

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation

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PRELIMS

Q.1) With reference to Independent Fiscal institutions (IFIs) consider the following statements:

1. These institutions functions as the source of additional revenues to the government.
2. These institutions are usually financed by public funds and are functionally independent.
3. These institutions increase accountability and improved fiscal transparency by providing positive analysis and recommendations in the area of fiscal policy.

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: C

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. The work of IFIs is to act as a fiscal watchdog of the government. They are aimed at promoting sustainable public finances through various functions, including monitoring compliance with fiscal rules, production or endorsement of macroeconomic forecasts for the budget, and advising the government on fiscal policy matters.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. IFIs are usually financed by public funds and are functionally independent. These institutions increase accountability and improved fiscal transparency by providing positive analysis and recommendations in the area of fiscal policy.

Source: [ORF](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. Methane is the primary contributor to the formation of ground-level ozone.
2. In recent years, the amount of methane in the atmosphere has dramatically increased.
3. The amount of energy absorbed by methane is lower than the carbon dioxide.

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. Methane is the primary contributor to the formation of ground-level ozone. In recent years, the amount of methane in the atmosphere has dramatically increased.

Statement 3 is incorrect. Methane has a much shorter atmospheric lifetime than carbon dioxide (CO₂) but it absorbs much more energy while it exists in the atmosphere.

Source: [The Indian Express](#)

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Q.3) With reference to “Earthquakes” consider the following statements:

1. An earthquake is caused by tremors due to the movement of the tectonic plates of the earth.
2. An earthquake originates from focus.
3. The point on the Earth’s surface directly above the focus is the hypocentre.
4. When energy is released at the focus, seismic waves travel outward from that point in all directions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C

Statement 1, 2 and 4 are correct. An earthquake is caused by tremors due to the movement of the tectonic plates of the earth. An earthquake originates from focus. When energy is released at the focus, seismic waves travel outward from that point in all directions.

Statement 3 is incorrect. The point on the Earth’s surface directly above the focus is the epicentre.

Source: [DNA](#)

Q.4) With reference to “BharatOS” System consider the following statements:

1. It has been developed to reduce the dependence on foreign operating system.
2. The security and bug fixes in BharatOS will automatically be installed rather than checking for the updates.
3. It has preinstalled google services or app like the Android Operating system.

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. BharatOS has been developed to reduce the dependence on foreign operating system. The security and bug fixes in BharatOS will automatically be installed rather than checking for the updates.

Statement 3 is incorrect. BharatOS is free from Google Services and Apps. It does not come with any such preinstalled services or apps, and hence, is deemed to be more secure.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.5) With reference to “Etikoppaka Toys” consider the following statements:

1. These toys are usually made-up from Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC).
2. These toys are produced in Andhra Pradesh.
3. These toys have no sharp edges.

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: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. Etikoppaka toys are made of soft wood and lacquer color. The way of toy making is also known as turned wood lacquer craft.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. Etikoppaka toys are made by artisans of Etikoppaka village located on the banks of Varaha River in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. These toys have no sharp edges. They are rounded on all sides and hence present little chance of injury to children.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.6) Consider the following statements:

1. The prevalence of some mental health disorders is higher among women as compared to men.
2. India is the largest user of groundwater in the world.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Across the world, the prevalence of some mental health disorders is consistently higher among women as compared to men. As per a World Bank report, India is the largest groundwater user.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.7) Consider the following statements:

1. XR Startup Program has been launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
2. Asiatic Cheetah is listed as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. XR Startup Program has been launched by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. It aims to discover, nurture, and accelerate Extended Reality (XR) technology startups and innovators across India.

Statement 2 is correct. Asiatic Cheetah is listed as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.8) Consider the following statements:

1. Nitrate radical is an oxide of nitrogen that consists of three oxygen atoms bound to a nitrogen atom.
2. The production of nitrate radicals could increase the amount ozone and PM2.5 fine particulate matter in the atmosphere.
3. While cities in Europe and the United States have experienced a decline in the nocturnal production of nitrate radicals, parts of China and India have experienced a rapid increase.

