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Daily MCQs: 29-06-2024

1) Consider the following statements about the Satnami sect:

1. The Satnami sect was founded by Birbhan in the 17th century.
2. This sect is a wing of the Ravidassia community.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

2. The Kavli Prize is awarded in which of the following fields?

1. Astrophysics
2. Nanoscience
3. Neuroscience
4. Medicine

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1, 2, and 3 only
- C) 2, 3, and 4 only
- D) 1, 2, 3, and 4

3. Adi Shankaracharya is known for consolidating which philosophical doctrine?

- A) Advaita
- B) Dvaita
- C) Vishishtadvaita
- D) Buddhism

4. The ten degree channel separates which of the following groups of islands?

- A) Andaman Islands and Nicobar Islands
- B) Lakshadweep Islands and Maldives
- C) Great Nicobar Island and Sumatra
- D) Sri Lanka and Maldives

5. In which one of the following places is the Shompen tribe found?

- A) Nilgiri Hills
- B) Nicobar Islands
- C) Spiti Valley
- D) Lakshadweep Islands

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Solutions:

1. Answer: C

Explanation

- The Satnami community was **founded in 1657 (17th century) by Bir Bhan of Narnaul district** (present day Haryana). Hence **statement 1 is correct**.
- **Udhodas, a disciple of Saint Ravidas**, was the **first priest or spiritual guru** of the society.
- **Statement 2 is correct**: The Satnami community is also referred to as the Satnami sect or the Sadhan sect. This sect is a wing of the Ravidassia community.
- The community **comprises farmers, artisans and people from backward castes**.
- The sect emphasizes on **three principles**
 - adorn the attire of a Satnami devotee,
 - earn money through proper means and
 - do not tolerate any injustice or oppression in any form.

2. Answer: B

Explanation

- The Kavli Prize is awarded **in honour of Norwegian-American** businessman and philanthropist **Fred Kavli (1927-2013)**.



- The Kavli Prize is awarded by US-based **Kavli Foundation** in partnership with the **Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters**, and the **Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research**.

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- The Kavli Prizes are awarded in **three areas**:
 - **Astrophysics** (the largest)
 - **Nanoscience** (the smallest)
 - **Neuroscience** (the most complex)

- The Kavli Prize was designed to be like the Nobel in the fields of astrophysics, neuroscience, and nanoscience.
- The **Nobel Prize** is only awarded for **achievements** made during the **preceding year**. But the **Kavli Prize** does **not operate under such a restriction**.

3. Answer: A

Explanation

- Adi Shankara was one of the great Indian philosophers and social reformers who was born in **Kalady village** on the bank of the River Periyar in Kerala in the eighth century.
- He was an **advocate of Advaita** or the **doctrine of the oneness of the individual soul and the Supreme God** which is the Ultimate Reality.
- He met his **guru, Swami Govindapada Acharya** in a hermitage on the banks of the River Narmada. Under Govindapada Acharya's guidance, **he mastered Yoga, Vedanta** and other systems and became a knower of the Brahman. Shankara travelled all over India and met the leaders of different schools of thought.
- He tried to **revive Hinduism in India** while Buddhism was gaining popularity.
- Adi Shankaracharya was known to reconcile various sects of Vaishnavism, Shaivism, and Saktism with the introduction of the **Pancayatana** form of worship. It is the simultaneous worship of five deities of Ganesha, Surya, Vishnu, Shiva and Devi, arguing that all deities were different forms of the one Brahman.
- Adi Shankara disappeared at the age of 32 in the year 820 C.E. In his short life, he majorly contributed towards **shaping of Hindu culture and spirituality**

4. Answer: A

Explanation

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a **cluster of 836 islands** located in the Bay of Bengal.
- These islands are split into two groups namely,
 - the **Andaman Islands** to the north and
 - the **Nicobar Islands** to the south
- **Andaman and Nicobar Islands are separated** by the 150-km wide **Ten Degree Channel**.

5. Answer: B

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Explanation

- The Shompen are one of the least studied **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)** in India.
- This very little-known tribal community resides in the **dense tropical Rain Forest of Great Nicobar Island of Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands.**
- The Shompen habitat is also an important biological hotspot and there are two National Parks and one Biosphere Reserve namely **Campbell Bay National Park, Galathea National Park and Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve.**
- Though according to Census (2011), the estimated population of Shompen is 229, the exact population of Shompen is unknown till today.
- They are **semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers** and their main sources of livelihood are hunting, gathering, fishing and little bit horticultural activities in a rudimentary form.

