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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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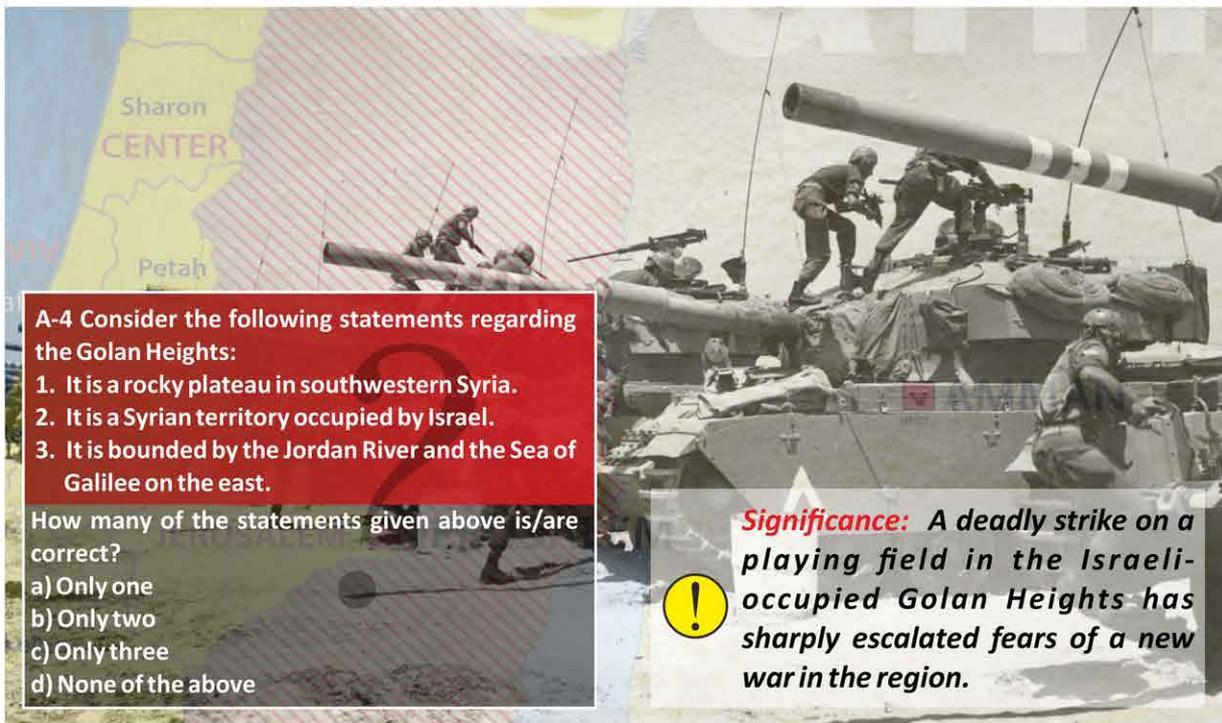
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A-4 Consider the following statements regarding the Golan Heights:

1. It is a rocky plateau in southwestern Syria.
2. It is a Syrian territory occupied by Israel.
3. It is bounded by the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee on the east.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None of the above



Significance: A deadly strike on a playing field in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights has sharply escalated fears of a new war in the region.

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?

