

**Q.1) Consider the following statements about Neelakurinji**

1. It is found in Nepal, India and Tibet
2. It blossoms only once in 12 years

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.1) Solution (b)**

Kurinji or Neelakurinji is a shrub that is found in the shola forests of the Western Ghats in South India. Nilgiri Hills, which literally means the blue mountains, got their name from the purplish blue flowers of Neelakurinji that blossoms only once in 12 years.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/marayur-gets-ready-for-neelakurinji/article21014276.ece>

**Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'UMANG App'**

1. It is developed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National e-Governance Division (NeGD)
2. It provides a single platform to access pan India e-Gov services ranging from Central to Local Government bodies and other citizen centric services

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.2) Solution (c)**

UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) is envisaged to make e-governance. It is developed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National e-Governance Division (NeGD) to drive Mobile Governance in India.

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UMANG provides a single platform for all Indian Citizens to access pan India e-Gov services ranging from Central to Local Government bodies and other citizen centric services.

UMANG intends to provide major services offered by Central and State Government departments, Local bodies and other utility services from private organizations. It provides a unified approach where citizens can install one application to avail multiple government services.

UMANG service has been made available on multiple channels like mobile application, web, IVR and SMS which can be accessed through smartphones, feature phones, tablets and desktops. UMANG has been created with a thought to add convenience to your lifestyle. UMANG will revolutionize the way how an Indian citizen avails government services today, because it leverages the current accelerated internet and smartphone penetration in our country.

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/umang-the-app-that-allows-access-indian-governments-services-through-web-and-mobile/articleshow/61795690.cms>

**Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'Pharma Sahi Daam'**

1. It is an online search tool for checking prices of Scheduled and Non-Scheduled medicines instantly at the time of purchase of the medicine
2. It is developed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.3) Solution (c)**

The Mobile App developed for NPPA ( National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority ),Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers will provide information to consumers on prices of Scheduled medicines which are under price regulation as well as Non Scheduled medicines.'Pharma Sahi Daam' is an online search tool for checking prices of Scheduled / Non-Scheduled medicines instantly at the time of purchase of the medicine.The tool will indicate the MRP of the medicines (inclusive of VAT).This app will facilitate consumers to verify whether medicines are being sold within the approved price range and also to detect any case of

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overpricing by pharmaceutical company/chemist. In case of overpricing the consumer can lodge a complaint through PHARMA JAN SAMADHAN website.

(<http://nppaindia.nic.in/redressal.html>).

Source:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/healthcare/biotech/pharmaceuticals/more-life-saving-medicines-to-become-cheaper-by-as-much-as-53/articleshow/61782648.cms>

**Q.4) NSCM-IM's main demand has been the creation of a 'Greater Nagalim'. The map of Greater Nagalim comprising "all Naga-inhabited areas" shows several districts of which of the following states?**

1. Assam
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Manipur

Select the correct statements

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

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



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Source: <http://indianexpress.com/article/explained/greater-nagalim-claims-as-nscnim-deal-nears-fruition-why-three-northeastern-states-are-agitated-4956070/>

**Q.5) Which of the following is NOT a member of 'Cairns Group'?**

- a) Australia
- b) India
- c) Pakistan
- d) South Africa

**Q.5) Solution (b)**

The Cairns Group (Cairns Group of Fair Trading Nations) is an interest group of 20 agricultural exporting countries, composed of Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Uruguay, and Vietnam.

The Cairns Group seeks to liberalize global trade in agricultural produce. In particular, its members aim to abolish export subsidies and trade-distorting ("amber box") domestic support for agricultural products and seek to improve market access for agricultural exports. The coalition attempts to present a common front in multilateral trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO), tabling joint proposals and occasionally working with like-minded groups such as the G20 group of developing nations.

Source: <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/qBhgHXeS9PR5bZeOINBipM/Food-security-India-to-convey-firm-stand-at-Marrakesh-meet.html>

