

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs - June 9th

Q1. With reference to the Group of Seven (G7), consider the following statements:

1. The G7 was formed in response to the global financial crisis of 2008.
2. The European Union is a participant in G7 summits.
3. India is a permanent member of the G7.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C) 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is incorrect: The G7 was founded in 1975 in response to the oil crisis, not the 2008 global financial crisis.

Statement 2 is correct: The European Union participates in G7 summits, although it is not a formal member.

Statement 3 is incorrect: India is not a permanent member of the G7, though it is occasionally invited as a guest.

Source- [HT](#)

Q2. With reference to the "30x30 Target" recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to protect 30% of the world's oceans by the year 2030.
2. The target is part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).
3. The KMGBF was adopted at the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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: A) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: The 30x30 Target aims to protect 30% of global oceans (and lands) by 2030.

Statement 2 is correct: It is included in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).

Statement 3 is incorrect: The KMGBF was adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), not the UNFCCC.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q3. If the RBI decides to adopt an expansionist monetary policy, which of the following would it *not* do?

1. Cut and optimize the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
2. Increase the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate
3. Cut the Bank Rate and Repo Rate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Correct Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

Expansionist monetary policy aims to **increase money supply** and **boost economic activity**.

Statement 1 is incorrect: Cutting the SLR is consistent with expansionist policy as it frees up funds for lending.

Statement 2 is correct: Increasing the MSF Rate is a contractionary measure and *not* aligned with an expansionist stance.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Cutting the Bank Rate and Repo Rate is typical of expansionist policy to make borrowing cheaper.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Kalvarayan Hills, recently seen in the news, are located in which of the following states?

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

Correct Answer: C) Tamil Nadu

Explanation: The Kalvarayan Hills are part of the Eastern Ghats and are located in northern Tamil Nadu. They serve as a natural boundary between the Salem and Villupuram districts and are known for their ecological and tribal diversity.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. With reference to the Chenab River and the Chenab Rail Bridge, consider the following statements:

1. The Chenab River is formed by the confluence of the Chandra and Bhaga rivers at Tandi in Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chenab Rail Bridge is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) Project.

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: The Chenab River, also known as Chandrabhaga, is formed by the confluence of the Chandra and Bhaga rivers at Tandi near Keylong in Himachal Pradesh.

Statement 2 is correct: The Chenab Rail Bridge, part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) Project, is a steel arch bridge built to withstand seismic activity and high wind speeds, and is the world's highest railway bridge.

Source- [HT](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about Pandyan dynasty:

1. They are considered as one of the three Muvendars from the southern part of the country.
2. The state symbol of Pandyan dynasty was a bow and arrow with a rising sun in the background.
3. The land assigned to Brahmins was known as Tattarkani in their times.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: Pandyan Dynasty was one of the three main lineages (Muvendars) from the southern part of the country (along with Cheras and Cholas), developed during the Sangam Age. The term Muvendar refers to a Tamil word meaning three chiefs, used for the heads of three ruling families, the Cholas, Cheras, and Pandyas.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Symbol: The symbol of the Pandyan dynasty was a **fish**, often depicted as **twin fish or twin carp**.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The political division of land was as follows:

- The land assigned to **Brahmins** was **Salabogam**
- The land assigned to **Ironsmiths** was called **Tattarkani**
- The land assigned to **Carpenters** was known as **Taccu-maniyam**
- The land donated to the **Brahmin group for imparting education** was called **Bhattavriutti**

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the DRUM app, seen in the news recently:

1. It is a web-based mobility application that suggests real-time route options based on pollution, energy, speed, and distance metrics.
2. It is developed by the IIT-Kanpur.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: DRUM app is a web-based mobility application that suggests real-time route options based on pollution, energy, speed, and distance metrics. It offers eco-friendly route planning to reduce commuters' exposure to air pollution.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is being developed by the **IIT-Kharagpur** researchers.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a digital platform that aims to make India's legislatures paperless.
2. It is hosted by the Google Cloud Platform (GCP).
3. Tamil Nadu became the first state in the country to implement NeVA.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: National e-Vidhan Application NeVA is a digital platform that aims to make India's legislatures paperless and streamline legislative processes. The aim of the project is to ensure that the Legislative Business of the House is conducted in a Paperless manner and to bring all the legislatures of the country together, in one platform.

Statement 2 is incorrect: NeVA Project is being hosted by Meghraj National Cloud which ensures a secure, disaster proof, reliable functioning for all legislatures.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The first state to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) was Nagaland. This made Nagaland the first state assembly in India to go completely paperless.

