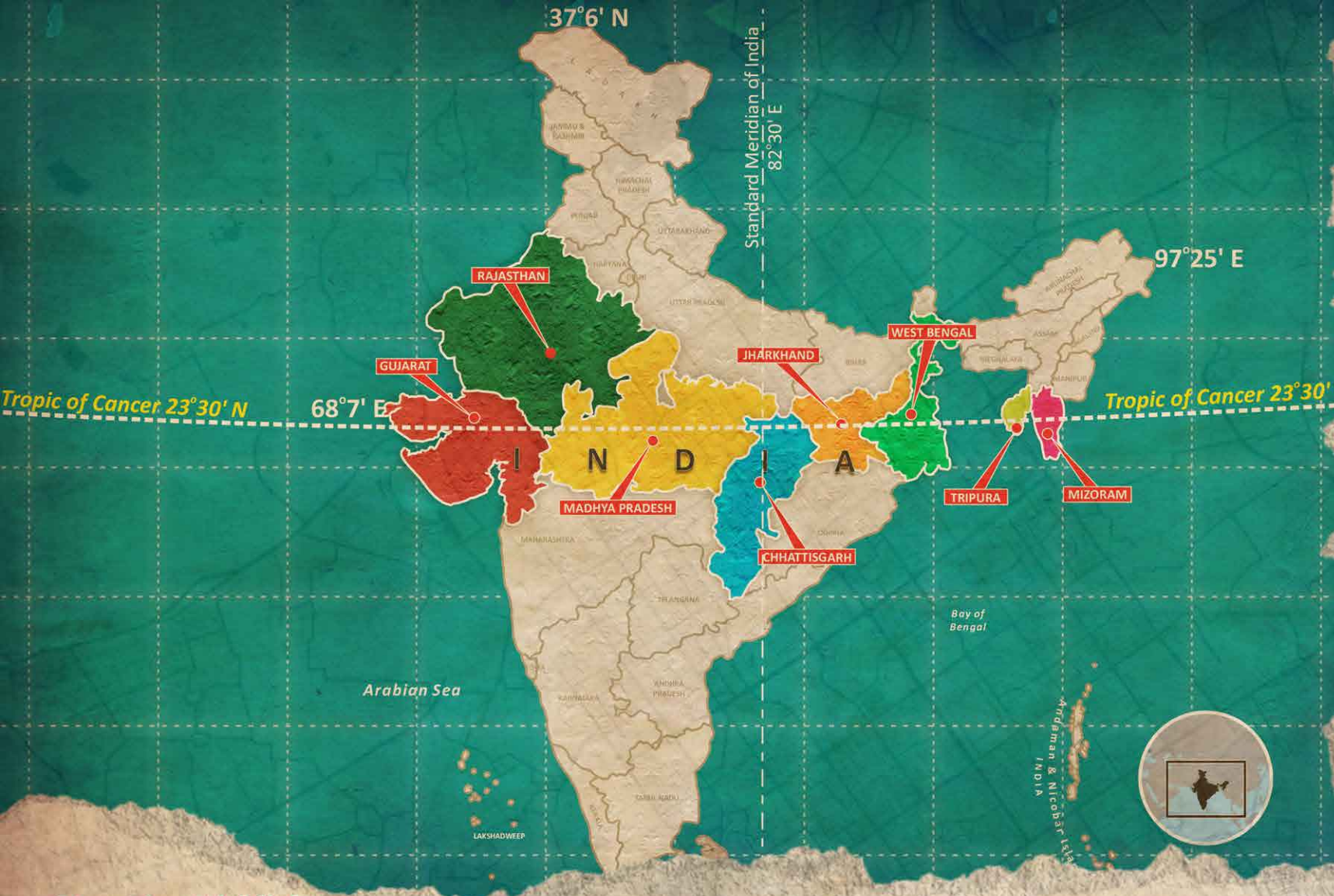




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Preface

Mapwork is one of the most complicated learning requirements of many of the present-day examinations. It demands great attention to detail across a large volume of information. Not only is Mapwork a challenge for exam aspirants, it is also a difficult proposition for authors and publishers.

While it is not a viable option to leave out information, packing too much of it is also not conducive to learning.

We have tried our best to make the maps given in the book visually appealing and content-rich.

The most obvious and effective way of learning is a little bit at a time. So rather than confounding the student with broad and wastefully general maps we have taken smaller and specific regions in this book for greater understanding and retention.

