

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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Q1. Consider the following names:

1. Alphonso
2. Kesar
3. Langra
4. Himsagar
5. Mallika
6. Raspuri

How many of these are native and commonly grown mango varieties in India?

Options:

- a) Only 3
- b) Only 4
- c) Only 5
- d) All the above

Answer: D) All the above

Explanation:

All six mango varieties listed are native to India and are widely cultivated across various regions:

1. **Alphonso (Hapus):** Originating from the Konkan region, particularly Ratnagiri and Devgad in Maharashtra, Alphonso is renowned for its rich flavor and aroma.
2. **Kesar:** Grown in the foothills of Girnar in Gujarat, Kesar mangoes are known for their bright orange pulp and sweet taste.
3. **Langra:** A popular variety from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Langra is cherished for its unique taste and texture.
4. **Himsagar:** Originating from West Bengal and Bihar, Himsagar mangoes are celebrated for their sweet, fiberless pulp.
5. **Mallika:** A hybrid variety developed by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Mallika is a cross between Neelum and Dasher mangoes, combining the best traits of both.
6. **Raspuri:** Predominantly grown in Karnataka, especially around Bengaluru and Mysuru, Raspuri mangoes are known for their juicy and flavorful pulp.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about Nigeria:

1. It shares its northern border with Niger and its western border with Benin.
2. Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa.
3. Lake Chad is located at the junction of Nigeria, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) All of the above

Explanation:

1. **Bordering Countries:** Nigeria shares its northern border with Niger, its eastern border with Chad and Cameroon, its southern border with the Gulf of Guinea, and its western border with Benin.
2. **Population:** Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa, with an estimated population of over 237 million people in 2025.
3. **Lake Chad Location:** Lake Chad is a freshwater lake located at the junction of Nigeria, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements about Goa:

1. Goa was part of the Mauryan Empire and later came under the rule of the Chalukyas of Badami, Rashtrakutas of Malkhed, Vijayanagara Empire, and Bahmani Sultans.
2. In 1510 AD, Afonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from the Sultan of Bijapur, marking the beginning of Portuguese rule.
3. Goa was liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961 and immediately became a full-fledged state of India.

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. Goa was part of the Mauryan Empire and subsequently ruled by several dynasties including the Chalukyas of Badami, Rashtrakutas of Malkhed, Vijayanagara Empire, and Bahmani Sultans.
- Statement 2 is correct. In 1510 AD, Portuguese admiral Afonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from the Sultan of Bijapur, initiating Portuguese colonial rule.
- Statement 3 is incorrect. After liberation from Portuguese rule in 1961, Goa was initially made a Union Territory and only attained full statehood in 1987.

Source- [IndiaToday](#)

Q4. Birch Glacier, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following countries?

- a) Austria
- b) Switzerland
- c) Norway
- d) Canada

Answer: (b) Switzerland

Explanation- Birch Glacier is located in the Lötschental valley in northern Switzerland.

Source- [NPR](#)

Q5. How many of the following rivers are tributaries of the Netravati River?

1. Kumaradhara River
2. Mrithyunjaya River (Charmadi Hole)
3. Kapila River (Shishila River)
4. Aniyoora River
5. Somavathi River (Laila River)
6. Kaniyoora River
7. Gundya River (Kempu Hole)

Options:

- a) 5
- b) 6
- c) 7
- d) None of the above

Answer: (c) 7

Explanation: All the rivers listed above are tributaries of the Netravati River, a major west-flowing river in Karnataka, India.

Source- [DH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Vitamin B9:

1. It is also known as the folic acid.
2. It is a water-insoluble vitamin.
3. Deficiency of Vitamin B9 among children is the main reason for anaemia in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Vitamin B9 is also known as **Folate or folic acid**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is a **water-soluble vitamin** essential for many bodily functions.

