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**1. Consider the following statements about Kalbelia dance**

- 1) It is a dance primarily originating in the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India.
- 2) It traces its origins from the Ras Leela of Brajbhoomi.

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

**2. 'She-box' is sometimes mentioned in news with reference to**

- A. An initiative to make rural households digitally literate
- B. An online complaint management system to report sexual harassment at workplace.
- C. An initiative to encourage energy efficiency technologies in light of Global Warming.
- D. Government e-commerce portal for buying and selling dairy products.

**3. Which of the following statements about the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award is correct?**

- 1) It is awarded annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- 2) It is given to sports coaches for their outstanding performance.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

**4. Consider the following**

1. Turkey
2. Iran
3. Sudan
4. Lebanon
5. Iraq

Which of the following countries share a border with Syria?

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 4 and 5
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

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### 5. Consider the following

Ports	Located at
1. Deendayal Port	Gujarat
2. Ennore Port	Andhra Pradesh
3. Paradip Port	West Bengal

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- A. Only one pair
- B. Only two pairs
- C. Only three pairs
- D. None of the pairs

Solutions:

1. Answer: D

Explanation

- **Both the statements are incorrect.**
- Kalbelia dance is a traditional folk dance and an integral part of the cultural heritage of the **Kalbelia tribe, a nomadic community residing in Rajasthan.**
- It is recognized as an **intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO.**
- The Kalbelia dance is characterized by its rhythmic and lively movements, resembling the **serpentine motions** of a **snake.**
- The dance is accompanied by **traditional Kalbelia music**, primarily performed with traditional instruments like the **pungi** (a wind instrument), **dufli** (a tambourine), and **khuralio** (a percussion instrument).
- It reflects the harmony between humans and nature, incorporating elements of **folklore, legends, and rituals.**

2. Answer: B

Explanation

- The **Sexual Harassment electronic Box (SHe-Box)** is an effort by **Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India** to provide a single window access to every woman, irrespective of her work status, whether working in organised or unorganised, private or public sector, to facilitate the registration of complaint related to sexual harassment.
- Any woman facing sexual harassment at workplace can register their complaint through this portal. Once a complaint is submitted to the 'SHe-Box', it will be **directly sent to the concerned authority** having jurisdiction to take action into the matter.
- This was made to ensure the effective implementation of the **Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.** The act aims to create a safe and secure workplace for women. This Act caters to women

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working both in organized and unorganized sector and establishes a **redressal mechanism** for the disposal of their complaints

- This Act is unique in its broad coverage which includes all women irrespective of their work status, whether working in organized or unorganized, public or private sectors, regardless of hierarchy. The **domestic workers are also included within its ambit.**
- It defines “sexual harassment at the workplace” in a comprehensive manner, to cover circumstances of implied or explicit promise or **threat to a woman’s employment prospects** or creation of hostile work environment or humiliating treatment, which can **affect her health or safety.**

### 3. Answer: A

#### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Administered annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, this esteemed award **includes a significant cash prize of Rs 25 lakh.**
- The Khel Ratna Award, alternatively referred to as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, stands as a prestigious sports accolade in India, **honouring athletes who have achieved remarkable success across various sporting disciplines**, bringing immense glory to the nation. **Hence, Statement 2 is incorrect.**

### 4. Answer: C

- Syria, country located on the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea in southwestern Asia.
- Its area includes territory in the Golan Heights that has been occupied by Israel since 1967.
- The present area does not coincide with ancient Syria, which was the strip of fertile land lying between the eastern Mediterranean coast and the desert of northern Arabia.

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- Syria is bounded by **Turkey to the north, by Iraq to the east and southeast, by Jordan to the south, and by Lebanon and Israel to the southwest.**

5. Answer: A

### Explanation

- Pair 1 is correct: Deendayal Port - Located in Gujarat.
- **Pair 2 is incorrect:** Ennore Port - Located in Tamil Nadu, not Andhra Pradesh.
- **Pair 3 is incorrect:** Paradip Port - Located in Odisha, not West Bengal.



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