

## *10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation*

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ BY FORUMIAS.*

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### ENVIRONMENT

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**Q.1) Sustainable urban cooling handbook report, is published by which of the following organizations?**

- a) UNEP
- b) WB
- c) UNFCCC
- d) UN-Habitat

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Report is published by UNEP

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

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

1. It is a joint initiative of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
2. It is the world's first comprehensive accounting of GHG emissions based primarily on direct, independent observation.

**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:** Climate TRACE (Tracking Real-Time Atmospheric Carbon Emissions) was launched in 2021 before COP26. It is a global coalition of nonprofits, tech companies, and universities.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Climate TRACE is the **world's first comprehensive accounting of GHG emissions** based primarily on direct, independent observation.

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

**Q.3) With reference to Lion Tailed Macaque, consider the following statements:**

1. They are endemic to Western Ghats of India.
2. It is listed as endangered under the IUCN list of red species.

**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.**

**About Lion Tailed Macaque:**

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- The lion-tailed macaque (*Macaca silenus*) are endemic to the Western Ghats of India.
- It is a diurnal animal meaning it is active exclusively in daylight hours. Unlike other macaques, it avoids humans.
- IUCN Status: Endangered
- Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972
- Appendix I of CITES
- **Threats:** a) Overpopulation b) Habitat destruction and c) Hunting among others.

**Source:** [Telling Numbers: Roadkill and extinction risk for leopards in North India](#)

**Q.4) Shakti Naval Exercise**, is held between India and which of the following country:

- a) Indonesia
- b) France
- c) Mongolia
- d) Russia

**Correct Answer**

**Explanation**

**Statement b is correct**

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

**Q.5) With reference to Race to Zero campaign, consider the following:**

1. It aims to halve global emissions by 2030.
2. The campaign is led by United Nations

**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 the statements are correct

**About Race to Zero campaign:** Race to Zero is the **UN-backed global campaign** rallying **non-state actors** – including companies, cities, regions, financial and educational institutions – to take rigorous and immediate action to halve **global emissions by 2030** and deliver a healthier, fairer, **zero-carbon world in time**.

Race To Zero mobilizes actors outside of national governments to join the **Climate Ambition Alliance**.

**Source:** [Green lending: World's biggest banks' latest initiative at COP26 is a step backwards](#)

**Q.6) With reference to International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO), consider the following statements:**

1. It aims to provide credible data to track countries progress on meeting methane reduction pledges.
2. It has been launched by WB in collaboration with UNEP.

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3. It will focus only on methane emissions from the fossil fuel sector.

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

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

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It has been launched by UNEP with support from EU.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Initially it will focus on methane emissions from fossil fuel sector and then expand to other major emitting sectors like agriculture and waste.

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

**Q.7) With reference to Glasgow Declaration on Zero Emission Cars and Vans, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It aims to ensure that only zero-emission cars and vans are sold by the year 2040.
- 2. It is a legally binding commitment.

**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**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is not a legally binding agreement.

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

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### ECONOMY

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**Q.1) With reference to Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) declaration, consider the following statements:**

1. It was launched at the COP21 at Paris.
2. It seeks to mobilise mainstream finance to support the transition towards a sustainable economy.
3. RBI is a part of the network.

**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:** NGFS was launched at the **Paris One Planet Summit** on December 12, 2017.
- **Statement 2 & 3 are correct**

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

**Q.2) With reference to Inland saline aquaculture, consider the following statements:**

1. It is the farming or culture of aquatic animals and plants using non-coastal sources of saline groundwater.
2. It can also be used to reduce the amount of salt in underground water tables leading to an improvement in the surrounding land usage for agriculture.

**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.**

- Inland saline aquaculture is the farming or culture of aquatic animals and plants using inland (i.e. non-coastal) sources of saline groundwater rather than the more common coastal aquaculture methods.
- **Benefits of Inland saline aquaculture**
  - Firstly, it plays an important role in saline affected soils with low productivity as it can be used to convert the waste land into wealth land.
  - It can be used to reduce the amount of salt in underground water tables leading to an improvement in the surrounding land usage for agriculture.

