

## *10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation*

September, 2021 (First Week)

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### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AND INITIATIVES - ORGANISATIONS, MISSIONS AND INITIATIVES

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#### Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding WEP Nxt:

1. It will focus on India's startup ecosystem to enable more women-owned businesses across the country.
2. It has been launched by NITI Aayog in collaboration with Microsoft.

#### Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Correct Answer: A

#### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** WEP Nxt is the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP). It will be working with India's startup ecosystem to enable more women-owned businesses across the country.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** NITI Aayog and Cisco have launched the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) called "WEP Nxt".

Source: [PIB](#)

#### Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding SAMRIDH Scheme:

1. It aims to create a conducive platform for Indian Software Product start-ups to secure investments for scaling their business.
2. It has been launched by Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

#### Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

#### Correct Answer: A

#### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** It aims to create a conducive platform for Indian Software Product start-ups to enhance their products and secure investments for scaling their business.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has launched the SAMRIDH Scheme.

Source: [PIB](#)

#### Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding MANTHAN Hackathon-2021

1. It is a hackathon based on national interests and challenges faced by our intelligence agencies in the fields
2. It is organized by the Ministry of Defence

#### Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

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- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** It is a hackathon based on national interests and challenges faced by our intelligence agencies in the fields such as Fake Content Detection, Cybercrime, Image, Video and Data Analytics, etc.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in coordination with the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education and AICTE.

Read more: [MoE's Innovation Cell, AICTE and BPR&D launched MANTHAN- 2021 hackathon](#)

**Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding National Mission on Edible Oils- Oil Palm:**

1. It is Centrally Sector Scheme that aims to boost domestic production of Palm Oil and reduce its dependence on import
2. The scheme offers price assurance to the farmers

**Which of the above statement is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** that aims to boost domestic production of Palm Oil and reduce its dependence on import
- **Statement 2 is correct:** if the market is volatile, then the Centre will pay the difference in price to the farmers through direct benefit transfer

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding National Supercomputing Mission (NSM):**

1. The mission aims to connect research and academic institutions to a supercomputing grid all over the country.
2. Param Shakti supercomputer was set up under phase I of this mission.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: c**

**Explanation:**

**Both statements are correct**

**About National Super Computing Mission(NSM):**

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- Firstly, the government launched the **National Super Computing Mission** in 2015.
- Secondly, the **aim is to connect research and academic institutions to a Supercomputing grid** all over the country. The grid consists of more than 70 high-performance computing facilities, It will increase the research capacities and capabilities in the country.
- Thirdly, these supercomputers will also be networked on the National Supercomputing grid over the National Knowledge Network (NKN). The NKN is another program of the government. NKN connects academic institutions and R&D labs over a high-speed network.
- **Implementing Agency:** Department of Science and Technology and Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) through the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.
- **Phases under the mission:**
  - **Phase 1:** Under this phase, 30% of the value addition of **Supercomputers** is done in India.
  - **Param Shivay** was the first supercomputer assembled indigenously, installed in IIT(BHU). **Param Shakti** and **Param Brahma** supercomputer installed at IIT-Kharagpur and IISER, Pune respectively.
  - Thereafter, supercomputing facilities were set up in two more institutions and one more is being set up with a computing speed to 6.6 Petaflops (PF).
- **Read more [here](#)**

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q.6) Y-Break App** has been seen in the news recently. Which of the following is the potential application of the app?

- a) This app explains traditional food habits and encourages people to intake them more.
- b) This app encourages people to take part in the development of local bodies.
- c) Through this app, yoga and meditation can be done anywhere.
- d) Through this app, one can pay their pending taxes online.

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Union Ayush Minister launched the Y-Break App.

**About:**

The Y-Break mobile application has been developed by MDNIY (Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga).

Through this app, yoga and meditation can be done anywhere for just 5 minutes.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q.7)** Which one of the following is the correct aim of **Saksham Bitiya** initiative of NITI aayog?

- a) It aims to train girls in socio-emotional and ethical learning.
- b) It aims to encourage girls to participate in Olympic games.
- c) It aims at addressing drop out among girl child.
- d) It aims to improve academic performance of girl child.

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

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About Saksham Initiative:

NITI Aayog, with the help of civil society organisations, had started a community programme led by volunteers called “**Saksham Bitiya**”. It aims to train girls in socio-emotional and ethical learning.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.8)** Consider the following statements regarding **TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India)**:

1. It is a legislative body created by an act of parliament.
2. It has power to fix the rates at which telecommunication services within India and outside India shall be provided.

