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**Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Agalega islands'**

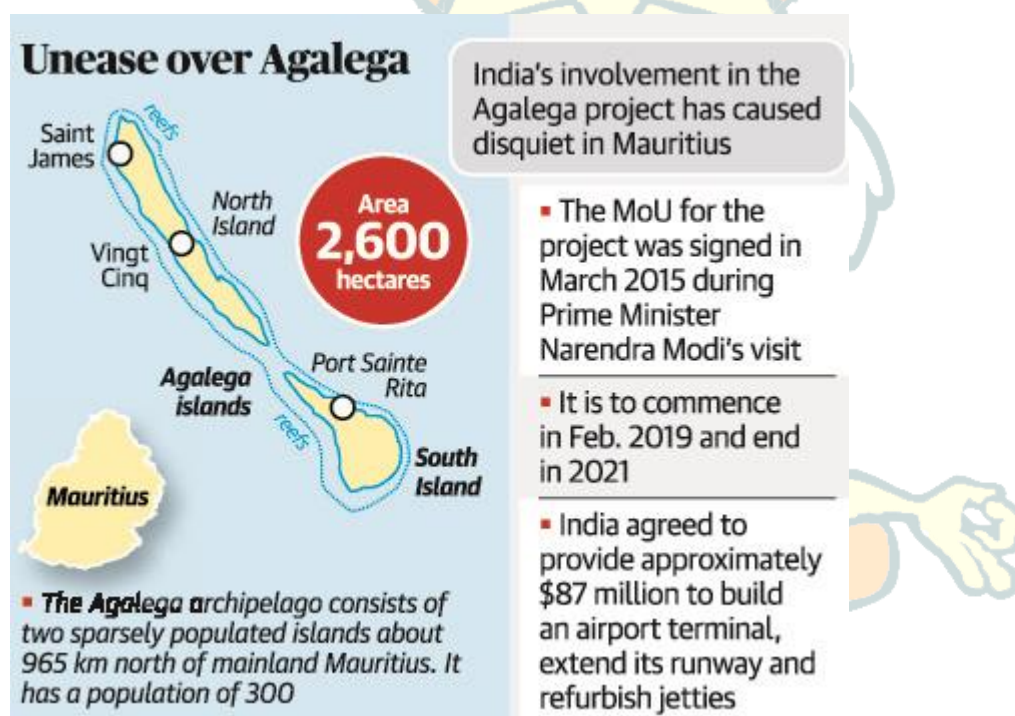
1. They are two outer islands of Seychelles located in the Indian Ocean
2. It is leased to India for the development of strategic assets

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.1) Solution (b)**

Agaléga island is leased to Indian Military for the development of strategic assets. The Head of Mauritius Navy and the Mauritian National Security Advisor are Indian officers. Also see India–Mauritius Military cooperation.



**Q.2) 'Huyen langlon' is an Indian martial art from**

- a) Manipur
- b) Nagaland
- c) Arunachal Pradesh

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d) Mizoram

### Q.2) Solution (a)

Huyen langlon is an Indian martial art from Manipur. In the Meitei language, huyen means war while langlon or langlong can mean net, knowledge or art. Huyen langlon consists of two main components: thang-ta (armed combat) and sarit sarak (unarmed fighting).

### Q.3) Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

1. World Economic Forum - Global Gender Gap Index
2. UNESCO - Gender Inequality Index
3. OECD - Women's Empowerment Index (WEI)

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 1 and 2
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

### Q.3) Solution (a)

World Economic Forum - Global Gender Gap Index

UNDP - Gender Inequality Index

The Hunger Project - Women's Empowerment Index (WEI)

### Q.4) Consider the following statements about 'ARYA Project'

1. It was initiated by the Indian Council of Agriculture (ICAR)
2. It is implemented through Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)
3. It is aimed at attracting and empowering the Youth to take up various Agriculture and allied services

Select the correct statement

- a) 1 and 2

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- b) 3 Only
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

### Q.4) Solution (d)

Realizing the importance of rural youth in agricultural development of the country, ICAR has initiated a programme on "Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture".

The objectives of ARYA project are

- To attract and empower the Youth in Rural Areas to take up various Agriculture, allied and service sector enterprises for sustainable income and gainful employment in selected districts.
- To enable the Farm Youth to establish network groups to take up resource and capital intensive activities like processing, value addition and marketing.
- To demonstrate functional linkage with different institutions and stakeholders for convergence of opportunities available under various schemes/program for sustainable development of youth.

ARYA project will be implemented in 25 States through KVKs, one district from each State. In one district, 200-300 rural youths will be identified for their skill development in entrepreneurial activities and establishment of related micro-enterprise units. KVKs will involve the Agricultural Universities and ICAR Institutes as Technology Partners. At KVKs also one or two enterprise units will be established so that they serve as entrepreneurial training units for farmers. The purpose is to establish economic models for youth in the villages so that youths get attracted in agriculture and overall rural situation is improved.

### Q.5) The Gāyatrī Mantra is a highly revered mantra from the Rig Veda dedicated to

- a) Varuna
- b) Surya
- c) Agni
- d) Savitri

### Q.5) Solution (d)

The Gāyatrī Mantra, also known as the Sāvitrī mantra, is a highly revered mantra from the Rig Veda (Mandala 3.62.10), dedicated to Savitr, a form of the sun. Gāyatrī is the name of

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the Vedic meter in which the verse is composed. Its recitation is traditionally preceded by om̐ and the formula bhūr bhuvah̐ svah̐, known as the mahāvyaḥṛti, or "great (mystical) utterance". Vishvamitra is said to have created Gayatri Mantra.

