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Q.1) The Global Gender Gap Report released by the

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) World Trade Organisation
- c) United Nations Development Programme
- d) UN Women

Q.1) Solution (a)

The Global Gender Gap Report was first published in 2006 by the World Economic Forum. The 2017 report covers 144 major and emerging economies. The Global Gender Gap Index is an index designed to measure gender equality. The report's Gender Gap Index ranks countries according to calculated gender gap between women and men in four key areas: health, education, economy and politics to gauge the state of gender equality in a country.

Source: https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/V3DIsV4QctPf3qz31Y8rXK/The-marriagepenalty-on-women-in-India.html

Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Behdienkhlam Festival'

- 1. It is one of the most popular festivals of the Jaintia tribe
- 2. It celebrated after sowing is done seeking a good harvest and to drive away plague and diseases.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (c)

Behdienkhlam is a traditional festival of the Pnars celebrated after sowing is done seeking a good harvest and to drive away plague and diseases. The Pnar, also known as Jaintia, are a tribal group in Meghalaya.

Source: http://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1537514

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Q.3) Consider the following statements about "cVIGIL" Mobile App

- 1. It will allow to report violations of Model Code of Conduct (MCC)
- 2. It will be operational only where elections are announced

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

"cVIGIL" will allow anyone in the election-bound state to report violations of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) that comes into effect from the date of announcement of elections and goes on till a day after the polls. By using this app, citizens can immediately report on incidents of misconduct within minutes of having witnessed them and without having to rush to the office of the returning officer to lodge a complaint.

cVIGIL app will be operational only in election-bound states where dates of polling have been announced.

Source: http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180358

Q.4) Consider the following statements

- 1. Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is a composite indicator expressed in terms of an index number which measures the short term changes in the volume of production of a basket of industrial products during a given period with respect to the base period
- 2. The Eight Core Industries comprise more than 60% of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

Select the correct statements

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

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Q.4) Solution (a)

Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

- IIP measures the quantum of changes in the industrial production in an economy and captures the general level of industrial activity in the country.
- It is a composite indicator expressed in terms of an index number which measures the short term changes in the volume of production of a basket of industrial products during a given period with respect to the base period.
- The current base year for the IIP series in India is 2011-12.

The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 % of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

Industry	% Weightage in IIP
Electricity	19.85%
Steel (Alloy + Non-alloy)	17.92 %
Refinery Products	28.04%
Crude Oil	8.98 %
Coal	10.33 %
Cement	5.37%
Natural Gas	6.88 %
Fertilizers	2.63 %

Source: <u>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/eight-core-industries-grow-at-3-6-in-may-vs-4-6-in-april/articleshow/64828094.cms</u>

Q.5) Axumite Empire is associated with present day

- a) Egypt
- b) Ethiopia
- c) Oman
- d) Indonesia

Q.5) Solution (b)

Axumite Empire

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- Located in northern Ethiopia and Eritrea, Aksum was deeply involved in the trade network between India and the Mediterranean.
- The Kingdom of Aksum benefited from a major transformation of the maritime trading system that linked the Roman Empire and India.
- The Empire of Aksum at its height extended across portions of present-day Eritrea, northern Ethiopia, Yemen, and southern Saudi Arabia, northern Djibouti, and northern Sudan.

