

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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Q. Consider the following air defence systems and their originating countries:

1. **S-400 Triumf** - Russia
2. **Patriot Missile System** - United States
3. **Iron Dome** - Israel
4. **Aster 30** - France

Which of the above pairs of air defence systems and their originating countries are correctly matched?

- (a) 1, 2, and 3 only
(b) 2, 3, and 4 only
(c) 1 and 2 only
(d) All of the above

Answer: (d) All of the above

Explanation:

- **S-400 Triumf** is indeed a **Russian** air defence system designed to intercept and destroy a wide range of aerial targets, including aircraft and missiles.
- The **Patriot Missile System** is developed by the **United States** and is used for tactical ballistic missile defense, as well as countering aircraft and cruise missiles.
- **Iron Dome** is an **Israeli** air defence system designed to intercept short-range rockets and artillery shells.
- **Aster 30** is a **French** air defence missile system developed for medium- to long-range threats, primarily used for intercepting incoming missiles.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Pulitzer Prize:

1. The Pulitzer Prize was established by Joseph Pulitzer and is administered by Columbia University in New York City.
2. It is awarded annually for excellence in journalism, literature, and cinema.

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) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The Pulitzer Prize was established by Joseph Pulitzer, a Hungarian-American newspaper publisher, and is administered by Columbia University in New York City. The prizes were first awarded in 1917.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** While the Pulitzer Prize honors achievements in journalism, literature (referred to as "letters"), and music, it **does not include cinema** as a category. Cinema awards are typically associated with other honors such as the Academy Awards (Oscars)

Source- [NE](#)

Q. With reference to Precision strike weapons, consider the following statements:

1. The SCALP missile is a surface-to-surface cruise missile.
2. The HAMMER is a precision-guided munition designed for short-range engagements.
3. Loitering munitions are drone systems capable of identifying and neutralising targets autonomously.
4. The METEOR missile is designed primarily for ground attack operations in electronic warfare environments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is incorrect. The **SCALP** (Storm Shadow) is **air-launched**, not surface-launched, and has a range of ~**450 km**, not over 1,000 km.

- **Statement 2 is correct.** **HAMMER** is a **precision-guided, stand-off munition** with a range of **50–70 km**, suitable for **short- to mid-range** precision strikes.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** **Loitering munitions**, also known as **kamikaze drones**, can hover over target areas and **autonomously or remotely** destroy threats.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect.** **METEOR** is an **air-to-air missile**, not for ground attack; it is a **Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)** effective in **electronic warfare** but not for ground targets.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the geographical features of the Persian Gulf:

1. The Persian Gulf connects to the Arabian Sea through the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, a vital passage for oil transportation.
2. Iran has the longest coastline along the Persian Gulf.

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) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** The Persian Gulf connects to the Arabian Sea via the **Strait of Hormuz**, not the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait (which lies between Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula and Djibouti/Eritrea in the Horn of Africa).
- **Statement 2 is correct.** Iran has the **longest coastline** along the Persian Gulf, stretching approximately **1,536 km** out of the total 5,117 km of the Gulf's coastline.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Which of the following best defines the term "Insider Trading"?

- (a) The legal buying or selling of a company's stock by its board members as part of a disclosed trading plan.
- (b) The practice of making investment decisions based on market rumors or analyst predictions.
- (c) The illegal buying or selling of a company's securities based on material, non-public information by individuals with access to such information.
- (d) The buying or selling of stocks by brokers using public information to gain market advantage.

Answer: (c) The illegal buying or selling of a company's securities based on material, non-public information by individuals with access to such information.

Explanation: Insider trading refers to the **illegal** use of **material, non-public information (MNPI)** by insiders (such as executives, employees, or associates) to **gain an unfair advantage** in stock trading. It is prohibited under the **SEBI Act, 1992** and regulated by **SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015** in India.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. With reference to the Inter-State River Water Disputes in India, consider the following statements:

1. Article 262 empowers Parliament to bar the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and other courts in matters related to inter-state river water disputes.
2. The River Boards Act, 1956 has been used effectively to set up several river boards for coordinated river basin development.
3. The Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 was amended to introduce time-bound tribunal formation and award delivery, based on the Sarkaria Commission recommendations.

4. Entry 56 of the Union List empowers the Union Government to legislate on inter-state rivers and river valleys for the national interest.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct.** Article 262(2) allows Parliament to pass a law barring the **jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and other courts** in inter-state water disputes.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect.** While the **River Boards Act, 1956** provides for such boards, **no river board has ever been established** under this Act.
- **Statement 3 – Correct.** The **Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956** was **amended in 2002** to introduce **time-bound mechanisms**—1 year for tribunal formation, 3 years for award delivery—as per **Sarkaria Commission** recommendations.
- **Statement 4 – Correct.** **Entry 56 of the Union List** empowers Parliament to legislate on matters concerning **inter-state rivers and river valleys in the public interest.**

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF):

1. The UNFF was established in 2000 by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to promote sustainable forest management and conservation worldwide.
2. The forum holds annual sessions at the UN Headquarters, alternating between technical discussions (even years) and policy-level dialogues (odd years).
3. India is a founding member of the UNFF and has been actively involved in shaping forest-related global policies.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) All of the above

Answer: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The **UNFF** was indeed established in **2000** by the **UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** with the goal of promoting **sustainable forest management and forest conservation** globally.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The forum holds annual sessions at the UN Headquarters, but the discussions alternate between **technical discussions in odd years** and **policy-level dialogues in even years**, not the other way around.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** **India is a founding member** of the **UNFF** and has been **proactively shaping forest-related global policies** in alignment with sustainable development goals.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding reforms in the coal sector in India:

1. The **Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015** introduced a transparent auction process, allowing private sector participation and enhancing government revenue.
2. The **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2021** introduced the **Prospecting Licence-cum-Mining Lease (PL-cum-ML)** for streamlining the process.
3. The **SHAKTI Policy** aims to address coal demand in the power sector by allocating coal to **private players** without end-use restrictions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The **Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015** allowed private sector participation through a transparent auction process, which enhanced government revenue and streamlined coal allocation.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2021** introduced the **PL-cum-ML**, which combines the prospecting and mining lease into a single process, simplifying the regulatory framework.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** The **SHAKTI Policy** does not allocate coal to **private players without end-use restrictions**. Instead, it introduces **two windows for coal allocation**, with **Window-II** catering to **thermal power plants**, both public and private, but still subject to certain guidelines like auctioning coal at a premium.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Snow Leopard

1. Snow leopards are primarily found at elevations of 3,000-5,000 meters, mostly in the cold and rugged terrains of the Himalayas.
2. They are classified as "Endangered" under the IUCN Red List and are protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
3. Snow leopards are solitary animals and are most active during dawn and dusk.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c) 1 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** Snow leopards primarily inhabit mountainous areas at elevations between 3,000 and 5,000 meters.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** Snow leopards are classified as "**Vulnerable**" on the IUCN Red List, not "Endangered," and are protected under **Schedule I** of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, not Schedule II.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** Snow leopards are solitary animals and are most active during dawn and dusk.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Biju Patnaik:

1. He served as a transport and rescue pilot in the Royal Indian Air Force and participated in missions during the Battle of Stalingrad in World War II.
2. He was awarded by the Soviet Union for his role in India's Quit India Movement and supporting Indonesia's independence struggle.

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) 1 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because Biju Patnaik was honoured by Indonesia, not the Soviet Union, for supporting their independence.

Source- [FP](#)

Q. With reference to Chile, consider the following statements:

1. It shares its longest international border with Bolivia.
2. The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest non-polar desert in the world.
3. Chile is part of the "Lithium Triangle" and holds a significant share of global lithium reserves.
4. Ojos del Salado, located in Chile, is the highest peak in South America.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer: B. 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is incorrect: Chile shares its longest border with **Argentina**, not Bolivia.
- Statement 2 is correct: The Atacama Desert is the driest non-polar desert in the world.
- Statement 3 is correct: Chile is part of the Lithium Triangle with vast lithium reserves.
- Statement 4 is incorrect: Ojos del Salado is the **second-highest** peak in South America, not the highest (Aconcagua in Argentina is the highest).

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. With reference to the Competition Commission of India (CCI), consider the following statements:

1. It was established under the Competition Act, 2002 and became fully functional in 2009, replacing the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act (MRTP), 1969..
2. The CCI performs only regulatory functions and has no adjudicatory or advisory role.

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. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The CCI was established under the **Competition Act, 2002**, and became operational in **2009**, replacing the **Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act (MRTP), 1969**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The CCI has **regulatory, adjudicatory, and advisory** roles. It acts as a **quasi-judicial body**, adjudicates competition-related cases, and provides **opinions to statutory authorities**.

Source- [THE PRINT](#)

Q. "HAROP," recently seen in the news, refers to a loitering munition system developed by which of the following countries?

- A. United States
- B. Russia
- C. Israel
- D. France

Answer: C. Israel

Explanation:

- **HAROP** is a loitering munition (suicide drone) developed by the **MBT Missiles Division of Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)**.
- It combines the capabilities of a drone and a missile, loitering over a target area before striking.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q. With reference to Thalassaemia, consider the following statements:

1. Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder that results in reduced production of hemoglobin, leading to anemia.
2. It is an acquired condition caused by viral infection or nutritional deficiency during childhood.

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. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Thalassaemia is an **inherited** disorder affecting hemoglobin production, leading to anemia.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Thalassaemia is **not acquired**; it is **caused by inheriting mutated genes** from one or both parents, and is **not related to infections or nutrition**.

Source- [NE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the removal of Judges of the Higher Judiciary in India:

1. A judge of the Supreme Court or High Court can be removed by the President on grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.
2. The removal motion must be passed by a special majority in both Houses of Parliament in the same session.
3. The Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 mandates that the motion for removal must be signed by at least 50 members in the Lok Sabha or 100 members in the Rajya Sabha.
4. An Inquiry Committee constituted after admission of the motion includes a Supreme Court Judge, a High Court Chief Justice, and a distinguished jurist.

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, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B. 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct as per Articles 124(4) and 217(1)(b).
- Statement 2 is correct; the special majority must be in the same session.
- Statement 3 is incorrect — it's 100 LS members or 50 RS members (the reverse).
- Statement 4 is correct regarding the composition of the Inquiry Committee.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the legal and constitutional framework related to refugees in India:

1. India is not a signatory to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol.
2. The Supreme Court has ruled that UNHCR refugee cards alone cannot be the basis for claiming protection from deportation.
3. India has enacted a specific refugee law to determine the status and rights of refugees based on international obligations.

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. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct — India is not a signatory to the 1951 Convention or the 1967 Protocol.
- **Statement 2** is correct — The Supreme Court has stated that UNHCR cards do not confer legal immunity from deportation.
- **Statement 3** is incorrect — India has no specific refugee law; cases are handled on a policy-based, case-by-case basis.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to the disqualification of legislators in India, consider the following statements:

1. Article 191 of the Constitution deals with disqualification of Members of State Legislatures.
2. Under Section 8(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, a legislator convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more is disqualified for the period of imprisonment and an additional six years.
3. As per the Supreme Court's ruling in *Lily Thomas v. Union of India (2013)*, a convicted lawmaker loses membership only after the President or Governor gives assent to the disqualification.

