

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ BY FORUMIAS.*

Schemes and Programs

Q.1) With reference to Sahodaya School Complex Concept, consider the following statements:

1. Under this concept, groups of neighborhood schools voluntarily come together to share their innovative practices in all aspects of school education.
2. It was first mooted by the Education Commission, 1966.

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.

- Sahodaya School Complex is a concept literally meaning 'rising together'.
- This concept was first mooted by the Education Commission, 1966. The National Policy on Education, 1966 also reiterated in strong words the need for promoting school complexes for meeting the quality of education.
- Further, the Sahodaya concept was then concretised and developed by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in 1986 to facilitate the synergy of ideas among the schools of CBSE for excellence in education.
- Under this concept, groups of neighbourhood schools voluntarily come together to share their innovative practices in all aspects of school education including curriculum design, evaluation, and pedagogy and also providing support services for teachers and students.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) With reference to the SMILE-Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise, consider the following statements:

1. It is aimed primarily towards rehabilitation of BPL (below poverty line) families.
2. Scheme includes education of the beneficiaries as one of its provisions.

Which of the statements given above 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-** This is an umbrella scheme of **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** which covers several comprehensive measures including **welfare measures for both transgender persons and persons who are engaged in the act of begging.**
- **Statement 2 is correct-** It has provisions focussing extensively on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, education, skill development, economic linkages etc with the support of State Governments/UTs/Local Urban Bodies, Voluntary Organizations.

Source- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1786263>

Q.3) With reference to the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme, which of the following statements are correct?

1. The scheme offers financial incentives for both domestic as well as foreign companies
2. It is aimed at making India self-reliant in manufacturing of EV batteries.
3. Department of science and technology will serve as the nodal agency for implementation of the DLI scheme.

Select the correct answer using the given code below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) None of the above
- d) 1 only

Correct Answer- C

Explanation

- **Statement 1 and 2 are incorrect-** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has invited applications from 100 **domestic companies, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** as well as startups for incentives under the design linked incentive (DLI) scheme. (**Not Foreign companies**). An applicant must **meet the Threshold and Ceiling Limits** to be eligible for disbursement of incentives under the Scheme.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect-** **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)** will act as the nodal agency for the implementation of the DLI scheme.

Source- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1790346>

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

1. It pertains to the atmospheric science programs of the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. It addresses different aspects of weather and climate services including warnings for cyclones, storm surges, heatwaves etc.

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 ACROSS scheme pertains to the atmospheric science programs of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme addresses different aspects of weather and climate services which includes warnings for cyclones, storm surges, heatwaves, thunderstorms among others.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) With reference to Smart Cities Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. There is no standard definition or template of a smart city.

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

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Both statements are correct.

- **What is the Smart Cities Mission?**
 - **The Smart Cities Mission** was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in 2015.
 - **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- **What is a Smart City?**
 - There is no standard definition or template of a smart city. In the context of our country, the six fundamental principles on which the concept of Smart Cities is based are:

Source: [Article](#)

Q.6) Justice Tarkunde Committee sometimes in news is associated with?

- a) Digital Surveillance
- b) Electoral reforms
- c) Disinvestment
- d) Unemployment and public welfare

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- Jayprakash Narayan on behalf of the Citizens For Democracy had appointed Tarkunde Committee to study and report on scheme for electoral reforms in 1974.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.7) With reference to Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar, consider the following statements:

1. It has been instituted by NITI Aayog.
2. It is open to all categories of schools including the Private schools in both rural and urban areas.

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: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The award has been instituted by Ministry of Education.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The award is open to all categories of schools. i.e. Government, Government aided and Private schools in both rural and urban areas.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.8) With reference to Solar Hydrogen Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched during the International Solar Alliance (ISA) assembly.
2. The programme aims to produce emission-free fuel at \$2 per kg, which is much lower than the current \$5 per kg.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Both statements are correct.

