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Q.1) 'Middle East Strategic Alliance' is a brainchild of

- a) United States of America
- b) Gulf Cooperation Council
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) United Arab Emirates

Q.1) Solution (a)

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/iran-india-relations-saudi-arabia-uae-bahrain-qatar-kuwait-oman-the-gulf-in-foreign-policy-5381738/>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCFT)'

1. It is an international forum of 29 countries and the European Union with an overarching mission of reducing the vulnerability of people worldwide to terrorism by preventing, combating, and prosecuting terrorist acts and countering incitement and recruitment to terrorism.
2. India is one of the members of the GCFT

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (c)

News: The United States and Morocco launched the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum's (GCTF) Terrorist Travel Initiative, which brings together stakeholders to share expertise on how to develop and implement effective counterterrorism watch listing and screening tools.

The Global Counterterrorism Forum is an informal, apolitical, multilateral counter-terrorism (CT) platform that was launched officially in New York in 2011.

The GCTF's goal is to strengthen capabilities in order to develop a strategic, long-term approach to counter terrorism and prevent the violent extremist ideologies that underpin it. The GCTF's mission is to diminish terrorist recruitment and increase countries' civilian capabilities for dealing with terrorist threats within their borders and regions.

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Currently co-chaired by the Netherlands and Morocco, the GCTF has 30 founding members. India is one of the founding members.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/initiative-to-stop-terrorist-travel-launched-on-unga-sidelines-118092800882_1.html

Q.3) Recently, The Government has constituted a Competition Law Review Committee to review the Competition Act to ensure that the legislation is in sync with the changing business environment. It is chaired by

- a) Injeti Srinivas
- b) Uday Kotak
- c) Amitabh Kant
- d) Ratan Watal

Q.3) Solution (a)

In pursuance of its objective of ensuring that Legislation is in sync with the needs of strong economic fundamentals, the Government has constituted a Competition Law Review Committee to review the Competition Act.

The Competition Act was passed in the year 2002 and the Competition Commission of India was set up in pursuance of the same. The Commission started functioning in right earnest from 2009 and has contributed immensely towards the development of competition and fair play practices in the Indian market.

The Terms of References of the Committee are as follows:-

- To review the Competition Act/ Rules/ Regulations, in view of changing business environment and bring necessary changes, if required;
- To look into international best practices in the competition fields, especially anti-trust laws, merger guidelines and handling cross border competition issues;
- To study other regulatory regimes/ institutional mechanisms/ government policies which overlap with the Competition Act;
- Any other matters related to competition issue and considered necessary by the Committee.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/centre-constitutes-competition-law-review-committee-118093000663_1.html

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Q.4) The report 'Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth' was released by the

1. International Monetary Fund
2. World Bank and
3. World Trade Organization

Select the correct code:

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

Q.4) Solution (d)

“Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth”, a joint publication released today by the World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization reinforces the importance of trade in the global economy. The publication emphasizes that trade policies should aim to build greater, more durable openness and encourage countries to reinvest in open, rules-based global trade. In today’s world of fast-moving change in the global economy, there is a need more than ever to ensure that the rules, policies, and practices governing global trade are modernized.

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/indias-story-compelling-evidence-that-openness-in-services-contributes-to-growth-report/articleshow/66017754.cms>

Q.7) ‘Goyna Bori’ is

- a) A basket that is traditionally used by the people of Kashmir to keep them warm by keeping burning charcoals in it
- b) It is a pictorial narrative painted on a cloth-based scroll
- c) It is an embroidery technique using beautiful designs of flowers on shawls, scarves, and saris
- d) A fine art of using lentil paste mix to create exquisite designs

Q.5) Solution (b)

Goyna Bori

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The fine art of using lentil paste mix to create exquisite designs, distinct in West Bengal's Midnapore.

With distinct historical basis dating back several centuries of the Rajbari and also referred by Rabindranath Tagore in his works, 'Goyna Bori' is believed to have originated in Midnapore. Apart from being edible, Goyna Bori is actually more about unique pieces of fine art having great appeal to the eye.

