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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-1 Which of the following statements about Israel is TRUE?

1. It shares a border with Lebanon.
2. It is a narrow country located in the Middle East along the Mediterranean Sea.
3. The Dead Sea, a saltwater lake, is located to the east of Israel.
4. The Negev Desert covers a significant portion of Israel.

- a) Only one
- b) Only two and three
- c) Only four
- d) All of the above

A-2 Israel shares its borders with which of the following countries?

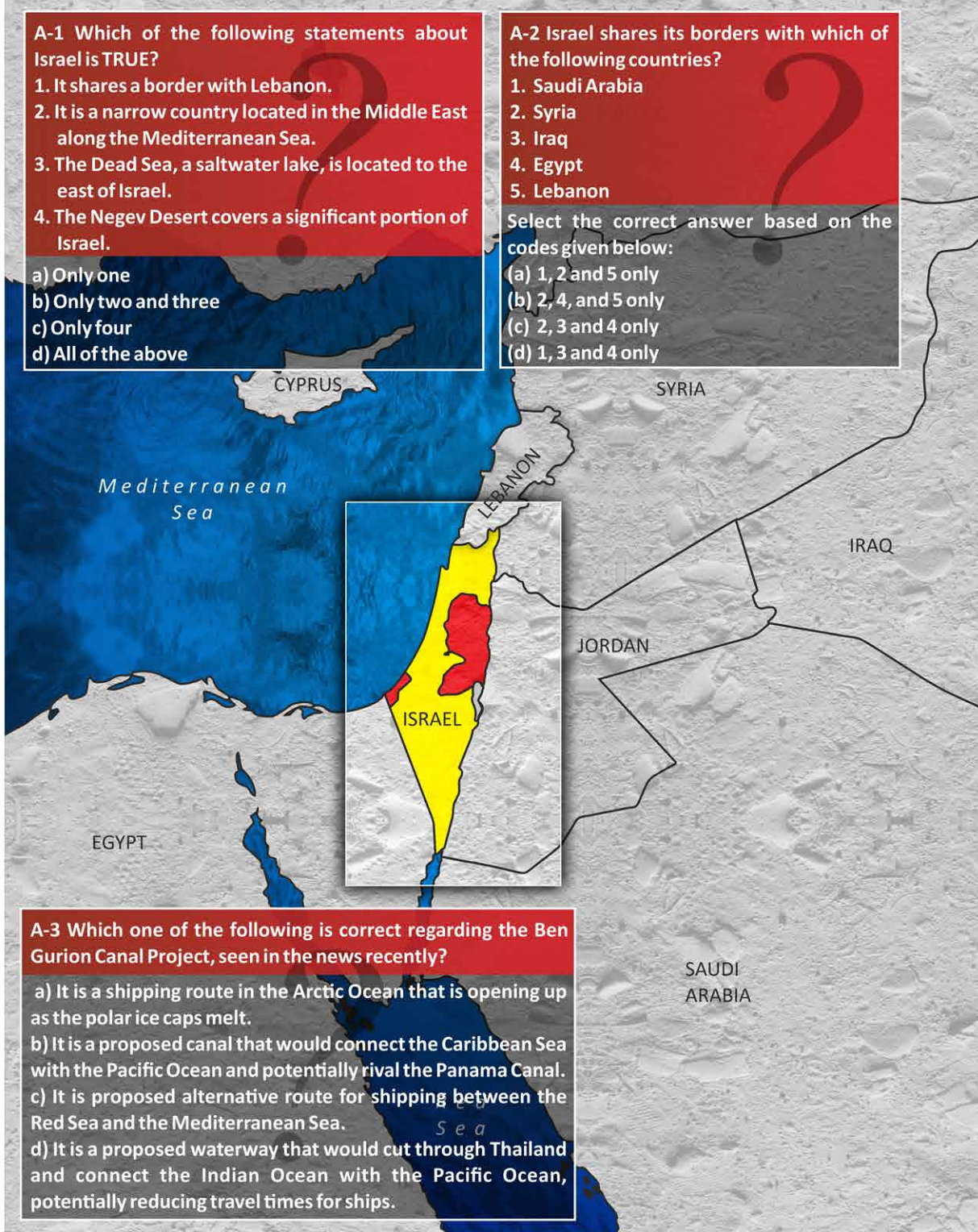
1. Saudi Arabia
2. Syria
3. Iraq
4. Egypt
5. Lebanon

Select the correct answer based on the codes given below:

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

A-3 Which one of the following is correct regarding the Ben Gurion Canal Project, seen in the news recently?

