

## *10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation*

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### ENVIRONMENT – PROTECTED AREAS – WILD LIFE SANCTUARIES

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**Q.1) Talle Valley Wild life sanctuary is located in which of the following states?**

- a) West Bengal
- b) Odisha
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Mizoram

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- The sanctuary is located in Arunachal Pradesh.

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

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

1. Bat droppings (guano) mined from caves are widely used as a fertilizer for agricultural crops.
2. Bats are reservoirs of viruses, and they fall sick frequently.
3. When bats are stressed, they shed more viruses.

**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 and 3 are correct.**

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Bats are reservoirs for viruses, but they never fall sick. They have the ability to limit excessive inflammatory response which ensures they do not overreact to viral infections and protects them from multiple chronic age-related diseases.

**Source:** [Ecological Significance of Bats – Explained, pointwise](#)

**Q.3) With reference to **Clydebank Declaration**, consider the following statements:**

1. The declaration aims to set up green shipping corridors, which are zero-emission maritime routes between 2 (or more) ports.
2. India is a signatory of the declaration.
3. The signatory countries will support the establishment of at least six green shipping corridors by 2050.

**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 and 3 are correct.**

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**Statement 2 is incorrect:** India has not signed the declaration yet.

Source: [Countries at COP26 launch plan for net-zero shipping lanes](#)

**Q.4) With reference to *Teinopalpus imperialis*, consider the following statements:**

1. It has been designated as state butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. It is protected under Schedule II of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

**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:**

**Both statements are correct.**

- The State Cabinet of Arunachal Pradesh recently approved the large, brightly coloured Kaiser-i-Hind as the State butterfly.
- Kaiser-i-Hind (*Teinopalpus imperialis*) literally means Emperor of India. This butterfly with a 90-120 mm wingspan is found in six States along the Eastern Himalayas at elevations from 6,000-10,000 feet in well-wooded terrain.
- The butterfly also flutters in Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and southern China.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

**Q.5) With reference to Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), consider the following statements:**

1. It includes members from both ISRO and NITI Aayog.
2. In case of any conflict its orders will prevail over the orders of the respective state governments.
3. All appeals against the Commission's orders will be heard by the Supreme Court.

**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 includes ex-officio members from the central government and concerned state governments and technical members from CPCB, the Indian Space Research Organisation and NITI Aayog.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** In case of any conflict, the orders or directions of the Commission will prevail over the orders of the respective state governments, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), state PCBs, and state-level statutory bodies.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Appeals against Commission's orders are to be heard by NGT.

Source: [Article](#)

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**Q.6) With reference to establishment of Sustainable Development Cell by the Min of Coal, consider the following statements:**

1. One of its aims is to ensure a gradual winding down of coal mines in the country.
2. It will also monitor the mitigation measures taken by coal companies.

**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 aims to promote environmentally sustainable coal mining in the country and to address environmental concerns during mining operation and till the decommissioning or final closure of mines. It doesn't aim at gradual shut down of the mines.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It also aims to advise, mentor, plan and monitor the mitigation measures taken by coal companies.

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

**Q.7) Pakke Tiger Reserve** is located in which of the following states?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Tripura
- d) Madhya Pradesh

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Recently, for the first time, Arunachal Pradesh's cabinet meeting was held outside the State capital Itanagar. It was held at Pakke Tiger Reserve.

**Source:** [Kaiser-i-Hind is Arunachal's State butterfly](#)

**Q.8) c0c0n sometimes seen in news is associated with?**

- a) Near Earth space objects
- b) Hacking and Cyber security
- c) Cryptocurrency and Blockchain
- d) International Science Festival

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation**

- It is the annual cyber security and hacking conference organised by the Kerala Police.

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

**Q.9) With reference to Kaiser-i-Hind, consider the following statements:**

1. The species is endemic to North Eastern States of India.
2. It is listed as vulnerable in the IUCN red list of species.