Statement 3 is correct: Deficiency and consequences: Its deficiency in foundational years can lead to impaired cognitive development, behavioural issues, fatigue, growth retardation, reduced academic performance and anaemia. If there isn't enough folate, it can lead to anaemia, when the body lacks enough red blood cells.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following places:

1. Burzahom
2. Mehrgarh
3. Belan valley
4. Daojali Hading
5. Krishnagiri

How many of the above places are associated with the Neolithic age of India?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

Answer: D

Explanation: All five

Important Neolithic sites of India

- **North-western India:** The Neolithic culture of the north-western part of the Indian subcontinent at **Mehrgarh** has produced the earliest evidence of **plant and animal domestication**.
- **North India: Kashmir** Neolithic sites have evidence of **pit dwellings (Burzahom, Gufkral)**. These sites show contacts with the Harappan sites and the cultures of East Asia and West Asia.
- **Vindhyan Hills, the Belan and the Ganga River Valleys:** The **Belan valley** Neolithic sites have **cord-marked pottery** and produced evidence for **transition from hunting gathering to agriculture**.
- **North-eastern India:** The sites of **eastern and north-Eastern India** show traits of **shouldered axes** often noticed in Southeast Asia. **Marakdola, Daojali Hading and Sarutaru** are the Neolithic sites of Assam region.
- **South India:** Neolithic grooves were found in parts of **Tamil Nadu** such as **Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri, Tiruvannamalai and Villupuram**.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the English Channel:

1. It is a narrow arm of the Atlantic Ocean.
2. It separates the southern coast of England (part of Great Britain) from the northern coast of France.
3. The Strait of Gibraltar connects the Channel with the North Sea.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The English Channel is a narrow arm of the Atlantic Ocean.

Statement 2 is correct: It separates the southern coast of England (part of Great Britain) from the northern coast of France. In French, the channel is called La Manche (the sleeve).

Statement 3 is incorrect: The channel and the North Sea are connected at the **Strait of Dover** in the east.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Irkutsk region and Amur region, seen in the news recently, are located in

- a) Canada
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) Azerbaijan

Answer: C

Explanation: The regions mentioned are located in Russia. Ukraine launched FPV drone attacks on five airbases across the Murmansk, Irkutsk, Ivanovo, Ryazan, and Amur regions

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) :

1. It is a global trade association representing the airline industry.
2. It is a specialized agency working under the United Nations (U.N.).
3. It is headquartered at Montreal, Canada.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: IATA is a trade association for the world's airlines, representing approximately 350 airlines that account for over 80% of global air traffic. It supports various areas of aviation activity and helps formulate industry policy on critical aviation issues.

Statement 2 is incorrect: IATA is not a specialized agency of the United Nations. The specialized agency for civil aviation under the U.N. is the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which is distinct from IATA.

Statement 3 is correct: IATA's headquarters is located in Montreal, Canada.

Source: [ET](#)

Q1. With reference to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), consider the following statements:

1. All types of UAVs can do vertical landing.
2. All types of UAVs can do automated hovering.
3. All types of UAVs can use battery only as a source of power supply.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All the three
- d) None

Answer: D

Explanation: Option d is the correct answer.

Option 1 is incorrect: Not all UAVs are capable of vertical landing. Only UAVs designed with VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) capabilities can land vertically.

Option 2 is incorrect: Hovering refers to maintaining a stationary position in the air without moving forward or backward. Automated hovering means the UAV can maintain its position without manual input. Again, only certain types of UAVs can do this.

Option 3 is incorrect: UAVs utilize various power sources depending on their design and intended use:

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Development Bank (ADB):

1. ADB has more member countries from within Asia and the Pacific than from outside.
2. The headquarters of ADB is located in Manila, Philippines.
3. India holds the largest share in ADB among all member countries.

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: ADB has 69 members, with 50 from Asia and the Pacific and 19 from outside.

Statement 2 is correct: The headquarters is in Manila, Philippines.

Statement 3 is incorrect: India holds 6.3%, while Japan and the USA each hold the largest share at 15.6%.

Source- [ADB](#)

Q3. "Operation Spiderweb," recently seen in the news, was launched by which of the following countries?

- a) Russia
- b) Israel
- c) Ukraine
- d) United States

Answer: C. Ukraine

Explanation: On June 1, 2025, Ukraine's Security Service (SBU) executed a covert operation codenamed "Operation Spiderweb." This operation involved smuggling 117 drones into Russian territory, which were then launched to strike multiple Russian military airfields.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. With reference to Paraguay, consider the following statements:

1. Paraguay is a landlocked country located in south-central South America.
2. It lies entirely north of the Tropic of Capricorn.
3. It shares its borders with Bolivia, Brazil, and Argentina.
4. The capital city Asunción is situated on the east bank of the Paraguay River.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: Paraguay is a landlocked nation in south-central South America.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Paraguay lies **mostly south** of the Tropic of Capricorn, not entirely north.

