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1. Consider the following statements regarding the constitutional and legal provisions associated with the display of a State Flag:

1. Article 51A(a) makes it a Fundamental Duty of every citizen to respect the National Flag and the National Anthem.
2. Article 19(1)(a) guarantees freedom of speech and expression, which includes the expression of linguistic and cultural identity.
3. The Flag Code of India, 2002, regulates the display and use of both National and State Flags.
4. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, provides legal protection to the National Flag.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

a. 1 and 2 only
b. 1, 2 and 4 only
c. 2, 3 and 4 only
d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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Answer : d

- Statement 1 – Correct: Article 51A(a), under Part IVA, makes it the Fundamental Duty of every citizen to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem.
- Statement 2 – Correct: Article 19(1)(a) guarantees freedom of speech and expression. It is relevant to the expression of linguistic, cultural and regional identity.
- Statement 3 – Incorrect: The Flag Code of India, 2002, primarily regulates the display, hoisting and use of the National Flag, not State Flags as a separate category.
- Statement 4 – Correct: The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, protects the National Flag, Constitution and National Anthem against specified forms of insult.

2. Consider the following statements regarding the VAYU vision of the Indian Air Force:

1. It aims to restore the IAF's fighter squadron strength to the authorised level of 42 squadrons.
2. It promotes indigenous development of aircraft, weapons and sensors.
3. It envisages the use of Artificial Intelligence in networked command and control systems.
4. It focuses exclusively on strengthening the Indian Air Force without involving other armed forces.
5. Unity of Effort under the VAYU vision promotes coordination only during wartime.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

a. 1 and 2 only
b. 1, 2 and 3 only
c. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
d. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Answer : b

- Statement 1 – Correct: One of the major priorities under Vigilance and Readiness is restoring the IAF's fighter strength to the authorised level of 42 squadrons.
- Statement 2 – Correct: Aatmanirbharta emphasises indigenous aircraft, weapons, sensors and defence technologies.
- Statement 3 – Correct: Yukti promotes networked and AI-enabled command and control systems.
- Statement 4 – Incorrect: Unity of Effort emphasises jointness and coordination among the Army, Navy, Air Force and national agencies.
- Statement 5 – Incorrect: Unity of Effort is a broader approach to integrated defence planning and coordination, not something restricted to wartime.

3. Which of the following factors may contribute to changes in predator-prey interactions in Himalayan ecosystems?

1. Seasonal fluctuations in food availability.
2. Opportunistic feeding behaviour of predators.
3. Spatial overlap between predator and prey populations.
4. Climate-induced changes in seasonal and hibernation patterns.

Select the correct answer using the code 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

Answer : d

All four factors can influence predator-prey interactions.

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- Seasonal food availability - Scarcity of food may encourage predators to explore alternative food sources.
- Opportunistic feeding - Predators may exploit vulnerable prey when opportunities arise.
- Spatial overlap - Greater overlap between predator and prey habitats increases the possibility of interaction.
- Climate change - Altered seasonal patterns may influence feeding behaviour, hibernation periods and ecological interactions.

4. With reference to the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA), consider the following statements:

1. Nepal submitted its proposal for recognition of six additional eight-thousanders through the Nepal Mountaineering Association.
2. The 2026 UIAA General Assembly was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
3. The proposal considers geographical identity, distinct summit features and separate climbing routes.
4. The UIAA General Assembly is concerned exclusively with mountain climbing competitions and does not address environmental issues.
5. There are currently 14 internationally recognised mountain peaks exceeding 8,000 metres.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

a. 1 and 2 only

b. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

c. 2, 3 and 4 only

d. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Answer : b

- Statement 1 – Correct: Nepal submitted its proposal to the UIAA through the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA).
- Statement 2 – Correct: The 2026 UIAA General Assembly was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Statement 3 – Correct: The proposed assessment considers three important criteria:
  - Geographical identity.
  - Distinct summit features.
  - Separate climbing routes.
- Statement 4 – Incorrect: The General Assembly also discusses mountain safety, climate change, global mountaineering priorities and environmental concerns.
- Statement 5 – Correct: There are currently 14 internationally recognised mountain peaks exceeding 8,000 metres, commonly called eight-thousanders.

5.Consider the following statements regarding the States celebrating their Foundation Day on November 1:

1. Andhra Pradesh was formed by merging Andhra State with Telugu-speaking areas of the erstwhile Hyderabad State.
2. Karnataka was originally formed as Mysore State on November 1, 1956.
3. Kerala was formed by combining Travancore-Cochin, Malabar and Kasaragod.
4. Madhya Pradesh was reorganised under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.
5. November 1 is observed as Foundation Day by eight States and five Union Territories, reflecting India's linguistic reorganisation in 1956 and subsequent administrative and territorial changes.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

a. 1, 2 and 3 only

b. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

c. 1, 3, 4 and 5 only

d. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

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Answer : d

All five statements are correct.

- Statement 1 – Correct: Andhra Pradesh was formed on November 1, 1956, by merging Andhra State with Telugu-speaking areas of the erstwhile Hyderabad State.
- Statement 2 – Correct: Karnataka was initially formed as Mysore State on November 1, 1956. It was renamed Karnataka in 1973.
- Statement 3 – Correct: Kerala was formed by integrating Travancore-Cochin, Malabar and Kasaragod.
- Statement 4 – Correct: Madhya Pradesh was reorganised under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, incorporating regions such as Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh and Bhopal.
- Statement 5 – Correct: "November 1 is observed as Foundation Day by eight States and five Union Territories, reflecting India's linguistic reorganisation in 1956 and subsequent administrative and territorial changes."