**IRMA Solved Sample Paper 3**

**Directions for next sixty questions:** Select the correct alternative from the given choices.  
  
â€œInconvenient Truthâ€ is a documentary about the dangers of global warming. The director of the documentary is

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|  | A. Al Gore |
|  | B. Rajendra Pachauri |
|  | C. Steven Spielberg |
|  | D. Sekhar Kapur |
|  | E. Wangari Maathai |

The Jerdonâ€™s Courser is an extremely rare endangered bird found only in

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|  | A. Sikkim. |
|  | B. Rajasthan. |
|  | C. Andhra Pradesh |
|  | D. Tamil Nadu |
|  | E. Gujarat |

Jose Ramos Horta was conferred the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996 for leading a human rights campaign in [He is now the President of the country.]

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|  | A. East Timor |
|  | B. Ireland |
|  | C. Montenegro |
|  | D. Phillipines |
|  | E. Mauritius |

Pugwash is a body of scientists committed to disarmament. Its founder is

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|  | A. Andrei Sakharov |
|  | B. Linus Pauling |
|  | C. Joseph Rotblat |
|  | D. Robert Oppenheimer |
|  | E. Norman Borlaug |

Elâ€“NiÃ±o and La Nina are ocean currents linked to global climatic changes. These currents are found off the coast of

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|  | A. Colombia |
|  | B. Ecuador |
|  | C. Chile |
|  | D. Peru |
|  | E. Bolivia |

The world heritage site of the ruins of Petra is located in

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|  | A. Jordan |
|  | B. Israel |
|  | C. Egypt |
|  | D. Iraq |
|  | E. Iran |

Which bank was the first to launch the reverse mortgage scheme for senior citizens under the name â€œBaghbanâ€?

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|  | A. SBI |
|  | B. ICICI Bank |
|  | C. HDFC Bank |
|  | D. PNB |
|  | E. BOB |

Union Carbide which was linked to the 1984 Bhopal Gas tragedy has been taken over by

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|  | A. Du Pont |
|  | B. Dow Chemicals |
|  | C. Bayer |
|  | D. Exxon Mobil |
|  | E. General Electric |

The ancient Mayan city of Chichan Itza is located in

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|  | A. Peru |
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|  | D. Chile |
|  | E. Brazil |

Chennai Petroleum, is the first public sector unit to have a captive windmill. It is a subsidiary of

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|  | A. OIL |
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|  | C. BPCL |
|  | D. HPCL |
|  | E. GAIL |

The Jarawas are an endangered tribe found in

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|  | A. Tamil Nadu |
|  | B. Gujarat |
|  | C. Chhattisgarh |
|  | D. Orissa |
|  | E. Andaman and Nicobar Islands |

The director of the 1941 classic â€œCitizen Kaneâ€ is

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|  | A. Charles Chaplin |
|  | B. Orson Welles |
|  | C. Jean Luc Godard |
|  | D. Michaelangelo Antonioni |
|  | E. Vittorio De Sica |

Who among the following persons of Indian origin [PIO] was the President of Singapore?

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|  | A. Cheddi Jagan |
|  | B. Manohar Adhikari |
|  | C. Veeraswamy Ringadoo |
|  | D. SR Nathan |
|  | E. Bharat Jagdeo |

Which of the following is a disease caused by mercury poisoning?

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|  | A. Alzheimers |
|  | B. Bulamia |
|  | C. Minamata |
|  | D. Minamata |
|  | E. Amnesia |

Nuclear power constitutes about 30% of the total power generated in

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|  | A. USA |
|  | B. Russia |
|  | C. France |
|  | D. Australia |
|  | E. Canada |

Who among the following is a Santoor maestro?

