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Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'Kanthasth'

1. It is aimed at making the learning of Hindi language easier
2. It is developed by the Ministry of Home Affairs

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (b)

Department of Official Language of Ministry of Home Affairs has developed a computer software called "Kanthasth" for translating the all kinds of official files from English to Hindi and vice versa to make the translation work simpler and quicker.

The Dept. has developed the Lila Mobile App for making the learning of Hindi language easier, which was launched on the occasion of Hindi Diwas last year.

An E-learning platform called the "Pravah" also being developed by the department for use in 16 Indian languages including English.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=183200>

Q.2) Which of the following countries was the top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18?

- a) Singapore
- b) Mauritius
- c) Seychelles
- d) United Arab Emirates

Q.2) Solution (b)

According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Mauritius was top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18 followed by Singapore.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/mauritius-tops-indias-fdi-charts-again/article24849669.ece>

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Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'Krishna Kutir'

1. It has been developed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under the 'Swadhar Greh' scheme.
2. It is developed to mitigate the plight of widows living in pathetic condition in Vrindavan.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

'Krishna Kutir' has been developed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under the 'Swadhar Greh' scheme.

The widows' home has been constructed by the WCD Ministry to mitigate the plight of widows living in pathetic condition in Vrindavan.

The building's construction has been funded by the Centre and will be managed by the state government.

While the Centre will provide food, medicine, clothing and other related stuff, power supply, sewage, drinking water and cooking gas facilities will be arranged by the state government.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=183176>

Q.4) Transformative Carbon Asset Facility (TCAF) was launched by?

- a) World Bank
- b) UN-Environment
- c) Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- d) Vulnerable Twenty (V20)

Q.4) Solution (a)

The World Bank Group, in partnership with several contributing countries, established the Transformative Carbon Asset Facility (TCAF), which will support developing countries in

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increasing their mitigation ambition. This will in turn help to inform the international process for shaping international carbon markets going forward.

TCAF will test various methods to transfer “mitigation outcomes” between parties transparently and to provide stringent accounting and transparency, thereby ensuring the environmental integrity of the assets.

A predictable long-term price on carbon is recognized as a necessary element in spurring climate change mitigation.

TCAF will support measurable, reportable and verifiable (MRV) of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by developing baselines and monitoring the performance of the programs.

Q.5) What is/are the purpose/purposes of Government's 'Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme' and 'Gold Monetization Scheme'?

- a) To bring the idle gold lying with Indian households into the economy
- b) To reduce Indian's dependence on gold imports
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Q.5) Solution (c)

The combined purposes of the schemes are to reduce India's gold imports and bring all the gold lying idle with individuals and households in India into the economy.

The idea is that by reducing the whopping quantities of imports, the government can try to narrow India's current account deficit and trade deficit.