

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation

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SCHEMES AND PROGRAMS

Q.1) With reference to North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. The scheme also covers projects related to social infrastructure relating to primary and secondary sectors of education and health.

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 NESIDS scheme:

- North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme(NESIDS) was approved by the Government of India as a Central Sector Scheme in 2017.
- The scheme aims to fill up the gaps in creation of infrastructure in specified sectors in North east till March,2020.
- The scheme will cover the projects of (a)physical infrastructure relating to water supply, power and connectivity enhancing tourism and (b)Social infrastructure relating to primary and secondary sectors of education and health.
- The funds under the scheme will be distributed among eight North Eastern States on the basis of well-defined criteria on certain parameters such as area, population , Human Development Index, road density among others.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) With reference to Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to promote engagement amongst the people of different states and Union Territories.
2. Ministry of Culture has been designated Nodal Ministry for coordination of the programme.

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:** Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal ministry for this scheme.

Source: [Article](#)

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Q.3) State Health Index is released by?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) National Council for Applied Economic Research
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) Centre for Public Policy Research

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- The index is released by NITI Aayog.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) With reference to Central Sector Scheme of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
2. The formation and promotion of FPOs are based on the Produce Cluster Area approach alone.

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: Under the scheme, the formation and promotion of FPOs are based on the Produce Cluster Area approach and specialized commodity-based approach. While adopting a cluster-based approach, the formation of FPOs will be focussed on “One District One Product” for the development of product specialization.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q.5) Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities was launched by which of the following Ministry/Organization?

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Source: [Azadi@75 Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities- Toolkit 2022: MoHUA launches roadmap to make Urban India ‘Garbage Free’](#)

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Q.6) With reference to ‘**Conformity Assessment Scheme (CAS) of milk products**, consider the following statements:

1. It has been developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) with the help of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
2. It has brought product and process certification under one umbrella with a unified logo.

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: [Prime Minister launches a Portal and Logo dedicated to the Conformity Assessment Scheme of milk products, in Varanasi](#)

Q.7) **Good Governance Index** was prepared by which of the following?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Department of Personnel and Training
- c) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
- d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Recently, the government released the Good Governance Index 2021 prepared by DARPG on Good Governance Day.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q.8) With reference to **State Energy Efficiency Index**, consider the following statements:

1. It tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency initiatives in both states and union territories.
2. It is developed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in association with Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE).

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 tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency (EE) initiatives in 36 states and union territories based on 97 significant indicators. It was first released in 2018.
- It is developed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in association with Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE).

Source: [Article](#)

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Q.9) With reference to **Godhan Nyay Yojana**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a scheme of Bihar Government.
2. Under the scheme, the government will procure cow dung from farmers at a fixed procurement rate.

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:** Chhattisgarh Government has launched 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' on the occasion of Hareli festival.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**

Source: [Natural farming: ICAR to research on, demonstrate and promote natural farming](#)

Q.10) With reference to **Gram Ujala scheme**, consider the following statements:

1. Under the scheme, LED bulbs will be distributed at a highly subsidised rate at ₹10 for household.
2. The scheme is implemented on a pan India basis.

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 scheme is implemented across villages in five states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Source: [CESL achieves 50 lakhs LED bulb distribution milestone under flagship Gram Ujala](#)

Q.11) With reference to **PM-YUVA Mentorship Scheme**, consider the following statements:

1. Its goal is to create a pool of authors below the age of 30 years who are ready to express themselves and project India on any international platforms.
2. NITI Aayog is the implementing agency for this 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

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** National Book Trust under the Ministry of Education is the implementing agency for this scheme.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.12) With reference to **E-AUSHADHI Platform Collaborative Campaign on Nutrition**, consider the following statements:

1. Under this campaign, herbal plants will be planted in Anganwadis, schools and kitchen gardens to ensure the easy availability of medicinal plants.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Rural Development.

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 launched by the Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Source: [Year end Review: Ministry of Ayush](#)

Q.13) With reference to **Jute-ICARE**, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched by National Jute Board (NJB).
2. The objective is to support the small and marginal jute growers with adequate pre- and post-harvesting operations.

