

Que-1 With reference to 'Kerala Savari', recently in News, consider the following statements

- 1- The country's first online taxi service owned by a Central government.
- 2- To ensure fair and decent service to passengers along with fair remuneration to auto-taxi workers.
- 3- The government-controlled online taxi service is a service-oriented scheme.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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| a) 1 and 2 only | b) 1 only |
| c) 1, 2 and 3 | d) 2 and 3 only |
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Que-2 When the first agreement for Chabahar was signed by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2003, the plan had a three-fold objective

- 1- To build India's first offshore port and to project Indian infrastructure prowess in the Gulf.
- 2- To circumvent trade through Pakistan, given the tense ties with India's neighbour and build a long term, sustainable sea trade route.
- 3- To find an alternative land route to Europe, which India had rebuilt ties with after the defeat of the Taliban in 2001.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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| a) 1 and 2 only | b) 1 only |
| c) 1, 2 and 3 | d) 2 and 3 only |
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Que-3 India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in the

- a) Himachal Pradesh
 - b) Uttarakhand
 - c) Ladakh
 - d) Meghalaya
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Que-4 With reference to acculturation, consider the following statements

- 1- The concept of acculturation was coined in 1880 by American geologist John Wesley Powell in a report for the U.S. Bureau of Ethnology.
- 2- At present, acculturation is defined as the process in which a person or group from one culture comes in contact with another culture, adopting the values and practices of the other while still retaining their own distinct identity.
- 3- Depending on the strategies adopted by individuals or groups involved in a cultural exchange, acculturation may result in rejection, integration, marginalisation or transmutation.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-5 Consider the following statements

- 1- India, the world's largest buyer of urea and di-ammonium phosphate.
2- Self-sufficiency in urea will save the government nearly ₹40,000 crore.
3- Nano urea is a locally developed highly efficient form of the plant nutrient which fulfils NPK requirements in crops.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-6 Consider the following statements about Law on digital competition

- 1- To tackle unfair and predatory practices in the digital market space.
2- The British Parliament has recently passed the Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-7 Consider the following statements about African Rhino

- 1- Black rhino are critically endangered and white rhino are near threatened.
2- South Africa conserves the largest population of African rhinoceroses among the four range countries in Africa — South Africa, Namibia, Kenya and Zimbabwe.
3- Poaching of rhinos, fuelled by the demand for their horns in Southeast Asia.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-8 Consider the following statements about Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)

- 1- A ship-borne weapon system.
2- It is meant for neutralising various aerial threats at close ranges, including sea-skimming targets.
3- Indigenously developed.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

ANSWER

2- (a)

1- (d)

- The country's first online taxi service owned by a State government.
- The Kerala Savari ensures safe travel for the public at 'government approved fares' without any 'surge pricing'. The 'Kerala Savari' app would be made available to the public on online platforms shortly as it is under the scrutiny of Google now.
- The alleged unfair trade practices and violation of consumer rights by private app-based cab aggregators have come as a major concern for governments. Recently, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) had issued notices to cab aggregators Ola and Uber for unfair trade practices and violation of consumer rights. Passengers often complain about the deficiency in services including charging exorbitant fares during peak hours, unprofessional behaviour from the part of drivers, lack of proper response from customer support, and undue levy of cancellation charges despite the cab driver refusing to accept the ride booked by the passenger etc.

- When the first agreement for Chabahar was signed by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2003, the plan had a three-fold objective: to build India's first offshore port and to project Indian infrastructure prowess in the Gulf; to circumvent trade through Pakistan, given the tense ties with India's neighbour and build a long term, sustainable sea trade route; and to find an alternative land route to Afghanistan, which India had rebuilt ties with after the defeat of the Taliban in 2001.
- Subsequently, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government constructed the Zaranj -Delaram Highway in Afghanistan's South, which would help connect the trade route from the border of Iran to the main trade routes to Herat and Kabul, handing it over to the Karzai government in 2009.
- In 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Tehran and signed the agreement to develop Chabahar port, as well as the trilateral agreement for trade through Chabahar with Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani. Since the India Ports Global Chabahar Free Zone (IPGCFZ) authority took over the operations of the port in 2018, it has

handled 215 vessels, 16,000 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) and four million tons of bulk and general cargo, the government said in Parliament last month.

3- (b)

- India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara, a space sector start-up.
- The space situational awareness (SSA) observatory will help India track any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites hovering over the region.
- Currently, the United States is a dominant player in monitoring space debris with observatories in multiple locations and commercial companies providing additional inputs from across the world.

4- (c)

- The concept of acculturation was coined in 1880 by American geologist John Wesley Powell in a report for the U.S. Bureau of Ethnology. He defined it as the psychological changes induced in people due to cross-cultural imitation, resulting from the interaction with different cultures. At

present, acculturation is defined as the process in which a person or group from one culture comes in contact with another culture, adopting the values and practices of the other while still retaining their own distinct identity.

- Though used interchangeably by most, acculturation is different from the concept of assimilation. Assimilation is just one of the many eventual outcomes of acculturation. Depending on the strategies adopted by individuals or groups involved in a cultural exchange, acculturation may result in rejection, integration, marginalisation or transmutation. Moreover, since cultures are ever-evolving, the outcomes of the process may transform with time.

5- (a)

- Nano urea is a locally developed highly efficient form of the plant nutrient which fulfils nitrogen requirements in crops.
- India, the world's largest buyer of urea and di-ammonium phosphate, has been hit by a sharp rise in global fertiliser prices this year due to supply disruptions. Costlier raw materials, higher freight charges as well as sanctions on Russia, a major fertilizer exporter, are likely to keep fertiliser prices elevated.

- Domestically produced nano urea, whose patent is held by the fertilizer cooperative IFFCO, will replace approximately 20 million tonnes of conventional urea India imports each year.
- One 500ml bottle of the nano variant is equivalent to one bag of conventional urea.
- Eight new nano urea plants, which are being centrally monitored, will start production by November 2025. These are located in several states, including Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

6- (a)

- The European Union has recently passed the Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act; there are several Bills pending in the British Parliament and the US Congress associated with digital markets.

7- (b)

- Zimbabwe conserves the largest population of African rhinoceroses among the four range countries in Africa — South Africa, Namibia, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

8- (c)