Source: [DDNews](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA):

1. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal ministry for the scheme.
2. It aims to provide a comprehensive and quality antenatal care for pregnant women.

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 Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the nodal ministry for the scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: The Government of India has launched "Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan" (PMSMA) with an aim to provide fixed-day, free-of-cost, assured, comprehensive, and quality antenatal care on the 9th day of every month, universally to all pregnant women in their 2nd/ 3rd trimesters of pregnancy, at designated public health facilities by Obstetricians/Medical officers.

Source [DDNews](#)

Q10. Which one of the following rivers flow through the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve?

- a) Son river
- b) Ken river
- c) Luni river
- d) Chambal river

Answer: D

Explanation:

Rivers: Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is bounded to the north by the Banas River and to the south by the Chambal River.

Source: [UNI](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (10 June)

Q1. With reference to the imposition of President's Rule in a state, consider the following statements:

1. Article 356 allows the President to impose President's Rule if the state government cannot function according to constitutional provisions.
2. Article 365 enables the Union to presume constitutional breakdown if the state fails to comply with Union directions.
3. Once imposed, the President's Rule can continue for up to five years with parliamentary approval.
4. The revocation of President's Rule requires approval from both Houses of Parliament.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct – Article 356 allows the President to act if the constitutional machinery of a state breaks down.

Statement 2 is correct – Article 365 deals with failure to comply with Union directions, which may lead to Article 356 action.

Statement 3 is incorrect – President's Rule can be extended up to 3 years, not 5, with parliamentary approval every 6 months.

Statement 4 is incorrect – Revocation of President's Rule does not require parliamentary approval.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to the Finance Commission of India, consider the following statements:

1. It is a constitutional body constituted under Article 280 of the Constitution of India.
2. One of the terms of reference of the 16th Finance Commission is to recommend measures to augment the Consolidated Fund of the States to support local bodies.
3. A person convicted of moral turpitude is disqualified from being appointed as a member of the Finance Commission.

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: The Finance Commission is constituted under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution.

Statement 2 is correct: The 16th Finance Commission is tasked with recommending ways to augment State Consolidated Funds to support Panchayats and Municipalities.

Statement 3 is correct: As per the Finance Commission Act, 1951, a person convicted of moral turpitude is disqualified from membership.

Source- [BS](#)

Q3. With reference to the geography of Rwanda, consider the following statements:

1. It is a landlocked country located in east-central Africa.
2. The Great Rift Valley, a major tectonic feature, passes through the eastern region of Rwanda.

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: Rwanda is indeed a landlocked country situated in east-central Africa.

Statement 2 is correct: The eastern region of Rwanda lies within the Great Rift Valley, a significant tectonic and geological feature extending across eastern Africa.

Source- [Reuters](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements with regard to BRICS:

1. The 16th BRICS Summit was held under the Chairmanship of Russia in Kazan.
2. Indonesia has become a full member of BRICS.
3. The theme of the 16th BRICS Summit was *Strengthening Multiculturalism for Just Global Development and Security*.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) I and II
- b) II and III
- c) I and III
- d) I only

Answer: A

Explanation:

- BRICS is a forum for cooperation among leading emerging economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—the original five members. Currently, BRICS includes 10 countries: Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates.
- **Statement I is correct:** The 16th BRICS Summit was held under Russia's Chairmanship in Kazan. The summit concluded with the adoption of the 'Kazan Declaration'.
- **Statement II is correct:** Indonesia officially became the 10th full member of BRICS, effective January 2025.
- **Statement III is incorrect:** The actual theme of the 16th BRICS Summit was "Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security." The statement incorrectly says "Multiculturalism."

Source- [NIE](#)

Q5. The Right to Food is considered a fundamental right and is implicit under which Article of the Indian Constitution?

- a) Article 19
- b) Article 21
- c) Article 25
- d) Article 32

Answer: B) Article 21

Explanation: The Supreme Court of India has interpreted the Right to Food as an integral part of the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution. In the landmark case of *People's Union for Civil Liberties v. Union of India* (2001), the Court directed the government to implement measures to ensure food security for the poor, thereby recognizing the Right to Food as implicit in Article 21.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Indravati National Park:

- 1. It is largest and only natural home to the rare wild buffaloes in India.
- 2. It was declared a tiger reserve under Project Tiger and is one of the two tiger reserves located in Chhattisgarh.
- 3. It is named after the highest peak located inside the Park.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: Indravati National Park is home to one of the **last populations of rare wild buffalo**. Other animals like Royal Bengal Tiger, Leopard, Indian Gaur (Bison), Sloth Bear, Dhole (Wild Dog), Nilgai, Chital, Sambar, Black Buck, Barking Deer are also found.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It attained the status of a **national park in 1981** and a **tiger reserve in 1983** under the famous **Project Tiger of India**. It is **one among the four project tiger** sites in Chhattisgarh along with **Udanti-sitanadi Tiger reserve, Achanakmar T.R. and Guru Ghasidas – Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve**.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The park derives its name from the **Indravati River**, which flows from **east to west** and forms the **northern boundary** of the reserve with the Indian state of **Maharashtra**.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. With reference to cultivation of asafetida in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. India is one of the largest producers of asafetida in the world.
- 2. India is the largest consumer of asafetida in the world.
- 3. It thrives in cold, arid environments.

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: There is no production of asafetida (heeng) in India and currently, it is being imported annually from Afghanistan, Iran and Uzbekistan.

Statement 2 is correct: India is world's largest consumer of asafetida.

Statement 3 is correct: Climatic conditions required: It thrives in cold, arid environments. The plant prefers sandy, well-drained soil with low moisture. Ideally annual rainfall of 200 mm or less is good, though it can tolerate up to 300 mm in cultivated regions like the Indian Himalaya.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Tardigrades are among the most resilient animals which can survive extreme conditions such as exposure to outer space.

Statement-II: Tardigrades are able to manifest the process of cryptobiosis and anhydrobiosis very efficiently. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Answer: A

Explanation: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I

Scientific significance of Tardigrades

- **Resilient:** They are among the **most resilient animals** which can **survive extreme conditions** such as exposure to outer space.
- **Cryptobiosis:** They owe their incredible **resilience to cryptobiosis**.
 - It is a state in which organisms bring their **metabolism to a near-complete standstill** in the face of adverse environmental conditions.
- **Anhydrobiosis:** Tardigrades can **reduce their metabolism to less than 0.01% of normal**, and **drop their water levels by more than 95%**, a state called **anhydrobiosis**.
- **Tun state:** Both **anhydrobiosis and cryptobiosis** result in the emergence of a **durable shrunken state**, called **tun**, in which tardigrades are able to **withstand extreme conditions**.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Iceland
2. Liechtenstein
3. Norway
4. Monaco
5. Switzerland

How many of the above countries are the members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) is an intergovernmental organisation set up for the promotion of free trade and economic integration to the benefit of its four Member States – **Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland** – and of their trading partners across the globe.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Ken-Betwa river linking project:

1. The project aims to transfer the surplus water from Betwa basin to Ken basin.
2. Both the Ken and Betwa rivers are tributaries of the Chambal river.
3. The Baghelkhand region is expected to benefit the most from the Project.

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: It is a river interlinking project designed to transfer surplus water from the Ken River (Madhya Pradesh) to the water-scarce Betwa basin (Uttar Pradesh).

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Ken and Betwa rivers are tributaries of the Yamuna river.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is expected to bring prosperity to the drought-prone Bundelkhand region.

Source: [HT](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (11th June)

Q1. With reference to the Civil Registration System (CRS) in India, consider the following statements:

1. CRS deals with the registration of births, deaths, and marriages across India.
2. The CRS falls under the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B. 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Civil Registration System (CRS) covers the registration of births, deaths, and stillbirths, not marriages.

Statement 2 is correct: CRS is governed under the Concurrent List (Entry 30) of the Constitution, meaning both the Centre and States can legislate on the subject.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following description:

This National Park is located in the high-altitude region of Uttarkashi district in Uttarakhand and spans an area of around 2,390 sq km. Situated in the Garhwal Himalayas, it shares its boundaries with Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary and Govind National Park. The park includes several prominent Himalayan peaks such as Chaukhamba I–III, Satopanth, and Kedarnath Main. It also lies along India's international boundary with Tibet (China).

Which National Park is being referred to?

- a) Nanda Devi National Park
- b) Valley of Flowers National Park
- c) Gangotri National Park
- d) Govind Pashu Vihar National Park

Answer: C. Gangotri National Park

Explanation: The described park's location in Uttarkashi, its proximity to Tibet, and the presence of major Himalayan peaks, as well as its ecological significance in the Garhwal Himalayas, clearly indicate that it is Gangotri National Park.

Source- [HT](#)

Q3. With reference to the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame, consider the following statements:

- 1. Cricketers become eligible for induction five years after retirement from international cricket.
- 2. Diana Edulji and Neetu David are among the Indian women inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

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 eligibility criteria for induction into the ICC Hall of Fame require that a cricketer has retired from international cricket for **at least five years**.

