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- 1) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Security Council:
1. The Security Council can authorize military enforcement actions to maintain or restore international peace and security.
 2. A single permanent member can veto and block any major resolution tabled in the security council.
 3. Non-permanent members are elected for two-year terms by the UN General Assembly with due regard to geographical regional distribution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Project mBridge:
1. It is designed to facilitate cross-border payments and settlements using multiple central bank digital currencies.
 2. It was jointly developed by the BIS Innovation Hub and the central banks of China, Hong Kong, Thailand and the UAE.
 3. India joined Project mBridge as a founding member for cross-border Digital Rupee transactions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (e) 1 and 3 only
- (f) 1 and 2 only
- (g) 2 and 3 only
- (h) 1, 2 and 3

- 3) **Assertion (A):** Bioplastics derived from renewable biomass do not contribute to greenhouse-gas emissions during their life cycle.

Reason (R): The production and processing of biomass-based feedstocks may involve energy consumption and other activities that generate greenhouse-gas emissions

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation for A.
- (b) Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation for A.
- (c) A is correct, but R is incorrect.
- (d) A is incorrect, but R is correct.

- 4) With reference to recent trends in India's food economy, consider the following statements:
1. India's edible oil import dependence witnessed a declining trend between 2015–16 and 2023–24.
 2. India's pulse imports declined in FY 2025–26 amid higher domestic production.
 3. India remains a major net importer of millets to meet its domestic nutritional and cattle feed requirements.

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

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding the Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025:
1. It increases the guaranteed wage employment from 100 to 125 days per rural household annually.
 2. It replaces open-ended funding with a normative state-wise allocation framework.
 3. It provides for a seasonal work pause of up to 60 days during peak agricultural periods.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Explanation

1) Answer: (D)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, the Security Council has the authority to authorize military and non-military enforcement actions to maintain or restore international peace and security.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Any of the five permanent members (P5) can cast a negative vote to veto and completely block any major (substantive) resolution in the council.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The ten non-permanent members of the UNSC are elected by the UN General Assembly for staggered two-year terms, with seats distributed among regional groups (such as Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Western Europe and others).
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Project mBridge is designed to facilitate real-time, peer-to-peer cross-border payments and foreign exchange transactions using multiple central bank digital currencies (mCBDCs).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The project was originally launched in 2021 as a joint initiative between the BIS Innovation Hub (specifically its Hong Kong Centre), the Digital Currency Institute of the People's Bank of China, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Bank of Thailand, and the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India is **not** a founding member or a full participating member of Project mBridge; rather, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has only participated in an **observing capacity** alongside other central banks.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer**

3) Answer: (D)

Assertion (A): Incorrect: Bioplastics derived from renewable biomass **can still contribute to greenhouse-gas emissions during their life cycle**. Renewable origin does not mean that the entire production chain is emission-free. Cultivation of biomass,



processing, manufacturing, transportation and disposal may involve energy use and associated emissions.

Hence, Assertion (A) is incorrect.

Reason (R) - Correct: The production and processing of biomass-based feedstocks can require energy and other inputs that generate greenhouse-gas emissions.

Hence, Reason (R) is correct.

Therefore, option (D) is the correct answer.

4) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** India's edible oil import dependence **declined from 63.2% in 2015–16 to 56.25% in 2023–24**. It **rose to around 60% in FY 2025–26**, with domestic production meeting approximately 40% of requirements.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** India's pulse import bill **declined by approximately 34% in value in FY 2025–26**, supported by higher domestic production of chana, moong and masoor.
- **Statement 3 is not Correct:** India is not a net importer of millets. India is the **world's largest producer of millets** (Shree Anna) and **one of the top global exporters**, producing over 40% of global output and around 80% of Asia's millet supply.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

5) Answer: (D)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Act scales up the statutory unskilled manual wage employment guarantee from 100 to 125 days per rural household annually.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It transitions away from a purely open-ended financing mechanism toward a normative, state-wise budget allocation model structured under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** It introduces a statutory provision allowing a seasonal work suspension of up to 60 days during peak agricultural sowing and harvesting seasons to safeguard farm labor availability.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer**