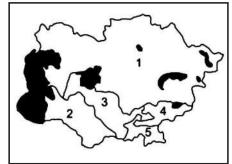
Chapter 2

World Political Geography

1. Given below is a map of some countries which were parts of the erstwhile Soviet Union, with water bodies shown by shaded areas: [1995]



The countries marked 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are respectively:

- (a) Tajikistan, Turkmenia, Uzbekistan, Kirgizia, Kazakhstan
- (b) Turkmenia, Kirgizia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan
- (c) Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kirgizia, Turkmenia
- (d) Kazakhstan, Turkmenia, Uzbekistan, Kirgizia, Tajikistan
- 2. The standard time of the following countries is ahead of or behind Greenwich Mean Time depending on whether they are East or West of the longitude passing through Greenwich. [1995]
 - 1. Cuba
- 2. Greece
- 3. Iraq
- 4. Costa Rica
- 5. Japan

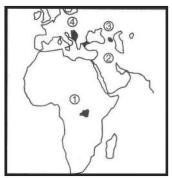
Which one of the following sequential orders gives the correct arrangement of the countries according to their standard time from ahead to behind GMT?

- (a) 5, 3, 2, 1, 4
- (b) 2, 4, 1, 3, 5
- (c) 4, 1, 3, 2, 5
- (d) 3, 5, 4, 1, 2
- **3.** The original home of the gypsies was:
 - (a) Egypt
- (b) Russia
- (c) India
- (d) Persia
- 4. Which one of the following is the continent with the highest mean elevation in the world? [1995]
 - (a) Antarctica
- (b) North America

[1995]

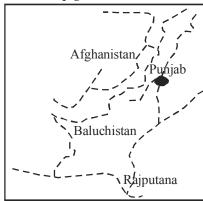
- (c) Asia
- (d) South America

5. Consider the map given below indicating four places frequently figuring in the news: [1995]



Which one of them is Chechenya? Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- **6.** Which one of the following does not belong to biosphere reserves set-up so far? [1995]
 - (a) Great Nicobar
- (b) Sunderbans
- (c) Nanda Devi
- (d) Gulf of Kutch
- 7. Arakan Yoma is the extension of the Himalayas located in: [1995]
 - (a) Baluchistan
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Kashmir
- 8. Consider the map given below:
- [1996]



The dotted (broken) line in the map is the:

- (a) Durand line
- (b) McMohan line
- (c) Line of demarcation between India and Pakistan suggested by the Boundary Commission (1947)
- (d) route followed by young husband's expedition.

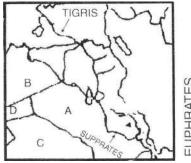
[1997]

- In the Indian context the term 'De-notified tribes' refers
 - (a) tribes which are aboriginals
 - (b) nomadic tribes
 - (c) tribes practising shifting cultivation
 - (d) tribes which were earlier classified as criminal tribes
- Which one of the following regions of India is now regarded as an 'ecological hot spot'?
 - (a) Western Himalayas
 - (b) Eastern Himalayas
 - (c) Western Ghats
 - (d) Eastern Ghats
- [1996] Consider the following programmes:
 - Afforestation and development of wastelands
 - Reforestation and replantation in existing forests
 - Encouraging the wood substitutes and supplying other types of fuel
 - Promotion of wide use of insecticides and pesticides to restrict the loss of forest area from degradation caused by pests and insects.

The National Forest Policy of 1988 includes:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (b) 2 and 4
- (c) 1, 3 and 4
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- The rough outline map shows a portion of the Middle [1996]

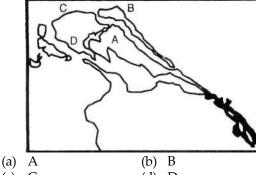
The countries labelled A, B, C and D are respectively:



- (a) Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia
- (b) Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Jordan
- (c) Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan
- (d) Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia
- The Palk Bay lies between:

[1996]

- (a) Gulf of Kutch and Gulf of Khambhat
- (b) Gulf of Mannar and Bay of Bengal
- (c) Lakshadweep and Maldive Islands
- (d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- A rough outline map of northern Sri Lanka is shown below. Jaffna is located at the point marked:

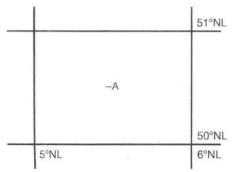


- (c)
- C
- (d) D

- About 50% of the world population is concentrated **15.** between the latitudes of: [1997]
 - (a) 5°N and 20° N
- (b) 20°N and 40°N
- (c) 40^oN and 60^oN
- (d) 20° S and 40° S
- ".....They are people of yellow complexion, oblique eyes, high check bones, sparse hair and medium height." The reference here is to: [1997]
 - (a) Nordic Aryans
- (b) Austrics
- (c) Negroids
- (d) Mongoloids
- **17.** Consider the map given below: The river shown on the map is:



- (a) Irrawaddy
- (b) Mekong
- (c) Chao Phraya
- (d) Salween
- "From Aceh in the far north west to Torres Strait in 18. the east is 5000 miles, almost as far as from London to Baghdad. The archipelago has 14,000 islands, some mere equatorial rocks, others some of the largest in the world." This description best fits: [1997]
 - (a) West Indies
- (b) Japan
- (c) Philippines
- (d) Indonesia
- 19. Consider the geographical details given in the following figure: [1997]



The point marked by A in the above figure indicates the countries in:

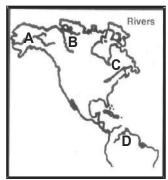
- (a) North America
- (b) South America
- (c) Europe
- (d) Asia
- **20.** Daily weather map showing isobars is an example of: [1997]
 - (a) Choropleth map
 - (b) Isopleth map
 - (c) Chorochromatic map
 - (d) Choroschematic map
- Which one of the following countries is the largest producer of fuel wood in the world? [1997]
 - (a) Indonesia
- (b) Russia
- (c) India
- (d) China

- **22.** During a flight from Delhi to Tokyo the following are the landing airport.
 - 1. Hongkong
 - 2. Hanoi
 - 3. Taipei
 - 4. Bangkok
 - (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
- (b) 4, 2, 1, 3
- (c) 2, 4, 3, 1
- (d) 3, 2, 1, 4
- The satellites of which one of the following countries have helped in the preparation of a detailed and complete map of Antarctica?
 - (a) Canada
- (b) France
- (c) Russia
- (d) U.S.A
- 24. Which one of the following countries has replaced Italy as the major importer of bauxite from India?

[1998]

- (a) Canada
- (b) Greece
- (c) Ukraine
- (d) United Arab Emirates
- 25. Indonesian forest fire in 1997 was caused by: [1998]
 - (a) greenhouse effect
 - (b) depletion of ozone layer
 - (c) El Nino effect
 - (d) None of these
- **26.** Match the rivers labelled A, B, C and D on the given map with their names given in the list and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I

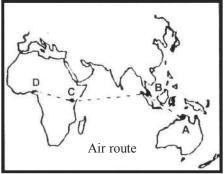


List-II

- 1. St. Lawrence
- 2. Orinoco
- 3. Mackenzie
- 4. Amazon
- 5. Yukon

Codes:

- (a) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1 (b) A-5; B-3; C-1; D-2
- (c) A-5; B-4; C-1; D-3 (d) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2
- 27. When there is noon at I.S.T. meridian people at another place of the earth are taking their 6 O' clock morning tea. The longitude of the place is: [1998]
 - (a) 17°30′ E
- (b) 7°30' W
- (c) 172°30' E
- (d) 90° W
- 28. Which one the following port cities in Venezuela has been developed as an oil port? [1999]
 - (a) Caracas
- (b) Maracaibo
- (c) Maracay
- (d) Carupano
- **29.** Match the cities labelled as A, B, C and D in the given map with the names of cities and select the correct answer using the codes given below the names of cities: [1999]



Name of cities

- 1. Darwin
- 2. Kualalumpur
- Lagos
- Nairobi
- 5. Singapore
- Codes:
- (a) A-1; B-2; C-4; D-3 (b) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3
- (c) A-1; B-4; C-5; D-2 (d) A-4; B-3; C-5; D-2
- 30. A person of mixed European and Indian blood in Latin America a called a: [1999]
 - (a) Mulatto
- (b) Mestizo
- (c) Meiji
- (d) Mau Mau
- In which one of the following areas in the given map was there a recent discovery of copper deposits by the Atomic Minerals Division of Department Atomic Energy? [1999]



- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (d) 3 (c) 4
- Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1999]

List-I List-II (Volcanic Mountain) (Country) Mt. Rainier Α 1. Italy Etna 2. Mexico C. Paricutin 3. Philippines D. Taal U.S.A.

Codes:

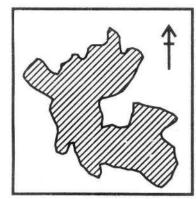
- (a) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3 (b) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3
- (c) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (d) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1
- Consider the following provinces of former Yugoslavia: [2000]
 - Bosnia 1.
- Croatia
- Slovenia
- 4. Yugoslavia

The correct sequence of these provinces from the east to west is:

- (a) 4, 1, 3, 2
- (b) 4, 1, 2, 3
- (c) 1, 4, 3, 2
- (d) 1, 4, 2, 3

- 34. Which one of the following lakes forms an international boundary between Tanzania and Uganda? [2000]
 - (a) Chained
- (b) Malawi
- (c) Victoria
- (d) Zambezi
- A class of animals known as Marsupials is a characteristic feature of: [2001]
 - (a) Africa
- (b) Australia
- (c) South America
- (d) South-east Asia

36.



