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Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Biodiversity Atlas – India'

1. It provides a powerful natural history web-platform for species-based bioinformatics
2. Mammals of India (MaOI) is a part of the Biodiversity Atlas.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

Biodiversity Atlas – India provides a powerful natural history web-platform for species-based bioinformatics. Most data are contributed by amateur citizen scientists, photographers and professional scientists, and peer-reviewed and curated by advanced amateurs and professional biologists. Thus, Biodiversity Atlas – India supports efforts of one of the best integrated professional-amateur scientific communities that aggregate big data on Indian biodiversity with the goal of studying ecological trends.

MaOI is a part of the Biodiversity Atlas (India project), which is an initiative of Krushnamegh Kunte, associate professor at NCBS.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/aim-shoot-for-a-citizen-science-repository-of-indian-mammals/article25325705.ece>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about 'Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management'

1. It provides a forum for the active exchange of innovations, knowledge and practice in citizen-centred service delivery, leadership development and growth, and public service management
2. It is under the aegis of United Nations (UN)

Select the correct statements

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

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Q.2) Solution (a)

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is an institutional member of Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) which is a non-profit association representing an international network of over 1100 senior public servants, Heads of Government, leading academics and researchers located in over 50 different countries across the Commonwealth.

The association is guided by international leaders who believe in the value of networking, knowledge exchange and the promotion of good governance for the betterment of citizens in the Commonwealth countries. CAPAM has been announcing its International Innovations Awards (IIA) Programme bi-annually, since 1998.

The CAPAM Awards celebrate the spirit of innovation in the public service by recognizing organizations that have made significant contributions to improve governance and services in the public sector.

The initiative entitled "Unnayan Banka- Reinventing Education Using Technology of Banka District, State of Bihar has been awarded under the Category "Innovation Incubation". "Unnayan Banka" is an initiative which envisages "Quality education for all" especially for those at the bottom of the Pyramid, using latest technologies. It's a holistic model of overall development of youths from Education to Employability. One of the most important Millennium Development Goals, "Education" is the great social Mobiliser & must be everyone's Birthright and it is Government of India's endeavour to provide this to all its children.

Another initiative entitled "Unified Agriculture Markets" of Co-operation Department of Government of Karnataka has also been selected under the Category 'Innovation in Public Service Management'. This initiative has also been awarded the overall Gold Award for CAPAM Awards, 2018.

Q.3) 'PRISM' is a tool used to collect private electronic data belonging to users of major internet services. It is associated with which of the following countries?

- a) United States of America
- b) France
- c) India
- d) China

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Q.3) Solution (a)

Since September 11th, 2001, the United States government has dramatically increased the ability of its intelligence agencies to collect and investigate information on both foreign subjects and US citizens. Some of these surveillance programs, including a secret program called PRISM, capture the private data of citizens who are not suspected of any connection to terrorism or any wrongdoing.

PRISM is a tool used by the US National Security Agency (NSA) to collect private electronic data belonging to users of major internet services like Gmail, Facebook, Outlook, and others. It's the latest evolution of the US government's post-9/11 electronic surveillance efforts, which began under President Bush with the Patriot Act, and expanded to include the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) enacted in 2006 and 2007

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/cyber-warfare-indian-military-defence-cyber-attack-at-digital-war-5416998/>

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GEPI)'

1. It is a public-private partnership led by national governments
2. World Health Organization (WHO) and e United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) are partners of the GEPI

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (c)

he Global Polio Eradication Initiative is a public-private partnership led by national governments with five partners – the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Its goal is to eradicate polio worldwide.

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Q.5) Where is the famous 'Kamakhya temple' located?

- a) Hampi
- b) Chidambaram
- c) Srikalahasti
- d) Guwahati

Q.5) Solution (d)

The Kamakhya Temple also Kamrup-Kamakhya is a Hindu temple dedicated to the mother goddess Kamakhya. It is one of the oldest of the 51 Shakti Pithas. It is situated on the Nilachal Hill in western part of Guwahati.

