

## *10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation*

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ BY FORUMIAS.*

**PRELIMS**

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**Q.1) With reference to Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) consider the following statements:**

1. Its aim at equal distribution of excess renewable energies generated from the developed economies to the developing economies.
2. It is a type of climate finance mechanism that involves phasing out coal from the energy sector.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. JETP is an initiative of the rich nations to accelerate phasing out of coal and reducing emissions.

**Statement 2** is correct. It is a type of climate finance mechanism that involves phasing out coal from the energy sector. It provides for various funding options for developing countries.

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

**Q.2) With reference to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) consider the following statements:**

1. An increase BOD implies a more rapid depletion of oxygen from the water bodies.
2. BOD refers to the depletion of oxygen in the water bodies due to the increase in the warming of the oceans and absorption of CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. An increase BOD implies a more rapid depletion of oxygen from the stream.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. Wastewater from sewage treatment plants often contains organic materials that are decomposed by microorganisms, which use oxygen in the process. The amount of oxygen consumed by these organisms in breaking down the waste is known as the biochemical oxygen demand or BOD.

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

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**Q.3) With reference to PM DAKSH scheme consider the following statements:**

1. It aims at skilling the eligible marginalized sections of the society.
2. National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) is one of the organizations to implement skill development training programmes under PM DAKSH scheme.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. PM DAKSH scheme aims at skilling marginalized persons covering SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, Sanitation workers including waste pickers. The scheme is being implemented by three corporations – National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

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

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

1. It is a statutory body established by the Law Commission Act, 1953.
2. It suggests reform and legislation that is necessary to implement the Directive Principles and achieve the objectives of the Preamble of India.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. Law Commission of India is neither a statutory body nor a constitutional body rather it is an executive body established by the GoI for the fixed period of time.

**Statement 2** is correct. The role of Law Commission of India is advisory in nature. It suggests reform and such legislation that might be necessary to implement the Directive Principles and achieve the objectives of the Preamble of India.

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

**Q.5) Investment Protection Agreement (IPA) was seen in the news recently, is an agreement between –**

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- a) India and US
- b) India and EU
- c) US and Russia
- d) Ukraine and Russia

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

India-European Union (EU) are negotiating an Investment Protection Agreement (IPA) in their third round of Free Trade Agreement. The agreement will contain investment protection standards and an independent mechanism to settle disputes between investors and states under international law.

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

**Q.6) India's import from China has increased in recent years. In this context, consider the following statements:**

- 1. Higher tariff on Indian products from China.
- 2. Lack of attractive markets in China for Indian goods.
- 3. Cost competitiveness of Chinese goods over Indian goods.

**Which of the above is/are the reasons(s) behind the increasing trade deficit with China?**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –** India's import from China has increased but export with China is very low due to – the higher import duty imposed on Indian products which makes it difficult for Indian goods to get into Chinese market, Chinese goods have cost competitiveness over India goods and it also produces a very wide range of goods. Statement 2 is incorrect as China has attractive market for India goods but high duty and cost do not allow Indian products to land in the Chinese markets.

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

**Q.7) Which of the following Ministry has launched National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry (NIDHI+)?**

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) Ministry of Tourism
- c) Ministry of Textiles
- d) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry (NIDHI+) has been launched by the Ministry of Tourism to facilitate digitalization and promote ease of doing business for the hospitality & tourism sector.

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

**Q.8) With reference to Minimum Support Price (MSP) consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is the price announced by the government post-harvesting of the crops.

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2. MSP is decided on the recommendation of Capacity Building Commission on Agriculture (CBCA).
3. Minor Forests Produce (MFP) are included under MSP.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are incorrect. The minimum support prices are announced by the Government of India at the beginning of the sowing season for certain crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

**Statement 3** is correct. MSPs are also announced for Minor Forest Produce to support tribal population.

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

**Q.9) With reference to ‘Emperor Penguin’ seen in the news recently consider the following statements:**

1. It is the tallest of all penguin species in the world.
2. It is endemic to Arctic region.
3. Its IUCN status is Near Threatened (NT).

