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

1. It is a tributary of the Brahmaputra River
2. It is a trans-boundary river flowing through China and India

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution (d)

The Mechi River is a trans-boundary river flowing through Nepal and India. It is a tributary of the Mahananda River.

The Mechi originates in the Mahabharat Range in Nepal. It flows through Nepal, forms the boundary between India and Nepal and then flows through Bihar to join the Mahananda in Kishanganj district.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/kosi-mechi-linking-project-gets-centres-green-signal/articleshow/70516748.cms>

Q.2) English Channel is between England and

- a) France
- b) Spain
- c) Ireland
- d) Wales

Q.2) Solution (a)

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Q.3) Which of the following are member countries of 'Mekong–Ganga Cooperation'?

1. Thailand
2. Malaysia
3. Cambodia
4. India

Select the correct code:

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

Q.3) Solution (b)

The Mekong–Ganga Cooperation (MGC) was established in, 2000, at Vientiane, Laos at the First MGC Ministerial Meeting. It comprises six member countries, namely India (Look-East connectivity projects), Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

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Source: <https://www.business-standard.com/multimedia/video-gallery/world/eam-jaishankar-attends-10th-mekong-ganga-cooperation-in-bangkok-88454.htm>

Q.4) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Global Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators'

1. It was formed in 2016 to follow up on the findings of IPBES assessment on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production
2. India is a founder member of the Coalition

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (a)

The Coalition was formed in 2016 to follow up on the findings of IPBES assessment on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production, which found that many of the world's pollinator species are in decline.

The coalition now has 28 signatories including 17 European countries, five from Latin America and the Caribbean and four from Africa.

Source: <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/agriculture/nigeria-becomes-fourth-african-nation-to-join-global-coalition-to-protect-pollinators-65916>

Q.5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)'

1. It is the nodal agency for implementing Bilateral Social Security Agreements with other countries on a reciprocal basis.
2. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Labour and Employment

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.5) Solution (c)

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

- It is an Organization tasked to assist the Central Board of Trustees, a statutory body formed by the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952
- It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Labour and Employment
- It assists the Central Board in administering a compulsory contributory Provident Fund Scheme, a Pension Scheme and an Insurance Scheme for the workforce engaged in the organized sector
- It is the nodal agency for implementing Bilateral Social Security Agreements with other countries on a reciprocal basis.
- The EPFO's apex decision making body is the Central Board of Trustees (CBT)