**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: D**

**Explanation:**

**Both statements are incorrect.**

- **Kaiser-i-Hind** (*Teinopalpus imperialis*) literally means Emperor of India.
- **Habitat:** The Butterfly is found in Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and southern China.
- **In India,** it is found in six states along the eastern Himalayas at elevations from 6,000-10,000 feet in well-wooded terrain.
- **Vegetation:** It flies high in the canopy of broad-leaved **temperate evergreen forests.**
- **Indicator Species:** The presence of this butterfly indicates the existence of a good forest ecosystem.

**Protection Status**

- **IUCN Status:** Near Threatened
- **CITES:** Appendix II
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:** Schedule II.

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

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### Science and Technology

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**Q.1)** With reference to Science and technology, the terms 'Didymos and Dimorphos' pertain to

- Asteroids and moonlets
- Newly found blackholes
- Larger space debris
- New planets

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The DART Mission will target a small moonlet called Dimorphos (Greek for "two forms"). Dimorphos orbits a larger asteroid named Didymos (Greek for "twin").

Source: [Explained: How NASA's DART mission will hit and deflect an asteroid](#)

**Q.2)** With reference to Kamo'oalewa, consider the following statements:

- It is a near-Earth object that orbits the Sun and yet remains relatively close to the Earth.
- It was discovered by the Hubble telescope.

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

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

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is correct:** Kamo'oalewa is a **quasi-satellite**. This means that it is a near-Earth object that orbits the Sun and yet remains close to the Earth.
- Statement 2 is incorrect:** This quasi-satellite was discovered by the PanSTARRS telescope in 2006 in Hawaii.

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.3)** Maitree maritime exercise, is held between India and which one of the following countries:

- Nepal
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Bangladesh

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation**

**Statement c is correct:** It is a bilateral military exercise between India and Thailand.

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.4)** With reference to Hydrogen, consider the following statements:

- Blue Hydrogen is produced using electrolysis powered by nuclear energy.
- Steam Methane Reforming process for producing hydrogen results in greenhouse gas emissions.



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**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:** Blue Hydrogen is produced using fossil fuels but with carbon capture. Pink Hydrogen is produced using electrolysis powered by nuclear energy.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Steam Methane Reforming (SMR) though less expensive, produces greenhouse gas emissions that defeat the main purpose of opting for hydrogen in the first place. Currently, 90% of global hydrogen production uses SMR.

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

**Q.5)** With reference to **Sickle Cell Disease**, consider the following statements:

1. It is an inherited blood disorder which affects the red blood cells.
2. It can cause damage to organs including the liver, kidney, lungs, heart and spleen.

**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**

**Both statements are correct.**

**Statement 1 is correct:** It is an inherited blood disease which is most common among people of African, Arabian and Indian origin. It is a group of disorders that affects hemoglobin, the molecule in red blood cells that delivers oxygen to cells throughout the body.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Over time, people with sickle cell disorders can experience damage to organs including the liver, kidney, lungs, heart and spleen. Death can also result from complications of the disorder.

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

**Q.6)** M87 sometimes seen in news is a?

- a) Super massive black hole
- b) World's fastest supercomputer
- c) A near earth asteroid
- d) A COVID variant

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- In 2019, astronomers of the Event Horizon Telescope captured the first-ever image of a supermassive black hole (M87\*) which was located at the centre of a galaxy Messier 87 (M87).

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- This black hole was calculated to be 6.5 billion times the Sun's mass and is 55 million light-years away from the Earth.

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.7) With reference to Niracara Svayamsasita Vedh Shala (NSVS), consider the following states:**

1. It is an aquatic autonomous observatory developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
2. The system can sense pH (a scale to measure acidity/alkalinity), conductivity and dissolved oxygen capacity of water.

**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:** The system has been developed by IIT Kanpur.
- **Statement 2 is correct**

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.8) With reference to the proposed National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA), consider the following statements:**

1. It will be an independent and autonomous body.
2. Prime Minister of India shall act as its ex-officio chairperson.
3. It will replace the existing National Water Development Agency (NWDA)

**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:** NIRA is supposed to be an **independent autonomous body** for planning, investigation, financing and the implementation of the **river interlinking projects** in the country.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The authority is to be headed by a Government of India Secretary-rank officer.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** NIRA will replace the existing National Water Development Agency (NWDA).

