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Q.1) "Global Syndemic of Obesity, Undernutrition and Climate Change" was published by

- a) World Health Organisation
- b) World Economic Forum
- c) Lancet
- d) United Nations Development Programme

Q.1) Solution (c)

The Global Syndemic of Obesity, Undernutrition, and Climate Change: The Lancet Commission report.

The Global Syndemic Commission is one of a series of initiatives on nutrition, including the EAT–Lancet Commission , led by The Lancet in 2019.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/editorials/india-needs-to-fight-the-syndemic-on-a-war-footing/story-VebkpkHlJffyX6ya5cA0yl.html>

Q.2) Which of the following states has the largest number of elephants in captivity?

- a) Kerala
- b) Assam
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

Q.2) Solution (b)

There are 2,454 elephants in captivity, of which 560 are in possession with forest departments and 1,687 with private individuals. However, 664 of the total captive elephants in the country are without ownership certificate while there are 85 in zoos, 26 in circuses and 96 in temples.

Assam and Kerala account for more than half the nationwide total of 2,454.

Assam has 37% of these captive elephants and Kerala has 21%.

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/captive-elephant-survey-assam-kerala-ministry-of-environment-5558564/>

Read More - <https://www.oneindia.com/infographics/first-captive-elephant-survey-out-this-is-where-your-state-stands-2844034.html>

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Q.3) Consider the following statement with respect to 'The Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC)'

1. It assists the Conference of the Parties (COP) to [the UN Convention to Combat Desertification \(UNCCD\)](#)
2. It is an integral part of the Performance Review and Assessment of Implementation System (PRAIS)
3. The 17th session of the CRIC is scheduled to take place in February 2019 in India

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (a)

The Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) assists the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and is an integral part of the Performance Review and Assessment of Implementation System (PRAIS). The 17th session of the CRIC is scheduled to take place in January 2019 in Guyana.

The CRIC was established by decision 1/COP 5, as subsidiary body to the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention.

Parties at COP 9 adopted new Terms of Reference of the CRIC and decided that the CRIC will become a standing subsidiary body of the COP.

Parties decided at COP12 to make the next reporting exercise optional until revised reporting tools are made available to Parties due to the need to finalize the reporting process's methodological approach. Parties also decided that the intersessional sessions of the CRIC taking place after January 2018 will focus on reviewing the reporting and national voluntary Land Degradation Neutrality target-setting exercise.

Q.4) '[Corruption Perceptions Index](#)' is published by

- a) Transparency International
- b) Oxfam International
- c) World Economic Forum

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d) None of the above

Q.4) Solution (a)

The index, which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption according to experts and businesspeople, uses a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean. More than two-thirds of countries score below 50 on this year's CPI, with an average score of just 43.

It reveals that the continued failure of most countries to significantly control corruption is contributing to a crisis in democracy around the world. While there are exceptions, the data shows that despite some progress, most countries are failing to make serious inroads against corruption.

India moved to 78th position with a score of 41.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-improves-a-notch-us-out-of-top-20-performers-in-global-corruption-index-report/story-X5QcjZW293kuEm7lZH2zyK.html>

Q.5) 'Sulawesi Island' is a part of which of the following?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Philippines
- c) Japan
- d) China

Q.5) Solution (a)

Sulawesi, formerly known as Celebes, is an island in Indonesia. One of the four Greater Sunda Islands, and the world's eleventh-largest island, it is situated between Borneo and the Maluku Islands. Within Indonesia, only Sumatra, Borneo and Papua are larger in territory, and only Java and Sumatra have larger populations.