Statement 3 is correct: It shares borders with Bolivia, Brazil, and Argentina.

Statement 4 is correct: Asunción is located on the east bank of the Paraguay River.

Source- [DDNews](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Valley of Flowers National Park:

1. It is located in the state of Uttarakhand.
2. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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 is correct: The Valley of Flowers National Park is located in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, India.

Statement 2 is correct: It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and forms one of the two core zones of the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, the other being Nanda Devi National Park.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Electric Passenger Cars in India:

1. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. The scheme allows importing an electric-4-wheeler at a reduced custom duty.
3. The scheme aligns with India's national goals of achieving Net Zero by 2070.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Ministry of Heavy Industries is the nodal ministry of the scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: The approved Applicants will be allowed to import CBUs of e-4W manufactured by global Group Companies with a minimum CIF value of USD 35,000 at reduced customs duty of 15% for a period of 5 years from the Application Approval Date.

Statement 3 is correct: This landmark initiative aligns with India's national goals of achieving Net Zero by 2070, fostering sustainable mobility, driving economic growth, and reducing environmental impact.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about 'Bharat Gen':

1. It is India's first indigenously developed AI based Multimodal LLM for Indian Languages.
2. It is developed under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).
3. It is developed by the Technology Innovation Hubs (TIHs) established in IIT, Delhi.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: 'Bharat Gen', India's first-of-its-kind, indigenously developed, Artificial Intelligence (AI) based, government-funded, Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) for Indian languages, at the prestigious "BharatGen Summit"—India's largest Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and LLM summit and hackathon.

Statement 2 is correct: It is developed under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS).

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is implemented through TIH Foundation for IoT and IoE at **IIT Bombay**, BharatGen aims to revolutionize AI development across India's linguistic and cultural spectrum. The initiative is supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and brings together a robust consortium of leading academic institutions, experts, and innovators.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about 'Sanchar Saathi' initiative:

1. It is an initiative to empower mobile subscribers and strengthen their security.
2. It is launched by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
3. It facilitates a user to check the number of mobile connections taken in her/him name using paper-based documents.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: C

Explanation: All Statements are correct

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Sanchar Saathi is a citizen centric initiative of **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** to empower mobile subscribers, strengthen their security and increase awareness about citizen centric initiatives of the Government.

Statement 3 is correct: It facilitates the citizens to check the genuineness of IMEI of their mobile device. It facilitates a user to check the number of mobile connections taken in her/him name using paper-based documents.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Which of the following best describes the recently launched UMEED portal by the Government of India?

- a) An online platform for monitoring environmental clearances
- b) A portal to streamline registration and management of Waqf properties
- c) A digital service for tracking agricultural subsidies
- d) An e-governance initiative for pension disbursement

Answer: B

Explanation: The Central Government is set to officially launch the Waqf UMEED (Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development) portal on 6 June, aimed at streamlining and digitising the registration and management of Waqf properties across India.

Source: [NIE](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements:

1. River Kopili is a tributary of the Brahmaputra river.
2. River Katakhal is a tributary of the Barak river.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both Statements are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Kopili River is the largest south bank (left bank) tributary of the Brahmaputra in Assam. It originates in the hills of Meghalaya and flows through Assam before joining the Brahmaputra at Kopilimukh in Nagaon district.

Statement 2 is correct: Katakhal (also known as Dhaleshwari) is one of the main tributaries of the Barak River, along with rivers like Jiri, Chiri, Modhura, Longai, Sonai, Rukni, and Singla.

Source: [DH](#)

Q1. With reference to Building-Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV), consider the following statements:

1. BIPV systems are installed on the ground, similar to traditional ground-mounted solar panels.
2. BIPV systems are integrated into the building's structure, serving both as construction material and energy generators.
3. BIPV systems are exclusively used in industrial buildings.
4. BIPV systems do not generate electricity, unlike traditional rooftop solar systems.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B. 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 – Incorrect: BIPV systems are *not* ground-mounted; they are integrated into the building's envelope, such as façades, roofs, windows, and other architectural elements.

