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Q.1) Consider the following statements about United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

1. It has 100 members elected for three-year terms through direct and secret ballot.
2. The Council's Membership is based on equitable geographical distribution.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (b)

The Council is made of 47 Member States, which are elected by the majority of members of the General Assembly of the United Nations through direct and secret ballot. The General Assembly takes into account the candidate States' contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as their voluntary pledges and commitments in this regard.

The Council's Membership is based on equitable geographical distribution. Seats are distributed as follows:

- African States: 13 seats
- Asia-Pacific States: 13 seats
- Latin American and Caribbean States: 8 seats
- Western European and other States: 7 seats
- Eastern European States: 6 seats

Members of the Council serve for a period of three years and are not eligible for immediate re-election after serving two consecutive terms.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/rhetoric-and-reality-on-the-unhrc-and-human-rights/article24382547.ece>

Q.2) 'Eighth Schedule' in the Constitution of India contains

- a) Provisions as to the Administration of Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram
- b) Powers, authority and responsibilities of Panchayats

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- c) Provisions as to disqualification on ground of defection
- d) List of recognized languages

Q.2) Solution (d)

The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India lists the official languages of the Republic of India. Per Articles 344(1) and 351 of the Indian Constitution, the eighth schedule includes the recognition of 22 languages.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rajya-sabha-members-can-use-all-22-scheduled-languages/article24382941.ece>

Q.3) 'UN Resolution 2427', which was in news recently, is associated with

- a) Children and armed conflict
- b) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- c) Maintenance of international peace and security
- d) Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Q.3) Solution (a)

The Security Council, acting unanimously, adopted a resolution aimed at further crystalizing the protection of children in armed conflicts, including by combating their recruitment by non-State armed groups and treating formerly recruited children primarily as victims.

Source: <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sc13412.doc.htm>

Q.4) 'Global Innovation Index (GII)' is published by

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) World Bank
- c) World Intellectual Property Organization
- d) World Trade Organisation

Q.4) Solution (c)

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The Global Innovation Index (GII) is an annual ranking of countries by their capacity for, and success in, innovation. It is published by Cornell University, INSEAD, and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/india-maintains-position-as-top-it-exporter-lags-in-ease-of-doing-business/articleshow/64935501.cms>

Q.5) The 'Horn of Africa' is bordered with which of the following water bodies?

1. Red Sea
2. Gulf of Guinea
3. Gulf of Aden

Select the correct code:

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

Q.5) Solution (c)

