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**Q.1) Indrajit Gupta Committee is concerned with**

- a) State funding of elections
- b) Time limit for bye-elections
- c) Amendment of the anti-defection law to restrict disqualification
- d) Minimum age of voting to be 18 years

**Q.1) Solution (a)**

Indrajit Gupta was the chairman of the all-party parliamentary committee on state funding of elections. The 8-member committee that set up by the all-party conference in May, 1998, submitted its report in January, 1999.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-vote-for-state-funding/article22545432.ece>

**Q.2) The term 'Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership' often appears in the news in the context of the affairs of a group of countries known as**

- a) G20
- b) ASEAN
- c) SCO
- d) SAARC

**Q.2) Solution (b)**

RCEP is a FTA between ASEAN and six other countries (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand)

**Q.3) 'European stability mechanism', is an**

- a) Agency created by EU to deal with the impact of millions of refugees arriving from Middle East
- b) Agency of EU that provides financial assistances to euro zones countries
- c) Agencies of EU to deal with all the bilateral and multi-lateral agreements on trade
- d) Agency of EU to deal with the conflicts arising among the member countries

### Q.3) Solution (b)

The European Stability Mechanism (ESM) is an intergovernmental organization located in Luxembourg City, which operates under public international law for all Eurozone Member States having ratified a special ESM intergovernmental treaty. It was established on 27 September 2012 as a permanent firewall for the Eurozone, to safeguard and provide instant access to financial assistance programmes for member states of the Eurozone in financial difficulty, with a maximum lending capacity of €500 billion.

### Q.4) Consider the following statements about 'Project Sunrise'

1. It is a project to tackle the increasing HIV prevalence
2. It is focused on North Eastern States of India

#### Select the correct statements

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

### Q.4) Solution (c)

Project Sunrise aims at bringing the people living with HIV/AIDS into the national mainstream and create more awareness about the disease in North Eastern States.

### Q.5) Intellectual property Index is released by

- a) WIPO
- b) WEF
- c) IMF
- d) None of the above

### Q.5) Solution (d)

It is published by US Chamber of Commerce