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 3** are correct. Emperor Penguin is the tallest of all penguin species in the world. Its IUCN status is Near Threatened (NT).

**Statement 2** is incorrect. Emperor Penguin is endemic to Antarctica.

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

**Q.10) With reference to Peer-To-Peer Lending (P2P) consider the following statements:**

1. It is the only form of crowdfunding which is regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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2. It is a form of direct lending of money to individuals or businesses without the involvement of any financial intermediary like banks.
3. It involves a higher rate of interest than those offered by the unorganized sector.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. P2P is a type of crowdfunding which is regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, other crowdfunding such as equity, debt based and fund based- would fall under the purview of capital markets regulator (SEBI). It is a form of direct lending of money to individuals or businesses without the involvement of any financial intermediary like banks.

**Statement 3** is incorrect. It involves a lower rate of interest than those offered by the unorganized sector or banks. However, there is a higher credit risk involved in P2P than banks.

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

**PRELIMS**

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### Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding the Constitution of India:

1. Constitution has not prescribed any time limit for Governor to give assent to bills passed by the Legislative Assembly.
2. It has given six months' time period to the State Assembly to reconsider an ordinary bill if the President decides to refer it back to the House.
3. If a money bill is reserved for the consideration of the President by the Governor, then the President has the power to return a money bill for reconsideration to the state legislature.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. Constitution has not prescribed any time limit for Governor to give assent to bills passed by the Legislative Assembly. It has given six months' time period to the State Assembly to reconsider an ordinary bill if the President decides to refer it back to the House.

**Statement 3** is incorrect. If a money bill is reserved for the consideration of the President by the Governor, then the President does not have the power to return a money bill for reconsideration to the state legislature like that of the money bill of the Parliament.

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

### Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding Gallium nitride (GaN):

1. It is one of the most advanced semiconductor.
2. It is used in blue light emission and in ultraviolet light applications.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. Gallium nitride (GaN) is one of the most advanced semiconductors. It is used in blue light emission and in ultraviolet light applications.

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

### Q.3) With reference to “China Plus One Strategy” consider the following statements:

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1. It refers to a strategy in which companies avoid investing only in China and diversify their businesses to alternative destinations.
2. This strategy has extremely benefitted India as place of investment by the foreign companies.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. China Plus One Strategy refers to a strategy in which companies avoid investing only in China and diversify their businesses to alternative destinations.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. China Plus One Strategy has been useful for the EU, Mexico, Taiwan, and Vietnam. However, according to experts, apart from marginal gains in the machinery sector, India did not significantly benefit from this trade diversion.

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

**Q.4) With reference to Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) consider the following statements:**

1. It is a law adopted by the countries of Global North.
2. CBAM is expected to have the economic impact on the countries of Global South.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. It is not a law but a tariff/tax imposed by the European Union on the import of carbon intensive products such as cement and electricity. The tax will be imposed on imported goods on the basis of the emissions during their production process.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. This tax mechanism will impact the countries of the global south as they are developing countries and hence will produce more emissions compared to the countries of global north.

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



**Q.5) With reference to the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) consider the following statements:**

1. It is a statutory body established by the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.
2. GHAR portal is one of the initiatives launched by the NCPCR.
3. As per the commission, a child is defined as a person who is below the age 15 years.

**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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. NCPCR is a statutory body established by the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005. GHAR portal is one of the initiatives launched by the NCPCR.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. As per the commission, a child is defined as a person who is in the 0 to 18 years age group.

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

**Q.6) With reference to the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App consider the following statements:**

1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. It allows taking real time attendance of MGNREGA workers with geo-tagged photograph.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. NMMS App has been launched by the Ministry of Rural development.