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: B

Explanation –

Statement 1, 2 and 3 are correct. Nitrate radical is an oxide of nitrogen that consists of three oxygen atoms bound to a nitrogen atom. The production of nitrate radicals could increase the amount ozone and PM2.5 fine particulate matter in the atmosphere. While cities in Europe and the United States have experienced a decline in the nocturnal production of nitrate radicals, parts of China and India have experienced a rapid increase.

Source: [The Indian Express](#)

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Q.9) With reference to Green Finance Working Committee (GFWC) consider the following statements:

1. It will support the Ministry of Finance (MoF) in selecting and evaluating green projects within the framework.
2. It will have representatives from all ministries.
3. It will be chaired by the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) to the government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation –

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. GFWC will support the Ministry of Finance (MoF) in selecting and evaluating green projects within the framework. It will be chaired by the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) to the government.

Statement 2 is incorrect. It will have representatives from the relevant ministries, means those ministries which are associated with the green technology, bonds, etc.

Source: [Business Standard](#)

Q.10) Consider the following statements:

1. E-cigarettes do not burn tobacco.
2. India has completely banned the sale of e-cigarettes.
3. E-cigarettes are more harmful than regular cigarettes.

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. E-cigarettes do not burn tobacco. Instead, it heats the liquid chemicals into a vapor or steam that a person inhales. India has completely banned the sale of e-cigarettes.

Statement 3 is incorrect. E-cigarettes are less harmful than regular cigarettes. However, this does not mean that they are safe.

Source: [India Today](#)

PRELIMS

Q.1) Consider the following statements with reference to gardens built in the Mughal period:

1. Charbagh style of architecture was used in the construction of Mughal gardens.
2. Statues were built to demarcate the various quadrants of the garden.
3. Fountains were often built in the gardens to symbolise the cycle of life.

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. Mughal gardens were built in the Charbagh style of architecture. Fountains were often built in the gardens to symbolise the cycle of life.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Waterways were used to demarcate the various quadrants of the garden.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.2) With reference to “Comets” consider the following statements:

1. Comets are gas-filled objects that are remnants of the formation of the solar system.
2. Comets when burn give different colour of lights.
3. Green comets come under the category of short-period comets.

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. Comets are gas-filled objects that are remnants of the formation of the solar system. Comets when burn give different colour of lights such as blue or whiteish light or green.

Statement 3 is incorrect. Green comets come under the category of long-period comets because they are not easily spotted. The last time the green comet passed Earth was during the Upper Paleolithic period.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.3) With reference to All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-21, consider the following statements:

1. It has been released by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. As per the report, female enrollment in higher education has increased.
3. According to the report, Maharashtra has the highest number of universities in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation –

Statement 1 and 3 are incorrect. All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021 has been released by the Ministry of Education. According to the report, Rajasthan hosts the maximum number of universities in India followed by Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

Statement 2 is correct. As per the report, female enrolment in higher education programmes had increased to 49% of total enrolments in 2020-21 compared to 45% the previous year.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.4) With reference to “Millets” consider the following statements:

1. Millets are part of a group of small-grained cereal crops used as both food and fodder.
2. Mauryan Empire was the first to use the millets.
3. India is the largest producer of millet in the world.

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. Millets are part of a group of small-grained cereal crops used as both food and fodder. As per FAO, India is the largest producer of millet in the world with a share of 41% in 2020.

Statement 2 is incorrect. The evidence of the consumption of millet can be found in the Indus Valley civilization.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.5) With reference to “Neuromorphic computing” consider the following statements:

1. Neuromorphic computers are known for their rapid response system because their processing is highly rapid.
2. Compared to traditional computers, neuromorphic computers are built to work like a human brain.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Neuromorphic computers are known for their rapid response system because their processing is highly rapid. Compared to traditional computers, neuromorphic computers are built to work like a human brain and so their rapid response system is a major highlight.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.6) Which of the following is/are the reason(s) behind increasing milk prices?

1. Rise in cattle feed cost
2. Disease in cattle
3. Decline in logistics cost

Select the correct code given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation –

Reasons behind rising milk prices are: Rise in cattle feed cost, Disease in cattle, Rise in logistics cost, Demand Supply mismatch, etc.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.7) With reference to “Kelp Forest” consider the following statements:

1. Kelps are extremely large brown algae.
2. Kelp forests are always coastal.
3. They overlap with coral reefs and mangrove forests.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation –

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Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Kelp forests thrive in cold, nutrient-rich waters. Kelp are not plants, but rather extremely large brown algae, and many different species of kelp make up kelp forests. Kelp forests are always coastal and require shallow, relatively clear water.