Source: [Article](#)



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**Q.9) With reference to Advanced Electronic Warfare (EW) System – Shakti, consider the following statements:**

1. It is designed for identification and jamming of conventional and modern radars.
2. It will be installed on capital warships under production, including P-15B and Talwar class follow-on ships.

**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**

**Both statements are correct.**

- Advanced Electronic Warfare (EW) System ‘Shakti’ has been designed and developed by Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Hyderabad a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for Capital Warships of the Indian Navy for the interception, detection, classification, identification and jamming of conventional and modern Radars.
- First Shakti system has been installed on-board INS Visakhapatnam and is being installed on-board Indigenous Aircraft Carrier, INS Vikrant. these systems are scheduled to be installed on-board capital warships under production, including P-15B, P-17A and Talwar class follow-on ships.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q.10) With reference to S-400 Triumf missile system, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a long range, mobile & surface-to-air missile system (SAM) having an operational range of over 400 km.
2. It can engage with aerial targets such as aircraft and ballistic missiles only.

**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:** It is a long range, mobile & surface-to-air missile system (SAM) having an operational range of over 400 km.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is considered one of the world’s most advanced air defence systems that can engage all types of aerial targets such as aircraft, ballistic and cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV).

**Source:** [S-400 Triumf Missile system – Explained, pointwise](#)

**Q.11) 6BIO sometimes seen in news is associated with?**

- a) Inactivated COVID Vaccine
- b) Photochemical smog
- c) Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand

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d) Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Correct Answer: D**

**Explanation**

- A group of Indian researchers have developed a compound called “6BIO” that can provide a better method to treat autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

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

**Q.12) Dakshin Ganga, Bharati and Maitri** are related to which of the following:

- a) These are the glaciers forming the Ganga River.
- b) These are India’s research base stations in Antarctica.
- c) These are the defence exercise conducted between India and Nepal.
- d) These are space observatories set up by India in collaboration with NASA.

**Correct Answer B**

**Explanation**

**Statement b is correct:** The Indian Antarctic program, which began in 1981, has completed 40 scientific expeditions, and built three permanent research base stations in Antarctica, named **DakshinGangotri (1983), Maitri (1988) and Bharati (2012)**. As of today, Maitri and Bharati are fully operational. The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa—an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences—manages the entire Indian Antarctic program

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

**Q.13) With reference to Octacopter drone**, consider the following statements:

1. It is an indigenous medium-class drone.
2. The drone can be used for the last-mile delivery of medicines, vaccines, food, postal packets and human organs.

**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:**

**Both statements are correct.**

Octacopter is an indigenous medium-class drone developed by National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) a constituent of CSIR.

The drone can be used for the last-mile delivery of medicines, vaccines, food, postal packets and human organs.

It is also integrated with Powerful onboard embedded computers and the latest generation sensors for other applications like agricultural pesticide spraying, crop monitoring, mining survey, magnetic geo survey mapping among others.

**Source:** [Multicopter DRONE design & developed by National Aerospace Laboratories- NAL has successfully demonstrated Covid-19 Vaccine delivery at remote location in outskirts of Bengaluru](#)

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**Q.14) With reference to Cryptocurrency, consider the following statements:**

1. The supply of Bitcoin is highly inelastic.
2. Value of Stablecoins is pegged to a fiat currency by maintaining equivalent reserves.

**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:**

**Both statements are correct.**

- There will never be more than 21 million coins. This feature makes *bitcoin supply* almost perfectly *inelastic*.
- Value of Stablecoins is pegged to a fiat currency by maintaining equivalent reserves.

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

**Q.15) Naked Singularity sometimes seen in news is associated with?**

- a) Supernova
- b) A Black hole
- c) Gamma Ray Burst
- d) Dark matter

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- In many scenarios of stellar collapse, the event horizon does not form, and the singularity is exposed to the outside without any event horizon shielding it. This has been called as “naked singularity” or a “troublesome sibling” of a black hole.

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

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### Polity

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**Q.1)** With reference to **Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. It is headed by Prime Minister of India.

**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:** The Cabinet Committees are **extra-constitutional** in emergence. They are not mentioned in the Constitution.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is headed by Prime Minister of India.

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

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

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It was recommended by Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption.

