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DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS (14/3/2026)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding *Osbeckia zubeengargiana*:

1. It is a newly discovered plant species found in the grasslands of Manas National Park in Assam.
2. It belongs to the Melastomataceae family.
3. It has been named after Assamese singer Zubeen Garg.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q2. With reference to Kharg Island, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the northern Persian Gulf and belongs to Iran.
2. It lies about 30 km from the Iranian mainland.
3. It is one of the few islands in the Persian Gulf with freshwater reserves.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q3. Consider the following statements about *Myiophanes kempfi*:

1. It is a species of butterfly found in the Andaman Islands.

2. It belongs to the Reduviidae family of assassin bugs.

3. It was first described in 1924 by British entomologist William Edward China.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(a) 2 and 3 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q4. With reference to the Silverpit Crater, consider the following statements:

1. It lies beneath the seabed in the North Sea near the coast of the United Kingdom.

2. It was discovered in 2002.

3. It is believed to have formed due to volcanic activity under the seabed.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

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

Q5. With reference to Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), consider the following statements:

1. HSV-1 mainly causes oral herpes such as cold sores around the mouth.
2. HSV-2 mainly causes genital herpes.
3. The virus spreads through skin-to-skin contact with an infected person.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

SOLUTIONS

Q1. Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: *Osbeckia zubeengargiana* is a newly discovered plant species found in the grasslands of Manas National Park in Assam. It belongs to the Melastomataceae family and is named after Assamese singer Zubeen Garg.

Q2. Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

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Explanation: Kharg Island is a small coral island in Iran located in the northern Persian Gulf about 30 km from the mainland. It is notable for having freshwater accumulated within its porous limestone.

Q3. Answer: (a) 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Myiophanes kempfi is a slender-bodied assassin bug belonging to the Reduviidae family. It was first described in 1924 by British entomologist William Edward China. It is not a butterfly.

Q4. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: The Silverpit Crater lies beneath the North Sea near the UK and was discovered in 2002. Scientific evidence suggests it was formed by an asteroid impact, not volcanic activity.

Q5. Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: Herpes Simplex Virus has two main types: HSV-1 which causes oral herpes and HSV-2 which causes genital herpes. The virus spreads through direct skin-to-skin contact with an infected person.