The above map is the Union Territory of: [2001]

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Daman and Diu
- (c) Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- (d) Pondicherry
- Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2001]

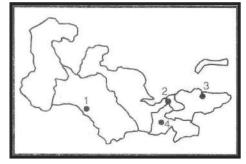
List-I (Local Wind)

List-II (Region)

- A. Fohn
- 1. Argentina
- B. Sarmun C. Santa Ana
- Kurdistan 2. California
- D. Zonda
- Alps

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (b) A-4; B-2; C-3; D-1
- (c) A-2; B-4; C-3; D-1 (d) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3
- The given map shows four towns of Central Asian region marked as 1, 2, 3 and 4. Identify these from the following lists and select the correct answer using the codes given below:



Towns:

- A. Bishkek
- B. Ashikhabad
- Tashkent
- D. Dushanbe

Codes:

- (a) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4 (b) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2
- (c) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4 (d) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2

- Consider the following statements regarding environment issues in India:
 - Gulf of Mannar is one of the biosphere reserves
 - The Ganga Action Plan, phase II has been merged with the National River Conservation Plan.
 - The National Museum of Natural History at New Delhi imparts non-formal education in environment and conservation
 - Environmental Information System (ENVIS) acts as a decentralized information network for environment information

Which of these statements are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 4
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 3 and 4
- Consider the following countries: Brazil 1.
 - 2. Indonesia
 - 3. Japan
- Russia

What is the descending order of the size of the following countries population-wise?

- (a) 1, 2, 4, 3
- (b) 2, 3, 1, 4
- (c) 2, 1, 4, 3
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4
- 41. Consider the following countries of South Asia:

[2002]

[2002]

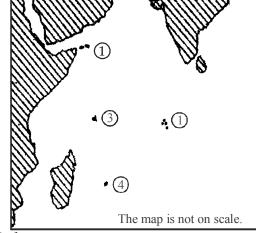
- Bangladesh
- 2. India
- Pakistan
- 4. Sri Lanka

The descending order of literacy status of these countries is:

- (a) 4, 2, 1, 3
- (b) 2, 4, 3, 1
- (c) 4, 2, 3, 1
- (d) 2, 4, 1, 3
- Consider the following countries:
 - [2002]
 - Albania
- Bosnia Hercegovina 4. Macedonia

Croatia Which of these countries has/have Adriatic Sea as a boundary?

- (a) 1, 2 and 4
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 43. In the map given below, four islands of Indian Ocean region i.e., (A) Seychelles (B) Chagos (C) Mauritius and (D) Socotra are marked as 1, 2, 3 and 4. Match them and select the correct answer from the codes given below: [2002]



Codes:

- (a) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2 (b) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4
- (c) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4 (d) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2

