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Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Biodiversity hotspot'

1. It is a biogeographic region that is both a significant reservoir of biodiversity and is threatened with destruction.
2. The 'Biodiversity hotspot' Status is designated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

A biodiversity hotspot is a biogeographic region with significant levels of biodiversity that is threatened with destruction. For example forests are considered as biodiversity hotspots. The Status is designated by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Norman Myers wrote about the concept in two articles in "The Environmentalist" (1988), & 1990 revised after thorough analysis by Myers and others in "Hotspots: Earth's Biologically Richest and Most Endangered Terrestrial Ecoregions" and a paper published in the journal Nature.

To qualify as a biodiversity hotspot on Myers 2000 edition of the hotspot-map, a region must meet two strict criteria: it must contain at least 0.5% or 1,500 species of vascular plants as endemics, and it has to have lost at least 70% of its primary vegetation. Around the world, 36 areas qualify under this definition. These sites support nearly 60% of the world's plant, bird, mammal, reptile, and amphibian species, with a very high share of those species as endemics.

Q.2) Which of the following is NOT a 'Tiger Range Country'?

- a) Russia
- b) Thailand
- c) Indonesia
- d) Japan

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Q.2) Solution (d)

13 tiger range countries include Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Q.3) Which of the following are founding partners of the 'Global Tiger Initiative (GTI)'?

1. World Bank
2. Global Environment Facility (GEF)
3. Smithsonian Institution

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.3) Solution (d)

The Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) was launched in 2008 as a global alliance of governments, international organizations, civil society, the conservation and scientific communities and the private sector, with the aim of working together to save wild tigers from extinction. In 2013, the scope was broadened to include Snow Leopards.

The GTI's founding partners included the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Smithsonian Institution, Save the Tiger Fund, and International Tiger Coalition (representing more than 40 non-government organizations). The initiative is led by the 13 tiger range countries (TRCs).

Q.4) Which of the following countries are members of 'East Asia Summit (EAS)'?

1. United States of America
2. Russia
3. New Zealand
4. Australia

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2

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- b) 2 and 4
- c) All of the above
- d) None of the above

Q.4) Solution (c)

The EAS has 18 members - the ten ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) along with Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the United States and Russia.

13th EAS (2018) is being held in Singapore.

Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Global Digital Content Market (GDCM)'

1. It is organised by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
2. The inaugural GDCM was held in Geneva 2016

Select the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution (c)

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) organises a conference on digital markets and their rapid evolution within the frame of intellectual property rights.

The event aims to feature several sessions on music, film, broadcasting and publishing, as well as collective management and emerging models and markets by hosting distinguished key note speakers and panellists.

The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is hosting a conference on Global Digital Content Market (GDCM) 2018.

India has been chosen as a host nation for the conference by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) due to the strong creative industry in the country in films, music and media. The focus for this year's conference is the Asia Pacific region. The GDCM 2018 will

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see participation of professionals from various creative fields, the digital industry around the world and delegates of the diplomatic community from Missions to the United Nations.

GDCM 2018 is the second edition of the conference. The first conference was held in Geneva 2016.

