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Q.1) Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Although cyclones affect the entire coast of India the East Coast is more prone compared to the West Coast.
2. Over 90 % of the cyclones that develop over the Arabian Sea approach the West Coast of India.

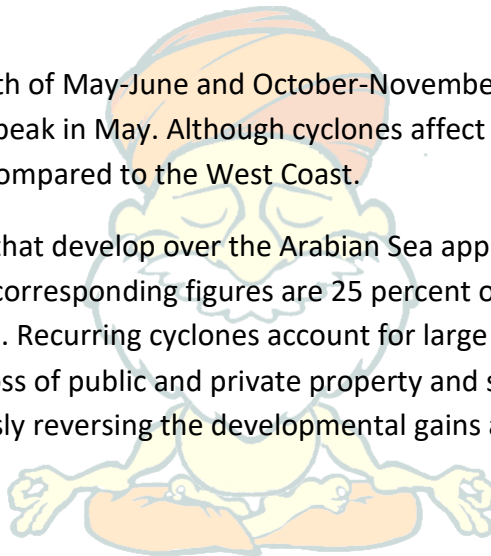
Select the correct statements

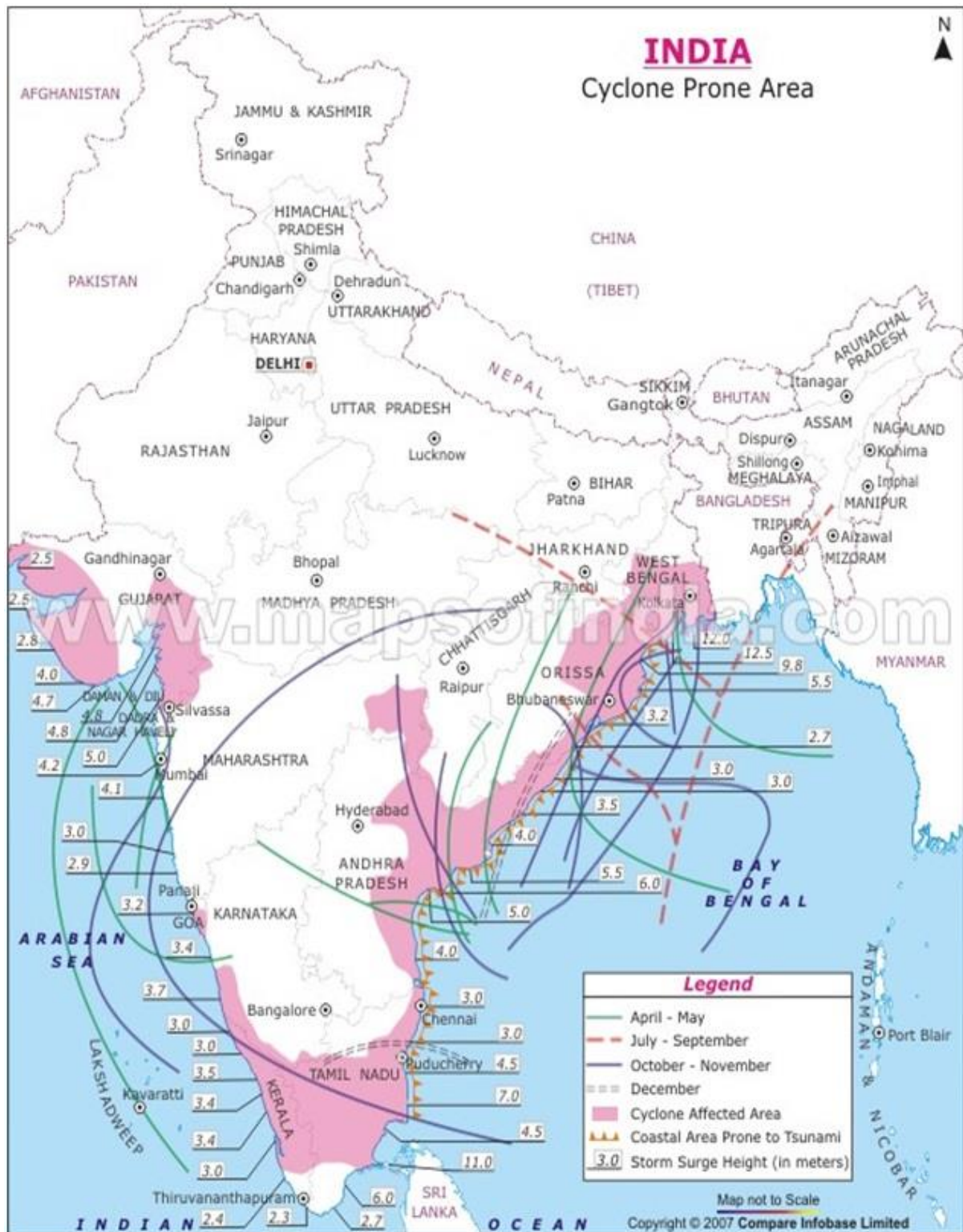
- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.1) Solution (a)