(a) Poland

(c) Belarus

(b) Ukraine

(d) North Sea

44. The waterfall 'Victoria' is associated with the river: Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given towns of Pakistan while moving from the [2003] (a) Amazon (b) Missouri north towards the south? [2005] (a) Islamabad-Gujranwala-Peshawar-Multan (c) St. Lawrence (d) Zambezi (b) Peshawar-Gujranwala-Multan-Islamabad [2003] Consider the following statements: (c) Peshawar–Islamabad–Gujranwala–Multan In Macedonia, ethnic Albanians are in a minority (d) Islamabad–Multan–Peshawar–Gujranwala In Kosovo, Serbians are in a majority Consider the following sites /monuments: Which of these statements is/are correct? Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2 2. Chhatrapati Shivaji Railway Station, Mumbai (d) Neither 1 nor 2 (c) Both 1 and 2 3. Mahallapuram [2003] Israel has common borders with: Sun Temple (Konark Temple) (a) Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt Which of the above are included in the World Heritage (b) Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Jordan List of UNESCO? (c) Cyprus, Turkey, Jordan and Egypt (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1, 3 and 4 (d) Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Yemen (c) 2 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 47. Which one of the following countries does not border Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer the Caspian Sea? [2003] using the codes given below the lists: [2005] (a) Armenia (b) Azerbaijan List-I (City) List-II (River) (c) Kazakhstan (d) Turkmenistan Washington, D.C. 1. River Manzanares The great Asian river Mekong does not run through: River Seine B. Berlin 2. [2004] C. 3. Paris River Spree (a) China (b) Malaysia D. Madrid River Potomac (c) Cambodia (d) Laos Codes: 49. Latvia does not share its borders with which one of (a) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 (b) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3 [2004] the following countries? (c) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (d) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1 (b) Estonia (a) Russia Consider the following statements: [2005] (c) Lithuania (d) Poland Great Britain comprises England, Wales, Scotland Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer and Northern Ireland. using the codes given below: [2004] England covers less than 60% of the total area of List-I (Sea) List-II (Country) the United Kingdom.. A. Black Sea 1. Bulgaria Which of the statements given above is/are correct? B. Red Sea 2. China (a) 1 only (b) 2 only C. 3. Eritrea Yellow Sea (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 D. Caspian Sea 4. Kazakhstan Itaipu Dam built on the river Parana is one of the Codes: largest dams in the world. Which of the following (a) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3 (b) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4 two countries have this as a joint project? (c) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4 (d) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (a) Brazil and Peru Which one of the following does not border Panama? (b) Paraguay and Ecuador [2004] (c) Brazil and Paraguay (a) Coast Rica (b) Pacific Ocean (d) Colombia and Paraguay (c) Colombia (d) Venezuela Which one of the following is the correct sequence of 52. Consider the following statements: [2005] the given continents in the decreasing order of their Silent Valley National Park in the Nallamalai percentage of Earth's land? range. (a) North America–Africa–South America–Europe 2. Pathrakkadavu Hydroelectric project is proposed (b) Africa–North Africa–South America–Europe to be built near the Silent Valley National Park. (c) North America–Africa–Europe–South America The Kunthi river originates in Silent Valley's (d) Africa-North America-Europe-South America rainforests. Bermuda Triangle extends up to which of the Which of the statements given above is/are correct? following places?. [2006] (a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 only Southern Florida 2. Puerto Rico (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3 Hawaiian Islands Which one of the following countries does not border [2005] Select the correct answer using the codes given below: Lithuania?

(a) 1, 2 and 3

(c) 2 and 3 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(d) 1 and 3 only

(a) Buenos Aires

(c) Rio de Janeiro

(b) Hawaiian Islands

(d) Valletta

61. Claims to the historical Macedonian territory have Which one of the following cities does not have the been a bone of contention between which of the same clock time as that of the other three cities at any [2006] following countries? given instant? [2007] (a) London (UK) (b) Lisbon (Portugal) (a) Portugal and Spain (b) Bulgaria and Greece (c) Accra (Ghana) (d) Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) 70. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer (c) Romania and Bulgaria using the code given below the lists: [2007] (d) Portugal and Greece List-I (City) List-II (River) Huangpu River flows through which one of the Bangkok 1. Irrawaddy following cities? B. Phnom-Penh 2. Mekong (a) Beijing (b) Ho Chi Minh City C. Hanoi 3. Menam (Chao Phraya) (c) Shanghai (d) Manila Yangon 4. Red River 63. Which one of the following countries is the leading producer of uranium? [2006] Code: A-3; B-2; C-4; D-1 (a) United States of America (a) (b) Canada (b) A-4; B-1; C-3; D-2 (c) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2 (c) Germany A-4; B-2; C-3; D-1 (d) Zambia Which one among the following rivers is the longest? Consider the following statements: [2006] [2007] 1. Length of a terrestrial mile is lesser than that of a nautical mile. (a) Amazon (b) Amur Harmattan is a dusty land-wind of the East (c) Congo (d) Lena African Coast. Through which one of the following Straits, does a 72. tunnel connect the United Kingdom and France? Greece and Albania form a part of the Iberian [2007] Peninsula. (a) Davis Strait (b) Denmark Strait Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? (c) Strait of Dover (d) Strait of Gibraltar (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3 only The largest coral reef in the world is found near the (c) 3 only 73. (d) 1 only coast of which one of the following countries? [2007] 65. Through which one of the following groups of (a) Australia (b) Cuba countries does the Equator pass? [2006] (c) Ghana (d) Philippines (a) Brazil, Zambia and Malaysia 74. Which one amongst the following has the largest (b) Colombia, Kenya and Indonesia livestock population in the world? (c) Brazil, Sudan and Malaysia (a) Brazil (b) China (c) India (d) USA (d) Venezuela, Ethiopia and Indonesia In which one of the following is Malta located? [2008] **66.** Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? (a) Baltic Sea (b) Mediterranean Sea [2006] (c) Black Sea (d) North Sea Well-known Place Country Which of the following cities is nearest to the equator? (a) Baikonour Russia [2008] (b) Kourou French Guiana (a) Colombo (b) Jakarta (c) Borobudur Indonesia (c) Manila (d) Singapore 77. Which one of the following straits is nearest to the (d) Cannes France **International Date Line?** [2008] Other than India and China, which one of the following (a) Malacca Strait (b) Bering Strait groups of countries border Myanmar? [2006] (c) Strait of Florida (d) Strait of Gibraltar (a) Bangladesh, Thailand and Vietnam 78. Which of the following countries share borders with (b) Cambodia, Laos and Malaysia Moldova? [2008] (c) Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia 1. Ukraine 2. Romania Belarus 3. (d) Thailand, Laos and Bangladesh Select the correct answer using the code given below: 68. Where is Copacabana Beach located? [2007]

