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# Q.1) Recently, a mobile app 'SEZ India' which provides detailed information related to special economic zones was launched. Consider the following statements

- 1. The app was launched under the Commerce ministry's e-Governance initiatives
- 2. It has four sections SEZ Information, SEZ Online Transaction, Trade Information and Contact details

#### 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 (c)

The Commerce Ministry has launched a mobile app 'SEZ India' which provides detailed information related to special economic zones.

The app was launched under the ministry's e-Governance initiatives.

It has four sections – SEZ Information, SEZ Online Transaction, Trade Information and Contact details

The SEZ online transaction is a dynamic submenu that tracks the Bill of Entry/Shipping Bill processing status and also does verification.

The app also helps the Importers/Exporters to track the status of Bill of Entry/Shipping Bill integration and processing in the EDI system of the ICEGATE

In News - <u>http://www.financialexpress.com/industry/technology/commerce-ministry-</u> launches-sez-india-app-for-sezs/509072/

# Q.2) Recently Falcon 9 rocket blasted off from California and placed a constellation of satellites in orbit. It is developed by

- a) Space X
- b) Mishaal Aerospace
- c) Virgin Galactic
- d) PLD Space

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## Q.2) Solution (a)

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket blasted off from California and placed a constellation of satellites in orbit

A network of 10 satellites was launched as part of McLean, Virginia-based Iridium's project to replace its existing network of satellites that provide global voice and data communications.

Iridium plans six more Falcon 9 launches, each carrying 10 satellites, as part of a technology upgrade

In News - <u>http://indianexpress.com/article/technology/science/spacex-launches-first-</u> rocket-since-explosion-in-florida-4475067/

#### Q.3) Consider the following statements about Transports Internationaux Routiers (TIR)

- It is the only global customs transit system that provides easy and smooth movement of goods across borders in sealed compartments or containers under customs control from the customs office of departure to the customs office of destination
- 2. All members of INSTC are signatories to TIR Convention 1975
- 3. The conventions were adopted under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

## Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

## Q.3) Solution (b)

India is gearing up to sign the Transports Internationaux Routiers (TIR), or the customs convention on the international transport of goods.

TIR is the only global customs transit system that provides easy and smooth movement of goods across borders in sealed compartments or containers under customs control from the customs office of departure to the customs office of destination.

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It plays an important role in boosting regional connectivity and facilitating cross-border trade flows

Since all members of INSTC, except India and Oman, are already signatories to TIR Convention 1975, custom issues and common documentation issues could be quickly resolved if India signs the convention and aligns its system with it.

The TIR system operates with certain parameters – secure vehicles or container, international guarantee chain, TIR carnet, reciprocal recognition of customs controls, controlled access and TIR IT risk management tools.

These elements guarantee that goods travel across borders with minimum interference en route and at the same time provide maximum safeguards to customs administration.

The TIR system has a globally accepted electronic control system for integrated transit operations.

The conventions were adopted under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

In News - <u>http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-</u> gears-up-to-ink-pact-for-global-customs-transit-system/articleshow/56578293.cms

# Q.4) Which of the following statements about National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) is/are correct?

- a) It is under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- b) It provides financial assistance through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the State Governments/ UTs
- c) The Loan & Employee Information Automation Project (LEAP) system would be used by the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to disburse loans electronically
- d) All of the above

## Q.4) Solution (d)

An online system for disbursement of loans to the people belonging to backward classes was launched.

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The Loan & Employee Information Automation Project (LEAP) system would be used by the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to disburse loans electronically.

It is a Govt. of India Undertaking under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

It was incorporated under Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956 on as a Company not for profit with an objective to promote economic and developmental activities for the benefit of Backward Classes and to assist the poorer section of these classes in skill development and self-employment ventures.

It provides financial assistance through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by the State Governments/ UTs. NBCFDC also provides Micro Financing through SCAs/ Self Help Groups (SHGs).

In News - <u>http://indianexpress.com/article/india/gehlot-launches-online-system-for-</u> <u>disbursement-of-nbcfdc-loans-4472663/</u>

Q.5) Consider the following statements about National Alliance against online Child sexual abuse and exploitation

- 1. It was set up by the Ministry of Women & Child Development
- 2. It aims to develop a comprehensive outreach system to engage parents, schools, communities, NGO partners and local governments (PRIs and ULBs) as well as police and lawyers to ensure better implementation of the legal framework, policies, national strategies and standards in relation to child protection and child rights
- 3. It will set up a multi-member secretariat based in MWCD with a portal inclusive of a hotline for reporting and strengthening existing service delivery systems

## Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

## Q.5) Solution (c)

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To ensure protection of children from online sexual abuse, all stakeholders must work together. In this context, the National Alliance on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation has the following broad objectives:

- Bring a common definition of child pornography including amendment of acts (Information technology Act, POCSO Act).
- Set up a multi-member secretariat based in MWCD with a portal inclusive of a hotline for reporting and strengthening existing service delivery systems.
- Provide a platform for Government/ NGOs and other child rights activists for networking and information sharing.
- Document and showcases success stories and best practices in terms of prevention of online abuse and exploitation of children.
- Inform and educate member organisations, parents, teachers, front line service providers and children on the rights of the children and various issues related to online child abuse and exploitation.
- Provide a forum for advocacy for child rights and policy inputs based on research and studies

In News - http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=157384

