

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ BY FORUMIAS.*

Environment

Q.1) With reference to **Nilgiri Flycatcher**, consider the following statements:

1. These are endemic to the southern Western Ghats and confined to higher elevations.
2. It is a Critically Endangered species under IUCN Red list.

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 LC (Least Concerned) species under IUCN Redlist.

Source: [Endemic Western Ghats flycatchers could lose third of their range due to climate change: Study](#)

Q.2) With reference to the wandering Albatross, consider the following statements:

1. Their species of great albatrosses have the longest wingspans of any extant birds.
2. They are found widely in the Southern Ocean and the North Atlantic.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The wandering albatross (*Diomedea exulans*) are large flying seabirds. Their species of the genus *Diomedea* (great albatrosses) have the longest wingspans of any extant birds.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** They are found widely in the Southern Ocean and the North Pacific. They are absent from the North Atlantic.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) Nairobi and Tunis declarations sometimes seen in news are related to?

- a) Vaccine IPRs
- b) Disaster Risk reduction
- c) DNA cloning
- d) Illegal wildlife trade

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- Tunis declaration was adopted at the Africa Arab Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Tunis in 2018. Under it, 25 African countries have adopted DRR strategies and action plans aligned with the Sendai Framework.

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- The Nairobi Declaration underlines the need to deliver commitments on the Programme of Action (PoA) for implementing the Sendai Framework (related to Disaster Risk Reduction) in Africa.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) With reference to Great Green Wall Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. The initiative is limited to the Sahel region of Africa.
2. It was launched by World Bank in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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 aims to restore 100 million hectares of degraded land, sequester 250 million tonnes of carbon and create 10 million jobs for the people in the Sahel region of Africa by 2030.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** GGW Initiative was launched by the African Union.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) With reference to Bio-jet fuel, consider the following statements:

1. It has ultra-low Sulphur content as compared with conventional jet fuel.
2. Bio-jet fuel can also be produced from used cooking 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: C

Explanation

Both statements are correct.

- Bio-jet fuel can be produced from used cooking oil, tree-borne oils, short gestation oilseed crops grown off-season by farmers and waste extracts from edible oil processing units.

Source: [Article](#)

Schemes and Programs

Q.1) 6x6x6 Strategy was seen in news recently. The strategy is related to which of the following?

- a) TB elimination
- b) Space missions
- c) Reduce the prevalence of Anaemia
- d) School education

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The 6x6x6 strategy under Anaemia Mukta Bharat (AMB) implies six age groups, six interventions and six institutional mechanisms. This strategy focuses on ensuring supply chain, demand generation and strong monitoring using the dashboard for addressing anemia both due to nutritional and non-nutritional causes.

Source: [Centre mulls new testing modes after anaemia surge](#)

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

- 1. It is a mobile-based solution to help in capturing photos with Geo- Tags for the works which have the asset as an output.
- 2. The application is used by Ministry of Road and Transport to identify completed projects.

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 application is used by Ministry of Panchayati Raj to Geotag the assets in at least three stages viz. (i) before the start of the work, (ii) during the work, and (iii) on completion of work.

Source: [\[Yojana October Summary\] Digital Local Governance – Explained, pointwise](#)

Q.3) With reference to **Model Retail Outlet Scheme**, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Scheme aims to enhance service standards and amenities across their Retail Outlets of petroleum products.
- 2. The scheme is launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

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.

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Statement 2 is incorrect: Model Retail Outlet Scheme was launched by Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited.

Source: [Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited launch](#)

Q.4) With reference to **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0**, consider the following:

1. It aims to empower Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.
2. The scheme is launched by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

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

More about the scheme: [PMKVY](#)

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) With reference to **National Family Benefit Scheme**, consider the following:

1. The scheme is launched in 1995 under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).
2. The scheme is applicable to BPL (Below Poverty Line) families 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 the statements are correct.

About National Family Benefit Scheme

1) Launched in 1995 under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). 2) Restricted to BPL families. 3) Rs. 20000 will be given as a lump sum assistance to the bereaved household in the event of death of the bread-winner

Source: [Indian Express](#)

Q.6) With reference to **Smart Cities Mission**, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
2. The implementation of the Mission at the City level will be done by Urban Local Bodies.

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 implementation of the Mission at the City level will be done by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). SPV is promoted by the state/Union Territory and the urban local body, with a 50% equity shareholding each. The SPV formed as a limited company is governed by the Companies Act, 2013.