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

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**Q.3) LEADS index is released by which of the following?**

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- c) Centre for Economic and Policy Research
- d) Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation**

- LEADS ((Logistics Ease Across Different States) index is released by Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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

**Q.4) With reference to RBI Retail Direct Scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. Under the scheme, retail investors will be able to easily open and maintain their government securities account online with the RBI, free of cost.
2. Through this account, they can directly invest in securities issued by the Government of India 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:** Under the scheme, retail investors will be able to easily open and maintain their government securities account online with the RBI, free of cost.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Through this account, they can directly invest in securities issued by the Government of India and the State Governments.

**Source:** [PM to launch two innovative customer centric initiatives of RBI](#)

**Q.5) Which of the following states/UTs is/are part of GI tagged seven Basmati growing states?**

1. Punjab
2. Tamil Nadu
3. Haryana
4. Andhra Pradesh
5. Delhi

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.**

- a) 1, 2 and 4 only
- b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
- c) 1, 3 and 5 only
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation**

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- APEDA is given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag as the sole custodian of basmati rice grown in the Indo-Gangetic plains. Under the GI certification issued in 2016, 77 districts of seven states- Punjab, Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir are referred to as basmati rice growing region.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q.6) With reference to Certificate of Origin (CoD), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a document declaring in which country a commodity or good was manufactured.
2. It is often issued to the importers in a country.

**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:** CoD is often mandated by the importing countries and hence is issued to the exporters

Source: [Article](#)

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### ART AND CULTURE

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**Q.1) Maneesha Panchakam, Saundaryalahiri and Vivekachudamani, have been authored by which of the following personalities?**

- a) Adi Shankaracharya
- b) Ramanuja
- c) Thirumula Nayanar
- d) Patanjali

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Adi Shankaracharya **authored 116 works**. Among them, the celebrated commentaries (bhashyas) are on Upanishads, the Brahma Sutra, and the Gita. His famous poetic works include **Maneesha Panchakam and Saundaryalahiri**.
- He authored the **Vivekachudamani**. It spells out the qualifications required in a student of Vedanta.
- He also composed the **Kanakadhara Stotram**, following which there was a rain of golden amlas which brought prosperity to the household.
- Further, he also composed texts like **Shankara Smrithi** which seeks to establish the social supremacy of Nambuthiri Brahmins.

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

**Q.2) With reference to Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site along with Nilgiri and Kalka-Shimla railway.
2. It is currently a narrow-gauge railway.
3. Logos of DHR are registered as an intellectual property.

**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.**

**About Darjeeling Himalayan Railway,**

- **Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, also known as the DHR or the Toy Train**, is a narrow-gauge railway built between 1879 and 1881.
- **Route:** The railway runs between New Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling in West Bengal.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Site:** In 1999, UNESCO declared the DHR a World Heritage Site. Two more railway lines (Nilgiri and Kalka-Shimla) were later added and the site became known as one of the mountain railways of India.

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



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**Q.3) Which of the following city is the latest one to enter in the UNESCO Creative City Network?**

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Bangalore
- c) Srinagar
- d) Patna

**Correct Answer C**

**Explanation:**

**Statement c is correct:** UNESCO has recently added Srinagar as part of creative city network under the Crafts and Folk Arts Category.

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

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

- 1. Traditional producers of pashmina wool are people known as the Changpa.
- 2. It has been assigned Geographical indication tag under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

**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:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Changthangi or Pashmina goat is a special breed of goat mainly found in the Ladakh region and Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh. The goats are raised for ultra-fine cashmere wool, known as Pashmina wool.

These goats are generally domesticated and reared by nomadic communities called the Changpa in the Changthang region of Ladakh.

**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:** [Explained: How Srinagar earned UNESCO creative tag](#)

**Q.5) With reference to Papier-mâché in Kashmir, consider the following statements:**

- 1. Saint Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani from Persia is said to have brought this craft to Kashmir.
- 2. It is based primarily on creating colourful utility and decorative objects using walnut trees.

**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

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**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Saint Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani from Persia is said to have brought this craft to Kashmir.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is based primarily on creating colourful utility and decorative objects using paper pulp.

