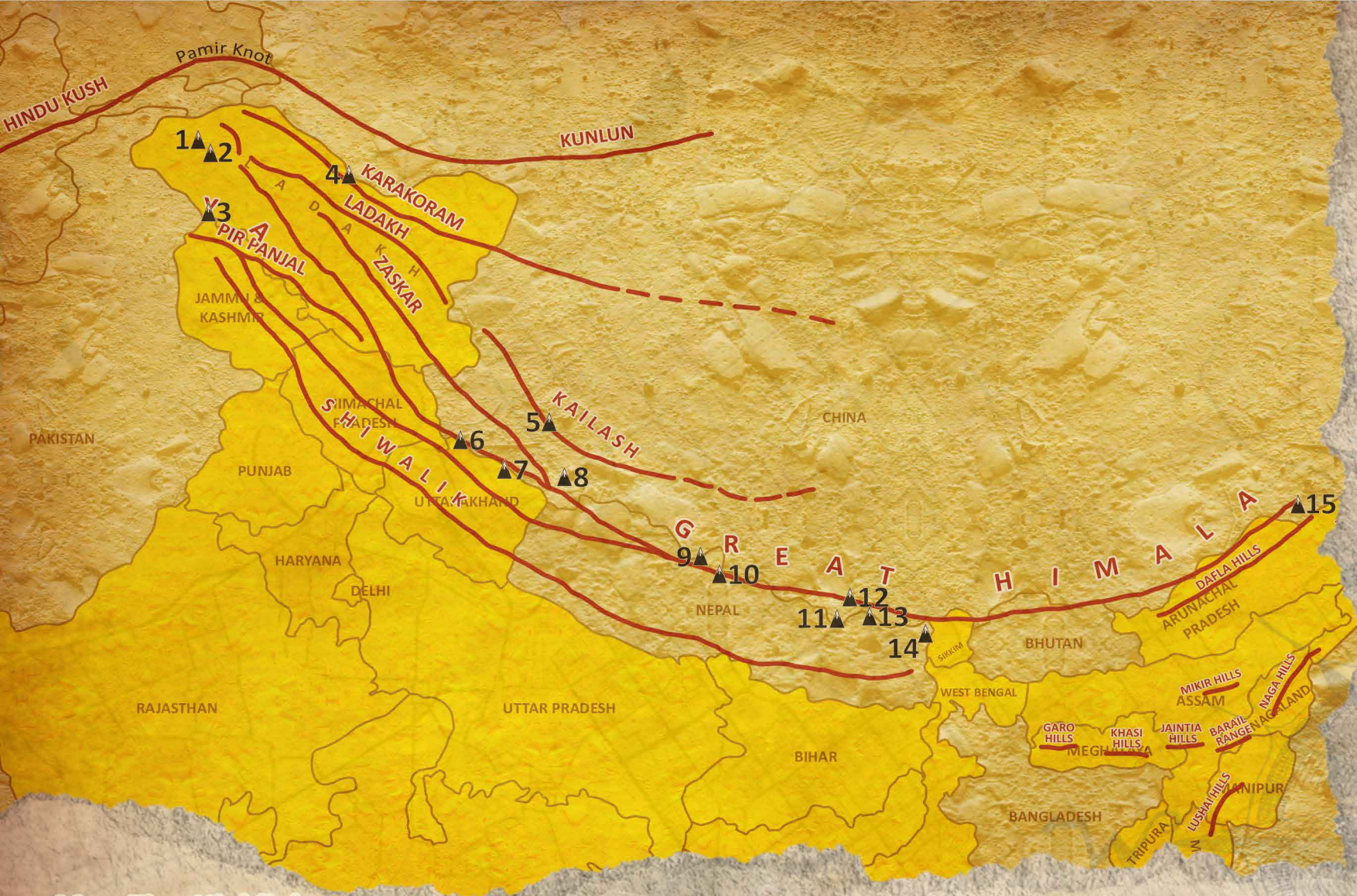




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Preface

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 identify the correct sequence when one is travelling from North to South