Source: [Govt extends Smart Cities Mission timeline to 2023](#)

Q.7) With reference to **Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)**, consider the following statements:

1. The project is funded completely by government budget.
2. The project aims to improve the safety and operational performance of selected dams across the whole 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: B

Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect: It is an externally aided project with the financial assistance of the World Bank(WB) and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank(AIIB).

Statement 2 is correct. The government has recently approved the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II & Phase III. Under it, the project aims to improve the safety and operational performance of selected dams across the whole country along with institutional strengthening and generating revenue for sustainable operation and maintenance of dams.

Source: [Rajya Sabha Passes The Landmark 'Dam Safety Bill \(2019\)'](#)

Q.8) With reference to **Child Protection Services Scheme**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. The Child Care Institutions (CCIs) established under the scheme equally cover rural and urban children.

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: D

Explanation

Both statements are correct.

- It is a centrally sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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- Under the scheme, support is provided to States and UT Governments for delivering services for children in need and difficult circumstances.
- The Child Care Institutions (CCIs) established under the scheme, support inter-alia age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, health care, counselling etc. and equally covers rural and urban children.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.9) With reference to **Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET)**, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in the year 2010 to conduct Common Entrance Test for Central Universities.
2. Currently all the central universities hold CUCET.

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: Currently, 12 central universities hold CUCET with the assistance of the National Testing Agency(NTA).

Source: [Common entrance test for central varsities: plan, criticism](#)

Q.10) With reference to **National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme**, consider the following:

1. It aims to ensure the availability of credit risk cover for projects and other high-value exports, desirable from the point of view of national interest.
2. The scheme is developed by Ministry of Finance.

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 has been set up by the Government of India to facilitate medium and long-term exports, which are commercially viable, considering the limitations of the ECGC Limited in providing adequate cover on its own and non-availability of reinsurance cover to such exporters.

NEIA aims to ensure the availability of credit risk cover for projects and other high-value exports, which are desirable from the point of view of national interest, but which ECGC is unable to underwrite at terms which will not affect the competitiveness of the exports.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The scheme is developed by Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Source: [PIB](#)

Q.11) PRAGYATA Guidelines is related to which of the following?

- a) Health checkups in government hospitals.
- b) Skill development for MGNREGA workers.
- c) Digital education for schools.
- d) Cyber security.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

The guidelines brief on various modes of digital education including online mode that depends more on availability of internet, partially online mode that utilizes the blended approach of digital technology and other offline activities, and offline mode that utilizes television and radio as a major medium of instruction of education.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q.12) With reference to Jeevan Pramaan, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an online Pension Sanction and Payment Tracking System for the pensioners.
- 2. Pensioners of Central Government, State Government or any other Government organization can take benefit of this facility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is a biometric-enabled Aadhaar-based Digital Life Certificate for pensioners.
- **Statement 2 is correct**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.13) National Health Accounts Report was released by which of the following organisation/Ministry?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)
- c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- d) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released the National Health Accounts Report for 2017-18. But the report is produced by National Health Systems Resource Centre (It is designated as National Health Accounts Technical Secretariat in 2014 by the Health Ministry).

Source: [Per capita out-of-pocket health expenditure sees decline: report](#)

Q.14) With reference to 'Mission Zindagi' campaign, consider the following statements:

- 1. The campaign aims to control smuggling of goods through air.
- 2. It is organised by Indian Air Force.

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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: It aims to improve the Air Force personnel's mental health and stress management through workshops and lectures.

Statement 2 is correct.

Source: [Challenges facing Central Armed Police Forces \(CAPFs\) – Explained, pointwise](#)

Science and Technology

Q.1) With reference to **Satellite Communications (SATCOM)**, consider the following statements:

1. Satellite communication is cheap and can provide connectivity to inaccessible areas alone.
2. It refers to any communication link that involves the use of an artificial satellite in its propagation path.

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: Satellite communication is expensive. Along with other regions, it can also reach inaccessible areas.

Statement 2 is correct.

Source: [Satellite communications could improve quality of existing mobile networks](#)

Q.2) **Project SWADESH** was seen in news. The project is related to which of the following?

- a) Humanitarian and Rescue mission of Indian Army in Myanmar.
- b) Indigenization of semiconductor chips.
- c) Unique brain initiative to help researchers for managing brain disorders.
- d) ISRO's mission to Mars and Jupiter.

Correct Answer: C.