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|  | A. Rono Majumdar |
|  | B. Tarun Bhattacharya |
|  | C. Pandit Jasraj |
|  | D. Bismillah Khan |
|  | E. Amjad Ali |

The director of the national award winning film Parzania is

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|  | A. Aparna Sen |
|  | B. Nagesh Kuknoor |
|  | C. Mahesh Bhatt |
|  | D. Shyam Benegal |
|  | E. Rahul Dholokia |

According to the NSSO, about 64.3% of the population depend on agriculture for their livelihood, of which agriculture labour constitute

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|  | A. 39.4%. |
|  | B. 24.9%. |
|  | C. 8.63%. |
|  | D. 30.8%. |
|  | E. 40.94%. |

India has a permanent base in the Arctic in the Svalbard Archipelago. The archipelago is located in

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|  | A. Norway |
|  | B. Russia |
|  | C. Iceland |
|  | D. Finland |
|  | E. Denmark |

Who among the following included in the 2007 Forbes list of powerful women, is the CEO of Kraft Foods?

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|  | A. Ho Ching |
|  | B. Indra Nooyi |
|  | C. Cynthia Carrol |
|  | D. Irene Rosenfeld |
|  | E. Patricia Russo |

Who among the following is the chairman of â€œThe Energy Research Instituteâ€ [TERI]?

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|  | A. L Man Singh |
|  | B. D Swarup |
|  | C. RK Pachauri |
|  | D. Sam Pitroda |
|  | E. CS Rao |

Which state launched Yesheshwini one of the worldâ€™s largest micro-health insurance scheme covering 2 million farmers?

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|  | A. Kerala |
|  | B. Karnataka |
|  | C. Tamil Nadu |
|  | D. Andhra Pradesh |
|  | E. Maharashtra |

Which of the following committees recommendations deal with the revival of rural cooperatives?

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|  | A. Sachar |
|  | B. Gupta |
|  | C. Vaidhyanathan |
|  | D. Narsimhan |
|  | E. Malhotra |

â€œThe Children of Gebelaviâ€ is a monumental work of Nobel Prize winner

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|  | A. Naguib Mahfouz |
|  | B. Orhan Pamuk |
|  | C. Ismail Kadare |
|  | D. Chinua Achebe |
|  | E. Chimamanda Ngozi Adchie |

The tallest tree in the world, the Giant Sequoia (325 ft high) is found in

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|  | A. Russia |
|  | B. Canada |
|  | C. Malaysia |
|  | D. Congo |
|  | E. USA |

The Laboratory For The Conservation of Endangered Species [LACONES] is attached to the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology. The CCMB is located in

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|  | A. Hyderabad |
|  | B. Bangalore |
|  | C. Pune |
|  | D. Kochi |
|  | E. Chennai |

â€œAnimals Peopleâ€ is a novel about the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy. The author is

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|  | A. Vandana Shiva |
|  | B. Indra Sinha |
|  | C. George Orwell |
|  | D. Amitav Ghose |
|  | E. Ramachandra Guha |

The Supreme Court commenting on the staggering pendency and delay of cases in the Indian courts quoted from the novel â€œBleak Houseâ€ to drive home its point. The author of â€œBleak Houseâ€ is

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|  | A. Thomas Hardy |
|  | B. Victor Hugo |
|  | C. Charles Dickens |
|  | D. John Grisham |
|  | E. George Orwell |

The 2005-06 SCOPE [Standing Commiittee on Public Enterprises] Award for Environmental Excellence and Sustainable Development was conferred on

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|  | A. NTPC |
|  | B. IOC |
|  | C. BHEL |
|  | D. NHPC |
|  | E. NLC |

The National Food Security Mission [NFSM] has been allotted Rs.5000 crore in the 11th plan. The NFSM covers

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|  | A. Rice, Wheat and Maize |
|  | B. Wheat, Pulses and Oil seeds |
|  | C. Rice, Wheat and Pulses |
|  | D. Oil seeds, Pulses and Jowar |
|  | E. Maize, Jowar and Sugarcane |

The Pietermaritzburg Railway Station was linked to a dramatic incident in a great personâ€™s life. The great person was

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|  | A. Martin Luther King |
|  | B. Nelson Mandela |
|  | C. Albert Einstein |
|  | D. Mahatma Gandhi |
|  | E. Mother Teresa |

Which international convention stipulates decontaminating a ship of toxic wastes before it is decommissioned and sent to a ship-breaking yard?

