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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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IMPORTANT SEAS OF THE WORLD

A-4 The Blue Line is a demarcation line established by the United Nations for monitoring a ceasefire. Which of the following statements about the Blue Line is correct?

1. It serves as a border between Lebanon and Israel.
2. It was drawn following Israel's withdrawal from southern Lebanon in 2000.
3. It includes territory disputed between Lebanon and Syria.
4. The Blue Line runs entirely along the Mediterranean coastline.

Options:

- a) Only 1 and 2
- b) Only 3
- c) Only 1, 2, and 4
- d) All of the above

A-5 Which of the following is TRUE about Lebanon's borders?

1. Lebanon shares a maritime border with Cyprus.
2. The border with Israel is often referred to as the "Blue Line."
3. Lebanon shares its longest land border with Jordan.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 1 and 2
- c) Only 2 and 3
- d) All of the above

A-6 Israel shares its borders with which of the following countries?

1. Lebanon
2. Syria
3. Egypt
4. Jordan
5. Iraq

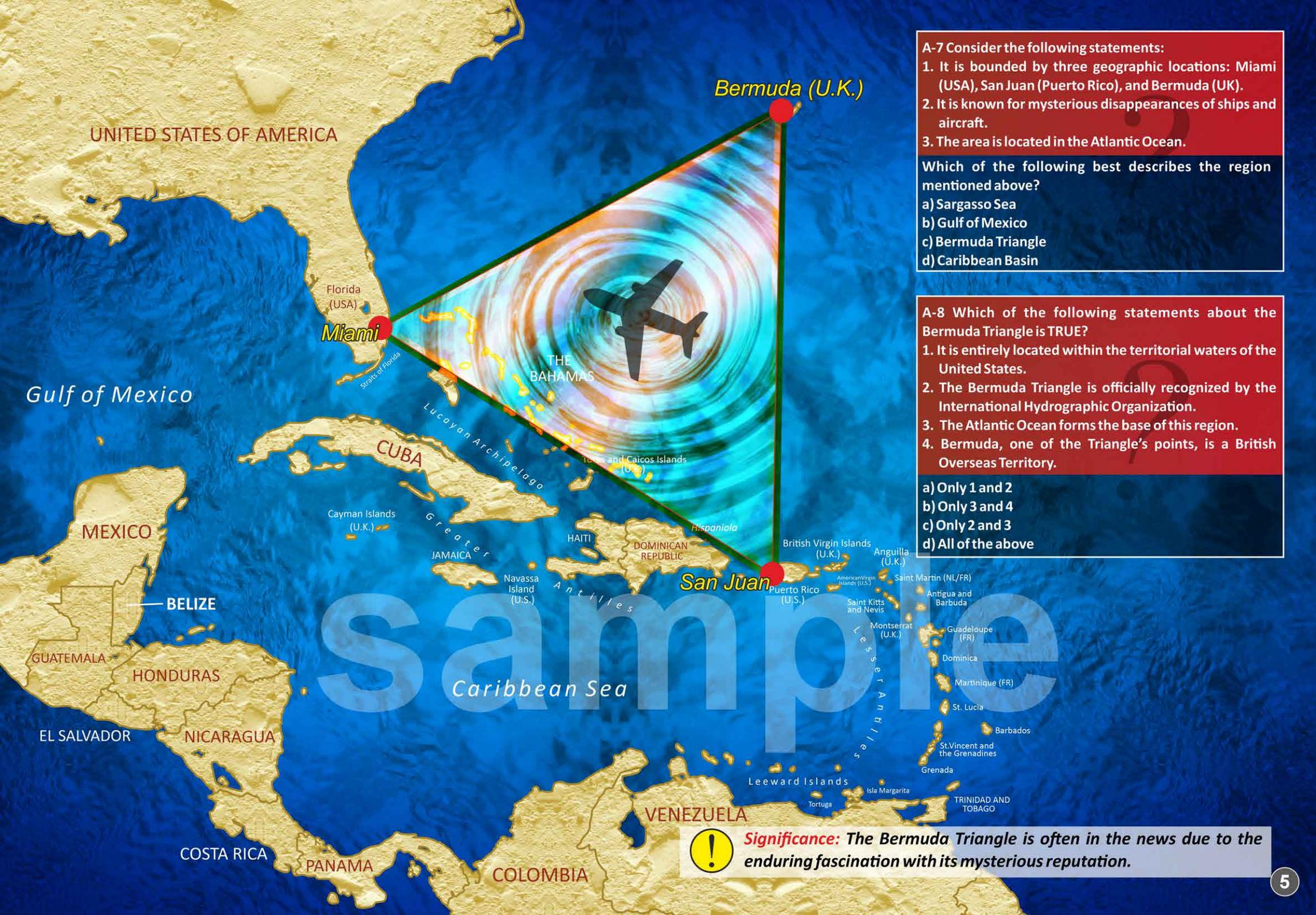
Select the correct answer based on the codes given below:

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



Significance: UN warns of escalating tensions on Lebanon-Israel 'Blue Line' frontier.