**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:** The CBI is the main investigating agency of the GOI. It is not a statutory body. It derives its powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption recommended the establishment of the CBI. The CBI was then formed by a resolution of the Home Affairs Ministry. The Ministry of Personnel, later on, took over the responsibility of the CBI and now it plays the role of an attached office.

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

**Q.3)** **Article 123** of the constitution is related to which of the following:

- a) Language to be used in Parliament.
- b) No discussion in Parliament with respect to conduct of any judge of SC or HC.
- c) Ordinance making power of government.
- d) President to consult Supreme Court on any matter.

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation:**

**Statement c is correct:** **Article 123** of the Constitution allows the President to promulgate an ordinance when Parliament is not in session.

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Source: [Article](#)

**Q.4)** With reference to **Ordinance making power**, consider the following statements:

1. Constitution empowers both President and governor with the Ordinance making powers.
2. Parliament cannot disapprove the ordinance before the completion of 6 weeks from its reassembly.

**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:** Article 123 of the Constitution empowers president to promulgate Ordinances during recess of Parliament. Whereas Article 213 empowers the Governor to promulgate Ordinance, during recess of legislature.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** An ordinance shall be laid before both House of Parliament and shall cease to operate at the expiration of six weeks from the reassemble of Parliament, or, if the resolution disapproving it was passed by Parliament, before the expiration of 6 weeks

Source: [Indian Express](#)

**Q.5)** With reference to **the powers of Gram Sabha under the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996**, consider the following statements:

1. Gram Sabha have the right to mandatory consultation in land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation of displaced persons.
2. The Gram Sabha has the power to regulate sale/consumption of intoxicants and ownership of minor forest produce.

**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**

**Both statements are correct.**

Source: [One-day Conference on PESA organised on completion of 25 years of the Act](#)

**Q.6) Article 222 of the constitution is related to:**

- a) Transfer of a Judge (including Chief Justice) from one High Court to any other High Court.
- b) Powers of high courts to issue writs to protect fundamental rights of citizens.
- c) Power of judicial review.
- d) Ordinance making power of the government.

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**Correct Answer A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement a is correct:** It deals with the transfer of judges. It states that the President may, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI), transfer a judge from one high court to another.

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

**Q.7)** With reference to **High Court Judge**, consider the following:

1. Judges of High Court are appointed by Chief Justice of the concerned High Court.
2. The retirement age of High Court is same as Supreme Court which is 65 years.

**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:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Article 217 of the Constitution: It states that the Judge of a High Court shall be appointed by **the President in consultation with** the Chief Justice of India (CJI), the Governor of the State. In the case of appointment of a Judge other than the Chief Justice, the Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** the retirement age is 65 years for Supreme Court judges and **62 years for high** court judges

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



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### Modern history-Personalities

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**Q.1)** With reference to **Jawahar Lal Nehru**, consider the following:

1. He was the founder of Non-Aligned Movement.
2. Indian Mirror journal was one of the publishing of Jawahar Lal Nehru.

**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

**Answer: a**

Statement 2 is incorrect: Author of Indian mirror journal was Devendranath Tagore.

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

**Q.2)** With reference to **Birsa Munda and the Munda rebellion**, consider the following statements:

1. The movement was initiated against the Chhota Nagpur Tenancy Act of 1908.
2. Birsa Munda was also known as Dharti abba.

**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:** Munda rebellion was against the replacement of Khuntkari system with Zamindari.
- **Statement 2 is correct**

**About Munda Rebellion**

- It was led by Birsa Munda. It was a revolt against the colonial masters and exploitative dikus(outsiders) and was aimed at establishing **Munda Raj** or **Munda** rule in this region. The revolt later came to be known as The **Ulgulan** or “the Great Tumult”.
- **Reason for Munda Revolt:** In 1874, the British replaced the **Khuntkari system** of Munda tribals with the zamindari system. The introduction of the zamindari system created the classes of zamindars (landlords) and ryots (tenants). It also intensified the forced labour (veth bigari) in the forested tribal areas and made tribals depend on money lenders for money.
- **Impact of the Munda Revolt:** The movement compelled the British to take cognisance of the plight and exploitation of tribals and bring in the **Chhota Nagpur Tenancy Act of 1908** for their protection. This Act restricted the transfer of tribal land to non-tribals giving Adivasis a huge relief and became a landmark legislation for the protection of tribal rights.