Explanation:

SWADESH is a unique brain initiative focussing on certified neuroimaging, neurochemical, neuropsychological data and analytics that are made accessible to researchers for managing brain disorders.

It is also the first large-scale multimodal neuroimaging database designed specifically for the Indian population with big-data architecture and analytics for various disease categories under one platform.

Source: SWADESH, World's First Multimodal Brain Imaging Data and Analytics, Developed at DBT-National Brain Research Centre, Haryana

Q.3) With reference to **James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a large infrared telescope to study "every phase" in the history of the universe, including the Big Bang, the formation of solar systems.
2. It is built with the collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency.

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.

Source : [Indian Express](#)

Q.4) Kalashnikovs, in news, is related to which of the following:

- a) Russian designed assault rifle
- b) Russian made nuclear submarine
- c) French made laser guided precision bomb
- d) Indigenously developed air to air missile

Correct Answer A

Explanation

Statement a is correct: A Kalashnikov rifle is an automatic assault rifle based on the original design of Mikhail Kalashnikov. They were originally manufactured in the Soviet Union but these rifles and their variants are now manufactured in many other countries.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) With reference to Polar-Areas Stellar-Imaging in Polarisation High-Accuracy Experiment (PASIPHAE), consider the following statements:

- 1. The survey is conducted by NASA and ISRO.
- 2. The survey will use two high-tech optical polarimeters to observe the northern and southern skies, simultaneously.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect: It is an international collaborative sky surveying project.

Statement 2 is correct.

Source: [Indian Express](#)

Q.6) Sydney Dialogue is related to which of the following?

- a) Disaster Risk management
- b) Cyber and critical technologies
- c) Development of Super computers
- d) Disarmament of nuclear weapons

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

Sydney Dialogue: It is an initiative of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. It is an annual summit of cyber and critical technologies to discuss the fallout of the digital domain on the law and order situation in the world.

Source: [India-ITU Joint Cyberdrill 2021 commences](#)

Q.7) With reference to Bacteriophages used in Phage therapy and antibiotics, consider the following statements:

1. Unlike antibiotics, bacteriophages are effective across a broad spectrum of infections.
2. They have relatively fewer side effects and almost always result in a cure.

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:** Bacteriophages are effective while antibiotics are effective across a broad spectrum of infections, making them easy to administer even if the exact pathogen has not been identified.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Given the targeted effectiveness of bacteriophages, these treatments have relatively fewer side effects and almost always result in a cure.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.8) With reference to Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), consider the following statements:

1. It can be transacted using wallets backed by the blockchain.
2. One of its drawbacks is the loss of seigniorage due to lower transaction costs.

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:** CBDC will result in higher seigniorage due to lower transaction costs.

Source: [Article](#)

International Relations

Q.1) Exercise 'Dosti' is a coast guard exercise between which of the following countries?

1. India
2. Sri Lanka
3. Myanmar
4. Maldives

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

Correct Answer C

Explanation

The 15th edition of the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise 'Dosti' involving India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka is underway in the Maldives.

Source : [Indian Express](#)

Q.2) With reference to the RIC grouping, consider the following statements:

1. The grouping was founded under the leadership of India.
2. All members of the grouping are nuclear powers.
3. India has never assumed the chairmanship of the grouping.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- 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 incorrect:** RIC (Russia-India-China) grouping was founded in the late 1990s under the leadership of Yevgeny Primakov, a Russian politician, as a counterbalance to the Western alliance.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** All three countries are nuclear powers.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India took over the chairmanship of RIC after the last meeting of the three foreign ministers in Russia in 2020.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) Global Cybersecurity Index is released by?

- a) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- b) World Bank (WB)
- c) Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS)
- d) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Correct Answer: A

- The index is released by ITU

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) World Migration Report, is released by which of the following organization:

- a) International Organization for Migration
- b) International Labor Organization
- c) Global Migration Group
- d) United Nation Development Programme

Correct Answer A

Explanation

Statement a is correct: It is a **biennial** report published by the “International Organization for Migration” (**IOM**) of the **UN**.

The report quoted the regular **data collation** by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (**IDMC**).

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) G20 Troika consists of which of the following countries?

- 1. India
- 2. China
- 3. Indonesia
- 4. Italy

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

- G20 consists of Indonesia, Italy, and India - the current, previous and incoming G20 Presidencies.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.6) With reference to International Telecommunication Union (ITU), consider the following statements:

- 1. Its membership is open to all member States of the United Nations.
- 2. It maintains a Master International Frequency Register (MIFR) containing all registered frequency assignments.

