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Question 1. With reference to the Supreme Court's verdict on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) framework, consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court delivered a unanimous verdict, directing the Parliament to enact a UCC within one year.
2. The Court affirmed that Parliament's legislative competence on personal laws is absolute and not subject to judicial review.
3. The matter has been referred to a larger nine-judge bench due to the complex constitutional questions involved.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b)

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** The verdict was a split 3:2 decision, not unanimous. It did not direct Parliament to enact a UCC within a specific timeframe.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The Court affirmed Parliament's competence but explicitly stated that any such law must pass the "basic structure" test and protect fundamental rights (Articles 25 and 26), making it subject to judicial review.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** Citing the profound constitutional questions, the five-judge bench referred the matter to a larger nine-judge bench for a more definitive ruling.

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Question 2. The "Zorawar" light tank, recently inducted into the Indian Army, is significant primarily because:

1. It is the first nuclear-powered tank in the Indian armed forces.
2. It has been jointly developed by India and the United States for desert warfare.
3. It is an indigenously developed tank specifically designed for agility and high-altitude warfare.
4. It is an unmanned, fully autonomous combat vehicle.

Which of the statements given above is correct?

- (a) 1 and 4 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 4 only

Answer: (b)

- The news report clearly states that 'Zorawar' is an indigenous light tank developed by DRDO and L&T. Its primary design feature is its suitability for high-altitude mountainous terrain, making it agile and easily deployable in such areas. Statement 3 accurately captures this. The other statements are incorrect; it is not nuclear-powered, not a joint US project (it's indigenous with L&T), and not described as fully autonomous.

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Question 3. Consider the following provisions of the newly enacted National Water Governance Bill, 2025:

1. Establishment of a permanent, three-tiered Inter-State River Water Disputes Tribunal.
2. Creation of River Basin Organisations (RBOs) for managing inter-state rivers.
3. Mandatory inclusion of the "ecological-flow" concept in river management plans.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (d)

- The news item on the National Water Governance Bill, 2025, explicitly mentions all three provisions.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** It establishes a permanent, three-tiered tribunal to replace the existing system.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It provides for the creation of River Basin Organisations (RBOs) for basin-level management.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** It emphasizes the "ecological-flow" concept for the health of rivers.

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Question 4. The Government of India has launched the 'PRAHARI' platform. What is its primary objective?

- (a) To monitor and counter cross-border infiltration using satellite imagery.
- (b) To provide a unified digital platform for filing and tracking income tax returns.
- (c) To use Artificial Intelligence for the early detection and prediction of disease outbreaks.
- (d) To create a national database of farmers for targeted delivery of subsidies.

Answer: (c)

- The report from PIB (Ministry of Health) details the launch of 'PRAHARI' (Pandemic Ready AI-based Health Alert and Response Interface). It is an AI-powered disease surveillance platform developed by the NCDC to detect and predict disease outbreaks by analyzing data from multiple sources, thus enabling a rapid response.

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5. Match the following government initiatives with their correct description:

Initiative	Description
1. Samudra Vikas	A. AI-driven personalized skill development
2. PARAMAPARA	B. Development of Coastal Economic Zones
3. Kaushal-AI	C. Digitization of indigenous knowledge systems

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A
- (b) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C
- (c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C
- (d) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A

Answer: (a)

- Samudra Vikas is a scheme to develop Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) and enhance the blue economy. (1 matches B)
- PARAMAPARA is a national mission to create a digital repository of indigenous knowledge systems. (2 matches C)
- Kaushal-AI is an AI-driven platform by NSDC for personalized skilling and career guidance. (3 matches A)