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**Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to 'International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'**

1. It has a membership of governmental and non-governmental organizations.
2. It works on the basis of four-year programs, determined by the membership.
3. It runs field projects for habitat and species conservation around the world.

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.1) Solution (d)**

IUCN has a membership of over 1400 governmental and non-governmental organizations. Some 16,000 scientists and experts participate in the work of IUCN commissions on a voluntary basis. It employs approximately 1000 full-time staff in more than 50 countries. Its headquarters are in Gland, Switzerland.

IUCN works on the basis of four-year programs, determined by the membership. In the IUCN Programme for 2017–2020 conserving nature and biodiversity is inextricably linked to sustainable development and poverty reduction. IUCN states that it aims to have a solid factual base for its work and takes into account the knowledge held by indigenous groups and other traditional users of natural resources.

IUCN runs field projects for habitat and species conservation around the world. It produces the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems which in a similar way measures risks to ecosystems. The IUCN Red List of Ecosystems is a global standard to assess the conservation status of ecosystems.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-life/7000-species-added-to-iucn-red-list/article28567509.ece>

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

1. It is strategically located at the tri-junction of Pakistan, Afghanistan and China
2. Hunza Valley is located in this region bordering with the Wakhan Corridor

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

### Q.2) Solution (d)

Doklam (in Standard Bhutanese), Zhoglam (in Standard Tibetan), or Donglang (in Chinese), is an area with a plateau and a valley, lying between Tibet's Chumbi Valley to the north, Bhutan's Ha Valley to the east and India's Sikkim state to the west. It has been depicted as part of Bhutan in the Bhutanese maps since 1961, but it is also claimed by China. To date, the dispute has not been resolved despite several rounds of border negotiations between Bhutan and China. The area is of strategic importance to all three countries.

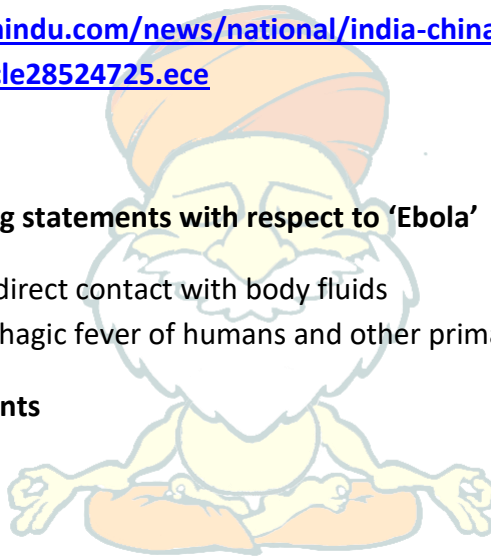
Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-china-maintaining-peace-on-border-rajnath-singh/article28524725.ece>

### Q.3) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Ebola'

1. It spreads through direct contact with body fluids
2. It is a viral haemorrhagic fever of humans and other primates

### Select the correct statements

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



### Q.3) Solution (c)

Ebola virus disease (EVD), also known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever (EHF) or simply Ebola, is a viral hemorrhagic fever of humans and other primates caused by ebolaviruses

The virus spreads through direct contact with body fluids, such as blood from infected humans or other animals. Spread may also occur from contact with items recently contaminated with bodily fluids. Spread of the disease through the air between primates, including humans, has not been documented in either laboratory or natural conditions. Semen or breast milk of a person after recovery from EVD may carry the virus for several

weeks to months. Fruit bats are believed to be the normal carrier in nature, able to spread the virus without being affected by it.

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

1. It targets Higher Education Institutions for mentoring with a specific focus on quality as enumerated in the UGC "Quality Mandate".
2. It is a Student Induction Programme to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution.

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.4) Solution (b)**

Deeksharambh , a guide to Student Induction Programme is to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution, help them build bonds with other students and faculty members, and expose them to a sense of larger purpose and self-exploration.

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'Paramarsh' – a University Grants Commission (UGC) scheme for Mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education.

"Paramarsh" scheme will target 1000 Higher Education Institutions for mentoring with a specific focus on quality as enumerated in the UGC "Quality Mandate".

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**Q.5) 'Mauritania' is NOT bordered by**

- a) Senegal
- b) Mali

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- c) Algeria
- d) Nigeria

Q.5) Solution (d)