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: [2021- A Year of Game Changing Reforms for Ministry of Textiles](#)

Q.14) Which of the following benefits occur in **offshore wind energy initiatives** in comparison with onshore wind energy plants?

1. Offshore wind turbines are more efficient.
2. Offshore wind turbines produce electricity when consumer demand is at its highest.
3. Offshore wind turbines have longer operating hours.
4. Offshore wind tariffs are lower.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Correct Answer C

Explanation

Statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct.

Offshore wind tariffs in India are expected to range between Rs 7-9 per unit, compared to Rs 2.8-2.9 per unit for onshore wind. This is due to the following reason, The action of waves and even high winds, particularly during storms or hurricanes, can damage wind turbines. Eventually, offshore wind farms require maintenance that is more costly and difficult to perform.

Source: [India has achieved its NDC target with total non-fossil based installed energy capacity of 157.32 GW which is 40.1% of the total installed electricity capacity](#)

Q.15) With reference to Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM), consider the following statements:

1. It is an alternative new model introduced for selling off the power by the renewable developers in the open market.
2. Contracts under GTAM would also include non-solar Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPOs)

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 an alternative new model introduced for selling off the power by the renewable developers in the open market without getting into long term PPAs.

- It aims to benefit buyers of RE through competitive prices and transparent and flexible procurement. Sellers will also be benefitted by getting access to Pan India Market.

The GTAM contracts will be segregated into Solar RPO(Renewable purchase obligation) & Non-Solar RPO.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.16) With reference to PM Yuva Mentorship Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is aimed at training 75 aspiring writers below 30 years.
2. A consolidated scholarship of Rs. 50,000 per month for a period of six months per author will be paid under this scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

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d) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Both the statements are correct.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q.17) With reference to **PM Ujjwala Yojana** consider the following statements:

1. It aims to replace the unclean cooking fuels mostly used in rural India with the clean and more efficient LPG(Liquefied Petroleum Gas).
2. The scheme is launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

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 the statements are correct.

Source: [Article](#)

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POLITY AND GOVERNANCE

Q.1) Mahajan Commission sometimes seen in news is associated with which of the following?

- a) Belgaum Border dispute
- b) Restructuring of Non-Performing Assets
- c) Civil Services reform
- d) Establishment of University Grants Commission

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- The government of India formed the Mahajan Commission under former chief justice Mehr Chand Mahajan in 1966. The Commission in its report granted 264 villages in the disputed region to Maharashtra and 247 villages to Karnataka. However, the commission ruled that the Belgaum should continue in Karnataka. While Maharashtra rejected the report, Karnataka demanded the status quo.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) With reference to Right to be Forgotten, consider the following statements:

1. The right is not recognized by law in India.
2. European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) provide for the right to erasure of certain categories of personal data.

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.

- The right is not recognised by law in India, but the courts have held it to be an intrinsic part of the right to privacy. Petitions across courts have been seeking enforcement of this right, but it is not yet backed by statute in India.
- The European Union in 2018 adopted the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Article 17 of which provides for the right to erasure of certain categories of personal data

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) Belgaum Border Dispute was recently seen in news. The dispute is related to which of the following states?

- a) Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
- c) Karnataka and Maharashtra
- d) Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

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Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Source: [Belgaum Border Dispute: Explained: Latest flashpoint in Belagavi border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka](#)

Q.4) With reference to online gaming, consider the following statements:

1. Goa and Sikkim prohibit any sort of gambling, betting or wagering on games of chance.
2. E-sports were earlier played privately or on consoles in video game shops but are now played online in an organised way.

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:** These states allow betting and gambling on games of chance.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** E-sports are the video games which, in the 1990s, were **played privately** or on consoles in video game shops but are **now played online** in an organised way between professional players, individually or as teams

Source: [Article](#)

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Q.1) With reference to Public Key Cryptography, consider the following statements:

1. It is a type of communication where people exchange messages that can only be read by one another.
2. Incoming messages are encrypted with the sender's public key.