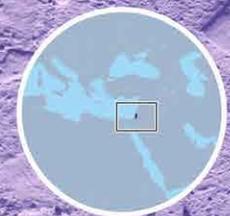
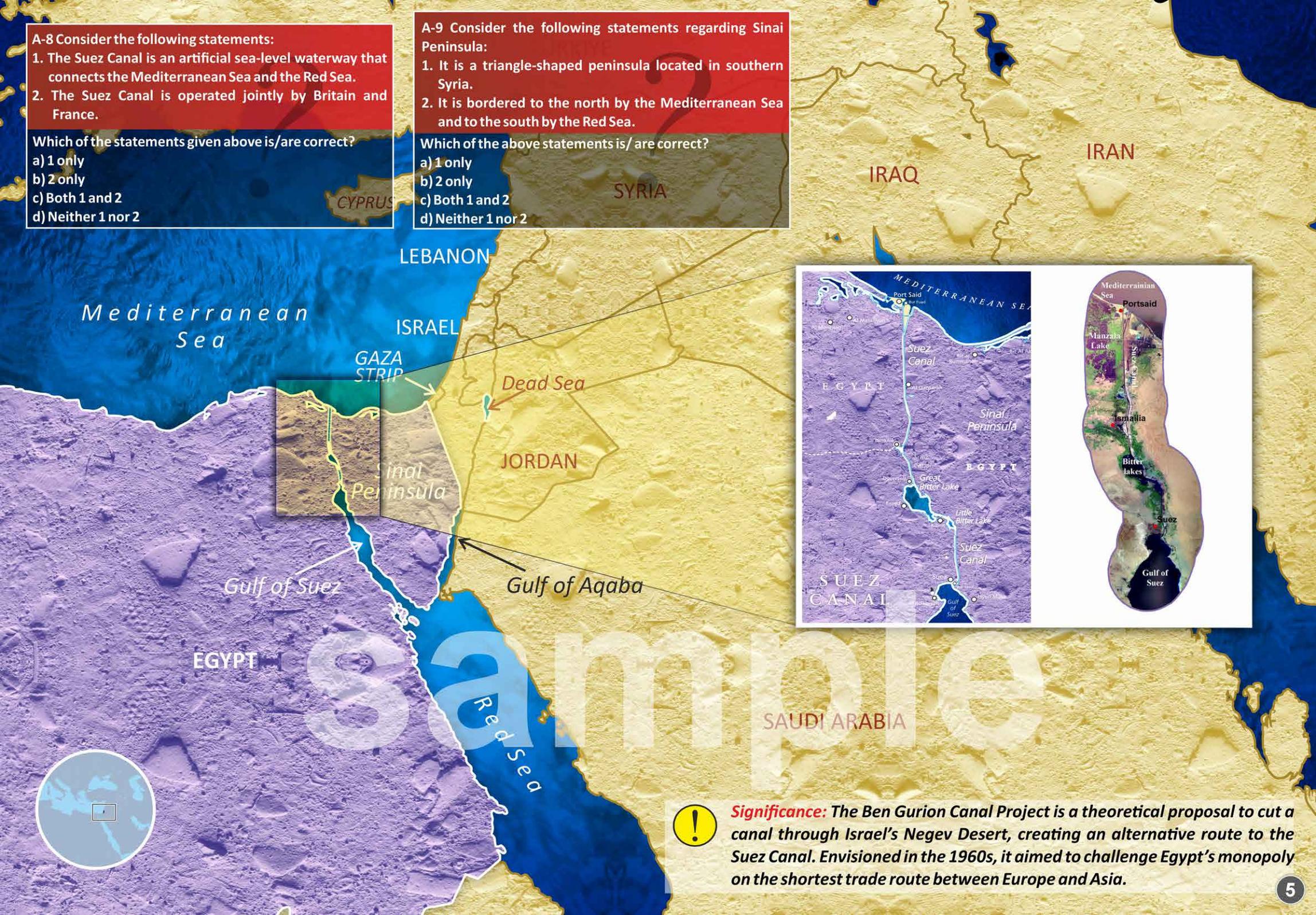
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

A-9 Consider the following statements regarding Sinai Peninsula:

