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Q.1) Rule of Law Index is released by

- a) International Development Law Organization
- b) World Justice Project
- c) International Bar Association
- d) International Criminal Court

Q.1) Solution (b)

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/up-front/story/20180723-the-risk-from-authoritarian-impulses-1285093-2018-07-15>

Q.2) The term 'Secular Stagnation' was coined by

- a) Angus Deaton
- b) Jean Drèze
- c) Amartya Sen
- d) Alvin Hansen

Q.2) Solution (d)

The secular stagnation theory was originally put forth by Alvin Hansen in 1938 to "describe what he feared was the fate of the American economy following the Great Depression of the early 1930s: a check to economic progress as investment opportunities were stunted by the closing of the frontier and the collapse of immigration".

Secular stagnation refers to "a condition of negligible or no economic growth in a market-based economy". In this context, the term secular is used in contrast to cyclical or short-term, and suggests a change of fundamental dynamics which would play out only in its own time.

Source: <https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/GTCvL2bAOAih8bwHEHO2UI/Trump-may-kill-the-global-recovery.html>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about The Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA)

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1. It gives police the right to arrest, without a warrant, anybody violating the Act's provisions
2. Its execution rests entirely on the discretion of the State government

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Q.3) Solution (c)

The Essential Services Maintenance Act (Esma) was enacted in 1968, to (as its name indicates) maintain "certain essential services and the normal life of the community." The Act includes a long list of "essential services" in its charter -- ranging from post and telegraph, through railway, airport and port operations -- and it prohibits the key employees in these services from striking.

But the Act also allows states to choose the essential services on which to enforce Esma. (Jammu and Kashmir, incidentally, is exempt from Esma.)

Esma gives police the right to arrest, without a warrant, anybody violating the Act's provisions.

Although it is a very powerful law, its execution rests entirely on the discretion of the State government. Each state in the union of India, hence has a separate state Essential Services Maintenance Act with slight variations from the central law in its provisions

The Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1968 - <https://indiankanoon.org/doc/902835/>

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/esma-imposed-in-4-himachal-districts-in-view-of-strike-by-employees-of-ambulance-services-118062900040_1.html

Q.4) Teesta River flows through which of the following states?

1. West Bengal
2. Sikkim
3. Assam

Select the correct code:

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

Q.4) Solution (a)

It flows through West Bengal and Sikkim, before going to Bay of Bengal through Bangladesh. It carves out from the Himalayas in temperate and tropical river valleys and forms the border between Sikkim and West Bengal. It flows through the cities of Rangpo, Jalpaiguri and Kalimpong and joins the Jamuna (Brahmaputra) in Bangladesh.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/teesta-water-no-longer-a-hurdle-in-india-bangladesh-ties-says-sheikh-hasinas-advisor/article24361818.ece>

Q.5) Test and Treat Policy is associated with which of the following diseases?

- a) HIV/AIDS
- b) Tuberculosis
- c) Leprosy
- d) Malaria and Dengue

Q.5) Solution (a)

Health Ministry launched 'Test and Treat Policy for HIV'.

Anybody who is tested and found positive will get ART irrespective of CD count or clinical stage.

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/maharashtra-as-part-of-test-and-treat-policy-23000-more-hiv-persons-put-on-antiretroviral-therapy-5225001/>