**Which of the above statements is/are Incorrect?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: d**

**Explanation:**

Both the statements are correct.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.9)** Consider the following statements regarding Poshan Maah:

1. It is celebrated every year in the month of September under POSHAN Abhiyan.
2. It aims to increase people’s participation under POSHAN.
3. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is nodal agency to implement the programme.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) 1 and 3 only

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Statement 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 3 is incorrect: Ministry of Women and Child development is nodal ministry to implement the programme

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.10)** Consider the following statements regarding MUDRA scheme:

1. It aims to provide loan to corporates, medium and large enterprises.
2. Shishu, Kishore, Tarun are the components of MUDRA scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

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### **Correct Answer B**

#### **Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It was launched by the government in 2015 for providing loans up to Rs. 10 lakh to the non-corporate, non-farm small/micro-enterprises.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Categories of Loans: MUDRA has created three products as per the stage of growth and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit:

**Shishu:** Covering loans up to Rs. 50,000.

**Kishore:** Covering loans above Rs. 50,000 and up to Rs. 5 lakh

**Tarun:** Covering loans above Rs. 5 lakh and up to Rs. 10 lakh.

**Source:** [Business Standard](#)

### **Q.11) With reference to PM Jan Dhan Yojana, consider the following statements:**

1. Its aim is to provide access to various financial services.
2. The scheme covers both the rural and urban areas.
3. A nominal amount of 50 rupees is required to open a bank account under it.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

### **Correct Answer A**

#### **Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** It was launched in 2014 to ensure universal access to financial services namely, Banking/ Savings & Deposit Accounts, Remittance, Credit, Insurance, Pension in an affordable manner through the use of technology.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme covers both the urban as well as rural areas and provides an indigenous Debit Card (RuPay card) to each of its account holders.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** No minimum balance is required for opening an account under this scheme. The beneficiary can open his/her account in any bank branch or Business Correspondent outlet at zero balance.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q.12) With reference to PISA (Program for International Student Assessment), consider the following statements.**

1. It is a competency-based test designed to assess the ability of the 15-year-old candidates.
2. It is an international survey coordinated by the G20 countries.

**Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

### **Correct Answer: B**

#### **Explanation:**

The field trial of PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) is scheduled to be held from September, 2021.



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### **About PISA:**

It is a competency-based test designed to assess the ability of the 15-year-old candidates that measures their reading, mathematics, and science literacy every three years to apply their knowledge to real-life situations. **(Statement 1 is correct)**

It is an international survey coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and was first conducted in 2000. **(Statement 2 is incorrect)**

Source: [Indian Express](#)

**Q.13)** With reference to the **President's Colour**, consider the following statements:

1. It is the highest honour bestowed on a military unit in recognition of its exceptional service to the nation.
2. The Indian Army was the first amongst the Indian Armed Forces to be awarded the President's Colour.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

### **Explanation:**

As per the latest announcement from the government of India, the President of India will award the President's Colour to Indian Naval Aviation at the ceremonial parade to be held at INS Hansa, Goa.

### **About the President's Colour:**

President's Colour is the highest honour bestowed on a military unit in recognition of its exceptional service to the nation. **(Statement 1 is correct).**

The Indian Navy was the first amongst the Indian Armed Forces to be awarded the President's Colour in 1951. **(Statement 2 is incorrect).**

Subsequent recipients of the President's Colour in the Navy include Southern Naval Command, Eastern Naval Command, Western Naval Command, Eastern Fleet, Western Fleet, Submarine Arm, INS Shivaji and the Indian Naval Academy.

Source: [Naval Aviation to get President's Colour](#)

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### International relations -Others

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**Q.1)** Villingli, Gulhifalhu and Thilafushi were sometimes seen in the news. Which of the following correctly explains them?

- Tribes in Afghanistan
- Newly discovered methane deposits in Iran
- Islands of Maldives
- New species of frogs

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Recently, India and Maldives have signed a pact for the construction of a \$500 million Greater Male Connectivity Project.

**The project involves the construction of** a 6.74-km-long bridge and causeway link that will connect the Maldives capital Malé with the neighbouring islands of Villingli, Gulhifalhu and Thilafushi.

Read more: [What signing of the \\$500m India-Maldives mega-infra project means](#)

**Q.2)** Consider the following statements regarding **Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Pakistan–India Pipeline (TAPI)**:

- It is a natural gas pipeline.
- The end location of the pipeline is in Fazilka, India.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Recently, a Taliban leader mentioned that the Taliban would address the issues holding up Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project after the formation of the government.

