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Q.1) 'Sonowal Kacharis' primarily live in the state of

- a) Odisha
- b) Assam
- c) Jharkhand
- d) West Bengal

Q.1) Solution (b)

The Sonowal Kacharis are one of the Indigenous peoples, Assamese people of Northeast India. They belong to the Sino-Tibetan languages family and are closely associated with other Ethnic group of people of Assam which are commonly referred as Kirata, Kirati people or Kachari people.

They practised the task of procuring, washing and activities related to gold jewellery.

Due to distinct customs and dress and hymns and chants of Bihu as well as religious ceremonies and folklores we can clearly see how they are a part of Kachari (tribe) Community in Assam.

They are predominantly inhabitants of Dhemaji district, Lakhimpur district, Tinsukia and Dibrugarh districts of Assam.

Q.2) 'Repurpose Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative' is launched by the

- a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- d) None of the above

Q.2) Solution (a)

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched the Repurpose Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative to collect and convert used cooking oil into bio-fuel.

Q.3) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Terminalia Arjuna'

1. It usually grows along river banks

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2. It is one of the species whose leaves are fed on by the *Antheraea paphia* moth which produces the tassar silk

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

The arjuna is about 20–25 metres tall; usually has a buttressed trunk, and forms a wide canopy at the crown, from which branches drop downwards. It has oblong, conical leaves which are green on the top and brown below; smooth, grey bark; it has pale yellow flowers.

The arjuna is usually found growing on river banks or near dry river beds in Bangladesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and south and central India.

The arjuna is one of the species whose leaves are fed on by the *Antheraea paphia* moth which produces the tassar silk, a wild silk of commercial importance.

In Theravada Buddhism, Arjuna is said to have been used as the tree for achieved enlightenment, or Bodhi by the tenth Buddha (title) called "Anomadassi Buddha".

Q.4) The 'Indian Housing Project' is a housing reconstruction project funded by the Government of India in which of the following countries?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Maldives
- d) Kenya

Q.4) Solution (b)

The Indian Housing Project is a housing reconstruction project funded by the Government of India and implemented through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL). Four Implementing Agencies (IAs) have been selected for this project, which is being executed in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka. UN-Habitat is one of the IAs together with the International Federation for the Red Cross and

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Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in partnership with Sri Lanka Red Cross, the National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) of the Government of Sri Lanka and Habitat for Humanity.

Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)'

1. It has permanent delegations to the United Nations and the European Union
2. India is one of the founding members of the OIC

Select the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution (a)

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation is an international organization founded in 1969, consisting of 57 member states, with a collective population of over 1.8 billion as of 2015 with 40 countries being Muslim Majority countries.

The organisation states that it is "the collective voice of the Muslim world" and works to "safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony".

The OIC has permanent delegations to the United Nations and the European Union. The official languages of the OIC are Arabic, English, and French.