- a) Palk Strait - Adam's Bridge - Gulf of Mannar - Palk Bay
- b) Palk Strait - Palk Bay - Adam's Bridge - Gulf of Mannar
- c) Gulf of Mannar - Adam's Bridge - Palk Bay - Palk Strait
- d) Adam's Bridge - Palk Strait - Palk Bay - Gulf of Mannar

A-2 With reference to 'Hambantota Port' which has been frequently in news of late, in which country is it located?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Maldives
- d) Pakistan



! **Significance:** Sri Lanka Awards Energy Deal To India, Scraps Chinese Company's Tender





BULGARIA

RUSSIA

Black Sea

GEORGIA

GREECE

ARMENIA

IRAN

IRAQ

SYRIA

CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea

Aegean Sea

Sea of Crete

Rhodes

Gulf of Antalya

Gulf of Iskenderun

TURKEY



Significance: Turkey formally ratifies Sweden's NATO membership, leaving Hungary as only ally yet to endorse it

A-5 Consider the following list of items:

1. Caspian Sea
2. Mediterranean Sea
3. Black Sea
4. Sea of Azov
5. Sea of Marmara

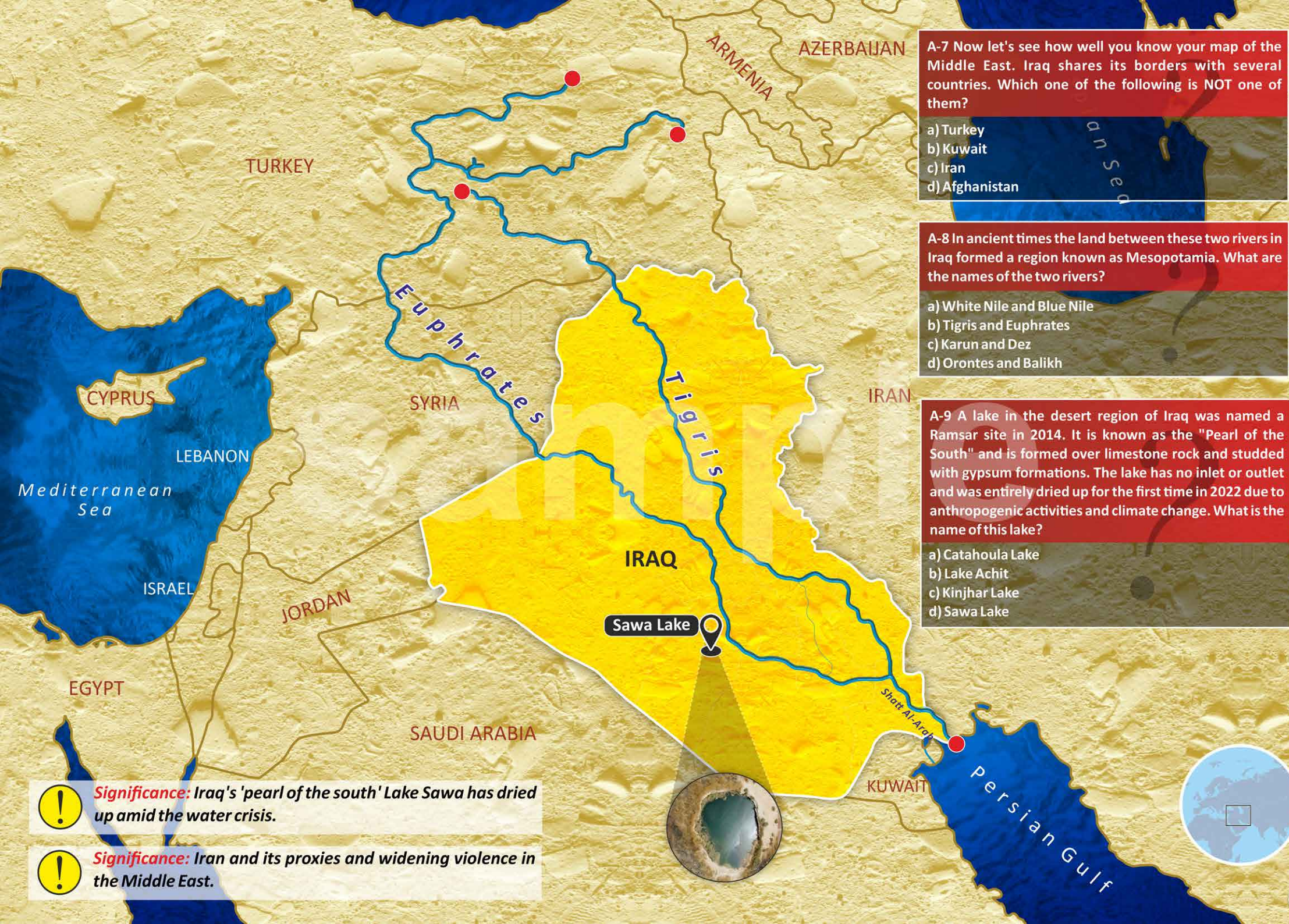
Which of the above-mentioned geographical features share their boundary with Turkey?