Cyclones occur in the month of May-June and October-November, with primary peak in November and secondary peak in May. Although cyclones affect the entire coast of India the East Coast is more prone compared to the West Coast.

Only 25 % of the cyclones that develop over the Arabian Sea approach the West Coast. In the pre-monsoon season, corresponding figures are 25 percent over Arabian sea and 30 percent over Bay of Bengal. Recurring cyclones account for large number of deaths, loss of livelihood opportunities, loss of public and private property and severe damage to infrastructure, thus seriously reversing the developmental gains at regular intervals.





Q.2) Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to 'Tropical Cyclones'?

1. It helps to maintain equilibrium in the Earth's troposphere
2. It helps maintain a relatively stable and warm temperature worldwide

3. It helps relieve drought conditions

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (d)

Although Tropical cyclones are known for destruction they cause, when they strike they also bestow certain benefits to the climatic conditions of that area such as

- Relieve drought conditions.
- Carry heat and energy away from the tropics and transport it towards temperate latitudes, thus helps to maintain equilibrium in the Earth's troposphere and
- Maintain a relatively stable and warm temperature worldwide.

Q.3) Which of the following statements with respect to 'Leader of Opposition (LoP)' is are correct?

- 1. The first LoP was designated only in 1991
- 2. To be the LoP in Lok Sabha, the party needs to have more than 100 seats

Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (d)

The first LoP was designated only in 1969 and there was no such post in the fifth (1971-77), seventh (1980-84) and eighth (1984-89) Lok Sabha.

However, a legal debate was sparked in 2014 when the Speaker denied the LoP position to the Congress - the largest opposition party with 44 members - on the ground that it did not have the required 10 per cent members (55 of 545) in the Lok Sabha. Now the Congress has

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declared that it would not seek the position for falling short of the 55-mark (it won only 52) in the 17th Lok Sabha.

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respects 'Pro tem Speaker'

1. The appointment of the Pro Tem Speaker needs no approval of the President.
2. In absence of the Speaker, the first priority to act as a Speaker is given to the Pro Tem Speaker.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (d)

After a general election and the formation of a new government, a list of senior Lok Sabha members prepared by the Legislative Section is submitted to the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, who selects a pro tem speaker. The appointment has to be approved by the President.

The first meeting after the election when the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker are selected by members of the Parliament is held under the pro tem Speaker. In absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker acts as Speaker and in the absence of both a committee of six members selected by the Speaker will act as Speaker according to their seniority.

Q.5) 'VG Kannan Committee' was in news recently. It is associated with

- a) New Education Policy
- b) ATM interchange fee
- c) Inter-creditor Agreement
- d) Country-by-Country Report

Q.5) Solution (b)

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The RBI has set up a six-member committee, headed by VG Kannan, Chief Executive, Indian Banks' Association, to review the ATM interchange fee structure. It aims for giving a fillip to ATM deployment in unbanked areas.