Code:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

World Political Geography In which one of the following places is the Shompen Conisder the following statements: [2008] Ajman is one of the seven emirates of the UAE. tribe found? Ras al-Khaimah was the last Sheikhdom to join (a) Nilgiri Hills (b) Nicobar Islands (c) Spiti Valley (d) Lakshadweep Islands Which of the statements given above is/are correct? 90. Which one of the following can one come across if one (a) 1 only (b) 2 only travels through the Strait of Malacca? [2010] (d) Neither 1 nor 2 (c) Both 1 and 2 (a) Bali (b) Brunei Out of all the biosphere reserves in India, four have (d) Singapore (c) Java been recognized on the World Network by UNESCO. 91. As a result of their annual survey, the National Which one of the following is not one of them? [2008] Geographic Society and an international polling firm (a) Gulf of Mannar (b) Kanchenjunga Globe Scan gave India top rank in Greendex 2009 score. (c) Nanda Devi (d) Sunderbans What is this score? [2010] 81. Which two countries follow China and India in the (a) It is a measure of efforts made by different decreasing order of their population? [2008] countries in adopting technologies for reducing (a) Brazil and USA carbon footprint. (b) USA and Indonesia (b) It is a measure of environmentally sustainable (c) Canada and Malaysia consumer behaviour in different countries. (d) Russia and Nigeria It is an assessment of programmes/ schemes 82. With which one of the following rivers is the undertaken by different countries for improving Omkareshwar Project associated? [2008] the conservation of natural resources. (a) Chambal (b) Narmada (d) It is an index showing the volume of carbon (c) Tapi (d) Bhima credits sold by different countries. 83. In India, how many states share the coastline? [2008] 92. Which one of the following pairs of islands is (a) 7 (b) 8 (c) 9 (d) 10 separated from each other by the 'Ten Degree Consider the following countries: [2009] Channel'? [2014 - I] Australia Namibia 1. 2. (a) Andaman and Nicobar 3. Brazil 4 Chile (b) Nicobar and Sumatra Through which of the above does the Tropic of (c) Maldives and Lakshadweep Capricorn pass? (d) Sumatra and Java (b) 2, 3 and 4 (a) 1 only Turkey is located between [2014 - I](c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (a) Black Sea and Caspian Sea Which one of the following pairs is not correctly (b) Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea matched? [2009] (c) Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea City River (d) Gulf of Aqaba and Dead Sea (a) Berlin Rhine Consider the following pairs: [2014 - I] (b) London **Thames** Region often in news Country (c) New York Hudson Chechnya Russian Federation (d) Vienna Danube 86. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer 2. Darfur Mali using the code given below the lists: [2009] Swat Valley Iraq List-I List-II Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched? (Geographic feature) (Country) (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only A. Great Victoria Desert 1. Australia (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 2. B. Grand Canyon Canada 95. What is the correct sequence of occurrence of the C. Lake Winnipeg 3. New Zealand following cities in South-East Asia as one proceeds D. Southern Alps **USA** from south to north? [2014 - I] Code: 1. Bangkok Hanoi (a) A-1; B-2; C-4; D-3 (b) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3 4. Jakarta Singapore (c) A-3; B-2; C-4; D-1 (d) A-3; B-4; C-2; D-1 Select the correct answer using the code given below. Cape Canaveral, the site from which space shuttles (a) 4-2-1-3 (b) 3-2-4-1 are launched is located site the coast of: [2009] (c) 3-4-1-2 (d) 4-3-2-1 (a) Florida (b) Virginia Which one of the following countries of South-West (c) North Carolina (d) South Carolina Asia does not open out to the Mediterranean Sea? Which among the following has the world's largest reserves of Uranium? [2015-I] [2009] (a) Australia (b) Canada (a) Syria (b) Jordan (c) Russian Federation (d) USA (c) Lebanon (d) Israel

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- **1. (d)** The marked countries in figure are :
 - '1' Kazakhstan
 - '2' Turkmenia
 - '3' Uzbekistan
 - '4' Kirgizia
 - '5' Tajikistan
- **2. (a)** Greenwich Mean Time is the standard time for time assessment in different countries.

