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**Q.1) 'FDI Confidence Index' is published by**

- a) Boston Consulting Group
- b) AT Kearney
- c) McKinsey
- d) Goldman Sachs

**Q.1) Solution (b)**

It is compiled by AT Kearney, an American global management consulting firm. India was ranked 11th in 2018 index.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/india-drops-three-ranks-in-at-kearney-fdi-confidence-index/article24497785.ece>

**Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Pangolins'**

- 1. Their bodies are covered in hard, keratin scales.
- 2. They are now extinct in India
- 3. They are nocturnal in nature

**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)**

Pangolins have large, protective keratin scales covering their skin; they are the only known mammals with this feature. They live in hollow trees or burrows, depending on the species. Pangolins are nocturnal, and their diet consists of mainly ants and termites, which they capture using their long tongues.

Indian Pangolin is native to India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Source: [https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/odisha-police-launches-drive-to-bust-pangolin-smuggling-racket-118072200230\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/odisha-police-launches-drive-to-bust-pangolin-smuggling-racket-118072200230_1.html)

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**Q.3) Consider the following statements about Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)**

1. It is an intergovernmental initiative aimed at providing anyone, anywhere, open access to data about all types of life on Earth.
2. India is a voting participant in the GBIF

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.3) Solution (a)**

GBIF is an intergovernmental initiative, and its members—formally known as ‘Participants’—consist of countries, economies and international organizations collaborating to advance free and open access to biodiversity data.

India is not a voting participant, but an associate country participant. -

<https://www.gbif.org/the-gbif-network>

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/gaps-in-indias-digital-accessible-information-on-bird-occurrence/article24483263.ece>

**Q.4) ‘K9 VAJRA-T’, which was recently in news is a**

- a) Reusable Launch Vehicle
- b) Artillery Gun from South Korea
- c) Newly Commissioned Frigate by Indian Navy
- d) Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile

**Q.4) Solution (b)**

It is 155mm/52 calibre self-propelled artillery gun system which is developed by Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Defence & Aerospace division and a South Korea based Defence Company.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/army-to-get-artillery-guns-from-september/article24488972.ece>

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Q.5) 'Laos' borders with which of the following countries?

1. Myanmar
2. Thailand
3. Cambodia
4. China

Select the correct statements

- a) 1, 2 and 3
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- d) 1, 2 and 4

Q.5) Solution (d)