Statement 2 is correct: **Diana Edulji** and **Neetu David** were **inducted in 2023** as part of the recognition of women cricketers from India.

Source- [LM](#)

Q4. The term “Ulgulan” is associated with which of the following tribes?

- a) Kol tribes
- b) Munda tribes
- c) Koya tribes
- d) Gond tribes

Answer: B. Munda tribes

Explanation: “Ulgulan,” meaning “The Great Tumult,” refers to the **Munda Rebellion** led by Birsa Munda in **1899–1900** in the Chotanagpur region. This was a major tribal uprising by the **Munda community** against British colonial rule and exploitative practices

Source- [FPI](#)

Q5. With reference to the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), consider the following statements:

1. NIIF is a Sovereign-linked Alternative Asset Manager established by the Government of India, which holds a 49% stake.
2. The governing council of NIIF is headed by the Prime Minister 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: A. 1 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: NIIF is a sovereign-linked asset manager with the Government of India holding a 49% stake.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The governing council of NIIF is headed by the **Finance Minister**, not the Prime Minister.

Source- [News on air](#)

Q6. The State of the World Population 2025 Report (SOWP 2025) is released by

- a) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- b) UNICEF
- c) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- d) International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)

Answer: A

Explanation:

The **UNFPA** has released the 2025 State of World Population (SOWP) Report: The Real Fertility Crisis.

Source: [TNIE](#)

Q7. Consider the following:

1. Carbon monoxide (CO)
2. Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
3. Water vapor
4. Nitrogen oxides (NO & NO₂)
5. Sulfur dioxide (SO₂)
6. Particulate matter

How many of the above gases/pollutants are part of flue gas being released from thermal power plants?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Flue gas (sometimes called exhaust gas or stack gas) refers to the gas that is released from combustion plants. It is a by-product of burning fossil fuels.

- Flue gas actually contains a mixture of gases, such as **carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), water vapor, nitrogen oxides (NO & NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), other trace pollutants, and often some particulate matter.**

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. SAHAV Portal, seen in the news recently, is a –

- a) Digital platform for marine spatial planning and ocean data management
- b) Online portal for agricultural subsidies distribution
- c) E-commerce platform for rural artisans
- d) Health information system for pandemic monitoring

Answer: A

Explanation:

- SAHAV is a digital ocean data portal to promote transparent and science-based ocean management.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about Exercise KHAAN QUEST, 2025:

1. It is a bilateral exercise between USA and Mongolian Armed Forces.
2. The 2025 edition of the exercise is to be hosted by the U.S.A.

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: The exercise began as a bilateral event between the USA and Mongolian armed forces in 2003. Subsequently, it evolved into a **multinational peacekeeping exercise**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Multinational Military Exercise KHAAN QUEST is scheduled to be conducted from 14th to 28th June 2025 in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It is chaired by the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
3. Special budgetary funds are allocated to the council for undertaking its activities.

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: Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) is an apex-level forum constituted by the Government of India in December 2010. It is not a statutory body.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is chaired by the Union Finance Minister of India.

Statement 3 is incorrect: No funds are separately allocated to the council for undertaking its activities.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (12 June)

Q1. With reference to the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body functioning under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. The jurisdiction of the Commission extends only to the National Capital Territory of Delhi and excludes neighbouring states.

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 2 is incorrect as the jurisdiction includes adjoining areas of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

Source- [The Tribune](#)

Q2. With reference to the Blue Nationally Determined Contributions (Blue NDC) Challenge, consider the following statements:

1. It is a global initiative launched jointly by France and Brazil to promote the integration of ocean-focused measures into climate commitments.
2. The initiative aims to strengthen the ocean agenda ahead of COP30, which is scheduled to be held in Mexico.

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 initiative was launched by **France and Brazil**.

Statement 2 is **incorrect:** COP30 will be held in **Belem, Brazil**, not Mexico.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

Port – Country

- a) Hodeidah Port – Oman
- b) Shuwaikh Port – Yemen
- c) Sohar Port – Kuwait
- d) Salalah Port – United Arab Emirates

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

- c) Only three
- d) None

Answer: D. None

Explanation:

A is incorrect: Hodeidah Port is in **Yemen**, not Oman.

B is incorrect: Shuwaikh Port is in **Kuwait**, not Yemen.

C is incorrect: Sohar Port is in **Oman**, not Kuwait.

D is incorrect: Salalah Port is in **Oman**, not the United Arab Emirates.

