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1) The term “ANEEL” recently seen in news is?

- a. Torpedo
- b. Nuclear fuel
- c. UAV
- d. Combat helicopter

Answer : b

Explanation

- **Option b is correct** - **ANEEL** (Advanced Nuclear Energy for Enriched Life) is a thorium-based advanced nuclear fuel designed for use in India's Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs).
- It is developed by Clean Core Thorium Energy (CCTE), in collaboration with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).
- Thorium blended with small amounts of enriched uranium (HALEU) and it can be deployed directly in India's existing PHWRs.

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2) Consider the following statements about speaker of the Lok Sabha

1. He is elected by the members of Lok Sabha and date of such election will be determined by election commission.
2. His term will be coterminous with the term of Lok Sabha.
3. During his removal motion, speaker can participate and vote only in the first instance.
4. No Speaker of the Lok Sabha has ever been successfully removed from office so far.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2, 3, 4 only
- c. 3 and 4 only
- d. 1, 2, 4

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect** - While the Speaker is indeed elected by the members of the Lok Sabha, the date of the election is determined by the President of India.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect** - The Speaker's term is not strictly coterminous with the Lok Sabha.
- Under **Article 94**, the Speaker does not vacate their office when the Lok Sabha is dissolved; they continue to hold office until immediately before the first meeting of the newly elected Lok Sabha.

- **Statement 3 is Correct** - According to **Article 96**, when a resolution for the Speaker's removal is under consideration, they can speak and take part in the proceedings.
- They can vote in the **first instance** (like any other member), but they **cannot vote in the case of an equality of votes** (no casting vote).
- **Statement 4 is Correct** - To date, no Speaker of the Lok Sabha has been successfully removed from office through a formal resolution.
- While motions have been moved against Speakers like G.V. Mavalankar and Hukam Singh, none were passed.

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3) Consider the following statements about **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)**

1. It aims to ensure affordable, quality basic telegraph and telecommunication services in rural and remote areas.
2. BharatNet project is funded by USOF.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - The Universal Service Obligation Fund (**USOF**) is renamed as Digital Bharat Nidhi under the Telecommunications Act 2023, is a government of India mechanism.
- It is funded by a 5% levy on telecom service providers' Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).
- It finances the expansion of rural, remote, and underserved telecom infrastructure, including 4G mobile services, broadband, and, previously, Village Public Telephones (VPTs).
- **Statement 2 is correct** - **BharatNet project** aims to bridge the digital divide by providing high-speed broadband connectivity to rural India and funded by USOF.
- It was launched in October 2011 and Ministry of Communications is acting as its nodal agency.

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4) The **Chabahar Port** located at which one of the following countries?

- Iran
- Oman
- Somalia
- Bangladesh

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - **Chabahar Port** is notable as Iran's only oceanic and deep-water port, offering direct access to the Indian Ocean.
- India committed \$120 million for development, completing payment before the expiry of the US sanctions waiver.
- A 10-year MoU was signed in May 2024 to ensure continued cooperation.

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5) The **Right Against Exploitation** is explicitly mentioned in which of the following constitutional provisions?

- a. Article 23
- b. Article 23
- c. Both Article 23 and Article 24
- d. None

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Articles 23 and 24** of the Indian Constitution are fundamental rights that form the **Right Against Exploitation**,
 - Prohibiting human trafficking and forced labor (Article 23) and
 - Banning child labor in hazardous jobs for children under 14 years (Article 24),
- Both ensuring human dignity and protecting vulnerable populations from exploitation by both the State and private individuals.