Statement 2 – Correct: BIPV systems replace conventional building materials in parts of the building envelope, serving a dual purpose of structural material and electricity generation.

Statement 3 – Incorrect: BIPV systems are used in various building types, including residential, commercial, industrial, and public infrastructure—not exclusively industrial buildings.

Statement 4 – Incorrect: BIPV systems do generate electricity, similar to traditional rooftop photovoltaic systems.

Source: [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to the Brahmaputra River System, consider the following statements:

1. The river flows through only two countries- India and Bangladesh.
2. Majuli, the world's largest river island, is located on the Brahmaputra.
3. The Teesta River is a left-bank tributary of the Brahmaputra.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B. 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 – Incorrect: The Brahmaputra flows through three countries — China (Tibet), India, and Bangladesh, not just two.

Statement 2 – Correct: Majuli, located in Assam, is recognized as the world's largest river island on the Brahmaputra.

Statement 3 – Incorrect: The Teesta is a right-bank tributary of the Brahmaputra, not a left-bank one.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q3. Match the following festivals with the states/union territories where they are primarily celebrated:

Festival	State/Union Territory
A. Kheer Bhawani Festival	1. Jammu & Kashmir
B. Hornbill Festival	2. Nagaland
C. Wangala Festival	3. Meghalaya
D. Losar Festival	4. Arunachal Pradesh

Options:

- a) A - 1, B - 2, C - 3, D - 4
- b) A - 2, B - 3, C - 1, D - 4
- c) A - 3, B - 4, C - 2, D - 1
- d) A - 4, B - 1, C - 3, D - 2

Answer: A

Explanation:

A. Kheer Bhawani Festival – Jammu & Kashmir: Celebrated by Kashmiri Pandits at the Kheer Bhawani Temple in Tulmulla, Ganderbal district.

B. Hornbill Festival – Nagaland: A major tribal festival celebrated every December in Nagaland to promote inter-tribal interaction and preserve cultural heritage.

C. Wangala Festival – Meghalaya: Known as the “Hundred Drums Festival,” it is celebrated by the Garo tribe to mark the end of the harvest season.

D. Losar Festival – Arunachal Pradesh: Celebrated mainly by the Monpa tribe in Tawang and West Kameng districts, marking the Tibetan New Year.

Source- [WION](#)

Q4. Which of the following forts are classified as hill forts in India?

1. Raigad Fort
2. Murud-Janjira Fort
3. Karnala Fort
4. Sudhagad Fort

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Answer: B) 1, 3, and 4 only

Explanation:

Raigad Fort: A hill fort located in the Sahyadri mountain range of Maharashtra; it served as the capital of the Maratha Empire.

Murud-Janjira Fort: A sea fort situated on an island off the coast of Maharashtra; it is **not** a hill fort.

Karnala Fort: A hill fort located in Raigad district, Maharashtra, within the Karnala Bird Sanctuary.

Sudhagad Fort: Also known as Bhoregad, it is a hill fort in the Sahyadri range near Pune and was considered a capital before Raigad.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. DHRUVA, a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) project, is being developed by which of the following departments in India?

- a) Department of Electronics and Information Technology
- b) Department of Posts (DoP)
- c) Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- d) Department of Revenue

Answer: B) Department of Posts (DoP)

Explanation- DHRUVA is a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) project being developed by the Department of Posts (DoP) in India. Its primary goal is to provide a unique digital address for every home in India.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements:

1. Pulmonary thromboembolism (PTE) is a condition where a blood clot travels to the lungs and blocks a pulmonary artery.
2. Haemostasis is the body's natural process of stopping bleeding after a blood vessel is damaged.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both Statements are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Pulmonary Thromboembolism (PTE) is a condition where a blood clot, or embolus, travels to the lungs and blocks a pulmonary artery, potentially causing serious complications. It's a dangerous form of venous thromboembolism (VTE) and can be fatal if undiagnosed or untreated.

Statement 2 is correct: Blood clotting cascade (Haemostasis): It is a process when a blood vessel is injured, specialised blood cells called platelets get activated, and cluster together around the vessel to form protective blood clots.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following countries:

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Paraguay
4. Chile
5. Uruguay
6. Bolivia

How many of the above countries are member of MERCOSUR?

