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Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Quality Council of India (QCI)'

1. Ministry of Commerce & Industry is the nodal ministry for QCI.
2. All the boards of the QCI operate under the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

Quality Council of India (QCI) was set up in 1997 jointly by the Government of India and the Indian Industry represented by the three premier industry associations i.e. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), to establish and operate national accreditation structure and promote quality through National Quality Campaign. The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, is the nodal ministry for QCI.

QCI operations are carried out by its constituent boards namely, National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET), National Accreditation Board for Hospitals Healthcare Providers (NABH), National Board for Quality Promotion (NBQP) and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). Currently NABL operates under Department of Science and Technology.

Q.2) 'Charlevoix Blueprint' is associated with

- a) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- b) Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles
- c) Non Proliferation Treaty
- d) Healthy oceans and seas

Q.2) Solution (d)

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Charlevoix Blueprint For Healthy Oceans, Seas And Resilient Coastal Communities.

The leaders of the Group of 7 (G7) agreed on the 'Charlevoix Blueprint for Healthy Oceans, Seas and Resilient Communities' at the G7 Summit in Charlevoix, Canada. In addition, the leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the UK and the European Union (EU) agreed to tackle ocean plastic in the 'Ocean Plastics Charter.'

Q.3) 'Ocean Plastics Charter' is led by

- a) Germany
- b) Canada
- c) Italy
- d) United Kingdom

Q.3) Solution (b)

It is led by Canada.

In the 'Ocean Plastics Charter,' the leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the UK and the EU commit to move towards a more resource-efficient and sustainable approach to the management of plastics.

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Friends of Yemen'

1. It was established in 2019 to help bolster international political support for Yemen and to assist Yemeni-led efforts to tackle the underlying causes of instability.
2. India is one of the members of the group

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (b)

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The Friends of Yemen was established in January 2010 at a meeting of ministers in London to help bolster international political support for Yemen and to assist Yemeni-led efforts to tackle the underlying causes of instability.

The Friends of Yemen is co-chaired by the United Kingdom, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Yemen.

There are 39 countries and international organisations in the Friends of Yemen:

Countries: Algeria, Japan, Turkey, Australia, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, Brazil, State of Kuwait, United States of America, People's Republic of China, Malaysia, Republic of Yemen, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Denmark, Sultanate of Oman, Egypt, State of Qatar, France, Russian Federation, Germany, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, India, Spain, Indonesia, Switzerland, Italy, Tunisia.

International organisations: League of Arab States, Delegation of the European Union, Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat, Islamic Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Islamic Cooperation, World Bank, United Nations.

Q.5) Ancient port of 'Muziris' was located in the present day

- a) Goa
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Q.5) Solution (b)

Muziris (Muchiri, roughly identified with medieval Muyirikode, or Mahodaya/Makotai Puram) was an ancient harbour – possible seaport and urban center - on the Malabar Coast (modern-day Indian state of Kerala) that dates from at least the 1st century BC, if not earlier.

Muziris, or Muchiri, found mention in the bardic Tamil poems and a number of classical sources.