Source- [HT](#)

Q4. The proposed Etalin Hydropower Project, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following states?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand

Answer: C. Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: The Etalin Hydropower Project (3097 MW) has received “in-principle” approval from the Forest Advisory Committee. It is located on the Dri and Talo rivers in Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh.

Source- [HT](#)

Q5. With reference to the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC), consider the following statements:

1. The UNOC is primarily aimed at supporting Sustainable Development Goal 14, which focuses on life below water.
 2. The third edition of the UNOC was held in Lisbon and was co-hosted by France and Portugal.
 3. UNOC operates within the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** UNOC supports SDG 14 – Life Below Water.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The third UNOC was held in 2025 in Nice, co-hosted by France and Costa Rica. The second was held in 2022 in Lisbon, co-hosted by Portugal and Kenya.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** UNOC functions within the legal framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements with respect to Cathepsin B:

1. It is a type of enzyme that breaks down proteins.
2. It is primarily located within nucleus.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: Cathepsin B is a cysteine protease, a type of enzyme that breaks down proteins.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is primarily located within lysosomes, the cell's "garbage disposal" compartments.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the CROPIC, seen in the news recently:

1. It is a study to gather crop information using field photographs and AI-based models.
2. It aligns with the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
3. A special budgetary fund support has been granted for the launch of this initiative.

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: CROPIC stands for "Collection of Real Time Observations & Photo of Crops". It is a study to gather crop information using field photographs and AI-based models.

Statement 2 is correct: CROPIC is an initiative under **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** with a **dual purpose of monitoring crop health and stress and automation of crop loss assessment and payment of claims** to affected farmers using computer vision technology and photo-analytic models.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Fund for Innovation and Technology (FIAT) under PMFBY will be used for funding CROPIC. The FIAT has a total outlay of Rs 825 crore for different technology innovations under crop insurance schemes.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about saint Kabir:

1. He was a propounder of sagun bhakti.
2. The literature 'Anurag Sagar' was authored by him.

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: Nirguna Bhakti: Kabir rejected anthropomorphic deities and propounded devotion to a formless, universal divine consciousness (Nirguna Brahman).

Statement 2 is correct: He authored Bijak, Sakhi Granth, Kabir Granthavali, Anurag Sagar, and many of his verses appear in the Guru Granth Sahib.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following schemes:

1. Price Support Scheme (PSS)
2. Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)
3. Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)
4. Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)

How many of the above schemes are part of the broader Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The Government of India is implementing the integrated scheme **Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)**, which encompasses the **Price Support Scheme (PSS)**, **Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)**, **Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)**, and **Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)**. The overarching objective of this initiative is to ensure assured and remunerative prices for farmers' agricultural produce, thereby protecting their income and securing their livelihood against market fluctuations.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Exercise Shakti is joint military exercise between

- a) India-Indonesia
- b) India-Russia
- c) India-United Kingdom
- d) India-France

Answer: D

Explanation:

- **Exercise Shakti** is a joint exercise between the militaries of India and France. It aims to enhance the joint military capability of both sides to undertake multi-domain operations.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (13th June)

Q1. The Global Gender Gap Report is released annually by which of the following organisations?

- a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- b) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- c) World Bank
- d) International Labour Organization (ILO)

Answer: B. World Economic Forum (WEF)

Explanation: The Global Gender Gap Report is published annually by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Which of the following best describes the term "Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)", sometimes seen in the news?

- a) The incentive given by a bank to a merchant for accepting payments through debit cards of that bank.
- b) The amount paid back by banks to their customers when they use debit cards for purchasing goods or services.
- c) The charge imposed on a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from customers through debit or credit cards.
- d) The incentive provided by the Government to merchants for promoting digital payments through PoS machines and debit cards.

Answer: C

Explanation: Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) is the fee charged to a merchant by a bank for enabling the facility of accepting payments via debit or credit cards.

Source- [DH](#)

Q3. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), consider the following statements:

- 1. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- 2. Only adult women from eligible deprived households are entitled to apply for LPG connections under the scheme.
- 3. Under Ujjwala 2.0, special provisions were introduced to ease access for migrant households.
- 4. The original target of the scheme was to release 10 crore LPG connections by 2022.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** PMUY is implemented by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, not the Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme is targeted only at adult women from eligible deprived categories.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Ujjwala 2.0 introduced special provisions for migrant households, including relaxation of address proof.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The original target was 8 crore connections by 2020, not 10 crore by 2022.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q4. With reference to the geography of Taiwan, consider the following statements:

1. The Bashi Channel separates Taiwan from the Philippines.
2. The Zhuoshui River is Taiwan's longest 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