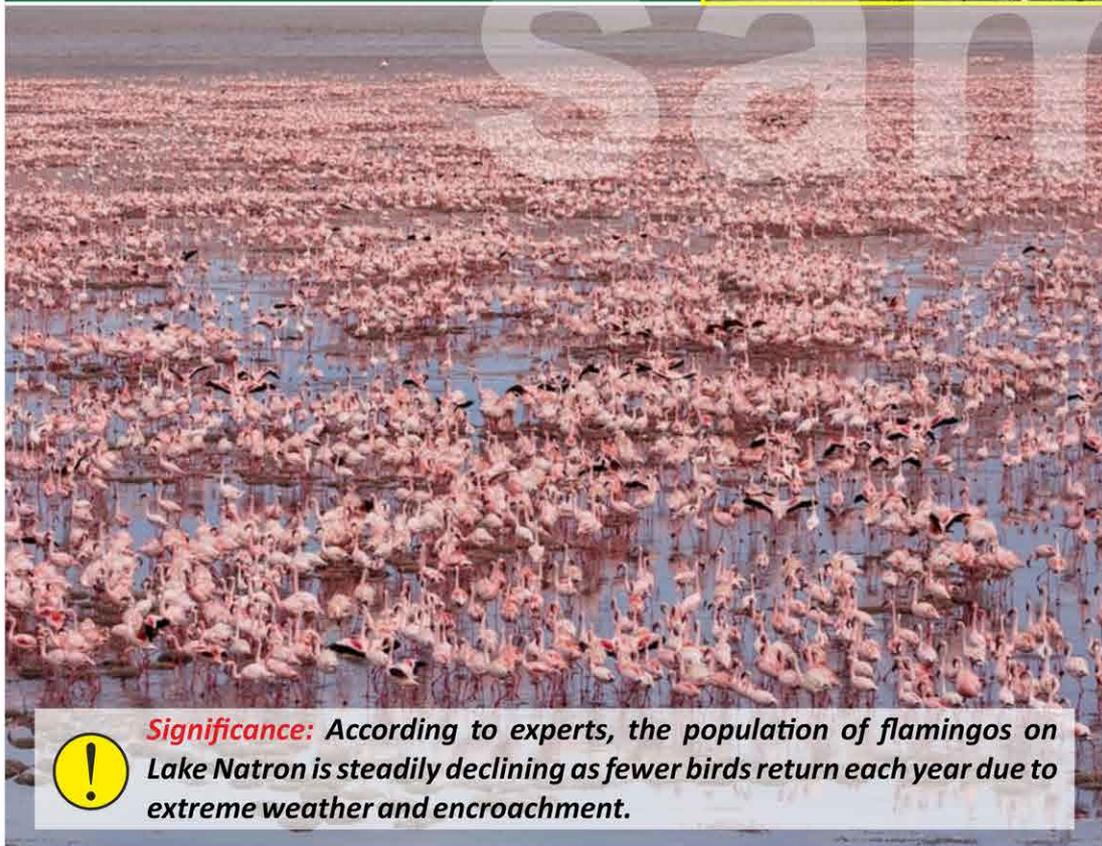
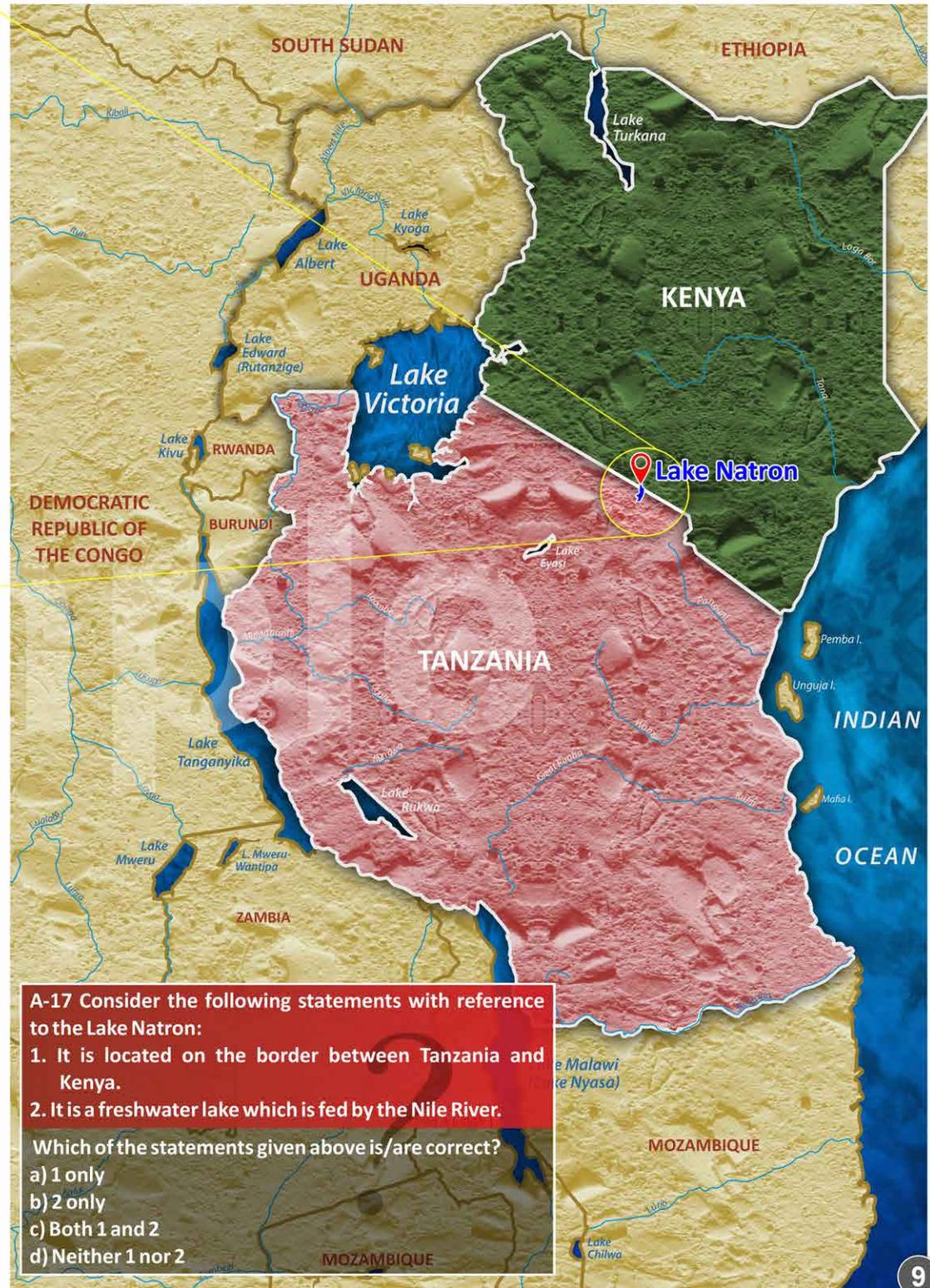
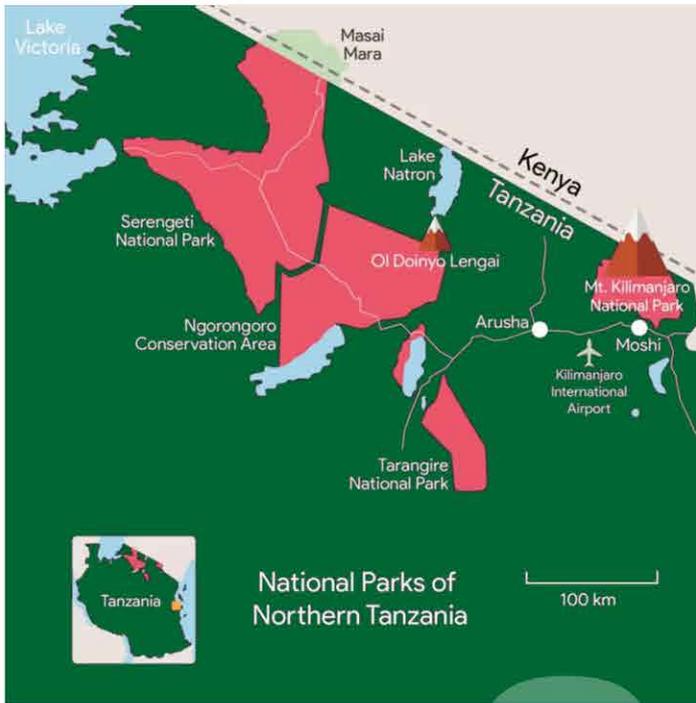
1. It is a triangle-shaped peninsula located in southern Syria.
2. It is bordered to the north by the Mediterranean Sea and to the south by the Red Sea.