**About the TAPI Pipeline:**

- The pipeline will transport natural gas from the Galkynysh Gas Field in Turkmenistan through Afghanistan into Pakistan and then to India
- The pipeline will transport natural gas from the Galkynysh Gas Field in Turkmenistan through Afghanistan into Pakistan and then to India.
- The end location of the pipeline is located in Fazilka, India

Source: [Indian Express](#)

**Q.3)** Consider the following statements regarding BRICS:

- BRICS headquarter is in Beijing, China.
- Fortaleza Declaration created New development Bank (NDB) & Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA).
- In NDB, each participant country will be assigned one vote, and none of the countries will have veto power.



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**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 & 2 only
- b) 2 & 3 only
- c) 1 & 3 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

**Correct Answer B**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** BRICS headquartered in Shanghai, China

**Statement 2 is correct:** To consider the increasing instances of global financial crisis, BRICS nations signed BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) in 2014 as part of Fortaleza Declaration at Sixth BRICS summit.

- Also, Agreement for establishing the New Development Bank (NDB) with 100 billion US dollars have signed under this declaration. Objective is to have equal distribution from all the BRICS countries for mobilizing resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects

**Statement 3 is correct:** each participant country will be assigned one vote, and none of the countries will have veto power. This is opposite to World Bank, which assigns votes based on the capital share

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding Universal Postal union (UPU):**

1. It is a UN-specialized agency.
2. A non-member country of the United Nations cannot become a UPU member.
3. It was established by the Treaty of Bern.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** It is a United Nations specialized agency. It is also the second-oldest international organization worldwide.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Any non-member country of the United Nations can become a UPU member provided that its request is approved by at least two-thirds of the member countries of the UPU. The UPU now has 192 member countries.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Universal Postal Union(UPU) was established by the Treaty of Bern in 1874.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.5) With reference to United Nations Security Council (UNSC), consider the following statements:**

1. Its objective is to maintain international peace and security.
2. It is the only organ of UN that has the power to take decisions that the Member States are obligated to implement.

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3. Each year the UN General Assembly elects five non-permanent members for UNSC, out of 10 in total, for a one-year term.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** UN gives UNSC, the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security to the Security Council, which may meet whenever peace is threatened.

**Statement 2 is correct:** While other organs of the United Nations make recommendations to member states, only the Security Council has the power to make decisions that member states are then obligated to implement under the Charter.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Each year the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members (out of 10 in total) for a two-year term.

**Source:** [TOI](#)

**Q.6)** With reference to **BRICS**, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Chairmanship of the forum rotates biannually between the members.
- 2. Currently India is holding the chairmanship for the first time.

Which of the statements given above is/are **incorrect**?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Chairmanship of the forum rotates **annually** between the member states, in accordance with acronym BRICS.

Statement 2 is incorrect: India was chair in 2012 and 2016 too. Currently India is holding the chairmanship for third time.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.7)** Consider the following statements regarding **ZAPAD 2021 exercise**:

- 1. It is organized by US Military force every year.
- 2. It focuses primarily on operation against terrorists.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Statement 1 is incorrect: ZAPAD 2021 exercise is organized by Russia.

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Statement 2 is correct: It focuses primarily on operation against terrorist.

**Source:** [Article](#)

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### Science and Technology- Other technological developments

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**Q.1)** Which of the following is/are applications of **Facial Recognition Technology**?

1. Better identification of criminals
2. Biometric attendance at companies
3. Student authentication mechanism

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

**Correct Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

All the statements are correct

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.2)** Consider the following statements about Chikungunya disease

1. It is a bacterial disease transmitted to humans by the mosquitoes
2. At present, there is no vaccine to treat/prevent Chikungunya disease

**Which of the above statement is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

**Correct Answer B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is a viral disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. Chikungunya virus is most often spread to people by Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus mosquitoes. These are the same mosquitoes that transmit dengue virus.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Presently, There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat Chikungunya virus infection.

**Source:** [Indian Express](#)

**Q.3)** Which of the following statements is correct regarding **QSim**?

- a) It is an extension of sim that is embedded inside the device.
- b) Both GSM & CDMA mobile technologies are used in QSim.
- c) It is a contact less communication technology designed to exchange data between two devices with simple touch.
- d) It is a toolkit that enable researchers to carry research in Quantum computing.

