

Q.1) BUNKER Convention is administered by

- a) OPEC
- b) OECD
- c) IMO
- d) WTO

Q.1) Solution (c)

The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (BUNKER) is an International treaty listed and administered by the International Maritime Organization, signed in London on 23 March 2001 and in force generally on 21 November 2008. The purpose is to adopt uniform international rules and procedures for determining questions of liability and providing adequate compensation.

In the convention, Bunker Oil is fuel used to power the ship. The convention covers leakage of that oil, and requires signatories to the convention to have their ships appropriately insured against such leakages.

Source: <http://www.india.com/news/india/india-re-elected-as-member-of-international-maritime-council-for-two-years-2708463/>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about Ballast Water Management Convention

1. It aims to prevent the spread of harmful aquatic organisms from one region to another and halt damage to the marine environment from ballast water discharge
2. India has ratified the Ballast Water Management Convention

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (a)

The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (Ballast Water Management Convention) 2004, is an international maritime treaty which requires Signatory flag states to ensure that ships flagged by them comply with

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standards and procedures for the management and control of ships' ballast water and sediments. The Convention aims to prevent the spread of harmful aquatic organisms from one region to another and halt damage to the marine environment from ballast water discharge, by minimising the uptake and subsequent discharge of sediments and organisms. From 2024 all ships are required to have approved Ballast Water Management Treatment System, according to the D2 standard. Existing ships are required to install an approved system, which may cost up to 5 million USD per ship to install. To assist with implementation the IMO has released 14 Guidance documents in regards to the Convention including the G2 Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling, G4 Guidelines for Ballast Water management and G6 Guidelines for Ballast Water Exchange.

India is yet to ratify Ballast Water Management Convention and International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (BUNKER)

Source: <http://www.india.com/news/india/india-re-elected-as-member-of-international-maritime-council-for-two-years-2708463/>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)

1. It is contagious
2. It was first identified in India
3. There is no vaccine for SARS to date

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is a viral respiratory disease of zoonotic origin caused by the SARS coronavirus (SARS-CoV). Between November 2002 and July 2003, an outbreak of SARS in southern China caused an eventual 8,098 cases, resulting in 774 deaths reported in 37 countries, with the majority of cases in China (9.6% fatality rate) according to the World Health Organization (WHO). No cases of SARS have been reported worldwide since 2004.

There is no vaccine for SARS to date. Isolation and quarantine remain the most effective means to prevent the spread of SARS.

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Antibiotics are ineffective, as SARS is a viral disease. Treatment of SARS is largely supportive with antipyretics, supplemental oxygen and mechanical ventilation as needed.

Source: <https://scroll.in/pulse/859970/can-bats-the-carriers-of-many-deadly-diseases-help-humans-survive-the-next-pandemic>

Q.4) Consider the following statements

1. Article 345 of the Constitution deals with official language or languages of a state
2. Urdu was declared as the second official language of Telangana

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

Article 345 of the Constitution of India

Official language or languages of a State Subject to the provisions of Article 346 and 347, the Legislature of a State may by law adopt any one or more of the languages in use in the State or Hindi as the language or languages to be used for all or any of the official purposes of that State: Provided that, until the Legislature of the State otherwise provides by law, the English language shall continue to be used for those official purposes within the State for which it was being used immediately before the commencement of this Constitution.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/urdu-is-second-official-language-now/article20493655.ece>

Q.5) India Youth Development Index and Report 2017 is released by

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) IIM Ahmedabad
- c) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development
- d) None of the above

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Q.5) Solution (c)

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, an Institute of National Importance has come out with Youth Development Index and Report 2017.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=173434>