Statement 3 is incorrect. Kelps live further from the tropics than coral reefs, mangrove forests, and warm-water seagrass beds, so kelp forests do not overlap with these systems. However, like those systems, kelp forests provide important underwater habitat.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q.8) With reference to the Periyar Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It lies in the mountainous area of the Nilgiri Hills.
2. Pamba Rivers originate in the forests of the reserve.
3. Tropical evergreen forests are found in the reserve.

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: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. Periyar Tiger Reserve lies in the middle of a mountainous area of the Cardamom Hills.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. The Periyar and Pamba Rivers originate in the forests of the reserve. Tropical evergreen forests are found in the reserve.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.9) The Parikh Committee was seen in the news recently, is associated with –

- a) Banking Supervision
- b) Increase in Motor Vehicle Tax
- c) To review the Methodology for Measurement of Poverty
- d) To review the pricing formula for gas

Answer: D

Explanation – The Kirit Parikh committee was set up by the government to review the pricing formula for gas produced in the country as global energy prices soared.

Source: [Business Standard](#)

Q.10) Soliga tribes are found in –

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Karnataka
- c) Odisha
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: B

Explanation – Soliga tribe is an ethnic group of India. Its members inhabit the mountain ranges mostly in the Chamarajanagar district of southern Karnataka and Erode district of Tamil Nadu.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

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PRELIMS

Q .1) With reference to “Millets” consider the following statements:

1. Millets have special nutritive properties.
2. Only Major types of millets are grown in India.
3. There has been a decline in the area under millet cultivation.

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. Millets have special nutritive properties. They are high in protein, dietary fiber, micronutrients, and antioxidants. There has been a decline in the area under millet cultivation.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Two groups of millets are grown in India – Major and Minor. Major millets include sorghum, pearl millet and finger millet. Minor millets include foxtail, little millet, kodo, proso, and barnyard millet.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. It informs about the funds flowing across the three tiers of government.
2. It allows India’s citizens to monitor flow of the fund.
3. It helps government to estimate borrowing needs of different levels of government accurately.

Which of the above are the advantages of a “Real-time fiscal data portal”?

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

Answer: D

Explanation –

The advantages of a real-time fiscal data portal are - inform about the funds flowing across the three tiers of government—Centre, state and local governments, allow India’s citizens to monitor fund flows minutely, help government to estimate borrowing needs of different levels of government accurately, etc.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.3) With reference to the 'Finance Commission' consider the following statements:

1. The Finance Commission is constituted by the Council of Ministers.
2. The Commission makes recommendations to the President of India on the distribution of tax proceeds between the Union and the States and the share of each state.
3. The Commission is appointed every five years.

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 is incorrect. The Finance Commission is constituted by the President under Article 280 of the Constitution.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. The Commission makes recommendations to the President of India on the distribution of tax proceeds between the Union and the States and the share of each state. The Commission is appointed every five years.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.4) With reference to "Senna Spectabilis" consider the following statements:

1. It is a keystone species found in India.
2. The thick foliage of the tree affects the growth of other indigenous tree and grass species.
3. It affects the germination and growth of native species.

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: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. Senna Spectabilis is an invasive species in India.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. The thick foliage of the tree affects the growth of other indigenous tree and grass species. It affects the germination and growth of native species.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.5) Consider the following statements with reference to the Universe:

1. A binary system is one in which one star in a binary evolves more faster than its partner.
2. A pulsar is a special kind of neutron star which is the ultra-dense leftover core of a massive star.
3. Neutron stars are the smallest densest stars known to exist.

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: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. A binary system is one in which two stars orbit around a common centre of mass, that is they are gravitationally bound to each other.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. A pulsar is a special kind of neutron star which is the ultra-dense leftover core of a massive star. Neutron stars are the smallest densest stars known to exist.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.6) Soliga tribes are found in –

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- b) Karnataka
- c) Odisha
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: B

Explanation – Soliga tribe is an ethnic group of India. Its members inhabit the mountain ranges mostly in the ChamaraJanagar district of southern Karnataka and Erode district of Tamil Nadu.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.7) With reference to “Kelp Forest” consider the following statements:

1. They help to reduce coastal erosion and act as a breakwater during large storms.
2. They are considered as keystone species.
3. They are an important source of potash and iodine.

