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Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'Coffee Krishi Tharanga'

- 1. It is an IVR based Digital Mobile Extension Service aimed at maximizing the reach of the Board's services to increase productivity and environmental sustainability
- 2. It is jointly developed by Coffee Board and Precision Agriculture for Development India Foundation (PADIF)

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

Coffee Krishi Tharanga

- It is an IVR based Digital Mobile Extension Service, jointly developed by Coffee Board and PADIF aimed at maximizing the reach of the Board's services to increase productivity and environmental sustainability.
- The "Coffee KrishiTharanga" is pilot tested in the Chikmagalur and Hassan districts of Karnataka State covering 30,000 farmers during the first year and will be extended to remaining growers in a phased manner. NABARD has partly funded the Pilot project.
- The solution will help in to reach maximum growers in limited period, efficient, timely, customised advisory, improve the efficiency through digitisation and leverage existing mobile reach for wider delivery of improved technology.

Coffee Connect

- The mobile app Coffee Connect has been developed to ease the work of field functionaries and to improve the work efficiency.
- This application provides solution by harnessing the power of mobility comprising the latest technology in easing the whole process of the field activities like digitization of Coffee Growers & Estates with Geo Tagging, collecting the Plantation details.
- It will also help in transparency in the activities of the extension officers and officials, transparency in subsidy disbursement and real time report generation.

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- Coffee is cultivated in India in about 4.54 lakh hectares by 3.66 lakh coffee farmers and 98% of them are small farmers.
- Its cultivation is mainly confined to Karnataka (54%), Kerala (19%) and Tamil Nadu (8%) which form traditional coffee tracts.
- Coffee is also grown in non-traditional areas like Andhra Pradesh & Odisha (17.2%) and North Eastern states (1.8%), with main emphasis on tribal development and afforestation.

Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'IOWave18'

- 1. It is a major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock exercise.
- 2. It is organised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (c)

India along with 23 other nations will be participating in major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock exercise known as IOWave18. The exercise is being organized by Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.

The purpose of the exercise is to increase tsunami preparedness, evaluate response capabilities in each state and improve coordination throughout the region. It is also aimed at enhancing tsunami preparedness at the community level.

The IOWave18 exercise will simulate Indian Ocean countries being put in tsunami warning situation and require National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC) i.e. National and Local Disaster Management Offices (NDMO/LDMO) to implement and test their communication links and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Source: <u>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-to-take-part-in-tsunami-mock-drill-on-september-45/articleshow/65662026.cms</u>

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Q.3) The 'kafala system' governs

- a) Marriages
- b) Water sharing between GCC countries
- c) Public assassination
- d) Migrant Labourers

Q.3) Solution (d)

Under "kafala", all foreign workers working in Qatar require a local sponsor, in the form of an individual or company, and need their permission to switch jobs or leave the country.

Source: <u>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/middle-east/qatar-lifts-controversial-</u> exit-visa-system-for-workers/articleshow/65677094.cms

Q.4) The 'Khanjar' an annual joint military exercise is held between India and

- a) Kazakhstan
- b) Turkmenistan
- c) Kyrgyzstan
- d) Uzbekistan

Q.4) Solution (c)

India-Kyrgyzstan military exercise

Q.5) Partha Mukhopadhay Committee is concerned with

- a) Migrants
- b) Digital Economy
- c) Education
- d) Health

Q.5) Solution (a)

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It recommended necessary legal and policy framework to protect the interests of the migrants in the country. It report stated that the migrant population makes substantial contribution to economic growth and so it is necessary to secure their Constitutional rights.