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.

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- Its membership is open to all Member States of the United Nations. There are currently 193 Member States of the ITU
- The Master International Frequency Register (MIFR) is the ITU database containing all registered frequency assignments. It is also known as the Master Register.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.7) With reference to **Global Gateway Plan**, consider the following statements:

1. The plan was envisaged by United Nations.
2. The plan aims to mobilise EURO 300 billion by 2027 in public and private infrastructure investment around the world.

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 plan was envisaged by European Commission. The EU will use its European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus to finance the project.

Statement 2 is correct.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.8) With reference to **India Young Water Professional Programme**, consider the following statements:

1. The programme aims to provide a structured platform for capacity building with strategic and long-term investment to support the water management reforms in India.
2. The Program will be implemented by the Israel - India Water Centre.

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 Program will be implemented by the Australia- India Water Centre (a consortium of Australian and Indian universities).

Source: [India Young Water Professional Programme Launched](#)

GEOGRAPHY

Q.1) Bab-el-Mandeb strait is connecting which of the following seas?

- a) Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea
- b) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden/Arabian Sea
- c) Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea
- d) Irish Sea & Atlantic Ocean

Correct Answer: B

Explanation



Source: [Seapower](https://www.seapower.com)

Q.2) With reference to Western Ghats, consider the following:

- 1. Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are the six Indian states covered by the Western Ghats.
- 2. Western Ghats are also known as Anaimalai hills and cardamom Hills in Kerala.

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.

Another name of western Ghats: Sahyadri in Maharashtra.

- Nilgiri hills in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- Anaimalai hills and Cardamom hills in Kerala.

Source: [DTE](https://www.dte.com)

Modern History-Personalities

Q.1) with reference to **Lachit Borphukan**, consider the following:

1. He was a commander in the erstwhile Ahom Kingdom.
2. Battle of Saraighat was won by Ahoms against the Mughals forces because of the leadership skills of Lachit Borphukan.

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.

Lachit Borphukan was a **commander in the erstwhile Ahom kingdom**. He is known for his leadership in the 1671 Battle of Saraighat that thwarted an attempt by Mughal forces to capture Assam.

He defeated the Mughal Army by brilliant uses of the terrain, guerrilla tactics, clever diplomatic negotiations to buy time, military intelligence and by exploiting the sole weakness of the Mughal forces—its navy.

Source: [PM pays tributes to Lachit Borphukan](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. He served as a first Indian MP in the British Parliament.
2. He is known as Grand Old man of India.
3. He was the founder of London India Society.
4. He acted as a mentor to Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Which of the above points, are talking about the personality mentioned below?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Vallabhbhai Patel
- c) Dadabhai Naoroji
- d) Ram Manohar Roy

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Statement c is correct:

About Dadabhai Naoroji: He is considered as Grand Oldman of India. Also, The **London India Society** was an Indian organization founded in London in March 1865 under the leadership of Dadabhai Naoroji and W.C. Banerjee.

As a British MP: He used the British institution to fulfil Indian interests. He passed a resolution in British Parliament to bring reforms in the Indian Civil Service.

As a mentor: He mentored Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Pherozesha Mehta, Romesh Chunder Dutt and other leaders.

Source: [Livemint](#)

Polity and Governance

Q.1) Which of the following is the presiding officer of the house:

- a) President of India
- b) Speaker
- c) Prime Minister of India
- d) Leader of opposition

Correct Answer B

Explanation

Statement b is correct: Since the Indian System of Government follows the Westminster Model, the Parliamentary proceedings of the country are headed by a presiding officer, who is called the Speaker.

Source: [Indian Express](#)

Q.2) Kothari commission, is related to which of the following:

- a) To examine the centre state relations.
- b) To suggest changes in electoral laws.
- c) To probe the Babri Masjid demolition.
- d) To examine all aspects of education sector in India.

Correct Answer D

Explanation

Statement d is correct: The Kothari Commission was appointed by the Government of India to overhaul the Indian Education sector.

Source: [Livemint](#)

Q.3) With reference to **Article 124 (4)**, of the constitution, consider the following:

1. It deals with the procedure to be followed in case of removal of a Supreme Court judge.
2. Judge of SC can only be removed on the grounds of proved misbehavior and incapacity.

