

Qn.1

**Answer: D) All**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is correct: The Assam Accord was signed in 1985 to address the issue of illegal immigration from Bangladesh.
- Statement 2 is correct: The cut-off date for identifying and deporting illegal immigrants was set as March 24, 1971.
- Statement 3 is correct: Clause 6 of the Assam Accord is aimed at safeguarding the cultural, social, and linguistic identity of the Assamese people.

Qn. 2- A

- **Statement 1** is correct because the MSFN is designed to support financing for critical mineral projects, particularly in developing countries, to ensure a stable and secure supply chain of critical minerals.
- **Statement 2** is correct because a key objective of the MSFN is to promote sustainable and transparent mining practices.
  - **Statement 3** is incorrect as the MSFN was not established by the IMF and World Bank, but rather involves multiple countries working together to secure mineral resources, not specifically limited to Africa. The Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) is an international initiative aimed at strengthening the supply chains of critical minerals essential for clean energy technologies, high-tech manufacturing, and national security.
- It was **launched in 2022 by the United States**, alongside a coalition of like-minded countries (EU) and regions, in response to growing concerns over the supply chain vulnerabilities of key minerals such as **lithium, cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements (REEs)**.

Qn.3

**Answer: C) 1 and 3 only**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is correct: A **heat dome** occurs when a high-pressure system traps heat in a region, preventing it from escaping.

- Statement 2 is incorrect: Heat domes are more common in **summer months** and typically affect mid-latitude regions, not polar regions.
- Statement 3 is correct: Heat domes can lead to **prolonged heatwaves** and extreme temperature increases.

Qn. 4 b

- Russia and China are engaged in a secret weapons programme to produce long-range drones against Ukraine, a report claims.
- A subsidiary of Russian state-owned weapons company Almaz-Antey, IEMZ Kupol, have allegedly developed a new drone model called Garpiya-3 (G3) in China.
- The G3 UAV can travel about **1,243 miles (2,000 km) with a payload of 50kg**,

Qn.5 –A

- The **Biplab Kumar Sharma Committee** was constituted by the Assam government in 2019 to recommend measures for the implementation of **Clause 6** of the **Assam Accord**.
- Clause 6 is a key provision in the Assam Accord, which aims to protect the cultural, social, and linguistic identity of the Assamese people.
- The Assam Accord was signed in 1985 between the Government of India and leaders of the Assam Movement, ending years of agitation over the issue of illegal immigration, primarily from Bangladesh.