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Question 1

Answer: C

Shaphari: Certification Scheme for Aquaculture Products: It is a market-based tool for hatcheries to adopt good aquaculture practices and help produce quality antibiotic-free shrimp products to assure global consumers.

Question 2

Answer: B

Silappathikaram, (Tamil: “The Jeweled Anklet”) also spelled Silappatikaram, the earliest epic poem in Tamil, written in the 5th–6th century AD by Prince Ilanko Adikal (Ilango Adigal). Its plot is derived from a well-known story.

The *Silappathikaram* tells of the young merchant Kovalan’s marriage to the virtuous Kannaki (Kannagi), his love for the courtesan Matavi, and his consequent ruin and exile in Maturai, where he is unjustly executed after trying to sell his wife’s anklet to a wicked goldsmith who had stolen the queen’s anklet and charged Kovalan with the theft. The widow Kannaki comes to Maturai, proves Kovalan’s innocence, then tears off one breast and throws it at the kingdom of Maturai, which goes up in flames. Such is the power of a faithful wife. The third book deals with a king’s expedition to bring Himalayan stone for an image of Kannaki, now a goddess of chastity.

Question 3

Answer: C

Tele-Law

Recently, the Justice Department commemorated the milestone of crossing 9 lakh beneficiaries under its Tele-Law programme through Common Service Centres. Common Services Centre (CSC) programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), that serves as the access points for delivery of various electronic services to villages in India, thereby contributing to a digitally and financially inclusive society.

- It was launched by the Ministry of Law and Justice in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in 2017 to address cases at the pre-litigation stage.
- It is presently operating in 633 districts (including 115 Aspirational Districts) across 34 States/UTs through a network of 50,000 CSCs.
- Under this programme, smart technology of video conferencing, telephone/instant calling facilities available at the vast network of Common Service Centres at the Panchayat level are used to connect the indigent, down-trodden, vulnerable, unreached groups and communities with the Panel Lawyers for seeking timely and valuable legal advice.
- Even though the Tele-law programme is technology driven, its success is dependent on the working of field functionaries comprising Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs), State Coordinators and Panel Lawyers.

Question 4

Answer: A

E-2025 initiative:

- Building on the successes of the E-2020, WHO has launched the E-2025 initiative.
- As part of this initiative, WHO has identified 25 countries that have the potential to eliminate malaria within a 5-year timeline.
- The countries will receive technical and on-the-ground support by WHO and its partners, in their work towards the target of zero malaria.
- In return, the countries will audit their elimination programs annually, participate in elimination forums, conduct surveillance assessments, and share malaria case data periodically.

Question 5

Answer: A

Geographical Indication Status:

GI is an indication used to identify goods having special characteristics originating from a definite geographical territory. It is used for agricultural, natural and manufactured goods. The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 seeks to provide for the registration and better protection of geographical indications relating to goods in India. The Act is administered by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and TradeMarks- who is the Registrar of Geographical Indications. The Geographical Indications Registry is located at Chennai. The registration of a geographical indication is valid for a period of 10 years. It can be renewed from time to time for a further period of 10 years each. It is also a part of the World Trade Organisation's Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA - Ministry of Commerce and Industry) has a focus on promotion of exports of GI products.