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Q.1) DHARMA App is concerned with

- a) Public Distribution System
- b) Dam Safety
- c) Tourism
- d) Cleaning of rivers

Q.1) Solution (b)

DHARMA App

Dam Health and Rehabilitation Monitoring Application (DHARMA) app will serve as a web tool to digitize all dam related data effectively.

It will help to document authentic asset and health information pertaining to the large dams in the country, enabling appropriate actions to ensure need based rehabilitation.

Source: <http://www.newindianexpress.com/pti-news/2018/jan/22/first-international-dam-safety-conference-begins-tomorrow-1761140.html>

Q.2) World Economic Outlook is published by

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) International Monetary Fund
- c) World Bank
- d) World Trade Organisation

Q.2) Solution (b)

The World Economic Outlook (WEO) is a survey conducted and published by the International Monetary Fund.

It is published biannually and partly updated two times a year. It portrays the world economy in the near and medium context, with projections for up to four years into the future.

WEO forecasts include key macroeconomic indicators, such as GDP, inflation, current account and fiscal balance of more than 180 countries around the globe. It also deals with major economic policy issues.

Q.3) Consider the following statements about Brasilia Declaration

1. It is related to Road Safety
2. India is a signatory to the declaration

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

Hosted by the Government of Brazil on 18-19 November 2015 in Brasilia, Brazil, and co-sponsored by WHO, the 2nd Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety represented a historic opportunity to chart progress at the mid-point of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020.

At the close of the Conference, the 2200 delegates adopted the "Brasilia Declaration on Road Safety" through which they agreed ways to halve road traffic deaths by the end of this decade – a key milestone within the new Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 3.6.

As a signatory to Brasilia Declaration, India is committed to reducing the number of road accidents and fatalities by 50 per cent by 2020.

Q.4) Consider the following statements about National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

1. The NIIF is being operationalized by establishing three Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) under the SEBI Regulations
2. It seeks to create long-term value for domestic investors only, seeking investment in energy, transportation, housing, water, waste management and other infrastructure-related sectors in India

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (a)

NIIF Ltd. is a fund manager that seeks to create long-term value for domestic and international investors seeking investment in energy, transportation, housing, water, waste management and other infrastructure-related sectors in India.

NIIF has partnered with DP World to create an investment platform for ports, terminals, transportation and logistics businesses in India. The platform will invest in opportunities in the ports sector, and beyond sea ports into areas such as river ports and transportation, freight corridors, port-led special economic zones, inland container terminals, and logistics infrastructure including cold storage.

The NIIF is being operationalized by establishing three Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) under the SEBI Regulations. The proposed corpus of NIIF is Rs. 40,000 Crores (around USD 6 Billion). GOI's contribution to the AIFs under the NIIF scheme shall be 49% of the total commitment. NIIF has mandate to solicit equity participation from strategic anchor partners, like overseas sovereign/quasi-sovereign/multilateral/bilateral investors.

The company is jointly-owned by the Government of India and investors from India and abroad. While NIIF's government partnership ensures close engagement with policy-makers and central and state government agencies, its commercial investors ensure a principles led and professional approach to all investments. It will operate with the highest standards of governance, and keep in mind the need to balance transparency and confidentiality among stakeholders and partners.

Q.5) In which one of the following countries, is Tamil a major language?

- a) Myanmar
- b) Indonesia
- c) Mauritius
- d) Singapore

Q.5) Solution (d)

Official languages of Singapore – English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil

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