- a) It is a shipping route in the Arctic Ocean that is opening up as the polar ice caps melt.
- b) It is a proposed canal that would connect the Caribbean Sea with the Pacific Ocean and potentially rival the Panama Canal.
- c) It is proposed alternative route for shipping between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.
- d) It is a proposed waterway that would cut through Thailand and connect the Indian Ocean with the Pacific Ocean, potentially reducing travel times for ships.

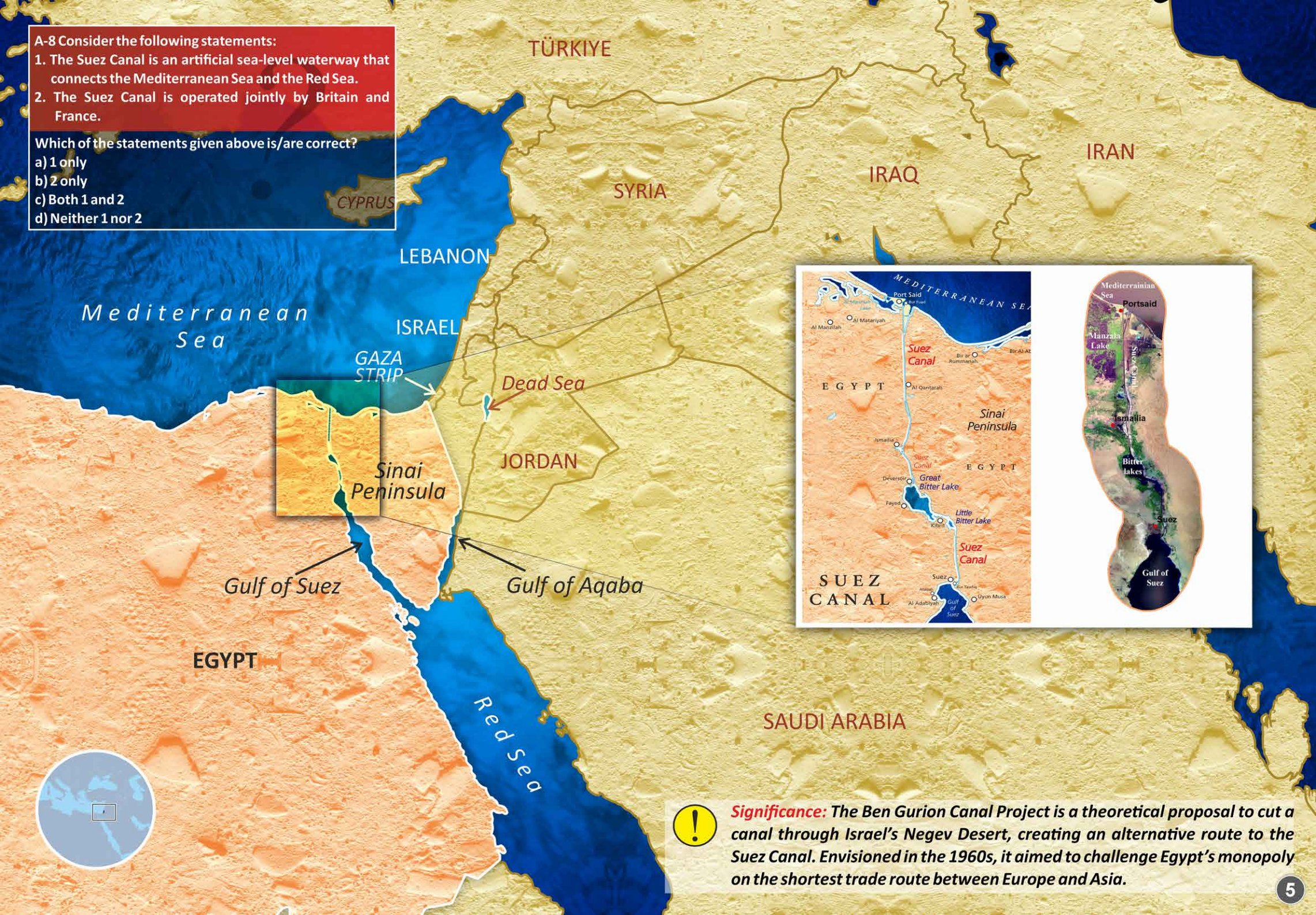


A-8 Consider the following statements:

1. The Suez Canal is an artificial sea-level waterway that connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.
2. The Suez Canal is operated jointly by Britain and France.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2



Significance: The Ben Gurion Canal Project is a theoretical proposal to cut a canal through Israel's Negev Desert, creating an alternative route to the Suez Canal. Envisioned in the 1960s, it aimed to challenge Egypt's monopoly on the shortest trade route between Europe and Asia.

