

Q.1) Recently 'SWIFT' was in news. Consider the following statements

1. It provides a network that enables financial institutions worldwide to send and receive information about financial transactions in a secure, standardized and reliable environment
2. It is headquartered in Geneva

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

The Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) provides a network that enables financial institutions worldwide to send and receive information about financial transactions in a secure, standardized and reliable environment.

It is headquartered in Belgium

Source: <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/17-months-before-pnb-scandal-rbi-had-cautioned-against-swift-abuse-at-union-bank-just-in-time-nirav-modi-5070570/>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about GLASS

1. It is a platform for global data sharing on antimicrobial resistance worldwide
2. It has been launched by WHO as part of the implementation of the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (c)

The Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System (GLASS) is a platform for global data sharing on antimicrobial resistance worldwide. It has been launched by WHO as part of the implementation of the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The data generated will help to inform national, regional and global decision-making, strategies and advocacy.

Source: <http://www.who.int/drugresistance/surveillance/glass-enrolment/en/>

Q.3) Which of the following states borders Myanmar?

1. Manipur
2. Mizoram
3. Arunachal Pradesh
4. Nagaland

Select the correct statements

- a) 1, 2 and 3
- b) 2, 3 and 4
- c) 1, 3 and 4
- d) All of the above

Q.3) Solution (d)

Four Northeast Indian states share the border with Myanmar: Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur.



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Q.4) Consider the following statements about Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

1. It was established by the Treaty of Lagos
2. Western Sahara and Mauritania are not members of the grouping

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

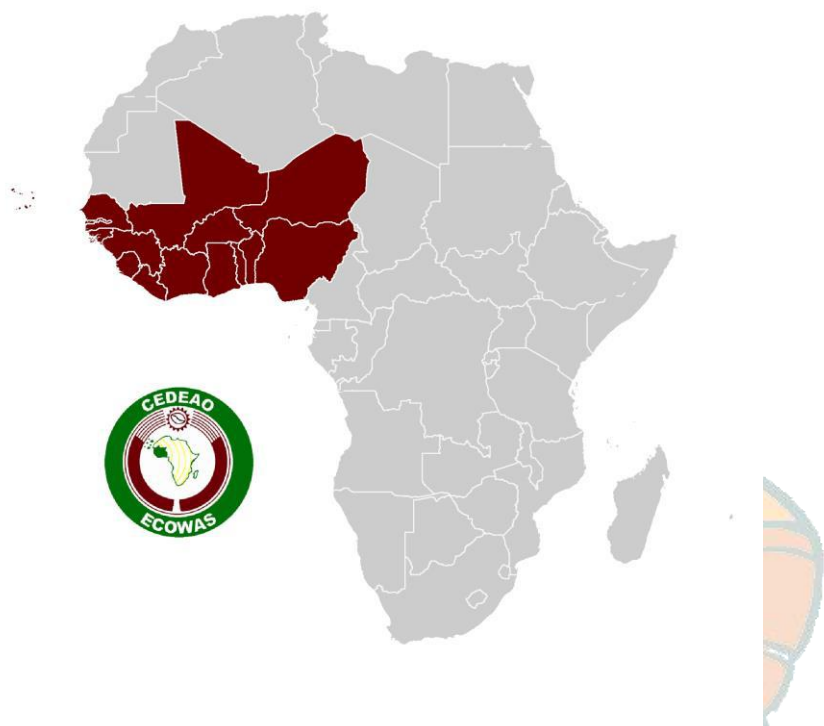
ECOWAS is a regional economic union of fifteen countries located in West Africa.

The union was established on 28 May 1975, with the signing of the Treaty of Lagos, with its stated mission to promote economic integration across the region. A revised version of the treaty was agreed and signed on 24 July 1993 in Cotonou. Considered one of the pillar regional blocs of the continent-wide African Economic Community (AEC), the states goal of ECOWAS is to achieve "collective self-sufficiency" for its member states by creating a single large trade bloc by building a full economic and trading union.

ECOWAS also serves as a peacekeeping force in the region, with member states occasionally sending joint military forces to intervene in the bloc's member countries at times of political instability and unrest. In recent years these included interventions in Ivory Coast in 2003, Liberia in 2003, Guinea-Bissau in 2012, Mali in 2013, and Gambia in 2017.

The member States of ECOWAS are: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.





Q.5) The mind of the makers of the Constitution of India is reflected in which of the following?

- a) The Preamble
- b) The Fundamental Rights
- c) The Directive Principles of State Policy
- d) The Fundamental Duties

Q.5) Solution (a)

Preamble is the key to open the mind of the makers.

The Preamble to a Constitution embodies the fundamental values and the philosophy, on which the Constitution is based, and the aims and objectives, which the founding fathers of the Constitution enjoined the polity to strive to achieve.