

**Multiple choice questions**

**Q1 Choose the right answer from the four alternatives given below.**

**(i) The Tropic of Cancer does not pass through**

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Tripura

**(ii) The easternmost longitude of India is**

- (a)  $97^{\circ} 25' E$
- (b)  $68^{\circ} 7' E$
- (c)  $77^{\circ} 6' E$
- (d)  $82^{\circ} 32' E$

**(iii) Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim have common frontiers with**

- (a) China
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Myanmar

**(iv) If you intend to visit Kavarati during your summer vacations, which one of the following Union Territories of India you will be going to**

- (a) Puducherry
- (b) Lakshadweep
- (c) Andaman and Nicobar
- (d) Daman and Diu

**(v) My friend hails from a country which does not share land boundary with India. Identify the country.**

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Tajikistan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Nepal

**Answer. (i) (b) Odisha**

**(ii) (a) 97° 25' E**

**(iii) (c) Nepal**

**(iv) (b) Lakshadweep**

**(v) (c) Bangladesh**

**Q2 Answer the following questions briefly.**

**(i) Name the group of islands lying in the Arabian Sea.**

**Answer:-** Lakshadweep Islands lie in the Arabian Sea.

**(ii) Name the countries which are larger than India.**

**Answer:-** Russia, Canada, USA. China, Australia and Brazil are the countries that are larger than India.

**(iii) Which island group of India lies to its south-east?**

**Answer:-** Andaman and Nicobar Islands lie to the South-East of India.

**(iv) Which island countries are our southern neighbours?**

**Answer.** Sri Lanka and Maldives are the two island countries that are the Southern neighbours of India.

**Q3 The sun rises two hours earlier in Arunachal Pradesh as compared to Gujarat in the west but the watches show the same time. How does this happen?**

**Answer.** From Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh there is a time lag of two hours, but the watches show the same time because the time along the Standard Meridian of India (82° 30' E) passing through Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh is taken as the standard time for the whole country. Because the same standard time for the whole country has been adopted, the watches show the same time in Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat and in all parts of the country.

**Q4:- The central location of India at the head of the Indian Ocean is considered of great significance. Why?**

**Answer.** The Indian landmass has a central location between East and West Asia. The trans Indian Ocean routes which connect the countries of Europe in the West to the countries of East Asia provide a strategic central location to India, thus helping India to establish close contact with West Asia, Africa and Europe from the Western coast and South-East and East Asia from the Eastern coast. This shows the significance of India 's location in the Indian ocean.

Moreover No other country has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean as India has. Thus, India's eminent position in the Indian Ocean justifies the naming of an ocean after it.

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