

# **10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation**

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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**Q. Consider the following statements regarding Colombia:**

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

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

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

**Answer: (d) 1, 2, and 3**

**Explanation:**

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

Source- [TH](#)

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

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

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

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

**Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2**

**Explanation:**

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

Source- [HT](#)

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

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

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

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

**Answer:** (a) 1 and 2 only

**Explanation:**

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

**Source-** [IE](#)

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

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

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

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

**Answer:** (a) 1 only

**Explanation:**

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

**Source-** [TH](#)

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

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

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

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

**Answer:** (c) 1 and 3 only

**Explanation:**

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

**Source-** [IE](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about Arunachal Pradesh:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** (d) 1, 2 and 3

**Explanation:**

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

**Source-** [HT](#)

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

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

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

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

**Answer:** (c) 1 and 3 only

**Explanation:**

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

**Source-** [BS](#)

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

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

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

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

**Answer:** (a) 1 and 2 only

**Explanation:**

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

**Source-** [HT](#)



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

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

**Answer:** (a) Chhattisgarh and Telangana

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

Source- [IE](#)

**Q:** Consider the following statements about the Adyar River:

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

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer:** C) Both 1 and 2

**Explanation:**

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

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):**

1. The IAEA was established in 1957 and is headquartered in Vienna, Austria.
2. India is not a member of the IAEA but follows its safeguards voluntarily.
3. The IAEA plays a key verification role under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), although it is not a member of the Treaty.

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: The IAEA was indeed established in 1957 and has its HQ in Vienna.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: India is a member of the IAEA.
- Statement 3 is correct: The IAEA is not a member of the NPT but has verification responsibilities under it.

Source- [Reuters](#)

**Q. With reference to the Samudrayaan Mission, consider the following statements:**

1. It aims to explore ocean depths up to 6,000 meters using the manned submersible vehicle Matsya 6000.
2. The Matsya 6000 is being developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
3. The mission will help in exploring both living and non-living resources and also has potential applications in deep-sea tourism.

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: Samudrayaan aims to explore ocean depths up to 6,000 meters using Matsya 6000.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: Matsya 6000 is being developed by the **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)**, not ISRO.
- Statement 3 is correct: The mission includes exploration of both living and non-living ocean resources and potential for deep-sea tourism.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q. With reference to Special Courts under the POCSO Act, 2012, consider the following statements:**

1. The Act mandates the establishment of Special Courts for the purpose of ensuring speedy trials in cases of sexual offences against children.
2. These courts are designated as Courts of Session and are notified by the State Governments in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court.
3. The Act mandates that the trial must be completed within six months of the court taking cognizance of the offence.

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: A. 1 and 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is correct: The POCSO Act provides for Special Courts to ensure speedy trials.
- Statement 2 is correct: These are Courts of Session notified by State Governments in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court.
- Statement 3 is incorrect: The Act states the trial should be completed **within 1 year**, not six months.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Mahadei (Mandovi) River:**

1. The Mahadei River originates in the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka and drains into the Arabian Sea at Panaji, Goa.
2. Nearly two-thirds of the Mahadei River basin lies in Karnataka, while the remaining part is shared by Goa and Maharashtra.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: (a) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is correct.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. Approximately two-thirds of the Mahadei River basin lies in **Goa**, not Karnataka. The remaining portion is shared between **Karnataka and Maharashtra**.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve:**

1. Kaziranga National Park is located in the Brahmaputra floodplain of Assam.
2. The park is drained by the rivers Diphalu and Moradifalu.
3. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

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:** Kaziranga National Park is situated in the Brahmaputra floodplain in Assam, making Statement 1 correct. The park is drained by the River Diphalu and River Moradifalu, so Statement 2 is also correct. Additionally, Kaziranga was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985, confirming Statement 3 as correct. Hence, all three statements are true.

