

## 2. Tick the correct answer.

- (i) Which one of the following is NOT a factor of soil formation?  
(a) time                                      (b) soil texture                                      (c) organic matter
- (ii) Which one of the following methods is most appropriate to check soil erosion on steep slopes?  
(a) shelter belts                                      (b) mulching                                      (c) terrace cultivation
- (iii) Which one of the following is NOT in favour of the conservation of nature?  
(a) switch off the bulb when not in use  
(b) close the tap immediately after using  
(c) dispose polypacks after shopping

### 3. Match the followings :

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| (i) Land use    | (a) prevent soil erosion   |
| (ii) Humus      | (b) narrow zone of contact between the lithosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere |
| (iii) Rock dams | (c) productive use of land   |
| (iv) Biosphere  | (d) organic matter deposited on top soil                                       |
|                 | (e) contour ploughing  |

**4. State whether the given statement is true or false.**

**If true, write the reasons.**

- (i) Ganga–Brahmaputra plain of India is an overpopulated region.
- (ii) Water availability per person in India is declining.
- (iii) Rows of trees planted in the coastal areas to check the wind movement is called intercropping.
- (iv) Human interference and changes of climate can maintain the ecosystem.

2. Fill in the blanks:

- (a) The British conquest of Bengal began with the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Haidar Ali and Tipu Sultan were the rulers of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) Dalhousie implemented the Doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Maratha kingdoms were located mainly in the \_\_\_\_\_ part of India.

3. State whether true or false:

- (a) The Mughal empire became stronger in the eighteenth century.
- (b) The English East India Company was the only European company that traded with India.
- (c) Maharaja Ranjit Singh was the ruler of Punjab.
- (d) The British did not introduce administrative changes in the territories they conquered.