- a) Only three
- b) Only four
- c) Only five
- d) All six

Answer: C

Explanation:

MERCOSUR, the South American trade bloc, has **six full member states: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, and Venezuela** (though **Venezuela has been suspended** since 2016). Additionally, there are seven associate members: Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Suriname.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. The Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary is located in which one of the following states?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Punjab
- d) Gujarat

Answer: D

Explanation:

Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary is a wetland situated in Gujarat. The Ramsar Convention designation of Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary in 2012 recognized its ecological importance as a wetland habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Source: [HT](#)

Q9. With reference to the National Polio Surveillance Network (NPSN), consider the following statements:

1. It is India's key disease surveillance mechanism for detecting and controlling polio.
2. The network was developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) with the help of World Health Organization (WHO).
3. India was declared polio-free in 2014.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: C

Explanation: All Statements are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The National Polio Surveillance Network is India's key disease surveillance mechanism for detecting and controlling polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Statement 2 is correct: The network was developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) with the help of World Health Organization (WHO).

Statement 3 is correct: India was declared polio-free in 2014, after three years of no case caused by wild polio virus transmission.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the judges of the High Courts:

1. The Article 217 of the Constitution provides for the appointment of the judge of the High Court.
2. The procedure for investigating and acting upon misconduct by judges is outlined by the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968.
3. A judge of a High Court can be removed by the executive action of the President of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Article 217 of the Constitution provides that High Court judges are appointed by the President of India after consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI), the Governor of the state, and, in the case of judges (not Chief Justices), the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned.

Statement 2 is correct: The Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 outlines the detailed procedure for investigating and acting upon misconduct by judges.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Judges of the High Court (and Supreme Court) can only be removed through removal, not by executive action.

Source: TH

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS):

1. It is a formally affiliated body of the United Nations.
2. It is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.
3. In the 2025 election for IIAS presidency, India defeated Austria in the final round.

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. 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

Statement 1: Incorrect. The IIAS is *not* a formally affiliated body of the United Nations, though it actively engages with the UN on public administration matters.

Statement 2: Correct. The IIAS was established in 1930 and is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.

Statement 3: Correct. In the 2025 election, India defeated Austria in the final round, securing 87 out of 141 votes (61.7%).

Source- TH

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Contempt of Court in India:

1. Article 129 of the Constitution empowers the High Courts to punish for their own contempt.
2. The Constitution of India defines Civil Contempt and Criminal Contempt.
3. Fair reporting of a case and reasonable criticism of a judgment after its disposal do not constitute contempt.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B. 3 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is incorrect because Article 129 empowers the Supreme Court, not High Courts. Article 215 empowers High Courts.

Statement 2 is incorrect because the Constitution does not define civil and criminal contempt; the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 does.

Statement 3 is correct as fair reporting and reasonable criticism after disposal do not amount to contempt.

Source- [ET](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements about the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT):

1. ICRISAT is headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana.
2. Its primary purpose is to improve food security in semi-arid regions and support smallholder farmers in drylands.
3. ICRISAT was awarded the Africa Food Prize in 2021.

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. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct. ICRISAT's headquarters is located in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Statement 2 is correct. ICRISAT focuses on improving food security in semi-arid regions and supporting smallholder farmers in drylands.

Statement 3 is correct. In recognition of its contributions, ICRISAT was awarded the Africa Food Prize in 2021 for its impactful work in food security.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. The Kulsi River flows through which of the following states?

- a) Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Meghalaya and Assam
- c) Meghalaya and Nagaland
- d) Assam and Manipur

Answer: B. Meghalaya and Assam

Explanation- The Kulsi River flows through the states of Meghalaya and Assam in India. It originates in West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, and then enters Kamrup district, Assam, where it is known as the Kulsi River

Source- [DH](#)

Q5. Consider the following Acts:

1. Customs Act, 1962
2. Arms Act
3. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act
4. Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities (COFEPOSA) Act
5. Wildlife Protection Act
6. Antiquities and Art Treasures Act

How many of the above are enforceable by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only Four
- d) All the above

Answer: D. All the above

Explanation: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) is the apex intelligence and enforcement agency for anti-smuggling under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). It enforces the **Customs Act, 1962** and over **50 allied Acts**, including:

- Arms Act

- NDPS Act
- COFEPOSA Act
- Wildlife Protection Act
- Antiquities and Art Treasures Act

Source- [Moneycontrol](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about ungulates:

1. Ungulates are hoofed mammals that walk on their toes.
2. There is a direct relation between low level of ungulate population and high level of human-animal conflicts in a forest.
3. A very first assessment of ungulates population has been done in India by the UNEP.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Ungulates are hoofed mammals that walk on their toes. The word ungulate comes from the Latin word “unguis” which means nail, claw or hoof.

