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Q.1) 'Pulikali' is a recreational folk art from which of the following states?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Odisha
- d) West Bengal

Q.1) Solution (b)

It is a recreational folk art from the state of Kerala. It is performed by trained artists to entertain people on the occasion of Onam, an annual harvest festival.

On the fourth day of Onam celebrations (Nalaam Onam), performers painted like tigers and hunters in bright yellow, red, and black dance to the beats of instruments like Udukku and Thakil. Literal meaning of Pulikkali is the 'play of the tigers' hence the performance revolve around the theme of tiger hunting.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/endangered-pulikali-needs-a-boost/article24420584.ece>

Q.2) 'Rakhine State' of Myanmar is bordered which of the following states?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Manipur
- c) Mizoram
- d) None of the above

Q.2) Solution (d)

Rakhine is a state in Myanmar. It does not border India.



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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/india-to-help-repatriate-rohingya/article24423639.ece>

Q.3) 'Thiourea' is/can be used in which of the following?

1. Insect Growth Regulator
2. Antifungal Activity
3. Minimise negative effect of salt stress

Select the correct code:

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

Q.3) Solution (d)

Thioureas have versatile application in field of agriculture. These are used as to control the growth of insects, effect plant growth and seed germination, as fungicide and herbicide.

Thiourea is used to minimise bad effects of salt stress. Thiourea is a good redox stabiliser as it scavenges multiple reactive oxygen species including hydrogen peroxide.

It is structurally similar to urea, except that the oxygen atom is replaced by a sulfur atom, but the properties of urea and thiourea differ significantly.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/scientists-decode-how-mustard-plants-tolerate-salt/article24420309.ece>

Q.4) 'TPOXX' was in news recently. It is concerned with

- a) Quantum Computing
- b) Small Pox
- c) Origami 3D Printing
- d) Machine Learning

Q.4) Solution (b)

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TPOXX (tecovirimat) is a small-molecule antiviral treatment for smallpox.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/health/fda-okays-first-drug-tpoxx-to-treat-smallpox-in-case-of-terror-attack-118071400105_1.html

Q.5) Afzal Amanullah Committee was tasked with

- a) Education Policy
- b) Haj Policy
- c) Triple Talaq
- d) Uniform Civil Code

Q.5) Solution (b)

Afzal Amanullah Committee

- To study the ways to improve India's Haj policy and look into the issue of subsidy to the pilgrimage in light of a 2012 Supreme Court order on gradually reducing and abolishing it by 2022.
- A new Haj policy, formulated by a committee headed by former bureaucrat Afzal Amanullah had also suggested that women Hajjis be allowed to perform the pilgrimage without male escort, or mehram.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/website-app-to-make-haj-pilgrimage-easier-this-year/article24427765.ece>

