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Q.1) Consider the following statements about Global Terrorism Index (GTI)

1. It is released by Institute for Economics & Peace
2. India is ranked 8th on GTI 2017

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

The GTI report is released annually by the Sydney-based Institute for Economics & Peace.

India is ranked 8th. India still has the lowest rate of deaths per attack among the top 10 countries that are most impacted by terror-related violence. India had an average of 0.4 deaths per attack compared to 2.7 deaths per attack for the rest of the other countries that figure in the top 10.

Most of the non-lethal explosions were designed to attract people and the government's attention and aimed at evoking a shock-and-awe effect. In fact, such blasts were intentionally carried out some distance away from crowded places to lessen the impact.

Maoist rebels, operating in the 'red corridor' in central and eastern India, remained the biggest challenge for India's security apparatus. According to the report, Maoist groups were behind the highest number of blasts and were responsible for over 50% terror-related deaths.

On the issue of Islamist terrorism in the country, the report cited dispute with Pakistan over Jammu & Kashmir as the primary reason behind a spike in violence.

Iraq, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Syria, Pakistan, Yemen and Somali are ranked first to seventh, respectively, in the 2017 terror index.

Q.2) Which of the following is nearest to Maldives?

- a) Colombo
- b) Mauritius
- c) Seychelles
- d) Christmas Island

Q.2) Solution (a)

Christmas Island to Maldives - 3,899 km

Seychelles to Maldives - 2,154 km

Mauritius to Maldives - 3,125 km

Colombo to Maldives - 843 km

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/crisis-in-male/article22651497.ece>

Q.3) United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) manages which of the following?

1. India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation
2. India-UN Development Partnership Fund

Select the correct code:

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

It manages the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation, and the India-UN Development Partnership Fund.

Source:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/07/14/india-intensifies-south-south-collaboration-through-the-united-nations.html>

Q.4) Consider the following statements

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1. Article 29 protects the interests of the minorities by making a provision that any citizen / section of citizens having a distinct language, script or culture have the right to conserve the same.
2. The Parliament has the power to regulate the right of citizenship in India

Select the correct code:

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

Article 29 in the Constitution Of India 1949 - Protection of interests of minorities

(1) Any section of the citizens residing in the territory of India or any part thereof having a distinct language, script or culture of its own shall have the right to conserve the same

(2) No citizen shall be denied admission into any educational institution maintained by the State or receiving aid out of State funds on grounds only of religion, race, caste, language or any of them

Article 11 deals with power of Parliament to regulate the right of citizenship by law and states that nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Part shall derogate from the power of Parliament to make any provision with respect to the acquisition and termination of citizenship and all other matters relating to citizenship.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/new-constitution-bench-to-examine-citizenship-act/article22663093.ece>

Q.5) The terms 'Agreement on Agriculture', 'Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures' and Peace Clause' appear in the news frequently in the context of the affairs of the

- a) Food and Agriculture Organization
- b) United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change
- c) World Trade Organization
- d) United Nations Environment Programme

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Q.5) Solution (c)

Source: <http://indianexpress.com/article/business/economy/food-procurement-at-wto-india-for-legal-status-to-peace-clause-4981607/>

