

Q.1) Recently a group of scientists discovered a new species of a Macaque in Arunachal Pradesh. Consider the following statements with respect to Macaque

1. The Macaques are the most widespread primate genus, ranging from Japan to the Indian subcontinent.
2. Macaques are the distant relatives of Langurs and Gibbons.
3. The famous lion tailed macaque is endemic to Western Ghats and is declared endangered as per IUCN red list.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

- Aside from humans (genus Homo), the macaques are the most widespread primate genus, ranging from Japan to the Indian subcontinent.
- Macaques, which are distant cousins of langurs and gibbons. Click [here](#) to know extensively about Macaque.
- Lion tailed Macaque is endemic to western Ghats. They are endangered and they mostly avoid human presence and they do not live, feed or travel through plantations.
- They live in southeast India in pockets of evergreen forests, called shoals, in the Western Ghats range. Today they live only in mountain forests scattered across three Indian states.
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Q.2) Recently Chief Justice of India made an appeal to central government to increase the number of judges and also a suggestion to bring retired judges on temporary basis to fill the vacancies. With respect to this consider the following statements

1. At any time CJI can appoint a retired judge of SC or HC on temporary basis.
2. Before appointing the retired judges the CJI must consult President on this regard.
3. Although the appointed judge has all the powers and privileges of SC judge he will not otherwise be deemed to be judge of SC.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.2) Solution (d)

- At any time CJI can appoint a retired judge of SC or HC on temporary basis. The consent of the of the retired judge is also necessary for such appointment. However before appointing the retired judges the CJI must consult president on this regard. Although the appointed

judge has all the powers and privileges of SC judge he will not otherwise be deemed to be judge of SC. And such a judge is entitled to such allowances as the president may determine.

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Q.3) The president of India recently witnessed celebrations of Khongjam day. Consider the following statement with respect to Khongjam day.

1. Khongjam day marks the occasion of battle of Khongjam which was fought in the year 1891 between British and people of Manipur.
2. It is the last battle fought by the British on Indian soil.
3. With this battle Manipur became the last nation to come under British Empire.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.3) Solution (b)

- Khongjom was hallowed ground on which the last battle on Indian soil was fought in 1891 against British Imperialists.
- Manipur became the last nation in the Indian Sub-continent to come under the British Empire after the battle. The British annexation of princely states that began with the battle of Plassey in 1757 ended with the battle of Khongjom.
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Q.4) Recently Copper plate dating back to times of Harsha and Pulakesin 2 was found. Consider the following statements with respect to Pulakesin 2.

1. Pulakesin 2 ruled from Chalukyan capital of Badami.
2. Pulakesin 2 defeated the army of Harsha in 618-619 AD.
3. The copper plate also shows that the ruler made lands grants known as Nivarthanas' to Brahmins (Vedic scholars).

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Q.4) Solution (d)

- Pulakeshin, who ruled from the Chalukyan capital of Badami, challenged Harsha's conquests. The former had established himself as 'lord paramount' of the south, as Harsha had of the north. Unwilling to tolerate the existence of a powerful rival in the south, Harsha had marched from Kanauj with a huge force. Such was Pulakeshin's efficiency in guarding the passes of the Narmada that Harsha was compelled to accept the river as the demarcation and retire from the battlefield after losing most of his elephant force.

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- It can be ascertained that pulakeshin defeated harsha in the winter of 618-619 AD.
- The plate further records the grant of 50 'nivarthanas' (a unit of land) by Pulakeshin from the village Brahmana-Vataviya (in modern-day Paithan Taluka of Aurangabad) to a Vedic scholar, Nagasharma.
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Q.5) Recently CORPAT was in news. Consider the following statements with respect to CORPAT.

1. CORPAT, also known as coordinated patrol conducted between the navies of India and Malaysia.
2. It was started in 2005 and is held every year.

Select the correct option

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Q.) Solution (d)

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- CORPAT is between India and Thailand.
- The two navies of India and Thailand have been carrying out CORPATs along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) **twice a year since 2005**, with the aim of keeping this vital part of the Indian Ocean Region safe and secure for commercial shipping and international trade.