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**Q.1) Consider the following statements about 'Sinamalé Bridge'**

1. It links the islands of Malé and Hulhulé in the Maldives.
2. It is funded by the Indian Government

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.1) Solution (a)**

The Sinamalé Bridge links the islands of Malé and Hulhulé in the Maldives. The 2.1 km long bridge will have two car lanes and separate lanes for bicycles, motorcycles, and pedestrians, and opened on 30 August 2018. It was originally called the China-Maldives Friendship Bridge due to funding received from the Chinese government. It is the first inter-island bridge in the Maldives.

**Q.2) Which of the following countries are members of Paris Club?**

1. China
2. Japan
3. South Korea
4. Israel

**Select the correct code:**

- a) 1, 3 and 4
- b) 2, 3 and 4
- c) 1, 2 and 4
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Q.2) Solution (b)**

**Paris Club**

- An informal group of creditor nations whose objective is to find workable solutions to payment problems faced by debtor nations.

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- The Paris Club has 19 permanent members, including most of the western European and Scandinavian nations, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Japan.
- It is similar to the London club, which is a group of commercial bankers formed in 1976 to deal with the financial problems of Zaire, and is focussed on providing various forms of debt relief to countries that face financial distress due to their heavy debt load.
- The Paris Club stresses the informal nature of its existence and deems itself a "non-institution."
- As an informal group, it has no official statutes and no formal inception date, although its first meeting with a debtor nation was in 1956, with Argentina.

**The following countries are permanent Paris Club members:**

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Russian Federation
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States Of America



**Q.3) 'Agenda for Action 2020' is concerned with India and**

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- a) African Union
- b) BIMSTEC
- c) G-20
- d) European Union

### Q.3) Solution (d)

India-EU Agenda for Action 2020 – the roadmap for bilateral cooperation endorsed during the 13th India-EU Summit.

EU-India Agenda for Action-2020 -

[http://www.mea.gov.in/Images/attach/EU India Agenda for Action post VC.pdf](http://www.mea.gov.in/Images/attach/EU_India_Agenda_for_Action_post_VC.pdf)

### Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to 'INS Arihant'

1. It belongs to Ship Submersible Ballistic Nuclear (SSBN) class
2. It will be armed with K-15 and K-4 missiles

Select the correct statements

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

### Q.4) Solution (c)

India has completed its nuclear triad by inducting the first indigenously built strategic nuclear submarine INS Arihant into service. INS Arihant successfully completed its "first deterrence patrol."

It is to be equipped with K 15 (or BO-5) shortrange missiles with a range of over 700 km and the K 4 ballistic missile with a range of 3,500 km.

INS Arihant is nuclear submarine capable of carrying nuclear tipped ballistic missiles. Thus it belongs to class referred to as Ship Submersible Ballistic Nuclear (SSBN).

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/as-nuclear-sub-arihant-returns-after-first-deterrence-patrol-indias-nuclear-triad-complete/articleshow/66515624.cms>

### Q.5) Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

1. Operation Greens – Raising high yielding bamboo plantations on commercial basis in Forest as well as Non-Forest areas
2. KUSUM Scheme – Harnessing solar power for rural India

### Select the correct statements

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

### Q.5) Solution (b)

**Operation Greens** aims to promote farmer producers organisations, agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management. The operation aims to aid farmers and help control and limit the erratic fluctuations in the prices of onions, potatoes and tomatoes. It is essentially a price fixation scheme that aims to ensure farmers are given the right price for their produce.

### 'Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)' provides for

- installation of grid-connected solar power plants each of capacity up to 2 MW in the rural areas
- installation of standalone off-grid solar water pumps to fulfill irrigation needs of farmers not connected to grid
- solarization of existing grid-connected agriculture pumps to make farmers independent of grid supply and also enable them to sell surplus solar power generated to DISCOM and get extra income
- solarization of tube-wells and lift irrigation projects of Government sector