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- 1) With reference to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, consider the following statements:
1. He presided over the Indian National Congress session at Karachi in 1931, which adopted resolutions on Fundamental Rights and National Economic Programme.
 2. He served as the first Defence Minister of independent India and was chiefly responsible for integrating the princely states.
 3. The Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue, was inaugurated on his death anniversary in Gujarat.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 only
- (d) 3 only

- 2) With reference to the appointment of the Chief Justice of India (CJI), consider the following statements:
1. The CJI is appointed by the president of India under the article 124(2) of the constitution.
 2. The Constitution lays down that the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court shall be appointed as the Chief Justice of India.
 3. The CJI can be removed from office in the same manner as any other judge of the Supreme Court.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1,2 and 3 only

- 3) With reference to the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:
1. It is the largest wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.
 2. The sanctuary is part of the tiger relocation project connecting Panna and Satpura Tiger Reserves.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 4) With reference to Exercise *Trishul*, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:
1. It is a tri-service military exercise involving the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.
 2. The exercise is conducted near the Sir Creek region along India's western frontier.
 3. It focuses exclusively on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only

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(d) 1, 2 and 3

5) With reference to the Great Nicobar Project, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to develop a transshipment port and greenfield airport on Great Nicobar Island.
2. The project area falls within the Andaman and Nicobar Biosphere Reserve.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Explanation:

1) Answer: (C)

Today, marks the **150th birth anniversary** of the great leader **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**. His birth anniversary is observed as “**National Unity Day - Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**” every year

- The **Karachi Session** of the Indian National Congress (1931) was **presided** over by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The Congress at Karachi adopted two historic **resolutions**:
 - **Fundamental Rights** Resolution – dealing with civil liberties, equality, and social justice.
 - **National Economic Programme** – emphasizing labor rights, state control of key industries, and equitable distribution of wealth.
- These resolutions later **influenced the Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Rights** in the Indian Constitution.

Hence, Statement 1 is correct.

- After independence, Sardar Patel became **India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister**, not the first Defence Minister.
- He was chiefly responsible for the **political integration of more than 560 princely states** into the Indian Union, ably assisted by V. P. Menon.
- Through diplomacy, persuasion, and sometimes firm action (e.g., Hyderabad and Junagadh), Patel ensured India's territorial unity.
- For his decisive leadership and unyielding resolve, Patel is often referred to as the “**Iron Man of India**”.

Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.

- The **Statue of Unity** (182 meters tall) — the world's tallest statue — is located near the Sardar Sarovar Dam **on the Narmada River** in Kevadia, Gujarat.
- It was inaugurated on 31 October 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi; 31 October marks Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's **birth anniversary**, not his death anniversary.

Hence, Statement 3 is incorrect.

2) Answer: (B)

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- The Chief Justice of India (CJI) is appointed by the President of India under **Article 124(2) of the Constitution**.
 - The Article states: “Every Judge of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal after consultation with such of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the High Courts as the President may deem necessary.”
- The CJI is included in “every judge,” so this Article applies to their appointment too. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**
- The Constitution does not specify that the senior-most judge must be appointed as the CJI.
- The practice of **appointing the senior-most judge as CJI is a convention**, not a constitutional requirement.
- The **outgoing CJI** traditionally recommends their successor based on seniority (not age, but the duration of service in the Supreme Court.)
- In case there are concerns about the fitness of the senior-most judge to hold the office of CJI, other judges of the Supreme Court are consulted. **Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.**
- The CJI can be **removed from office in the same manner as any other Supreme Court judge, as per Article 124(4)**.
The process involves:
 - A motion passed by both Houses of Parliament,
 - Supported by a special majority (majority of total membership and 2/3 of members present and voting),
 - On grounds of “proved misbehaviour or incapacity.”
- The order of removal is issued by the President. **Hence, Statement 3 is correct.**

3) Answer: (C)

Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary is the **largest wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh**. The sanctuary covers nearly 1197 km² area across three districts i.e. Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur, of Madhya Pradesh. Therefore, **statement 1 is correct.**

KEY FEATURES:

- The forest vegetation is a tropical dry deciduous type, with Teak as the predominant species.
- It acts as a **corridor for Panna Tiger Reserve and Satpura Tiger Reserve** while indirectly connecting Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve via Rani Durgawati Wildlife Sanctuary. Therefore, **statement 2 is correct.**

4) Answer: (B)

Statement 1 is correct:

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- It is a **tri-service** military exercise involving the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force. It aims to test *jointness*; coordination across land, air, sea.

Statement 2 is correct:

- The **Sir Creek dispute** pertains to a **96-kilometre-long tidal estuary** lying between **India's Gujarat (Rann of Kutch)** and **Pakistan's Sindh province**. It holds strategic importance as its resolution directly affects the **maritime boundary and Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)** of both nations in the **Arabian Sea**. The area remains **strategically sensitive** due to its unresolved status.
- **Exercise Trishul**, conducted near this region, highlights **India's operational readiness, coastal defence capability, and tri-service coordination**. It serves as a **deterrent signal** while safeguarding **maritime interests, coastal assets, and oil exploration rights** in the adjoining waters.

Statement 3 is incorrect:

- It is primarily aimed at joint combat readiness and theatre-level operations, not humanitarian assistance.

5) Answer: (C)

The **Great Nicobar Project** envisions a **transshipment port at Galathea Bay**, an **international airport**, a **power plant**, and a **new township** to promote strategic and economic development. Therefore, **statement 1 is correct**.

The area lies within the **Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve**, part of the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**, making **ecological safeguards** crucial to the project's implementation. Therefore, **statement 2 is correct**.

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