Correct Answer: C. Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Bashi Channel lies in the Luzon Strait and separates Taiwan from the northern Philippines. It is a strategic waterway connecting the South China Sea with the western Pacific Ocean.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Zhuoshui River, at 186 km, is the longest river in Taiwan. It originates in the central mountain region and flows westward into the Taiwan Strait.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about the Lokpal:

- I. The power of Lokpal applies to public servants of India, but **not** to Indian public servants posted outside India.
- II. The Chairperson or a Member shall not be a Member of Parliament or a Member of the Legislature of any State or Union Territory, and **only the Chief Justice of India, whether incumbent or retired, has to be its Chairperson.**
- III. The Chairperson or a Member shall not be a person of less than forty-five years of age on the date of assuming office as the Chairperson or Member, as the case may be.
- IV. Lokpal cannot inquire into allegations of corruption against a sitting Prime Minister of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) III only
- b) II and III
- c) I and IV
- d) None of the above statements is correct

Answer: A. III only

Explanation:

- **Statement I is incorrect:** The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 applies to all public servants, whether posted inside or outside India. So, Lokpal has jurisdiction over Indian public servants posted abroad as well.
- **Statement II is incorrect:** The Act prohibits the Chairperson or Members from being Members of Parliament or State Legislatures. However, the Chairperson need not be only the Chief Justice of India (incumbent or retired). The Chairperson can be a person who is or has been the Chief Justice of India, or a Judge of the Supreme Court, or an eminent person.
- **Statement III is correct:** The Act requires that the Chairperson or Members should be at least 45 years of age on the date of assuming office.
- **Statement IV is incorrect:** The Lokpal can inquire into allegations of corruption against a sitting Prime Minister (Section 14 of the Act). However, the procedure for inquiry against the PM involves some additional safeguards.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the black box found in an aircraft, consider the following statements:

1. It is a black-painted flight recorder machine that records information about an aircraft during its flight.
2. Every aircraft has two such black boxes inside it.
3. Metals like steel or titanium are used to manufacture the body of a black box so that it can survive the crashes.

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: Black Box is a small machine that records information about an aircraft during its flight. It is basically a flight recorder. This bright **orange or yellow** rectangular box is crafted to withstand explosions, fire, water pressure, and high-speed crashes.

Statement 2 is correct: Black boxes in an aircraft: Every commercial aircraft carries **two such recorders** - the **cockpit voice recorder (CVR)** and the **flight data recorder (FDR)**.

Statement 3 is correct: It is made of strong substances such as steel or titanium and is insulated from factors such as extreme heat and cold.

Source: [The Mint](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Gyan Post Service:

1. It is being launched by the Amazon delivery services in India.
2. It aims to deliver non-commercial educational and socio-cultural material at subsidized rates.

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: Gyan Post Services is a postal delivery service introduced by the Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications.

Statement 2 is correct: It aims to deliver non-commercial educational and socio-cultural material at subsidized rates.

Source: [NewsOnAir](#)

Q8. Consider the following countries:

1. Armenia
2. Azerbaijan
3. Turkmenistan
4. Jordan
5. Iraq
6. Turkey

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Iran?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Not with Jordan

- Iran shares land borders with **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, and Turkey.**

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. India's first electronic waste (e-waste) eco park is going to be located at

- a) Gurugram
- b) Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Bangalore

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The environment minister recently announced that the Delhi government has undertaken a project to develop India's first electronic waste (e-waste) eco park in north Delhi's Holambi Kalan. The facility will be built under a design, build, finance, operate, and transfer (DBFOT) model.

Source: [India Today](#)

Q10. Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan, recently launched by the Government of India, is a

- A) Nationwide campaign to modernize agriculture through scientific outreach and farmer empowerment
- B) Scheme for providing direct cash transfers to small and marginal farmers
- C) Digital platform for real-time weather forecasting for farmers
- D) Crop insurance initiative under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Nationwide campaign to modernize agriculture through scientific outreach and farmer empowerment.

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (14th June)

Q1. With reference to Zero-Coupon Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. Zero-Coupon Bonds are issued at a discount and redeemed at face value upon maturity.
2. These bonds pay interest to the holder annually but at a reduced rate.
3. They are more sensitive to interest rate changes than regular interest-paying bonds.

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:** Zero-Coupon Bonds are issued at a discount and redeemed at face (par) value at maturity.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** They do not pay periodic interest (coupon); instead, the investor gains from the difference between the purchase price and face value.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Because they have no interim cash flows, their prices are more sensitive to changes in interest rates compared to coupon-paying bonds.