Source: [Government initiatives to tap green energy: Centre explodes plan to run ships fully on clean energy](#)

Q.9) With reference to **hate speech**, consider the following:

1. K Viswanathan Committee recommended a stricter law to curb online hate speech.
2. India has a specialized legislation to govern hate speech.

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

Source: [Hate speech in the time of free speech](#)

Q.10) With reference to **International Cooperation Scheme**, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme can be availed both by Central or State Government Organizations.
2. It is being implemented by Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The scheme can be availed by (a) Central or State Government Organisations (b) Enterprise of Industry Associations and (c) registered societies or Trusts and Organisations which are associated with promoting and developing MSME.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** it is being implemented by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Source: [Article](#)

Q.11) With reference to **District Skill Committees (DSCs)**, consider the following statements:

1. They function under the guidance of State Skill Development Missions (SSDM).
2. They are headed by the Collector.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

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

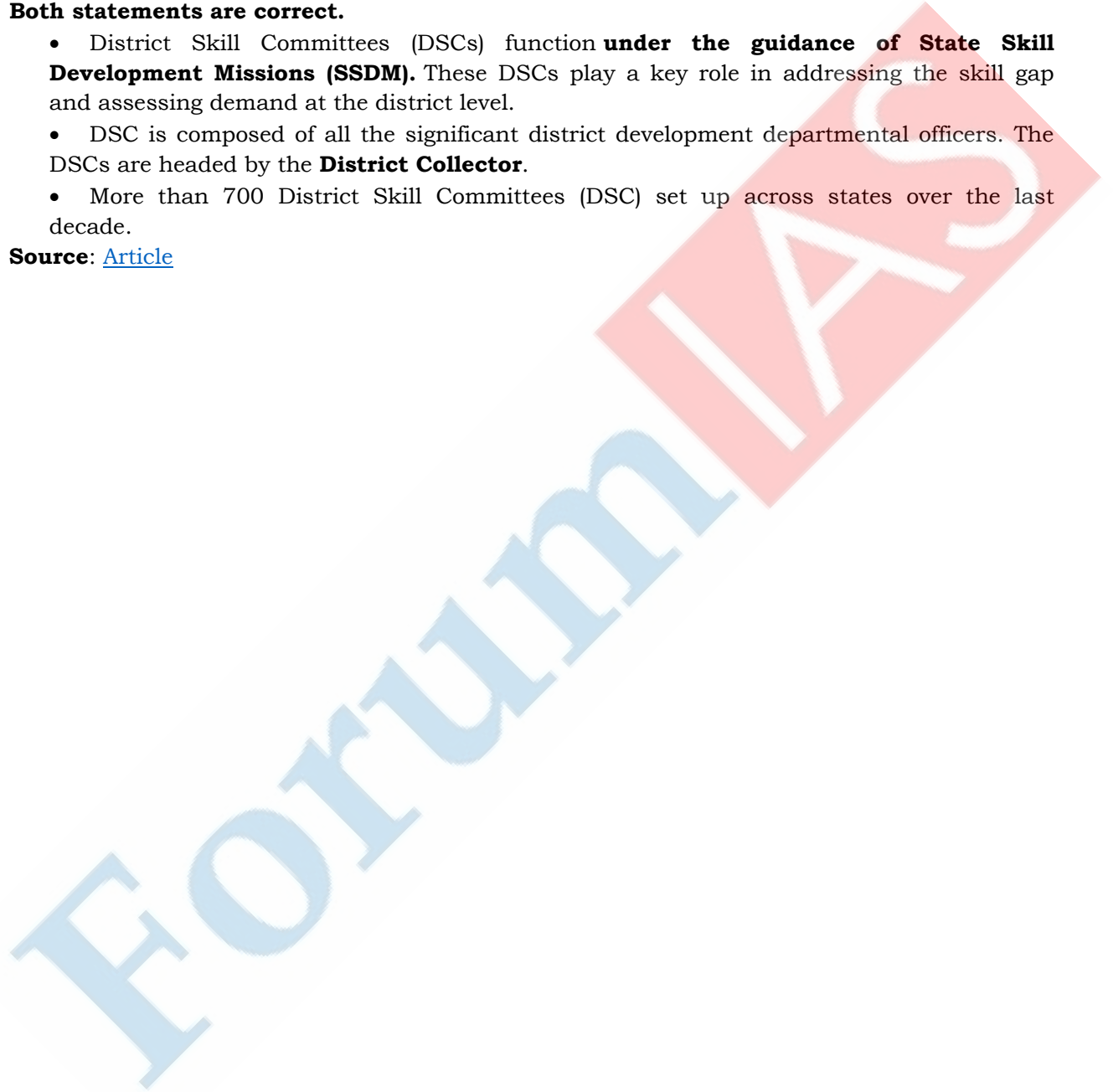
Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Both statements are correct.

