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DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Q1. With reference to Phoenicia, consider the following statements:

- 1) Phoenicia was located along the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea.
- 2) The Phoenicians were primarily land-based traders with limited maritime activity.
- 3) Phoenician trade routes extended up to the British Isles.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q2. *Tetrataenium paikadae*, recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) A newly discovered insect species found in the Eastern Ghats
- (b) A plant species belonging to the Apiaceae family
- (c) A marine algae species found in the Arabian Sea
- (d) A medicinal fungus discovered in the Himalayas

Q3. With reference to the Chennakeshava Temple, consider the following statements:

- 1) It is dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

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- 2) It was commissioned by King Vishnuvardhana of the Hoysala dynasty.
- 3) It is located on the banks of the Kaveri River.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q4. The Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) is best described as:

- (a) A UN body focused on deep-sea mining
- (b) A regional naval alliance of South Asian countries
- (c) A multinational maritime partnership countering illicit activities at sea
- (d) A bilateral naval exercise between India and the USA

Q5. The Lead Bank Scheme (LBS) was introduced by the Reserve Bank of India primarily to:

- (a) Promote urban banking infrastructure
- (b) Regulate interest rates of commercial banks
- (c) Coordinate banking and developmental activities at the district level
- (d) Facilitate foreign direct investment in rural areas

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Solution

Answer 1: (a) 1 and 3 only

Phoenicia was located along the eastern Mediterranean coast (present-day Lebanon). Phoenicians were expert seafarers, not land-based traders, and their trade reached as far as the British Isles.

Answer 2: (b) A plant species belonging to the Apiaceae family

Tetrataenium paikadae is a newly discovered plant species from the high-altitude grasslands of the Western Ghats and belongs to the Apiaceae family.

Answer 3: (a) 1 and 2 only

Chennakeshava Temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and was commissioned by King Vishnuvardhana. It is located on the banks of the Yagachi River, not the Kaveri.

Answer 4: (c) A multinational maritime partnership countering illicit activities at sea

Combined Maritime Forces works to uphold the International Rules Based Order by countering non-state illicit actors in international waters.

Answer 5: (c) Coordinate banking and developmental activities at the district level

The Lead Bank Scheme, introduced by the Reserve Bank of India in 1969, aims to improve credit flow and promote rural and priority-sector development through coordination among banks and agencies.