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Q.1) World Migration Report 2018 is released by

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- c) Amnesty International
- d) International Organization for Migration

Q.1) Solution (d)

World Migration Report 2018 is the ninth in the series. Since 2000, IOM has been producing world migration reports to contribute to increased understanding of migration throughout the world.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization that provides services and advice concerning migration to governments and migrants, including internally displaced persons, refugees, and migrant workers. As of September 2016, it became a related organization of the United Nations.

It was initially established in 1951 as the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) to help resettle people displaced by World War II.

As of June 2016, the International Organization for Migration has 166 member states and eight observer states.

IOM was born in 1951 out of the chaos and displacement of Western Europe following the Second World War. It was first known as the Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe (PICMME). Mandated to help European governments to identify resettlement countries for the estimated 11 million people uprooted by the war, it arranged transport for nearly a million migrants during the 1950s.

Q.2) Consider the following statements

1. International Organisation for Migration is the United Nations migration agency
2. China has the largest diaspora in the world according to World Migration Report 2018

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2

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d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.2) Solution (a)

The Indian diaspora is the largest in the world, with over 15 million migrants from India living abroad, according to the World Migration Report 2018 published by the International Organisation for Migration, the United Nations migration agency.

India also receives the highest amount in remittances (\$68.91 billion). The largest migration corridor is from India to UAE, where 3.5 million Indians were residing in 2015.

Q.3) SHAKTI scheme is under the aegis of

- a) Ministry of Coal
- b) Ministry of Power
- c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- d) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Q.3) Solution (a)

Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala (Coal) Transparently in India (SHAKTI) - Policy for allocation of future coal linkages in a transparent manner for power sector.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/34-power-projects-in-distress-centre-not-to-bear-npas/article22278385.ece>

Q.4) Consider the following statements about Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

1. It is a member of the World Bank Group
2. It provides guarantees to cross-border investors in emerging markets to cover political risks
3. It is governed by its Council of Governors which represents its member countries

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)

The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) is an international financial institution which offers political risk insurance and credit enhancement guarantees. These guarantees help investors protect foreign direct investments against political and non-commercial risks in developing countries. MIGA is a member of the World Bank Group and is headquartered in Washington, D.C., United States.

MIGA is governed by its Council of Governors which represents its member countries. The Council of Governors holds corporate authority, but primarily delegates such powers to MIGA's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consists of 25 directors and votes on matters brought before MIGA. Each director's vote is weighted in accordance with the total share capital of the member nations that director represents.

Q.5) 'Abinava Bharat' a secret society of revolutionaries was organised by

- a) Khudiram Bose
- b) V. D. Savarkar
- c) Prafulla Chaki
- d) Bhagat Singh

Q.5) Solution (b)

Abhinav Bharat was named after the Abhinav Bharat Society, an organisation founded by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in 1904.