The countries which lies east of the Greenwich line is ahead of Greenwich Mean Time while the countries which lies west of Greenwich has their standard time behind the Greenwich Mean Time. So, the correct sequence of the countries are Japan, Iraq, Greece, Cuba and Costa Rica.

- 3. (c) The 'Gypsies' are a group of people found in Central Asia. But, the original home of Gypsies was in India (Western Rajasthan and Punjab) area. 'Gypsies' are an ethnic group, which for unknown reasons took to a wandering life style during the late middle ages.
- 4. (a) The Continent Antarctica has the highest mean elevation in the world. This is because it is covered by a thick layer of ice, about 7,100 feet (2,200 m) thick.
- **5. (c)** Chechnya is situated in the Asian continent, Chechnya was in news due to its separatist movement from Russia.
- **6. (d)** Great Nicobar, Sundarbans and Nanda Devi are biosphere reserves declared by Govt. of India. Gulf of Kutch is not a biosphere reserve, dry sandy plain.
- 7. **(b)** Arakan Yoma is located in western Myanmar. It is a part of eastern Himalayas. It includes the Naga hills, the Chin hills and the Patkai range which includes the Lushai hills.
- 8. (a) The dotted (broken) line in the map represents Durand line, the boundary between India and Afghanistan. This line was demarcated by a commission headed by Durand.
- **9. (d)** Denotified tribe in India refers to the tribes who where originally listed under the originally trible act of 1871. They are also known as Vimukta Jati.
- **10. (c)** Western Ghat is known as an ecological hot spot in India notified under the Wild Life Act of 1972.
- **11. (d)** National Forest Policy, 1988 describes the protection of forest and development of forest. It does not describe the use of insecticide and pesticide in forest areas.
- (c) In the given map the labelled countries are 'A' is Iraq
 - 'B' is Syria
 - 'C' is Saudi Arabia
 - 'D' is Jordan

- **13. (b)** The Palk strait separates India and Srilanka. It lies between the Gulf of Mannar and the Bay of Bengal.
- **14. (d)** Jaffna is situated at the 'D' point in the given figure. Jaffna is the location in Srilanka, where the L.T.T.E group is very active and has a stronghold.
- **15. (b)** About 50% of the world population is concentrated between latitude of 20°N and 40°N, because most populous countries and areas like Asia, U.S.A, Europe and India lies with in this latitude.
- 16. (d) Mongloids are inhabitants of northern, eastern and south-east Asia.
 Their eyes has a characteristic fold of skin on the upper

lid, hair is lank and straight and the height is medium. The group also includes the Chinese, Japanese, Burmese, Thais, Vietnamese and Malays.

- **17. (d)** The Salween river is located in the eastern part of Myanmar. This river is situated at Shan plateu of Myanmar. Its basin covers 320,000 sq km. This river forms the border between Burma and Thailand.
- **18. (d)** Indonesia consists of 13,677 islands (nearly 14,000) and this country is 5000 miles from Torres strait. 4th largest country in Asia.
- **19. (c)** The geographical details given in the figure indicates England, which is situated in Europe.
- **20. (b)** Daily wheather map showing isobars is an example of isopleth map. Isopleth map shows an imaginary surface by means of lines joining points of equal values.
- **21. (b)** Russia is the largest producer of fuel wood in the world because Russia has the largest cover of forests.
- **22. (b)** During a flight from Delhi to Tokyo the respective airports are Bangkok → Hanoi → Hong kong → Taipei.
- **23. (a)** The satellite launched by Canada has helped in the prepration of a complete and high resolution map of Antartica.
- **24. (a)** Canada is the largest importer of bauxite from India.
- **25. (d)** The Indonesian forest fire in 1997was caused by slash and burn technique of agriculture.
- **26. (b)** In the given diagram of North America and South America.
 - 'a' marked river is Yukon
 - 'b' marked river is Mackenzie
 - 'c' marked river is St. Lawrence
 - 'd' marked river is Orinoco.
- 27. (d)
- **28. (b)** Maracaibo is an oil-port of Venezuela as it has oil rich basis.

