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23. Which of the following initiatives aim to enhance digital inclusion in India?

- I. BharatNet
- II. Digital India
- III. PMGDISHA
- IV. CSCs

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) I and IV only
- (2) I, III, and IV only
- (3) II and IV only
- (4) III and IV only

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

Statement I (Correct): BharatNet is a project aimed at providing high-speed digital connectivity to rural areas.
Statement II (Incorrect): Digital India is a broader initiative not specifically targeted in the question focused on inclusion strategies mentioned.
Statement III (Correct): PMGDISHA focuses on imparting digital literacy to rural and underserved communities.
Statement IV (Correct): Common Service Centers (CSCs) facilitate access to essential public utility services, social welfare schemes, healthcare, financial, education, and agriculture services.
Hence, the correct answer is Option (2).

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24. Which practices are indicative of digital authoritarianism?

- I. Internet censorship
- II. Internet shutdowns
- III. Content moderation
- IV. Data throttling

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) I and III only
- (2) II and IV only
- (3) I, II, and IV only
- (4) All of the above

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

Statement I (Incorrect): While internet censorship can be a part of authoritarian practices, it is not specified in the focus of the question on shutdowns and throttling.
Statement II (Correct): Internet shutdowns are a direct form of digital control often used by authoritarian regimes to limit communication.
Statement III (Incorrect): Content moderation can be a part of normal operations for many platforms and does not directly indicate authoritarian practices.
Statement IV (Correct): Throttling, or intentionally slowing down the internet, is another method used to control or restrict access to information.
Hence, the correct answer is Option (2).

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25. Which of the following are associated with computational propaganda?

- I. Social bots
- II. Fake news
- III. Astroturfing
- IV. Algorithmic trading

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) I and II only

- (2) I and III only
- (3) II and IV only
- (4) All of the above

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

Statement I (Correct): Social bots are automated accounts that can be used to amplify or generate misleading information or propaganda.

Statement II (Incorrect): Fake news is a related concept but not specified under the study of computational propaganda by Philip N. Howard.

Statement III (Correct): Astroturfing involves creating an illusion of widespread grassroots support that is actually controlled by a few entities, a common technique in computational propaganda.

Statement IV (Incorrect): Algorithmic trading pertains to finance and has no direct relation to computational propaganda.

Hence, the correct answer is Option (2).