**Statement 2** is correct. NMMS allows taking real time attendance of MGNREGA workers with geo-tagged photograph.

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

**Q.7) Consider the following statements:**

1. Trademarks protect original works of authorship such as writings whereas copyright protects scientific creations.
2. A registered trademark refers to a federal and legal registration of the trademark.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. A patent protects new inventions, processes, or scientific creations, a trademark protects brands, logos, and slogans, and a copyright protects original works of authorship.

**Statement 2** is correct. With a registration, a trademark is protected against another company's use of the name or image. A registered trademark refers to a federal and legal registration of the mark.

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

**Q.8) Consider the following statements:**

1. The European countries have the highest levels of stunting and wasting in the world.
2. Wasting among children under five years of age is highest in India amongst the South Asian countries.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. According to GHI 2022, South Asian countries reported the highest levels of stunting and wasting.

**Statement 2** is correct. Stunting is the highest in Afghanistan followed by Pakistan and India while wasting among children under five years of age is the highest in India and Sri Lanka and the lowest in Afghanistan amongst South Asian nations.

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

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**Q.9) With reference to Naegleria fowleri (brain eating amoeba) consider the following statements:**

1. It is a single-celled organism that can infect humans.
2. It lives in soil and warm fresh water such as lakes and hot springs.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. Naegleria fowleri is a single-celled organism and can infect humans. It lives in soil and warm fresh water such as lakes and hot springs.

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

**PRELIMS**

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**Q.1) With reference to the 'coral bleaching' consider the following statements:**

1. Extremely low tide is one of the reasons behind coral bleaching.
2. Bleaching of coral happens when coral expels zooxanthellae algae living in it.
3. Bleaching of coral has impact on human's food security and safety.

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

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1, 2 and 3** are correct. Extremely low tide is one of the reasons behind coral bleaching. Bleaching of coral happens when coral expels zooxanthellae algae living in it due to which it turns white. Bleaching of coral has impact on human's food security and safety.

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

**Q.2) With reference to Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) consider the following statements:**

1. It is a fund created at every Panchayat level to support the tenant farmers in producing cash crops.
2. All loans provided under AIF have interest subvention.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. AIF provides a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support.

**Statement 2** is correct. All loans under AIF will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs. 2 crores. This subvention will be available for a maximum period of seven years.

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

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**Q.3) With reference to South Asia Flash Flood Guidance System (SAFFGS) consider the following statements:**

1. It has been launched by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).
2. This system aims at providing flash floods warning to all South Asian nations.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. SAFFGS has been launched by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).

**Statement 2** is incorrect. SAFFGS provides flash flood guidance to Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

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

**Q.4) With reference to “One Nation, One Gas Grid” consider the following statements:**

1. It aims at providing natural gas to the whole country through a single source.
2. It aims at reducing the regional disparity in gas availability.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. One Nation, One Gas Grid aims at distributing natural gas-based energy throughout the entire country on a single gas system. It also aims at reducing the regional disparity in gas availability as well as reducing India's dependence on imports.

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

**Q.5) With reference to Scheme for Economic Empowerment of Denotified/Nomadic/SemiNomadic (SEED) communities consider the following statements:**

1. The scheme at providing employment opportunities to the community at various private enterprises.
2. The scheme will be implemented through a portal developed by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

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**Statement 1** is incorrect. It aims at providing financial assistance through National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to these communities.

**Statement 2** is correct. The scheme will be implemented through a portal developed by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment.

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

**Q.6) 'Triple Test Formula' was seen in the news recently is associated with –**

- a) Providing OBC reservation in Urban Local Body elections.
- b) Creating a formula for appointment of the Judges
- c) Freezing coral reefs
- d) Establishing a commission for countering increasing Naxalism.

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –** Triple Test Formula was suggested by the SC to provide OBC reservation in ULBs elections. The formula requires the states to appoint a commission, collect quantifiable data of the community and allocate reservations to them without exceeding 50% total reservations.

