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Q 1: The Section 497 of the IPC deals with

- a) Adultery
- b) Homeosexual Acts
- c) Animal Cruelity
- d) Abduction

Solution: a)

The Section 497 of the IPC deals with Adultery.

A five-judge Constitution Bench held that adultery is not a crime and struck it off the Indian Penal Code.

Read More: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/adultery-not-a-criminal-offence-as-sc-strikes-down-section-497-of-ipc/article25055245.ece>

Q 2: Choose the correct statement about Lokpal:

1. Finance Minister is a member of Selection Committee of Lokpal
2. There are total 6 members in the Selection Committee

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None

Solution: d)

Lokpal will consist of a chairperson and a maximum of eight members, of which 50% will be judicial members 50% members of Lokpal shall be from SC/ST/OBCs, minorities and women.

Selection of chairperson and members of Lokpal through a selection committee consisting of PM, Speaker of Lok Sabha, leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India or a sitting Supreme Court judge nominated by CJI an eminent jurist chosen by them

Read More: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/centre-appoints-search-committee-for-lokpal/article25061884.ece>

Q 3: Choose the correct statement about Tea Board of India:

1. Its Headquarters is at Mumbai
2. Tea board of India is not concerned with export of tea from India

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None

Solution: d)

The Tea Board of India is a state agency of the Government of India established to promote the cultivation, processing, and domestic trade as well as **export of tea** from India.

It was established by the enactment of the Tea Act in 1953 with its headquarters in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta).

Read More: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/tea-board-to-stay-off-auction-system-recast/article25061569.ece>

Q 4: Choose the correct statement about the Sabrimala Temple:

1. Sabrimala temple is located at Periyar Tiger Reserve
2. The Supreme Court of India in 1991 had restricted entry women above the age of 10 and below the age of 50 from Sabarimala Shrine

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None

Solution: a)

Sabarimala is a Hindu pilgrimage centre located at the Periyar **Tiger Reserve** in the Western Ghat mountain ranges of Pathanamthitta District, in the state of Kerala. It is one of the largest annual pilgrimages in the world with an estimated 45–50 million devotees visiting every year. Ayyappan's temple is situated amidst 18 hills. The dense forest, (Periyar Tiger Reserve), is known as Poongavanam.

The shrine at Sabarimala is an ancient temple of Ayyappan also known as sasta and Dharmasasta. In the 12th century, Manikandan, a prince of Pandalam dynasty, meditated at Sabarimala temple and became one with the divine. Manikandan was an avatar of Ayyappan.

In 1991, the **Kerala High Court** had restricted entry of women above the age of 10 and below the age of 50 from Sabarimala Shrine as they were of the menstruating age.

Recently, the Supreme Court of India has lifted the ban on the entry of women. As per the court, discrimination against women on any grounds, even religious is unconstitutional

Read More: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/sc-opens-sabarimala-temple-for-women-of-all-ages/article25068333.ece>

Q 5: Choose the correct statement about Uzbekistan:

1. It has a border with Afghanistan
2. Uzbekistan is a doubly landlocked country

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None

Solution: c)

Bordering Kazakhstan and the Aral Sea to the north and northwest, Turkmenistan to the southwest, Tajikistan to the southeast, and Kyrgyzstan to the northeast, Uzbekistan is one of the largest Central Asian states and the only Central Asian state to border all the other four. **Uzbekistan also shares a short border (less than 150 km or 93 mi) with Afghanistan to the south.**

Uzbekistan is a dry, landlocked country. It is one of two **doubly landlocked countries** in the world (that is, a country completely surrounded by landlocked countries), the other being Liechtenstein.

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