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Q 1: The recently observed 'Prakaram Parv' is related to?

a. Bravery Awards

b. Surgical Strike

c. Kerala Floods

d. Airlifting Missions

Solution: b

The surgical strike operation was carried out by the Indian Army across the Line of Control or LoC on the intervening night of September 28 and 29, 2016. The surgical strike was carried out to eliminate terrorists and destroy terror launch pads across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. To honour the soldiers for their valour and accuracy to carry out such a high-precision armed forces operation, the government and citizens celebrate 'Parakram Parv' or 'celebration of achievements' between September 28 and 30

Q 2: Choose the correct statement about National Green Tribunal:

1. **NGT Act was passed in 2005**
2. **A Judge of a High Court is eligible to become the Chairman of NGT**

a. Only 1

b. Only 2

c. Both 1 and 2

d. None

Solution: d

National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (NGT) is an Act of the Parliament of India which enables creation of a special tribunal to handle the expeditious disposal of the cases pertaining to environmental issues.

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The tribunal shall consist of a full time chairperson, judicial members and expert members. The minimum number of judicial and expert member prescribed is ten in each category and maximum number is twenty in each category. Another important provision included in the law is that the chairperson, if find necessary, may invite any person or more person having specialized knowledge and experience in a particular case before the tribunal to assist the same in that case.

A judge of the Supreme Court of India or Chief Justice of High Court are eligible to be Chairperson or judicial member of the Tribunal. Even existing or retired judge of High Court is qualified to be appointed as a Judicial Member

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Q 3: Choose the correct statement

1. **PEN International has its HeadOffice in New York**
2. **Pen International Congress 2018 was held in Mumbai**

a. Only 1

b. Only 2

c. Both 1 and 2

d. None

Solution: d

PEN International (known as International PEN until 2010) is a worldwide association of writers, founded in London in 1921 to promote friendship and intellectual co-operation among writers everywhere. The association has autonomous International PEN centers in over 100 countries.

Other goals included: to emphasise the role of literature in the development of mutual understanding and world culture; to fight for freedom of expression; and to act as a powerful voice on behalf of writers harassed, imprisoned and sometimes killed for their views.

The 84th PEN International Congress was hosted by PEN South India in Pune, India, from the 25th to the 29th September 2018

The event will run alongside the year-long commemoration of the life of Mahatma Gandhi, whose celebrated autobiography ‘My Experiments with Truth’ is the theme of this year’s Congress, with events and panels focusing on the values of truth and non-violence.

The eminent linguist Ganesh Devy plans to set up a Global Language Park (*bhasha van* in Hindi) in Pune. It will be located on a one-acre plot on the premises of the Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU).

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Conceptualised as part of the 84th PEN (Poets, Essayists, Novelists) International Congress that is under way in the city, the park will have about 80 '**language** trees.'

Read more: https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/where-language-grows-on-trees/article25074811.ece

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Q 4: Which of the following can help in reducing Current Account Deficit?

1. **Increase in Imports**
2. **Increase Domestic Savings**

a. Only 1

b. Only 2

c. Both 1 and 2

d. None

Solution: b

Action to reduce a substantial current account deficit usually involves increasing exports (goods going out of a country and entering abroad countries) or decreasing imports (goods coming from a foreign country into a country). Firstly, this is generally accomplished directly through import restrictions, quotas, or duties (though these may indirectly limit exports as well), or by promoting exports (through subsidies, custom duty exemptions etc.). Influencing the exchange rate to make exports cheaper for foreign buyers will indirectly increase the balance of payments. Also, currency wars, a phenomenon evident in post recessionary markets is a protectionist policy, whereby countries devalue their currencies to ensure export competitiveness. Secondly, adjusting government spending to favor domestic suppliers is also effective.

Other methods to reduce a current account deficit include measures that increase domestic savings (or reduced domestic borrowing), including a reduction in borrowing by the national government.

Q5: Choose the correct statement:

1. **Muziris was an ancient sea-port in the present day Andhra Pradesh**
2. **Muziris was destroyed in the Great Floods of 1341**

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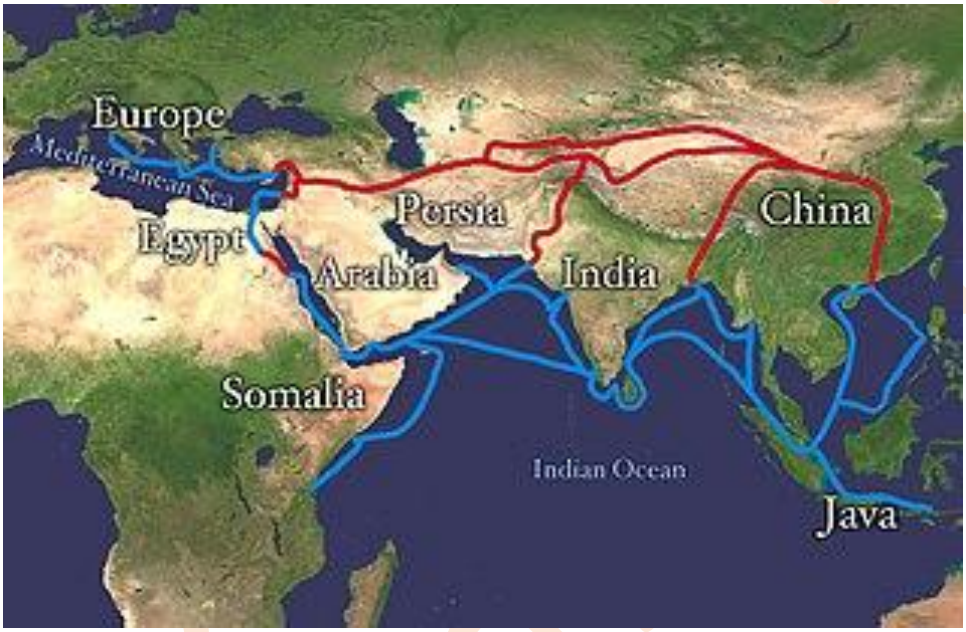
a. Only 1

b. Only 2

c. Both 1 and 2

d. None

Solution: b



Muziris was an ancient seaport and urban center on the Malabar Coast (modern-day Indian state of **Kerala)** that dates from at least the 1st century BC.
Muziris disappeared from every known map of antiquity, and without a trace, presumably because of a cataclysmic event in **1341**, a "cyclone and floods" in the Periyar that altered the geography of the region
Muziris Heritage Project is a tourism venture by Tourism Department of Kerala to reinstate the historical and cultural significance of Muziris. The idea of the project came after the extensive excavations and discoveries at Pattanam by Kerala Council for Historical Research. The project also covers various other historically significant sites and monuments in central Kerala

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