- District Skill Committees (DSCs) function **under the guidance of State Skill Development Missions (SSDM)**. These DSCs play a key role in addressing the skill gap and assessing demand at the district level.
- DSC is composed of all the significant district development departmental officers. The DSCs are headed by the **District Collector**.
- More than 700 District Skill Committees (DSC) set up across states over the last decade.

Source: [Article](#)



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Q.1) With reference to baricitinib and sotrovimab, consider the following statements:

1. Baricitinib suppress the overstimulation of the immune system.
2. World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended their use for treatment of COVID 19.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: c

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Only Baricitinib is part of a class of drugs called Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors. The drug suppress the overstimulation of the immune system and used to treat rheumatoid arthritis.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The World Health Organisation(WHO) has recommended these two drugs, for treatment of Covid-19.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) Gap junction delta 2b sometimes seen in news is a?

- a) A specific type of protein found in Zebrafish
- b) Gap between two electrons in a semiconductor
- c) Cold fusion nuclear reactor developed by China
- d) Deepest point in Pacific Ocean

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- A particular type of protein in the cerebellum of zebrafish

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) With reference to Piezoelectric Effect, consider the following statements:

1. It is the ability of certain materials to generate an electric charge in response to applied mechanical stress.
2. One of the unique characteristics of the piezoelectric effect is that it is irreversible.

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 effect is reversible in nature, meaning that materials exhibiting the direct piezoelectric effect (the generation of electricity when stress is applied) also exhibit the converse piezoelectric effect (the generation of stress when an electric field is applied).

Source: [Article](#)

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Q.3) Desulfovibrio vulgaris sometimes seen in news is a?

- a) Bacteria employed in cleaning of marble statues
- b) Parasite that attaches itself to the insides of the intestines of animals.
- c) Fungus native to grasslands in Europe and North America.
- d) Blue-green algae found in many lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- It is a type of bacteria which was first used in 1980s to clean a marble monument at the Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, USA.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) With reference to ISRO's space missions, consider the following:

1. Trishna is the upcoming collaborative mission between ISRO and NASA.
2. India's first satellite was Bhaskara.

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:

NISAR is the upcoming collaborative mission between ISRO and NASA.

Trishna: It stands for Thermal Infrared Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural resource Assessment. It is a joint mission of ISRO and CNES, the French space agency. It is meant for accurate mapping of land surface temperature. It is scheduled for a 2024 launch.

India's first satellite was Aryabhata.

Source: Yojana

Q.5) With reference to Aditya L1 mission, consider the following:

1. The mission aims to study the sun's atmosphere.
2. It is launched by NASA.

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: Aditya-L1 is the India's first dedicated scientific mission, which aims to send a satellite to study sun's chromosphere. The objective of the mission is to study the dynamic nature of the sun's outer most layers, the corona and the chromosphere.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is the mission of ISRO.

Source: [Article](#)

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Q.6) With reference to **eDNA or Environmental DNA**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a nuclear or mitochondrial DNA that is released from an organism into the environment.
2. Sources of eDNA include faeces, mucus, gametes, shed skin, carcasses and hair.