- **29. (a)** 'A' marked city in map is Darwin in Australia. 'B' marked city in the given map is Kualalumpur in Malayasia.
 - 'C' marked city in map is Nairobi in Kenya. The city marked 'D' in the map is Lagos in Nigeria.
- **30. (b)** Mestizo is a type of person with mixed racial ancestry, especially of mixed European and Indian ancestry.
- **31. (d)** In the given map, copper deposits discovered by Atomic Minerals Division of Department Atomic energy, is at Hasson in Karnataka and is marked as '4'.
- **32. (b)** Mt. Rainier is a volcanic mountain situated in U.S.A
 - Mt. Etna is situated in Europe, Paricutin volcanic mountain present in Mexico and Taal volcanic mountain is present in Philippines.
- **33. (a)** The correct sequence from east to west is Yugoslavia, Bosnia, Slovenia and Croatia.
- **34. (c)** Lake Victoria acts as the international boundary between Tanzania and Uganda. It is the largest lake in Africa and 2nd widest fresh water body in the world.
- **35. (b)** Marsupials are a group of mammals commonly have pouches or pocket of skin, where the mother nurses their young. These marsupians are found in Australia. The common example of marsupians are Kangaroo and Koala.
- **36. (c)** The given map is the union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. In western India. The capital is at Silvasa and major language of this Union Territory is Gujrati.
- 37. **(b)** Fohn is the warm and dry wind of Alps region. Sarmun is the local wind of Kuristan region, Santa Ana is the local wind of California and Zonda is the local wind of Argentina.
- 38. (a) Ashikabad is marked as '1'
 Tashkent is marked as '2'
 Bishken is marked as '3'
 Dushanbe is marked as '4' in the given map.
 - **(b)** All the statements given in the options are correct.
- **40. (c)** According to data of 2010, population of Indonesia is 242 million, population of Brazil is 201 million, population of Japan is 126.8 million and population of Russia is 139.3 million, so the descending order of the size of the country is Indonesia, Brazil, Japan and Russia
- **41. (c)** The descending order literacy status of these countries is: Srilanka 90.7%, India 65.5% Pakistan 40.9% and Bangladesh 38.9% now its Banglades, Pakistan.
- **42. (b)** Bosnia, Hercegovina, Alabania, Croatia have Adriatic sea as a boundary. Macedonia is far away from Adriatic sea.
- **43. (d)** In the given figure, four islands of Indian ocean region are Chagos, Socotra, Seychelles and Mauritius which are marked as 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

- **44. (d)** Victoria waterfalls is associated with the river Zambezi which is situated in Africa.
- **45. (a)** In Macedonia, ethinic Albanian population is 23%, which is a good number in Macedonia. But in Kosovo 92% are Albanians and Serbians are in a minority.
- **46. (a)** Israel has common borders with Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt.
- 47. (a) Armenia is a land lock country.
- **48. (b)** Mekong is a major river in south eastern Asia. Mekong is known as the Lancang in China. It runs through Yunan province, China, forms the border between Myanmar and Laos and most of the border between Laos and Thailand and flows across Cambodia and Southern Vietnam before emptying to South China.
- **49. (d)** Latvia does not share its border with Poland because it is located between Estonia, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Gulf of Riga and Baltic Sea.
- **50.** (c
- **51. (d)** The Panama Canal joins Pacific Ocean, Atalantic Ocean, Colombia and Coast Rica.
- **52. (c)** Silent Valley National Park is situated in Nilgiri Hills of Western Ghats. The park is bound by Attappadi reserved forest to the east and vested forest of Palaghat division and Nilamber division to the south-west respectively.
- **53. (b)** Ukraine does not border Lithuania. The border countries to Lithuania are Lativia, Russia, Poland, Belarus. Baltic sea is located in the west.
- **54. (c)** While moving from the North to South Pakistan, the correct sequence of the towns is Peshawar Islamabad Gujranwala Multan.
- 55. (d) All the monuments / sites are included in World Heritage list of UNESCO. Sun Temple of Orissa, group of monuments at Mahabalipuram were included in 1985. Champaner – Pavagadh Archeological Park of Gujrat and Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus of Maharastra are included in year 2004 in UNESCO list.
- 56. (d) City River

A. Washington, D.C. 4. River Potamac

B. BerlinC. ParisBerlinRiver SpreeRiver Seine

D. Madrid 1. River Manzanares

- **57. (b)** The total area of United Kingdom is 94, 226 sq miles (244, 044 sq km), where England covers 50, 344 sq miles (130, 365 sq km) i.e. less than 60 % of total land area of United Kingdom. Great Britain donot comprise of Northern Ireland.
- **58. (c)** Itaipu Dam is built on River Parana is the largest dam in the world. This is a joint project of Brazil Paraguay.
- **59. (b)** The decreasing order of arrangement of continent according to the percentage of Earth's land is Africa (29800000 sq km), North America (21510000 sq km) South America (17598000 sq km) and Europe (9699550 sq km).