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:** Public-key cryptography also called asymmetric cryptography is communication where people exchange messages that can only be read by one another.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Incoming messages are encrypted with the *recipient's public key* and can only be decrypted with their corresponding private key.

Source: [Article](#)

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

1. It was initially developed to treat influenza.
2. It works by introducing errors into the SARS-CoV-2 virus' genetic code.
3. India is the first country to approve the anti-viral COVID-19 pill.

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: D

Explanation

- **Statement 1 and 2 are correct**
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** UK is the first country to approve Molnupiravir.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) With reference to Taste the TV (TTTV), consider the following statements:

1. It is a prototype lickable TV screen that can imitate food flavours.
2. The TV uses a carousel(device that rotates) of 10 flavour canisters to create the taste of a particular 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 the statements are correct.

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

1. They are essential for the sexual reproduction of flowering plants.
2. Pollen can cause Atopic dermatitis in humans.

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.

- Pollen is a fine yellowish powder released by plants. They are essential for the sexual reproduction of flowering plants and plants that produce cones. Each pollen grain contains male gametes necessary for fertilisation.
- **Pollen** produced by plants are considered major outdoor airborne allergens responsible for allergic rhinitis, asthma, and atopic dermatitis in humans.
- **In India**, about 20-30% of the population suffers from allergic rhinitis/hay fever and approximately 15% develop asthma.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) With reference to SRIJAN Portal, consider the following statements:

1. It is an online portal that aims to promote indigenisation of defence items production by providing information about defence equipment.
2. It is an initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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 an initiative of Ministry of Defence.

Source: [Positive Indigenisation list: More defence systems to be locally manufactured](#)

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ECONOMY

Q.1) With reference to Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPRs), consider the following statements:

1. The International Energy Agency forbids trading of SPRs.
2. Japan has the highest global SPR capacity.

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:** The IEA forbids trading and typically allows release of stocks only during emergencies or supply shocks.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** USA has the highest global SPR capacity. Japan is at the second place and China is at the third position.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) With reference to Soybean meal, consider the following statements:

1. It is the by-product from petroleum industry.
2. It is an essential commodity under Essential Commodities Act 1955.

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: Soybean meal is the by-product of the extraction of soybean oil. It is the most important protein source used to feed farm animals. It is also used for human consumption in some countries.

Statement 2 is correct.

Source: [Centre declares Soya Meal as an Essential Commodity up to 30th June, 2022](#)

Q.3) With reference to Tokenization of card data, consider the following statements:

1. The customer data will not be stored with either the merchant or the payment aggregator.
2. Token will be an algorithmically generated and encrypted number.

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.

- Tokenization is a process of replacing actual card details with a unique alternate code called the 'token'. Sensitive customer data such as card number and CVV (card verification value) are replaced with an **algorithmically generated encrypted token**.
- Transactions can be done using the tokens without disclosing any sensitive customer details. **The customer data will, therefore, no longer be stored with either the merchant or the payment aggregator.**
- Tokens, if breached, will have little value for hackers since these are randomly generated numbers. RBI has made card tokenization mandatory from 1 January, 2022.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) Which of the following benefits occur to farmers while promoting **Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs)**?

1. Provide greater bargaining power.
2. Get low-cost and quality inputs.
3. Fragment land holding.
4. Realize higher returns.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Correct Answer D

Explanation

Since FPOs enlarge farmers in collective farming it can address productivity issues emanating from small and fragmented farm sizes.

Source: [Farmers Producer Organizations \(FPOs\) in India- Explained, pointwise](#)

Q.5) With reference to National Policy on Biofuels, consider the following statements:

1. It prohibits the use of surplus food grains for production of ethanol for blending with petrol.
2. It encourages setting up of supply chain mechanisms for biodiesel production from non-edible oilseeds.
3. It categorizes biodiesel as a basic biofuel.

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:** It allows use of surplus food grains for production of ethanol for blending with petrol with the approval of National Biofuel Coordination Committee.

