



Explanation:

- S2: A minimum of **10 job seekers** shall apply to sanction a new work under MGNREGA
- S1: The **Gram Panchayat after due verification will issue a Job Card**. The Job Card will bear the photograph of all adult members of the household willing to work under MGNREGA and is free of cost
- S3: At least **one-third beneficiaries** shall be **women** who have registered and requested work under the scheme.
- Refer: more salient features: <https://vikaspedia.in/social-welfare/rural-poverty-alleviation-1/schemes/faqs-on-mgnrega/mahatma-gandhi-national-rural-employment-guarantee-act>

Refer: <https://www.insightsonindia.com/2021/06/04/caste-categories-for-nregs-pay/>

33. The “Balfour Declaration” is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Palestine
- (c) Columbia
- (d) Yemen

Ans: (b)

Explanation:

- **The Balfour Declaration** was issued after Britain gained control with the aim of establishing **a home for the Jews in Palestine**. However during that period the Arabs were in majority in Palestine.

Refer: <https://www.insightsonindia.com/2021/06/04/palestine-flays-indias-abstention-from-vote/>

34. Consider the following statements:

1. Venus is the second planet from the sun.
  2. Venus is one of just two planets that rotate from east to west.
  3. Recently, SpaceX announced ‘Davinci+’ and ‘Veritas’ mission to Venus.
- Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)

Explanation:

- S1: Venus is **the second planet from the sun** and **the hottest planet in the solar system** with a surface temperature of 500C – high enough to melt lead.
- S2: Venus is one of just two planets that rotate from east to west. Only Venus and Uranus have this “backwards” rotation.
- S3: NASA has announced two new missions (‘Davinci+’ and ‘Veritas’) to Venus.

Refer: <https://www.insightsonindia.com/2021/06/04/nasa-announces-two-new-missions-to-venus/>

35. With reference to historic missions to Venus, which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?