A-7 Consider the following statements:

1. It is bounded by three geographic locations: Miami (USA), San Juan (Puerto Rico), and Bermuda (UK).
2. It is known for mysterious disappearances of ships and aircraft.
3. The area is located in the Atlantic Ocean.

Which of the following best describes the region mentioned above?

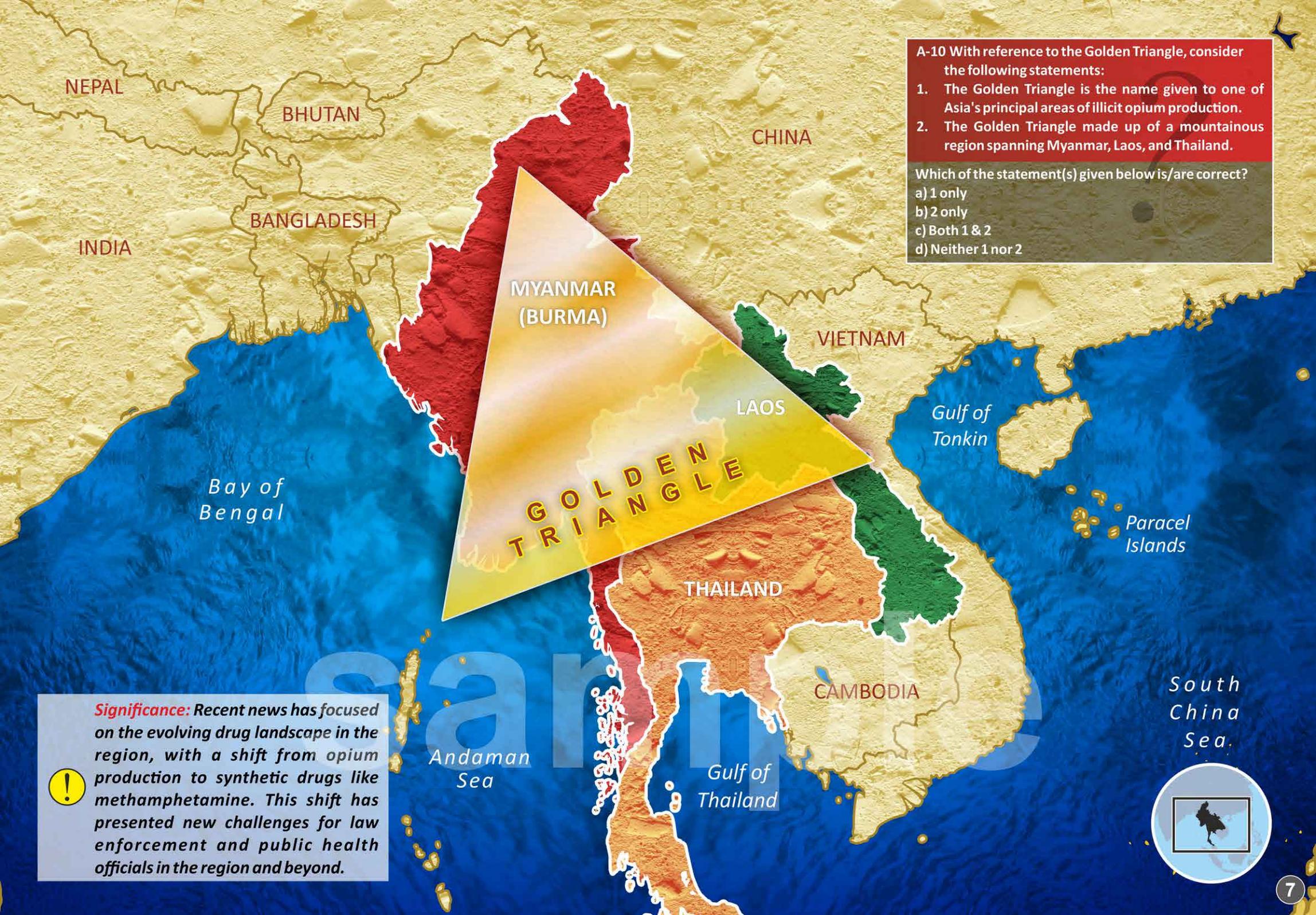
- a) Sargasso Sea
- b) Gulf of Mexico
- c) Bermuda Triangle
- d) Caribbean Basin

A-8 Which of the following statements about the Bermuda Triangle is TRUE?

