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Q.1) 'Exercise Garuda' is bilateral exercise between India and

- a) Russia
- b) France
- c) Japan
- d) United States of America

Q.1) Solution (b)

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/iaf-contingent-flies-to-france-to-participate-in-ex-garuda-vi/articleshow/69947664.cms>

Q.2) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Impressed tortoise'

- 1. It is endemic to Western Ghats
- 2. It is listed as 'Critically Endangered' in the IUCN Red List

Select the correct statements

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



Q.2) Solution (d)

The impressed tortoise (*Manouria impressa*), occurs in mountainous forest areas in Southeast Asia in Myanmar, southern China, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Malaysia.

IUCN Status – Vulnerable

Q.3) 'Surjit Bhalla Committee' has recommended issue of 'Elephant Bonds'. Consider the following statements

- 1. It is meant to declare 'undisclosed income' with a mandatory condition to invest 50% of it in the bond.
- 2. It will be utilised only for infrastructure projects.

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Select the correct statements

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

Q.3) Solution (c)

A high-level advisory group constituted by the government in September 2018 for suggestions to improve India's trade performance, has come up with a significant recommendation to tackle the menace of black money in the country.

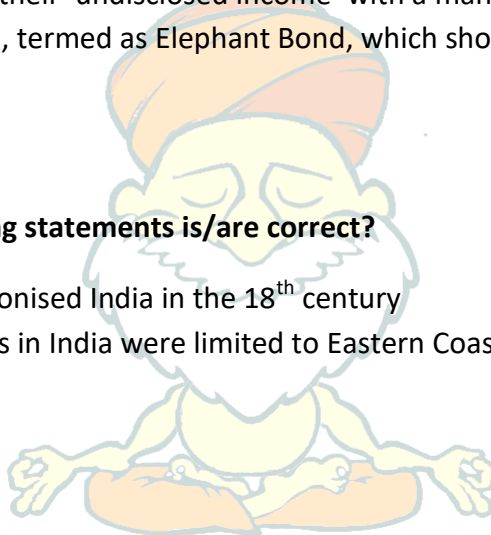
Chaired by the renowned economist, Dr Surjit S Bhalla, the group has asked the government to allow people to declare their 'undisclosed income' with a mandatory condition to invest 50% in a government bond, termed as Elephant Bond, which should be utilised only for infrastructure projects.

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

1. The Portuguese colonised India in the 18th century
2. Portuguese colonies in India were limited to Eastern Coast of India

Select the correct code:

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



Q.4) Solution (d)

Portuguese colonies in India were limited to Goa, Daman, Diu, Dadra, Nagar Haveli and Anjediva Island.

The Portuguese colonised India in 1510, conquering many parts of the western coast and establishing several colonies in the east.

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

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1. UN General Assembly elects five non-permanent UNSC members out of a total of 10, for a two-year term.
2. India has never been a non-permanent member of the Security Council.

Select the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution (a)

Each year, the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members out of a total of 10, for a two-year term. These 10 seats are distributed among the regions thus: five for African and Asian countries; one for Eastern European countries; two for Latin American and Caribbean countries; two for Western European and other countries.

India has been a non-permanent member of the Security Council eight time previously: 1950-51, 1967-68, 1972-73, 1977-78, 1984-85, 1991-92 and 2011-12. For the 2011-12 term, India won 187 of 190 votes after Kazakhstan stood down from its candidacy.

