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### Q.1) 'Project Swarn' is concerned with

- a) Enhanced passenger experience
- b) Railway Safety
- c) Installation of Rooftop Solar Panels on Trains
- d) Freight Transport

### Q.1) Solution (a)

'Project Swarn' was launched with the objective of significantly improving the passenger experience across 9 dimensions which include coach interiors, toilets, on-board cleanliness, staff behaviour, catering, linen, punctuality, security, on-board entertainment. Real time feedback will also be taken as part of Project Swarn.

Project Swarn has been launched with the objective of improving the condition of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=178376>

### Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana'

1. It has been launched to plug gaps of Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) & Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)
2. It provides LED bulbs to domestic consumers with a target to replace 77 crore incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs

### Select the correct statements

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

### Q.2) Solution (a)

#### SAuBHaGYa: Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana

- To achieve universal household electrification in the country
- To provide last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural and urban areas.

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- Free of cost electricity connections to all remaining un-electrified households with at least one deprivation on the basis of SECC data in rural areas and economically poor households in urban areas would be given.
- Others would be charged a sum of Rs. 500 per household in ten equal instalments with the bill.
- The households located in remote and inaccessible areas would be provided with Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) based standalone systems with LED lights, fan, power plug etc.
- The beneficiaries will be identified on the basis of socio economic conditions using SECC 2011 data.
- Target - universal household electrification in the country by 31st March 2019
- Saubhagya has been launched to plug gaps of DDUGJY & IPDS and comprehensively address the issues of entry barrier, last mile connectivity and release of electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural and urban areas.

**Q.3) The term, 'Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR)' is associated with**

- a) Prompt Corrective Action (PCA)
- b) Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC)
- c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- d) Open Skies Treaty

**Q.3) Solution (c)**

The term revenue neutral rate (RNR) refers to that single rate, which preserves revenue at desired (current) levels. Most of the discussions in the run-up to the GST are centred on the size of the tax base, and its implications for the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR).

**Q.4) Which of the following statements with respect to 'PRAGATI' is/are correct?**

- a) It is aimed at addressing common man's grievances, and simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programmes and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments
- b) It involves Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

### Q.4) Solution (c)

#### PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation)

- It is an ICT-based multi-modal platform for monthly interaction by the PM with top officials of the states via video-conferencing.
- The platform is aimed at addressing common man's grievances, and simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programmes and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments.
- The PRAGATI platform uniquely bundles three latest technologies: Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology. It also offers a unique combination in the direction of cooperative federalism since it brings on one stage the Secretaries of Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of the States.

### Q.5) Consider the following statements about 'SAMEEP'

1. It is an outreach mission that aims to take Indian foreign policy and its global engagements to students across country
2. It is a mandatory programme for MEA officials of ranks undersecretary and above to go back to any school or college in their hometown or to their alma mater

#### Select the correct statements

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

### Q.5) Solution (a)

#### Students and MEA Engagement Program

- It is an outreach mission that aims to take Indian foreign policy and its global engagements to students across country and also to look at diplomacy as a career option.
- The objective of outreach program is to familiarise school and college students in India about functioning of the MEA
- It also seeks to introduce them to key elements of India's foreign policy and its success stories.

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- It is a voluntary programme for MEA officials, undersecretary and above with option of going back to any school or college in their hometown or to their alma mater.
- The officers will convey how MEA works, India's foreign policy, how they do diplomacy so that student consider about this as a career option.

