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Current Affairs Questions for CLAT Exam

Current Affairs Quiz 27

Directions: study the following information carefully and answer the question given besides.

On June 7, astronaut and oceanographer _____ A _____, who was the first American woman to walk in space in 1984, became the first woman and the fifth person in history to descend to the deepest known spot in the world's oceans, called the _____ B _____ in the Mariana Trench, which is seven miles below the surface of the Pacific Ocean.

Through the expedition, the team hopes to observe volcanic vents, identify new species and conduct the extensive mapping of the US Exclusive Economic Zone at the request of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

[Extracted, with edits and revisions, from: **What is Challenger Deep, the deepest spot in the ocean?**,

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/challenger-deep-kathy-sullivan-ocean-expedition-explained-6451533/>]

1. Name the woman replaced with blank A in the above passage, who will become the first to walk in space and the fifth history to descend to the deepest known spot in the world's oceans.

- A. Mary Cleave B. Ellen Baker C. Kathy Sullivan D. Carolyn Huntoon

2. The International Seabed Authority is headquartered in which of the following countries?

- A. Jamaica B. US C. Sweden D. Kenya

3. Which is the deepest spot in the Mariana Trench, as is replaced by blank B in the above passage?

- A. Subnautica B. Crescent Star C. Pacific Cast D. Challenger Deep

4. Name India's mission under which it will develop capabilities to exploit resources in the Central Indian Ocean Basin.

- A. Deep Blue Mission B. Challenger Deep Mission
C. Ocean Search Mission D. Deep Ocean Mission

5. What is the nautical limit of a country's Exclusive economic zone?

- A. 300 nautical miles B. 450 nautical miles C. 350 nautical miles D. 200 nautical miles

Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5
C	A	D	D	D

Explanation:

1. Kathy Sullivan became the first to walk in space and the fifth history to descend to the deepest known spot in the world's oceans. Kathryn Dwyer Sullivan is an American geologist and a former NASA astronaut. A crew member on three Space Shuttle missions, she was the first American woman to walk in space on October 11, 1984.

Hence, option C is correct.

2. The International Seabed Authority is an intergovernmental body based in Kingston, Jamaica, that was established to organize, regulate and control all mineral-related activities in the international seabed area beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, an area underlying most of the world's oceans.

Hence, option A is correct.

3. The Challenger Deep is the deepest known point in the Earth's seabed hydrosphere, with a depth of 10,902 to 10,929 m by direct measurement from deep-diving submersibles, remotely operated vehicles and benthic landers and slightly more by sonar bathymetry.

Hence, option D is correct.

4. The 'Deep Ocean Mission' plan will enable India to develop capabilities to exploit resources in the Central Indian Ocean Basin (CIOB).

India has been allotted 75,000 square kilometres in the Central Indian Ocean Basin (CIOB) by the UN International SeaBed Authority for exploration of poly-metallic nodules. CIOB reserves contain deposits of metals like iron, manganese, nickel and cobalt.

Hence, option D is correct.

5. An exclusive economic zone extends from the baseline to a maximum of 200 nautical miles thus it includes the contiguous zone. A coastal nation has control of all economic resources within its exclusive economic zone, including fishing, mining, oil exploration, and any pollution of those resources.

Hence, option D is correct.

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