**Correct Answer D**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is the about Embedded sim or e sim: It is a digital sim that allows us to activate a cellular plan from the carrier without using the physical sim card

**Statement 2 is incorrect**

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**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is the definition of Near Field Communication

**Statement 4 is correct:** QSim is a first-of-its-kind toolkit that enables researchers and students to carry out research in [Quantum Computing](#) in a cost-effective manner.

Built by: Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

More about QSim: [QSim](#)

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q.4)** Consider the following statements regarding genetically programmed mosquitos:

1. The genetically programmed mosquitoes are also called “protector mosquitoes”.
2. Natural process called gene drive is used to introduce genetic changes in genetically programmed mosquitos.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Both the statements are correct

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.5)** Which one of the following statements correctly defines the Milky seas effect?

- a) It refers to appearance of white foam over the sea surface due to release from ships.
- b) It refers to occurrence of thin sheet of ice over the sea surface post glacier melting.
- c) It is a luminous phenomenon in which large areas of sea appear to glow translucently.
- d) None of the above.

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation;**

About Milky seas effect:

- **Milky seas** are also called marel. It is a luminous phenomenon in the ocean, in which large areas of seawater appear to glow translucently (in varying shades of blue)
- **Such occurrences glow** brightly enough at night to be visible from satellites orbiting Earth.
- Luminous bacteria (called **Vibrio harveyi**) cause the particles to glow when they colonize.

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.6)** Which of the following statements is correct about bio fortification?

- a) It is the process of increasing nutritional value of food crops by increasing the density of vitamins and minerals in a crop.
- b) It is the process to increase crop production by the use of artificial fertilizers, pesticides, and high-yield crop varieties.
- c) It is the process of accumulation of chemicals in living organisms to a concentration higher than that occurring in the inorganic, non-living environment.

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d) It is a farming methodology aimed at increasing the yield of crops produced in the farming.

**Correct Answer A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Statement talks about bio fortification.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is the definition of Green Revolution.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is the definition of Bio Magnification.

**Statement 4 is incorrect:** It is the definition of System of Rice Intensification. Aim is to increase the yield of rice produced in farming.

**Source:** [Indian Express](#)

**Q.7)** Consider the following pairs:

GI tagged products ----- relevant states

1. Pashmina Shawl --- Jammu and Kashmir
2. Kadaknath Chicken—Madhya Pradesh
3. Tirupati Laddu --- Andhra Pradesh
4. Bikaneri Bhujia --- Rajasthan

Which of the above pairs is/are matched correctly?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2, 3 and 4
- c) 1, 2,3 and 4
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation:**

All the products are GI certified and are matched correctly

**Source:** [The Hindu](#)

**Q.8) e-Source Platform** was seen in news recently. Which of the following statements correctly explains the potential application of the platform?

- a) It is a platform that will help to identify the country of origin of goods
- b) It is an exchange platform that will serve as an online marketplace for waste electrical and electronic equipment.
- c) It is a platform that will help intelligence agencies to identify the source of cyber attacks
- d) It is a platform that will help to identify the source for the information spread on social media.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

IIT Madras is developing an online platform called “e-Source” to tackle electronic wastes (e-waste) by linking stakeholders in the formal and informal economy.

**About the e-source platform:**

- **e-Source is an exchange platform** that will serve as an online marketplace for waste electrical and electronic equipment. It will also facilitate a formal supply chain between various stakeholders (buyers and sellers).
- **Led by:** The initiative is being led by Indo-German Centre for Sustainability (IGCS) which is located at the IIT-Madras campus.



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- **Funded by:** It is funded by the Government of India's Department for Science and Technology and the German Academic Exchange Service.

Source: [New online platform to promote reuse, repair, recycle e-waste](#)

**Q.9)** With reference to the **indemnity**, consider the following statements:

1. It protects the manufacturers from any potential civil-legal liability from being sued by people for any unforeseen complications.
2. It is provided only to vaccines.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- In simple terms, **indemnity means security against a loss or other financial stress**. This is **commonly used in insurance contracts**. So, indemnity can be provided on multiple fronts, not only to vaccines. (**Statement 2 is incorrect**).
  - Recently, the Indian Government has planned to offer indemnity to the financial bidders of Air India Ltd.
- **In legal terms**, It protects the manufacturers from any potential civil-legal liability from being sued by people for any unforeseen complications. (**Statement 1 is correct**).

