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Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding India's Cooling Action Plan (ICAP):

1. ICAP has been released by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
2. The plan will help in reducing both direct and indirect emissions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.1) Solution (c)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) released the Cooling Action Plan (ICAP) along with a booklet on the 'Montreal Protocol-India's Success Story.'

India is the first country in the world to develop such a document (ICAP), which addresses cooling requirement across sectors and lists out actions which can help reduce the cooling demand. This will help in reducing both direct and indirect emissions.

The thrust of the ICAP is to look for synergies in actions for securing both environmental and socio-economic benefits.

It seeks to

- Reduce cooling demand across sectors by 20% to 25% by 2037-38,
- Reduce refrigerant demand by 25% to 30% by 2037-38,
- Reduce cooling energy requirements by 25% to 40% by 2037-38,
- Recognize "cooling and related areas" as a thrust area of research under national S&T Programme,
- Training and certification of 100,000 servicing sector technicians by 2022-23, synergizing with Skill India Mission.

Q.2) With reference to the parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary committees scrutinizes the assurances, promises, undertakings etc. given by ministers from time to time and report to the respective house and see whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary for the purpose?

- a) Committee on Subordinate Legislation

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- b) Business Advisory Committee
- c) Committee on Public Accounts
- d) Committee on Government Assurances

Q.2) Solution (d)

Committee on Government Assurances

This committee scrutinizes the assurances, promises, undertakings etc. given by ministers from time to time and to report to the respective house and to see whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary for the purpose. The committee consists of 15 members in Lok Sabha and 10 members in Rajya Sabha.

Q.3) 'Exercise Samudra Laksamana' is naval bilateral exercise between India and

- a) Singapore
- b) Thailand
- c) Malaysia
- d) Sri Lanka

Q.3) Solution (c)

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/india-malaysia-undertake-joint-naval-exercise-1599122-2019-09-14>



Q.4) 'Valley of Flowers National Park' is located in

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Sikkim
- d) Goa

Q.4) Solution (a)

It is an Indian national park, located in North Chamoli, in the state of Uttarakhand and is known for its meadows of endemic alpine flowers and the variety of flora. This richly diverse

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area is also home to rare and endangered animals, including the Asiatic black bear, snow leopard, musk deer, brown bear, red fox, and blue sheep.

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

1. It is found in Indian Himalayas only.
2. It is listed as 'Critically Endangered' under 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.5) Solution (d)

The bharal (*Pseudois nayaur*), also called the Helan Shan blue sheep, Chinese blue sheep, Himalayan blue sheep or naur, is a caprid found in Bhutan, Gansu, the high Himalayas of India, Inner Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Ningxia, Pakistan, Sichuan and Tibet. The Helan Mountains of Ningxia has the highest concentration of bharal in the world.

IUCN Status – Least Concern