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

**Q.7) Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Genome sequencing is a technique that reads and interprets genetic information found within DNA or RNA.
- 2. Genome is a part of the DNA while a gene is the total DNA in a cell.
- 3. Gene is the hereditary element of genetic information while the genome is the complete set of nuclear DNAs.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 3** are correct. Genome sequencing is a technique that reads and interprets genetic information found within DNA or RNA. Gene is the hereditary element of genetic information while the genome is the complete set of nuclear DNAs.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. A gene is a part of the DNA while a genome is the total DNA in a cell.

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

**Q.8) Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be used to cure –**

- a) Coronavirus
- b) Cervical cancer
- c) AIDS
- d) Measles

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –** Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be used to cure cervical cancer.

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



**Q.9) With reference to Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) consider the following statements:**

1. CAG is appointed by the President and can be removed on the same grounds and in the same manner as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
2. CAG is eligible for further office after the end of his tenure.
3. He audits the accounts related to all expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India and Consolidated fund of each state.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 3** are correct. CAG is appointed by the President and can be removed on the same grounds and in the same manner as a Judge of the Supreme Court. He audits the accounts related to all expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India and Consolidated fund of each state.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. CAG is not eligible for further office after the end of his tenure.

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

**Q.10) With reference to Bilateral Investment Treaty Agreement (BIT) consider the following statements:**

1. It establishes minimum guarantees between the two countries regarding the treatment of foreign investments and protect them from arbitrary decisions of national governments.
2. BITs have a potential to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
3. BITs mostly do not include mechanisms for settling disputes between the nations.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation-**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. BITs establish minimum guarantees between the two countries regarding the treatment of foreign investments and protect them from arbitrary decisions of national governments. BITs have a potential to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

**Statement 3** is incorrect. BITs generally provide a mechanism for settling disputes between investors and the country of investments. The most preferred mode of settling such disputes is arbitration.

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

**PRELIMS**

**Q.1) Consider the following statements:**

1. India is the largest migrant-sending and remittance-receiving country in the world.
2. India lacks a comprehensive migration policy to ensure decent living and safe movement of migrants.
3. Migration to abroad is governed by the Immigration Act, 2000.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. India is the largest migrant-sending and remittance-receiving country in the world. India lacks a comprehensive migration policy to ensure decent living and safe movement of migrants.

**Statement 3** is incorrect. Migration to abroad means Emigration. Therefore, Migration to abroad is governed by the Emigration Act, 2021.

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

**Q.2) With reference to the Inter-State Council, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a permanent constitutional body.
2. It is chaired by the Union Home Minister.
3. The advice given by the Council is only recommendatory in nature.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are incorrect. Inter-State Council is not a permanent constitutional body. President can establish it at any time if it appears to him that the public interests would be served by the establishment of such a council. It is presided over by the PM of India.

**Statement 3** is correct. The advice given by the Council is only recommendatory in nature. It is not binding on the government. Therefore, government may or may not accept its advice.

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

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**Q.3) With reference to City Finance Rankings, 2022 consider the following statements:**

1. It aims at providing additional grants to the state based on the ranks achieved.
2. The rankings aim to motivate city/state officials and decision makers to implement municipal finance reforms.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation-**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. City Finance Rankings, 2022 is an effort to analyse and help the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in identifying areas in their financial performance.

**Statement 2** is correct. The rankings aim to motivate city/state officials and decision makers to implement municipal finance reforms.

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

**Q.4) With reference to Delimitation Commission consider the following statements:**

1. It is appointed by the President of India and works in collaboration with the Election Commission of India.
2. The Constitution has provided to establish a tribunal for resolving the dispute arising out of the orders of the Commission.
3. The Delimitation Commission is mandated to identify the seats to be reserved for Other backward Classes (OBCs) in every state.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. Delimitation Commission is appointed by the President of India and works in collaboration with the Election Commission of India.

**Statement 2** and 3 are incorrect. The Commission is a powerful and independent body whose orders cannot be challenged in any court of law. The Delimitation Commission is mandated to identify the seats to be reserved for SC and ST. The Constitution does not make similar reservation for other disadvantaged groups.