B-48 Consider the following directions:

1. North of the Borneo islands
2. East of the Sulu Sea
3. West of the Philippines Sea
4. North of the Java Sea
5. South of the Taiwan Strait

Which of the above-mentioned directions correctly depict the location of the South China Sea?

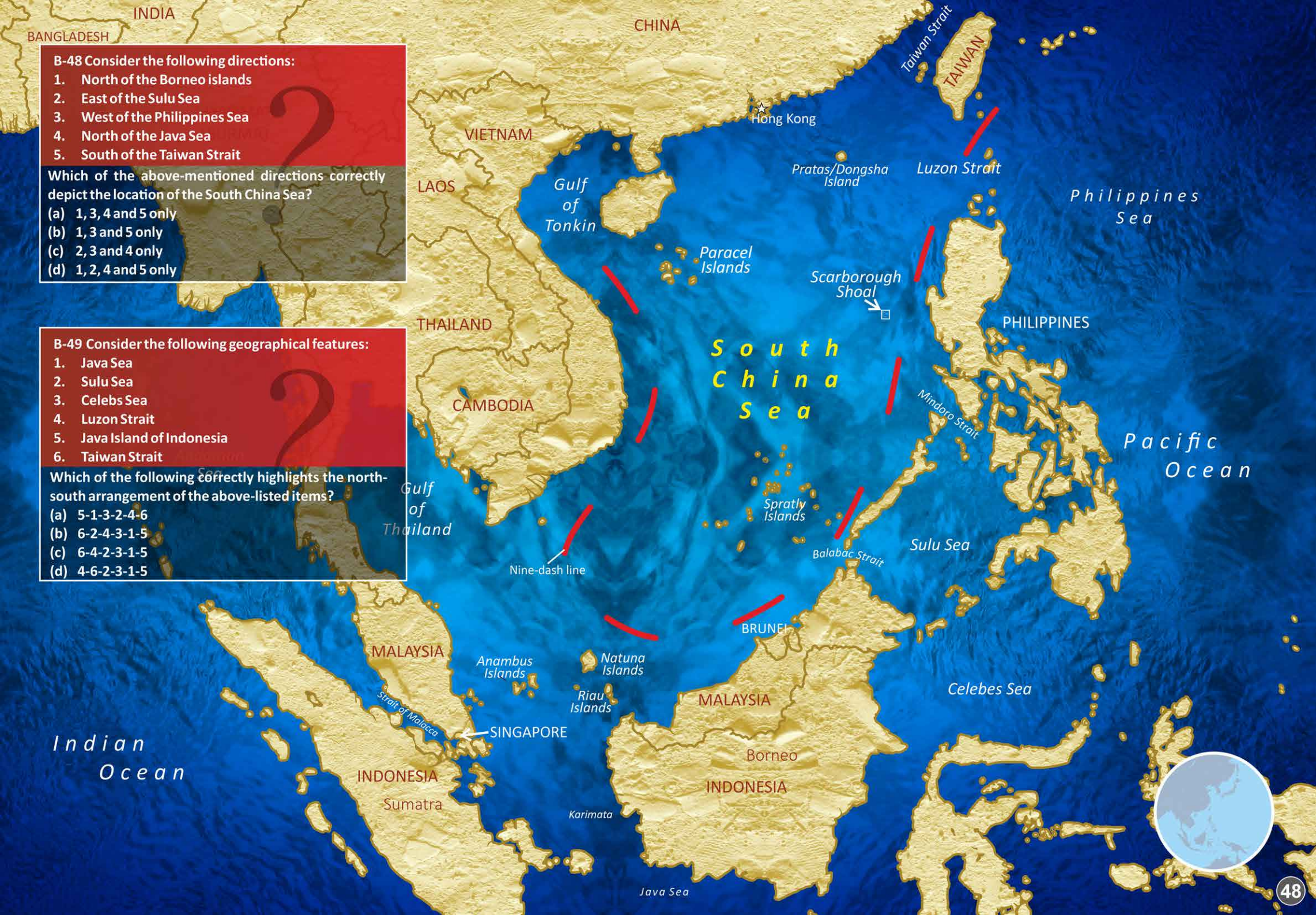
- (a) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 5 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only

B-49 Consider the following geographical features:

1. Java Sea
2. Sulu Sea
3. Celebs Sea
4. Luzon Strait
5. Java Island of Indonesia
6. Taiwan Strait

Which of the following correctly highlights the north-south arrangement of the above-listed items?

