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1. With reference to Purchasing Managers Index(PMI), consider the following statements.

1. PMI at 50 represents an expansion
2. PMI is an indicator of business as well as economic activity

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:** PMI above 50 represents an expansion when compared to the previous month;
- PMI under 50 signals a contraction, and **PMI at 50 indicates no change.**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** PMI is an **indicator of business activity- in the manufacturing and services sectors.** The PMI is usually **released at the start of the month**, much before most of the official data on industrial output, manufacturing and GDP growth becomes available. It is, **therefore, considered a good leading indicator of economic activity.**

thehindu.com/business/indias-sept-manufacturing-pmi-sees-fastest-pace-of-growth-in-over-8-years/article32739692.ece

2. With reference to Lal Bahadur Shastri, consider the following statements.

1. He participated in Non-Cooperation Movement
2. One of his famous slogan is "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan"
3. He became a member of the Servants of the People Society (Lok Sevak Mandal), founded by Gopala Krishna Gokhale

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

Answer: **B**

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Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** He participated in the non-cooperation movement, the Salt Satyagraha, individual satyagraha and Quit India Movement.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** His slogan of "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" ("Hail the soldier, Hail the farmer") became very popular during the India- Pakistan war. The war ended with the Tashkent Agreement on 10 January 1966
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** He became a life member of the Servants of the People Society (Lok Sevak Mandal), **founded by Lala Lajpat Rai.**
- The Servants of India Society was formed in Pune, Maharashtra, on June 12, 1905 by Gopal Krishna Gokhale

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-prime-minister-india-almost-forgot/article32747350.ece>

3. In which of the following states is the "Vallam Kali", a type of boat racing conducted?

- A. Assam
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. None of the above

Answer: D

Explanation:

Vallam Kali (boat game) is a **traditional boat race in Kerala, India**. It is a form of canoe racing, and uses paddled war canoes. It is mainly conducted during the season of the harvest festival Onam in spring. Vallam kali includes races of many kinds of paddled longboats and 'snake boats' The Nehru Trophy Boat Race is a popular vallam kali event held in the Punnamada Lake near Alappuzha, Kerala, India.

Chundan vallam ('beaked boat'), known outside Kerala as Kerala snake boats, are one of the icons of Kerala culture used in the Vallamkali or boat race

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/fans-join-hands-to-preserve-a-slice-of-history/article32742902.ece>

4. Which of the following may be features of a Gig economy?

- A. Little job security
- B. Free market system
- C. Short term engagements
- D. All of the above

Answer: D

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Explanation:

- A gig economy is a **free market system** in which **temporary positions** are common and organizations contract with independent workers for **short-term engagements**.
- The gig economy is largely based on **unregulated market**, therefore workers have **little job security** and few benefits.

[thehindu.com/business/Industry/most-gig-workers-lost-income-during-pandemic/article32747281.ece](https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/most-gig-workers-lost-income-during-pandemic/article32747281.ece)

5. Which of the following countries is not a member of the Malabar drills?

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. UK
- D. None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation:

- It is an annual trilateral naval exercise between the navies of **India, Japan, and the USA** which is held alternately in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- India is trying to expand the Malabar exercise to also include Australia.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/australias-participation-in-malabar-exercise-still-under-discussion-says-us-official/article32737903.ece>