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- **Statement 2 is correct:** It encourages setting up of supply chain mechanisms for biodiesel production from non-edible oilseeds, Used Cooking Oil, short gestation crops.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Policy categorizes biofuels as:
 - **Basic biofuels-** First Generation (1G) bioethanol and; biodiesel
 - **Advanced Biofuels-** Second Generation (2G) ethanol, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) to drop-in fuels, Third Generation (3G) biofuels, bio-CNG etc.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.6) With reference to **Energy Efficiency Enterprise(E3) Certification Programme for the Brick manufacturing Sector**, consider the following statements:

1. The Programme encourages customers to source bricks from such E3 certified manufacturing units.
2. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will provide certification.

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: Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) will provide certification.

Source: [Year End Review 2021 – Ministry of Power](#)

Q.7) With reference to eNAM, consider the following statements:

1. It networks the existing APMC mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
2. Implementation is being done by Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC).

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 pan-India electronic trading portal which networks the existing APMC mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
- **Implementation:** Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

Source: [Article](#)

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Q.8) With reference to Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), consider the following statements:

1. It is a component of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).
2. It focuses mainly on individuals engaged in unregulated sectors.

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.

- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a component of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). It is a skill certification component to enable Indian youth to take on industry relevant skill certification which will help them to secure a better livelihood.
- Individuals with prior learning experience or skills can register themselves and get assessed and certified under the RPL. It focuses mainly on individuals engaged in unregulated sectors.

Source: [Article](#)

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Art and Culture

Q.1) With reference to **Apatani tribe**, consider the following statements:

1. These tribes belong to Arunachal Pradesh.
2. The traditional handloom of this tribe is a type of loin loom, which is called Chichin.

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: [Plea seeks GI tag for Arunachal Apatani textile product](#)

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

1. It is a kind of sculpture modelling.
2. This art was introduced by the Portuguese 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:** It is a wall art found in Konkan region, especially in temples of Goa, parts of coastal Maharashtra and Karnataka.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The art was introduced by the Portuguese who ruled Goa until 1961.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) With reference to **Tai Khamti people**, consider the following statements:

1. They people follow Theravada Buddhism.
2. Presently they reside in the areas including Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

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.

- Tai Khamti people follow Theravada Buddhism. Their population is a little more than 1,00,000, and they live in areas straddling Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

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Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) Dree festival is celebrated by which of the following tribes?