Furthermore, we have tried to ensure that the student has an opportunity to practice the newly acquired learning with relative ease by providing practice maps.

All this in the book is supplemented by the corresponding video-lectures provided on a dedicated YouTube channel for more detailed explanations and reinforcement.

But the primary feature that sets our effort apart is something else. Almost all examinations these days are gravitating towards a more Current-Affairs-centric approach. Not matter what the topic or subject, the questions framed these days are mostly related to the current happenings across the globe. We have identified this pattern and set our questions relevant to the most important current-affairs topics of the present time. This is sure to benefit the examinees in a major way.

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A-2 Which of the following countries border black sea?

- 1.Ukraine
- 2.Russia
- 3.Poland
- 4.Turkey
- 5.Lithuania

Which of the above statements is/ are correct?

- a) 1,2 &4
- b) 3,4 &5
- c) 3 & 5
- d) 1,2,3,4 & 5

A-3 Consider the following statements:

1. Black sea is an example of a marginal sea.
2. The Black Sea is connected to the Sea of Marmara by the Strait of Kerch.
3. The Bosphorus Strait connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Azov.

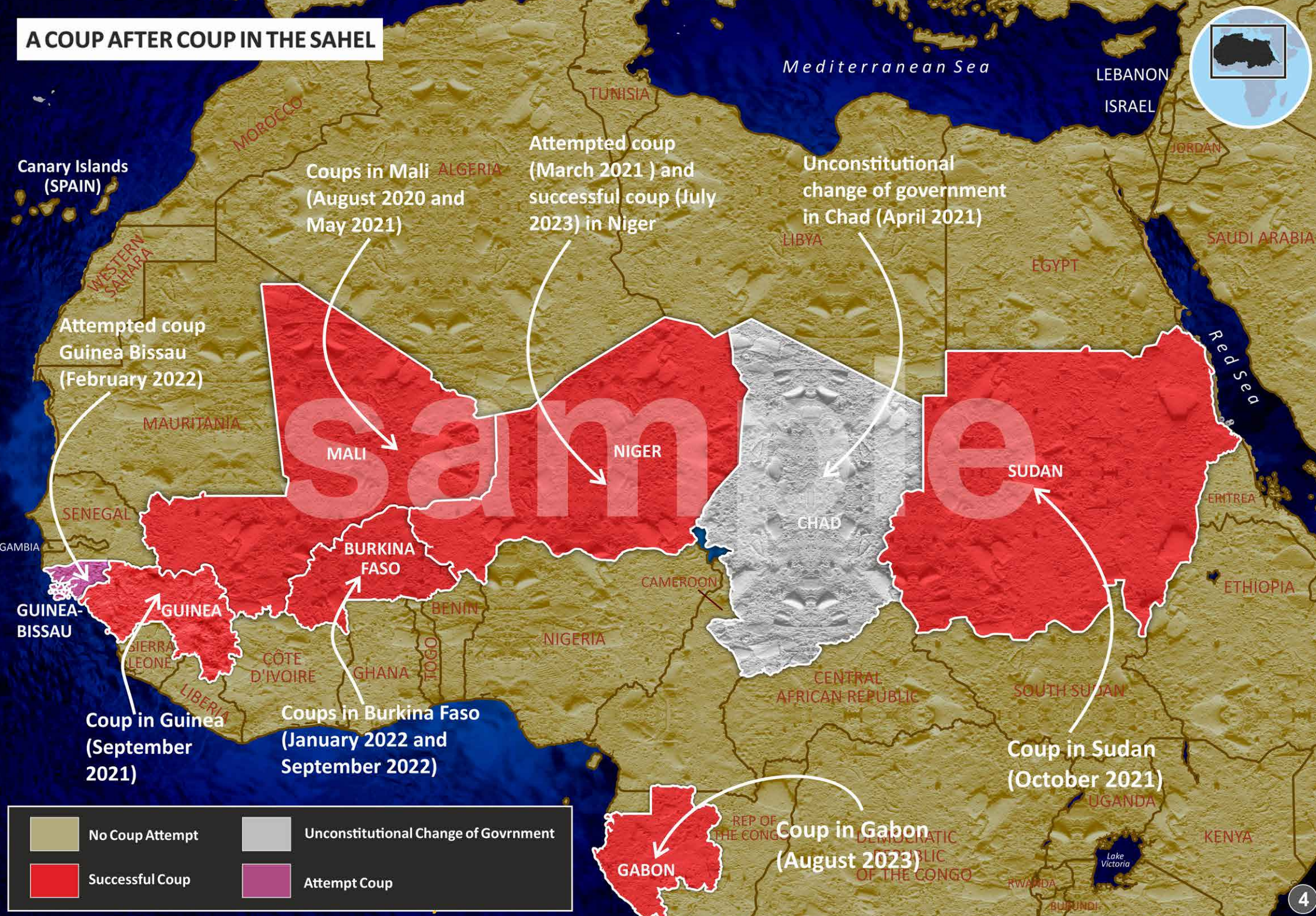
How many of the above-given statement is/are NOT correct?