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

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### Schemes and Programs - Others - Surveys

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**Q.1)** With reference to **National Achievement Survey**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a nationally representative large-scale survey of students' learning undertaken by the Ministry of Education.
2. The survey covered students of Class 3rd, 5th, 8th and 10th standard only.

**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:**

**Both statements are correct.**

National Achievement Survey(NAS) is a nationally representative large-scale survey of students' learning undertaken by the Ministry of Education.

The survey covered students of Class 3rd, 5th, 8th and 10th standard. It covered government, government-aided and private schools.

Source: [National Achievement Survey 2021 has been conducted successfully across the country, with enthusiastic participation of schools and students](#)

**Q.2)** With reference to **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**, consider the following statements:

1. It promotes the use of new and green technology in the construction of rural roads.
2. Locally available materials are used in road construction in order to promote cost-effective and fast construction.

**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**

**Both statements are correct.**

**Features of PMGSY**

PMGSY promotes the use of new and green technology in the construction of rural roads. Locally available materials are used in road construction in order to promote cost-effective and fast construction.

It also envisages a three-tier Quality Assurance Mechanism to ensure the quality of road works during construction and post-construction.

Source: [Cabinet approves continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana \(PMGSY\)-I, PMGSY-II and Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas \(RCPLWEA\)](#)

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**Q.3)** With reference to **Annual Status of Education Report**, consider the following statements:

1. The survey is conducted by Ministry of Education.
2. The survey is known for the range of insights it provides on levels of foundational learning at the elementary level.

**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:** The ASER survey is facilitated by Pratham Education Foundation. It is the oldest survey of its kind in the country.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The survey is known for the range of insights it provides on levels of foundational learning at the elementary level.

Source: [School enrolment fell during pandemic: Annual Status of Education Report](#)

**Q.4) With reference to Digital India National Land Record Modernization Programme (DILRMP), consider the following statements:**

1. Two schemes namely Computerisation of Land Records (CLR) and Strengthening of Revenue Administration and updating of Land Records (SRA&ULR) were merged under DILRMP.
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.

**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**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is a central sector scheme launched in 2008. The programme was previously known as the National Land Record Modernization Programme (NLRMP).

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.5) Salami Slicing tactics sometimes seen in news are associated with?**

- a) Acquisition of new territories.
- b) Hydraulic Fracturing
- c) Meat and poultry industry
- d) Diamond mining

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**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Salami slicing is described as a strategy that involves the divide and conquer process of threats and alliances to overcome opposition and acquire new territories.
- The term was coined by Stalinist dictator Mátyás Rákosi during the 1940s. He used the term to justify the actions of the Hungarian Communist Party to grab complete power in Hungary.

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

**Q.6)** With reference to **PM SVAMITA Scheme**, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to provide the 'record of rights' to village household owners and issuance of property cards to the property owners.
2. The scheme uses Traditional surveying techniques to create land records.

**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.**

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** SVAMITVA Scheme uses the combination of Survey Grade Drones and CORS network (Continuously Operated Reference Stations) instead of Traditional surveying techniques.

**Source:** [\[Yojana October Summary\] SVAMITA Scheme – Explained, pointwise](#)

**Q.7) Jayant Kumar Dash committee** was sometime seen in news. The committee is related to which of the following sector?

- a) Online banking
- b) Financial inclusion
- c) Digital Lending
- d) E-Commerce

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

RBI had constituted the working group on digital lending including lending through online platforms and mobile apps under the chairmanship of Jayant Kumar Dash, Executive Director, RBI. The working group has now submitted its recommendations.

**Key recommendations of the working group:**

**Legislation to curb Digital Lending:** The group has recommended a separate legislation to prevent illegal digital lending activities.

**Nodal Agency:** A nodal agency should be set up which will verify the technological credentials of digital apps of balance sheet lenders and lending service providers. It will also maintain a public register of verified apps on its website.

