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Benefits of eNWRs integration with e-NAM

- Depositor can save the Logistics expenses and will have better income.
- Farmers can sell the produce across the Nation to get better Price and at the same time can save himself from hassle of mandi.
- Farmers will be able to place their produce in WDRA accredited warehouses avail the benefit of pledge loan if required.
- Price stabilization by matching supply and demand through time and place utility.

52. A

Learning: The common components of photochemical smog are ozone, nitric oxide, acrolein, formaldehyde and peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN).

- Photochemical smog causes serious health problems.
- Both ozone and PAN act as powerful eye irritants. Ozone and nitric oxide irritate the nose and throat
 and their high concentration causes headache, chest pain, dryness of the throat, cough and difficulty in
 breathing.
- Photochemical smog leads to cracking of rubber and extensive damage to plant life. It also causes corrosion of metals, stones, building materials, rubber etc.

53. C

Learning: For the first 60 years of its dominion in India, the East India Company, a trading and profit making concern, took no interest in the promotion of education.

- However, small beginning was made by the Charter Act of 1813.
- The Act incorporated the principle of encouraging learned Indians and promoting knowledge of modern sciences in the country. The Act directed the Company to sanction certain sum annually for this purpose.
- The Government also set up three Sanskrit colleges at Calcutta, Delhi and Agra.

54. C

Justification: At present around 69.5 per cent of India's power generation capacity is based on coal. In addition, there is an increasing dependence on imported oil, which isleading to imports of around 33 per cent of India's total energy needs.

Despite increase in installed capacity by more than 113 times, India is still not in a position to meet its peak electricity demand as well as energy requirement. The peak power deficit during financial year 2001-02 was 12.2 per cent, approximately 9252 MW, however, at the end of 2014-15, the peak power deficit decreased to the order of 2.4 per cent.

As a fallout of this situation, planned and un-planned measures were undertaken by the government and utilities to bridge this demand-supply gap. India faces a challenge to ensure availability of reliable and modern forms of energy for all its citizens. Almost 85 per cent of rural households depend on solid fuel for their cooking needs and only 55 per cent of them have access to electricity. However, even with this low access, most rural households face issues with quality and consistency of energy supply.

Lack of rural lighting is leading to large-scale use of kerosene. This usage needs to be reduced, as it leads to increased subsidies and import dependence, and consequent pressure on foreign exchange reserves.

55. C

Justification: Virupaksha Temple is located in Hampi in the Ballari district of Karnataka, India. It is part of the Group of Monuments at Hampi, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The temple is dedicated to Lord

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