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. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct – Article 191 applies to disqualification of State Legislature members (MLAs).
- **Statement 2** is correct – Section 8(3) of RPA, 1951 specifies disqualification for the duration of imprisonment plus six additional years.
- **Statement 3** is incorrect – In *Lily Thomas v. Union of India*, the SC ruled that disqualification is **immediate** upon conviction and sentencing, without waiting for executive assent.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. Which of the following statements correctly defines predatory pricing?

- A. The sale of goods or services at a price above cost to attract competition and foster market growth.
- B. The practice of selling goods or services below cost to reduce competition or eliminate competitors, as identified in Section 4(2) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- C. The provision of goods or services at a discount to benefit consumers without any intention to harm competition.
- D. A practice where companies collaborate to raise prices and increase profits in the market.

Answer: B.

Explanation:

- Predatory pricing involves setting prices below cost to harm competition by driving competitors out of the market, which is recognized as an abusive practice under Section 4(2) of the Competition Act, 2002.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the geographical and political features of Iran:

1. Iran shares land boundaries with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, and Turkey.
2. Iran's climate ranges from arid and semi-arid to subtropical, and it is surrounded by the Caspian Sea, the Persian Gulf, and the Gulf of Oman.
3. The highest peak of Iran, Mount Damavand, is located in the Zagros Mountain Range, and is the highest mountain on the Eurasian landmass west of the Hindu Kush.

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. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct — Iran shares land boundaries with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, and Turkey.
- **Statement 2** is correct — Iran's climate ranges from arid to subtropical, and it is surrounded by the Caspian Sea, Persian Gulf, and Gulf of Oman.
- **Statement 3** is incorrect — Mount Damavand is located in the **Alborz** Mountain Range, not the Zagros.

Source- [DD news](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Balochistan:

1. Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan by area, bordering Iran, Afghanistan, and the Arabian Sea, with Quetta as its capital.
2. Balochistan shares its eastern border with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces of Pakistan.

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. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct — Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan by area, bordering Iran, Afghanistan, and the Arabian Sea, with Quetta as its capital.
- **Statement 2** is incorrect — Balochistan shares its eastern border with Sindh and Punjab provinces, not Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. With reference to Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. The Umtrew River forms the western boundary of the sanctuary.
2. The sanctuary was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is known for its population of Gangetic Dolphins.

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) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct. The Umtrew River and its tributaries (Umrang, Umling, Umtasor) contribute to the sanctuary's rugged topography and form its western boundary.
- **Statement 2** is incorrect. The sanctuary is **not** a UNESCO World Heritage Site and does **not** host Gangetic Dolphins.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. The Global Methane Tracker 2025, which was recently released, is published by which of the following agencies?

- (a) World Health Organization (WHO)
(b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
(c) International Energy Agency (IEA)
(d) World Bank

Answer: (c) International Energy Agency (IEA)

Explanation: The **Global Methane Tracker 2025** has been released by the **International Energy Agency (IEA)**, which monitors methane emissions and tracks global efforts to mitigate them.

Source- [NE](#)

Q. With reference to the Tapti Basin Mega Recharge Project (TBMRP), consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's largest groundwater recharge initiative jointly undertaken by Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
2. The project aims to supply drinking water to Nagpur and irrigation water to Chhindwara district.
3. The majority share of the total water usage under the project has been allocated to Madhya Pradesh.

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) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct. TBMRP is the world's largest groundwater recharge project and is a joint effort by MP and Maharashtra.
- **Statement 2** is correct. It aims to provide drinking water to northeastern Maharashtra (including Nagpur) and irrigation support to southern MP (including Chhindwara).
- **Statement 3** is incorrect. The majority share of water (19.36 TMC out of 31.13 TMC) is allocated to **Maharashtra**, not Madhya Pradesh.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to the BrahMos missile system, recently seen in the news during Operation Sindoor, consider the following statements:

1. BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by India and Russia, named after rivers in both countries.
2. It follows a ballistic trajectory and is primarily launched from submarines only.
3. BrahMos is a 'fire and forget' missile capable of being launched from land, air, sea, and sub-sea platforms.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – BrahMos is **jointly developed by India and Russia** and is named after the **Brahmaputra** (India) and **Moskva** (Russia) rivers.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – BrahMos is a **cruise missile**, not ballistic, and it is **not limited to submarine launches**; it is versatile across platforms.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – It is a '**fire and forget**' missile, and it can be launched from **land, air, sea, and sub-sea (submarine)** platforms.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. With reference to the National Scheme for Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), consider the following statements:

1. The scheme will be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with part funding from both the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

2. It aims to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs and establish five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling within private industrial training institutes.

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) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct. The scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 50% of the central share co-financed equally by ADB and the World Bank.
- **Statement 2** is incorrect. The five National Centres of Excellence will be established within **National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs)**, not private ITIs.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. The term "LICONN technology," recently seen in the news, is associated with which of the following fields?

- (a) Quantum computing
(b) Brain mapping and connectomics
(c) Climate modeling
(d) Renewable energy storage

Answer: (b) Brain mapping and connectomics

Explanation:

LICONN, or Light-microscopy-based Connectomics, is a cutting-edge technique that enables high-resolution mapping of the brain's neural networks at the nanoscale. By utilizing light microscopy combined with tissue expansion methods and AI-driven image analysis, LICONN allows researchers to visualize and reconstruct complex neuronal structures and synaptic connections, providing insights into the brain's intricate wiring.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to the Gomti River, consider the following statements:

1. It is a tributary of the Ganga River that originates in Uttarakhand and is primarily snow-fed.
2. The Gomti River flows entirely through Uttar Pradesh and is both rain- and groundwater-fed.
3. It originates from Fulhaar Jheel (Gomat Taal) located near Madho Tanda in the Pilibhit district.