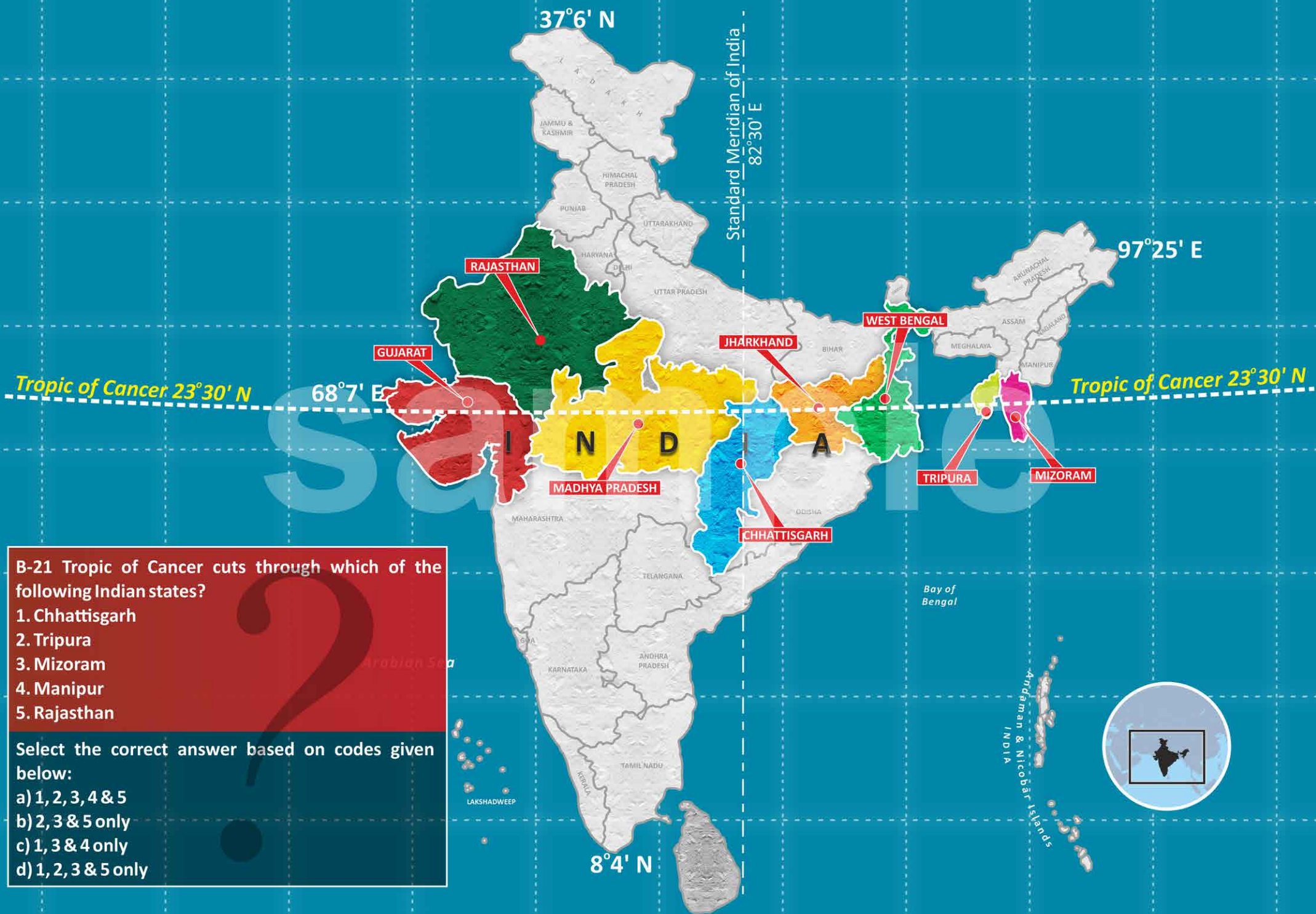
- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None



Significance: Recently, the Turkish President has met with the Russian President in order to revive Black Sea Grain Deal, which Russia had withdrawn from in July 2023.