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

The Constitution of India also provides a set of regulations for the removal of the Supreme Court judge. **Article 124(4)** mentions those Removal regulations of the Supreme court judge as follows:

A judge of the Supreme Court shall not be removed from his office except by an order of the President passed after an address by each House of Parliament supported by a majority of the total membership of that House and by a **majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of that House** present and voting has been presented to the president in same session for such removal on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.

Source: [Indian Express](#)

Q.4) Article 142 of the constitution is related to?

- a) It deals with enforcement of decrees and orders of the Supreme Court.
- b) Power of President to consult Supreme Court on question of law or public importance.
- c) It deals with Appellate jurisdiction of Supreme Court in appeals from High Courts in regard to civil matters.
- d) Courts not to inquire into proceedings of Parliament.

Correct Answer A

Explanation

Statement a is correct: Article 142 “provide(s) a unique power to the Supreme Court, to do “complete justice” between the parties, i.e., where at times law or statute may not provide a remedy, the Court can extend itself to put a quietus to a dispute in a manner which would befit the facts of the case.

Article 142(1) states that “The Supreme Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction may pass such decree or make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it, and any decree so passed or order so made shall be enforceable throughout the territory of India in such manner as may be prescribed by or under any law made by Parliament and, until provision in that behalf is so made, in such manner as the President may by order prescribe”.

Source: [Business Standard](#)

Q.5) With reference to 73rd Constitution Amendment Act, consider the following:

- 1. This Act made the Panchayati Raj institutions in the country constitutional bodies.
- 2. Article 243-B, made it compulsory for every state to establish panchayats in their territories.

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:

Features of this act are:

- This Act made the Panchayati Raj institutions in the country constitutional bodies.
- Under Article 243-B, it has become compulsory for every state to establish panchayats in their territories.
- Article 243-G makes it mandatory for the state governments to devolve powers, responsibilities and authority to the panchayats.
- The gram panchayats have a fixed tenure of 5 years.
- State election commissions have been provided with the mechanism to conduct independent elections to the village panchayats.
- Article 243-D gives provisions for the due representation of women and SC/STs.
- The State Finance Commission should also evaluate the financial position of the panchayats every five years.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.6) Freedom of speech and Expression, is associated which of the following constitution article:

- a) Article 17
- b) Article 19
- c) Article 21
- d) Article 14

Correct Answer B

Explanation

Statement b is correct: Article 19 guarantees six freedoms.

Speech and expression, Assembly, Association, Movement, Residence and Profession

Freedom of speech and expression: The State guarantees freedom of speech and expression to every person of India. However, the State can impose restrictions on the freedom of speech and expression in the interests of the integrity, security and sovereignty of the country, friendly relations with foreign nations, for public order, with respect to defamation, incitement to offence or contempt of court.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.7) With reference to Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2021, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Bill provides for the establishment of the National Registry of Clinics and Banks.
- 2. It also addresses the concerns of LGBTQ category for exercising the right of ART.
- 3. Child born through ART shall be deemed to be a biological child of the commissioning couple.

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:** One of the issues with the bill is that it doesn't address the concerns of LGBQ category wrt exercise of their ART rights.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.8) Right to Privacy, protected under which of the following constitution article:

- a) Article 17
- b) Article 20
- c) Article 21
- d) Article 22

Correct Answer C

Explanation:

Statement c is correct: Right to privacy is protected as **an intrinsic part of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21** and as a part of the freedoms guaranteed by Part III of the Constitution.

Source: [Livemint](#)

Q.9) With reference to **Joint Parliamentary Committee**, consider the following:

1. It is a permanent body.
2. Members of the committee belongs only from the Lok Sabha

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect: It is an adhoc body. It is set up for a given period of time and is aimed at addressing a specific issue.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Members are both from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

Source: [Livemint](#)

Q.10) With reference to **Constitution Day**, consider the following:

1. It is celebrated every year on 26th January.
2. It is celebrated to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution in 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: Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas is celebrated in India on November 26 every year. 26th November 2021, marked as India's 72nd Constitution Day.

Statement 2 is correct: Constitution Day is also known as National Law Day. The day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution in India.

On this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India formally adopted the Constitution of India that came into force on 26 January 1950.

Source: [Our constitution, A beacon of freedom](#)

Q.11) With reference to **Private member Bill**, consider the following statements:

1. An MP who is not a minister is a private member.
2. While a government Bill can be introduced and discussed on any day, a private member's bill can only be introduced and discussed on Fridays.

