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Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'National Register of Citizens (NRC)'

1. It is being updated to weed out illegal immigration from Bangladesh and neighbouring regions
2. It is the list of Indian citizens of all the North Eastern States

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

What is the NRC?

The National Register of Citizens (NRC) is the list of Indian citizens of Assam. It was prepared in 1951, following the census of 1951. For a person's name to be included in the updated NRC list of 2018, he/ she will have to furnish:

- Existence of name in the legacy data: The legacy data is the collective list of the NRC data of 1951 and the electoral rolls up to midnight of 24 March 1971.
- Proving linkage with the person whose name appears in the legacy data.

How did NRC verification begin in Assam?

- The process of NRC update was taken up in Assam as per a Supreme Court order in 2013.
- In order to wean out cases of illegal migration from Bangladesh and other adjoining areas, NRC updation was carried out under The Citizenship Act, 1955, and according to rules framed in the Assam Accord.

Who all have been left out?

- Out of the 40.07 lakh applicants who have been left out of the final draft NRC, 2.48 lakh applicants have been kept on hold including the D-Voters (doubtful voters who have been disenfranchised on account of failure to prove citizenship), descendants of D-voters and persons whose cases are pending before the foreigners tribunal. The state however, has not revealed the reason for keeping others on hold.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/over-40-lakh-people-left-out-in-new-draft-nrc/article24550576.ece>

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Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'International Seabed Authority'

1. It is an autonomous international organization established under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
2. It has its headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica

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 International Seabed Authority (ISA) is an intergovernmental body based in Kingston, Jamaica, that was established to organize, regulate and control all mineral-related activities in the international seabed area beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, an area underlying most of the world's oceans. It is an organization established by the Law of the Sea Convention.

The Authority, which has its headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica, came into existence on 16 November 1994, upon the entry into force of the 1982 Convention. The Authority became fully operational as an autonomous international organization in June 1996, when it took over the premises and facilities in Kingston, Jamaica previously used by the United Nations Kingston Office for the Law of the Sea.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/govt-plans-isro-like-ocean-mission/article24547834.ece>

Q.3) 'e-participation index (EPI)' is released by

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) United Nations
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) International Monetary Fund

Q.3) Solution (b)

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The e-participation index (EPI) is derived as a supplementary index to the UN E-Government Survey. It extends the dimension of the Survey by focusing on the use of online services to facilitate provision of information by governments to citizens ("e-information sharing"), interaction with stakeholders ("e-consultation"), and engagement in decision-making processes ("e-decision making").

India moved up 12 places in the E-Participation Index, from 27 in 2016 to 15 in 2018

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- United Nation's E-Government Development Index

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/columns/government-mukt-governance/article24542415.ece>

Q.4) 'India Stack' is concerned with

- a) Defence Manufacturing
- b) Industrial corridors
- c) National Waterways
- d) Application programming interface

Q.4) Solution (d)

IndiaStack is a set of APIs that allows governments, businesses, startups and developers to utilise a unique digital Infrastructure to solve India's hard problems towards presence-less, paperless and cashless service delivery.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/columns/government-mukt-governance/article24542415.ece>

Q.5) Consider the following statements about 'Madhuca longifolia'

1. It is used to produce local alcoholic drink
2. It found largely in the central and north Indian plains and forests

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2

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d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.5) Solution (c)

Mahua longifolia is an Indian tropical tree found largely in the central and north Indian plains and forests. It is commonly known as mahuwa, mahua, mahwa, mohulo, or Iluppai or vippa chettu. It is a fast-growing tree that grows to approximately 20 meters in height, possesses evergreen or semi-evergreen foliage, and belongs to the family Sapotaceae. It is adaptable to arid environments, being a prominent tree in tropical mixed deciduous forests in India in the states of West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, Odisha and Tamil Nadu.

The mahua flower is edible and is a food item for tribals. They are used to make syrup for medicinal purposes.

They are also fermented to produce the alcoholic drink mahua, a country liquor. Tribals of Bastar in Chhattisgarh and peoples of Orissa, Santhals of Santhal Paraganas (Jharkhand), Koya tribals of North-East Andhra Pradesh and tribals of North Maharashtra consider the tree and the mahua drink as part of their cultural heritage. Mahua is an essential drink for tribal men and women during celebrations. The main ingredients used for making it are chhowa gud (granular molasses) and dried mahua flowers.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/govt-mulls-selling-mahua-in-bottles-118072900452_1.html

