

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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Q.1) Which of the following sea does not have a land boundary?

- a) Sargasso Sea
- b) Laptev Sea
- c) Kara Sea
- d) Weddell Sea

Q.1) Solution (a)

The Sargasso Sea is a region of the North Atlantic Ocean bounded by four currents, that together form a circulating ocean stream called a gyre. It is the only such oceanic region on Earth to which the term sea has been extended, all others being bound entirely or mostly by land.

Q.2) Consider the following statements about Shala Asmita Yojana

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development
2. It is world's largest student tracking system
3. The scheme will be implemented in all government and private schools from Class 1 to Class 12

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (d)

The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has launched Shala Asmita Yojana, a student educational tracking system programme. ASMITA stands for All School Monitoring and Individual Tracking Analysis. In this scheme government has aim to track the entire education journey of students. The scheme will cover 25 crore students studying in all government and private schools from 1 to 12 class, which probably makes it world's largest student tracking system.

The scheme is basically a tracking system for over 25 Crore students from class 1st to 12th

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Shala Asmita Yojana aims to track the educational journey of school students from Class I to Class XII across the 15 lakhs private and government schools in the country

ASMITA will be an online database which will carry information of student attendance and enrolment, learning outcomes, mid-day meal service and infrastructural facilities

Students will be tracked through their Aadhaar numbers and incase those not having unique number will be provided with it.

Shala Asmita Yojana implemented in all government and private schools from 1 to 12 class

This scheme is implemented in majority of states by local authority

Q.3) Logistics Performance Index is released by

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) World Bank
- c) United Nations Development Programme
- d) World Trade Organisation

Q.3) Solution (b)

The Logistics Performance Index is an interactive benchmarking tool created to help countries identify the challenges and opportunities they face in their performance on trade logistics and what they can do to improve their performance.

The LPI is based on a worldwide survey of operators on the ground (global freight forwarders and express carriers), providing feedback on the logistics "friendliness" of the countries in which they operate and those with which they trade.

It is published by World Bank.

Q.4) DRR Dhan 45 also known as IET23832 was in news recently. What is it?

- a) Short duration cotton variety
- b) WikiLeaks file related to CIA
- c) High zinc rice variety
- d) Technology for sex identification of meat

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Q.4) Solution (c)

IET 23832 is a biofortified semi-dwarf, medium duration (125 days) variety with non-lodging plant type and long slender grains for irrigated conditions. It is the first high zinc rice variety notified at national level with over all mean zinc content of 22.6ppm (24.0ppm in AP,KA&TN) in polished rice, developed through conventional breeding without compromising yield using the material from HarvestPlus. Based on high zinc content and yield performance over 5 t/ha, it is released for the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. It has good cooking quality with desirable amylose content (20.7%). It is moderately resistant to blast, sheath rot and rice tungro virus. The variety is a proof of concept for Biofortification and can address the hidden hunger or mineral malnutrition, thus targeting nutritional security of the nation.

Q.5) Consider the following statements about Anti-dumping duty

1. The Department of Commerce recommends the anti-dumping duty, while Ministry of Finance levies such duty
2. It is imposed on both exports and imports
3. The use of anti-dumping is not permitted by the WTO

Select the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution (a)

Dumping is said to occur when the goods are exported by a country to another country at a price lower than its normal value. This is an unfair trade practice which can have a distortive effect on international trade. Anti-dumping is a measure to rectify the situation arising out of the dumping of goods and its trade distortive effect. Thus, the purpose of anti-dumping duty is to rectify the trade distortive effect of dumping and re-establish fair trade. The use of anti-dumping measure as an instrument of fair competition is permitted by the WTO. In fact, anti-dumping is an instrument for ensuring fair trade and is not a measure of protection per se for the domestic industry. It provides relief to the domestic industry against the injury caused by dumping.

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Anti-dumping duty is recommended by Ministry of Commerce and imposed by Ministry of Finance.