Source- [BS](#)

Q2. With reference to the Servants of India Society (SIS), consider the following statements:

1. The Servants of India Society was founded in 1905 in Pune by Gopal Krishna Gokhale and others.
2. The main objective of the Society was to promote social service and train Indians to dedicate their lives to the cause of the nation.

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:** SIS was founded in 1905 in Pune by Gopal Krishna Gokhale, along with G.K. Devadhar, A.V. Patwardhan, and N.A. Dravid.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The society aimed to promote national service, education, and social reform, and to train Indians to dedicate themselves to public service

Source- [Indianculture](#)

Q3. The term “Rudrastra”, which has recently appeared in Indian news, refers to which of the following?

- a) A hybrid Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed in India
- b) A new precision-guided artillery shell tested during military trials
- c) India’s first long-range submarine-launched ballistic missile
- d) A high-altitude reconnaissance satellite built by ISRO

Answer: A.

Explanation: Rudrastra is an indigenous hybrid VTOL UAV, recently tested by the Indian Army at the Pokhran firing range

Source- [ET](#)

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

1. India is one of the founding members of INTERPOL.
2. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) acts as the National Central Bureau (NCB) for INTERPOL in India.
3. INTERPOL is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.

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:** INTERPOL currently has 196 member countries, and India is one of its founding members.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) serves as the National Central Bureau (NCB) for India, coordinating with INTERPOL.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The headquarters of INTERPOL is located in Lyon, France, not Brussels, Belgium.

Source- [The Print](#)

Q5. On which of the following can you find the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) Star Label?

1. Ceiling fans
2. Electric geysers
3. Tubular fluorescent lamps

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

The **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)** star label is a part of India's energy efficiency labelling program. It is mandatory or voluntary (depending on the product) for appliances such as:

- **Ceiling fans** (Voluntary Labeling)
- **Electric geysers** (Water heaters – Mandatory Labeling)
- **Tubular fluorescent lamps** (Mandatory Labeling)

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about newly launched AviList:

1. It is the first-ever unified global checklist of animal species.
2. It is being launched by the IUCN.

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: Anvilist is the first-ever unified global checklist of bird species.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Launched by: It is launched under the **Working Group on Avian Checklists**, which includes experts from **BirdLife International, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the American Ornithologists' Society, the International Ornithologists' Union, and Avibase.**

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. Lake Natron, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Bolivia
- b) Tanzania
- c) Indonesia
- d) Italy

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Lake Natron is a **salt or alkaline lake** located in **north Ngorongoro District of Arusha Region in Tanzania** at the border with **Kenya**.

Source: [BT](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY):

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare is the nodal ministry for the scheme.
2. It aims to reduce post-harvest losses from 25% to around 10% by 2024-25.

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 Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying is the nodal ministry for the scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme envisaged to add an additional fish production of 70 lakh metric tonnes by 2024-25, enhance aquaculture productivity from the national average of 3 tonne to 5 tonne per hectare, reduce post-harvest losses from 25% to around 10%, generate about 55 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities among others.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA):

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It is responsible for regulating civil aviation in the country.
3. It is the primary organisation to investigate aviation accidents, conducts safety audits and inspections, formulates and amends aviation standards in line with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) norms.

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 Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is the statutory regulatory body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.

Statement 2 is correct: It is responsible for regulating civil aviation in the country, with a primary focus on air safety, airworthiness, and enforcement of civil air regulations.

Statement 3 is correct: It also investigates aviation accidents and incidents, conducts safety audits and inspections, formulates and amends aviation standards in line with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) norms, and coordinates national and international aviation regulatory functions.

Source: [DDNews](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. Canada
2. France
3. Germany
4. Italy
5. Japan

How many of the above countries are members of G7 group?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The G7 - Group of 7, seven major industrial countries consists of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the US.

Source: [DDNews](#)

10 PM CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs - June 16th

Q1. How many of the following methods are used for DNA identification?

1. Short Tandem Repeat (STR) analysis
2. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis
3. Y Chromosome analysis
4. Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) analysis

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Answer: D. All the above

Explanation: All the listed methods—STR analysis, mtDNA analysis, Y chromosome analysis, and SNPs analysis—are well-established techniques used for DNA identification in forensic and genetic research.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. With reference to the Strait of Hormuz, consider the following statements:

1. It connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
2. It lies between Iran to the north and Oman and the United Arab Emirates to the south.
3. It is entirely located within the territorial waters of Iran.

