

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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Q.1) With reference to ochre coloured pottery (OCP) culture, consider the following statements:

1. This culture flourished in upper Gangetic plains
2. The OCP people used copper tools but do not have the knowledge of cultivation

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

Ochre Coloured Pottery (OCP) culture flourished in the upper Gangetic plains. This culture is identified by the use of pottery with bright red slip and painted in black. This pottery has been found all over upper Gangetic plains. The OCP people used copper tools and cultivated rice, barley, gram and khaseri.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/copper-axes-point-to-an-ancient-culture-story/article17383808.ece?homepage=true>

Q.2) Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

Name of the Mountain Range -- Location in the Himalayas

1. Dhauladhar Range -- Himachal Pradesh
2. Kumaon Range -- Uttarakhand
3. Zaskar Range -- Kashmir
4. Singalila Range -- Arunachal Pradesh

Select the correct code:

- a) 1, 2 and 4
- b) 1, 2 and 3
- c) 2, 3 and 4
- d) All of the above

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Q.2) Solution (b)

The Singalila Ridge is a north-south mountain ridge running from northwestern West Bengal through Sikkim in the Indian part of the Himalayas. The district of Ilam in Nepal falls on the western part of this ridge.

The ridge separates mountain ranges of West Bengal from other Himalayan ranges to its west.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-oman-to-hold-counterterror-exercises/article17384866.ece>

Q.3) 'Al-Nagah', a joint defence exercise is conducted between

- a) Oman and Saudi Arabia
- b) India and Oman
- c) Oman and Iraq
- d) Egypt Morocco and Algeria

Q.3) Solution (b)

"Indo-Oman Joint Army Exercise 'AL NAGAH-II 2017' will be conducted between the Indian and Oman Army from 6 to 19 March in the Dhauladhar Ranges at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.

This is the second joint military exercise between the two countries which have a history of extensive cooperation in the defence arena, the first one was held in Oman in January 2015

In News - <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/indo-oman-joint-military-exercise-al-nagah-ii-to-begin-from-march-6/articleshow/57395849.cms>

Q.4) Consider the following statements about Annual Survey of India's City-Systems (ASICS)

1. It is conducted by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy
2. Pune has topped in city governance ranking of the ASICS 2016

Select the correct statements

- a) Only 1

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

Thiruvananthapuram, capital of Kerala has topped in city governance ranking of the Annual Survey of India's City Systems (ASICS) 2016 conducted by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.

The ASICS is designed to help city leaders pin point issues in urban governance in their cities and help them chalk out a reform roadmap to make them more livable. It ranks cities in the scale of 0 to 10 scale. The better scores of city in the survey, indicates it will be able to deliver better quality of life to citizens over the medium and long-term. The major parameters of the survey included urban capacities and resources, urban planning and design, empowered and legitimate political representation, and transparency, accountability and participation.

2016 Report - <http://www.janaagraha.org/reports/ASICS-2016.pdf>

In News -

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/vT8OIU7m1zEOrnkMyTEOiK/Thiruvananthapuram-tops-citywide-urban-governance-survey.html>

Q.5) Consider the following statements about East Coast Economic Corridor

1. It is India's first coastal economic corridor along eastern coast
2. It aligns with port-led industrialisation under Sagarmala initiative and Act East Policy by linking domestic companies with vibrant global production networks of East and Southeast Asia
3. It is funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Select the correct statements

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

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Q.5) Solution (d)

ECEC is India's first coastal economic corridor along eastern coast. It stretches about 2,500 kms from Kolkata (West Bengal) in the north to Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu) in the south. It will connect long eastern coastline and strategically located ports with the multiple international gateways to connect India with global value chains (GVCs) in East and Southeast Asia. It supports Union Government's flagship Make in India campaign, which aims to boost manufacturing by attracting foreign investment and facilitating the establishment of manufacturing hubs. ECEC also aligns with port-led industrialisation under Sagarmala initiative and Act East Policy by linking domestic companies with vibrant global production networks of East and Southeast Asia.

In News - <http://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/the-asian-development-bank-signs-375-million-in-loans-to-approve-2500-km-economic-corridor/569743/>