1. It is entirely located within the territorial waters of the United States.
2. The Bermuda Triangle is officially recognized by the International Hydrographic Organization.
3. The Atlantic Ocean forms the base of this region.
4. Bermuda, one of the Triangle's points, is a British Overseas Territory.

- a) Only 1 and 2
- b) Only 3 and 4
- c) Only 2 and 3
- d) All of the above

Significance: The Bermuda Triangle is often in the news due to the enduring fascination with its mysterious reputation.



A-10 With reference to the Golden Triangle, consider the following statements:

1. The Golden Triangle is the name given to one of Asia's principal areas of illicit opium production.
2. The Golden Triangle made up of a mountainous region spanning Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand.

Which of the statement(s) given below is/are correct?

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

Significance: Recent news has focused on the evolving drug landscape in the region, with a shift from opium production to synthetic drugs like methamphetamine. This shift has presented new challenges for law enforcement and public health officials in the region and beyond.



Significance: *The Sahara Desert is undergoing a rare transformation as heavy rainfall brings unexpected greenery to its arid landscape.*

A-4 The Correct Answer is: a) Only 1 and 2

Explanation: The **Blue Line** serves as a **UN-established demarcation line** between **Lebanon** and **Israel**, primarily for monitoring **ceasefire agreements**.

- It was drawn in **2000** following Israel's withdrawal from southern Lebanon.
- The line is not entirely along the Mediterranean coastline, as **it extends inland**.
- While there are **disputed** territories between **Lebanon and Syria**, these **are not part of the Blue Line**.
- **Israel and Lebanon** have **no official border** separating them, **except the Blue Line**.

Note: Blue Line is also a learning ecosystem created by the **UN System Staff College**.

Significance: *UN warns of escalating tensions on Lebanon-Israel 'Blue Line' frontier.*

A-5 The Correct Answer is: a) Only 1 and 2

Explanation: **Lebanon**, officially the **Republic of Lebanon**, is a country in the **Levant region** of **West Asia**. Situated at the crossroads of the **Mediterranean Basin** and the **Arabian Peninsula**.

- it is bordered by **Syria** to the north and east, **Israel** to the south, and the **Mediterranean Sea** to the west;
- Lebanon shares a **maritime boundary** with **Cyprus** in the **Mediterranean Sea**.
- The "**Blue Line**" is a **demarcation line** drawn **by the United Nations** between **Lebanon** and **Israel** after the **Israeli withdrawal in 2000**.
- Lebanon does not share a border with Jordan; **its borders are with Syria and Israel**.

A-6 The Correct Answer is: b) 1, 2, 3, and 4 only

Explanation: **Israel**, officially the **State of Israel**, is a country in the **Southern Levant** region of **West Asia**.

