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**Q.1) 'Oont Kadal' is located in middle of which of the following lakes?**

- a) Dal
- b) Kolleru
- c) Chilika
- d) Lonar

**Q.1) Solution (a)**

The iconic 17th-century bridge, Oont Kadal, shaped like the hump of a camel is located in the middle of the picturesque Dal Lake.

It will be restored through a conservation project with the help of Germany.

Oont Kadal forms an important part of the public realm that constitutes the combined environ of the Dal Lake, the Zabarwan Mountain range and the potential World Heritage Site of Nishat Bagh.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/mughal-era-bridge-to-live-on/article25085792.ece>

**Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Bhuli Bhatiyari ka Mahal'**

1. It is a 14<sup>th</sup> century hunting lodge
2. It was built by Sultan Feroz Shah Tughlaq

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.2) Solution (c)**

It's one of the many hunting lodges built by Firoz Shah Tughlaq, who ruled Delhi between 1351 and 1388.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/dilapidated-monuments-get-new-lease-of-life/article25086331.ece>

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**Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism' (CCIT)**

1. It is proposed by India in 1996 and is now adopted by the UNGA
2. It addresses the issue of Pakistan's alleged support for cross-border terrorism in South Asia

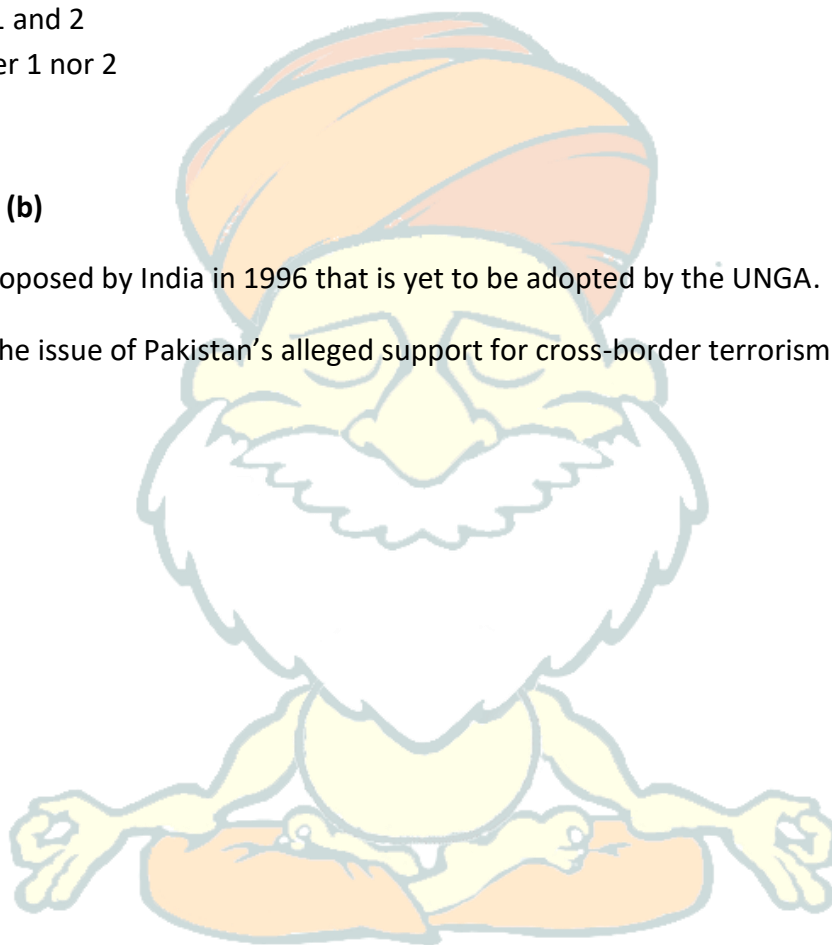
**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

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

**Q.3) Solution (b)**

It is a draft proposed by India in 1996 that is yet to be adopted by the UNGA.

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 Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism is a draft proposed by India in 1996, that has yet to be adopted by the UN General assembly

**What does it call for?**

- ➔ **Universal definition of terrorism:** No good terrorist or bad terrorist
- ➔ Ban on all groups regardless of country of operation, cut off access to fund and safe havens
- ➔ Prosecution of all groups, including cross-border groups
- ➔ Amending domestic laws to make cross-border terror an extraditable offence

**Why has CCIT been blocked?**

- ➔ **US+allies:** Concerns over definitions of terrorism, including acts by US soldiers in international interventions without UN mandate
- ➔ **Latin American countries:** Concerns over international humanitarian laws and HR being ignored
- ➔ **OIC:** Concerns that convention will be used to target Pakistan, and restrict rights of self-determination groups in Palestine, Kashmir etc

 **Terror striking every day now -Turkey, Somalia, Afghanistan, Kenya & Bangladesh. Mere condemnation & commiseration @un won't do. Need CCIT**  
— Syed Akbaruddin, India's ambassador to U.N., on Twitter



Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/swaraj-for-global-framework-on-terror/article25085623.ece>

Q.4) Global Hunger Index (GHI) is published by

- a) World Health Organisation
- b) Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- c) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- d) None of the above

Q.4) Solution (c)

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The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a multidimensional statistical tool used to describe the state of countries' hunger situation. The GHI measures progress and failures in the global fight against hunger. The GHI is updated once a year.

The Index was adopted and further developed by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and was first published in 2006 with the Welthungerhilfe, a German non-profit organization (NPO). Since 2007, the Irish NGO Concern Worldwide joined the group as co-publisher.

**Q.5) SAFAR – India, an initiative of the Government of India, aims at**

- a) Providing financial and technical assistance to young start-up entrepreneurs
- b) Disseminating information regarding air quality on real time
- c) Promoting the Self Help Groups in rural areas
- d) Financial inclusion scheme monitored by business correspondents (BC) in rural areas

**Q.5) Solution (b)**

The SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research) is a project of Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India having distinction to develop India's first ever Air Quality Forecasting system SAFAR for Metro cities.

SAFAR envisages a research based management system where strategies of air pollution mitigation go hand in hand with nation's economic development to target a win-win scenario.