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: [DNA from air may help identify, track animals in the wild: Studies](#)

Q.7) Which of the following is/are the possible effects of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

1. Reducing the cost of doing business.
2. Curb digital monopolies.
3. Elimination of middleman like small retailers.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** ONDC does not eliminate the middlemen like small retailers, instead it provides a way to them, to get discovered online. It is an open model where consumers can potentially discover any seller, product or service nearby, using any ONDC compatible application or platform, thus increasing freedom of choice for consumers. Consumer can thus choose a nearby retailer for the faster delivery.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.8) With reference to Brahmos Missile, consider the following statements:

1. It is the joint collaboration between India and USA.
2. It operates on the Fire and Forget principle.
3. The missile can fly at a speed which is almost three times the speed of sound.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

Correct Answer C

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is the joint collaboration between India and Russia.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It operates on the "Fire and Forgets" principle i.e it does not require further guidance after launch

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- **Statement 3 is correct:** Brahmos is one of the fastest cruise missile currently operationally deployed with speed of Mach 2.8, which is nearly 3 times more than the speed of sound.

Source: [Article](#)

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Environment

Q.1) Consider the following States:

1. Chhattisgarh
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Himachal Pradesh
4. Uttarakhand

With reference to the States mentioned above, in terms of percentage of forest cover to the total area of State, which one of the following is the correct ascending order?

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

Correct Answer- A

Explanation

Name of State	Percentage of forest cover to total area
Chhattisgarh	41.21
Madhya Pradesh	25.14
Himachal Pradesh	27.73
Uttarakhand	45.44

Source- <https://fsi.nic.in/isfr-2021/chapter-2.pdf>

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

1. It is classified as Near Threatened in the IUCN Red list.
2. It is listed under Appendix II of CITES and thus banned from international trade.

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 species is endemic to a distinct tract of forests in Andhra Pradesh. It was classified as 'near threatened' in 2018 and has now joined the 'endangered' list once again in 2021.

Statement 2 is correct: It is listed under Appendix II of CITES and is banned from international trade. The harvest of the tree is also restricted at the state level, but despite this illegal trade continues.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q.3) Which of the following countries form a part of the Central Asian Flyway?

1. Maldives
2. India
3. Russia

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

- A flyway is a geographical region within which a single or a group of migratory species completes its annual cycle – breeding, moulting, staging and non-breeding. Central Asian Flyway (CAF) covers a large area of Eurasia between the Arctic and Indian Oceans. It is one of the nine most important flyways of migratory birds around the world.
- Including India, there are 30 countries under the Central Asian Flyway. It extends from the northernmost breeding grounds in the **Russian Federation (Siberia)** to the southernmost non-breeding (wintering) grounds in **West and South Asia**, the **Maldives** and **British Indian Ocean Territory**.

Source: [Article](#)

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

1. It is a scavenging bird found in the hills of Eastern and Western Ghats.
2. It is listed as Vulnerable in the IUCN red list of 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: D

Explanation

Both statements are incorrect.

- Black eagle is a **hunter** and not a scavenging bird found in the hills of Eastern and Western Ghats and the Himalayan foothills.
- The species is almost entirely black that can grow up to 81 cm. It has a grey-yellow beak with a black tip and yellow feet.
- **IUCN Status:** Least Concern (LC)

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) Pakke Tiger Reserve sometimes seen in news is located in which of the following states?

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Assam

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- Pakke Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh. As per the India State of the Forest Report 2021, it has the highest forest cover, at nearly 97%, amongst the tiger reserves.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.6) Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary sometimes seen in news is located in which of the following?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Bihar
- d) Jharkhand

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- The *Hastinapur Wild Life Sanctuary*, lies alongside the Northern tip of the River Ganga in Uttar Pradesh, flowing thru the districts of Muzzafarnagar and Bijnore. The sanctuary extends all the way to the districts of Hapur and Amroha. The regions of Khaadar, Khola and Bangar are also assimilated in the total spread of the sanctuary.