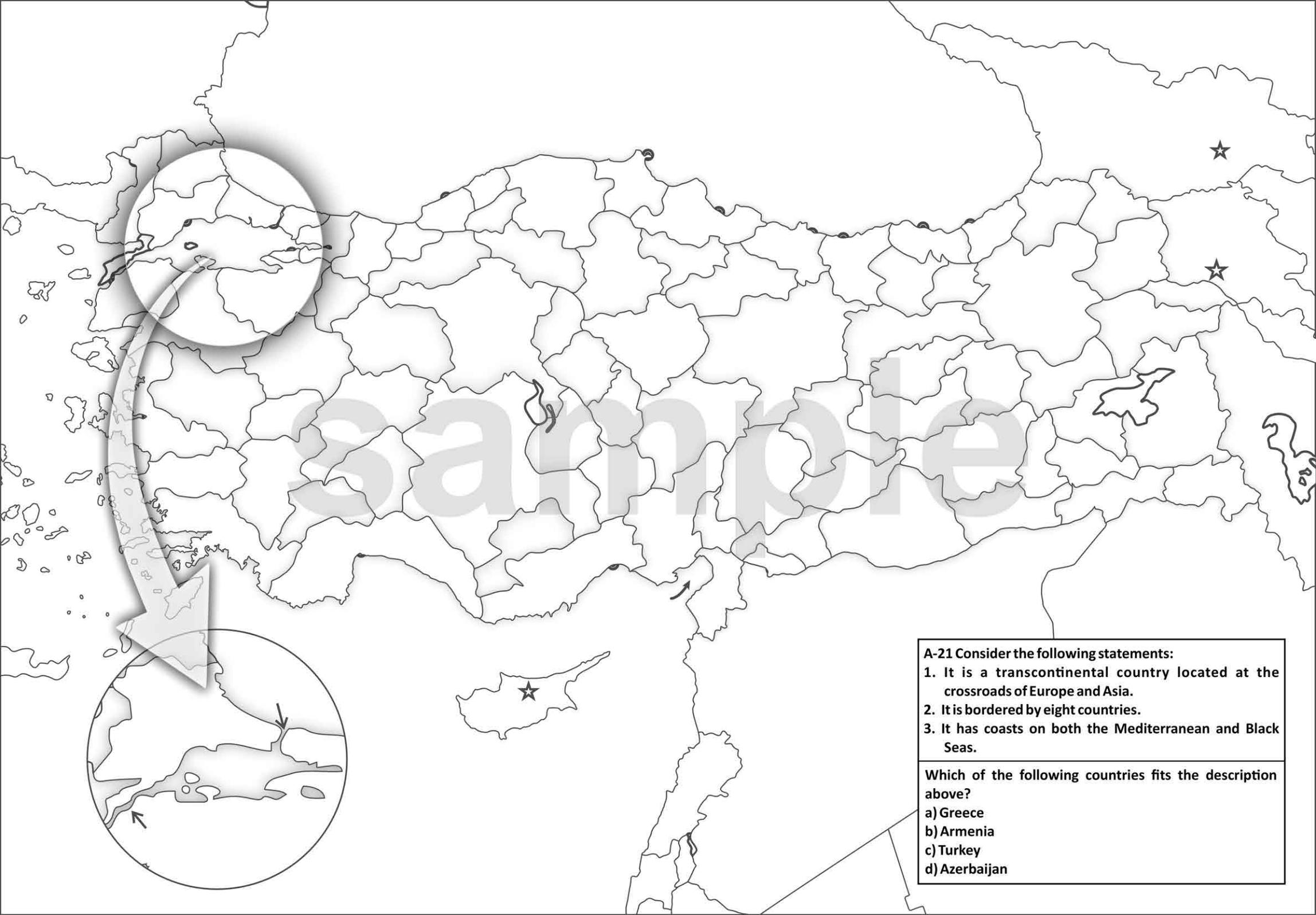
- It is bordered by **Lebanon** and **Syria** to the north, the **West Bank** and **Jordan** to the east, the **Gaza Strip** and **Egypt** to the southwest, and the **Mediterranean Sea** to the west. The country also has a small coastline on the **Red Sea** at its southernmost point, and part of the **Dead Sea** lies along its eastern border.
- Israel's proclaimed **capital** is in **Jerusalem**, while **Tel Aviv** is the country's **largest urban** area and **economic center**.
- **Iraq does not** directly border Israel.

A-7 The Correct Answer is: c) Bermuda Triangle

Explanation: The **Bermuda Triangle** is a loosely defined region in the **Atlantic Ocean**.

- Its **three points** are **Miami (USA)**, **San Juan (Puerto Rico)**, and **Bermuda (UK territory)**.
- The region has gained notoriety for unexplained phenomena, including **ship and aircraft disappearances**.
- Unlike the Sargasso Sea or the Gulf of Mexico, the Bermuda Triangle is **not officially recognized** as a geographic or cartographic location.

Significance: *The Bermuda Triangle is often in the news due to the enduring fascination with its mysterious reputation.*



A-21 Consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a transcontinental country located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia.**
- 2. It is bordered by eight countries.**
- 3. It has coasts on both the Mediterranean and Black Seas.**

Which of the following countries fits the description above?

- a) Greece**
- b) Armenia**
- c) Turkey**
- d) Azerbaijan**



A-36 Which of the following countries does Algeria NOT share a border with?

- a) Libya
- b) Chad
- c) Niger
- d) Tunisia

A-37 How many of the following statements about the Maghreb region are TRUE?

1. The Maghreb region is located in Northwest Africa.
2. The Atlas Mountains stretch across the Maghreb region, providing a significant geographical feature.
3. The Sahara Desert covers a large part of the Maghreb region.
4. The Maghreb does not include the disputed territory of Western Sahara.

How many of the above-mentioned statements are NOT true?

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

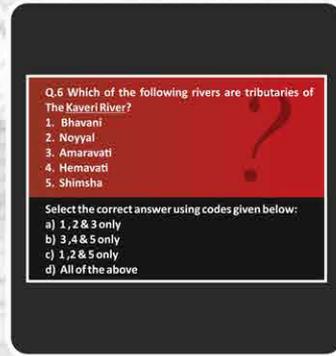
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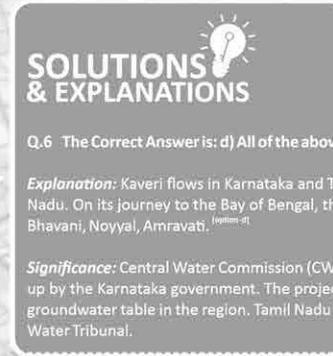
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