- (a) 5-1-3-2-4-6
- (b) 6-2-4-3-1-5
- (c) 6-4-2-3-1-5
- (d) 4-6-2-3-1-5



A-1 The Correct Answer is: d) All of the above

Explanation: -It is bordered by Lebanon to the north, by Syria to the northeast, by Jordan to the east, by the Red Sea to the south, by Egypt to the southwest, by the Mediterranean Sea to the west, and by the Palestinian territories – the West Bank along the east and the Gaza Strip along the southwest.

- It is a narrow country located in the Middle East along the Mediterranean Sea. Israel is a narrow country, with an average width of about 130 kilometers. It is located in the Middle East, with its western coastline bordering the Mediterranean Sea.
- The Dead Sea, a saltwater lake, is located to the east of Israel: Yes, the Dead Sea is a large, hypersaline lake located in the Jordan Rift Valley, which runs along the eastern border of Israel. It is the lowest point on Earth's surface, with an elevation of about 420 meters below sea level.
- The Negev Desert covers a significant portion of Israel: Yes, the Negev Desert occupies approximately half of Israel's land area. It is the largest desert in Israel and the second-largest desert in the Middle East, after the Arabian Desert.

Significance: *Israel recently ordered a full siege of the Gaza Strip and vowed to obliterate Hamas after its all-out offensive entered the next phase.*

A-2 The Correct Answer is: b) 2, 4, and 5 only.

Explanation: -Israel, country in the Middle East, located at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. It is bounded to the north by Lebanon, to the northeast by Syria, to the east and southeast by Jordan, to the southwest by Egypt, and to the west by the Mediterranean Sea.

Israel shares its borders with the following countries:

- Syria
- Egypt
- Lebanon

A-3 The Correct Answer is: c) It is proposed alternative route for shipping between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

Explanation: -The Ben Gurion Canal Project is a proposed alternative route for shipping between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. The Suez Canal is currently the main route between these two bodies of water, but the Ben Gurion Canal would offer an alternative that is shorter and potentially faster.

- The proposed project is to cut a canal through the Israeli-controlled Negev Desert from the tip of the Gulf of Aqaba – the eastern arm of the Red Sea that juts into Israel's southern tip and south-western Jordan – to the Eastern Mediterranean coast. The canal would also potentially provide economic benefits to Israel, as it could become a hub for trade and transportation in the region.

A-4 The Correct Answer is: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The state of Palestine is officially recognized by the United Nations as a sovereign nation in Western Asia claiming the West Bank (bordering Israel and Jordan) and Gaza Strip (bordering Israel and Egypt)

- The Gaza Strip borders the Mediterranean Sea to the west, Egypt to the south, and Israel to the north and east.
- The West Bank is bordered by Jordan to the east, and Israel to the north, south, and west. Thus, the two enclaves of Palestine do not share any geographical borders.
- Golan Heights in the northeastern region of Israel is a disputed area between Israel and Syria and is **not** an enclave claimed by Palestine.
- Palestine borders the Mediterranean Sea which opens towards the ocean waters through the Gulf of Gibraltar. Thus, it is NOT a landlocked country.

Significance: *Israel recently ordered a full siege of the Gaza Strip and vowed to obliterate Hamas after its all-out offensive entered the next phase.*

A-33 Consider the following statements:

1. It is the highest navigable water body in the world.
2. It is the largest freshwater lake in South America.
3. It is designated Ramsar Site of International Importance.

Which one of the following lakes has been described above?

- a) Nahuel Huapi Lake
- b) Lake Titicaca
- c) Lake Maracaibo
- d) Lake General Carrera



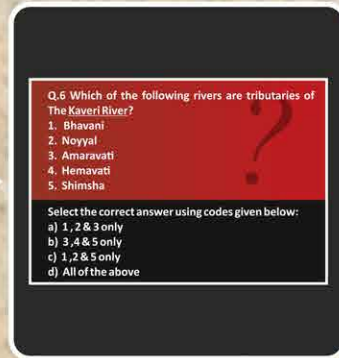
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Map based questions
specific to current affairs
and ongoing events.

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