Source: [Article](#)

Art and culture

Q.1) Jallikattu Festival, belongs to which of the Indian state:

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Karnataka

Correct Answer C

Explanation

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.2) With reference to National Youth Festival (NYF), consider the following statements:

- 1. It has been conducted since independence.
- 2. It is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with one of the State Governments.

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:** NYF has been conducted since 1995
- **Statement 2 is correct**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) With reference to Jallikattu, consider the following statements:

- 1. An ancient reference to Jallikattu is found in a seal discovered at Mohenjodaro.
- 2. It is considered a traditional way for the peasant community to preserve their pure-breed native bulls.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: c

Explanation

Both statements are correct.

Source: [Jallikattu banned in Vellore, nearby districts ahead of Pongal as COVID-19 cases see spike](#)

ECONOMY

Q.1) With reference to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), consider the following statements:

1. It is an apex organization established under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. It is a statutory body.
3. The raw materials for Khadi can be cotton, silk, or wool.

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 is an apex organisation 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:** Khadi refers to hand-spun and hand-woven cloth. The raw materials may be cotton, silk, or wool, which are spun into threads on a charkha. Khadi was launched in 1920 as a political weapon in the Swadeshi movement of Mahatma Gandhi.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) Cavallo Effect sometimes seen in news is associated with?

- a) The inflation-producing effects of high interest rates.
- b) Relation of demographic dividend with decline in fertility.
- c) Gain in tax revenue with decrease in tax rates.
- d) Variation in spending on a certain good with variations in household income.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- The inflation-producing effects of high interest rates is called the 'Cavallo effect'. This idea suggests that inflation is associated with cost-push factors, such as high interest rates, which boost the cost of working capital and thus make the production cost higher.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) With reference to Natural Farming, consider the following statements:

1. It involves chemical-free farming and livestock-based farming methods.
2. Natural farming is also called as Organic farming.

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:** In organic farming the soil is replenished by applying organic manure like cow dung. But since cow dung contains very little nitrogen, massive amounts have to be applied, which may be difficult for a farmer to arrange.
 - Natural farming works on the principle that there is no shortage of nutrients in soil, air and water, and healthy soil biology can unlock these nutrients.
 - Organic farming is more about certification, while natural farming is a gradual process. But, there is relative flexibility in natural farming for adoption. This makes it easier for small farmers to transition.

Source: [Natural Farming – process, advantages and challenges – Explained, pointwise](#)

Q.4) Which of the following is/are the benefits of having bullet train/High-speed Rail in India?

1. Adoption of new technologies.
2. Improve India's GDP.
3. Decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

All statements are correct.

Source: [High-Speed Rail Project and its challenges in India – Explained, pointwise](#)

Q.5) With reference to Free Trade Agreements, consider the following:

1. Under FTAs, two or more countries or trading blocs primarily agree to reduce or eliminate customs tariff and non-tariff barriers on substantial trade between them.
2. FTAs and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs), both maintain a positive list of products on which duty is to be reduced.

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:** FTAs are arrangements between two or more countries or trading blocs that primarily agree to reduce or eliminate customs tariff and non-tariff barriers on substantial trade between them, but (in contrast to a common market) capital or labor may not move freely.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CAMPAIGNS – ORGANIZATIONS

Q.1) With reference to the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) consider the following statements:

1. SDR is neither a currency nor a claim on the IMF.
2. Private parties cannot hold Special Drawing Rights (SDR).
3. International Monetary Fund (IMF) gives equal weightage to the basket of currencies to determine SDR value.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) None

Correct Answer- b

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct-** SDR is neither a currency nor a claim on the IMF. Rather, it is a potential claim on the freely usable currencies of IMF members. SDRs can be exchanged for these currencies.
- **Statement 2 is correct-** SDRs cannot be held by private entities or individuals.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect-** All the five currencies (Chinese yuan, US dollar, euro, Japanese yen, and British pound sterling) have different weightage with the US dollar having the highest weightage.

