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

1. It is an initiative for facilitating the dissemination of piracy-related information.
2. It is a regional government-to-government agreement established at Mumbai

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (a)

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia.

The ReCAAP Agreement was launched in November 2006 with 14 Asian Contracting Parties including North, Southeast, and South Asian countries. It has 20 Contracting Parties today, including Europe (Norway, the Netherlands, Denmark, and the United Kingdom), Australia, and the United States.

The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) was established in Singapore in 2006.

Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary'

1. The sanctuary is a part of the Cauvery estuary
2. It has extensive mangrove and dry deciduous tropical forest
3. It is home to the critically endangered white-backed vulture and the long billed vulture

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (b)

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Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary and estuary situated in Andhra Pradesh, India. It is the second largest stretch of mangrove forests in India with 24 mangrove tree species and more than 120 bird species. It is home to the critically endangered white-backed vulture and the long billed vulture. In a mangrove ecosystem the water bodies of the ocean/sea and the river meet together at a certain point.

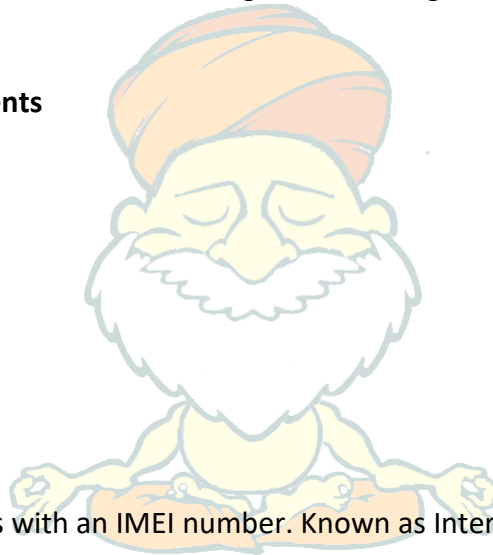
The sanctuary is a part of the Godavari estuary and has extensive mangrove and dry deciduous tropical forest.

Q.3) Consider the following statements with respect to 'IMEI number'

1. It is an all-inclusive piece of code that has a lot of information including the country of manufacturing, manufacturer, and model number.
2. The use of the IMEI can be acknowledged in reducing the effect of mobile phone thefts.

Select the correct statements

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



Q.3) Solution (c)

Every mobile phone comes with an IMEI number. Known as International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number, IMEI number is used to identify a device. If a phone is stolen, you can call your network provider and ask them to blacklist the device with the IMEI number. This process will make the device unusable for the thief (if stolen) even if the SIM is changed on the phone.

IMEI is an all-inclusive piece of code that has a lot of information including the country of manufacturing, manufacturer, and model number. It is important that we should never share our phone's IMEI number publicly.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/you-can-soon-track-your-stolen-phone-govt-set-to-roll-out-imei-database-119062000291_1.html

Q.4) Consider the following statements

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1. India and China account for over 90 percent of the world lychee production.
2. Of the total production of lychee in India, around 75 percent is contributed by Bihar.

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 lychee (*Litchi chinensis* Sonn) an important sub-tropical evergreen fruit crop belonging to family Sapindaceae, is believed to have originated in China, where it has been grown in Southern Guangdong state for thousands of years. It is highly specific to climatic requirements and probably due to this reason its cultivation is restricted to few countries in the world. In India, lychee was introduced in the 18th century through Burma, and from there, it spread to many countries. India and China account for 91 percent of the world lychee production but it is mainly marketed locally.

Lychee being exacting in climatic and soil requirements has limited distribution. It is grown in the states of Bihar, Tripura, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana. Of the total production of lychee in India, 74 percent is contributed by Bihar. The second largest lychee producing state is West Bengal followed by Tripura and Assam.

Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Torres Strait'

1. It is a strait which lies between Australia and New Zealand.
2. The strait links the Coral Sea to the east with the Arafura Sea and Gulf of Carpentaria in the west.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution (b)

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The Torres Strait is a strait which lies between Australia and the Melanesian island of New Guinea.

The strait links the Coral Sea to the east with the Arafura Sea and Gulf of Carpentaria in the west.

