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Q.1) It was believed that in order to avoid another political crisis like 1857, a vent was required to channelize the discontent of Indians. For this, the retired Civil Servant A O Hume, founder the Indian National Congress. This theory is called:

- a) Political Theory of India
- b) Lightening Conductor theory
- c) Energy Vent Theory
- d) Safety Valve Theory

Q.1) Solution (d)

The concept of Safety Valve Theory says that the British had seen the political situation in the country leading to another rebellion on the lines of the Mutiny of 1857; and they wished to avoid such a situation. So, they wanted to provide a platform to the people, where they could discuss their political problems. Indian National Congress was founded by a Retired Civil Servant and not by any Indian. It was said that the INC was started by Viceroy Lord Dufferin with the help of an ex Civil Services member as a "Safety Valve" against the popular discontent.

Q.2) The city of Mosul is often in news. It is located in which of the following countries?

- a) Syria
- b) Yemen
- c) Iran
- d) Iraq

Q.2) Solution (d)

Mosul is a city in northern Iraq.

Q.3) Vietnam is bordered with which of the following countries?

- 1. Laos
- 2. China
- 3. Cambodia
- 4. Thailand

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

Q.3) Solution (a)



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Q.4) Bardoli Satyagraha was launched against

- a) The oppression of the Muslim landlords
- b) Unjustified hike in land revenue by the authorities
- c) Oppression of thekedars in charge of revenue collection
- d) Refusal to grant remission in land revenue by the authorities despite a drought

Q.4) Solution (b)

The movement sparked off in January 1926 when the authorities decided to increase the land revenue by 30%. The Bardoli Inquiry Committee constituted by the Congress found the revenue hike to be unjustified. Under Patel, the Bardoli peasants resolved to refuse payments of the revised assessment until the Government appointed an independent tribunal or accepted the current amount as full payment. The government eventually relented when a committee went into the whole affair and found the revenue hike to be unjustified a rise of 6% only.

Kheda Satyagraha was launched against the refusal to grant remission by the authorities despite a drought.

Oppression of thikadars in charge of revenue collection was one of the issues in Eka Movement.

Q.5) Two important rivers – one with its source in Jharkhand (and known by a different name in Odisha), and another, with its source in Odisha – merge at a place only a short distance from the coast of Bay of Bengal before flowing into the sea. This is an important site of wildlife and bio-diversity and a protected area. Which one of the following could be this?

- a) Chandipur-on-sea
- b) Simlipal
- c) Gopalpur-on-sea
- d) Bhitarkanika

Q.5) Solution (d)

Bhitarkanika - the rivers are Brahmani and Baitarani rivers.

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Simlipal National Park is far away from coast. It is a national park and a tiger reserve in the Mayurbhanj district in the Indian state of Odisha.

Chandipur-on-sea and Gopalpur-on-sea are tourist destinations with resorts. There is no significant wildlife or bio-diversity.