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

A-6 How many of the following statements about Turkey are TRUE?

1. Turkey shares its land borders with Syria, Iraq, and Greece.
2. The Bosphorus Strait separates the European and Asian parts of Turkey.
3. Istanbul is the capital city of Turkey, It is a city located in the European part of Turkey.
4. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers, two major rivers in the Middle East, both originate from Turkey.

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



A-7 Now let's see how well you know your map of the Middle East. Iraq shares its borders with several countries. Which one of the following is NOT one of them?

- a) Turkey
b) Kuwait
c) Iran
d) Afghanistan

A-8 In ancient times the land between these two rivers in Iraq formed a region known as Mesopotamia. What are the names of the two rivers?

- a) White Nile and Blue Nile
b) Tigris and Euphrates
c) Karun and Dez
d) Orontes and Balikh

A-9 A lake in the desert region of Iraq was named a Ramsar site in 2014. It is known as the "Pearl of the South" and is formed over limestone rock and studded with gypsum formations. The lake has no inlet or outlet and was entirely dried up for the first time in 2022 due to anthropogenic activities and climate change. What is the name of this lake?

- a) Catahoula Lake
b) Lake Achit
c) Kinjhar Lake
d) Sawa Lake

Significance: Iraq's 'pearl of the south' Lake Sawa has dried up amid the water crisis.
Significance: Iran and its proxies and widening violence in the Middle East.

A-21 Which Nordic countries have land borders with Sweden?

- a) Denmark
- b) Estonia
- c) Norway
- d) Russia

A-22 How many countries does Sweden have land borders with?

- a) Four
- b) One
- c) Two
- d) Three

A-23 The Gulf of Bothnia is situated between two countries. One of them is Finland. Which is the other country?

- a) Denmark
- b) Sweden
- c) Norway
- d) Russia

ICELAND

A-24 Which one of the following countries is a part of Nordic countries, but not of Scandinavian countries?

- a) Denmark
- b) Finland
- c) Norway
- d) Sweden

Faroe Islands
(DENMARK)

Atlantic Ocean

UNITED KINGDOM

IRELAND

North Sea

Skagerrak

DENMARK

SWEDEN

Norwegian Sea

NORWAY

SWEDEN

FINLAND

Barents Sea

RUSSIA

White Sea

Gulf of Bothnia

Gulf of Bothnia

Baltic Sea

Helsinki
Gulf of Finland

ESTONIA

LATVIA

LITHUANIA

RUSSIA

Lake Ladoga

Lake Peipus

Gulf of Riga

Bay of Gdansk

RUSSIA

Bornholm



Significance: Sweden clears final hurdle in bid to join NATO after Hungary approves accession.

A-29 The Correct Answer is: c) Only four

Explanation: - Germany borders the Baltic Sea.