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|  | A. Stockholm Convention |
|  | B. Montreal Convention |
|  | C. Madrid Convention |
|  | D. Basel Convention |
|  | E. Kyoto Protocol |

Who was the director of the great classic â€œBicycle Thievesâ€? It launched the Neo-realism School of Cinema in the 1940â€™s

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|  | A. Vittorio De Sica |
|  | B. Akira Kurosawa |
|  | C. Francis Ford Coppola |
|  | D. Ingmar Bergman |
|  | E. Orson Welles |

Which of the following is not one of the recommendations of the Vaidyanathan Committee on Rural Co-operative Credit System?

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|  | A. End dual-control system |
|  | B. Return of state government equity to ensure non-interference |
|  | C. Prescribe qualifications for CEOs |
|  | D. Liberal prudential norms for rural cooperative banks |
|  | E. RBI should prescribe capital adequacy norms |

he FAO Report on Food Security says that on account of climate change, India stands to lose 125 million tonnes, which is equal to % of its rainfed cereal production.

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|  | A. 20 |
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Which is the only country in the world to produce all five known commercial varieties of silk (mulberry, tropical tasar, oak tasar, eri, and muga)?

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|  | A. China |
|  | B. India |
|  | C. Thailand |
|  | D. Malaysia |
|  | E. Myanmar |

Which of the following individuals / institutions / is developing a digital database for the Union Ministry of Health of 1,500 yoga postures and their therapeutic properties to overthrow patents already granted in the West?

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|  | A. Swami Ramdev |
|  | B. B K Iyengar |
|  | C. The Art of Living Foundation |
|  | D. Bihar School of Yoga |
|  | E. National Institute of Science, Communication and Information Resource (NISCIR) |

Which of the following statements is not true of Mission 2007 of the Union Government, which aims to make every village in India a knowledge centre?

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|  | A. A network of information kiosks in Indiaâ€™s 6 lakh villages is to be set up by 2007. |
|  | B. Mission 2007 is a national initiative of nearly eighty organisations. |
|  | C. A National Virtual Academy for rural prosperity has been set up with generous support from Infosys. |
|  | D. The project is estimated to cost Rs 1500 crore. |
|  | E. 10,000 village knowledge centers including 5000 e-choupals are already functional. |

The National Institute of Siddha is located in

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|  | A. Thiruvanantapuram |
|  | B. Kochi |
|  | C. Coimbatore |
|  | D. Chennai |
|  | E. Vellore |

e-Choupal is a rural marketing and business initiative of

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|  | A. ITC |
|  | B. Godrej |
|  | C. Britannia |
|  | D. HUL |
|  | E. Dabur |

Despite all the talk of India being a global player in ITES, what is the percentage of computer penetration in the country?

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|  | A. 1.5% |
|  | B. 0.9% |
|  | C. 2.5% |
|  | D. 1.2% |
|  | E. 2.1% |

Which of the following tractor companies is the only one to win the prestigious Deming Prize for manufacturing?

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|  | A. Eicher |
|  | B. HMT |
|  | C. TAFE |
|  | D. Escort |
|  | E. Mahindra & Mahindra |

The estimated gross potential of wind power in India is 45000 MW. Which of the following states / Union Territories is ranked as the state with the highest potential of 8275 MW?

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|  | A. Tamil Nadu |
|  | B. Kerala |
|  | C. Karnataka |
|  | D. Pondicherry |
|  | E. Andhra Pradesh |

The National Literacy Mission (NLM), set-up in 1988, aims to attain a sustainable threshold level of 75% literacy by

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|  | A. 2007 |
|  | B. 2008 |
|  | C. 2009 |
|  | D. 2010 |
|  | E. 2011 |

The author of In Defense of Globalisation is

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|  | A. C K Prahalad |
|  | B. Meghnad Desai |
|  | C. Amartya Sen |
|  | D. Jayati Ghosh |
|  | E. Jagdish Bhagwati |

The Sethusamudram Ship Canal Project is the latest mega project which has led to renewed debate on the merits of development vis-Ã -vis environmental concerns. Which of the following statements is not true of the project?