Source: [Explained: How Srinagar earned UNESCO creative tag](#)

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### **POLITY – VARIOUS BODIES – STATUTORY BODIES**

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**Q.1) With reference to National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), consider the following statements:**

1. It was established on the recommendations of V Balakrishna Eradi Committee.
2. It is a quasi-judicial body.
3. The tribunal deals with matters mainly related to companies law and insolvency 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: d**

**Explanation:**

**All statements are correct.**

- **National Company Law Tribunal(NCLT)** is a quasi-judicial body constituted under section 408 of the Companies Act, 2013 in 2016.
- **Committee:** The tribunal was established based on the recommendation of the V. Balakrishna Eradi committee on the law relating to insolvency and the winding up of companies.
- **Purpose:** The tribunal deals with matters mainly related to companies law and insolvency law.

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

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### **SCHEMES AND PROGRAMS – SCHEMES – Rural Development**

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**Q.1) With reference to Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), consider the following statements:**

1. The program supports the Self-Help Group (SHG) members and their family members to set up small enterprises in the farm sector.
2. It is a sub-scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

**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 enterprises are to be set up in non-farm sector.
- **Statement 2 is correct**

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

**Q.2) With reference to National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD) 2021, consider the following statements:**

1. Under the policy a crowdfunding mechanism will also be employed to cover the cost of treatment.
2. A disease is considered rare by the WHO when it affects one in 1,000 people, or fewer.

**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.**

- India has introduced the National Policy for Rare Diseases, 2021 (NPRD), which aims to lower the cost of treatment of rare diseases. By committing to provide Rs 20 lakh to cover the one-time treatment cost of diseases falling under Group 1 through the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, the NPRD attempts to cover almost 40% of the population that is eligible under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. It will also make use of a **crowdfunding mechanism** to cover the cost of treatment.
- A disease is considered rare by the WHO when it affects one in 1,000 people, or fewer.

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

**Q.3) With reference to PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, consider the following:**

1. It is a maternity benefit scheme to promote the institutional deliveries in India.
2. It is under Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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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: d**

**Explanation:**

**Statement a is incorrect:** It is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the country as a part of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

**Statement b is incorrect:** Nodal Ministry: Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries.

**Read more:** [Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana](#)

**Source:** [Department of Fisheries organises a webinar on “Promotion of Inland Saline Water Aquaculture”](#)

**Q.4) With reference to Ek Pahal campaign, consider the following statements:**

1. Under the campaign, people will be encouraged to register under the Tele-Law Initiative.
2. It has been launched by Ministry of law and justice in association with NITI Aayog.

**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 correct:** Ek Pahal Campaign aims to mainstream legal aid and to actualize the aspiration of access to justice for every citizen. Under the campaign, people will be encouraged to register under the Tele-Law Initiative.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Ministry of Law and Justice in association with the **National Legal Service Authority (NALSA)** has launched the **“Ek Pahal” Campaign**.

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

**Q.5) Global Drug Policy Index is released by?**

- a) Harm Reduction Consortium
- b) World Federation Against Drugs
- c) Alliance for a Drug-Free world
- d) Vienna *NGO* Committee on Narcotic Drugs

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

**About Global Drug Policy Index:**

- **Released by:** Harm Reduction Consortium
- **Purpose:** It is a unique tool that documents, measures and compares national-level drug policies, providing each country with a score and ranking that shows how much their

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drug policies and their implementation align with the UN principles of human rights, health and development.

- **Parameters:** It is composed of 75 indicators running across five broad dimensions of drug policy: criminal justice, extreme responses, health and harm reduction, access to internationally controlled medicines and development. Based on these indicators, each country is then given a total score ranging from 0 to 100 with 100 as the highest score.

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

**Q.6) Which among the following Indian cities is/are a part of UN Creative Cities Network (UNCCN)?**

1. Chennai
2. Jaipur
3. Kochi

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

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

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

**Kochi is not a part of UCCN.**

**Following Indian cities are part of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)**

- Chennai and Varanasi – Cities of music;
- Jaipur – City of crafts and folk arts;
- Mumbai – City of film and
- Hyderabad – City of gastronomy.
- Srinagar - Crafts and Folk Arts category.

