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**Question 1. The recently launched 'PM-DAKSH 2.0' scheme is a targeted initiative with which primary objective?**

- (a) To provide financial literacy and credit access to farmers in rain-fed regions.
- (b) To upskill and provide social security access to workers in the gig and platform economy.
- (c) To promote entrepreneurship among women's self-help groups in tribal areas.
- (d) To provide digital literacy training to senior citizens in Tier-3 cities.

**Answer: (b)**

- The news item on 'PM-DAKSH 2.0' explicitly states that the scheme's new phase "specifically targets 5 million workers in the gig and platform economy." The objectives mentioned are offering courses in digital literacy, financial management, etc., and linking them to social security benefits through the e-Shram portal. The other options describe different, though important, target groups and objectives not related to this specific scheme.

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**Question 2. The 'Great Green Wall' initiative, recently in the news due to a significant pledge by India, is a flagship project aimed at combating desertification primarily in:**

- (a) The Thar Desert region of India and Pakistan
- (b) The Gobi Desert region of China and Mongolia
- (c) The Sahel region of Africa
- (d) The Atacama Desert region of South America

**Answer: (c)**

- The news report clearly states that India's pledge is to support the "African Union-led 'Great Green Wall' initiative." It further specifies that the project aims to restore degraded land "across the Sahel region" to combat desertification and climate change.

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**Question 3. The 23rd Law Commission of India recently submitted its final report on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). In this context, which Article of the Constitution of India provides for a Uniform Civil Code for the citizens?**

- (a) Article 14
- (b) Article 25
- (c) Article 44
- (d) Article 370

**Answer: (c)**

The news analysis mentions that the submission of the report is a step towards fulfilling the "constitutional directive under Article 44." Article 44 is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) in Part IV of the Constitution, which states, "The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India."

- Article 14 ensures equality before the law.
- Article 25 guarantees freedom of religion.
- Article 370 (now abrogated) pertained to the special status of Jammu & Kashmir.

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**Question 4. The "Blue Revolution 2.0" (PMMSY-NG) scheme, recently approved by the Union Cabinet, marks a strategic diversification of India's blue economy. Its key new focus area is:**

- (a) The promotion of deep-sea fishing trawlers
- (b) The establishment of a national cold chain grid for fisheries
- (c) A massive thrust on commercial seaweed cultivation
- (d) The development of ornamental fish breeding in inland states

**Answer: (c)**

- The news report highlights that a "key new component of this scheme is a massive thrust on commercial seaweed cultivation." It further details the creation of 'Seaweed Parks' and subsidies for fisherfolk to take up this activity, signaling a clear strategic shift.

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**Question 5. What is the primary significance of the recent sighting of cheetah cubs in Kuno National Park, as highlighted in the news?**

- (a)** It is the first instance of any cheetahs being born on Indian soil.
- (b)** It confirms the successful hunting and adaptation to Indian prey by the translocated cheetahs.
- (c)** It marks the successful breeding of a second-generation, Indian-born cheetah, indicating project viability.
- (d)** It has led to the immediate declaration of Project Cheetah as a complete success.

**Answer: (c)**

- The news specifies that the mother of the new litter was "herself... part of the first litter born on Indian soil in early 2024." Therefore, the significance lies in the birth of "second-generation cubs," which is a crucial milestone for the long-term sustainability of the reintroduction project.
- **Statement (a)** is incorrect because the mother was the first generation born in India.
- **Statement (c)** correctly captures the essence of this being a second-generation event.