Which of the above statements 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.



Significance: According to experts, the population of flamingos on Lake Natron is steadily declining as fewer birds return each year due to extreme weather and encroachment.

A-17 Consider the following statements with reference to the Lake Natron:

1. It is located on the border between Tanzania and Kenya.
2. It is a freshwater lake which is fed by the Nile River.

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

B-1 Think about the following countries:

1. Somalia
2. Paraguay
3. Uganda
4. Colombia
5. Indonesia

Equator passes through which of above countries-

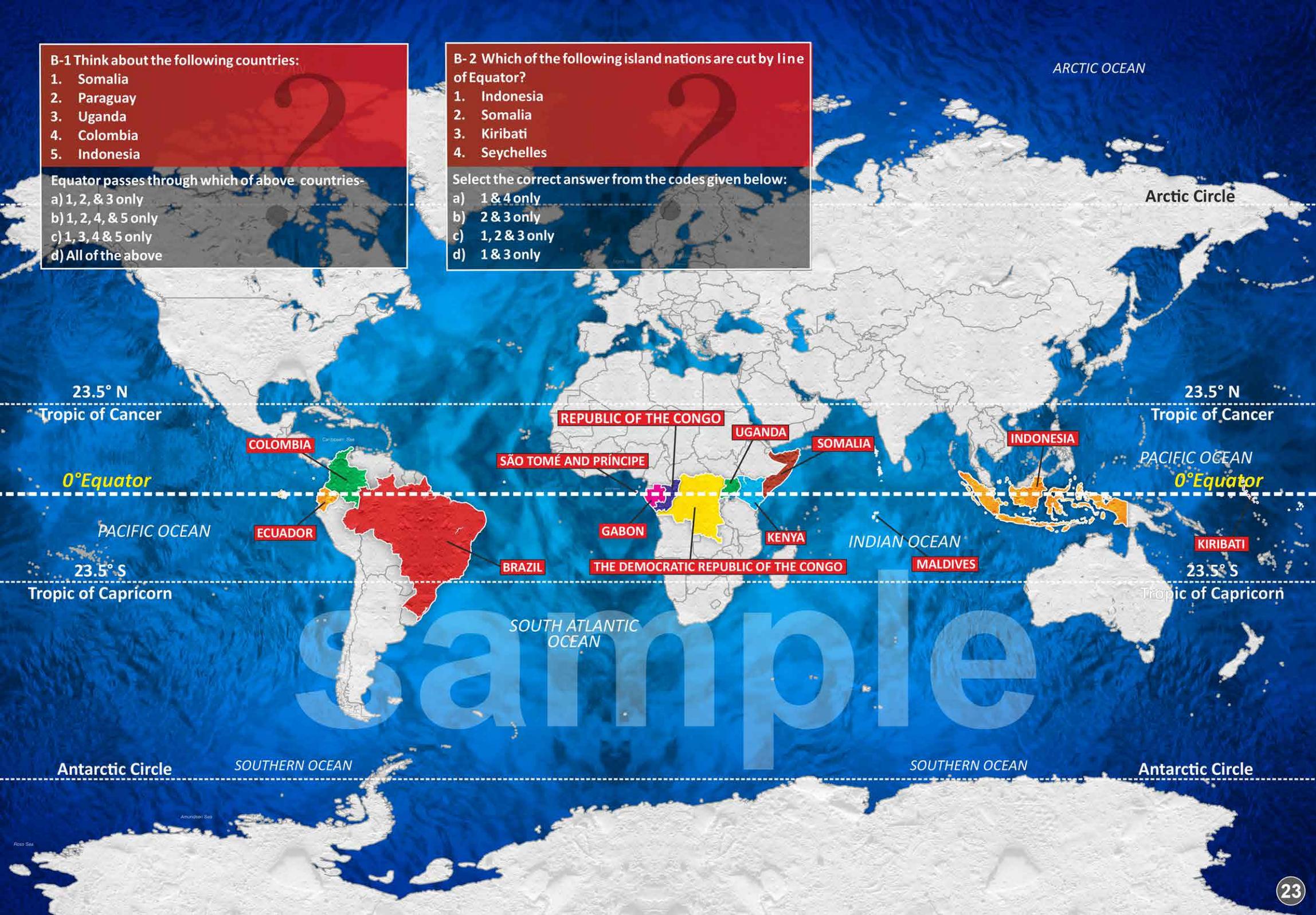
- a) 1, 2, & 3 only
- b) 1, 2, 4, & 5 only
- c) 1, 3, 4 & 5 only
- d) All of the above

B-2 Which of the following island nations are cut by line of Equator?

1. Indonesia
2. Somalia
3. Kiribati
4. Seychelles

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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



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- **Population:** It is one of the most densely populated areas in the world. More than 2 million people live in the territory. The population is predominantly Palestinian, with the majority being Sunni Muslims.
- **History:** After Israel declared its statehood in 1948, Egypt controlled the Gaza Strip for nearly two decades
- Israel then gained control of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank after its victory in the 1967 Six-Day War against its Arab neighbours.
- For the next 38 years, Israel controlled the strip and enabled the construction of 21 Jewish settlements.
- In 2005, under international and domestic pressure, Israel withdrew around 9,000 Israeli settlers and its military forces from the Gaza Strip, leaving the enclave to be governed by the internationally recognised Palestinian Authority, which also controlled parts of the occupied West Bank.

Who controls it now?

- Hamas, a Palestinian Islamist organisation, currently governs the Gaza Strip.
- It took control in 2007 after it won elections there the year before. Since then, no elections have been held.
- Hamas, unlike the Palestinian Authority, doesn't recognize Israel's right to exist.
- Israel has maintained a land, air and sea blockade on Gaza since 2007.

***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-7 The Correct Answer is: a) Only one

Explanation: - The **Dead Sea** is not located entirely within Israel; The Dead Sea is a **landlocked** salt lake **bordered** by **Jordan** to the east and the **Israeli-occupied West Bank** and **Israel** to the west. It lies in the **Jordan Rift Valley**, and its main tributary is the **Jordan River**.

- It is **primarily fed by the Jordan River**.
- The **Dead Sea** is not the highest lake on Earth. It is actually one of the **Earth's lowest points on land**, lying more than 430 meters (1,411 feet) below sea level.
- The **Dead Sea** is known for its **exceptionally high salt concentration**, making it one of the **saltiest bodies of water in the world**.
- The **Negev Desert** does not surround the Dead Sea; rather, it is situated to the **south of the Dead Sea**.