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B-21 Tropic of Cancer cuts through which of the following Indian states?

1. Chhattisgarh
2. Tripura
3. Mizoram
4. Manipur
5. Rajasthan

Select the correct answer based on codes given below:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
- b) 2, 3 & 5 only
- c) 1, 3 & 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 & 5 only

- Notably, this summit marks the first in-person gathering since 2019 due to the Covid -19 pandemic.
- The theme for the 15th BRICS Summit is “BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism”.

A-36 The Correct Answer is: c) Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary

Explanation: - The Danube River flows through the heart of central Europe and it is Europe’s second-longest river .Danube River has a length of 2,857 km.

- **Origin-** Black forest in Germany, Black forest are example of block mountain
- **Passes through 10 countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine**
- **Importance** - Danube river is used for freight transport, Hydro Electric Production, Irrigation, fishing
- The drainage basin of the Danube River is 817,000 Sq. km. It includes all of Hungary, most of Romania, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, and Slovakia and significant parts of Bulgaria, Germany, the Czech Republic, Moldova, Serbia, and Ukraine.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina, and along with small parts of Italy, Switzerland, Albania and Poland also lie in the river basin.
- The Danube River merges into the Black Sea through a delta, that is the second-largest wetland area in Europe.

Significance: *Sulina Channel has provided Ukraine with an alternative passage for its grain after Russia withdrew from the Black Sea grain deal.*

A-37 The Correct Answer is: b) Only two

Explanation: - The Sulina Channel is located in the northeastern part of the Danube Delta.

- Danube is the second-longest river in Europe, after the Volga in Russia. It flows through much of Central and Southeastern Europe, from the Black Forest into the Black Sea. Near Romania, the river begins to spread out into its delta which has three major channels—Chilia, Sulina and St George.
- Sulina Channel is a 63 km long distributary of the Danube. The channel's primary purpose is to facilitate navigation and trade between the Danube River and the Black Sea. It lies completely within the borders of Romania, a NATO member.
- Of the three major channels of the Danube river, the Sulina Channel is the only one deep and wide enough for freight transport.
- It is a sort of a riverine ‘expressway’ – crucial for transport of goods from inland to the Black Sea.

How can the Sulina Channel be used for transporting Ukraine grain?

- Sulina Channel connects major Ukrainian ports on the river to the Black Sea.
- Hence, ships carrying grain from Ukraine leave from Ukrainian ports such as Izmail and Reni on the mainstream (or the Chilia Channel) and head to the port of Sulina, at the mouth of the Sulina Channel.
- From there, they head to Constanta, Romania’s biggest seaport. Here the cargo is transferred to bigger ships that carry it out of the Black Sea into the Mediterranean through the Bosphorus straits. This route is under constant surveillance and protection of NATO.

A-38 The Correct Answer is: b) Only two

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct. Its member countries are **Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela**. Its secretariat is located in Brasilia, Brazil.

