

Q.1) Recently Indian foreign minister visited Iran and discussed the issues of mutual interest. Consider the following statements with respect to Ashgabat Agreement.

1. Ashgabat agreement is aimed at creating an international transport and transit corridor facilitating transportation of goods between Central Asia and the Persian Gulf.
2. The Ashgabat Agreement has Oman, Iran, Uzbekistan and India as founding members.
3. Ashgabat agreement will also synchronize with the International North–South Transport Corridor for moving freight between India, Russia, Iran, Europe and Central Asia.

Select the correct option

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

Q.1) Solution (b)

- Ashgabat agreement is aimed at creating an international transport and transit corridor facilitating transportation of goods between Central Asia and the Persian Gulf.
- The Ashgabat Agreement has Oman, Iran, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as founding members. Kazakhstan has also joined this arrangement subsequently. Accession to the Agreement would enable India to utilise this existing transport and transit corridor to facilitate trade and commercial interaction with the Eurasian region. Further, this would synchronise with our efforts to implement the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) for enhanced connectivity.
- India is not the founding member.
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- [INSTC](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

1. The scheme aims at distribution of LED bulbs for BPL families free of cost.
2. The scheme is implemented by Ministry of Power.

Select the incorrect option.

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Q.2) Solution (c)

- The above scheme is the description of [UJALA scheme](#)
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Q.3) 30 new species of spiders were discovered recently in Chinnar wild life sanctuary. Chinnar wild life sanctuary is found in which of the following states.

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Puducherry
- d) Kerala

Q.3) Solution (d)

- It is found in Kerala.
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Q.4) Indian army successfully participated in recent military exercise known as Red Flag. Consider the following statements with respect to Red Flag.

1. Exercise Red Flag is an advanced aerial combat training exercise hosted by the US Air Force at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.
2. The exercise is held between the Air force of USA, Germany and India.
3. It is held once in four years and India last time participated in 2012.

Select the correct option

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

- Exercise Red Flag is an advanced aerial combat training exercise hosted by the US Air Force at Nevada and at Alaska.
- India last time participated in 2008. And India will be returning to this exercise in 2016 after a gap of eight years.
- Only countries considered friendly towards the United States take part in Red Flag exercises. So far more than 30 countries have participating in different cycles of a year.
- Under the aegis of the United States Air Force Warfare Centre (USAFWC) at Nellie, the Red Flag exercises, conducted in four to six cycles a year. And not once in four years.
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Q.5) The first Indian state to be declared “Open Defecation free” in urban areas is

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Tripura

Q.5) Solution (a)

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