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Q.1) Project Sashakt' is associated with

- a) Non-performing assets (NPAs)
- b) Horticulture
- c) Anti-retroviral therapy
- d) Tuberculosis

Q.1) Solution (a)

Finance Minister unveiled 'Project Sashakt', a five-prong strategy to deal with non-performing assets.

It aims to strengthen the credit capacity, credit culture and credit portfolio of public sector banks.

Source: <https://www.livemint.com/Industry/RKRG3I6tNVBWYYrmuFomcM/Govt-accepts-5point-plan-to-resolve-NPAs-rules-out-bad-ban.html>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Ramanujacharya'

1. His philosophical foundation was theistic dualism
2. He accepted that the Vedas are a reliable source of knowledge

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (b)

Rāmānuja's philosophical foundation was qualified monism, and is called Vishishtadvaita in the Hindu tradition.

His Vishishtadvaita (qualified monism) philosophy has competed with the Dvaita (theistic dualism) philosophy of Madhvāchārya, and Advaita (monism) philosophy of Ādi Shankara.

Rāmānuja accepted that the Vedas are a reliable source of knowledge, then critiqued other schools of Hindu philosophy, including Advaita Vedānta, as having failed in interpreting all of the Vedic texts.

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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/a-216-foot-tall-celebration-of-ramanuja/article24306087.ece>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'SVEEP'

1. It is a programme of multi interventions to educate citizens, electors and voters about the electoral process in order to increase their awareness and participation in the electoral processes
2. It is designed according to the socio-economic, cultural and demographic profile of the state

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)

- It is a programme of multi interventions through different modes and media designed to educate citizens, electors and voters about the electoral process in order to increase their awareness and participation in the electoral processes.
- SVEEP is designed according to the socio-economic, cultural and demographic profile of the state as well as history of electoral participation in previous rounds of elections and learning thereof.

SVEEP is designed to address gaps in two phases:

- the pre-poll phase (registration of voters) and
- the poll phase (turnout of voters to cast their vote)

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180341>

Q.4) Recently Interpol has issued a Red Notice against an Indian Diamond trader. Red Notice is concerned with which of the following statements?

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- a) To seek the location and arrest of wanted persons with a view to extradition or similar lawful action
- b) To provide warnings and intelligence about persons who have committed criminal offences and are likely to repeat these crimes in other countries
- c) To collect additional information about a person's identity, location or activities in relation to a crime
- d) To seek or provide information on modus operandi, objects, devices and concealment methods used by criminals

Q.4) Solution (a)

Types of Notice

	<p>Red Notice To seek the location and arrest of wanted persons with a view to extradition or similar lawful action.</p>		<p>Yellow Notice To help locate missing persons, often minors, or to help identify persons who are unable to identify themselves.</p>
	<p>Blue Notice To collect additional information about a person's identity, location or activities in relation to a crime.</p>		<p>Black Notice To seek information on unidentified bodies.</p>
	<p>Green Notice To provide warnings and intelligence about persons who have committed criminal offences and are likely to repeat these crimes in other countries.</p>		<p>Orange Notice To warn of an event, a person, an object or a process representing a serious and imminent threat to public safety.</p>
	<p>INTERPOL–United Nations Security Council Special Notice Issued for groups and individuals who are the targets of UN Security Council Sanctions Committees.</p>		<p>Purple Notice To seek or provide information on modus operandi, objects, devices and concealment methods used by criminals.</p>

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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/interpol-issues-red-notice-against-nirav-modi/article24309184.ece>

Q.5) 'Aichi Targets' is associated with

- a) Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
- b) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
- c) International Solar Alliance
- d) Convention on Biological Diversity

Q.5) Solution (d)

The 'Aichi Target' was adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at its Nagoya conference.

In the COP-10 meeting, the parties agreed that previous biodiversity protection targets are not achieved, so they need to do come up with new plans and targets. The short term plan provides a set of 20 ambitious yet achievable targets, collectively known as the Aichi Targets.

Read More - <https://www.cbd.int/sp/targets/>

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/india-bats-for-technology-finance-to-achieve-climate-goals/articleshow/64775020.cms>

