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Q.1) The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Delhi has adopted first-of-its-kind Green Building Performance Monitoring Platform - 'Arc'. Consider the following statements

1. It is developed by the US Green Building Council (USGBC)
2. Arc can be applied to both LEED-certified and non-certified buildings

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)

GBCI launched a new technology company called Arc Skoru Inc. This new venture will be the official host for Arc, a state-of-the-art digital platform that will allow any project—whether a single building, a community or an entire city—to measure improvements and benchmark against itself and projects around it.

Arc can be applied to both LEED-certified and non-certified buildings. LEED-certified buildings can use Arc to improve and benchmark with their peers everywhere, as well as to verify LEED performance on an annual basis to keep their certification up to date. Non-certified buildings can use Arc to make incremental sustainability improvements to eventually achieve LEED certification. Arc is the first-of-its kind platform to track a building's incremental improvements through a performance score.

The adoption of "Arc" is in line with the continued focus on Environment Sustainability and is aligned to make Delhi a Smart airport. Arc facility is already operational.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a rating system devised by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to evaluate the environmental performance of a building and encourage market transformation towards sustainable design.

Read More - <http://in.usgbc.org/articles/all-about-arc-performance-platform-no-other>

In News - http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/green-building-performance-monitoring-platform-arc-adopted-by-igia-117020900897_1.html

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Q.2) Consider the following statements about Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

1. It is the agency of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
2. It is responsible for formulating and implementing the Foreign Trade Policy with the main objective of promoting India's exports

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 (c)

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) organisation is an attached office of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and is headed by Director General of Foreign Trade. Right from its inception till 1991, when liberalization in the economic policies of the Government took place, this organization has been essentially involved in the regulation and promotion of foreign trade through regulation. Keeping in line with liberalization and globalization and the overall objective of increasing of exports, DGFT has since been assigned the role of "facilitator". The shift was from prohibition and control of imports/exports to promotion and facilitation of exports/imports, keeping in view the interests of the country.

This Directorate, with headquarters at New Delhi, is headed by the Director General of Foreign Trade. It is responsible for formulating and implementing the Foreign Trade Policy with the main objective of promoting India's exports.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/Commerce-Dept.-special-arm-may-drive-foreign-trade-policy/article17292508.ece>

Q.3) Recently launched TAMRA Portal and Mobile Application is concerned with which of the following sector?

- a) Textiles
- b) Mining
- c) Steel
- d) Telecommunication

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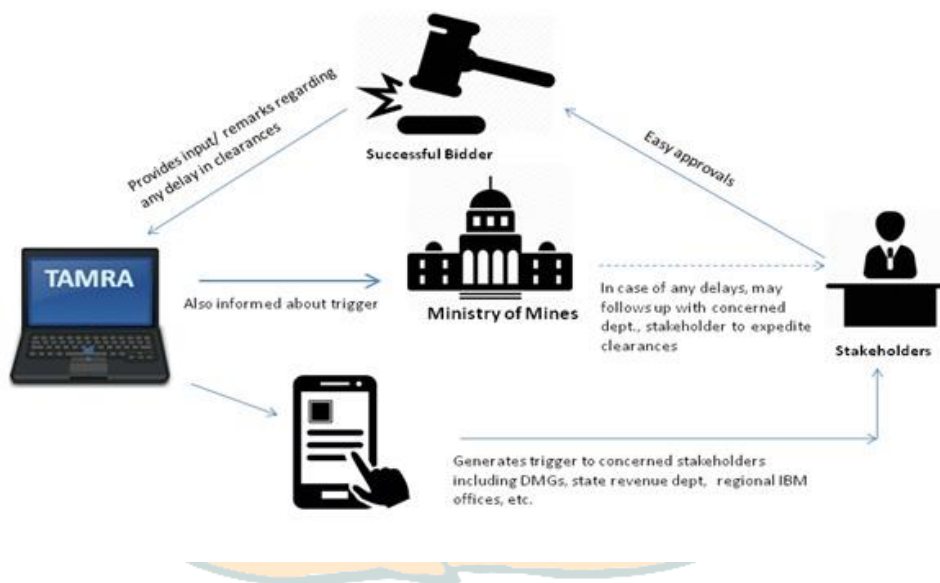
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Q.3) Solution (b)

TAMRA (Transparency, Auction Monitoring and Resource Augmentation) portal and Mobile Application - a step to speed up mining activity in India and facilitate all the stakeholders to track the status of the statutory clearances associated with mining blocks for getting mines to reach till operationalisation for the same. TAMRA will be an interactive platform for all the stakeholders to compress the timelines for statutory and other clearances as it would help minimize the gestation period for commencing production.

Further, TAMRA covers block-wise, state-wise and mineral-wise information of the blocks to be auctioned, monitors various statutory clearances, and also highlights the additional resources generated through e-Auction. In case of delay in obtaining any clearances, TAMRA will send triggers to the concerned authority so that the remedial steps can be taken immediately by those responsible. The Ministry of Mines will also receive triggers generated by TAMRA and will facilitate in expediting clearances. This portal also enables successful bidder to give suggestions/inputs.

The TAMRA Flowchart is as follows:



In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=158229>

Q.4) Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) consists of

1. Prime Minister
2. Minister of Home Affairs
3. Minister of External Affairs
4. Minister of Finance

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Select the correct code:

- a) 1, 2 and 3
- b) 1, 3 and 4
- c) 1, 2 and 4
- d) All of the above

Q.4) Solution (d)

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) of the Central Government of India decides on India's defence expenditure, matters of National Security, and makes significant appointments.

CCS is chaired by the Prime Minister of India and comprises the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Home Affairs, and the Minister of External Affairs.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/A-shot-in-the-arm-for-defence-acquisition/article17285478.ece>

Q.5) National Women's Parliament was held in

- a) Telangana
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat

Q.5) Solution (b)

The three-day National Women's Parliament, being organised by Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly with the theme of 'Empowering Women — Strengthening Democracy', in the state capital region Amaravati.

The vision of NWP is to enable and encourage social, political and economic empowerment of women in all strata of the society.

One of the objectives of NWP is to generate new ideas, concepts, theories and ideologies for women empowerment.

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The NWP would facilitate interaction among women from all backgrounds and girl students to sensitise the society on issues like malnutrition, social security, sexual harassment, sanitation, oppression and other gender-based problems.

One of the objectives of NWP is to make young girls realise their potential and make them aware of the canvas where they can leave their footprints.

In News – www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/National-Women's-Parliament-begins-in-Andhra-Pradesh/article17282465.ece