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|  | A. It is a maritime shortcut between East and West coasts |
|  | B. The project involves dredging of the shallow Adams Reef |
|  | C. The Gulf of Mannar located near the project is a marine reserve |
|  | D. One of the spin-offs of the project is an increase in fishing area |
|  | E. The environmental clearance to the project has been given by NEERI |

The SARFAESI Act deals with

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|  | A. Structural Adjustment Reforms |
|  | B. Corporate Social Responsibility |
|  | C. Right to Information |
|  | D. Social Audit |
|  | E. Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets |

Which of the following statements is not true of the findings of the India Rural Finance Access Survey (RFAS) conducted by the World Bank?

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|  | A. 87% of rural poor have no access to formal finance |
|  | B. 50% of the poorest households do not even have a bank account |
|  | C. 56% of the poor depend on moneylenders |
|  | D. 8% of the poor depend on landlords for credit needs |
|  | E. High transaction costs make banking unattractive for the poor |

Which of the following statements is not a fair representation of acclaimed management guru, C K Prahaladâ€™s latest book, The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid?

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|  | A. The poor are an untapped market |
|  | B. Inclusive capitalism is the key |
|  | C. The worldâ€™s most exciting and fastest growing market is found at the bottom of the social pyramid |
|  | D. The poor should be treated as wards of the state. |
|  | E. Marketing strategy should be reoriented to adopt an inclusive approach |

Which of the following statements is not true of biodiversity of rainforests, sustainable forest management, and global warming?

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|  | A. The main cause of global warming is carbon which is absorbed by forests. |
|  | B. The USA has refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol. |
|  | C. â€œOutsourcing of treesâ€ which will give carbon points to western countries had made its debut in India. |
|  | D. The motto of the developing world is â€œwe pollute, your forests absorbâ€. |
|  | E. 25% of the pharmaceutical drugs in western medicine have been sourced from rainforests. |

Which of the following statements is not true of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS)?

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|  | A. It is a food for work programme |
|  | B. It is restricted at present only to the rural poor |
|  | C. It provides for work throughout the year |
|  | D. It covers only casual manual labour |
|  | E. The programme aims at creating assets in the rural areas |

What do you understand by Access Deficit Charges?

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|  | A. Payment made by government to encourage non-conventional energy sources |
|  | B. An allowance to government employees for working in remote inaccessible areas |
|  | C. A special levy imposed to be used for development of the North-East |
|  | D. A penalty for not revealing information under Right to Information Act |
|  | E. A levy paid by private telecom operators to BSNL for rural telephony |

What percentage of funds credited in the National Investment Fund [NIF] are to be utilised to finance social sector schemes of the Union Government?

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|  | A. 25% |
|  | B. 50% |
|  | C. 75% |
|  | D. 60% |
|  | E. 15% |

Who of the following is the author of The Hungry Tide, a novel about the grim battle of survival between man and beast in the Sunderbans mangroves?

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|  | A. Taslima Nasreen |
|  | B. Shashi Tharoor |
|  | C. Amitav Ghosh |
|  | D. Mahasweta Dev |
|  | E. Indira Goswami |

n which of the following states will you find the annual mass nesting of the endangered Olive Ridley turtles?

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|  | A. Kerala |
|  | B. Tamil Nadu |
|  | C. West Bengal |
|  | D. Orissa |
|  | E. Andhra Pradesh |

The Indus Project, which aims to eradicate child labour in 20 districts, was launched in 2004 in collaboration with

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|  | A. Asian Development Bank |
|  | B. UNICEF |
|  | C. International Labour Organisation |
|  | D. MV Foundation |
|  | E. Bandu Vimukti Morcha |

What is the target set by the Union Government for Indiaâ€™s share in world trade by 2009?

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|  | A. 2.5% |
|  | B. 1.2% |
|  | C. 1.5% |
|  | D. 2% |
|  | E. 1.8% |

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) promises 100 days of guaranteed employment at minimum wage. In this context, the concept of full employment means

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|  | A. 240 days |
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|  | C. 270 days |
|  | D. 260 days |
|  | E. 280 days |

Which of the following countries has the largest postal networks in the world?

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|  | A. Russia |
|  | B. U.S. |
|  | C. China |
|  | D. Indonesia |
|  | E. India |

Where is the National Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. located?

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|  | A. Ahmedabad |
|  | B. Pune |
|  | C. Ghaziabad |
|  | D. Nagpur |
|  | E. Guwahati |