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. Kelp Forest help to reduce coastal erosion and act as a breakwater during large storms. They are considered as keystone species. They are an important source of potash and iodine.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.8) With reference to “Sickle Cell Anemia” consider the following statements:

1. It is a form of body disease that affects the white blood cells of the body.
2. There is no cure for most people with sickle cell anemia.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Sickle Cell Anemia is a form of inherited blood disorder that affects the red blood cells of the body. It is a part of a group of blood disorders called sickle cell disease.

Statement 2 is correct. There is no cure for sickle cell anemia. However, stem cell or bone marrow transplants can cure the disease, but these come with several risks.

Source: [India Today](#)

Q.9) Consider the following statements:

1. Lab-made diamonds differs from the natural diamonds in structure.
2. Diamonds can be made from human or animal tissues.
3. Impurities in the diamond can cause it to appear blue or red.

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: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. Lab-made diamonds are similar to the natural diamonds in structure but differ in their origin.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. Diamonds can also be made from human or animal tissues, as all living beings are made of carbon. Impurities in the diamond can cause it to appear blue or red.

Source: [DNA](#)

Q.10) In which part of India, Biligiri Rangan Hills are located?

- a) Eastern India
- b) Western India
- c) Southern India
- d) Northern India

Answer: C

Explanation – Biligiri Rangan Hills (B.R.Hills) is a hill range situated in south-eastern Karnataka, at its border with Tamil Nadu (Erode District). It falls under the confluence of the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats. The unique geographical positioning and diversity of habitats make BR Hills one of the richest areas for biodiversity in India.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

PRELIMS

Q.1) With reference to the “Economic Survey” Consider the following statements:

1. It is the medium to raise issues for public discussion over strategic economic matters.
2. Government is constitutionally bound to present the Economic Surveys every year.
3. The survey’s recommendations are not always reflected in the Union Budget.

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. Economic Survey is the medium to raise issues for public discussion over strategic economic matters. The survey’s recommendations are not always reflected in the Union Budget.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Government is not constitutionally bound to present the Economic Survey or to follow the recommendations that are made in it.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.2) With reference to “Out-of-pocket expenditure” consider the following statements:

1. It is the money paid directly by households at the point of receiving health care.
2. It mostly occurs when an individual is covered under private health insurance schemes.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Out-of-pocket expenditure is the money paid directly by households at the point of receiving health care.

Statement 2 is incorrect. This occurs when services are neither provided free of cost through a government health facility nor is the individual covered under any public or private insurance or social protection scheme.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.3) Consider the following statements:

1. The budgetary allocation for education as a percentage of total expenditure has increased in recent years.
2. There has been an improvement Gross Enrolment Ratios (GER) in schools across all levels for the financial year 2021-22.
3. Distance education in India has witnessed an increase in enrollment in the financial year 2021-22.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. The budgetary allocation for education as a percentage of total expenditure has dropped over the past seven years, from 10.4% to 9.5%.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. There has been an improvement Gross Enrolment Ratios (GER) in schools across all levels for the financial year 2021-22. Distance education in India has witnessed a 7% increase in enrollment in the financial year 2021-22.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.4) Consider the following statements:

1. Arunachal Pradesh has the maximum carbon stock in forests.
2. There has been an increase in mangrove cover in India.
3. Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) encourages businesses to produce their annual financial report to the government for claiming tax rebates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation –

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Arunachal Pradesh has the maximum carbon stock in forests and Jammu & Kashmir contributes the maximum per-hectare carbon stock. There has been an increase in mangrove cover in India.

Statement 3 is incorrect. Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) encourages businesses to go beyond regulatory financial compliance. It will make businesses to report on their social and environmental impacts.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.5) With reference to the “Shipbuilding Industry in India” consider the following statements:

1. The industry is one of the highest employment multipliers.
2. An indigenous shipbuilding industry can help in reducing the Current Account Deficit (CAD).
3. The industry has the potential to create a collaborative production ecosystem.