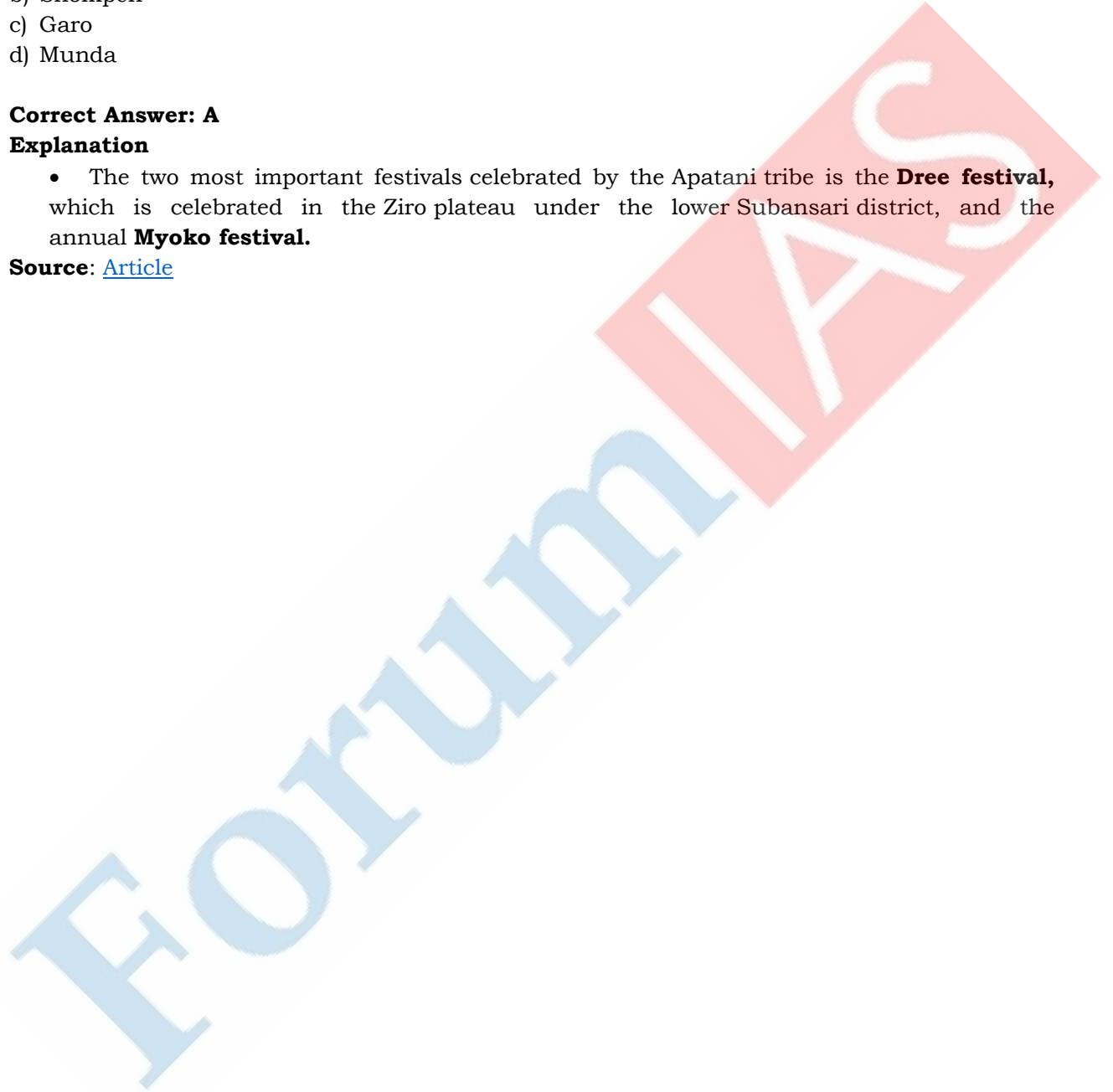
- a) Apatani
- b) Shompen
- c) Garo
- d) Munda

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- The two most important festivals celebrated by the Apatani tribe is the **Dree festival**, which is celebrated in the Ziro plateau under the lower Subansari district, and the annual **Myoko festival**.

Source: [Article](#)



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International Relations

Q.1) With reference to **Nord Stream 2 pipeline**, consider the following statements:

1. It is an offshore natural gas pipeline being constructed from Russia to Germany.
2. It is built across the Caspian Sea.

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 built across the Baltic Sea.

Source: [A whiff of trouble in the Nord Stream pipeline](#)

Q.2) **Global Cybersecurity Index(GCI)** was released by which of the following organisation?

- a) Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- b) International Telecommunication Union
- c) Norton by Symantec
- d) World Economic Forum

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

Source: [YEAR END REVIEW-2021: DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS](#)

Q.3) With reference to **Counter-Terrorism Committee of UNSC**, consider the following statements:

1. It was established in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks in the US.
2. India will chair the Counter-Terrorism Committee in 2022 for the first time.

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: India will chair the Counter-Terrorism Committee of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in January 2022 after 10 years.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q.4) **Euromaidan movement** was sometime seen in news. It is related to which of the following?

- a) Enactment of Environmentally friendly policies in Europe.

