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## 1. Consider the following statements.

1. Minimum Support Price(MSP) is fixed on the recommendation of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)
2. MSP is used to counter price volatility

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The MSP is fixed on the **recommendations** of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (**CACP**). The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) of the Union government takes a final decision on the level of MSPs and other recommendations made by the CACP.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** MSP is used to **counter price volatility of agricultural commodities** due to the factors like variation in their supply, lack of market integration and information asymmetry.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/govt-announces-26-hike-for-wheat-msp-amid-farmers-protests/article32663652.ece>

## 2. “The two state solution”, which originated in the 1940’s, is related to

- A. India- Pakistan
- B. Israel- Palestine
- C. Iraq-Syria
- D. Sudan-South Sudan

Answer: B

### Explanation:

- The “two state solution” is based on a **UN resolution of 1947** which proposed two states - one would be a state where Zionist **Jews** constituted a majority, the other where the **Palestinian Arabs** would be a majority of the population. The idea was however rejected by the Arabs.

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- The two-state solution to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict envisages an independent State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel, west of the Jordan River.

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/india-and-the-abraham-accords/article32662790.ece>

### 3. Kavkaz 2020, recently seen in news is a military exercise of

- A. Russia
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Kazakhstan

Answer: A

#### Explanation:

- **Kavkaz-2020 Exercise**- It is a strategic command-post exercise, and also known as **Caucasus-2020**.
- The tri-service exercise is part of a four-year exercise cycle of the **Russian army**. Previous editions of the exercise were held in 2012 and 2016. Member countries of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and Central Asian countries would be participating.
- India has withdrawn its participation from Kavkaz 2020, a multinational tri-services exercise in Russia, citing Covid-19 as the official reason.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/with-china-as-backdrop-new-delhis-moscow-watch/article32663538.ece>

### 4. Consider the following statements about No- Confidence Motion

1. There is no mention of a No-Confidence Motion in the Constitution of India.
2. If a “Motion of Thanks “fails in the Lok Sabha, it is considered as the defeat of the government.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

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## Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** There is no mention of a No-Confidence Motion in the Constitution of India. **The procedure is laid down under Rule 198 of Rules of Procedure and conduct of the Lok Sabha**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The address of the president, is discussed in both the Houses of Parliament on a motion called the 'Motion of Thanks'. **The Motion of Thanks must be passed in the Lok Sabha** . It is one of the ways through which the Lok Sabha can also express a lack of confidence in the government.
- <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rajya-sabha-suspends-8-opposition-mps/article32657429.ece>

## 5. Who is known as the Indian Machiavelli

- A. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- B. Subhas Chandra Bose
- C. Kautilya
- D. Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Answer: C

## Explanation:

- **The great Mauryan scholar**, philosopher and politician **Chanakya** (a.k.a Kautilya) is called the '**Indian Machiavelli**'.
- Chanakya, also called Kautilya or Vishnugupta, (flourished 300 BCE), Hindu statesman and philosopher who wrote a classic treatise on polity, Artha-shastra ("The Science of Material Gain"), a compilation of almost everything that had been written in India up to his time regarding artha (property, economics, or material success).
- Niccolò Machiavelli was an Italian diplomat, statesman, historian, philosopher, writer, dramatist and poet of the Renaissance period. He's most notably known for his magnum opus treatise "The Prince" which establishes fundamentals for young princes to become effective leaders, statesman and kings their lives, a guidebook on how to be a influential king; crudely speaking. He is also often dubbed as the "King Maker"

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/interpreting-the-india-china-conversations/article32663536.ece>