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Q.1) 'Okjokull glacier' was in news recently. It is associated with

- a) New Zealand
- b) Sweden
- c) Iceland
- d) Russia

Q.1) Solution (c)

Okjokull is 1st Icelandic glacier to lose its status as glacier and in next 200 years countries all main glaciers are expected to follow same path.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/iceland-commemorates-first-glacier-lost-to-climate-change/article29131161.ece>

Q.2) "SATAT" initiative is under the aegis of

- a) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
- b) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- c) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Q.2) Solution (a)

Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT)

Petroleum Minister to launch SATAT initiative to promote Compressed Bio-Gas as an alternative, green transport fuel.

Source: <http://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1582294>

Q.3) The mandate of 'BASIC countries' is Climate Change

- a) UNSC Reforms
- b) Climate Change
- c) WTO Negotiations
- d) Anti-Protectionism

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Q.3) Solution (b)

The BASIC countries (also Basic countries or BASIC) are a bloc of four large newly industrialized countries – Brazil, South Africa, India and China – formed by an agreement on 28 November 2009. The four committed to act jointly at the Copenhagen climate summit, including a possible united walk-out if their common minimum position was not met by the developed nations.

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-who-are-basic-the-climate-change-alliance-whose-meeting-india-just-attended-5914424/>

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to 'NISHTHA', which was recently in news.

1. It is aimed at training non-engineering graduates for jobs in the market.
2. It is launched by the Ministry of Skill Development

Select the correct statements

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



Q.4) Solution (d)

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is going to launch the "world's biggest project" for teacher training on August 22, 2019, to train over 42 lakh teachers across the country.

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/hrd-ministry-to-launch-world-s-biggest-teacher-training-programme-to-train-over-42-lakh-teachers-1581961-2019-08-18>

Q.5) Ashok Chawla Committee is concerned with

- a) Army Pay Scales
- b) Long Term Food Policy
- c) Banking Supervision
- d) Allocation of Natural Resources

Q.5) Solution (d)

Ashok Chawla committee on Allocation of Natural Resources had recommended placing water in the concurrent list.