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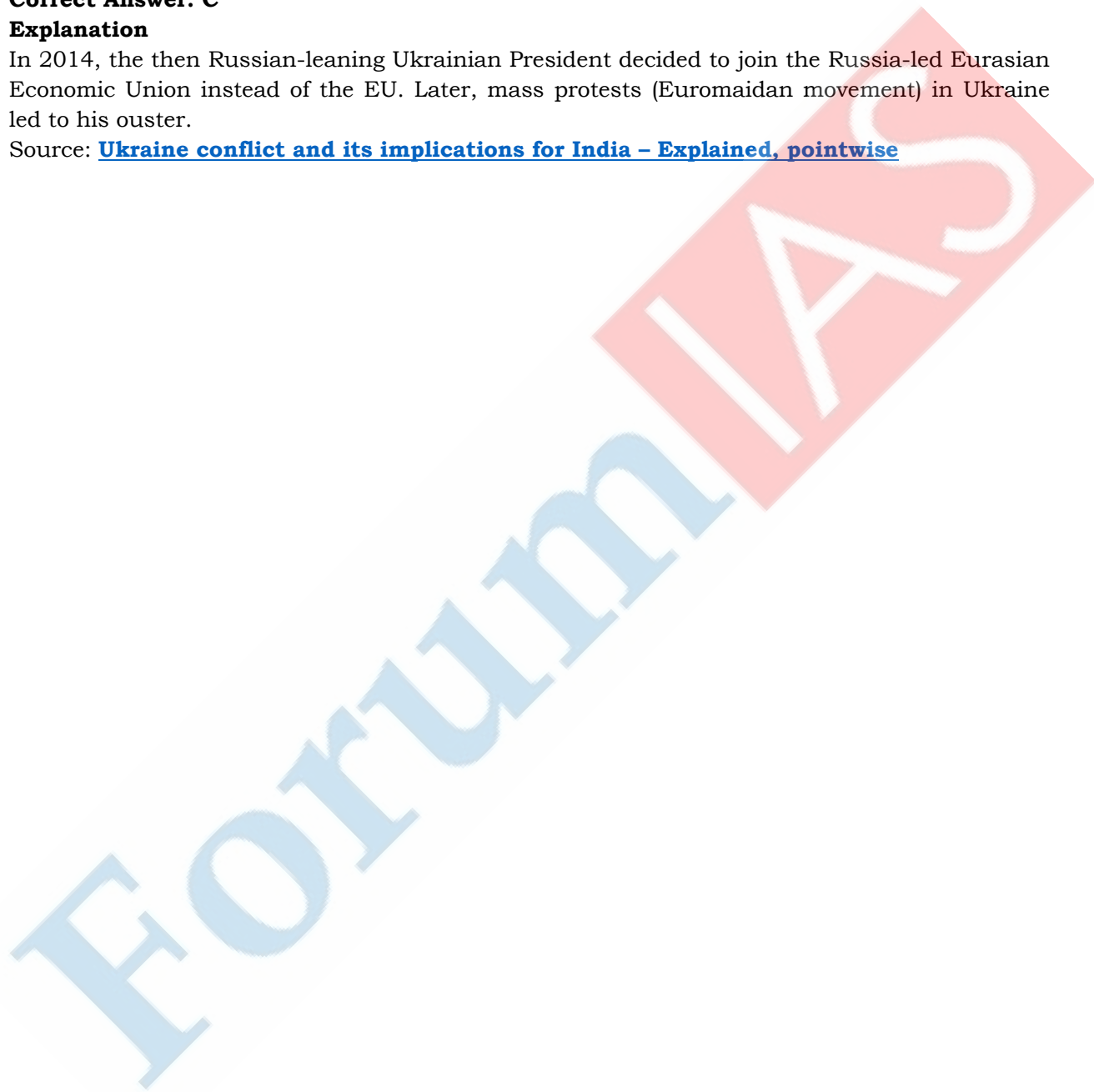
- b) Overcoming European Superiority in Japan.
- c) Removal of Pro-Russian President in Ukraine.
- d) Providing first priority to European Union in external relations of the US.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

In 2014, the then Russian-leaning Ukrainian President decided to join the Russia-led Eurasian Economic Union instead of the EU. Later, mass protests (Euromaidan movement) in Ukraine led to his ouster.

Source: [Ukraine conflict and its implications for India – Explained, pointwise](#)



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Bills, Acts and Regulations

Q.1) With reference to **Foreign Contribution Regulation (Amendment), Act 2020**, consider the following statements:

1. The act states that foreign contributions must be received only in an FCRA account opened in the State Bank of India, New Delhi Branch.
2. The Act increases administrative expenses through foreign funds by an organisation to 50% from 20%.
3. The amendment forbids sub-granting by NGOs to smaller NGOs who work at the grassroots.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Act decreases administrative expenses through foreign funds by an organisation to 20% from 50% earlier.

