

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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Q.1) Consider the following statements about Austria

1. It is a land locked country
2. It is bordered by Slovakia, Slovenia and Hungary

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.1) Solution (c)

It is a federal republic and a landlocked country in Central Europe. It is bordered by the Czech Republic and Germany to the north, Hungary and Slovakia to the east, Slovenia and Italy to the south, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the west.



In News - http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/india-and-austria-sign-a-protocol-amending-the-india-austria-double-117020601021_1.html

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Q.2) Houthi rebels are from

- a) Yemen
- b) Saud Arabia
- c) Iran
- d) Iraq

Q.2) Solution (a)

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/US-imposes-new-sanctions-on-Iran/article17192140.ece>

Q.3) Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) was launched by the state got of

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Odisha
- d) Jharkhand

Q.3) Solution (b)

Assam Government has launched Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) to bring about paradigm shift towards holistic development of villages in the state.

The scheme is a mega mission aimed at bringing in revolutionary changes by doubling the farm income in the State. As per Situation Assessment Survey (period from 2002-03 to 2012-13), the farm income in Assam was recorded only 0.88% as against national average of 5.2%.

The scheme has financial outlay of Rs. 30,000 crore and will be implemented in all the villages in Assam in the next five years culminating in 2021-22.

It will be implemented through 'saturation model' by covering each revenue village through focused interventions in direct economic activities, logistic support including market linkages, and community support.

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Q.4) Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Wheat rusts spread rapidly over long distances by wind
2. TTTTF is the most recently identified race of stem rust
3. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a member of Borlaug Global Rust Initiative (BGRI)

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.4) Solution (d)

Wheat rust, a family of fungal diseases that can cause crop losses of up to 100 percent in untreated susceptible wheats, is making further advances in Europe, Africa and Asia, according to two new studies produced by scientists in collaboration with FAO.

The reports, highlighted in the journal Nature following their publication by Aarhus University and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), show the emergence of new races of both yellow rust and stem rust in various regions of the world in 2016.

Wheat rusts spread rapidly over long distances by wind. If not detected and treated on time, they can turn a healthy looking crop, only weeks away from harvest, into a tangle of yellow leaves, black stems and shriveled grains.

On the Italian island of Sicily, a new race of the stem rust pathogen –called TTTTF– hit several thousands of hectares of durum wheat in 2016, causing the largest stem rust outbreak that Europe has seen in decades. Experience with similar races suggests that bread wheat varieties may also be susceptible to the new race.

TTTTF is the most recently identified race of stem rust. Without proper control, researchers caution, it could soon spread over long distances along the Mediterranean basin and the Adriatic coast.

In News - <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/469467/icode/>

Borlaug Global Rust Initiative (BGRI) - <http://globalrust.org/about-bgri>

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Q.5) Cholanaickan tribe primarily inhabit the state of

- a) Odisha
- b) Kerala
- c) Mizoram
- d) Jharkhand

Q.5) Solution (b)

The Cholanaickans are an ethnic group of India. They primarily inhabit the southern Kerala State, especially Silent Valley National Park, and are one of the last remaining hunter-gatherer tribes of the region. The Cholanaickans speak the Cholanaickan language, which belongs to the Dravidian family.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/Tribe-offers-clues-to-hidden-wonders-of-medicinal-plant/article17195140.ece>