Statement 2 is correct: There is a direct link between low prey numbers and human-wildlife conflict.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is a first-of-its-kind assessment of ungulates conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), using data from India's 2022 tiger census.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements with reference to the first-ever indigenous Polar Research Vessel (PRV) to be built in India:

1. The PRV will be totally indigenous to be built without support of any other country.
2. The vessel will be designed and executed at the Cochin Shipyard of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Both Statements are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: India to build first-ever indigenous Polar Research Vessel with Norwegian firm. An MoU has been signed between the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, and Norway's Kongsberg Oslo to build the PRV.

Statement 2 is incorrect: GRSE, which has built warships, survey and research vessels, will build the PRV in its yard in Kolkata.

Source: [NewsOnAir](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about NATPOLREX exercise:

1. It is an annual marine oil spill preparedness exercise.
2. It is conducted by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
3. It is conducted as a provision of the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan or NOSDCP.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: NATPOLREX (National Level Pollution Response Exercise) is a **biennial** exercise conducted to assess India's preparedness for oil spill incidents and enhance coordination among various agencies involved in response.

Statement 2 is correct: It is conducted by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

Statement 3 is correct: The primary goal is to test the coordination and preparedness of various agencies in responding to a marine oil spill, ensuring the implementation of the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to the Population Census-2027, consider the following statements:

1. It will be India's first digital Census.
 2. It will include an enumeration of castes for the first time in Independent India.
 3. The reference date for the non-synchronous snow-bound areas is same as that of plain areas of the country.
- How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: This will be the country's first digital census, and the first in independent India to include an enumeration of castes as well.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The reference date for Population Census - 2027 will be 00:00 hours of the first day of March, 2027. For the Union Territory of Ladakh and the non-synchronous snow-bound areas of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the reference date will be 00.00 hours of the first day of October, 2026.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the wetlands declared as Ramsar sites recently:

1. The Khichan wetland is located in the state of Rajasthan.
2. The Menar wetland is located in the state of Gujarat.
3. As of now, India has the highest number of Ramsar sites among Asian nations.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: India has added two new Ramsar Sites—Menar (Udaipur) and Khichan (Phalodi) ahead of World Environment Day. Both are located in Rajasthan.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Both are located in Rajasthan.

Statement 3 is correct: India holds the highest number of Ramsar sites among Asian nations, with a total of 91 sites designated as Wetlands of International Importance.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q1. With reference to a national park in India, consider the following features:

1. It is situated in the state of Assam.
 2. It represents the single largest undisturbed area of the Brahmaputra Valley floodplain.
 3. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.
 4. The River Diphalu flows through the park, and the Moradifalu River forms its southern boundary.
- Which one of the following national parks best matches the description above?

- a) Manas National Park
- b) Kaziranga National Park
- c) Nameri National Park
- d) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

Answer: B. Kaziranga National Park

Explanation: The described features—location in Assam, floodplain ecosystem of the Brahmaputra Valley, UNESCO World Heritage status in 1985, and the mention of River Diphalu and Moradifalu—clearly point to Kaziranga National Park.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Socotra Island:

1. Socotra Island is located in the Mediterranean Sea and is part of Oman.
 2. Socotra was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its unique flora.
- 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: Socotra Island is not located in the Mediterranean Sea, nor is it a part of Oman. It lies in the Indian Ocean, about 340 km southeast of Yemen, and is administratively a part of Yemen.

Statement 2 is correct: Socotra was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008 due to its exceptional biodiversity, with over one-third (approx. 37%) of its plant species being endemic—found nowhere else in the world.