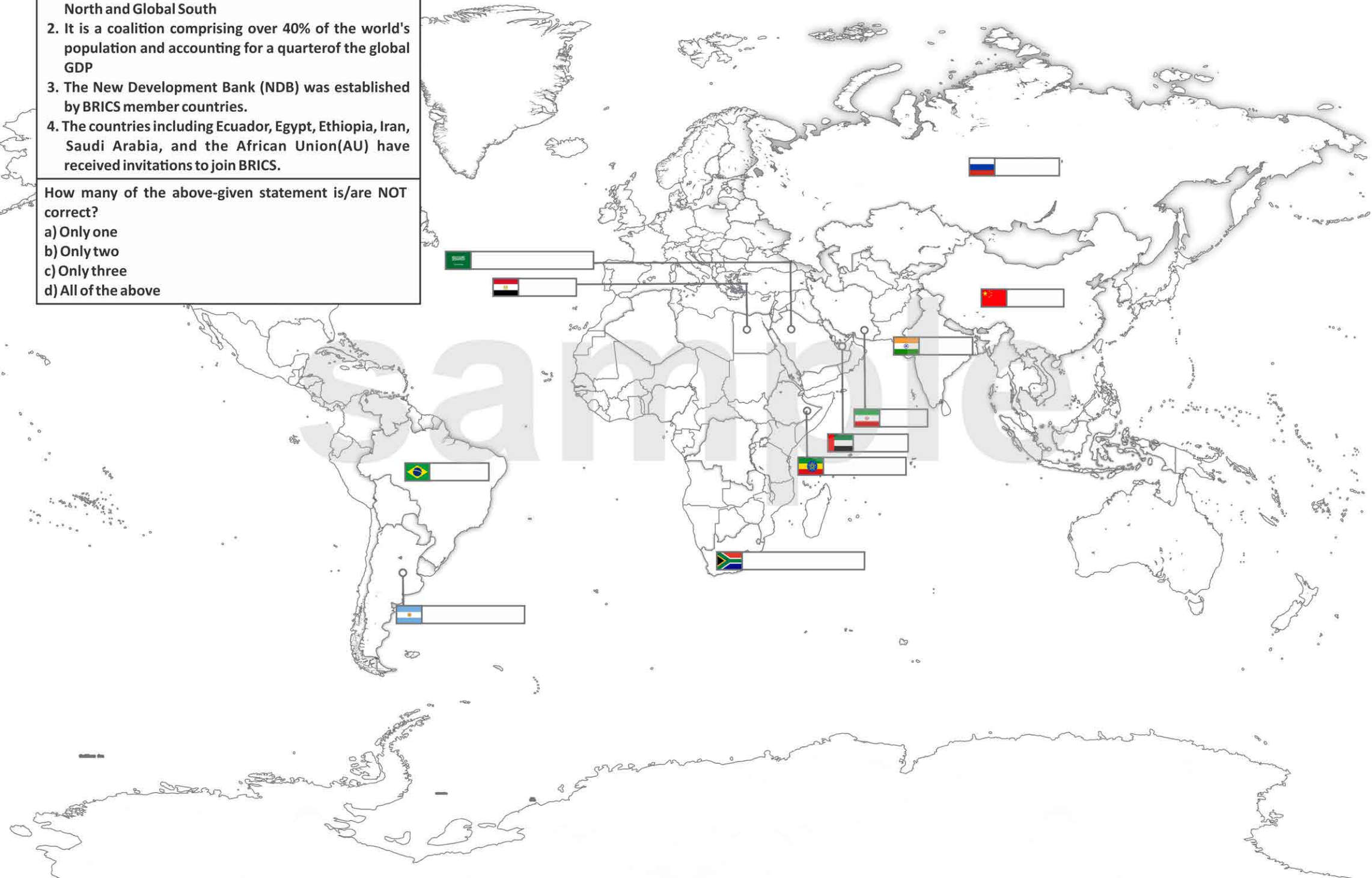
- It is an intergovernmental organization formed by the eight Amazonian countries by signing the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT).
- The Amazon Cooperation Treaty was drafted and signed on July 3, 1978.

A-35 Consider the following statements about BRICS:

1. It attempts to serve as a bridge between the Global North and Global South
2. It is a coalition comprising over 40% of the world's population and accounting for a quarter of the global GDP
3. The New Development Bank (NDB) was established by BRICS member countries.
4. The countries including Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the African Union(AU) have received invitations to join BRICS.

How many of the above-given statement is/are NOT correct?

- a) Only one
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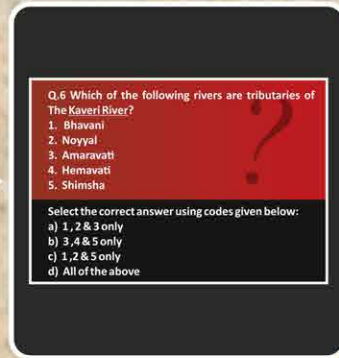
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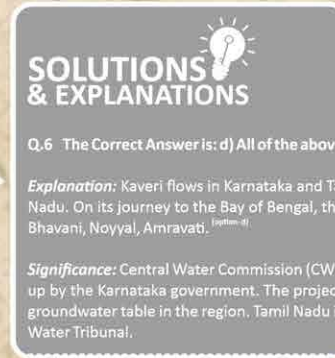
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