**Q.1) e-Shakti or Digitisation of SHGs is an initiative of**

a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
b) Ministry of Science and Technology
c) Ministry of Rural Development
d) None of the above

**Q.1) Solution (d)**

e-Shakti or Digitisation of SHGs is an initiative of Micro Credit and Innovations Department of NABARD in line with our Hon'ble PM statement, 'we move with the dream of electronic digital India...'. Digital India is a Rs 1.13-lakh crore initiative of Government of India to integrate the government departments and the people of India and to ensure effective governance. It is to "transform India into digital empowered society and knowledge economy".

Keeping in view the Government of India's mission for creating a digital India, NABARD launched a project for digitisation of all Self Help Group (SHG) in the country. The project is being implemented in 100 districts across the country.

**Aims and Objectives:**

The project aims at digitisation of all the SHG accounts to bring SHG members under the fold of Financial Inclusion thereby helping them access wider range of financial services together with increasing the bankers' comfort in credit appraisal and linkage by way of:

- Integrating SHG members with the national Financial Inclusion agenda;
- Improving the quality of interface between SHG members and Banks for efficient and hassle free delivery of banking services by using the available technology;
- Facilitate convergence of delivery system with SHGs using Aadhaar linked identity.

**Source:** http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/e-shakti-initiative-of-nabard-117080800983_1.html

**Q.2) Which one of the following is not a Biosphere Reserve?**

a) Agasthyamalai
b) Nallamalai
c) Nilgiri
d) Panchmarhi

## Q.2) Solution (b)

**Biosphere Reserve**

- "Biosphere Reserve (BR) is an international designation by UNESCO for representative parts of natural and cultural landscapes extending over large area of terrestrial or coastal/ marine ecosystems or a combination thereof.
- BRs are designated to deal with one of the most important questions of reconciling the conservation of biodiversity, the quest for economic and social development and maintenance of associated cultural values.
- BRs are thus special environments for both people and the nature and are living examples of how human beings and nature can co-exist while respecting each other's needs.
- The Biosphere Reserve Programme is guided by UNESCO Man and Biosphere (MAB) programme as India is a signatory to the landscape approach supported by MAB programme.
- A scheme called Biosphere Reserve is being implemented by Government of India since 1986, in which financial assistance is given in 90:10 ratio to the North Eastern Region States and three Himalayan states and in the ratio of 60:40 to other states for maintenance, improvement and development of certain items.

**LIST OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES:**

1. Cold Desert, Himachal Pradesh
2. Nanda Devi, Uttrakhand
3. Khangchendzonga, Sikkim
4. Dehang-Debang, Arunachal Pradesh
5. Manas, Assam
6. Dibru-Saikhowa, Assam
7. Nokrek, Meghalaya
8. Panna, Madhya Pradesh
9. Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh
10. Achanakmar-Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh-Chattisgarh
11. Kachchh, Gujarat
12. Similipal, Odisha
13. Sundarban, West Bengal
14. Seshachalam, Andhra Pradesh
15. Agasthyamala, Karnataka-Tamil Nadu-Kerala
16. Nilgiri, Tamil Nadu-Kerala
17. Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu
18. Great Nicobar, Andaman & Nicobar Island

**Q.3) Consider the following statements about Logistics Data Bank (LDB) project.**

1. It is being implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle called AURIC
2. Every container in the port facility is attached to a RFID and then tracked through RFID readers

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.3) Solution (b)**

Logistics Data Bank (LDB) project - to make India's logistics sector more efficient through the use of Information Technology.

The facility — where every container is attached to a Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) tag and then tracked through RFID readers — aids importers and exporters in tracking their goods in transit.

The LDB is being implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle called Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Logistics Data Services Ltd. (DLDSL) — that is jointly (50:50) owned by the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) Trust and Japanese IT services major NEC Corporation.

**Source: http://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/logistics-data-bank-project-to-expand-to-south-india/article19452586.ece**

**Q.4) Global Retirement Index (GRI) is published by**

a) Boston Consulting Groups
b) Bain and Company
c) Ernst & Young
d) None of the above

**Q.4) Solution (d)**

The index by French asset management company **Natixis Global**, ranks countries on the basis of four factors -- the material means to live comfortably in retirement; access to quality financial services to help preserve savings value and maximize income; access to quality health services; and a clean and safe environment.

**Source: http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/no-country-for-old-men-french-index-says-india-worst-for-retirement-now/articleshow/59984710.cms**

**Q.5) Whcih of the following statements are the provisions of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) once it is in force?**

1. To arrest without a warrant anyone who has committed cognizable offences
2. To enter and search any premise in order to make such arrests, or to recover any person wrongfully restrained.
3. After giving such due warning, Fire upon or use other kinds of force even if it causes death, against the person who is acting against law.

**Select the code from below:**

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

**Q.5) Solution (d)**

According to the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), in an area that is proclaimed as "disturbed", an officer of the armed forces has powers to:[20]

- After giving such due warning, Fire upon or use other kinds of force even if it causes death, against the person who is acting against law or order in the disturbed area for the maintenance of public order,

- Destroy any arms dump, hide-outs, prepared or fortified position or shelter or training camp from which armed attacks are made by the armed volunteers or armed gangs or absconders wanted for any offence.

- To arrest without a warrant anyone who has committed cognizable offences or is reasonably suspected of having done so and may use force if needed for the arrest.

- To enter and search any premise in order to make such arrests, or to recover any person wrongfully restrained or any arms, ammunition or explosive substances and seize it.

- Stop and search any vehicle or vessel reasonably suspected to be carrying such person or weapons.
- Any person arrested and taken into custody under this Act shall be made present over to the officer in charge of the nearest police station with least possible delay, together with a report of the circumstances occasioning the arrest.
- Army officers have legal immunity for their actions. There can be no prosecution, suit or any other legal proceeding against anyone acting under that law. Nor is the government's judgment on why an area is found to be disturbed subject to judicial review.
- Protection of persons acting in good faith under this Act from prosecution, suit or other legal proceedings, except with the sanction of the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by this Act.

**Source: [http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/govt-declares-entire-assam-as-disturbed-area-under-afspa-for-another-month/story-xT2vgSgUkCUt2qAiNOzxYK.html](http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/govt-declares-entire-assam-as-disturbed-area-under-afspa-for-another-month/story-xT2vgSgUkCUt2qAiNOzxYK.html)**