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Q.1) Which of the following statements about "Poona Pact" is/are correct?

1. The Poona Pact was accepted by the Government as an amendment to the Communal Award
2. It abandoned separate electorates for the depressed classes.

Select the correct code:

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

Gandhi saw the Communal Award as an attack on Indian unity and nationalism. He thought it was harmful to both Hinduism and to the depressed classes since it provided no answer to the socially degraded position of the depressed classes. Once the depressed classes were treated as a separate political entity, he argued, the question of abolishing untouchability would get undermined, while separate electorates would ensure that the untouchables remained untouchables in perpetuity. He said that what was required was not protection of the so-called interests of the depressed classes but root and branch eradication of untouchability

Gandhi demanded that the depressed classes be elected through joint and if possible a wider electorate through universal franchise, while expressing no objection to the demand for a larger number of reserved seats. And to press for his demands, he went on an indefinite fast on September 20, 1932. Now leaders of various persuasions, including B.R. Ambedkar, M.C. Rajah and Madan Mohan Malaviya got together to hammer out a compromise contained in the Poona Pact.

Poona Pact was signed by B.R. Ambedkar on behalf of the depressed classes in September 1932, the Pact abandoned separate electorates for the depressed classes. But the seats reserved for the depressed classes were increased from 71 to 147 in provincial legislatures and 18 per cent of the total in the central legislature.

The Poona Pact was accepted by the Government as an amendment to the Communal Award.

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/removing-biases-supreme-court-jarnail-singh-verdict-5377384/>

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Q.2) In 1932, Mahatma Gandhi began a fast unto death in Yerwada Jail against:

- a) Communal award of Ramsay Mac Donald
- b) Violation of Gandhi-Irwin Pact
- c) British repression of Satyagrahis
- d) Communal riots in Calcutta

Q.2) Solution (a)

Ramsay Mac Donald granted separate electorates to Dalits. This is called the communal award. Mahatma Gandhi went on a hunger strike unto death against this decision.

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Q.3) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Digi VAARTA'

1. It is a platform designed to enable Financial and Social Inclusion by educating citizens on various schemes / programmes.
2. It is under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

Select the correct code:

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

Digi VAARTA (Vehicle to Accelerate Access and Reach to Transformational Action) is a platform designed to enable Financial and Social Inclusion by educating citizens on various schemes / programmes. It will help and promote learning and behavioural change and empower users to draw content available under the financial and Social inclusion programme as per their choice. DIGI VAARTA will enable adaptive and interactive communication with a high degree of personalization.

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https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.iexistolutions.digivaarta&hl=en_IN

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Q.4) Consider the following statements about 'Centre of Excellence for Data Analytics (CEDA)'

1. It will help the government offer better services to its citizens by analysing the data generated during the governance process
2. It is jointly developed by NITI Aayog and National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Select the correct code:

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

Q.4) Solution (a)

The Centre of Excellence for Data Analytics that will help the government offer better services to its citizens by analysing the data generated during the governance process. The centre is jointly developed by National Informatics Centre and National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated.

The CEDA intends to provide quality data analytic services to government departments at all levels by identifying appropriate tools and technologies and deploying experts to carry out these services.

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/nic-to-jointly-form-new-data-analytics-centre-to-work-with-govt-depts-5377673/>

Q.5) 'Economic Freedom of the World Index' is released by

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) World Bank
- c) International Labour Organisation
- d) None of the above

Q.5) Solution (d)

The index published in Economic Freedom of the World measures the degree to which the policies and institutions of countries are supportive of economic freedom.

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It is published by the libertarian Canadian think tank Fraser Institute.

Source: <https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/GwJsB1bcM5v2mbVNmBL7FK/Opinion--Why-economic-freedom-is-important-in-India.html>