***Significance:** The Dead Sea's location has also made it a place of refuge; following a massacre by Hamas, Israeli authorities evacuated survivors to a hotel near this body of water, underscoring its role as a geographic landmark amidst the turmoil of war.*

A-8 The Correct Answer is: a) 1 only

Explanation: -The **Suez Canal** is an **artificial sea-level waterway** running north to south across the Isthmus of Suez in **Egypt**, to connect the **Mediterranean Sea** and the **Red Sea**. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

- The canal **separates the African continent from Asia**.
- It provides the **shortest maritime route** between Europe and the lands lying around the Indian and western Pacific oceans.
- It is one of the world's most heavily used shipping lanes, carrying over **12% of world trade by volume**.
- The Suez Canal is actually the first canal that directly links the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea. It was opened for navigation in November 1869.
- The 150-year-old canal was controlled by British and French interests in its initial years, but was **nationalised in 1956 by Egypt**. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

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?

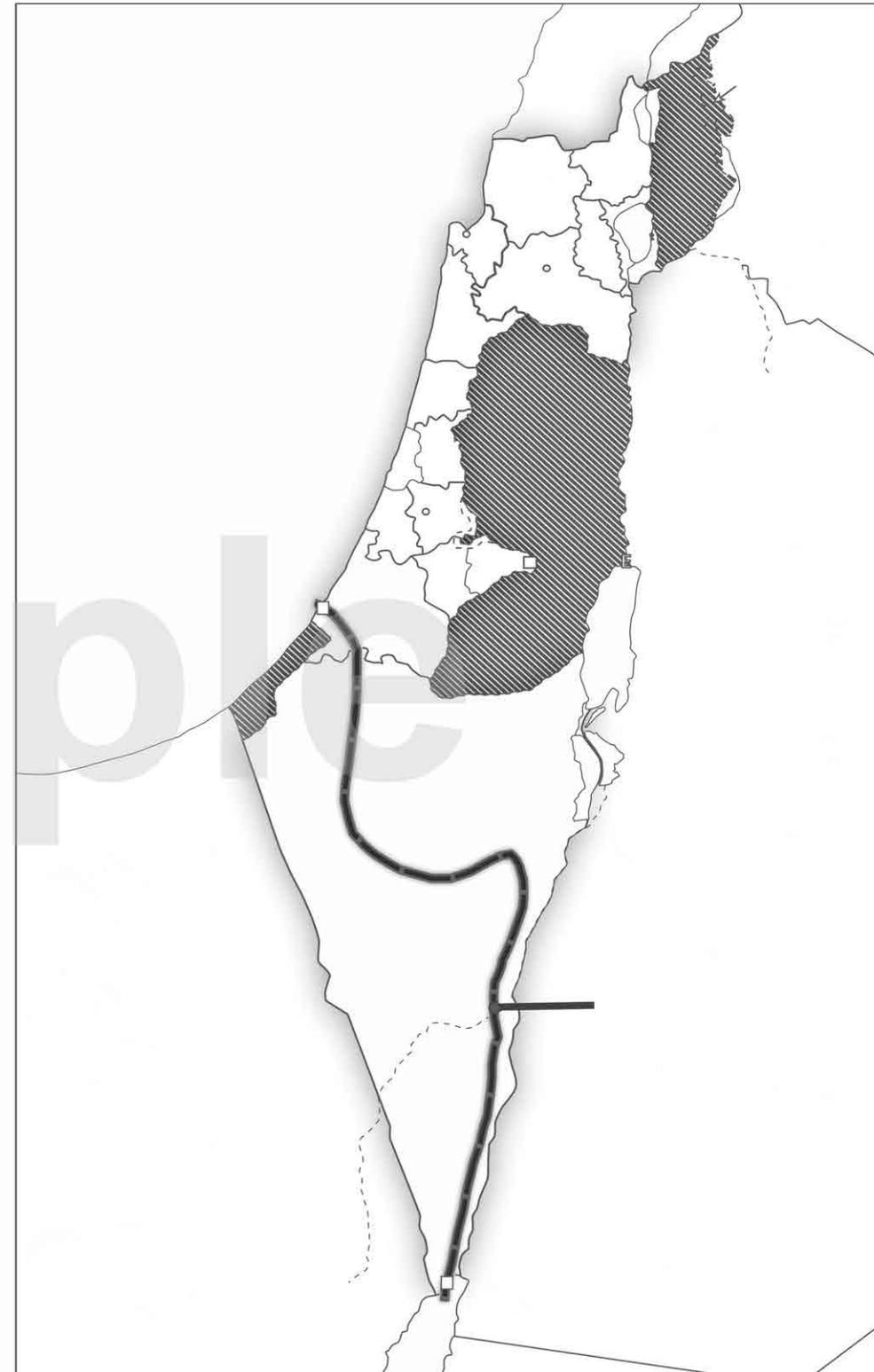
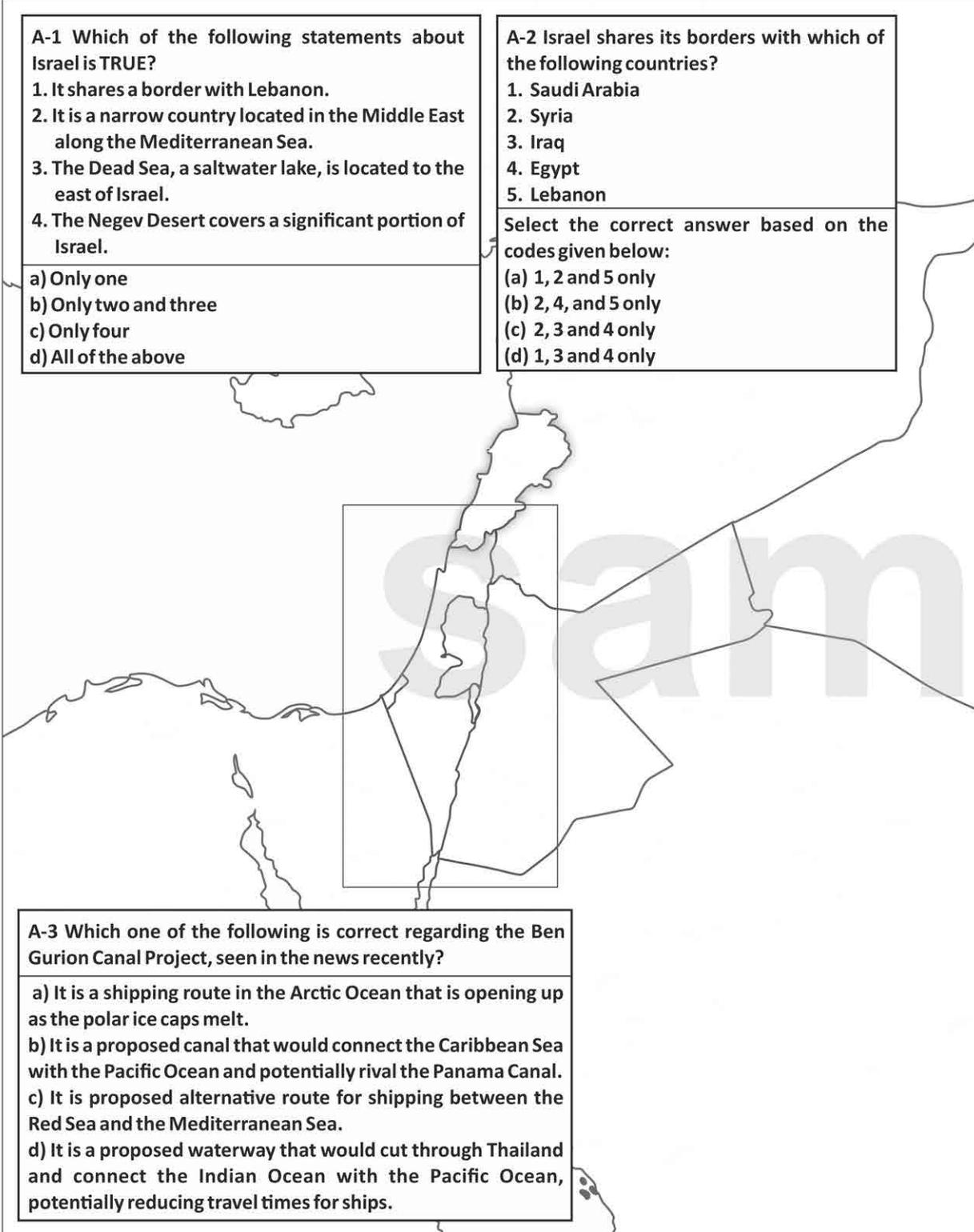
1. Saudi Arabia
2. Syria
3. Iraq
4. Egypt
5. Lebanon