**Self-Regulation:** RBI has mooted a Self-Regulatory Organisation for participants in the digital lending ecosystem.

**Source:** [RBI working group warns on digital lending by big tech players](#)

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**Q.8)** With reference to **Safai Mitra Suraksha Challenge**, consider the following:

1. It aims at prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution in river.
2. It is launched by Ministry of Jal Shakti.

**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:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It aims to prevent 'hazardous cleaning' of sewers and septic tanks and promote their mechanized cleaning.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has launched a week-long awareness campaign on Safai Mitra Suraksha Challenge (SSC).

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

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### Medieval History

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**Q.1)** With reference to **Rani Kamlapati**, consider the following statements:

1. She was claimed to be the “last Hindu queen of Bhopal” who did great work in the area of water management and set up parks and temples.
2. She belongs to Munda community.

**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:** She was claimed to be the “last Hindu queen of Bhopal” who did great work in the area of water management and set up parks and temples.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Rani Kamalapati was the 18th Century Gond queen of the region. She was the widow of Gond ruler Nizam Shah, chief of Ginnorgarh.

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

**Q.2)** With reference to **Devsahayam Pillai**, consider the following statements:

1. He converted from Hinduism to Christianity.
2. He is the first Indian layman to be declared a saint by the Vatican.

**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:**

**Both statements are correct.**

- Devsahayam Pillai, an 18th-century Hindu convert to Christianity would be made a saint by the Roman Catholic Church in the Vatican. He is the first Indian layman to be declared a saint by the Vatican. All other Indians elevated as saints have been members of the clergy.
- In 1752, just seven years after he became a Catholic, Devasahayam was shot dead. Since then, he has widely been considered a martyr by the Catholic community in South India.