Source- <https://www.imf.org/en/About/Factsheets/Sheets/2016/08/01/14/51/Special-Drawing-Right-SDR>

GEOGRAPHY

Q.1) Consider the following pairs:

Regions sometimes mentioned in news : Country/Continent

Abyei	Africa
Bagram	Iran
Natanz	Afghanistan

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Correct Answer- C

Explanation

Abyei is a border town that is disputed between South Sudan and Sudan. India next month will send an infantry battalion for UN peacekeeping to the region.



Bagram Airfield is a Taliban military base, and formerly the largest US military base in Afghanistan.



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Natanz is situated in Iran and also houses a nuclear enrichment facility.



Source- <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-to-send-a-battalion-for-peacekeeping-ops-in-africa/articleshow/88939315.cms>

Q.2) Arrange the following countries from North to South:

1. Mexico
2. EL Salvador
3. Guatemala

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

• The correct order from North to South is: Mexico – Guatemala – El Salvador
El Salvador has been in news since it adopted Bitcoin as legal tender. Moreover, Yucatan peninsula was also in news recently wrt Mayan civilization.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, in news, belongs to which of the following Indian state:

- a) Haryana
- b) Punjab
- c) Delhi
- d) Rajasthan

Correct Answer C

Explanation

Statement c is correct: The Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the Southern Delhi Ridge, Shooting Range Road, Tulaghubad, New Delhi

Source: [TOI](#)

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

1. The river originates in Chemayungdung glacier near Mansarovar lake.
2. Mahakali Treaty signed between India and Nepal recognizes the Mahakali River as a boundary river between the two countries.
3. It joins Ghaghra River, a tributary of the Ganges.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect: The river originates at Kalapani in the Himalayas in the Pithoragarh district in Uttarakhand.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct.

Source: [New bridge to connect India, Nepal to come up in Dharchula](#)

Q.5) With reference to **Alps mountain range**, consider the following statements:

1. The Alps Mountain chain in Europe is the most densely populated mountainous region in the world.
2. Aconcagua is the highest peak in the Alps mountain range.

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: Aconcagua is a mountain of the Andes mountain range, in Mendoza Province, Argentina. It is the highest mountain in the Americas, the highest outside Asia. Mont Blanc is the highest peak of the Alps.

Source: [Raksha mantri Shri Rajnath Singh flags-in India's First multidimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by NIMAS in France](#)

Q.6) Arrange the following countries from North to South:

1. Kenya
2. Ethiopia
3. Tanzania

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

The correct order is: Ethiopia – Kenya – Tanzania

- Kenya was in news recently. The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has signed a Joint Development Agreement with Africa50 to develop the Kenya Transmission Project.

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Source: [Article](#)

Q.7) With reference to **Aravalis**, consider the following:

1. They are the fault mountains.
2. They run in South west direction starting near Delhi and passing through Haryana, Rajasthan and ending in Gujarat.

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: Aravalli Range is one of the most popular mountain ranges and the oldest fold mountain ranges in the world which stretching about 300 miles from the northeast to the southwest.

Statement 2 is correct: The **Aravalli Range** (also spelled *Aravali*) is a mountain range in Northern-Western India, running approximately 670 km (430 mi) in a south-west direction, starting near Delhi, passing through southern Haryana and Rajasthan, and ending in Gujarat. The highest peak is Guru Shikhar at 1,722 metres (5,650 ft)

Source: [TOI](#)

Polity and Governance

Q.1) Hyderabad Declaration was recently seen in news. It is related to which of the following?

- a) Climate change
- b) e-Governance
- c) E-mobility
- d) Infrastructure

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

In the 24th National Conference on e-Governance the 'Hyderabad Declaration' on e-Governance was adopted. The declaration aims to bring citizens and governments closer through digital platforms and transform citizen services through the use of technology.