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

**Q.7) With reference to Global Resilience Index Initiative (GRII), consider the following statements:**

1. It is an open-source resource that can be used in aggregated risk management across sectors and geographies.
2. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is a partner of the initiative.

**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.**

- A global coalition of 10 organizations launched the Global Resilience Index Initiative (GRII) November 9, 2021 to build a universal model for assessing resilience to climate risks.

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The curated, open-source resource can be used in aggregated risk management across sectors and geographies.

- GRII partners and supporters are:
  - Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
  - Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment (CCRI)
  - Fathom
  - GEM Foundation
  - Insurance Development Forum (IDF)
  - Oasis Loss Modelling Framework
  - UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment (CGFI)
  - United Nations office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
  - University of Oxford
  - Willis Towers Watson

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q.8) With reference to e Shram portal, consider the following:**

1. It aims to create a comprehensive database of unorganized employment in India.
2. It is launched by Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE).

**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 the statements are correct.**

**About E Shram Portal:** To register 38 crore unorganized workers such as construction labourers, migrant workforce, street vendors, and domestic workers, among others.

- The workers will be issued an e-Shram card containing a 12-digit unique number.
- If a worker is registered on the eSHRAM portal and meets with an accident, he will be eligible for Rs 2.0 Lakh on death or permanent disability and Rs 1.0 lakh on partial disability.

Implementation: Government in States/UTs will conduct registration of unorganized workers across the country.

Source: [Big claims of rapid economic formalization are suspect](#)

**Q.9) With reference to Star College Scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. The scheme support colleges and universities offering undergraduate education to improve science teaching across the country.
2. It is implemented by Ministry of Education.

**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

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**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The scheme support colleges and universities offering undergraduate education to improve science teaching across the country.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Star College Scheme was initiated by the Department of Biotechnology(DBT) in 2008.

Source: [Union Minister launches first-ever Mentorship Programme for Young Innovators to mark the 75th Year of India's Independence](#)

**Q.10) Project Sampoorna** is related to which of the following?

- Reducing Hunger
- Increasing healthy food intake
- Reducing child malnutrition
- Increasing health facilities

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Project Sampoorna which was successfully implemented in Bongaigaon district of Assam is a model that can be easily implemented anywhere in reducing child malnutrition

Under this project, the mother of a healthy child of an Anganwadi Centre was paired with the target mother and they would be Buddy Mothers.

They were given diet charts to indicate the daily food intake of their children and would have discussions on all Tuesdays at the AWC.

Source: [A vital cog in Bongaigaon's response in malnutrition](#)

**Q.11) With reference to Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, consider the following statements:**

- It aims to further improve the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against entities regulated by RBI.
- The complaints not covered under the ombudsman scheme will continued to be attended to by the Customer Education and Protection Cells (CEPCs)

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

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

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation**

**Both statements are correct.**

**Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme**

- Aim:** To further improve the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against entities regulated by RBI.
- The scheme is based on 'One Nation-One Ombudsman'.** This means that there will be one portal, one email, and one address for customers to file their complaints.



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- There will also be a **multilingual toll-free number** that will provide all relevant information on grievance redress.
- The complaints not covered under the ombudsman scheme will continued to be attended to by the **Customer Education and Protection Cells (CEPCs)** located in regional offices of RBI.

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

**Q.12) With reference to Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), consider the following statements:**

1. It can take punitive action against unqualified persons delivering services to persons with disabilities.
2. It is a registered society.

**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 was initially formed as a registered society and became a statutory body later on.

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

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

1. It is a centre of excellence for data collection, the creation and dissemination of knowledge for the sustainable development of the Ganga River Basin.
2. It was launched at COP26 meeting at Glasgow.
3. It acts as a comprehensive think-tank to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).

**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**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 and 3 are correct.**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga) was established at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK) in 2016.

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

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**Q.14)** With reference to **Swarna Jayanti Fellowships scheme**, consider the following statements:

1. Young scientists are provided special assistance and support to enable them to pursue basic research in frontier areas of science and technology.
2. It was instituted by the Government of India to commemorate India's fiftieth year of Independence (1997).

**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.**

Swarna Jayanti Fellowships scheme was instituted by the Government of India to commemorate India's fiftieth year of Independence (1997).

