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**Q.1) Which of the following is known as 'Berne and Paris-plus agreement'?**

- a) Global Stocktake
- b) TRIPS
- c) SDGs
- d) UNFCC

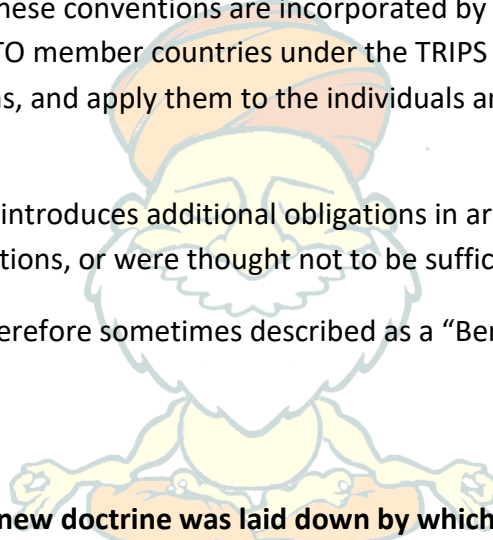
**Q.1) Solution (b)**

The TRIPS Agreement says WTO member countries must comply with the substantive obligations of the main conventions of WIPO — the Paris Convention on industrial property, and the Berne Convention on copyright (in their most recent versions).

With the exception of the provisions of the Berne Convention on moral rights, all the substantive provisions of these conventions are incorporated by reference. They therefore become obligations for WTO member countries under the TRIPS Agreement — they have to apply these main provisions, and apply them to the individuals and companies of all other WTO members.

The TRIPS Agreement also introduces additional obligations in areas which were not addressed in these conventions, or were thought not to be sufficiently addressed in them.

The TRIPS Agreement is therefore sometimes described as a "Berne and Paris-plus" Agreement.



**Q.2) 'Basic structure' as a new doctrine was laid down by which of the following case?**

- a) Kesavananda Bharati case
- b) Golaknath case
- c) Minerva Mills case
- d) Shankari Prasad case

**Q.2) Solution (a)**

**Basic Structure Doctrine**

- It is an Indian judicial principle that the Constitution of India has certain basic features that cannot be altered or destroyed through amendments by the parliament.

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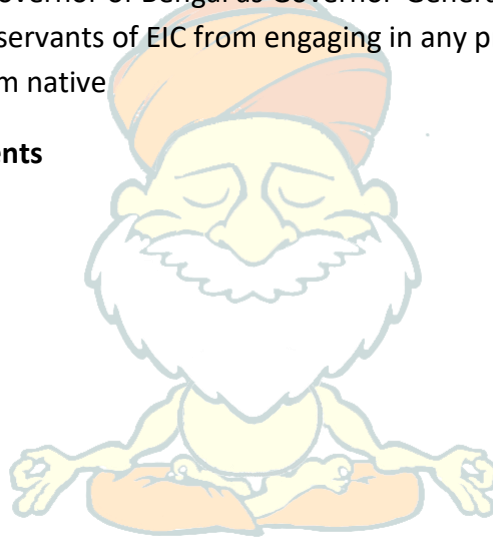
- Key among these "basic features", are the fundamental rights granted to individuals by the constitution.
- The basic structure doctrine applies only to constitutional amendments.
- The basic features of the Constitution have not been explicitly defined by the Judiciary, and the claim of any particular feature of the Constitution to be a "basic" feature is determined by the Court in each case that comes before it.
- Basic structure as a new doctrine was laid down by a land mark case , Kesavananda Bharati case.

**Q.3) Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to 'Regulating Act of 1773'**

1. It provided the establishment of Supreme Court at Calcutta
2. It designated the Governor of Bengal as Governor-General of Bengal
3. The act prohibited servants of EIC from engaging in any private trade or accepting bribes and gifts from native

**Select the correct statements**

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



**Q.3) Solution (d)**

**Features of the Act: Regulating Act of 1773**

- The Act designated the Governor of Bengal as the 'Governor-General of Bengal' and created an Executive Council of four members to assist him. The first such Governor-General was Lord Warren Hastings (1774-1785).
- The Act provided for establishment of Supreme Court (1774).
- Real objective was to control and manage corrupt EIC so the Act prohibited servants of EIC from engaging in any private trade or accepting bribes and gifts from native.
- The Act told the governing body of the Company i.e. Court of Directors to report all its affairs (revenue, civil, military etc) to British Government.

**Q.4) 'MERCOSUR' is a sub-regional bloc of**

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- a) Northern Africa
- b) Scandinavia
- c) Latin America
- d) Caribbean

**Q.4) Solution (c)**

It is a sub-regional bloc. Its full members are Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. Its associate countries are Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Suriname. Observer countries are New Zealand and Mexico.

**Q.5) 'Tulbul navigation project' is associated with India and**

- a) Nepal
- b) Bhutan
- c) Pakistan
- d) Myanmar

**Q.5) Solution (c)**

Tulbul navigation project is between India and Pakistan.

India had started constructing of a 439-foot-long and 40-foot-wide barrage at the mouth of the Wular Lake to ensure the flow of water in winter to 4,000 cusecs. To facilitate trade, tourism and employment of local population, India envisages controlled release of water from the lake during the lean season months of October to February to facilitate year-round navigation.