**Source:** [Explained: Who is Devasahayam, the first Indian layman to be conferred sainthood?](#)



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### GEOGRAPHY – MAPBASED QUESTIONS – WORLD LOCATIONS

**Q.1) Arrange the following islands from North to South:**

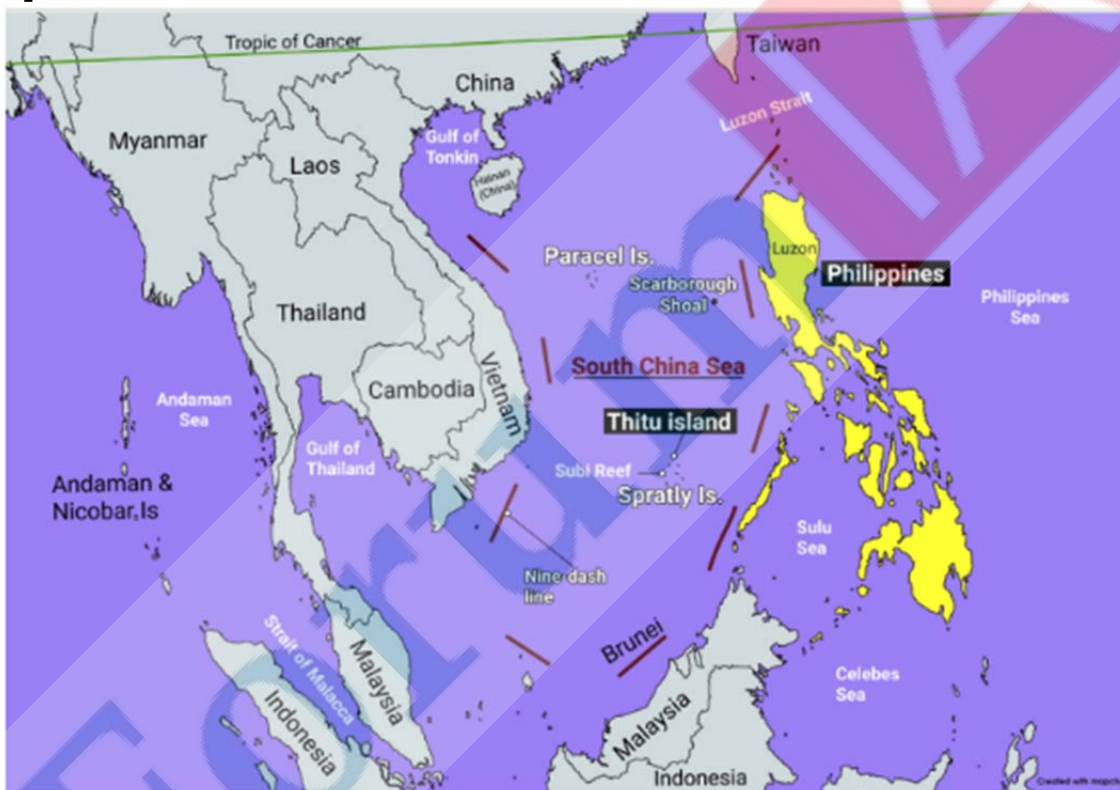
1. Spratly
2. Paracel
3. Thitu

**Select the correct answer from the codes given below:**

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

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**



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

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Bills, Acts and Regulations – Acts – Real estate

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**Q.1)** With reference to **Real Estate Regulation and Development Act, 2016**, consider the following statements:

1. The Act defines Carpet Area as net usable floor area of flat. Buyers will be charged for the carpet area and not the super built-up area.
2. The developer has to deposit 100% of the funds collected from buyers in a separate escrow bank account for any purpose.

**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.**

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The developer has to deposit 70% of the funds collected from buyers in a separate escrow bank account for construction of that project only.

Source: [Indian Express](#)

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### Economy

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**Q.1)** With reference to **Cross Border Insolvency**, consider the following statements:

1. It denotes the treatment of financially burdened debtors where the assets are in more than one country (or) creditors are in more than one country.
2. India has a well-established Cross border insolvency framework.

**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**

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Cross border insolvency framework is yet to be notified under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

So far, the Government was planning to bring the Cross border framework only for corporate insolvency resolution. But now the government wants to notify it together for both companies and personal guarantors for corporate debtors.

Source: [Personal guarantors may be part of cross-border insolvency framework](#)

**Q.2)** With reference to **Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report**, consider the following statements:

1. The disclosures under this report are based on ESG parameters.
2. The reporting mechanism has been introduced by Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

**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:** Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report is framed around three aspirations: Adapting to and mitigating climate change impact, inclusive growth and transitioning to a sustainable economy. The disclosures are based on ESG parameters in BRSR and therefore, are an up-scale from its predecessor, BRR (Business Responsibility Reporting).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced BRSR, a reporting mechanism, vide circular dated May 10, 2021. It is a standardised reporting format that will give a baseline to draw comparison between environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals across companies and sectors.

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

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**Q.3)** With reference to **Shale oil/gas**, consider the following statements:

1. Its extraction requires the creation of fractures in oil and gas rich shale to release hydrocarbons.
2. Conventional crude deposits are found in smaller batches and deeper than Shale oil.

**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**

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The key difference between shale oil and conventional crude is that the shale oil is conventional crude deposits.

Source: [Tight oil: What is shale and its potential in India](#)

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### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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**Q.1) Sydney Dialogue sometimes seen in news is related to?**

- a) cyber and critical technologies
- b) Climate change and sustainable development
- c) Global anti-terrorism efforts
- d) Vaccine production and IPR

**Correct Answer: a**

**Explanation:**

- The Sydney Dialogue is an annual summit of cyber and critical technologies to discuss the fallout of the digital domain on the law and order.

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

**Q.2) SITMEX Maritime Exercise, is held between which of the following group of countries:**

- a) Indonesia, Turkmenistan and Sri Lanka
- b) India, Thailand and South Korea
- c) Thailand, India and Singapore
- d) Sri Lanka, Turkey and Iran

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation:**

**Statement c is correct:** It is a trilateral exercise between the Indian Navy (IN), the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), and the Royal Thailand Navy (RTN). SITMEX is being conducted annually since 2019 with an aim to enhance mutual inter-operability and imbibing best practices between Indian Navy (IN), RSN and RTN

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

**Q.3) With reference to Global Climate Risk Index 2021, consider the following:**

1. The index was released by International Panel of Climate Change (IPCC).
2. India ranking has been improved from the last year.

**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:** The international environmental think tank 'Germanwatch' released the Global Climate Risk Index 2021. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Index. It is published annually.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India has improved its rankings from last year. It is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the 2021 Index as compared to 5<sup>th</sup> in 2020 Index.