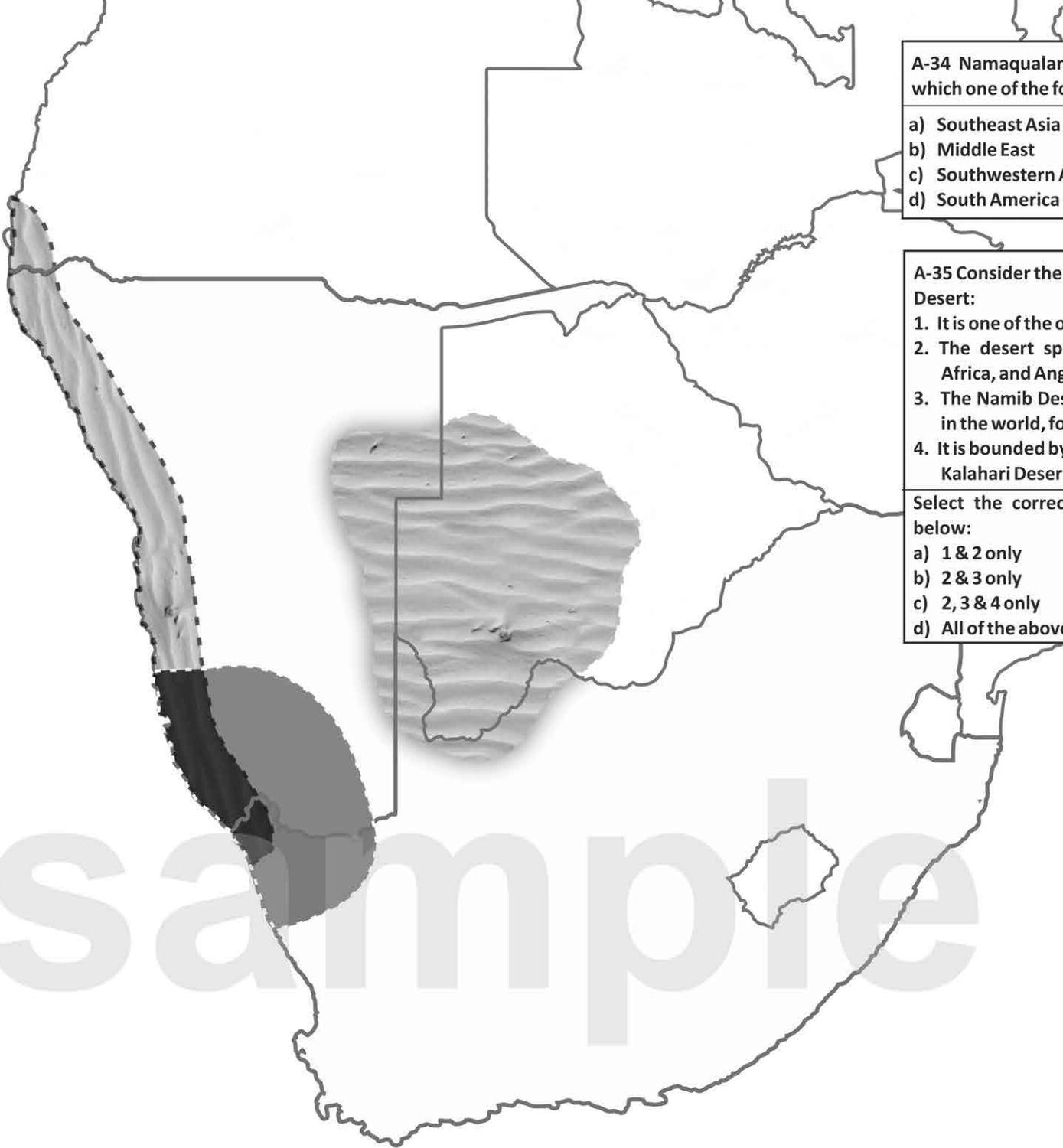
Select the correct answer based on the codes given below:

