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DAILY CURRENT Affairs QUIZ FOR UPSC

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(Answer & Explanation)

Qn1. Answer: (c) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is **incorrect**. Vision 2047 aims for zero-error accuracy for three days, not a week.
- Statement 2 is correct. The roadmap focuses on transitioning to weather management.
- Statement 3 is correct. Individualized weather services are a key goal in **Vision 2047**.

Qn.2 Answer: (d) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is incorrect: Cyclone Biparjoy formed in the Arabian Sea but was named by Bangladesh. The name "Biparjoy" means "disaster" in Bengali.
- **Statement 2** is correct: A Category 3 storm is defined by sustained wind speeds of 178–208 km/h, which Biparjoy achieved.
- **Statement 3** is correct: Cyclone Biparjoy made landfall near the Kutch region of Gujarat, causing significant damage to infrastructure and agricultural activities.

Qn. 3 Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation: The Board does not explicitly focus on **turmeric-based pharmaceutical production**, though it promotes awareness of its medicinal properties. Objectives like ensuring quality standards and enhancing logistics are part of its mandate.

Qn. 4 Answer: (d) all

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: Makar Sankranti marks the transition of the Sun into Capricorn (Makar) and symbolizes the end of the winter solstice. It is a festival that marks the beginning of the harvest season and is significant in agricultural communities across India.

Statement 2 is correct: Makar Sankranti is celebrated in various forms in different parts of India. In Tamil Nadu, it is celebrated as **Pongal**, in Punjab it is celebrated as **Maghi**, and in northern India, it is observed as **Lohri**.

Statement 3 is correct: Makar Sankranti is one of the few major Hindu festivals that follow the **solar calendar**. Most other Hindu festivals, such as Diwali and Holi, are based on the lunar calendar. The solar-based nature of Makar Sankranti makes it unique.

Qn. 5 Answer: (a) 1 & 3 Only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:** Correct. The Maha Kumbh Mela takes place at four locations: Haridwar, Allahabad (Prayagraj), Nashik, and Ujjain.
- **Statement 2:** Incorrect. The tradition of the Kumbh Mela is much older and is associated with Hindu mythology, particularly the myth of the nectar (amrita) of immortality. The festival is linked to ancient texts like the Mahabharata and Puranas, not the Maurya Empire.

Statement 3: It is correct

The Kumbh Mela is held every **12 years** at each of the four locations. However, the specific date is determined based on the positions of the **Jupiter** and **Sun** in the zodiac, which adds a **scientific** and **astronomical** dimension to the festival's timing. The **Maha Kumbh** (the most auspicious Kumbh) takes place once every 144 years, rotating between the four locations.