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**1. Operation Polo, in the context of post-Independent India, is related to?**

- A. India-Pakistan War
- B. Indo-China War
- C. Annexation of Hyderabad
- D. Annexation of Goa

**2. Consider the following statements about the Asian Development Bank (ADB).**

- 1. The ADB was modeled closely on the World Bank, and has a similar weighted voting system where votes are distributed in proportion with members' capital subscriptions.
- 2. The two largest shareholders of the ADB are China and India.

**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

**3. Consider the following statements about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

- 1. SDGs are 17 Goals adopted by all UN Member States to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere.
- 2. These goals are intended to be achieved by the year 2050.

**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. Consider the following statements.**

- 1. As per constitutional provisions, only those waterways which are declared as National Waterways come under the purview of the Central Government while the rest of waterways remain in the purview of respective State Governments.
- 2. The National Waterways Act 2016, has declared 111 rivers or river stretches, creeks, estuaries in India as National Waterways for the promotion of Inland waterways in the country.
- 3. The National Waterways Act mandates the States Governments to regulate the notified waterways for systematic and orderly development of shipping and navigation activities.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A. 1 and 2 only

- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

**5. Nameri National Park is situated in**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Assam
- D. Sikkim

**Solutions:**

1. Answer: C

**Sol:**

**What was "Operation Polo"?**

- Before 1947, all the princely states in India were governed by their rulers, but they were under a subsidiary alliance system with the Britishers. The Britishers controlled the external affairs of the princely states.
- During the independence of India in 1947, the British signed the **Indian Independence Act 1947**, abandoning the subsidiary alliances and leaving the princely states on their own. They could join India or Pakistan or choose to stay independent.
- **Hyderabad** was under the rule of **Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan**. He presided over a predominantly Hindu population and chose to stay independent.
- By September 1948, almost all the princely states had decided to either join India or Pakistan. **Hyderabad had chosen to stay independent.**
- Things were made more complicated by the **presence of a paramilitary force called the Razakars** in Hyderabad, besides a communist rebellion in the rural Telangana region. The Razakars were led by **Qasim Rizvi**, and wanted to maintain Muslim rule over the state. As they started committing atrocities in the state, the Indian Army marched in. This was referred to as **Police action.**
- On September 13, 1948, launched "**Operation Polo**", also called "**Operation Caterpillar**" to liberate Hyderabad. In a war that lasted for five days, the Indian Army took over the powerful state of Hyderabad.
- Finally, on September 17, 1948, nearly 13 months after India gained independence, the people and the state of Hyderabad were integrated with India.

2. Answer: A

**Sol:**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) was founded in 1966 with the primary mission of fostering growth and cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- It is headquartered in **Manila**, Philippines.

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- At present, ADB comprises 68 members (including **India**)- of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The ADB was **modeled closely on the World Bank**, and has a similar weighted voting system where votes are distributed in proportion with members' capital subscriptions.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The two largest shareholders of the ADB are the **US and Japan**.
- ADB is an official United Nations Observer.

### Objectives

- ADB envisions a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty in the region. Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to a large share of the world's poor: 263 million living on less than \$1.90 a day and 1.1 billion on less than \$3.20 a day.
- ADB assists its members, and partners, by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development.

3. Answer: A

### Sol:

- The **Sustainable Development Goals** are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The **17 Goals** were adopted by all UN Member States in 2015, as part of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** which set out a 15-year plan to achieve the Goals.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** These goals are intended to be achieved by the year 2030.



- Through the pledge to **Leave No One Behind**, countries have committed to fast-track progress for those furthest behind first. That is why the SDGs are designed to bring the world to several life-changing ‘zeros’, including zero poverty, hunger, AIDS and discrimination against women and girls.
- Today, progress is being made in many places, but, overall, action to meet the Goals is not yet advancing at the speed or scale required.

4. Answer: A

Sol:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** As per constitutional provisions, only those waterways which are **declared as National Waterways** come under the purview of the **Central Government** while the rest of waterways remain in the purview of respective **State Governments**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The National Waterways Act 2016, has **declared 111 rivers or river stretches, creeks, estuaries in India as National Waterways** for the promotion of Inland waterways in the country.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The National Waterways Act **mandates the Central Government to regulate these waterways** for systematic and orderly development of shipping and navigation activities.
- It intends to create large-scale, commercial shipping and navigation systems in all these 111 waterways. These are expected to **realise the potential of cargo and passenger traffic**,

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including tourism and cruise, offer **seamless connectivity at lower per-unit cost and make transportation more efficient.**

- Spread across the Eastern, Western, Southern and Central regions of the country, these waterways cover nearly 15000 kilometres across 24 states and two union territories.
- The project would generate a series of **forward and backward linkages** with prospects to penetrate deep into the economy. The **multiplier effect** of the investment and its linkages can result in a virtuous cycle of all-round growth.

5. Answer: C

Sol:

- Nameri National Park is located on the eastern border of **Assam**.
- Nameri is home to some of the endangered species like white winged wood duck, Sloth Bear, Tiger Leopard, Clouded Leopard, Sambar, Gaur, Indian Wild Dog, four varieties of Hornbill and many other winged species.
- The park has a high density of elephant population and due to lessening of forest cover, they sometimes invade human inhabited villages, which have attracted the attention of wildlife conservationists worldwide.