Under the scheme, a selected number of young scientists are provided special assistance and support to enable them to pursue basic research in frontier areas of science and technology.

Duration: For a period not exceeding five years.

Source: [DST selects 2020 Swarna Jayanti Fellows](#)

**Q.15) With reference to MPLADS scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. Under the scheme, each MP can suggest works to the District Collector.
2. The nodal ministry for MPLADS is the Ministry of Rural Development.
3. It is a Central Sector Scheme.

**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:** Nodal ministry for MPLADS is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

Source: [Article](#)

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### **BILLS, ACTS AND REGULATIONS – BILLS - Mediation**

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**Q.1) With reference to Draft Mediation Bill,2021, consider the following statements:**

1. The bill provides for the establishment of the Mediation Council of India.
2. India is a signatory to the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

**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.**

**Objectives of the bill**

- **To** promote, encourage, and facilitate mediation, especially institutional mediation, to resolve disputes, commercial and otherwise.
- **To** bring standalone law on Mediation on domestic and international mediation issues, as India is a signatory to the Singapore Convention on Mediation.
- **To** include the international practice of using the terms ‘conciliation’ and ‘mediation’ interchangeably.

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

**Q.2) With reference to Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, consider the following statements:**

1. Both Indian and foreign nationals can be charged under the Act.
2. The Act is based on Innocent until proven guilty principle.
3. The central government can designate individuals as ‘terrorist’.

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

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

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Under the act, both Indian and foreign nationals can be charged. The act has the death penalty and life imprisonment as the highest punishments.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 2019 amendment reversed the innocent until proven guilty principle.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The central government can designate individuals as ‘terrorist’.

**Source:** [UAPA and the recent judgments – Explained, pointwise](#)

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### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – SPACE – SPACE MISSIONS**

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**Q.1) DSCOVR, sometimes seen in news, is a?**

- Earth observation satellite.
- Unmanned Aerial vehicle.
- Deep Sea Research Vessel.
- AI-based robot for landmine detection

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation**

- Deep Space Climate Observatory is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration space weather, space climate, and Earth observation satellite.

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

**Q.2) With reference to Comptroller and Auditor-General (CAG), consider the following statements:**

- It is a statutory body.
- CAG is appointed by the President of India.

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

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

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is a constitutional body established under Article 148 of the Constitution of India. It audits all receipts and expenditure of the Government of India and the state governments, including those of bodies and authorities substantially financed by the government.

**Statement 2 is correct:** CAG is appointed by the President of India following a recommendation by the Prime Minister.

**Source:** [What we need to fix our judicial system](#)

**Q.3) With reference to Coronal Mass Ejection (CME), consider the following:**

- Solar flares cause hot plasma to be ejected from the Sun, causing CMEs.
- Even very powerful Earth-directed coronal mass ejections have no effect on deep-sea cables.

**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**

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- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Strong CMEs can impact oil pipelines, cause failure of power grids and can affect deep sea cables.

Source: [Article](#)

### **Q.4) Which of the following are the most commonly reported Rare diseases in India?**

1. Gaucher's disease
2. Pompe Disease
3. Cystic Fibrosis

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

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

**Correct Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

All are categorized as rare diseases.

- A rare disease is a health condition which has a low prevalence and affects a small number of people. Rare diseases include genetic diseases, rare cancers, infectious tropical diseases and degenerative diseases.
- They are chronic, debilitating, life threatening and often result in some form of handicap. Patients have often taken the government to court on this, because treatment of rare diseases is long, specialized and expensive.
- The most common rare diseases reported in India include hemophilia, thalassemia, sickle-cell anemia and primary immune deficiency in children, autoimmune diseases, lysosomal storage disorders such as pompe disease, Hirsch sprung disease, gaucher's disease, cystic fibrosis, hemangiomas and certain forms of muscular dystrophies.

Source: [Article](#)

### **Q.5) Project 75(I) is related to which of the following?**

- a) It is a programme launched by the Indian Navy to build six Scorpene-Class attack submarines.
- b) It is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India.
- c) It is the document released by Niti Aayog which replaced the five year plans.
- d) It is a programme aims to reduce Green House Gas emissions.