Source: [India to Offer Indemnity to Flag Carrier Bidder Over Cairn Claim](#)

**Q.10) Which of the following correctly defines the term Blue straggler?**

- a) A globally recognized eco-label under blue flag certification.
- b) It refers to a class of stars in open or globular clusters.
- c) A class of cyanobacteria that derive energy via photosynthesis.
- d) An encryption technique based on the blockchain technology.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Blue stragglers** are a class of stars on open or globular clusters. They stand out as they are bigger and bluer than the rest of the stars.
- **First Discovered by:** Blue stragglers were first discovered by Allan Sandage in 1953.

Source: [Article](#)

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### Environment- Biodiversity and conservation

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**Q.1)** Consider the following statement regarding **Land Degradation and Desertification Atlas** of India:

1. It has been prepared by Space Application Centre under ISRO
2. The report highlighted that rainfed farming land is more prone to erosion than the irrigated land

**Which of the above statement is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Both the statements are correct

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Land Degradation and Desertification Atlas of India is been prepared by Space Application Centre under ISRO
- **Statement 2 is correct:** According to the report, agriculture unirrigated land is more prone to erosion than the irrigated land

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.2)** Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary, sometimes in news, is located in which of the following states?

- a) Mizoram
- b) Manipur
- c) Assam
- d) Nagaland

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation:**

Source: [The Hindu](#)

**Q.3)** Consider the following statements regarding Zoological survey of India

1. Its objective is to promote survey, exploration, research of faunal diversity of India
2. Its headquarter is in New Delhi

**Which of the following is/are incorrect?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

**Correct Answer B**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 correct:
- Statement 2 is incorrect: Its headquarter is in Kolkata

**Source:** [The Hindu](#)

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**Q.4) Terms *Trimeresurus salazar* and *Lycodon deccanensis*, sometimes seen in news, belong to which of the following species?**

- a) Bird
- b) Snake
- c) Frog
- d) Bat

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation**

1. *Trimeresurus salazar*, is a new species of green pit viper discovered from Arunachal Pradesh
2. *Lycodon deccanensis*, is the Deccan wolf snake discovered from Karnataka

**Source: [The Hindu](#)**

**Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding Pashmina shawls:**

1. Chegu and Changthangi are two breeds of pashmina-yielding goats in India.
2. Kashmir Pashmina has been assigned a Geographical indication (GI) tag.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Chegu and Changthangi are two breeds of pashmina yielding goats in
  - India.
    - **Source: [Article](#)**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Kashmir Pashmina has been assigned a Geographical indication (GI) tag under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

**Source: [The Hindu](#)**

**Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding use of lead in petrol:**

1. It was added to petrol since introduction of lead has high anti-knock and octane boosting properties.
2. Lead is very toxic to human health but improves the efficiency of emission control system of vehicles.
3. All the countries around the world now use lead free petrol.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

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**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Statement 2 is incorrect: Lead is harmful to both human health as well as emission control system of vehicles

Statement 1 is correct: Due to its anti-knock, octane boosting properties, lead was added to petrol in the past

Statement 3 is correct: Recently, Algeria became the last country to introduce lead free petrol

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.7)** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding India's achievement in the domain of climate change?

1. India is the only G20 nation complaint with the Paris Agreement.
2. India has been ranked within top 10 in Climate change performance index for two years consecutively
3. The Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) scheme is the world's largest zero-subsidy LED bulb programme for domestic consumers.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

**Correct Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

All the statements are correct.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.8)** Consider the following statements regarding Latham's Snipe:

1. It is listed as "vulnerable" under IUCN red list
2. It breeds in northern Japan and parts of eastern Russia during May-July and spends its non-breeding season (September to March) along India's eastern coast

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer D**

**Explanation:**

Both the statements are incorrect.

Statement 1: It is listed as **least concern** under IUCN red list.

Statement 2: It breeds in northern Japan and parts of eastern Russia during May-July and spends its non-breeding season (September to March) along **Australia's eastern coast**

**Source:** [Article](#)

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**Q.9) With reference to Mugger crocodile, consider the following statements:**

1. It is native to freshwater habitats from southern Iran and Pakistan to the Indian subcontinent and Sri Lanka.
2. It is listed as an endangered species in the IUCN red list.

**Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Mugger Crocodile is also called marsh crocodile or broad-snouted crocodile. It is an egg-laying and hole-nesting species. It is native to freshwater habitats from southern Iran and Pakistan to the Indian subcontinent and Sri Lanka.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Its IUCN status is listed as Vulnerable (VU).