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) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is incorrect: Gomti is **not** snow-fed and does **not** originate in Uttarakhand; it is **rain- and groundwater-fed**, unlike the Himalayan tributaries.
- **Statement 2** is correct: It flows **entirely within Uttar Pradesh** and has a unique hydrology.
- **Statement 3** is correct: It originates from **Gomat Taal (Fulhaar Jheel)** near **Madho Tanda in Pilibhit district**.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding international conventions related to hazardous waste and chemicals:

1. The **Basel Convention** aims to reduce hazardous waste generation, promote environmentally sound management, and restrict cross-border waste transfers that don't align with environmental principles.

2. The **Rotterdam Convention** promotes shared responsibility in international trade of hazardous chemicals and pesticides but does not require prior informed consent.
3. The **Stockholm Convention** aims to eliminate persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and promote safer alternatives.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – The **Basel Convention** focuses on hazardous waste management and restricts cross-border movement of hazardous wastes that do not meet environmental standards.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – The **Rotterdam Convention** requires **prior informed consent (PIC)** for the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides, ensuring that countries know about the risks involved before agreeing to trade.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The **Stockholm Convention** aims to eliminate or reduce the release of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and promote safer alternatives.

Source- [BRS](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding New Zealand:

1. New Zealand is located between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Antarctic Circle and is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire.
2. The highest peak in New Zealand is Mount Ruapehu, and its largest glacier is the Tasman Glacier.
3. Lake Taupō, the largest natural lake in New Zealand, lies in a volcanic caldera and plays a significant role in the country's hydroelectric energy production.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is correct as New Zealand is situated between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Antarctic Circle, and it lies within the Pacific Ring of Fire.
- **Statement 2** is incorrect because **Mount Cook (Aoraki)** is the highest peak, not Mount Ruapehu.
- **Statement 3** is correct; Lake Taupō is the largest natural lake and lies in a volcanic caldera, contributing to New Zealand's hydroelectric energy.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian grey wolf (*Canis lupus pallipes*):

1. The Indian grey wolf is found across Southwest Asia and the Indian subcontinent and is known to live in larger packs compared to other wolf subspecies.
2. It is primarily nocturnal and adapted to warmer climates, often inhabiting scrublands, grasslands, and semi-arid agroecosystems.
3. The Indian grey wolf is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List and is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is incorrect because the Indian grey wolf is known to live in smaller packs and is less vocal compared to other subspecies of wolves.
- **Statement 2** is correct, as the Indian grey wolf is primarily nocturnal and inhabits warmer climates like scrublands and grasslands.
- **Statement 3** is correct, as the Indian grey wolf is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List, and its population in India is estimated between 2,000 and 3,000 individuals. It is also listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Source- [TH](#)

Q.1 With reference to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), consider the following statements:

1. It is the second-largest country in Africa by area, after Algeria.
2. It shares a maritime boundary with the Indian Ocean.
3. The Congo River, which crosses the Equator twice, is a major river of the country.
4. The Congo Basin, a part of which lies in DRC, is home to one of the world's largest tropical peatlands.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: B. 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** DRC is the second-largest country in Africa after Algeria.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** DRC has a coastline on the **Atlantic Ocean**, not the Indian Ocean.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The Congo River crosses the Equator twice and is a major river in the country.
- **Statement 4 is correct.** The Congo Basin, which includes DRC, is home to one of the world's largest tropical peatlands.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q.2 With reference to the Niveshak Shivir initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is a nationwide investor outreach program aimed at facilitating the recovery of unclaimed dividends and shares.
2. It has been launched by the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with SEBI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** *Niveshak Shivir* is designed to assist investors in reclaiming unclaimed dividends and shares.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The initiative is launched by the **IEPFA under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs**, not the Ministry of Finance.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q.3 The term "Safe Harbour", sometimes seen in the context of digital platforms, refers to:

- A. A cyber security framework for protecting government servers from ransomware attacks.
- B. A legal provision that protects online intermediaries from liability for user-generated content under certain conditions.

- C. A data localisation policy requiring storage of user data within national borders.
- D. A scheme for incentivising domestic tech companies to expand into rural markets.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation- **Safe Harbour** is a legal doctrine that protects **intermediaries** (like social media platforms) from being held liable for content shared by third-party users, **as long as** they act quickly to remove illegal content once they are made aware of it.

Source- [TH](#)

Q.4 With reference to the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. The Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve is located in the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra and is the largest and oldest tiger reserve in the state.
2. The reserve has corridor linkages with the Nagzira-Navegaon and Pench Tiger Reserves within Maharashtra.
3. The reserve is home to three major water bodies: Tadoba Lake, Kolsa Lake, and the Tadoba River.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, and 3
- D. 1 only

Correct Answer: C. 1, 2, and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve** is indeed located in **Chandrapur district** of Maharashtra and is the **largest and oldest** tiger reserve in the state.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The reserve has **corridor linkages** with the **Nagzira-Navegaon and Pench Tiger Reserves** within Maharashtra, enhancing wildlife connectivity.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The reserve contains **three major water bodies: Tadoba Lake, Kolsa Lake, and the Tadoba River**, which support the local ecosystem.

Source- [HT](#)

Q.5 Consider the following statements regarding the PL-15 missile:

1. The PL-15, also known as “Thunderbolt-15,” is a long-range, beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM).
2. The PL-15 missile is developed and manufactured by the Russia Aerospace Science Corporation (RASC) for the Russian Air Force.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The **PL-15**, also known as “**Thunderbolt-15**”, is a **long-range, beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM)**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The PL-15 missile is **developed and manufactured by China (CASIC)**, not Russia.

