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**1. The Rohingyas are a Muslim ethnic minority concentrated in which of the following countries?**

- A) Myanmar
- B) Israel
- C) Iran
- D) Azerbaijan

**2. The “Nagorno-Karabakh” region sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of**

- A. China and Philippines
- B. Israel and Palestine
- C. Azerbaijan and Armenia
- D. Iraq and Iran

**3. Consider the following statements about the Minimum Export Price (MEP)**

- 1) It is the price below which an exporter is not allowed to export the commodity from India.
- 2) MEP is a kind of quantitative restriction to trade.

**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. A rapid increase in the rate of inflation is sometimes attributed to the “base effect”. What is “base effect”?**

- A) It is the impact of drastic deficiency in supply due to failure of crops
- B) It is the impact of the surge in demand due to rapid economic growth
- C) It is the impact of the price levels of previous year on the calculation of inflation rate
- D) None of the statements (a), (b) and (c) given above is correct in this context

**5. Consider the following statements about the Lion tailed Macaque**

- 1) It is endemic to the north eastern himalayas.
- 2) It is nocturnal in nature.

**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

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### Solutions:

#### 1. Answer: A

##### Explanation

- The Rohingya are an **ethnic group**, the majority of whom are **Muslim**, who have lived for centuries in the majority Buddhist Myanmar.
- The Rohingya speak **Rohingya or Ruaingga**, a dialect that is distinct to others spoken throughout Myanmar.
- They are not considered one of the country's 135 official ethnic groups and have been **denied citizenship in Myanmar** since 1982, which has effectively rendered them stateless.
- Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled persecution in **Myanmar's Rakhine State**, fueling a historic migration crisis.

#### 2. Answer: C

##### Explanation

- Nagorno-Karabakh is a **landlocked, mountainous and forested region** located in the **South Caucasus region**, which straddles the border between **eastern Europe and western Asia**.
- **Armenia and Azerbaijan** have a long-standing border dispute, mostly centered on the region of **Nagorno-Karabakh**.

#### 3. Answer: C

##### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Minimum Export Price (MEP) is the **price below which an exporter is not allowed to export** the commodity from India.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** MEP is a kind of **quantitative restriction to trade**.
- Government impose/increase MEP to restrict exports and increase the supply of commodities which will consequently reduce its price levels.

#### 4. Answer C

##### Explanation

- Base effect refers to the **impact of the rise in price level in the previous year over the corresponding rise in price levels in the current year**.
- For example: While calculating inflation, if the price index had risen at a high rate in the corresponding period of the previous year leading to a high inflation rate, some of the potential rise is already factored in, therefore a similar absolute increase in the Price index in the current year will lead to a relatively lower inflation rates.

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- On the other hand, if the inflation rate was too low in the corresponding period of the previous year, even a relatively smaller rise in the Price Index will arithmetically give a high rate of current inflation.

5. Answer: D

Explanation



- The lion-tailed macaque (*Macaca silenus*) is an 'Old World' monkey found in the three southern states of **Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu**. These macaques are **endemic to the Western Ghats** Mountain range within these states. Hence **statement 1 is incorrect**.
- They are covered in black fur, and have a striking gray or silver mane that surrounds their face which can be found in both sexes.
- It is **arboreal** and is often found in the upper canopy of **tropical moist evergreen forests**.
- It is **diurnal**, meaning it is active exclusively in daylight hours. Hence **statement 2 is incorrect**.
- They are **omnivores**, primarily eating indigenous fruits, seeds, flowers, insects, snails, and small vertebrates.

**Conservation Status**

- IUCN Red List: **Endangered**.
- Wildlife Protection Act, 2022: **Schedule I**.
- CITES: **Appendix I**.