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1. "Loya Jirga", sometimes seen in news, is related to which country

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Myanmar
- C. India
- D. Bangladesh

Answer: A

Explanation:

- It is a **mass national gathering** that brings together representatives from the various ethnic, religious, and tribal communities in **Afghanistan**.
- It is a highly respected centuries-old consultative body that has been convened at times of national crisis or to settle national issues.
- Loya Jirga is considered the highest expression of the Afghan people. It is not an official decision-making body and its decisions are not legally binding.
- Loya Jirga's decision is seen as final, with the president and parliament expected to respect the ruling.
- <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/the-cost-of-peace/article32604087.ece>

2. With reference to Rowlatt Satyagraha , consider the following statements.

1. It was in response to the Anarchical and Revolutionary Crimes Act of 1919
2. Hunter Commission passed this act in the Imperial Legislative Council

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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- **Statement 1 is correct:** Rowlatt Satyagraha was in response to the British government enacting the **Anarchical and Revolutionary Crimes Act of 1919**, popularly known as the Rowlatt Act.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** This act was **passed** on the recommendations of **Sedition Committee** chaired by **Sir Sidney Rowlatt**.
- Hunter Commission was formed as a committee for the inquiry to investigate the Jallianwala Bagh shootings. The committee unanimously condemned Dyer's actions. However, the Hunter Committee did not impose any penal or disciplinary action against General Dyer.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/indias-great-silence-is-the-loudest-sound/article32604122.ece>

3. Mahanadi river originates in which of the following states

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. Bihar
- D. Chattisgarh

Answer: **D**

Explanation:

- The river flows through the states of **Chhattisgarh and Odisha**. It **originates** from the highlands of **Chhattisgarh** through collection of an array of streams and reaches Bay of Bengal.
- Mahanadi is also known for the Hirakud Dam

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4. Consider the following statements about Subramanya Bharathi

1. He has attended Indian National Congress sessions
2. Sudesa Geethangal is a work written by him

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

Answer: **C**

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** He has participated in **the Benaras Session (1905) and Surat Session (1907)** of the Indian National Congress. He attended the annual sessions of Indian National Congress and discussed national issues with extremist leaders like Bipin Chandra Pal, B.G. Tilak and V.V.S. Iyer.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** He published the sensational **“Sudesa Geethangal”** in 1908.
- C. Subramanya Bharathi was born on 11th December 1882, in Ettayapuram village of Tirunelveli District in **Tamil Nadu**.
- He was a **poet, freedom fighter and social reformer** from Tamil Nadu
- He had the **weekly newspaper named ‘India’**. It was the first paper in Tamil Nadu to publish political cartoons.
- He also published and edited journals like **“Vijaya”**.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/bharatiyar-the-charioteer-of-wisdom/article32603320.ece>

5. What does the PRASAD scheme hope to achieve

- A. Provide temple offerings(Prasad) through online booking
- B. Developing the pilgrim sites
- C. Providing employment opportunities to men ITI degree holders.
- D. Provide food to homeless people.

Answer: **B**

Explanation:

- **Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)** is a government scheme that focuses on **identifying and developing the pilgrim sites across the country** to enrich the religious tourism experience.
- It was launched by Union Ministry of Tourism. It hopes for integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in planned, prioritised and sustainable manner to provide complete religious tourism experience.
- Main objectives are Harnessing pilgrimage tourism for its direct and multiplier effect upon employment generation and economic development, Enhancing tourist attractiveness in sustainable manner by developing world class infrastructure in the religious destinations and promoting local art, culture, handicraft, cuisine, etc.

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