Source- [HT](#)

Q.6 Consider the following statements regarding Great Nicobar Island:

1. It is separated from the Andaman Islands by the Ten Degree Channel and is the southernmost island of the Nicobar Islands archipelago.
2. The highest peak on the island is Mount Thullier.

3. The Great Nicobar Island is home to the indigenous tribes of Shompens and Nicobarese, and it is also home to the Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO-designated site.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2, and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Great Nicobar Island is indeed the southernmost island of the Nicobar Islands archipelago, and it is separated from the Andaman Islands by the Ten Degree Channel.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Mount Thullier, at 2,105 ft high, is the highest peak of Great Nicobar Island.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The island is home to the indigenous tribes, **Shompens** and **Nicobarese**, and also hosts the **Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve**, which is a UNESCO-designated site.

Source- [HT](#)

Q.7 Consider the following statements regarding the Raika Tribe:

1. The Raika tribe is a pastoral community living in the arid regions of Rajasthan, especially around Kumbhalgarh in Rajsamand district.
2. The Raikas are known for breeding the Marwari camels, which are strong and well-adapted to the desert.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C. Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Raika tribe lives in the arid regions of Rajasthan, especially around Kumbhalgarh.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Raikas are famous for breeding the Marwari camels, known for their desert endurance and strength.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q.8 The World Economic Outlook report recently seen in the news is released by which of the following organizations?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. United Nations
- D. World Trade Organization (WTO)

Correct Answer: B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Explanation: The World Economic Outlook is published by the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. It provides analysis and projections of the global economy, focusing on growth trends, economic stability, and financial issues across countries.

Source- [DD news](#)

Q.9 Consider the following statements regarding Regional Rural Banks (RRBs):

1. RRBs were established in 1975 following the recommendations of the Narasimham Committee on Rural Credit and formalized under the RRB Act, 1976.
2. The ownership of RRBs is shared equally between the Government of India, the concerned State Government, and the sponsor bank.
3. RRBs are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3

Correct Answer: C. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: RRBs were established in 1975 following the recommendations of the Narasimham Committee on Rural Credit, and formalized under the RRB Act, 1976.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: The ownership of RRBs is shared among the Government of India (50%), the concerned State Government (15%), and the sponsor bank (35%), not equally.
- Statement 3 is correct: RRBs are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Source- [BL](#)

Q.10 Consider the following statements:

1. Germanium is a rare earth metal that is used in fiber optic cables, night vision devices, and solar cells.
2. The US is a major producer of germanium.
3. India is 100% dependent on imports to meet its germanium requirements.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1 only

Answer: C. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Germanium is indeed a rare earth metal used in applications such as fiber optic cables, night vision devices, and solar cells.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** China, not the US, is the major producer of germanium.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** India is entirely dependent on imports for its germanium requirements.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Senior Advocates in India:

1. Senior Advocates are designated by the Supreme Court or High Courts based on their legal expertise, standing at the Bar, and special knowledge after a minimum of 10 years of experience.
2. Senior Advocates are allowed to take direct instructions from clients and prepare pleadings and affidavits on their own.

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) 1 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The designation is conferred by the SC or High Courts based on merit and experience (minimum 10 years).
- Statement 2 is incorrect: Senior Advocates are not allowed to take direct instructions from clients or draft pleadings and affidavits themselves.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. The Yala Glacier, recently declared "dead" due to rapid melting, is located in which of the following countries?

- A) India
- B) Bhutan
- C) Nepal
- D) China

Answer: C) Nepal

Explanation: Yala Glacier is located in **Langtang National Park** in the **Himalayan region of Nepal** at an elevation of around 5,000 meters. It has significantly shrunk in recent decades and is projected to disappear entirely by **2040** due to climate change.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT):

1. NCLAT is constituted under the Companies Act, 2013, to hear appeals against the orders of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
2. NCLAT has the authority to regulate its own procedure and its orders are enforceable like civil court decrees.
3. Civil courts can entertain appeals against the orders of NCLAT on matters falling under its jurisdiction.

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. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** NCLAT hears appeals from NCLT, IBBI, CCI, and NFRA.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** NCLAT can regulate its procedure and its orders are enforceable like civil court decrees.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Civil courts have no jurisdiction over matters within NCLAT's purview.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Bhramdev Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. The sanctuary is located in the Kawardha district of Chhattisgarh and is part of the Maikal range of the Satpura hills.
2. The Bhramdeo Temple, located nearby, is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is known as the "Khajuraho of Chhattisgarh."
3. Bhramdev Wildlife Sanctuary is part of the Kanha-Achanakmar Corridor, which connects Kanha National Park with Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The sanctuary is located in the Kawardha district of Chhattisgarh and is part of the Maikal range of the Satpura hills.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Bhramdeo Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is famously known as the "Khajuraho of Chhattisgarh."
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Bhramdev Wildlife Sanctuary is part of the Kanha-Achanakmar Corridor, connecting Kanha National Park with Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary.

