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**Q.1) Which of the following species can be generally found in the Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam?**

- a) Golden Langur
- b) Forest Owlet
- c) Hangul
- d) Olive Ridley Turtle

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

Chakrashila Wildlife is a wildlife sanctuary falling under Dhubri and Kokrajhar districts of Assam. It is famous for the golden langur and is the second protected habitat for golden langur in India.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/golden-langur-to-get-fruits-of-mgnrega/article27699541.ece>

**Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Nord Stream'**

- 1. It is a river interlinking project to tackle global warming
- 2. It is an initiative of all the Scandinavian countries

**Select the correct statements**

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



**Q.2) Solution (d)**

It is an offshore natural gas pipeline from Vyborg in the Russian Federation to Greifswald in Germany that is owned and operated by Nord Stream AG, whose majority shareholder is the Russian state company Gazprom. The project includes two parallel lines. The first line was laid by May 2011 and was inaugurated in 2011. The second line was laid in 2011–2012 and was inaugurated in 2012. At 1,222 kilometres (759 mi) in length, it is the longest sub-sea pipeline in the world, surpassing the Langeled pipeline.

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The project, termed Nord Stream 2, has been opposed by the United States and several Eastern European countries because of concerns that it would increase Russia's influence in the region.



Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/st-petersburg-consensus/article27705948.ece>

**Q.3) Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. Nigeria is India's largest trading partner in Africa.
2. Nigeria is world's sixth largest oil exporter.

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.3) Solution (c)**

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Both the statements are correct.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-clear-arc-from-india-to-nigeria/article27705956.ece>

**Q.4) Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. NITI Aayog was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet as a premier policy 'Think Tank' of the Government of India to provide directional and policy inputs.
2. Team India Hub is NITI Aayog's creation which leads the engagement of states with the Central government.

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.4) Solution (c)**

The National Institution for Transforming India, also called NITI Aayog, was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet in 2015. NITI Aayog is the premier policy 'Think Tank' of the Government of India, providing both directional and policy inputs. While designing strategic and long term policies and programmes for the Government of India, NITI Aayog also provides relevant technical advice to the Centre and States.

The Government of India, in keeping with its reform agenda, constituted the NITI Aayog to replace the Planning Commission instituted in 1950. This was done in order to better serve the needs and aspirations of the people of India. An important evolutionary change from the past, NITI Aayog acts as the quintessential platform of the Government of India to bring States to act together in national interest, and thereby fosters Cooperative Federalism.

At the core of NITI Aayog's creation are two hubs – Team India Hub and the Knowledge and Innovation Hub. The Team India Hub leads the engagement of states with the Central government, while the Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds NITI's think-tank capabilities. These hubs reflect the two key tasks of the Aayog.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/is-niti-aayog-old-wine-in-a-new-bottle/article27704979.ece>

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**Q.5) Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. Ministry of Home Affairs implements the Scheme of "Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)" exclusively for them.
2. PVTGs reside in all the states and Union Territories of India

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.5) Solution (d)**

75 tribal groups have been categorized by Ministry of Home Affairs as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). PVTGs reside in 18 States and UT of A&N Islands. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the Scheme of "Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)" exclusively for them .