Source: [24th National Conference on e-Governance 2021 successfully concludes at Hyderabad](#)

Q.2) Mekedatu dam issue is seen in news recently. It is a dispute between which of the following states?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.3) Article 212 of the Indian constitution, is related to which of the following:

- a) Courts not to inquire into the proceedings of the legislature.
- b) Ordinance making power of Governor.
- c) Appointment and conditions of the office of a Judge of a High Court.
- d) Transfer of a Judge from one High Court to another.

Correct Answer A

Explanation

Statement a is correct: under Article 212, courts do not have jurisdiction to inquire into the proceedings of the legislature.

Source: [Indian express](#)

Q.4) With reference to **Law Commission of India**, consider the following:

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. The recommendations of law commission are binding on the government.

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

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Explanation

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Law Commission is neither a statutory nor a constitutional body. The Law Commission is an executive body which is established by the government for a fixed tenure.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Commission submits reports to the government on various matters of a legal nature. The reports are not binding on the government, which can either reject or accept them.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.5) Article 19 of the constitution, is related to which of the following:

- Right to Freedom
- Right to Equality
- Right against exploitation
- Right to Freedom of religion

Correct Answer A

Statement A is correct: There are six fundamental rights of Indian Constitution along with the constitutional articles related to them are mentioned below:

- Right to Equality (Article 14-18)
- Right to Freedom (Article 19-22)
- Right against Exploitation (Article 23-24)
- Right to Freedom of Religion (Article 25-28)
- Cultural and Educational Rights (Article 29-30)
- Right to Constitutional Remedies (Article 32)

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.6) With reference to Central Institute of Classical Tamil, consider the following statements:

- The institute is engaged in the task of developing Tamil through various programmes of its own.
- It is an autonomous Institute of higher research, functioning under the Ministry of Culture.

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:** To carry out higher research on Classical Tamil at international levels not to be found elsewhere globally.
 - The institute is engaged in the task of developing Tamil through various programmes of its own.
 - The institute is also responsible for the Kural Peedam Award. It is a lifetime achievement presidential award given to eminent scholars of classical Tamil.
 - Located in:** Chennai
- Statement 2 is incorrect:** It functions under Min of Education.

Source: [Article](#)

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Q.7) Article 163 of the constitution, is related to which of the following:

- a) Council of Ministers to aid and advise Governor.
- b) The Chief Minister shall be appointed by the Governor and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the Governor on the advice of the CM.
- c) The Governor of each State shall appoint a person who is qualified to be appointed as a Judge of a High Court to be Advocate General for the State.
- d) Conduct of business of the Government of a State.

Correct Answer A

Explanation

Statement a is correct.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.8) With reference to Governor, consider the following statements:

1. He cannot be a member of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
2. He is given immunity from any criminal proceedings, even in respect of his personal acts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Statement 1 is correct: He cannot be a member of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. If he has been a member of either of the house, he should vacate the seat on his first day as Governor in the office.

Statement 2 is correct: He is given immunity from any criminal proceedings, even in respect of his personal acts

Source: [The Hindu](#)

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

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. It works under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

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: Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is an apex Indian governmental body created in 1964 to address governmental corruption. In 2003, **the Parliament enacted a law conferring statutory status** on the CVC.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The CVC is not controlled by any Ministry/Department. It is an independent body which is only responsible to the Parliament.

Source: [TOI](#)

Bills, Acts and Regulations

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

1. It is a way of resolving conflicts where two or more parties decide to reach an agreement with the support of a third, neutral party.
2. India has a standalone legislation that facilitate 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: A

Explanation

Statement 1 is correct.

Statement 2 is incorrect: In India, though mediation finds legitimacy in some specific laws such as the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, the Companies Act, 2013, the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, and the Consumer Protection Act, 2019; there is no standalone legislation as yet.

Source: [Mediation Bill: Salient Provisions, Potential Challenges and the Way Forward – Explained, pointwise](#)