Source- [ETVB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the National Defence Fund (NDF):

1. The National Defence Fund was established in 1962 to promote the national defence effort and administer voluntary donations in cash and kind.
2. The Finance Minister is the Chairperson of the Executive Committee overseeing the administration of the NDF.
3. Contributions made to the National Defence Fund are exempt from income tax under section 80(G) of the Income Tax Act.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 3 only
B) 1 only
C) 2 and 3 only
D) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: A) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The NDF was established in 1962 with the objective to take charge of voluntary donations for the national defence effort and decide their utilisation, mainly for the welfare of the Armed Forces and their dependents.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: The Prime Minister is the Chairperson of the NDF's Executive Committee, not the Finance Minister. The Finance Minister is the Treasurer of the Fund.
- Statement 3 is correct: Contributions to the National Defence Fund are exempt from income tax under section 80(G) of the Income Tax Act.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Tapi River:

1. The Tapi River is India's second-longest west-flowing river and drains into the Arabian Sea at the Gulf of Khambhat in Gujarat.
2. The Tapi River flows through Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Gujarat and is bounded by the Satpura Range to the south and the Mahadeo Hills to the north.
3. The Tapi River has 14 major tributaries, with the Purna River being the main left-bank tributary that provides a perennial flow.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 3 only
B) 1 and 2 only
C) 2 and 3 only
D) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: A) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The Tapi River is the second-longest west-flowing river in India, and it drains into the Arabian Sea at the Gulf of Khambhat in Gujarat.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: The Tapi River is bounded by the Satpura Range to the north, not to the south, and the Mahadeo Hills are to the east, not the north.
- Statement 3 is correct: The Tapi River has 14 major tributaries, with the Purna River being the main left-bank tributary that provides a perennial flow.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. The "State of the World's Nursing 2025" report was released by which of the following organizations?

- A) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
B) World Health Organization (WHO)
C) International Labour Organization (ILO)
D) World Bank

Answer: B) World Health Organization (WHO)

Explanation:

The "State of the World's Nursing 2025" report was released by the World Health Organization (WHO) on

International Nurses Day, 12 May 2025. This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the global nursing workforce, highlighting areas such as education, employment, migration, regulation, working conditions, and leadership. It serves as a critical resource for policymakers to strengthen nursing and midwifery services.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Which of the following statements about the SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) Scheme is/are correct?

1. The SVAMITVA Scheme aims to create a Record of Rights for rural property owners, with a focus on abadi areas (inhabited regions).
2. The scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Select the correct answer:

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A) 1 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The SVAMITVA Scheme aims to create a Record of Rights for rural property owners, particularly in abadi areas (inhabited regions), using modern technology like drones and GIS.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: The SVAMITVA Scheme is a **central sector scheme**, not a centrally sponsored scheme, and it is implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, not the Ministry of Rural Development.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India) Scheme:

1. PM SHRI is a centrally sponsored scheme launched under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
2. Under this scheme, 14,500 existing schools will be transformed into model schools with a focus on holistic education and eco-friendly infrastructure.
3. The selection of PM SHRI schools is based on random allocation by state governments.

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) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** PM SHRI is a **centrally sponsored** scheme aligned with the goals of **NEP 2020**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme aims to develop **14,500 existing schools** into **model schools** focusing on **holistic education, 21st-century skills, and eco-friendly infrastructure**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Selection of PM SHRI schools is **not random**; it is done through a **Challenge Mode**, where schools apply and are selected based on set criteria and performance.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. With reference to the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) principle under the World Trade Organization (WTO), consider the following statements:

1. Under the MFN principle, a country is obligated to provide the same trade advantages to all WTO members as it does to its most-favoured trading partner.
2. WTO members cannot withdraw MFN status from any country under any circumstances.

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. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The MFN principle ensures equal treatment to all WTO members—any advantage given to one must be extended to all.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** While there's no formal WTO procedure for suspending MFN, members can effectively withdraw such treatment in certain situations, such as national security concerns. For example, India withdrew Pakistan's MFN status in 2019.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. With reference to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), consider the following statements:

1. The Chairman and other members of the UPSC are appointed by the Prime Minister of India.
2. A member of the UPSC can hold office for a term of six years or until the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
3. The conditions of service of UPSC members can be altered after their appointment.
4. The annual report of the UPSC is submitted to the President of India and laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer: A. 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1** is incorrect: Members are appointed by the **President**, not the Prime Minister.
- **Statement 2** is correct: Term is **6 years or until 65 years**, whichever is earlier.
- **Statement 3** is incorrect: Service conditions **cannot** be amended after appointment.
- **Statement 4** is correct: The **annual report** is submitted to the President, and reasons for non-acceptance of advice must be laid **before both Houses of Parliament**.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. With reference to Treasury Bills (T-Bills) in India, consider the following statements:

1. T-Bills are zero-coupon securities issued by the Government of India through the RBI to meet short-term financial requirements.
2. T-Bills pay periodic interest to investors during their tenure.
3. T-Bills are issued in tenures of 91 days, 182 days, and 364 days, and can be purchased by individuals as well as institutional investors.
4. The auctions for T-Bills are conducted on the RBI's electronic platform called E-Kuber.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

Correct Answer: C. Only three

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is **correct**: T-Bills are zero-coupon securities issued by the government through RBI to meet short-term financing needs.
- Statement 2 is **incorrect**: T-Bills do **not** pay periodic interest; they are issued at a discount and redeemed at face value.
- Statement 3 is **correct**: T-Bills are issued for 91, 182, and 364 days and are available for purchase by individuals and institutional investors.

- Statement 4 is **correct**: T-Bill auctions are conducted on RBI's E-Kuber platform.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q. Operation Keller, recently seen in the news, was launched by which of the following?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Army in coordination with J&K Police and CRPF
- D. National Security Guard (NSG)

Answer: C. Indian Army in coordination with J&K Police and CRPF

Explanation: Operation Keller was a search and destroy mission initiated on 13 May 2025 in Shoekal Keller, Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir. It was conducted by the Indian Army with coordination from Jammu & Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), resulting in the neutralization of Shahid Kuttay, chief of The Resistance Front (TRF).

