

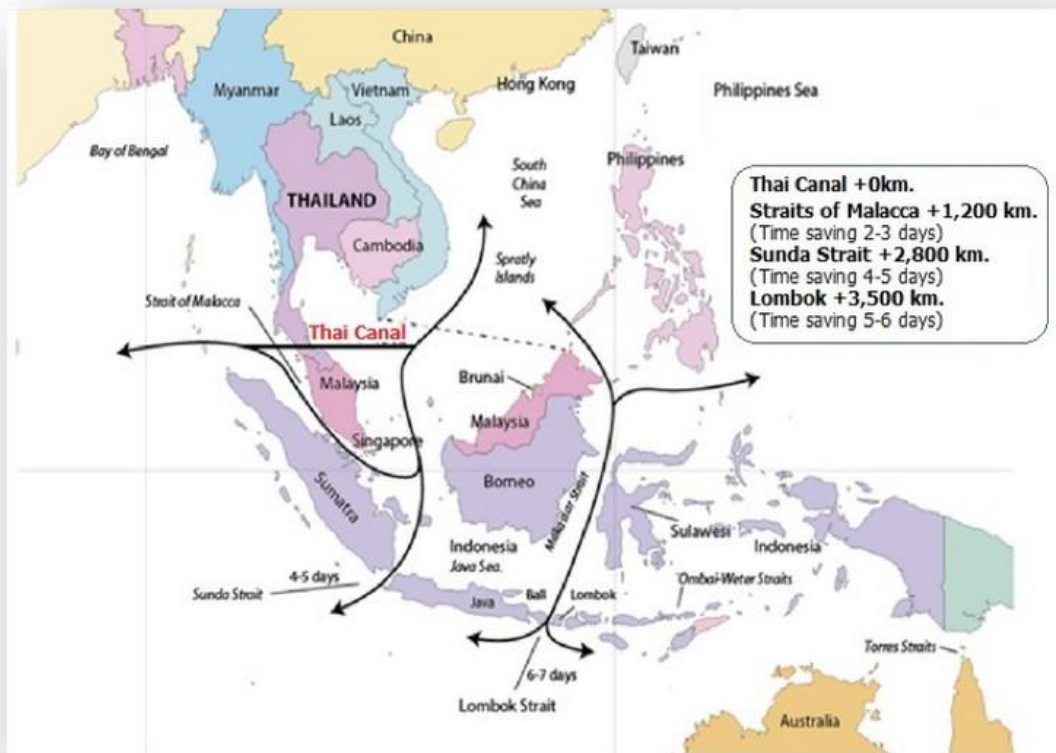
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Q.1) "Kra Canal' will connect which of the following?

- a) Celebes Sea and Sulu Sea
- b) Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea
- c) Yellow Sea and Sea of Japan
- d) Sea of Marmara and Black Sea

Q.1) Solution (b)

The Thai Canal, also known as Kra Canal or Kra Isthmus Canal, refers to proposals for a canal that would connect the Gulf of Thailand with the Andaman Sea across southern Thailand.



Source: <http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/india-s-maritime-vulnerabilities/600139.html>

Q.2) Why was a plant called 'Moringa oleifera' recently mentioned in news?

- a) Its extract is widely used in cosmetics
- b) Its extract is used in the synthesis of pesticides

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- c) It tends to reduce the widely biodiversity in the area in which it grows
- d) It can help effectively purify water in developing nations at a low cost

Q.2) Solution (d)

Proteins from drumstick plant can help provide clean water to millions of people across the world. Moringa oleifera plant, or drumstick, is native to India and grows well in tropical and subtropical climates. In India, it is cultivated for food and oil. Even its leaves are used in some recipes.

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/science/indian-plant-seed-could-bring-clean-water-to-millions/articleshow/64630166.cms>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about WHO's International Classification of Diseases (ICD)

1. It lists both mental and physical disorders
2. Inclusion of a disorder in ICD is a consideration which countries take into account when making decisions on provision of health care and allocation of resources for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

WHO has recognized gaming disorder as mental health condition

- 11th International Classification of Diseases (ICD), WHO has included gaming disorder in its list of mental health conditions.
- Symptoms of depression and anxiety, and somatisation, including behavioural changes and sleep disturbances.
- The WHO defines the disorder as a "persistent or recurrent" behavior pattern of "sufficient severity to result in significant impairment in personal, family, social, educational, occupational or other important areas of functioning."

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- ICD-11 entry on gaming disorder "includes only a clinical description and not prevention and treatment options.

ICD

- The existing version of the ICD was endorsed by the World Health Assembly, the decision-making body of WHO, in May 1990 and currently is used by more than 100 countries around the world. The forthcoming version of the ICD will be published in May 2018.
- Inclusion of a disorder in ICD is a consideration which countries take into account when making decisions on provision of health care and allocation of resources for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.
- The WHO's ICD lists both mental and physical disorders.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/who-releases-new-global-classification-of-diseases/article24196390.ece>

Q.4) 'NABH Nirman' is in sync with which of the following?

- a) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana
- b) UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik)
- c) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
- d) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

Q.4) Solution (b)

NABH (Nextgen Airports For Bharat) Nirman initiative

- It aims to increase the number of Airports and their capacity to handle traffic.
- It proposes to expand it and increase the traffic handling capacity of airports by more than five times the airport capacity to handle a billion trips a year.
- The project aims for construction of 100 new airports in the next 10 years, by investing Rs 2 trillion.

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/airlines/-/aviation/average-airfares-declined-by-18-in-2017-suresh-prabhu/articleshow/64437435.cms>

Q.5) 'Asian Premium' is associated with which of the following organisations?

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- a) WTO
- b) OPEC
- c) WEF
- d) ASEAN

Q.5) Solution (b)

'Asian premium' is being charged by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). It is the extra charge being collected by OPEC countries from Asian countries when selling oil.

Source: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/from-the-viewsroom/scrap-asian-premium-on-oil/article24202983.ece>