**Correct Answer A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement a is correct:** Project-75(I) envisages **indigenous construction of six modern conventional submarines** with contemporary equipment, weapons and sensors, including fuel-cell based AIP, advanced torpedoes, modern missiles and state-of-the-art countermeasure systems.

**Detail:** This would provide a major boost to the indigenous design and construction capability of submarines in India, in addition to bringing in the latest submarine design and technologies

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as part of the project. **This is one of the largest 'Make in India' projects** and will serve to facilitate faster and more significant absorption of technology and create a tiered industrial ecosystem for submarine construction in India.

Source: [PIB](#)

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

1. It is a network of always-on virtual environments in which people can interact with one another and digital objects through virtual representations of themselves.
2. Technology industry is envisioning Metaverse as the successor to today's internet.

**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.**

It is a network of always-on virtual environments in which many people can interact with one another and digital objects through virtual representations of themselves.

The term may also refer to digital spaces which are made more lifelike by the use of virtual reality (VR) or augmented reality (AR).

There is also a specific type of metaverse which uses blockchain technology. In these, users can buy virtual land and other digital assets using cryptocurrencies.

Technology industry is envisioning Metaverse as the successor to today's internet where people shall be able to do anything like go shopping, study, attend meetings etc.

Source: [What is Metaverse? – Explained, pointwise](#)

**Q.7)** With reference to **DART Mission**, consider the following statements:

1. The target of the spacecraft will be a small moonlet called Dimorphos.
2. Mission would also be carrying a small satellite or CubeSat.
3. It is joint effort by NASA and ESA.

**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 and 2 are correct**
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is NASA mission.

Source: [Article](#)

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**Q.8) 55P/Tempel-Tuttle sometimes seen in news is a?**

- a) A comet in the Leo constellation
- b) NASA's satellite mission to Saturn
- c) World's largest optical telescope
- d) Deep Sea Research Vessel

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- It is related to the Leonids Meteor shower. Leonids Meteor Shower was originally discovered in 1833. It contains debris that originated from a small comet called **55P/Tempel-Tuttle** in the constellation **Leo**, which takes 33 years to orbit the sun.

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

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

1. It is a non-Communicable disease which produce when pancreas does not produce enough insulin.
2. It affects mainly on human Kidney, Heart, Blood vessels, Nervous System, and Eyes (retina).

**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.**

**About Diabetes:** Diabetes is a Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin (a hormone that regulates blood sugar, or glucose), or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces.

Diabetes affects the five major organs namely, Kidney, Heart, Blood vessels, Nervous System, and Eyes (retina).

The factors responsible for the increase in diabetes are an unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity, harmful use of alcohol, overweight/obesity, tobacco use, etc.

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

**Q.10) With reference to Norovirus, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an animal borne virus.
2. It is transmitted through contaminated water and food.

**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

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**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation**

**Both statements are correct.**

**About Noro virus:** Norovirus is an animal-borne disease. It is transmitted through contaminated water and food.

Norovirus are a group of viruses, causing gastrointestinal illness. Virus causes inflammation in lining of the stomach & intestines, severe vomiting and diarrhoea. The virus does not significantly affect healthy people. However, it can seriously affect elderly, young children, and people with other comorbidities.

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

**Q.11)** With reference to **Leonids Meteor Shower**, consider the following statements:

1. It contains debris that originated from a small comet in the constellation Leo.
2. Every 33 years, a Leonid shower turns into a meteor storm.

**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.**

Leonids Meteor Shower was originally discovered in 1833. It contains debris that originated from a small comet called 55P/Tempel-Tuttle in the constellation Leo, which takes 33 years to orbit the sun.

Every 33 years, a Leonid shower turns into a meteor storm, which is when hundreds to thousands of meteors can be seen every hour.

The Leonids are also called fireballs and earthgrazer meteors. Fireballs, because of their bright colors and earthgazer because they streak close to the horizon.

Source: [Explained: What is Leonids Meteor Shower?](#)

**Q.12)** With reference to **HARBINGER 2021**, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first global hackathon organized by RBI.
2. It is centered around the theme of smarter digital payments.

