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### Q.1) Consider the following statements

1. The epistemology of Vaiśeṣika school of Hinduism accepted only two reliable means to knowledge - perception and inference
2. Samkhya is the ancient school of Indian materialism

### Select the correct statements

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

### Q.1) Solution (a)

**Statement 1** - The epistemology of Vaiśeṣika school of Hinduism, like Buddhism, accepted only two reliable means to knowledge: perception and inference.

**Statement 2** – Charvaka deals with Materialism.

### Q.2) 'Green Growth Equity Fund' is a joint fund between

- a) BRICS Countries
- b) Quad Countries
- c) Member of International Solar Alliance
- d) None of the above

### Q.2) Solution (d)

#### Green Growth Equity Fund

- India and the UK announced the launch of an Early Market Engagement for the joint UK-India Fund, namely a Green Growth Equity Fund
- It aims to leverage private sector investment from the City of London to invest in green infrastructure projects in India
- Both governments will invest up to £120 million each (i.e. totally £ 240 million)
- The joint fund which will be established under the NIIF framework.

### Q.3) Consider the following statements about Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)

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1. It is an intergovernmental, binding, permanent framework and a structured process to gradually deepen defence cooperation within European Union framework
2. It is formed to counter the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

### Select the correct statements

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

### Q.3) Solution (a)

#### Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)

- It is the part of the European Union's (EU) Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) in which 25 national armed forces pursue structural integration
- It is an intergovernmental, binding, permanent framework and a structured process to gradually deepen defence cooperation within EU framework
- PESCO is also open to NATO members also who wish to take part in it.
- There is no provision about the inclusion of non-EU NATO member.
- Denmark, which has an opt out from EU defence matters, and Malta, were the only EU countries not to sign up, along with Brexiting Britain.
- The participating Member States are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden.

### Q.4) 'Project C.A.T' is

- a) A trap-neuter-return initiative for community cats in Mumbai
- b) A project aimed at conserving the wild tiger population, by Discovery Communications and World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- c) A concept for a unmanned single-stage reusable spaceplane capable of horizontal take-off and landing by HAL
- d) None of the above

### Q.4) Solution (b)

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In order to protect and increase wild tiger population, nearly one million acres of protected habitat in India and Bhutan will be covered under a new private conservation effort.

The 'Project C.A.T - Conserving acres for Tigers' by Discovery Communications and NGO World Wildlife Fund (WWF) aims to conserve the wild tiger population, which has dropped by 96 per cent in the last century alone to only 4,000 left in the wild due to habitat loss and pervasive poaching.

This transboundary partnership will allow rangers to more closely monitor tiger health and other key scientific data, take additional anti-poaching safeguards, and maintain land and corridors to improve movement of all wild animals.

Discovery will also leverage its formidable creative capabilities and global multiplatform distribution of channels to 3 billion cumulative worldwide viewers to support WWF's Tx2 effort, which began in 2010, to double the population of wild tigers across the world by 2022.

**Q.5) 'Aghanashini Lion Tailed Macaque Conservation Reserve' is located in**

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Goa

**Q.5) Solution (b)**

An area of 299.52 sq kms has been declared as the Aghanashini Lion-tailed Macaque Conservation Reserve in Karnataka.