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. Shipbuilding has one of the highest employment multipliers of 6.48 and is capable of generating mass employment in remote, coastal and rural areas. An indigenous shipping and shipbuilding industry can reduce freight bills and forex outgo, thus reducing the current account deficit. Shipbuilding has links to other ancillary industries including steel, engineering equipment, port infrastructure, etc. which have the potential to create a collaborative production ecosystem.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.6) With reference to “Economic Survey 2022-23” consider the following statements:

1. As per the survey, there has been a decline in the social sector spending in the last fiscal year.
2. As per the survey, India has become the largest mobile phone manufacturer globally.
3. As per the survey, India is the largest recipient of remittances in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation –

Statement 1 and 2 are incorrect. Social Sector witnessed a significant increase in government spending. It has increased to Rs. 21.3 lakh crore in FY23 (BE) from Rs. 9.1 lakh crore in FY16. India has become the second-largest mobile phone manufacturer globally.

Statement 3 is correct. India is the largest recipient of remittances in the world receiving US\$ 100 bn in 2022. Remittances are the second-largest major source of external financing after service export.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.7) With reference to “Shumang Leela” consider the following statements:

1. It is a type of folk paintings from Arunachal Pradesh.
2. In this, the women are depicted as men.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

Answer: D

Explanation –

Statement 1 and 2 are incorrect. Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur. It is performed in an open courtyard surrounded by spectators on all four sides. In this play, the roles of women are all played by men, called *Nupi Shabis*. In the case of women’s theatre groups, the roles of men are played by women.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.8) Consider the following statements:

1. Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) accounts are used by non-residents to transfer earnings from foreign soil to India while Non-Resident External (NRE) accounts are used to manage income earned in India by non-residents.
2. Presently, there is no Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charge levied for RuPay-based debit card and UPI transactions.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

Answer: D

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. Non-Resident External (NRE) accounts are used by non-residents to transfer earnings from foreign soil to India while Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) accounts are used to manage income earned in India by non-residents.

Statement 2 is correct. Presently, there is no Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charge levied for RuPay-based debit card and UPI transactions.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

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Q.9) With reference to Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET), consider the following statements:

1. Its aim is to expand partnership in critical and emerging technologies between India and the US.
2. It will help India to find an alternative to the dependence on Russian military technology.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. iCET's aim is to expand partnership in critical and emerging technologies between India and the US. It will help India to find an alternative to the dependence on Russian military technology because India is looking produce more weapons at home and in partnership with the western countries.

Source: [The Indian Express](#)

Q.10) With reference to "Dekho Apna Desh" scheme consider the following statements:

1. It aims to promote tourism and encourage people to explore the rich cultural heritage and diversity of India.
2. It primarily encourages the elite class citizens of the country to travel within India rather than abroad.
3. It is intended to offer financial help to tourists travelling to different parts of India.

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. Dekho Apna Desh scheme aims to promote tourism and encourage people to explore the rich cultural heritage and diversity of India. It is intended to offer financial help to tourists travelling to different parts of India.

Statement 2 is incorrect. This scheme primarily targets the middle-class citizens of the country, encouraging them to travel within India rather than abroad.

Source: [DNA](#)

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PRELIMS

Q.1) Consider the following statements:

1. MISHTI programme aims at facilitating mangrove plantations along India's coastline.
2. Amrit Dharohar scheme aims at reskilling the youth in the emerging technologies required for the employment.

Select the correct code 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. MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes) is a new programme that will facilitate mangrove plantations along India's coastline and on salt pan lands. It will aim at the intensive afforestation of coastal mangrove forests.

Statement 2 is incorrect. The Amrit Dharohar scheme will be implemented over the next three years to encourage optimal use of wetlands, and enhance biodiversity, carbon stock, eco-tourism opportunities and income generation for local communities.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements with reference to 'Manual Scavenging':

1. Manual scavenging refers to the removal of human excreta using hand tools.
2. It is completely prohibited in India.
3. National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) aims at providing subsidies on sanitation machinery to the workers so that workers will be able to own sanitation machines themselves.