**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.**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) organized its first global hackathon titled “HARBINGER 2021– Innovation for Transformation”.



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### **What is the purpose of the HARBINGER 2021 Hackathon?**

HARBINGER 2021 aims to invite participants that can identify and develop solutions which can make:

- digital payments accessible to the under-served
- enhance the ease of payments and user experience
- strengthen the security of digital payments and
- promote customer protection.

**Theme:** “Smarter Digital Payments”.

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

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**Geography-Mapping-River System**

**Q.1) Which of the following are the tributaries of Ganga River?**

- a) Sharda, Son and Gir
- b) Sutlej, Hindon and Tamsa
- c) Bhima, Yamuna and Ramganaga
- d) Ghagra, Ghandak and Son

**Correct Answer D**

**Explanation:**

**Statement d is correct**



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

**Q.2) Which of the following are the tributaries of Yamuna?**

- a) Chambal, Hindon and Betwa
- b) Betwa, Ghagra and son
- c) Maner, Sabri and Chambal
- d) Chambal, Sabri and Tons

**Correct Answer A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement a is correct:** The important tributaries of the Yamuna River are Tons, Chambal, Hindon, Betwa and Ken. Other small tributaries of the Yamuna River include the Giri, Sind, Uttangan, Sengar and the Rind.

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

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### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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**Q.1) Changing Wealth of nations report is released by which of the following organizations?**

- a) IMF
- b) UNCTAD
- c) WB
- d) UNEP

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- The report is published by the World Bank (WB).

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

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

1. The convention established the core principles permitting international transport by air.
2. It also led to the creation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

**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 Convention on International Civil Aviation, which is more commonly known as the 'Chicago Convention' was drafted in 1944.
- The convention established the core principles permitting international transport by air. It also led to the creation of the specialized agency which has overseen the convention ever since – the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- The convention provides Nine freedoms of air, but only the first five freedoms have been officially recognized by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

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

**Q.3) With reference to Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020 Remote Sensing Survey, consider the following:**

1. It found a slowdown in global deforestation process.
2. This survey is released by International Institute for Environment and Development.

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

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

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**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has released the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020 Remote Sensing Survey.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** the survey has found that there has been a slowdown in global deforestation.

**Source:** [At least 420 million hectares forest lost since 1990: Survey](#)

**Q.4)** With reference to **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)**, consider the following:

1. It is an independent monitoring tool for tracking the climate protection performance of various countries.
2. Sweden has placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the CCPI ranking.

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

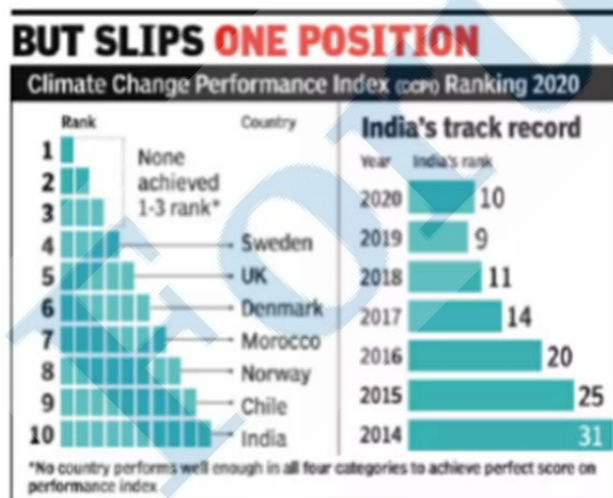
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** It is an independent monitoring tool for tracking the climate protection performance of 57 countries and the European Union. These countries together generate 90%+ of global greenhouse gas emissions.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Top three ranks were empty as no country had met the criteria to get placed high enough on the index. Sweden has ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in this ranking.



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

**Q.5)** With reference to **Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI)** between India and the US, consider the following statements:

1. The initiative is led by Defence ministers of both India and USA.
2. It aims to create opportunities for co-production and co-development of defence equipment.

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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:** The initiative is led by the Undersecretary of Defence for Acquisition and Sustainment from the United States and Secretary for Defence Protection from India.
- **Statement 2 is correct**

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