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

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**Q.5) With reference to National Archives of India (NAI) consider the following statements:**

1. It functions under the Ministry of Culture.
2. It is the repository of all non-current government records.
3. It only keeps and conserves records of the government and its organisations.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1, 2 and 3** are correct. NAI functions under the Ministry of Culture. It is the repository of all non-current government records. It only keeps and conserves records of the government and its organisations.

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

**Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding the Indian National Congress (INC):**

1. Lord Ripon was the Viceroy of India at the time of the formation of the INC.
2. Kadambini Ganguly was the first woman speaker of the INC.
3. The split between the two groups in the Congress took place in Surat and later both the groups came together in the Bombay session of 1915.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. Lord Dufferin was the Viceroy of India at the time of the formation of the INC.

**Statement 2 and 3** are correct. Kadambini Ganguly was the first woman speaker of the INC. The split between the two groups in the Congress took place in Surat session in 1906 and later both the groups came together in the Bombay session of 1915.

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

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**Q.7) With reference to Kosovo, country in the Europe, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a landlocked country.
2. Albania borders Kosovo in the west.
3. The borders of Kosovo are mostly mountainous.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1, 2 and 3** are correct. Kosovo is a landlocked country. It is bordered by Albania to the west. The borders of Kosovo are mostly mountainous.

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

**Q.8) With reference to “30×30 target” seen in the news recently, consider the following statements:**

1. It refers to protecting 30 percent of the world's terrestrial and marine habitats by 2030.
2. Countries are individually required to achieve this target.
3. It is more ambitious target than the Aichi Target.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 3** are correct. 30×30 target refers to protecting 30 percent of the world's terrestrial and marine habitats by 2030. It is more ambitious than its predecessor Aichi Target which aimed for the protection of 17% of land and 10% of coastal and marine areas.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. Countries are not required to achieve 30×30 target individually.

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



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**Q.9) With reference to Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) consider the following statements:**

1. Its purpose is to facilitate generation of employment opportunities for unemployed youth across the country by assisting setting up of micro-enterprises in non-farm sector.
2. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is functioning as the nodal agency for the implementation of programme at the national level.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. PMEGP aims at generation of employment opportunities for unemployed youth across the country by assisting setting up of micro-enterprises in non-farm sector. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) functioning as the nodal agency for the implementation of programme at the national level.

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

**Q.10) Which of the following Ministry has launched Amrit Bharat Station scheme?**

- a) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- b) Ministry of Mines
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) Ministry of Railways

**Answer: D**

**Explanation –** Amrit Bharat Station scheme has been launched by the Ministry of Railways. The scheme envisages the development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term vision.

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



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**Q.1) Consider the following statements:**

1. Battle of Chamkaur Sahib was fought between Guru Gobind Singh and the coalition forces of the Mughals and Rajput.
2. Khalsa community was founded by Guru Gobind Singh.
3. Akal Takht was constructed by Guru Gobind Singh.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. Battle of Chamkaur Sahib was fought between Guru Gobind Singh and the coalition forces of the Mughals and Rajput. Khalsa community was founded by Guru Gobind Singh.

**Statement 3** is incorrect. Akal Takht was constructed by Guru Hargobind as a symbol of his temporal authority to conduct daily business and acts as a defence.

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

**Q.2) Consider the following statements:**

1. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is a means to implement Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
2. Under MGNREGS, workers will get the work whenever they demand and not when the government has work available.
3. MGNREGA provides that at least one-third of the workers should be women.

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

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1, 2 and 3** are correct. MGNREGS is a means to implement MGNREGA so that the guarantee comes into effect. Under MGNREGS, workers will get the work whenever he demands and not when the government has work available (demand driven scheme). MGNREGA provides that at least one-third of the workers should be women.