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.10) Match the following Ramsar Convention wetlands to their geographical locations:**

1. Wadhvana ----- Rajasthan
2. Deepor Beel ----- Assam
3. Vembanad Kol ----- Kerala
4. Bhoj Wetland ----- Gujarat

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 4 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 2, 3 and 4 only

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Wadhvana Wetland is in Gujarat.

**Statements 2 and 3 are correct.**

**Statement 4 is incorrect:** Bhoj wetland is In Madhya Pradesh.

**Source:** [The Hindu](#)

**Q.11) With reference to plastic waste, consider the following statements:**

1. Plastic waste is major problem because of its biodegradable nature.
2. Un-Plastic Collective (UPC) is a voluntary initiative launched by the UN-Environment Program-India, Confederation of Indian Industry and WWF-India.
3. Microplastics are small plastic pieces of less than five millimeters in size.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3



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**Correct Answer B**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** it is a problem because of its non-biodegradable nature.

**Statements 2 is correct:** UPC is co-founded by CII, UNEP and WWF India. The word 'un-plastic' specifically refers to moving all types of plastics in a circular economy and removing unnecessary plastic in the long run, while using sustainable alternative materials.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Microplastics are small plastic particles in the environment that are generally smaller than 1 mm to the 1 micrometer range. It includes microbeads that are used in cosmetics products, industrial scrubbers which are used for aggressive blast cleaning, microfibers used in textiles and virgin resin pellets used in plastic manufacturing processes.

**Q.12)** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding **Sand and dust storms**?

1. It increases the nutrient content in the areas of deposition.
2. It can also aid in phytoplankton growth in the sea thus helps maintain marine ecosystem.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Both the statements are correct.

Statement 2 is correct: Dust particles that carry iron helps in maintaining phytoplankton balance and hence helps maintain marine ecosystem.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.13)** With reference to **Dugong (sea cow)**, consider the following statements:

1. It is listed as "endangered" under IUCN red list.
2. They are dependent on seagrasses for their subsistence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Statement 1 is incorrect: Dugong is listed as vulnerable under IUCN red list.

Statement 2 is correct: Dugong is a herbivores marine mammal and it is dependent on seagrasses for their subsistence.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.14)** With reference to the **Black necked crane**, consider the following statements:

1. The black-necked crane is central to Buddhist mythology and culture.
2. It is listed as Near Threatened species under IUCN red list.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The black-necked crane is central to Buddhist mythology and culture. According to a World Wide Fund for Nature(WWF), previous incarnations of the Dalai Lama were carried from monastery to monastery on the backs of these holy birds.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is listed as Near Threatened species in the IUCN Red List.

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.15) With reference to LEAF Coalition, consider the following statements:**

1. It aims to mobilize at least \$1 billion for financing countries committed to protecting their tropical forests.
2. This initiative is one of the outcomes of the 2015 Paris agreement.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The initiative aims to mobilize at least \$1 billion for financing countries committed to protecting their tropical forests. It is supported by corporations like Unilever plc, Amazon, Nestle and Airbnb.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** In April 2021, the LEAF (Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Finance) Coalition was announced as a public-private effort led by the US, the UK and Norway.

**Source:** [Article](#)

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### Modern History:

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**Q.1)** Consider the following statements about Jallianwala Bagh massacre:

1. Hunter Commission was set up to examine the incident of Jallianwala Bagh.
2. Sir Subramaniya Aiyar renounced his knighthood following the incident.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer A**

#### **Explanation**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The British government appointed the Hunter Commission to inquire into the Jallianwala Bagh shootings. The committee condemned the incident but did not impose any penal or disciplinary action against General Dyer.

**Statement 2 is in incorrect:** Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi as a sign of condemnation, renounced their British Knighthood and Kaiser-i-Hind medal respectively.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q.2)** Consider the following statements:

1. He was a freedom fighter from Meghalaya.
2. He knew Sanskrit and translated the Hindu religious book 'Bhagavad Gita' into the Khasi.
3. He was the only Khasi who attended the famous 'Lahore Session' of Indian National Congress in 1929.

