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Q.1) Status of classical languages has been given to which of the following languages?

- 1. Marathi
- 2. Kannada
- 3. Odia

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) Only 3

Q.1) Solution (b)

As of now, six languages i.e. Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia and Sanskrit have been given the status of classical languages.

Source: <u>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/classical-</u> <u>language-status-to-marathi-under-active-consideration-</u> <u>government/articleshow/62327549.cms</u>

Q.2) Consider the following statements Bhima Koregaon battle

- 1. It was one of the battles of Second Anglo-Maratha War
- 2. The Peshwa faction was led by Peshwa Baji Rao II in the battle

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (b)

The Battle of Koregaon was fought on 1 January 1818 between the British East India Company and the Peshwa faction of the Maratha Confederacy, at Koregaon Bhima. A 28,000-strong force led by Peshwa Baji Rao II intended to attack Pune, which was held by

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the British. On their way, they were met by an 800-strong Company force that was on its way to reinforce the British troops in Pune.

It was during the Third Anglo-Maratha War (1817–1818).

Source: <u>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/battle-over-a-</u> 200-year-old-battle-was-bhima-koregaon-really-a-brahmin-dalittussle/articleshow/62349485.cms

Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'Humpback Whale'.

- 1. They are sexually dimorphic in nature
- 2. They have been listed as endangered in IUCN red list

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (a)

IUCN Status – Least Concern

It is a species of baleen whale.

Humpback whales are sexually dimorphic, with females tending to be slightly longer than males. Their flippers are extremely long, about one-third of their total body length. These whales have a small dorsal fin that can be shaped like a small hump or a triangular shaped fin. Humpback whale flukes have a variable colour and have a serrated or a toothed edge. They have bumps on their heads and lower jaws that have small stiff hairs.

Source: <u>http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/humpback-whale-in-kerala/article22353403.ece</u>

Q.4) The Prime Minister of India, at the time of his/ her appointment

a) Need not necessarily be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament but must become a member of one of the Houses within six months

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- b) Need not necessarily be a member of one of the Houses of the Parliament but must become a member of the Lok Sabha within six months
- c) Must be a member of one of the Houses of the parliament
- d) Must be a member of the Lok Sabha

Q.4) Solution (a)

To be a PM a person need not be an MP but he has to become one within 6 months of being appointed or else his appointment become void.

Q.5) A deadlock between the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha calls for a joint sitting of the parliament during the passage of

- 1. Money Bill
- 2. Constitution Amendment Bill

Select the correct code:

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

Q.5) Solution (d)

Not all bills can be referred to a joint sitting of Parliament. There are two exceptions.

Money Bill

 Under the Constitution of India, money bills require approval of the Lok Sabha only. Rajya Sabha can make recommendations to Lok Sabha, which it is not required to accept. Even if Rajya Sabha doesn't pass a money bill within 14 days, it is deemed to have been passed by both the Houses of Parliament after expiry of the above period. Therefore, a requirement to summon a joint session can never arise in the case of money bill.

Constitution Amendment Bill

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• Article 368 of Indian constitution require that constitution of India can be amended by both houses of parliament by 2/3 majority. In case of disagreement between both houses, there is no provision to summon joint session of parliament.