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

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**Q.4)** With reference to **Organisation of Turkic States**, consider the following statements:

1. The organisation aims to promote pan-Turkism.
2. It came into existence during the Istanbul Summit.

**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:**

**Both statements are correct.**

Recently, on the 8th Istanbul summit, the Council of Turkic States has been elevated to “Organisation of Turkic States”.

With this, Turkey aims to promote pan-Turkism.

Source: [What the rise of pan-Turkism means for India](#)

**Q.5)** With reference to **Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a biennial forum conceived by the Indian Navy.
2. It aims to enhance maritime cooperation among Navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.
3. United Kingdom is also a member of IONS.

**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: d**

**Explanation**

**All statements are correct.**

IONS is a biennial forum conceived by the **Indian Navy** in 2008.

**Objective:** To enhance maritime cooperation among Navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

**First Edition:** The inaugural edition of IONS was held in Feb 2008 in New Delhi with the Indian Navy as the Chair for two years.

**Currently Chaired by:** France.

**Members of IONS:** IONS includes 24 nations that hold territory within the Indian Ocean and 8 observer nations:

The members have been geographically grouped into the following four sub-regions:

- **South Asian Littorals:** Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, and United Kingdom (British Indian Ocean Territory)
- **West Asian Littorals:** Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates
- **East African Littorals:** France (Reunion), Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, South Africa, and Tanzania.



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- **Southeast Asian and Australian Littorals:** Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, and Timor-Leste.

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.6) Ikat sometimes seen in news is a?**

- a) Pilgrimage tax imposed by Aurangzeb during his reign
- b) A dyeing technique that originated in Indonesia
- c) An architectural pattern devised in Persia
- d) A guild of traders, merchants and artisans

**Correct Answer: b**

**Explanation**

- Ikat is a Malaysian, Indonesian word that means “Tie and Dye”. It is a dyeing technique used to create a distinct style of textile patterns. Ikat received a Geographical Indicator (GI) tag in 2004.

Source: [Article](#)

**Q.7) Lapis Lazuli Corridor** was sometimes seen in news. It connects which of the following pairs?

- a) Australia and New Zealand.
- b) China and North Korea.
- c) Turkey and Afghanistan.
- d) US and Canada.

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation**

Turkey is building transportation corridors to Central Asia and beyond, to China, Georgia and Azerbaijan. The so-called Lapis Lazuli Corridor now connects Turkey to Afghanistan via Turkmenistan.

Source: [India-Turkey relations – Explained, pointwise](#)

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Ancient History - JANPATH'S AND MAURYAN EMPIRE

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**Q.1)** With reference to **Alexander the great**, consider the following statements:

1. He succeeded his father, King Phillip II.
2. He defeated Darius I in the Battle of Hydaspes.
3. He was contemporary to Chandragupta Maurya.

**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 and 3 are correct.**

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** In 330 BC, he defeated Darius III in the Battle of Gaugamela. After that, he crossed the Hindu Kush and entered the Kabul valley.

Beyond the Jhelum, he was challenged by the legendary warrior whom Greek sources have identified as Porus. Alexander defeated Porus in the Battle of Hydaspes.

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

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### ART AND CULTURE

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**Q.1) Pochampally was declared as one of the best tourism villages by United Nations World Trade Organisation (UNWTO) recently, in this regard, consider the following statements:**

1. Pochampally is often referred to as the Silk City of India.
2. Acharya Vinobha Bhave launched the Bhoodan movement from Pochampally.

**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:** Pochampally, 50 Kms from Hyderabad, is a town in Nalgonda district of Telangana and is often referred to as the Silk City of India for the exquisite sarees that are woven through a unique style called Ikat. This style, Pochampally Ikat, received a Geographical Indicator (GI Status) in 2004.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Pochampally is also known as Bhoodan Pochampally to commemorate the Bhoodan Movement that was launched by Acharya Vinobha Bhave from this village on April 18th, 1951. Currently a two room Vinobha Bhave Mandir exists within the village which was earlier the place where Vinobha Bhave resided during his visit to the village.

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