- (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-34 Namaqualand, recently seen in the news, lies in which one of the following regions?

- a) Southeast Asia
- b) Middle East
- c) Southwestern Africa
- d) South America

A-35 Consider the following statements about the Namib Desert:

1. It is one of the oldest deserts in the world.
2. The desert spans three countries: Namibia, South Africa, and Angola.
3. The Namib Desert is home to the highest sand dunes in the world, found at Sossusvlei.
4. It is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the Kalahari Desert to the east

Select the correct answer based on the codes given below:

- a) 1 & 2 only
- b) 2 & 3 only
- c) 2, 3 & 4 only
- d) All of the above

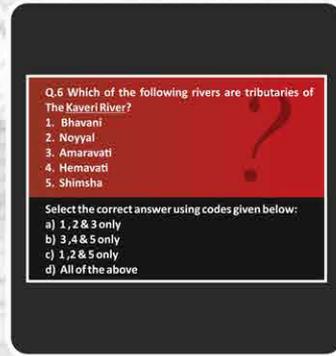
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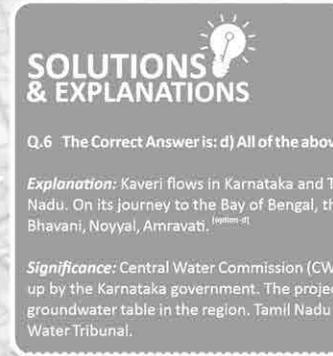
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