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Q.1) The Galápagos Islands is a volcanic archipelago in the

- a) Indian Ocean
- b) Pacific Ocean
- c) Atlantic Ocean
- d) Arctic Ocean

Q.1) Solution (b)

The Galápagos Islands are an archipelago of volcanic islands distributed on either side of the Equator in the Pacific Ocean surrounding the centre of the Western Hemisphere, 906 km (563 mi) west of continental Ecuador, of which they are a part.

The Galápagos Islands and their surrounding waters form the Galápagos Province of Ecuador, the Galápagos National Park, and the Galápagos Marine Reserve. The principal language on the islands is Spanish.

In News - <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/flora-fauna/Exploits-of-Diego-the-tortoise-save-Galapagos-species/articleshow/54340536.cms>

Q.2) The Great Indian Bustard is the state bird of

- a) Odisha
- b) Kerala
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Karnataka

Q.2) Solution (c)

List of Indian State Birds - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Indian_state_birds

In News - <http://www.livemint.com/Science/of0pxldFqlbi0zImgeLpFM/Dog-census-to-save-Great-India-Bustard-in-Thar-region.html>

Q.3) 'Biswa Bidhya Sangraha' is concerned with which of the following personalities

- a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- b) Rabindranath Tagore
- c) Jyotirindranath Tagore

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d) Swami Vivekananda

Q.3) Solution (b)

A century ago, Rabindranath Tagore had drawn up a blueprint for a mass education series in the form of thin handy publications that covered everything that one had to know under the umbrella of general knowledge.

From science, history, geography, art, industry and culture to folklores, the scope of the series was wide. It was christened 'Biswa Bidya Sangraha' and was published in 135 volumes. For decades, the collection -replete with original writings of doyens of that era - remained out of print. VisvaBharati has now decided to bring all of them back.

In News - <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/V-B-to-revive-100-year-old-mass-education-series-by-Tagore/articleshow/54320420.cms>

Q.4) Triclosan was in news recently. It is used in

1. Toothpaste
2. Wall paint
3. Talcum powder
4. Handwash

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 3
- b) 1,3 and 4
- c) 1 and 4
- d) All of the above

Q.4) Solution (d)

Triclosan, an antimicrobial drug is being used in toothpaste, hand wash, talcum powder, wall paint etc.

Indiscriminate usage of antimicrobial agents like triclosan has led the development of resistance in the bacteria and also removes useful commensal bacteria which help to ward off infection



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In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/watch-what-you-put-on-your-hands/article9094811.ece>

Q.5) "Giant Sea Wall" is often in news. Which country is planning to develop this?

- a) North Korea
- b) China
- c) Indonesia
- d) Japan

Q.5) Solution (c)

In its quest to enhance flood prevention, foster urban development and - generally - become a more prestigious metropolis, the Jakarta government and Indonesian central government have agreed to start the realization of the National Capital Integrated Coastal Development (NCICD) masterplan, better known as the Giant Sea Wall, located in the bay just north of Jakarta (the capital city of Indonesia). The ground breaking ceremony for this mega-project was conducted in October 2014. The Netherlands and Indonesia join hands to construct the project.

In News: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/indonesia-to-resume-work-on-giant-sea-wall-to-save-sinking-jakarta/article9106505.ece>