Source- [DDNews](#)

Q3. The Inga 3 Hydropower Project, recently in the news, is located in which of the following countries?

- a) Nigeria
- b) Zambia
- c) Democratic Republic of the Congo
- d) Ethiopia

Answer: C. Democratic Republic of the Congo

Explanation: The Inga 3 Hydropower Project is situated on the Congo River in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). It is part of a larger plan to harness the river's hydroelectric potential. Recently, the World Bank approved \$250 million in financing for the first phase of the Inga 3 project, which is part of a broader \$10 billion hydroelectric scheme.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

1. India has been elected to ECOSOC for the 2026–28 term.
2. ECOSOC was established in 1945 under the UN Charter and has over 60 permanent members.
3. ECOSOC serves as the principal platform within the UN system for policy dialogue and coordination on economic, social, and humanitarian issues.

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: India was recently elected to ECOSOC for the 2026–28 term with strong global backing.

Statement 2 is incorrect: ECOSOC has 54 members, not 60, and they are elected by the UN General Assembly for three-year terms.

Statement 3 is correct: ECOSOC is the central UN forum for coordinating and reviewing international economic, social, and humanitarian policies.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. The 'Ice Breaker' missile, recently in the news, is an advanced air-launched cruise missile developed by which of the following countries?

- a) Russia
- b) France
- c) Israel
- d) United States

Answer: C. Israel

Explanation: The 'Ice Breaker' is a long-range, air-launched cruise missile developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, an Israeli defense company.

Source- [Zeenews](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA):

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It was established with the help of FICCI in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Only Statement 2 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) is a registered not-for-profit society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, with its head office in New Delhi and a pan-India network of branches.

Statement 2 is correct: It is India's premier arbitral institution, established in 1965 under the initiative of the Government of India and apex business organizations such as FICCI.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP):

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is the nodal agency for the scheme at the national level.
3. The scheme aims for employment generation by setting up of micro- enterprises in both farm and non-farm sector.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 2 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: PMEGP is a Central Sector Scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: Ministry of MSME is implementing a major credit-linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) since 2008-09 with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as nodal agency at the national level.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme aims for generating employment opportunities in the country by setting up of micro- enterprises in the non-farm sector.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the NAMASTE scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It is jointly implemented by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
3. The scheme targets to uplift the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) living across India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: The National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) is an ongoing Central Sector Scheme jointly implemented by MoSJE and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) with NSKFD being implementation agency for sewer and septic tank workers (SSWs).

Statement 3 is incorrect: The primary target groups of the NAMASTE scheme include sewer and septic tank sanitation workers (SSWs) in urban areas, including those employed by Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), parastatal agencies, and private sanitation service organizations, as well as independent workers. Additionally, waste pickers engaged in solid waste management have been included as a target group in FY 2024-25.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the AI RAM initiative:

1. It is launched by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
2. It acts as a diagnostic tool to support governments in strengthening regulatory and institutional capacity in AI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Only Statement 2 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The AI RAM initiative (AI Readiness Assessment Methodology) is a collaborative effort led by UNESCO and India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), with Ikigai Law as the implementing partner.

Statement 2 is correct: The initiative aims to develop an India-specific AI policy report that maps strengths, identifies growth opportunities and offers actionable recommendation for the ethical and responsible adoption of AI across sectors. The AI RAM acts as a diagnostic tool to support governments in strengthening regulatory and institutional capacity in AI.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. EnviStats India 2025 report is launched by

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- b) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- c) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- d) Ministry of Power

Answer: C

Explanation: Recently, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, released the 8th issue of the publication titled "EnviStats India 2025: Environment Statistics".

Source: [PIB](#)

Q1. With reference to the Greater Flamingo consider the following statements:

1. It is classified as "Vulnerable" under the IUCN Red List.
2. It is highly philopatric in nature, returning to the same site for breeding.
3. The only known breeding site of Greater Flamingos in South Asia is located in the Great Rann of Kachchh.

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:** The Greater Flamingo is listed as **Least Concern** under the IUCN Red List, not Vulnerable.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The species is known to be **highly philopatric**, meaning it tends to return to the same breeding sites.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The **Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary** in the **Great Rann of Kachchh, Gujarat**, is the only known breeding ground for Greater Flamingos in **South Asia**, famously called the "Flamingo City."