- Russia borders the Baltic Sea in its enclave of Kaliningrad.
- The United Kingdom does not border the Baltic Sea.
- Sweden borders the Baltic Sea.
- Poland borders the Baltic Sea.
- Therefore, out of the given countries, only Germany, Russia (Kaliningrad), Sweden, and Poland border the Baltic Sea, making the correct answer "c) Only four."
- Baltic Sea Bordering Countries **Trick: "GPRS For DELL"** G- Germany, P- Poland, R- Russia, S- Sweden, F- Finland, D-Denmark, E- Estonia, L- Latvia, L- Lithuania.

Significance: A Stone Age wall has been discovered beneath the Baltic Sea in Germany, believed to be the oldest megastructure built by humans in Europe.

A-30 The Correct Answer is: b) Two only

Explanation: - Baltic Sea: It is a semi-enclosed inland sea located in Northern Europe. The Baltic Sea is not the largest inland body of water in Europe. That title goes to Lake Ladoga in Russia.

- The Baltic Sea is indeed bordered by nine countries including **Sweden, Finland, Germany with Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Denmark, and Russia.**
- It is an arm of the North Atlantic Ocean, extending northward from the latitude of southern Denmark almost to the Arctic Circle and separating the Scandinavian Peninsula from the rest of continental Europe.
- Gotland, the largest island in the Baltic Sea, belongs to Sweden, not Denmark.
- Baltic Sea is artificially connected to White Sea by the White Sea Canal and North Sea by the Kiel Canal.
- It connects to the Atlantic Ocean through the Danish Straits.
- The Baltic Sea contains three major gulfs: the Gulf of Bothnia to the north, the Gulf of Finland to the east, and the Gulf of Riga slightly to the south of that.
- It is often cited as the world's largest brackish inland water body.
- Its water salinity levels are lower than that of the World Oceans due to the inflow of fresh water from the surrounding land and the sea's shallowness.
- More than 250 rivers and streams empty their waters into the Baltic Sea. Neva is the largest river that drains into the Baltic Sea.

A-31 The Correct Answer is: c) Three only

Explanation: - Greece, officially the Hellenic Republic, is a country in Southeast Europe on the southern tip of the Balkan peninsula.

- Greece is not the largest country in Europe by land area. Russia holds that title.
- Crete is indeed an island that belongs to Greece. It is the largest and most populous of the Greek islands, the 88th largest island in the world and the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, after Sicily, Sardinia, Cyprus, and Corsica.
- Greece shares land borders with Albania to the northwest, North Macedonia and Bulgaria to the north, and Turkey to the east. The Aegean Sea lies to the east of the mainland, the Ionian Sea to the west, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. Greece has the longest coastline on the Mediterranean Basin.
- The Aegean Sea is an elongated embayment of the Mediterranean Sea between Europe and Asia. It is located between the Balkans and Anatolia. It is connected to the Marmara Sea, which in turn connects to the Black Sea, by the straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, respectively.

A-29 Consider the following:

1. Germany
2. Russia
3. United Kingdom
4. Sweden
5. Poland

How many of the above countries border the Baltic Sea?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

A-30 How many of the following statements about the Baltic Sea are TRUE?

1. The Baltic Sea is the largest inland body of water in Europe.
2. It is bordered by nine countries including Sweden, Finland, and Germany.
3. Gotland, the largest island in the Baltic Sea, belongs to Denmark.
4. It is connected to the North Sea by the Keil Canal.

- a) One only
- b) Two only
- c) Three only
- d) All of the above



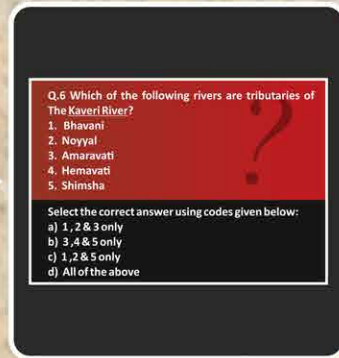
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