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Q.1) 'Pamir Knot' is the junction of which of the following ranges?

1. Karakoram
2. Kunlun
3. Tien Shan

Select the correct code:

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

Q.1) Solution (d)

The Pamir Mountains, or the Pamirs, are a mountain range in Central Asia at the junction of the Himalayas with the Tian Shan, Karakoram, Kunlun, Hindu Kush, Suleman and Hindu Raj ranges. They are among the world's highest mountains.

Read More - <https://www.britannica.com/place/Pamirs>

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/a-corner-of-afghanistan-untouched-by-taliban/article22708431.ece>

Q.2) Duqm Port is located in

- a) Jordan
- b) Yemen
- c) UAE
- d) Oman

Q.2) Solution (d)

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/pm-modis-oman-visit-navy-can-now-access-duqm-port/articleshow/62894357.cms>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC)

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1. It is a statutory body
2. Bibek Debroy is the chairman of the current EAC

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (b)

It is a non-constitutional and non-statutory, non-permanent and independent body, constituted with the prime and sole aim to analyse all critical issues, economic or otherwise, referred to it by the prime minister and advising him thereon. Its mandate is to give advice to the prime minister on economic matters such as inflation, GDP changes, export-import changes, creating a supporting environment for increased trade and commerce.

Current Members

- Niti Aayog member Bibek Debroy - the chairman of the Council
- Niti Aayog's principal advisor and former Finance Secretary Ratan Watal as member-secretary
- Economist Surjit Bhalla
- National Institute of Public Finance and Policy director Rathin Roy
- Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research professor Ashima Goyal

Source: <http://www.financialexpress.com/economy/no-good-data-on-jobs-available-currently-pmeac-member-bibek-debroy/1060007/>

Q.4) Consider the following statements about 'Indo-HCM'

1. It is developed by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI)
2. It is India's first ever Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) to guide road engineers and policy makers about road expansion

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2

- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.4) Solution (c)

The manual known as 'Indo-HCM' has been developed by CSIR-CRRI on the basis of an extensive, country-wide study of the traffic characteristics on different categories of roads like single lane, two-lane, multi-lane urban roads, inter-urban highways and expressways and the associated intersections on these roads.

The study involved seven academic institutions including IIT-Roorkee, Mumbai and Guwahati, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, Indian Institute of Engineering and Science and Technology, Shibpur, Sardar Vallabhai Patel National Institute of Technology, Surat and Anna University, Chennai.

The manual lays down guidelines for when and how to expand or manage different types of roads and their intersections and the level of services to be put in place. It has been developed based on the unique nature and diversity of traffic on Indian roads.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/gadkari-releases-indias-first-highway-capacity-manual/articleshow/62889742.cms>

Q.5) With reference to 'Changpa' community of India, consider the following statements

- a) They live mainly in the State of Uttarakhand
- b) They rear the Pashmina goats that yield fine wool
- c) They are kept in the category of Scheduled Tribes

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Q.5) Solution (b)

The Changpa or Champa are a semi-nomadic Tibetan people found mainly in the Changtang in Ladakh and in Jammu and Kashmir. A smaller number resides in the western regions of the Tibet Autonomous Region and were partially relocated for the establishment of the

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Changtang Nature Reserve. As of 1989 there were half a million nomads living in the Changtang area.

For many Changpas, rearing of animals, and consuming and selling their produce (milk and its products, hair and meat) is the only - means of livelihood.

The Changpas rear the highly pedigreed and prized Changra goats (*Capra Hircus*) that yield the rare Pashmina (Cashmere) fibre. The Changra goats are not raised for their meat but for their fibre (pashm). The pashmina fibre (Pashm in Persian) is the finest fibre of all goat hair.

In 1989 the Changpas were granted official status in India as a Scheduled Tribe.