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: d

Explanation

Both statements are correct.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.12) With reference to Dam Safety Bill 2019, consider the following statements:

1. National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS) will ensure the nationwide implementation of dam safety policies and standards.
2. There is provision for an emergency flood warning system to address the safety concerns of downstream inhabitants.
3. India is the 3rd largest dam-owning nation in the world after China and USA.

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: B

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** NCDS will be constituted to help evolve uniform dam safety policies, protocols, and procedures, while NDSA (National Dam Safety Authority) will ensure the nationwide implementation of dam safety policies and standards.
- **Statement 2 & 3 are correct**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.13) With reference to CAG, consider the following:

1. It is a statutory body
2. The CAG is eligible for any further office after the end of their tenure.

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 is a constitutional body established under Article 148 of the Constitution of India. The Comptroller and Auditor General is appointed by the President of India and can be removed from office only in the manner and on the grounds that a Judge of the Supreme Court is removed.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The CAG is not eligible for any further office after the end of their tenure either in the Government of India or any State Government.

Source: [Did poor government handling in Kerala cause 2018 floods? Yes, says CAG](#)

ECONOMY

Q.1) With reference to India's first National MPI (multidimensional poverty index), consider the following statements:

1. The index uses the globally accepted and robust methodology developed for Global MPI.
2. Health dimension is given the maximum weightage as compared to dimensions in the index.
3. Index is based on the Findings of the fifth National Family Health Survey.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Health, education and standard of living, all three dimensions are given equal weightage in the index.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Index is based on the findings of fourth National family Health Survey.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) With reference to the recently released Public Sector Enterprise Policy, which of the following is/are classified as strategic sectors?

- Transport and telecommunications
- Banking and Insurance
- Power, Petroleum and Coal

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: D

Explanation

The policy classifies public sector commercial enterprises into the strategic and non-strategic sector:

Strategic Sector: There would be a maximum of four public sector companies in strategic sectors. State-owned firms in other segments would be privatized eventually.

The following 4 sectors are covered under strategic sectors:

- Atomic energy, Space and Defence
- Transport and Telecommunications
- Power, Petroleum, Coal, and other minerals
- Banking, Insurance, and financial services

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) With reference to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), consider the following statements:

1. It is an apex organisation under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. It is a statutory body.
3. One of its social objectives is to provide employment.

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:** KVIC is under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a statutory body established under Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** It has the following objectives – **1)** The social objective of providing employment, **2)** The economic objective of producing saleable articles, **3)** The wider objective of creating self-reliance amongst the poor and building up of a strong rural community spirit.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) Which of the following results will occur by practicing Natural Farming?

1. Increased Farmers Income.
 2. Decrease in yield.
 3. Eliminate the application of chemical inputs.
 4. Minimize the cost of production.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

Correct Answer C

Explanation

The Benefits of Natural Farming includes,

- a) Improves Yield
- b) Increased Farmers Income
- c) Minimize the cost of production
- d) Ensure better Health as less use of fertilizers and pesticides, reduces the incidence of non-communicable diseases
- e) Employment Generation
- f) Eliminate the application of chemical inputs
- f) Environment Conservation
- g) Reduce Water Consumption
- h) Rejuvenate Soil Health and
- i) resilience to the crops against weather extremities.

Source: [NITI Aayog organises knowledge sharing workshop on Natural Farming](#)

ART AND CULTURE

Q.1) Namda craft is associated with which of the following?

- a) Walnut wood carving
- b) Metal work
- c) Wall painting
- d) Carpet weaving

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

- Namda craft is a rug made of sheep wool through felting technique instead of normal weaving process

Source: [PIB](#)

GOVT SCHEMES AND PROGRAMS

Q.1) With reference to Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India (SPPEL), consider the following statements:

1. One of its objectives is to document and archive the country's languages that have become endangered or likely to be endangered in the near future.
2. All the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 speakers are categorised as Endangered languages.

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.

Explanation

- SPPEL Scheme was initiated by the Government of India in 2013.
- **Objective:** To document and archive the country's languages that have become endangered or likely to be endangered in the near future.
- The scheme is **monitored** by the **Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) located in Mysuru**, Karnataka.
- **Under the Scheme**, the CIIL works on the protection, preservation and documentation of all the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 speakers which are called endangered languages.

Source: [Article](#)

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

1. It is used in heat-resistant glass and ceramics, flux additives for iron, steel and aluminum production.
2. India is the largest producer of Lithium in the world.

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: At present, the largest producer of the lithium was Australia followed by Chile and China.

Source: [The mystery behind the high abundance of Lithium in some evolved stars traced](#)