

Q.1) Patola, a double ikat woven sari is from which of the following states?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Q.1) Solution (a)

Patola is a double ikat woven sari, usually made from silk, made in Patan, Gujarat. It can take six months to one year to make one sari due to the long process of dyeing each strand separately before weaving them together. Patola was woven in Surat, Ahmedabad and Patan. Highly valued in Indonesia, became part of the local weaving tradition there.

The fame, charm, and the popularity of the Patola sarees have been woven by centuries of rich history. From a mention in the Kalpsutra, a 2000-year-old Jain holy book, to carvings in the Ajanta caves, and numerous folk tales in different languages – from Gujarati to Telugu, the Patola sarees make for a fascinating subject. In fact, it took 34 years of constant research for two Swiss writers, Alfred Buhler and Eberhard Fischer, to pen a book The Patola of Gujarat. The book was published in 1979.

The art of Ikat which is integral to Patola has been popular in many countries across the world, especially in South East Asia and Central Asia. Thus there have been many variations in the technique of Ikat, but Patola is counted among the most exquisite.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/printrelease.aspx?relid=171707>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about Hathkargha Samvardan Sahayata (HSS)

1. It aims to provide financial assistance for technological upgradation to improve quality of the fabric and productivity.
2. Weavers' Service Centre (WSC) shall act as lead agency in purchase of technological up-gradation (looms/accessories) by the weavers from Empanelled Suppliers.
3. Under HSS, financial assistance to the extent of 90% of cost of technological up-gradation item shall be borne by the Govt. of India while remaining 10% shall be borne by the beneficiary.

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3

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- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.2) Solution (d)

On the occasion of second National Handloom Day celebrated in Varanasi on 7th August 2016, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles announced "Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata" to meet the needs of handloom weavers for assistance on larger scale for looms and accessories.

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Read More - <http://handlooms.nic.in/writereaddata/2554.pdf>

Q.3) Exercise INDRA is between India and

- a) Russia
- b) France
- c) US
- d) Japan

Q.3) Solution (a)

Source: <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-russia-to-take-part-in-joint-military-exercise/story-nVdigAsNUPwK7ZOiuhoWIO.html>

Q.4) Which of the following statements about ISI Mark is/are correct?

- a) It conveys that the product carrying the Mark conforms to the relevant Indian Standard certified by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- b) The license number given along with the ISI Mark helps in identifying the unit which has manufactured the product at a specific location
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

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Q.4) Solution (c)

Read More - <http://www.bis.org.in/other/enforcement.asp>

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/bureau-of-indian-standards-act-comes-into-force-from-october-12-government/articleshow/61079794.cms>

Q.5) Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) is under the aegis of

- a) Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)
- b) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW)
- c) Department of Food and Public Distribution (DoFPD)
- d) None of the above

Q.5) Solution (a)

The Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) was set up under the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Ministry of Agriculture. The PSF scheme was transferred from DAC&FW to the Department of Consumer Affairs (DOCA) w.e.f. 1st April, 2016.

Source: <http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/or29YiBB0t7rF1irF81HaN/Four-steps-to-stabilize-the-price-of-pulses.html>

