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Q.1) Consider the following statements with respect to 'International Whaling Commission (IWC)'

1. It allows non-zero whaling quotas for aboriginal subsistence
2. Japan is the only country who opposes a moratorium on commercial whaling adopted by IWC

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 International Whaling Commission (IWC) is an international body set up by the terms of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW), which was signed in Washington, D.C. in, 1946 to "provide for the proper conservation of whale stocks and thus make possible the orderly development of the whaling industry".

In 1982 the IWC adopted a moratorium on commercial whaling. Currently, Japan, Canada, and a number of other nations oppose this moratorium. The IWC allows non-zero whaling quotas for aboriginal subsistence and also member nations may issue 'Scientific Permits' to their citizens. Japan has issued such permits since 1986, Norway and Iceland whale under objection to the moratorium and issue their own quotas. In 1994, the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary was created by the IWC.

Q.2) 'Cirrochroa thais' was in news recently. It is a State Butterfly of

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Sikkim
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.2) Solution (b)

Butterfly species Tamil yeoman (Cirrochroa thais) has been officially declared as state butterfly of Tamil Nadu.

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Q.3) Which of the following countries are members of 'International Security Alliance'?

1. United Arab Emirates
2. France
3. India
4. Singapore

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2 Only
- b) 1, 2 and 3
- c) 2 and 3
- d) 1,2 and 4

Q.3) Solution (d)

The International Security Alliance represents an international collaboration of Ministries of Interior and includes working groups working together to combat organized and transnational crime.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the French Republic have resolved to join forces in order to mitigate the risk of this challenge. This was done through the creation of an Alliance of Ministries of Interior from 8 countries:

- United Arab Emirates
- French Republic
- Kingdom of Bahrain
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Italian Republic
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Singapore
- Kingdom of Spain

Q.4) 'ISALEX' is joint security exercise of

- a) Shanghai Cooperation organisation
- b) International Security Alliance
- c) European Union
- d) Gulf Cooperation Council

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Q.4) Solution (b)

UAE to host International Security Alliance (ISAs) first joint security exercise named ISALEX19.

Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Strum Ataka'

1. It is an anti-tank missile
2. It is being developed jointly by India and Israel

Select the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution (a)

Seeking to keep itself battle-ready in situations like the one post-Balakot aerial strikes, India has signed a deal to acquire 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile from Russia for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers.