Statement 1 and 3 is correct.

Source: [Foreign Contribution \(Regulation\) Act and NGOs – Explained, pointwise](#)

Q.2) With reference to the **Data Protection Authority proposed under the Personal Data Protection Bill**, consider the following statements:

1. It would be a statutory regulatory authority.
2. It will have the powers of a civil court to call for information from data fiduciaries.
3. Regulations drafted by the authority, to carry out the provisions of the bill, will have the force of the 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.

- The bill recommends setting up of a **statutory regulatory authority (SRA)** called Data protection authority.
- DPA can **draft regulations** to carry out the provisions of the Bill. These will have force of law. This also means that most of the obligation and rights related to data protection will be based on these regulations and not on the parliamentary law.
- It has the power and the duty to promote **good data protection practices** and also facilitate their **compliance**

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- Some chapters of the bill also have an all-encompassing omnibus general clause which give **wide powers to DPA**.
- **Judicial or quasi-judicial powers:** DPA will have the **powers of a civil court** to call for information, as well as conduct inquiries on data fiduciaries. It can under extreme cases even deny the right of any entity to carry out the business of a **data fiduciary**.

Source: [Article](#)

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GEOGRAPHY

Q.1) Port Maputo sometimes seen in news is located in which of the following countries?

- a) Madagascar
- b) Mauritius
- c) Maldives
- d) Mozambique

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

- India sent food aid through **INS Kesari (landing ship tank)** to Mozambique under the eight edition of **Mission Sagar**. It was delivered at **Port Maputo** of Mozambique.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) Devi River is a tributary of which of the following rivers?

- a) Mahanadi
- b) Godavari
- c) Krishna
- d) Narmada

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- It is one of the principal distributaries of Mahanadi. It flows through Jagatsinghpur district and Puri district across Odisha state in India and joins the Bay of Bengal.

Source: [Article](#)

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Modern History

Q.1) Consider the following statements:

1. In England, he organized a secret society called 'Lotus and Dagger'.
2. He was associated with the Journals and periodicals like the 'Jugantar' and Bande Mataram.
3. Some of his important writings are the Life Divine, Savitri, Essay on the Gita.

Which of the below personalities are linked with the points mentioned above:

- a) R C Dutt
- b) Aurobindo Ghose
- c) Bipin Chandra Pal
- d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Correct Answer: b

Explanation

Source: [Indian Express](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. He propounded a philosophy of divine life on earth through spiritual evolution.
2. He was imprisoned in 1908 Alipore Bomb case.
3. Savitri: A Legend and a Symbol is an epic poem written by him.

Which of the above statements are referring to the names mentioned below:

- a) Barindra Ghose
- b) Sri Aurobindo
- c) Lala Lajpat Rai
- d) Mahatma Gandhi

Correct Answer B

Explanation

Statement b is correct: Aurobindo Ghose was born in Calcutta on 15th August 1872. He was a yogi, seer, philosopher, poet, and Indian nationalist **who propounded a philosophy of divine life on earth** through spiritual evolution.

• **Literary Works:**

- An English newspaper called **Bande Mataram (in 1905)**.
- Bases of Yoga
- Bhagavad Gita and Its Message
- The Future Evolution of Man
- Rebirth and Karma
- Savitri: A Legend and a Symbol
- Hour of God

Source: [PIB](#)

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Environment

Q.1) With reference to **Olive Ridley turtles**, consider the following statements:

1. These are the smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world.
2. The grouping of Male turtles in sea is called as Arribada.

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: Olive ridley turtles have a unique habit of mass nesting called Arribada. Under this, thousands of female turtles come together on the same beach to lay eggs.

The Odisha coast has three arribada beaches at Gahirmatha, the mouth of the Devi river, and in Rushikulya, where about 1 lakh nests are found annually.

Source: [Olive Ridley turtles: Turtle trail to get a boost with mass tagging mission](#)