- **60. (b)** Bermuda Triangle is a strange and mysterious location in southern Atlantic Ocean. It is roughly in the shape of a triangle which extends upto South Florida, Pruto Rico and Bermuda Island.
- **61. (b)** Macedonian territory is disputed by Bulgaria & Greece.
- **62. (c)** The Huangpu river is the largest river in Shanghai in China. It is 113.07 km long 400 metres wide and 9 metres deep. Shanghai gets most of its drinking water from Huangpu.
- **63. (b)** Canada is the largest producer of uranium, accounting for about 22% of world output. Production of uranium in Canada is mainly from the Mc Arthur River mines in northern Saskatchewan province, which is the largest mine in the world.
- **64. (d)** In statement '1' one nautical mile is 1852 mtrs and one terrestrial mile is 1609 metres. So, statement '1' is correct. In statement '2' Harmattan is a dry and dusty wind of West Africa. So, statement '2' is wrong. In statement '3' Iberian peninsula includes Portugal, Spain, Andorra and Gibraltar. Greece and Albania are not a part of Peninsula. So, statement '3' is wrong.
- **65. (b)** Colombia, Kenya and Indoneisa are countries through which the equator passes.
- **66. (a)** Baikonur is world's first and largest operational space launch facility. It is located in Kazakhstan and not in Russia.
- **67. (d)** Thailand, Laos and Bangladesh are countries bordering Myanmar.
- **68. (c)** Copacabana Beach is located in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.
- **69. (d)** London, Lisbon and Accra in Ghana are close to Greenwich Meridian. But, Addis Ababa is istuated on the eastern part of Africa (i.e., longitude 38.74 E). So, Addis Ababa has a different clock time than that of London, Lisbon and Accra.
- 70. (a)
- **71. (a)** Amazon is the longest river in the world. It originates from Andes mountain in Peru.
- **72. (c)** Strait of Dover connects United Kingdom and France. It is about 32 km in length.
- **73. (a)** The largest coral reef is the Great Barrier Reef, located just off the north-eastern coast of Australia. The 1200 mile (1900 km) long reef is protected as a Marine Park.
- 74. (c) India has largest livestock population in the world, having 57% of world's buffalo population and 14% of the cattle population. According to 17th India's Livestock Census, 2003, the country has about 18.5 crore cattle and 9.8 crore buffalo with total livestock of 48-50 crore and total poultry of 48.90 crore.
- **75. (b)** Malta is in the centre of Mediterranean sea. Italy is in south and Libya is located north of Malta. Its area is 246 sq km.

- **76. (d)** Singapore is 200 km north of equator.
- 77. **(b)** Bering Strait is nearest to the International Date line. Located 1.5 km away from international date line.
- **78. (a)** Maldova is a land locked country in Eastern Europe Located between Romania to the west and Ukraine to the north, east and south.
- **79. (c)** Ajman is one of the seven emirates constituting the United Arab Emirates with an area of 260 sq kilometer. Ras al-Khaimah was the 7th and last Sheikhdom to join UAE in 1972.
- 80. (b)
- **81. (c)** Canada is ranked as 36th most populated country.
- **82. (b)** Omkareshwar Project is associated with Narmada river.
- **83. (c)** 9 states of India have a coastline. Gujrat, Maharastra, Karnataka, Kerla, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal.
- **84. (d)** The Tropic of Capricorn pass through all the countries mentioned in the list.
- **85. (a)** Berlin is situated on the bank of Havel river. Rhine river is the longest river in Germany.
- 86. (b)
- 87. (a) Cape Canaveral is the part of Florida's coast.
- **88. (a)** Australia has the world's largest uranium reserves. Approximately 24% of the planet's uranium is present in Australia now 31%.
- **89. (b)** The Shompen tribe is one of two Mongloid tribes found in Nicobar Island.
- **90. (d)** Malacca strait is between the Indonesian island of Sumatra and the Malaya Peninsula. Singapore lies on the tip of the Malay Peninsular.
- **91. (b)** In the third annual survery of National Geographic Society and Globe Scan, Indian top ranked in Greendex 2009 due to environmentally sustainable consumer behaviour.
- **92. (a)** The Ten Degree Channel is a channel that separates the Andaman Islands from the Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal.
- **93. (b)** Turkey's smaller part is in Southeastern Europe and its larger part in Western Asia which is located between Black Sea and Mediterranean
- **94. (a)** The Chechen Republic is a federal subject (a republic) of Russia. Darfur is a region in western Sudan. Swat is a valley and an administrative district in Pakistan.
- **95. (c)** The correct sequence of occurrence of the following cities in South-East Asia as one proceeds from south to north is Jakarta-Singapore-Bangkok and Hanoi.
- **96. (b)** Jordan does not open out to the Mediterranean Sea.