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

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### Q.3) Consider the following statements:

1. National Health Policy, 2017 aims to reduce tobacco use by 30% in 2025.
2. Oral cancer accounts for the highest proportion of cancer cases in India.
3. India is one of the countries that has the higher prices for tobacco products.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. National Health Policy, 2017 aims to reduce current tobacco use by 30% in 2025. Oral cancer accounts for the highest proportion of cancer cases in India.

**Statement 3** is incorrect. India has the lowest prices for tobacco products and thus, it must look to increase taxes on them. The revenue acquired from additional taxation could be used for cancer prevention and awareness.

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

### Q.4) With reference to Jan Vishwas Bill, 2022 consider the following statements:

1. It aims at improving the ease of doing business and reducing the burden on judiciary.
2. The bill aims at criminalizing various offences under the different Acts.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. Jan Vishwas Bill, 2022 aims at improving the ease of doing business and reducing the burden on judiciary.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. Under the Bill, several offences with an imprisonment term in certain Acts have been decriminalised by imposing only a monetary penalty.

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

### Q.5) “Stay Safe Online Campaign” was seen in the news recently, is associated with –

- a) Spreading online awareness against the coronavirus.
- b) Creating online platform for preventing human trafficking.
- c) Informing citizens through web-based portal about the measures required to prevent climate change.
- d) Raising awareness about cyber risks.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation –** The Stay Safe Online campaign intends to raise awareness about cyber risks and the need for cyber hygiene in an increasingly digitizing world. The campaign is expected to make citizens of all age groups aware of cyber risk and ways to deal with it.

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

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**Q.6) With reference to “Executive Action Plan for the Early Warnings for All” initiative consider the following statements:**

1. It has been prepared by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).
2. It has been set up with the aim to provide early warning system across the world to reduce the climate related disasters.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. This initiative has been prepared by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

**Statement 2** is correct. It is a five-year programme to set up early warning systems across the world to save lives and minimize destruction from the growing number of climate disasters.

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

**Q.7) With reference to Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme consider the following statements:**

1. It has been formulated based on the recommendations made by U K Sinha Committee.
2. It aims to provide support to the MSMEs by improving access to market and credit.
3. It is being funded by the international Monetary Fund (IMF).

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. RAMP has been formulated based on the recommendations made by U K Sinha Committee, KV Kamath Committee and Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (PM-EAC). It aims to provide support to the MSMEs by improving access to market and credit.

**Statement 3** is incorrect. RAMP is a World Bank assisted programme.

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

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### Q.8) Consider the following statements:

1. E-sports have been officially recognized by the government as a multi-sport event.
2. E-sports in India comes under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. The Government of India has officially recognised e-sports as part of the multi-sport event. This means that recognised esports tournaments might attain the same status as other offline sporting events in the country, like national-level tournaments.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. E-sports in India comes under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

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

### Q.9) Consider the following statements:

1. Prices of food and fuel is not included in the core inflation.
2. Core inflation is more stable than the headline inflation.
3. Core inflation denotes the total inflation within an economy of a country.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. Core inflation refers to the difference between inflation of all items in CPI and the inflation of food and petroleum. Core inflation is more stable than headline inflation due to the absence of volatile commodities like food and petroleum.

**Statement 3** is incorrect. Core inflations denotes the ongoing trends in the inflation of a country used by the state to design economic strategies for the future whereas headline inflation denotes the total inflation within an economy of a country.

**Source:** [The Times of India](#)

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**Q.10) Consider the following statements:**

1. Digital games can help in reducing the digital gender divide in India.
2. The tax revenue generated from digital gaming is very low in India.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. In India, there are almost 450 million digital game users and a substantial number of them are women. Therefore, digital gaming also becomes a means for getting more women familiarised with the world of digital, thus reducing the gender divide in digital.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. Digital gaming contributes to Rs 2,200 crore annually in indirect taxes and perhaps a similar amount in direct taxes.

**Source:** [India Today](#)



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**Q.1) “Digital India Innovation Fund” will be launched by the government soon. It will –**

- a) Support climate related activities
- b) Support agricultural sector
- c) Support Deeptech Startups
- d) Support the education of female child

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –** The Government of India is going to launch a Digital India Innovation Fund that will support Deeptech Startups.

