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Q.1) Doklam is a disputed territory claimed by

- a) China and Nepal
- b) Bhutan and China
- c) India and Pakistan
- d) Nepal and Bhutan

Q.1) Solution (b)

It is a narrow plateau lying in the tri-junction of Bhutan, China and India. It is a disputed territory claimed by both Bhutan and China. It is situated roughly 15 kilometers from the Nathu La pass that separates India and China. Doklam is part of the Chumbi Valley that lies primarily in Tibet. Doka La is a pass connecting the Indian state of Sikkim with Tibet in China.

Source: 2017 Doka La China-India stand-off is in news recently.

Q.2) Consider the following statements about Kaleshwaram project

1. It is a Lift Irrigation Project
2. It is located in Andhra Pradesh
3. It has the longest tunnel to carry water in Asia, running up to 81 km

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (c)

The Project

- In 2007, when Andhra Pradesh was not divided Pranahitha-Chevella Lift Irrigation Scheme taken up to utilise the water of Pranhita tributary of Godavari river.
- After the formation of Telangana in 2014, the present government redesigned the project.
- The reason they stated for doing it was that the original plan had too many environmental obstacles and had very low water storage provision.

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- After conducting Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) survey, the government separated the project into two.
- The original component serving the Adilabad area was called the Pranahitha project.
- The rest was renamed as Kaleshwaram by redesigning the head works, storage capacity and the canal system.
- The Kaleshwaram project has provision for the storage of about 148 tmc ft with plans of utilising 180 tmc ft by lifting at least 2 tmc ft water every day for 90 flood days.

Importance

- It has the longest tunnel to carry water in Asia - 81 km between the Yellampally barrage and the Mallannasagar reservoir.
- It has the estimated cost of Rs.80,500 crore, the costliest irrigation project to be taken up by any State.
- The project is designed to irrigate around 7.4 lakh hectares lands.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/in-telangana-a-unique-irrigation-project/article19194414.ece>

Q.3) Consider the following statement about 'Tirupati Varaha'

1. It is the product of cross breeding between indigenous pigs and Large White Yorkshire (LWY)
2. It is developed by All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP), a unit of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

The All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Pigs, executed in the College of Veterinary Science here since 1971, has successfully conducted the cross breeding of indigenous pigs and Large White Yorkshire (LWY) for efficiency of feed conversion, production and reproduction.

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The AICRP, a unit of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), developed the LWY pig during 1971-80, indigenous breed during 1981-87 and took up cross breeding during 1987-2007. For the next 10 years, the stability of the cross breed was tested for 21 generations.

It is the new cross-bred pig which suits the agro-climatic conditions of Andhra Pradesh.

The Tirupati Varaha is of 75% LWY and 25% indigenous inheritance.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/new-cross-bred-pig-to-hit-market-today/article19190742.ece>

Q.4) Consider the following statements about 'Aaykar Setu'

1. It is developed by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) under Project SAKSHAM
2. It will allow entities track TDS, pay taxes, apply for permanent account number (PAN) and help people link their 12-digit Aadhaar with PAN card

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (b)

FM launched a new desktop service and a corresponding Android-based application 'Aaykar Setu' that will allow entities track TDS, pay taxes and apply for permanent account number (PAN). It will also help people link their 12-digit Aadhaar with PAN card.

This e-initiative would help in reducing physical interface between assesses and tax assessing authorities and thereby minimising the chances of any tax harassment.

This app is in the series of actions taken by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to provide better taxpayer services and reduce grievances. It is also a step by the Income Tax department to directly communicate with the taxpayers on multiple informative and useful tax services aimed at providing tax information at their fingertips.

Aaykar Setu compiles various tax tools, live chat facility, dynamic updates, and important links to various processes within the Income Tax Department in a single module. The taxpayers will also be able to receive regular updates regarding important tax dates, forms

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and notifications on mobile numbers registered with the ITD. All taxpayers who wish to receive such SMS alerts need to register their mobile numbers in the Aaykar Setu module.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=167286>

Q.5) Consider the following statements about INAM-Pro+

1. It is designed by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL)
2. It will include A to Z of construction materials, equipment/machinery and services

Select the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution (c)

INAM-Pro+ is an upgraded version of INAM-Pro, the web portal launched by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

INAM Pro is a common platform to bring cement buyers and sellers together and made it very convenient for the buyers to procure cement at reasonable rates in a transparent manner.

The revamped website, INAM-Pro+, the first of its kind in the country, will include the A to Z of construction materials, equipment/machinery and services, which would include purchase/hiring/lease of new or used products and services in various domains, including construction materials, infrastructure machinery, intelligent transport system, road furniture and haulage vehicles, among others.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=163320>