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**Question 1. With reference to the 'Voice of Global South Summit 2.0', consider the following statements:**

1. A key outcome of the summit was the announcement of a 'Global South Technology Transfer Fund' by India.
2. The summit focused exclusively on economic cooperation and digital public infrastructure.
3. The summit was hosted virtually by India, building on the momentum of its G20 Presidency.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**Answer: (c)**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The news report clearly states that Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the establishment of a \$500 million 'Global South Technology Transfer Fund'.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The report mentions that the summit focused on key themes, including sustainable development, climate finance, and debt sustainability, in addition to digital transformation. The word 'exclusively' makes this statement incorrect.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The news report explicitly mentions that the summit was hosted virtually by India and that it built on the success of India's G20 Presidency in 2023.

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**Question 2. Consider the following statements regarding the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, in light of the recent penalty imposed by the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI):**

1. The Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) is the primary authority for adjudicating and imposing penalties for data breaches under the Act.
2. Appeals against the decisions of the DPBI can be made directly to the Supreme Court of India.
3. The Act mandates that data fiduciaries must implement "reasonable security safeguards" and provide timely notification in case of a breach.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**Answer: (a)**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The news item highlights that the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) imposed the penalty, establishing its role as the adjudicating authority under the DPDP Act.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The report specifies that the tech firm has the option to appeal the decision at the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT), not directly to the Supreme Court.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The news story mentions that the company was found guilty of "failing to implement 'reasonable security safeguards'" and for the "failure to provide timely and clear notification," both of which are key obligations for data fiduciaries under the DPDP Act.

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**Question 3. The Crew Escape System (CES), successfully tested by ISRO for the Gaganyaan mission, has the primary function of:**

- (a) Propelling the crew module into its final orbit around the Earth.
- (b) Ensuring a soft and precise landing of the crew module on its return.
- (c) Separating the crew module from the launch vehicle in case of an emergency during ascent.
- (d) Providing life support and maintaining habitable conditions for the astronauts inside the module.

**Answer: (c)**

- The news report explicitly states that the Crew Escape System (CES) is a "pivotal safety feature designed to quickly pull the crew module and astronauts away from the launch vehicle in case of an emergency during the ascent phase." The successful test validated this exact function. Options (a), (b), and (d) describe the functions of other systems of the spacecraft, not the CES.

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**Question 4. With reference to Green Hydrogen, which was recently in the news, consider the following statements:**

1. It is produced through electrolysis of water powered by renewable energy sources.
2. India's first commercial-scale Green Hydrogen plant has been commissioned in Kandla to produce Green Ammonia.
3. The initiative is part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**Answer: (a)**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** This is the standard definition of Green Hydrogen. The news report also confirms this by stating the plant will use renewable energy from a solar park.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The report clearly mentions the commissioning of the first large-scale commercial green hydrogen plant at Kandla, Gujarat, and that its initial output will be used to produce green ammonia.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** The report explicitly links the project to the National Green Hydrogen Mission, which is a specific mission launched in 2023. While it aligns with the goals of the NAPCC, it is a distinct mission.

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**Question 5. The recent submission of a report on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) brings focus to the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) in the Indian Constitution. The provision for a UCC for all citizens is explicitly mentioned in:**

- (a)** Article 14
- (b)** Article 25
- (c)** Article 44
- (d)** Article 32

**Answer: (c)**

- Article 44 of the Indian Constitution, which is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy, states, "The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India." The news report also correctly refers to UCC as a constitutionally mandated goal under Article 44. Article 14 relates to equality before the law, Article 25 to freedom of religion, and Article 32 to the right to constitutional remedies.