Source-

[HT](#)

Q. With reference to the Chandrayaan-5 mission, consider the following statements:

1. Chandrayaan-5 is a joint lunar mission between ISRO and JAXA aimed at exploring the Moon's south polar region, with a focus on water resources and surface features.
2. The lander will be developed by JAXA, while ISRO will provide the rover and instruments from NASA and ESA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Chandrayaan-5 (LUPEX) is indeed a joint ISRO-JAXA mission targeting the Moon's south pole to study water and surface characteristics.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** JAXA is developing the **rover**, and ISRO is building the **lander**. Instruments from NASA and ESA will also be part of the payload.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. With reference to the Chief Justice of India (CJI), consider the following statements:

1. Article 124(1) of the Constitution provides for the establishment of the Supreme Court of India consisting of the Chief Justice of India and not more than 33 other judges.
2. As per the Memorandum of Procedure, the appointment of the CJI involves consultation with the outgoing CJI and follows the convention of appointing the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court.
3. The Chief Justice of India administers the oath of office to the President of India.
4. The office of the CJI is exempted from the purview of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 4 only

Correct Answer: C. 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 124(1) provides for a Supreme Court consisting of the CJI and not more than 33 other judges.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The appointment of the CJI follows a dual convention — consultation with the outgoing CJI and appointing the senior-most judge.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The CJI administers the oath of office to the President of India.

- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The office of the CJI **falls under** the purview of the **RTI Act, 2005**, as per a Supreme Court ruling.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the Jute Corporation of India (JCI):

1. JCI is a government-owned agency responsible for procuring raw jute at Minimum Support Price (MSP) to protect farmers from exploitation.
2. The headquarters of JCI is located in Kolkata, West Bengal.

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. Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) is a government-owned price support agency tasked with procuring raw jute directly from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). This ensures that farmers get fair prices and are protected from exploitation by middlemen. The JCI is headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal, which is the hub of jute cultivation and processing in India.

Source-

[TH](#)

Q. With reference to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The CPI measures the average change over time in the prices paid by consumers for a fixed basket of goods and services.
2. In India, the CPI is released monthly by the National Statistical Office (NSO) and uses 2012 as the base year for calculation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C. Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** CPI reflects the change in retail prices consumers pay for a standard basket of goods and services over time.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** In India, the **NSO under MoSPI** releases CPI data monthly. The current **base year** is 2012

Source- [ET](#)

Q. With reference to the Startup Accelerator of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth (SAMRIDH) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The SAMRIDH Scheme, implemented by the MeitY Start-up Hub and Digital India Corporation, provides up to ₹40 lakh per startup through selected accelerators along with matching investment.
2. The scheme focuses exclusively on supporting early-stage startups in rural development and agricultural infrastructure sectors.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** SAMRIDH provides up to ₹40 lakh to startups based on their valuation and growth stage, and ensures matching funding from accelerators. It is implemented by **MeitY Start-up Hub** and **Digital India Corporation**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme supports startups across multiple domains including **health-tech, ed-tech, agri-tech, consumer-tech, fintech, SaaS, and sustainability**, not just rural/agricultural sectors.

Source- [NE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the Chambal River:

1. The Chambal River is a tributary of the Yamuna and flows through Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
2. The main tributaries of the Chambal River include the Banas, Mej, Parbati, Kali Sindh, and Shipra rivers.
3. Major dams on the Chambal River include Gandhi Sagar Dam, Rana Pratap Sagar Dam, and Bhakra Nangal Dam.

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. All of the above

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The Chambal is a tributary of the Yamuna and flows through Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Statement 2 is correct: The main tributaries of Chambal include the Banas, Mej (left bank), and Parbati, Kali Sindh, and Shipra (right bank) rivers.
- Statement 3 is incorrect: While Gandhi Sagar, Rana Pratap Sagar, and Jawahar Sagar dams are on the Chambal River, Bhakra Nangal Dam is on the Sutlej River, not on Chambal.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the Jenu Kuruba tribe:

1. They are recognized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).
2. They are found only in Karnataka.

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. 1 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct. The Jenu Kuruba are indeed recognized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).
- Statement 2 is incorrect. While they are primarily found in Karnataka, the Jenu Kuruba tribe is also present in the forest belts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Colombia:

1. Colombia shares land borders with five countries: Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, and Brazil.
2. The Andes mountain range in Colombia is divided into three branches: Cordillera Occidental, Cordillera Central, and Cordillera Oriental.
3. Colombia is bordered by the Caribbean Sea to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

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: (d) 1, 2, and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct.** Colombia shares land borders with five countries: Panama (to the northwest), Venezuela (to the east), Brazil (to the southeast), Ecuador, and Peru (to the south).
- **Statement 2: Correct.** The Andes mountain range splits into three distinct branches in Colombia: the **Cordillera Occidental** (Western Range), **Cordillera Central** (Central Range), and **Cordillera Oriental** (Eastern Range).
- **Statement 3: Correct.** Colombia is one of the few South American countries with coastlines on both the **Caribbean Sea** (to the north) and the **Pacific Ocean** (to the west).

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to 'Bhargavastra', consider the following statements:

1. Bhargavastra is a hard-kill anti-drone system designed to counter swarm drone threats.
2. It has been developed by Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL).

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) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct.** *Bhargavastra* is a low-cost, indigenously developed **hard-kill anti-drone system** specifically designed to neutralize swarm drone threats using micro-rockets and missiles.
- **Statement 2: Correct.** It has been developed by **Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL)**, not a government agency like DRDO.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Supreme Court's advisory jurisdiction under Article 143 of the Indian Constitution:

1. The President may refer a question to the Supreme Court if it "has arisen, or is likely to arise," and "is of such a nature and of such public importance that it is expedient to obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court."
2. A reference under Article 143 must be heard by a bench of at least five judges, as per Article 145(3), and the Supreme Court returns the reference to the President with the majority opinion.
3. The Supreme Court is obligated to provide an opinion on every reference made under Article 143.