**Which of the following personality is described in the statements above?**

- a) U Sib Charan Roy
- b) Moje Riba
- c) Gopinath Bordoloi
- d) Paona Brajabashi

**Correct Answer: A**

#### **Explanation**

**U Sib Charan Roy:**

- **U Sib Charan Roy** was a Nationalist and socio-religious reformer, born in 1862 in Sohra, Meghalaya. He was the eldest son of Babu Jeebon Roy, the 'Father of modern Khasis'.
- **He joined government service** in 1891 as an A.S.I of police. But, he grew disgusted with the oppressive measures resorted by the British Government. Subsequently, he resigned from Government service in 1892.
- **He joined the Indian National Congress in 1920** and was the **only Khasi who attended the famous 'Lahore Session' of 1929** and had seen the flag hosting and demand for 'Purna Swaraj' (complete independence) by the Congress.
- **He started a monthly paper** 'U Nongphira' (watchman).
- Furthermore, he knew Sanskrit and translated the **Hindu religious book 'Bhagavad Gita' into the Khasi language.**

**Source:** [Article](#)

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**Q.3)** Consider the following statements regarding **Hari Singh Nalwa**

1. He was one of the commanders of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's force.
2. He prevented Afghans from entering Punjab through Khyber pass.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Both the statements are correct.

**About Hari Singh Nalwa:**

- Hari Singh Nalwa was one of the main and most trustworthy commanders of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's force. He remained Governor of Kashmir, Hazara and Peshawar.
- He defeated various Afghans and established control over various regions along the boundary of Afghanistan and prevented Afghans from entering Punjab through Khyber pass, which was the main route to enter India by the foreign invaders from 1000 AD till the early 19th century.
- In 1818, Sikh army under Nalwa won the Battle of Peshawar and Nalwa was asked to be stationed there. Nalwa took control over Jamrud in 1837, a fort at the entryway to Afghanistan through Khyber Pass.
- For his bravery and ferocity, the government of India released a stamp on the name of Nalwa in 2013.

Source: [Indian Express](#)

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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**Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding defence offset mechanism:**

1. One of its intended objectives is to partially compensate for a significant outflow of a buyer country's resources.
2. Under this mechanism a buyer is mandated to produce or manufacture weapons tech domestically in India.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Under defence offset policy mechanism transfer of technology is one of its objectives
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** There is no such obligation on a buyer.

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), in a report, defined offsets as a “mechanism generally established with the triple objectives of:

3. partially compensating for a significant outflow of a buyer country's resources in a large purchase of foreign goods
4. facilitating induction of technology and
5. adding capacities and capabilities of domestic industry

**Source:** [Article](#)

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### Indian Economy- Monetary policy

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**Q.1)** Consider the following statements regarding **Taper tantrum**:

1. It is the gradual reduction of monthly purchase of assets by federal reserve.
2. This step is similar to quantitative easing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Statement 1 is correct: Tapering is gradual reduction of monthly purchase of assets by federal reserve. It marks the revival of tight monetary policy.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Tapering is done after the process of Quantitative easing. Quantitative easing is used to bring back economy to revival path from slowdown

**Source:** [Article](#)

**Q.2)** Consider the following statements regarding **Vande Bharat Train**

1. These are engineless semi-high speed trains.
2. About 80 percent of the train is built indigenously and rest is imported.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Recently, Indian Railways has planned to operate 102 Vande Bharat trains by March 2024.

**About Vande Bharat Train:**

- **Vande Bharat** is India's first indigenously built engineless semi-high speed train. Earlier, it was known by the name Train 18. **(Statement 1 is correct)**
- The train has been built by the **Integral Coach Factory, Chennai**, in a record time of **20 months**.
- The train is a 100% 'Make in India' project and is claimed to be built at half the cost of a similar train set that is imported. **(Statement 2 is incorrect)**

Source: [102 Vande Bharat trains to be operational by 2024](#)

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### Polity - ELECTION AND RELATED ISSUES

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**Q.1)** Consider the following statements regarding **SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation)**

1. The primary goal of the initiative is to build an inclusive & participative democracy by encouraging all eligible citizens to vote.
2. It is the flagship program of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Recently, the Election Commission of India (ECI) organized a two-day SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Consultation Workshop.

**Statement 1 is correct:** The primary goal of the initiative is to build an inclusive & participative democracy by encouraging all eligible citizens to vote

**Statement 2 is wrong:** It is the flagship program of the Election Commission of India

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q.2)** With reference to Article 21 of Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The rights available under this article is available to Indian citizens only.
2. It includes protection from arbitrary executive and legislative proceedings.
3. It can be taken only by the process established by law.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer B**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** This right is available to both citizens and non-citizens.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It protects from arbitrary executive and arbitrary legislative proceedings.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Article 21 declares that no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to the procedure established by law.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

**Q.3)** With reference to the **Schedule Tribes**, consider the following statements.

1. Autonomous district councils are constituted under 5<sup>th</sup> schedule.
2. Lokur committee and Mungekar Committee are associated with it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only



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- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

### **Correct Answer B**

#### **Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Autonomous District Councils are administrative bodies constituted in accordance to Sixth Schedule Article 244 (2) & Article 275(1) of the Indian Constitution.