Which of the statement 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. Manual scavenging refers to the removal of human excreta using hand tools. Manual scavenging is completely prohibited under the Prohibition of employment as manual scavengers and their rehabilitation Act 2013. NAMASTE aims at providing subsidies on sanitation machinery to the workers so that workers will be able to own sanitation machines themselves.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.3) Consider the following statements:

1. The government has decided that the Permanent Account Number (PAN) would be used as a common identifier for all digital systems of specified government agencies.
2. Vivad Se Vishwas scheme aims for rapid settlement of pending cases against the undertrial prisoners.
3. eCourts Project aims to improve access to justice using technology.

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. The government has decided that the Permanent Account Number (PAN) would be used as a common identifier for all digital systems of specified government agencies. eCourts Project aims to improve access to justice using technology.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Vivad Se Vishwas scheme provides for settlement of disputed tax, interests, penalty or fees in relation to an assessment or reassessment order on payment of 100% of the disputed tax and 25% of the disputed penalty or interest or fee.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.4) Consider the following statements:

1. Green Growth has been listed as one of the seven priorities of this year's Budget.
2. Green Credit Programme will be notified under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 to encourage afforestation and wildlife protection.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Green Growth has been listed as one of the seven priorities of this year's Budget.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Green Credit Programme will be notified under the Environment Protection Act, 1986. This programme will incentivise environmentally sustainable and responsive actions by companies, individuals, and local bodies and help mobilize additional resources for such activities.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.5) With reference to Mahila Samman Saving Certificate (MSSC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a small saving scheme.
2. The scheme carries a fixed interest rate.
3. The government has allowed full withdrawal facility in the scheme.

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. MSSC is a one-time small saving scheme for women. The scheme will be made available for a two-year period up to March 2025. It will have a fixed interest rate of 7.5% for two years.

Statement 3 is incorrect. The government has allowed the partial withdrawal facility in the scheme.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.6) Consider the following statements:

1. PM Awas Yojana (PMAY) was launched with the objective of providing affordable housing to all citizens.
2. Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) has been set up with the aim to upgrade existing infrastructure in the Tier-I cities along the lines of international standards.
3. The fund under UIDF will be managed by the National Housing Bank.

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. PMAY was launched with the objective of providing affordable housing to all citizens. The fund under UIDF will be managed by the National Housing Bank.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) has been set up with the aim to create infrastructure in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.7) Consider the following statements:

1. Amrit Bharat Station scheme envisages the development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term vision.
2. Janjati Gaurav Corridor aims at connecting remote villages through rail.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Amrit Bharat Station scheme envisages the development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term vision.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Janjati Gaurav Corridor aims at connecting tribal areas of the country by rail.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.8) With reference to Extra-Long Staple (ELS) cotton, consider the following statements:

1. Egypt is one of the largest producers of ELS cotton.
2. ELS cotton is not yet produced in India.
3. The price of ELS cotton is lower than the normal cotton.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation –

Statement 1 is correct. Egypt, the US, and Australia are the largest producers of ELS cotton.

Statement 2 and 3 are incorrect. ELS cotton is produced in India but on a small scale. The price of ELS cotton is higher than the normal cotton because of its good quality.

Source: [Business Standard](#)

Q.9) With reference to 'Red Sanders' consider the following statements:

1. It is a very slow-growing tree species.
2. It is listed as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

Answer: A

Explanation –

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Statement 1 is correct. Red sanders is a very slow-growing tree species that attains maturity in natural forests after 25-40 years.

Statement 2 is incorrect. It is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.10) Which of the following organization publishes “World Social Report”?

- a) World Bank
- b) United Nations
- c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- d) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Answer: B

Explanation – World Social Report is published by the United Nations.

Source: [India Today](#)

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PRELIMS

Q.1) Consider the following statements:

1. As per Representation of the People Act, 1951, one candidate is not allowed to contest election from two constituencies.
2. When a person contests election from two constituencies and wins from both, then he/she vacates the seat in one of the two constituencies.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. As per Representation of the People Act, 1951, one candidate can contest from a maximum of two constituencies.

Statement 2 is correct. When a person contests election from two constituencies and wins from both, then he/she vacates the seat in one of the two constituencies.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

1. Angel tax refers to the income tax payable on capital raised by unlisted companies.
2. As per Budget 2023-24, startups certified with the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) are exempted from the angel tax.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Angel tax refers to the income tax payable on capital raised by unlisted companies.