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 Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and further opens into the Arabian Sea.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is bordered by Iran to the north, and by the UAE and the Musandam Peninsula of Oman to the south.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The strait lies between multiple countries; it is not entirely within Iranian territorial waters.

Source- [BT](#)

Q3. The State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2025 report was released by which of the following organizations?

- a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- b) World Bank Group
- c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- d) World Health Organization (WHO)

Answer: B. World Bank Group

Explanation: The State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2025 report was released by the World Bank Group. This annual report provides an up-to-date overview of existing and emerging carbon pricing instruments worldwide, including international, national, and subnational initiatives

Source- [worldbank](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements:

1. The definition of “Critical Wildlife Habitat” is incorporated in the Forest Rights Act, 2006.
2. For the first time in India, Baigas have been given Habitat Rights.
3. The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change officially decides and declares Habitat Rights for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in any part 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) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The definition of Critical Wildlife Habitat (CWH) is provided in Section 2(b) of the Forest Rights Act, 2006. These are areas within national parks and wildlife sanctuaries that are required to be kept inviolate for the purpose of wildlife conservation.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Baiga tribe in Madhya Pradesh was the first tribal community in India to be granted Habitat Rights under the Forest Rights Act.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Habitat Rights for PVTGs are recognized under the Forest Rights Act, and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, not the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, is the nodal agency responsible for implementing the Act.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. With reference to the Sharda River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates as the Kali River in the Great Himalayas on the eastern slopes of the Nanda Devi massif in Uttarakhand.
2. Its major tributaries include the Dhauliganga, Goriganga, and Sarju rivers.

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 Sharda River originates in northern Uttarakhand as the Kali River, on the eastern slopes of the Nanda Devi massif in the Great Himalayas.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Its major tributaries are the Dhauliganga, Goriganga, and Sarju rivers.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. With respect to the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR), consider the following statements:

1. It is a fee that businesses pay to payment processors for the service of accepting digital payments.
2. It applies on the digital transactions made through UPIs but not when same is done through debit cards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) is a fee that businesses, including merchants, must pay to payment processing companies for facilitating transactions.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is done through digital payment methods such as credit cards, debit cards, and Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

Source: [MoneyControl](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in India:

1. An SEZ is a geographical area in which the trade and tax laws are relaxed in order to produce items of mass consumption for domestic use.
2. The SEZs in India are established under a statutory law.
3. The SEZ policy was announced in 2000 by the government 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 2 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: A special economic zone is a geographical area in which the trade and tax laws are relaxed and different from that in the rest of the country so as to be more conducive to industries. The aim of a SEZ is to increase investment (FDI), **exports** and employment.

Statements 2 and 3 are correct: The SEZ policy was announced by the government in **2000** which was strengthened through **SEZ Act 2005** which was passed by Parliament in May, 2005 which came into effect on 10th February, **2006**.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the Solar Orbiter Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is developed by Italian Space Agency in collaboration with the U.S. space agency NASA.
2. The Orbiter has achieved the feat of taking first ever close-up images of the Sun's polar regions.

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: Solar Orbiter is developed by ESA in collaboration with the U.S. space agency NASA and was launched in 2020 from Florida.

Statement 2 is correct: Mission highlights: The closest ever images of the Sun, the first ever close-up images of the Sun's polar regions, measuring the composition of the solar wind and linking it to its area of origin on the Sun's surface.

Source: [DDNews](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Asiatic wild dog:

1. It is categorized as vulnerable by the IUCN.
2. The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP), Darjeeling is the only conservation breeding centre for them 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: D

Explanation: Both Statements are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: Conservation Status

- IUCN Status – Endangered
- Indian Wildlife Protection Act – Schedule II

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in **Visakhapatnam** is India's only conservation breeding centre for the endangered Asiatic wild dog, also known as the dhole (*Cuon alpinus*).

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):

1. It is a coalition of both range and non-range countries with a mandate for conservation of seven big cats.
2. All the UN member countries are eligible to become the member of IBCA.
3. Its headquarters is to be established in India.

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: IBCA is a multi-country, multi-agency coalition comprising of 95 big cat range countries, non-range countries with an interest in big cat conservation, conservation partners, scientific organizations engaged in big cat research, as well as business groups and corporates committed to supporting big cat conservation efforts.

Statement 2 is correct: All the UN member countries are eligible to become the member of IBCA.

Statement 3 is correct: The ratification of the Headquarter Agreement signed by IBCA with Republic of India, will enable the IBCA to establish its Headquarters and such other offices in India as may be necessary to discharge its official functions and programmes.

Source: [PIB](#)