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) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct.** Article 143(1) empowers the President to refer questions of law or fact to the Supreme Court if they have arisen, or are likely to arise, and are of such public importance that it is expedient to obtain the Court's opinion.
- **Statement 2: Correct.** Article 145(3) requires that any such reference be heard by a bench of at least five judges, and the Court returns its majority opinion to the President.
- **Statement 3: Incorrect.** The Supreme Court is *not* bound to give an opinion on every reference. The Court has discretion and may decline to answer if it finds the question unsuitable.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. With reference to Agamas in Indian religious tradition, consider the following statements:

1. Agamas are post-Vedic scriptures that serve as manuals for temple rituals, worship, and management.
2. They derive their authority directly from the Vedas and are classified only under Shaiva and Shakta traditions.

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) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct.** Agamas are post-Vedic texts that guide rituals, temple construction, and worship practices. They cover **jnana, yoga, kriya, and charya**, and include methods like **mantra, yantra, and tantra**.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect.** Agamas **do not derive their authority directly from the Vedas**, though they are **Vedic in spirit**. Also, they are **classified into three traditions: Vaishnava, Shaiva, and Shakta**, not just Shaiva and Shakta.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the Akash missile system:

1. Akash is an indigenously developed mobile surface-to-air missile system that can engage multiple aerial targets at the same time.
2. The Rajendra radar, which guides the Akash missile, has a range of about 120 km and can track multiple targets simultaneously.
3. Akash-NG is a new variant with an extended range of up to 70 km and is designed to intercept fast-moving aerial threats with low radar visibility.

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: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct. Akash is a mobile, indigenously made missile system that can target multiple aerial threats simultaneously.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. The Rajendra radar's range is about 80 km, not 120 km (120 km is the range of a different radar, the Central Acquisition Radar).
- Statement 3 is correct. Akash-NG has an extended range of up to 70 km and is designed to intercept fast and stealthy aerial targets.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about Arunachal Pradesh:

1. Arunachal Pradesh shares its international borders with China, Myanmar, and Bhutan.
2. The Siang River, which flows through Arunachal Pradesh, originates from Tibet and is a tributary of the Brahmaputra.
3. Arunachal Pradesh is known as the "Orchid Paradise" and is home to protected areas like Namdapha National Park and Pakke Tiger Reserve.

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: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:** Correct. Arunachal Pradesh shares international borders with China (1030 km), Myanmar (440 km), and Bhutan (160 km).
- **Statement 2:** Correct. The Siang River is the name of the Brahmaputra River as it flows through Arunachal Pradesh, originating from Tibet (where it is called Tsangpo).
- **Statement 3:** Correct. Arunachal Pradesh is often called the "Orchid Paradise" due to its rich orchid diversity and has important protected areas including Namdapha National Park and Pakke Tiger Reserve.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the Wholesale Price Index (WPI):

1. WPI measures the average change in prices of goods traded in bulk by wholesalers and reflects inflation at the producer level.
2. WPI includes both goods and services in its basket for price measurement.
3. The base year for WPI is updated to 2011-12, and it is published monthly by the Office of Economic Adviser under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:** Correct. WPI measures price changes of goods traded wholesale, reflecting inflation at the producer level before reaching consumers.
- **Statement 2:** Incorrect. WPI covers only goods and does not include services; the Consumer Price Index (CPI) tracks prices including services.
- **Statement 3:** Correct. The base year of WPI was revised to 2011-12, and it is published monthly by the Office of Economic Adviser, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Source- [BS](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC):

1. The UPSC is a constitutional body established under Article 315 of the Indian Constitution.
2. The President appoints the Chairman and members of the UPSC, with members having a tenure of 6 years or until they reach the age of 65, whichever is earlier.
3. A UPSC member can be removed by the President without any judicial inquiry or advice from the Supreme Court.

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) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:** Correct. UPSC is established under Article 315 of the Constitution as a constitutional body.
- **Statement 2:** Correct. The President appoints the Chairman and members under Article 316, and their tenure is 6 years or until 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
- **Statement 3:** Incorrect. Removal of a member for misbehaviour requires the President to seek the Supreme Court's advice, and the Court's advice is binding; thus, removal cannot happen without judicial inquiry.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. The Kurraguttalu Hills, recently seen in news due to a major anti-Naxal operation, are located on the border of which two Indian states?

- (a) Chhattisgarh and Telangana
- (b) Odisha and Jharkhand
- (c) Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka

Answer: (a) Chhattisgarh and Telangana

Explanation- : Karregutta Hills lie on the border of Bhadravri Kothagudem district (Telangana) and Sukma district (Chhattisgarh).

Source- [IE](#)

Q: Consider the following statements about the Adyar River:

1. The Adyar River originates near Chembarambakkam Lake in Kanchipuram district and flows through Chennai to join the Bay of Bengal at the Adyar Estuary.
2. The Adyar Estuary was declared a protected wildlife reserve in 1987 and contains a natural backwater called the Adyar Creek formed due to sandbar formation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) Only 1
- B) Only 2
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

The Adyar River originates near Chembarambakkam Lake in Kanchipuram district and flows through Chennai city before emptying into the Bay of Bengal at the Adyar Estuary. The estuary, covering about 300 acres, was declared a protected wildlife reserve in 1987 to conserve its unique ecosystem. Near the river mouth, sandbar formation leads to the creation of a backwater known as the Adyar Creek, which acts as a natural tidal channel.

Source- [TOI](#)