Jordan. Note that the kafala system does not govern all migrant workers in Lebanon; for example Syrian workers who have other routes to residency, and in Jordan, where special economic and trade zones are exempted from these restrictions.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/Qatar-abolishes-%E2%80%98kafala%E2%80%99-labour-system/article16802505.ece>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'DigiShala'

1. The channel was launched by Ministry of Finance and Reserve Bank of India to push digital transactions
2. The channel would be managed by Doordarshan (DD) and is a free-to-air Channel

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 (b)

The Ministry of Electronics and Information technology (MeitY) launched a TV channel named 'DigiShala' to push digital transactions. The main objective is to educate, enable and inform citizens about a cashless economy. The government has also initiated a 'Digi Dhan Abhiyan' for the same purpose. The channel would be managed by Doordarshan (DD) and is a free-to-air Channel. It will be broadcasted nationally on the DD free DTH service.

In News - http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/digishala-the-new-24-7-gov-tv-channel-for-cashless-lessons-116120901354_1.html

Q.4) Consider the following statements about International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

1. ICC was designated as the official business representative in the processes that lead to the creation of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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2. ICC is the only business organisation that has been admitted as an Observer at the UN General Assembly
3. ICC was the first organization granted general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Q.4) Solution (d)

ICC is the largest, most representative business organization in the world.[1] Its hundreds of thousands of member companies in over 130 countries have interests spanning every sector of private enterprise.

ICC has three main activities: rule setting, dispute resolution, and policy advocacy. Because its member companies and associations are themselves engaged in international business, ICC has unrivalled authority in making rules that govern the conduct of business across borders. Although these rules are voluntary, they are observed in countless thousands of transactions every day and have become part of international trade.

ICC lobbies the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, and many other inter-governmental bodies, both international and regional, on behalf of international business. ICC was the first organization granted general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has granted Observer Status to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). It is the first time that a business organisation has been admitted as an Observer at the UN General Assembly. The list of UN observers is highly restricted and features principally intergovernmental organisations. This paves way for the business will have direct voice in the UN system for the first time.

In News - <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/untions-general-assembly-grants-observer-status-to-international-chamber-of-commerce/articleshow/55976646.cms>

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Q.5) Exercise Ekuverin is a joint military exercise between

- a) Seychelles
- b) Maldives
- c) Indonesia
- d) Laos

Q.5) Solution (b)

In News - http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/opening-ceremony-indo-maldives-joint-military-exercise-commences-in-maldives-116121500948_1.html