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to the International Criminal Court (ICC), consider the following statements:

1. The ICC was established under the Rome Statute in 2002.
2. It prosecutes individuals for crimes such as genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression.
3. India is a member of the ICC.

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:** The International Criminal Court (ICC) was established by the Rome Statute, which was adopted in 1998 and entered into force on 1 July 2002.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The ICC has jurisdiction over four core international crimes — genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression. It prosecutes individuals, not states or organizations.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India is not a member of the ICC as it has not ratified the Rome Statute due to concerns related to sovereignty and jurisdiction.

Source- [ET](#)

Q3. With reference to the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a credit-linked subsidy scheme administered by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
2. PMEGP is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at generating employment in both rural and urban areas through micro-enterprises.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The PMEGP is administered by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), not the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a Central Sector Scheme, launched in August 2008, to promote employment generation through the establishment of micro-enterprises in non-farm sectors, targeting both rural and urban areas.

Source- [BS](#)

Q4. Astatine, recently seen in the news, is which of the following?

- a) A newly discovered exoplanet
- b) A synthetic polymer used in space missions
- c) A rare and highly radioactive element
- d) A type of virus affecting marine organisms

Answer: C) A rare and highly radioactive element

Explanation: Astatine is a rare and highly radioactive element with the atomic number 85. It belongs to the halogen group in the periodic table and is one of the rarest naturally occurring elements on Earth

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. With reference to the Waste Picker Enumeration App and the NAMASTE Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The Waste Picker Enumeration App has been launched by the Ministry of Environment to identify and support waste pickers under the NAMASTE Scheme.
2. The NAMASTE Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Waste Picker Enumeration App was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, not the Ministry of Environment. It is part of the NAMASTE Scheme to identify and support waste pickers with social security and livelihood opportunities.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The NAMASTE Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme, not a Centrally Sponsored one.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Clean Plant Programme (CCP):

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
2. It aims to enhance the quality and productivity of plantation crops across the nation.
3. The programme will be implemented by the Coffee Board of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: D

Explanation: All Statements are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: Nodal Ministry: It is an initiative by the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is designed to address critical issues in horticulture by providing access to high-quality, virus-free planting material. It aims to enhance the quality and productivity of fruit crops across the nation.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The programme will be implemented by the **National Horticulture Board in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following countries:

1. Russia
2. Uzbekistan
3. Kazakhstan
4. Armenia
5. Azerbaijan

How many of the above countries are members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

Answer: B

Explanation:

Members: The Eurasian Economic Union consists of five member states: **Russia**, Belarus, **Kazakhstan**, Kyrgyzstan, and **Armenia**.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Q8. Consider the following countries:

1. Iran
2. United Arab Emirates
3. Egypt
4. Ethiopia
5. Indonesia

How many of the above countries are members of the BRICS?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

Answer: D

Explanation:

Members: The ten BRICS countries are: India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, **Iran**, the **United Arab Emirates**, **Egypt**, **Ethiopia**, and **Indonesia**.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA):

1. It is a statutory body established by the Government of India.
2. It works under the aegis of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
3. It functions as the Secretariat to the National Accreditation Board (NAB) for implementation of accreditation of the Certification Bodies under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is a statutory body established by the Government of India under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act passed by the Parliament in December, 1985.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It works under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Statement 3 is correct: APEDA also functions as the Secretariat to the National Accreditation Board (NAB) for implementation of accreditation of the Certification Bodies under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) for organic exports.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to recently launched *Arnala* warship, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) made on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis in India.
2. It is the largest Indian naval vessel to be powered by a diesel engine-waterjet combination.
3. It is named after a fort located in Madhya Pradesh.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: It is the first of sixteen Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) to be made on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis. It is designed and constructed by M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with M/s L&T Shipbuilders.

Statement 2 is correct: INS Arnala is 77.6 metres long, displaces over 1,490 tonnes, and is specifically designed for operations close to the coast. It is the largest Indian naval vessel to be powered by a diesel engine-waterjet combination—an unusual propulsion system that offers enhanced manoeuvrability in shallow waters.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Named after the historic Arnala Fort off Vasai, Maharashtra, the warship reflects India's rich maritime heritage.

Source: [PIB](#)