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Q.1) 'Hormozgan' was in news recently. Where is it located?

- a) Syria
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Iran
- d) Yemen

Q.1) Solution (c)

Hormozgan Province is one of the 31 provinces of Iran.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/iran-revolutionary-guard-shoots-down-us-drone-amid-tensions/article28084732.ece>

Q.2) 'Washi' is a traditionally handmade paper that uses strands from three plants to create sheets known for their textures, warmth and absorption. Inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list, washi paper finds use in everyday things like clothing, art, printing and décor, to religious rituals and creating statues of Buddha. It is associated with which of the following countries?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) Kazakhstan
- d) India



Q.2) Solution (b)

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/japans-washi-paper-torn-by-modern-life-struggles-to-attract-customers/article28089251.ece>

Q.3) 'Article 87 of the Constitution of India' deals with the Special address by the President to both Houses of Parliament during

1. Commencement of the first session after each general election
2. Commencement of the first session of each year

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only

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- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.3) Solution (c)

Article 87 of the constitution provides two instances when the President specially addresses both Houses of Parliament

- President of India addresses both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha at the beginning of the first Session after each general election when the reconstituted lower house meets for the first time
- President also addresses both the houses at the beginning of the first session of each year.

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to 'ICANN'

1. It is a global civil society coalition working to promote adherence to and full implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
2. India has formally endorsed the ICAN Humanitarian Pledge.

Select the correct statements

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



Q.4) Solution (d)

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is a non-profit organization responsible for coordinating the maintenance and procedures of several databases related to the namespaces and numerical spaces of the Internet, ensuring the network's stable and secure operation. ICANN performs the actual technical maintenance work of the Central Internet Address pools and DNS root zone registries pursuant to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) function contract. The contract regarding the IANA stewardship functions between ICANN and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the United States Department of Commerce ended on October 1, 2016, formally transitioning the functions to the global multi-stakeholder community.

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Note – ICAN and ICANN are two different things.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/technology/nasscom-and-global-internet-body-join-hands-for-global-research-in-iot-119061801176_1.html

Q.5) Which of the following statements with respect to is/are correct?

- a) 'Bering Sea' is a marginal sea of the Atlantic Ocean.
- b) The Bering Strait divides Eurasia and The Americas.
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Q.5) Solution (b)

The Bering Sea is a marginal sea of the Pacific Ocean. It forms, along with The Bering Strait the divide between the two largest landmasses on Earth: Eurasia and The Americas.

It comprises a deep water basin, which then rises through a narrow slope into the shallower water above the continental shelves.

The Bering Sea is separated from the Gulf of Alaska by the Alaska Peninsula.