**Statement 2 is correct: Mungekar Committee:** It examined issues of administration and governance. It has recommended the formulation of a Tribal Administrative Service under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to select enthusiastic and committed officers for the development of tribal areas.

**Lokur Committee:** It was set up to look into criteria for defining Schedule Tribes. The Committee recommended five criteria for identification, namely, primitive traits, distinct culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large, and backwardness.

**Source:** [LiveMint](#)

**Q.4)** With reference to the **PESA (Panchayat Extensions of Scheduled Areas)**, consider the following statements:

1. It was enacted after the recommendation of Bhuria commission.
2. It confers the powers of local self-governance, ownership and management of natural resources to the local Tribal communities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

### **Correct Answer C**

#### **Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** After the Bhuria Committee recommendations, PESA Act came into existence in 1996. Its aim is to ensure tribal self-rule for people living in scheduled areas of India.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The PESA Act conferred the **absolute powers to Gram Sabha**, whereas state legislature has given an advisory role to ensure the proper functioning of Panchayats and Gram Sabhas.

**Source:** [LiveMint](#)

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### Geography:

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**Q.1) With reference to Tropical Cyclones, consider the following statements:**

1. In this, counter clockwise wind flow in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise wind flow in the Southern Hemisphere.
2. Present of Coriolis force is not required for the formation of these cyclones.
3. It is characterized by a low-pressure centre.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 & 3 are correct**

**Conditions required for formation of tropical cyclones:**

1. A consistent source of heat as tropical cyclones is thermally induced low-pressure systems.
2. Large sea surface with a temperature higher than 27° C which is possible only during the late summers i.e. September, October, and November.
3. Presence of the Coriolis force.
4. Small variations in the vertical wind speed.
5. A pre-existing weak low-pressure area or low-level-cyclonic circulation.
6. Upper divergence above the sea level system.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

**Q.2) Which of the following countries do not share border with the Caspian Sea?**

- a) Armenia
- b) Azerbaijan
- c) Kazakhstan
- d) Turkmenistan

**Correct Answer A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement a is incorrect:** Armenia is a landlocked country.

Caspian Sea is bordered in the northeast by Kazakhstan, in the southeast by Turkmenistan, in the south by Iran in the southwest by Azerbaijan, and in the northwest by Russia.

Source: [India Kazakhstan relations](#)

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### Ancient and Medieval history Quiz - THE MUGHAL EMPIRE

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**Q.1)** Consider the following statements regarding **Dara Shikoh**

1. He was the eldest son and a chosen successor of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan.
2. He was an orthodox Muslim and against Hindus.
3. He was killed after losing the war of succession against his brother Aurangzeb.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Correct Answer C**

**About Dara Shikoh:**

1. **Dara Shikoh (1615-59)** was the eldest son and a chosen successor of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan. **(Statement 1 is correct)**
2. **He was designated with the title** Padshahzada-i-Buzurg Martaba (Prince of High Rank)
3. **However,** he was killed after losing the war of succession against his brother Aurangzeb. **(Statement 3 is correct)**

**Dara Shikoh as Liberal Muslim:**

1. **Dara Shikoh** was a champion of interfaith understanding, philosopher, artist, architect, translator, poet and administrator.
2. **He is described as a** “liberal Muslim” who tried to find commonalities between Hindu and Islamic traditions. He translated the Bhagavad Gita as well as 52 Upanishads into Persian. **(Statement 2 is incorrect)**
3. **Moreover, his most important works,** Majma-ul-Bahrain (Mingling of Two Oceans) and Surr-i-Akbar (Great Mystery) are devoted to the cause of establishing connections between Hinduism and Islam

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.2)** With reference to **Gaudiya Vaishnavism**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Hindu religious movement inspired by Madhavacharya.
2. The focus is on devotional worship of Radha and Krishna.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is a Vaishnava Hindu religious movement inspired by Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Here, “Gaudiya” refers to the Gaura or Gauda region of Bengal with Vaishnavism meaning “the worship of Vishnu”.

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- **Statement 2 is correct:** The focus of Gaudiya Vaishnavism is the devotional worship (known as bhakti-yoga) of Radha and Krishna, and their many divine incarnations as the supreme forms of God, Svayam Bhagavan.

Source: [Article](#)

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