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

**Q.2) With reference to the National Food Security Act, 2013 consider the following statements:**

- 1. It aims to provide food and nutritional security.
- 2. States and Union Territories are responsible for identifying eligible households, issuing ration cards, and distributing foodgrain.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 2** are correct. NFSA aims to provide for food and nutritional security. States and Union Territories are responsible for identifying eligible households, issuing ration cards, and distributing foodgrain.

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

**Q.3) With reference to the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM), consider the following statements:**

- 1. It aims at providing affordable online digital health services only to the marginalized section of the society.
- 2. It is one of the e-governance initiatives of the government in the healthcare.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. NDHM aims to create a management mechanism to: (a) Process digital health data and facilitate its seamless exchange; (b) Develop registries of public and private



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facilities, health service providers, laboratories and pharmacies; (c) Support clinical decision-making as well as offer services like telemedicine.

**Statement 2** is correct: It is one of the e-governance initiatives of the government in the healthcare.

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

**Q.4) Consider the following:**

1. Increase in trade between the nations
2. Cheaper import and export of goods and services
3. Decrease in foreign investments

**Which of the above are the impact of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation –** FTAs help in enhancement of the trade, reduce tariff allows cheaper goods and service, and it attracts more foreign investments.

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

**Q.5) With reference to Maldives consider the following statements:**

1. It is an archipelagic state in South Asia in the Indian Ocean.
2. Myanmar borders Maldives in the south-west.

**Select the correct statements using the codes given below:**

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is correct. Maldives is an archipelagic state in South Asia in the Indian Ocean. It lies southwest of Sri Lanka and India and has a tropical monsoon climate. It also has the lowest elevation of any country in the world.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. Myanmar does not border Maldives.

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

**Q.6) Consider the following statements:**

1. Collegium system in India has formed by an Act of the Parliament.
2. National Judicial Appointments Commission Act (NJAC) was struck down by the Supreme Court because it compromised the independence of the judiciary from the executive.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1** is incorrect. Collegium system in India has been formed by the judgements of Supreme Court not by an Act of the Parliament.

**Statement 2** is correct. NJAC was struck down by the Supreme Court because it compromised the independence of the judiciary from the executive.

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

**Q.7) With reference to “Mission Karmayogi” consider the following statements:**

1. Its aim is to develop an effective citizen-centric civil service.
2. It applicable only to civil servant recruited by the central government.
3. It is about creating a civil service with domain and technological competencies.

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

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation –**

**Statement 1 and 3** are correct. Mission Karmayogi aim is to develop an effective citizen-centric civil service. It is about creating a civil service with domain and technological competencies.

**Statement 2** is incorrect. It is targeted at employees of both centre as well as states.

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

**Q.8) With reference to Fiscal Deficit consider the following statements:**

1. When the government income is higher than its total expenditure, it is known as a fiscal deficit.
2. An increase in the capital expenditure can cause fiscal deficit.
3. Printing new money is one of the ways to finance the fiscal deficit.

**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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation –**

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**Statement 1** is incorrect. When the government spends more than its total income, such a situation is called a fiscal deficit.

**Statement 2 and 3** are correct. An increase in the capital expenditure can cause fiscal deficit. Printing new money is one of the ways to finance the fiscal deficit.

**Source:** [Live Mint](#)

**Q.9) Which of the following country bounds South China sea from the western side?**

- a) Philippines
- b) Taiwan
- c) Vietnam
- d) Indonesia

**Answer: C**

**Explanation** – Vietnam bounds South China from the western side.

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

**Q.10) Which of the following Ministry has launched “Operation Greens Scheme”?**

- a) Ministry of Railways
- b) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

**Answer: B**

**Explanation** – Ministry of Food Processing Industries has launched Operation Greens Scheme. It is a Central Sector Scheme and was launched in 2018.

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