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Special Question - General Knowledge

English

Q:1 Blue Flag is an international military aviation exercise held by the Israeli Air Force. When did India participated in the exercise for the first time?

1. 2014
2. 2018
3. 2012
4. 2017

Q:2 When was the military exercise 'Bright Star' started?

1. 1980
2. 1991
3. 1987
4. 1993

Q:3 Varuna is the naval exercise between France and India. When was it first started?

1. 2001
2. 1983
3. 1994
4. 1997

Q:4 In which of the following year the 18th edition of joint training exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' held?

1. 2020
2. 2022
3. 2023
4. 2021

Q:5 Vajra Prahar is a bilateral joint training exercise consisting of the special forces of India and the USA. The exercise is held for how many days?

1. 7
2. 9
3. 21
4. 18



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Answer Key

1. (4) 2. (1) 3. (2) 4. (2) 5. (3)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **2017**

- The Israeli Air Force (IAF) conducts an international military aviation exercise known as Blue Flag.
- It was first held in Israel's Ovda Airbase in November 2013.
- In addition to the air forces from the United States, Poland, Italy, and Greece, India, France, and Germany participated in the exercise for the first time in 2017.

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **1980**

- The United States and Egypt conduct a series of combined and joint military drills known as Exercise Bright Star every two years.
- With their origins in the 1977 Camp David Accords, the exercises started in 1980.

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **1983**

- In order to improve Indo-French coordination on capabilities including cross-deck operations, replenishment-at-sea, minesweeping, anti-submarine warfare, and information sharing, combined exercises are undertaken in the Mediterranean Sea or the Indian Ocean.
- Although it was given its current name in 2001, it was initially started in 1983.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **2022**

- The Army of India and the United States practice bilaterally on matters pertaining to warfare under the framework of Yudh Abhyas.
- The eighteenth Yudh Abhyas was held in Uttarakhand, India, in 2022.
- The combined training took place in Alaska, United States, in 2021.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **21**

- Joint training exercise between Indian Army and US Army Special Forces is known as VAJRA PRAHAR.
- Its main aim is to exchange experiences and best practices in fields including cooperative mission planning and operational tactics.