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Q.1) Consider the following statements about Composite Water Management Index (CWMI)

1. It is developed by National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog
2. It is expected to establish a clear baseline and benchmark for state-level performance on key water indicators
3. Gujarat is the highest performer among the Non-Himalayan states

Select the correct statement

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

Q.1) Solution (d)

The National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has developed the Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) to enable effective water management in Indian states in the face of this growing crisis.

The Index and this associated report are expected to:

- Establish a clear baseline and benchmark for state-level performance on key water indicators
- Uncover and explain how states have progressed on water issues over time, including identifying high-performers and under-performers, thereby inculcating a culture of constructive competition among states
- Identify areas for deeper engagement and investment on the part of the states. Eventually, NITI Aayog plans to develop the index into a composite, national-level data management platform for all water resources in India

Gujarat is the highest performer, closely followed by other High performers such as Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

Source: http://niti.gov.in/writereaddata/files/document_publication/2018-05-18-Water-Index-Report_vs8-compressed.pdf

Q.2) Arrange the following from North to South

1. Duqm Port

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

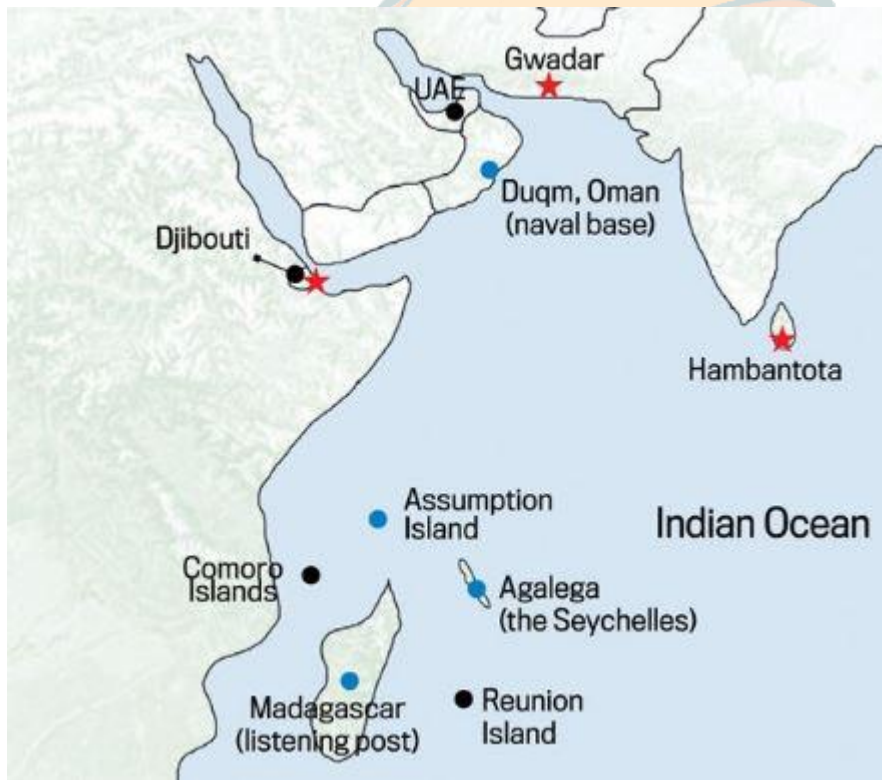
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2. Assumption Island
3. Reunion Island
4. Hambantota

Select the correct code:

- a) 2-3-4-1
- b) 1-4-2-3
- c) 1-4-3-2
- d) 4-1-2-3

Q.2) Solution (b)



Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/india-seychelles-talk-of-mutual-welfare/article24257837.ece>

Q.3) Which one of the following is a purpose of 'UDAY', a scheme of the Government?

- a) Providing technical and financial assistance to start-up entrepreneurs in the field of renewable sources of energy
- b) Providing for financial turnaround and revival of DISCOMs

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- c) Providing electricity to every rural household in the country by 2022
- d) Replacing the coal-based power plants with natural gas, nuclear, solar, wind and tidal power plants by 2030 in-line with Paris Agreement

Q.3) Solution (b)

Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) - A scheme for the financial turnaround of Power distribution companies (DISCOMs) to improve the operational and financial efficiency of the state DISCOMS.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/discoms-not-centre-to-guarantee-power-supply-to-all-villages-says-official/article24255946.ece>

Q.4) Consider the following statements wrt. 'BHARAT-22 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)'

1. It is managed by ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
2. S&P BSE Bharat-22 Index includes only CPSEs and Public Sector Banks (PSBs)

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (a)

The Government of India launched the BHARAT-22 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) is managed by ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund

S&P BSE BHARAT-22 INDEX is a unique blend of shares of key CPSEs, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and also the Government owned shares in blue chip private companies like Larsen & Tubro (L&T), Axis Bank and ITC.

Sixteen out of the 22 companies in the ETF are Maharatna, Miniratna-I and Navratna companies. It has a large-cap-oriented composition (nearly 92 per cent), while the remaining are quality mid-cap names.

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The ETF is well diversified across six sectors — industrials, energy, utilities, finance, fast-moving consumer goods and basic materials. The index blends sectors with secular growth prospects (FMCG and utilities), and cyclical (energy, metals, industrials).

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/mf/mf-news/bharat-22-etf-subscribed-2-6-times-investors-put-in-bids-worth-rs-15436-crore/articleshow/64734007.cms>

Q.5) Consider the following statements about Van Dhan Scheme

1. It is aimed at creating enabling environment for need based and outcome oriented holistic development of the tribal people
2. TRIFED is the Nodal Agency at the National Level for the implementation of this scheme

Select the correct code:

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

Q.5) Solution (b)

The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. It seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products.

The scheme will be implemented through Ministry of Tribal Affairs as Nodal Department at the Central Level and TRIFED as Nodal Agency at the National Level. At State level, the State Nodal Agency for MFPS and the District collectors are envisaged to play a pivot role in scheme implementation at grassroot level. Locally the Kendras are proposed to be managed by a Managing Committee (an SHG) consisting of representatives of Van Dhan SHGs in the cluster.