Statement 2 is incorrect. As per Budget 2023-24, startups registered with the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) are exempted from the angel tax. The certified ones will have to pay additional taxes.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.3) Consider the following statements:

1. Cobra is a species of highly venomous snake.
2. Cobra is widely distributed over Asia and Africa.
3. Cobra venoms do not exhibit cytotoxic effects.

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. Cobra is a species of highly venomous snake. Cobra is widely distributed over Asia and Africa.

Statement 3 is incorrect. Cobra venoms are neurotoxic in nature and as per a recent study, the venom also exhibits cytotoxic effects.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.4) With reference to “Macrosomia” seen in the news recently, consider the following statements:

1. It is the disease caused by the unhygienic living practices amongst the women.
2. High blood sugar during pregnancy can increase the risk of Macrosomia.

Select the correct statement using the code 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. Macrosomia is a term used to describe giant babies. Any baby that weighs more than 4kg, regardless of its gestational age, is said to have macrosomia.

Statement 2 is correct. High blood sugar during pregnancy can increase the risk of Macrosomia.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.5) With reference to “Governor” consider the following statements:

1. The Governor is appointed by the President and holds the office during the pleasure of the President.
2. The Constitution has provided the educational qualifications to be considered while appointing the governor.
3. Governor can only reserve a bill on the advice of the Council of Ministers for the consideration of the President of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is correct. The Governor is appointed by the President and holds the Office during the pleasure of the President.

Statement 2 and 3 are incorrect. The Constitution has not provided the educational qualifications to be considered before appointing the governor. Reserving a bill for the consideration of President is the discretionary power of Governor. Hence, it can be done without the aid and advice of CoM.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.6) With reference to “Ken-Betwa Link Project” consider the following statements:

1. It is the first project under the National Perspective Plan for interlinking of rivers.
2. Ken is the tributary of Ghaghra River whereas Betwa is the tributary of Banas River.
3. The project may affect the habitat of Panna Tiger Reserve.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation –

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. Ken-Betwa Link Project is the first project under the National Perspective Plan for interlinking of rivers. The project may affect the habitat of Panna Tiger Reserve.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Ken and Betwa both are tributaries of River Yamuna.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

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Q.7) “Operation SADBHAVANA” has recently been carried out for –

- Safeguarding India’s coastal area from the terrorists.
- Countering insurgencies in the North-Eastern states.
- Spreading awareness against the sickle cell anemia.
- the children living in remote areas of Ladakh.

Answer: C

Explanation – Under Operation SADBHAVANA, Indian Army is undertaking multiple welfare activities such as running of Army Goodwill Schools, Infrastructure Development Projects and Education Tours etc. for the children living in remote areas of Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q.8) With reference to Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP), consider the following statements:

- It ensures availability of dialysis services free of cost to Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiaries at the district hospitals in the country.
- National PMNDP portal was launched with the objective to ensure accessibility and portability under One Nation-One Dialysis concept.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation –

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. PMNDP ensures availability of dialysis services free of cost to Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiaries at the district hospitals in the country. National PMNDP portal was launched with the objective to ensure accessibility and portability under One Nation-One Dialysis concept.

Source: [ForumIAS](#)

Q.9) Consider the following statements:

- In India, puisne judge refers to the judge who is being considered for the removal.
- In India, all judges have the same judicial powers.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

Answer: B

Explanation –

Statement 1 is incorrect. In India, there is a reference to a puisne judge only while considering the order of seniority for appointments, elevations to High Courts, etc., but it does not have a bearing on the exercise of a judge’s judicial power.

Statement 2 is correct. In India, all judges have the same judicial powers.

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Source: [The Indian Express](#)

Q.10) With reference to “Cooperative Societies” consider the following statements:

1. They help small-scale entrepreneurs procure raw materials at discounted rates and reduce production costs.
2. They provide producers with a platform to sell their products directly to consumers by removing intermediaries.
3. They act as drivers of the national economy by providing critical raw materials and intermediate goods to large industries.

Which of the statement 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. Cooperative societies help small-scale entrepreneurs procure raw materials at discounted rates and reduce production costs. They provide producers with a platform to sell their products directly to consumers by removing intermediaries. They act as drivers of the national economy by providing critical raw materials and intermediate goods to large industries.

Source: [The Times of India](#)