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Q1. Consider the following statements:

- City of Hatra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded 2,000 years ago, in the days of the Parthian Empire.
- It is located in south-west of Syria.
- Islamic State (IS) militants have destroyed the ruins at the ancient city of Hatra.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q2. Which of the following statement(s) is/are **correct** regarding the expanded Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument?

- It is the largest ocean preserve in the world.
- It is located between Kiribati islands and Hawaii
- It is under the jurisdiction of the United States.

Codes:

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) 1 only

Q3. As per the UN women report which country has the highest percentage of women parliamentarians in the world?

a) Mongolia

- b) UK
- c) Rwanda
- d) Nepal

Q4. Which of the following is **correct** according to the Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets Bill, 2015?

- The Bill will apply to Indian residents
- It seeks to replace the Income Tax (IT) Act, 1961 for the taxation of foreign income.
- The penalty to NRIs for nondisclosure of foreign income or assets would be equal to four times the amount of tax payable, in addition to tax payable at 30%.

Codes

- a) 2 and 3
- b) 1 and 2
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All

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Q5. Which of the following countries are members of Eurasian Economic Union?

- Belarus
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Turkmenistan

Codes:

- a) 3 and 4 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) All of these

Q6. Who won the world's first Global Teacher Prize which is widely known as Nobel Prize for teaching?
a) Nancie Atwell
b) Jacque Kahura
c) Guy Etienne
d) Kiran Bir Sethi
Q7. Which of the following was the venue of 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction?
a) Shanghai, China
b) Jaffna, Sri Lanka
c) Sendai, Japan
d) New Delhi, India
Q8. Thwaites Glacier is located in
a) East Arctic
b) East Antarctic
c) West Antarctic
d) West Arctic
Q9. Who is the winner of Abel Prize 2015?
a) Kirsti Storm Bull
b) Kristian Ranestad
c) John Milnor
d) John Nash
Q10. Which of the following countries have been requested to join 'Quad' proposed by Japan?

- AustraliaIndia
- Germany
- USA

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

Q11.	The	Operation	on Ice	Bridge,	is the	largest	airborne	survey	of	Earth's	polar	ice
ever	flown	ı was lau	nched	d by								

- a) NASA
- b) RSA
- c) ESA
- d) ISRO

Q12. Which of the following are the features of Ukraine-EU Pact?

- Three years of limited self-rule to parts of rebel held territory offered
- Right for use of Russian in all state institutions guaranteed
- Rights of Legislatures of rebel-held regions to set up their own police forces recognised
- Merging of Crimea into Russia recognised

Codes:

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

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Q13. Recently, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has kicked off River for Life campaign to protect ____ a) Coral Reef

- b) Olive Ridley Turtles
- c) Gangetic River Dolphins
- d) Crocodile

Q14. Consider the Statements about Global Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

- It came into force on 24 December 2014 after it was adopted by the UN General Assembly in April 2013.
- It is the first legally binding multilateral agreement that prohibits nations from exporting conventional weapons to countries that may use it for genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.
- India has already signed the treaty.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q15. Consider the statements of the World Economic Forum meeting held in Davos, Statements

- WEF is an international institution founded by Klaus Schwab that works to improve the state of the world through public-private cooperation.
- It is an international business organization that makes a profit by working closely with leaders in the field of politics, business, and academia to set global, regional and industrial agendas.
- Leaders from about 40 countries and more than 2,500 business people have attended the meeting.
- The 4-day conference has highlighted the issues like tumbling oil prices and China's uncertain economic prospects.

Which of the above statements is **not correct**?

- a) 2 and 3
- b) 1 only
- c) 2 only

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Answers to the above questions:

Q1. Answer: (a)

Islamic State (IS) militants have destroyed the ruins at the ancient city of Hatra located in southwest of Mosul in Northern Iraq.

Q2. Answer: (a)

The reserve located between American Samoa and Hawaii islands.

Q3. Answer: (c)

Women have won 63.8 per cent of seats in the lower house.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

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Q5. Answer: (b)

Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan are members of Eurasian Economic Union.

Q6. Answer: (a)

Nancie Atwell, a teacher at the Centre for Teaching and Learning in Edgecomb, Maine, US, has been named as the first winner of the one million dollar global teacher prize.

Q7. Answer: (c)

The third world conference on disaster risk reduction was held from 14 to 18 March in Sendai city, Japan. In, 1994 first world conference on disaster risk reduction was held in Yokohama.

Q8. Answer: (c)

Thwaites Glacier in West Antarctic is rapidly melting due to rise in atmospheric temperature and geothermal heat.

Q9. Answer: (d)

American mathematicians John F. Nash, Jr and Louis Nirenberg are chosen for the Abel Prize for 2015.

Q10. Answer: (a)

The proposed "Quad" will comprise of the USA, Australia, India and Japan.

Q11. Answer: (a)

It will yield an unprecedented threedimensional view of Arctic and Antarctic ice sheets, ice shelves and sea ice.

Q12. Answer: (d)

The merging of Crimea into Russia or independence of Crimea has not been recognised in the Ukraine-EU Pact.

Q13. Answer: (c)

World Wide Fund for Nature flagged off a campaign called River for Life to protect the endangered Gangetic River Dolphins.

Q14. Answer: (c)

Major weapons producers like Russia, China, India and Pakistan have not signed the treaty.

Q15. Answer: (c)

It is an independent not-for-profit organization that works closely with other international organizations.

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