

Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'The Theatre Olympics'

1. It was established in 1993 in Delphi, Greece
2. India is hosting the 8th Edition of Theatre Olympics
3. The theme of the 8th edition is 'Beyond Borders'

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

The Theatre Olympics was established in 1993 at Delphi, Greece. Being an international theatre festival, the Theatre Olympics presents some of the greatest theatre practitioners from around the world. It is a platform for theatrical exchange, a gathering place for students and masters, where a dialogue despite ideological, culture and language differences is encouraged. Since 1993, the Theatre Olympics has been held seven times in the following countries: Japan (1999), Russia (2001), Turkey (2006), South Korea (2010), China (2014), Poland (2016). The theme of the latest edition of Theatre Olympics being held in India is "Flag of Friendship". This most awaited event of world theatre in India attempts to bring all the creative minds from across the globe to this 'NatyaMahakumbh'.

Source: <http://www.newindianexpress.com/entertainment/2018/feb/14/stage-set-for-8th-theatre-olympics-30-countries-to-participate-1773130.html>

Q.2) Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves (ISPR) are located in

1. Mumbai
2. Mangalore
3. Chennai

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) Only 2
- d) 1 and 3

Q.2) Solution (c)

The Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve (ISPR) is an emergency fuel store of total 5 MMT (million metric tons) or 36.92 MMbbl of strategic crude oil enough to provide 10 days of consumption which are maintained by the Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited.

Strategic crude oil storages are at 3 underground locations in Mangalore, Visakhapatnam and Padur(nr Udupi). All these are located on the east and west coasts of India which are readily accessible to the refineries. These strategic storages are in addition to the existing storages of crude oil and petroleum products with the oil companies and serve in response to external supply disruptions.

Centre will build two more strategic oil reserves with a combined capacity of 10 million metric tonnes (MMT) — at Chandikhole in Odisha and at Bikaner in Rajasthan.

Source: <http://www.financialexpress.com/industry/india-uae-oil-deal-abu-dhabi-company-to-store-crude-oil-at-maiden-reserve-in-mangalore/1063337/>

Q.3) Hwasong-15 is an intercontinental ballistic missile developed by

- a) Japan
- b) China
- c) North Korea
- d) South Korea

Q.3) Solution (c)

Source: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-42178873>

Q.4) Consider the following statements about Super Straw Management System (Super-SMS)

1. It is a viable solution to the paddy stubble burning problem
2. It is attached to self-propelled combine harvesters, which cuts the paddy straw into small pieces and spread the same

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 Only

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

Some Farmers have been harvesting paddy without resorting to burning any left-over straw by using the combine harvester which is fitted with a Super Straw Management System (Super-SMS). With the help of this attachment, the machine cuts straw into 4-5 inch pieces and spreads these uniformly in the field unlike normal combines that leave behind 10-12 inch-long stubble. The straw which is left back can be ploughed back or be kept as it is for sowing of wheat using a zero-till 'Happy Seeder'

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/straw-management-now-mandatory-in-punjab/article22751567.ece>

Q.5) The primary function of the Finance Commission in India is to

- a) Distribute revenue between the Centre and the States
- b) Prepare the Annual Budget
- c) Advise the President on financial matters
- d) Allocate funds to various ministries of the Union and State Governments

Q.5) Solution (a)

The Finance Commission was established by the President of India in 1951 under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution. It was formed to define the financial relations between the central government of India and the individual state governments.