**Q. The GRAIL (Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory) Mission, which created the most detailed map of the Moon's gravity, was launched by which agency?**

- (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (b) European Space Agency (ESA)
- (c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- (d) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

**Answer: (c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

Source- [ET](#)



**Q. Consider the following statements:**

1. Pushkar Kumbh occurs every 12 years when Jupiter enters the Gemini zodiac sign and is held at Keshav Prayag in Mana village, Uttarakhand.
2. Saraswati Pushkaralu is dedicated to the subterranean Saraswati River and is held at Kaleshwaram in Telangana, where it meets the Godavari and Pranahita 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. Pushkar Kumbh is a 12-year cycle festival linked to Jupiter entering Gemini, celebrated at Keshav Prayag, Mana village.
- Statement 2 is correct. Saraswati Pushkaralu is a festival dedicated to the subterranean Saraswati River, observed at Kaleshwaram, Telangana, where the Saraswati meets Godavari and Pranahita at Triveni Sangamam.

**Source-** [Newsonair](#)

**Q. With reference to Parasnath Hill in Jharkhand, consider the following statements:**

1. The hill is called Marang Buru by the Santal Adivasi community.
2. Jains believe that all 24 Tirthankaras attained nirvana on this hill.

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:**

The hill is known as Marang Buru by the Santals and Parasnath by the Jains. Jains believe that 20 (not all 24) of their Tirthankaras attained nirvana on Parasnath Hill.

**Source-** [IE](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR):**

1. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2007 and is located in the Anamalai Hills of the Western Ghats, Tamil Nadu.
2. The reserve is also known as the Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.
3. Kariyan Shola, Grass Hills, and Manjampatti within ATR are recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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:**

Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) was declared a tiger reserve in 2007 and is situated in the Anamalai Hills of the

Western Ghats, Tamil Nadu. It is also known as the Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park, named after the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The reserve includes areas such as Kariyan Shola, Grass Hills, and Manjampatti, which have been identified as UNESCO World Heritage Sites due to their ecological importance.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about Bhutan:**

1. Bhutan has become the first country to launch a national cryptocurrency tourism payment system.
2. Bhutan is a landlocked Himalayan country located between India and Nepal.
3. The Manas River is Bhutan's longest river and is a transboundary river shared with India.

**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**. Bhutan recently became the first country to introduce a national cryptocurrency tourism payment system, partnering with Binance Pay and DK Bank to facilitate cashless travel using cryptocurrencies.
- Statement 2 is **incorrect**. Bhutan is a landlocked Himalayan country, but it is located between **India and China**, not Nepal.
- Statement 3 is **correct**. The Manas River, which is over 376 km long, is Bhutan's longest river and is a transboundary river shared with India, flowing into the Brahmaputra basin.

Source- [FE](#)

**Q. With reference to the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, consider the following statements:**

1. The project aims to connect Kolkata port with Sittwe port in Myanmar via the Bay of Bengal.
2. It includes both waterway and road components within Myanmar to reach India's North-East.
3. The project is being implemented by Myanmar with financial support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
4. Lawngtlai in Mizoram is the terminal point of the project in India.

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

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

**Correct Answer: B. 1, 2 and 4 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1** is correct: The project links Kolkata with Sittwe over the Bay of Bengal.
- **Statement 2** is correct: The project includes a waterway from Sittwe to Paletwa and a road to Mizoram.
- **Statement 3** is **incorrect**: The project is funded by the Government of India under the Grant in Aid scheme, not by ADB.
- **Statement 4** is correct: Lawngtlai in Mizoram is the final Indian destination connected under the project.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q. New Caledonia, recently seen in the news, is:**

- (a) A British overseas territory in the Indian Ocean
- (b) A French overseas territory in the southwestern Pacific Ocean
- (c) An autonomous island under Australian administration
- (d) A United Nations trust territory in the Atlantic Ocean

**Answer: (b) A French overseas territory in the southwestern Pacific Ocean**

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. With reference to Article 143 of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:**

1. Article 143 empowers the President to seek the advisory opinion of the Supreme Court on any question of law or fact of public importance.
2. The Supreme Court's opinion under Article 143 is binding on both the President and the Union Government.
3. The decision to invoke Article 143 lies solely with the President and does not involve the Council of Ministers.
4. Under Article 143(2), the Supreme Court is bound to tender its opinion if the reference pertains to pre-Constitutional treaties or agreements.

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

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

**Correct Answer: B. 1 and 4 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 143 allows the President to refer any question of law or fact that is of public importance to the Supreme Court.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Supreme Court's opinion under Article 143 is advisory and **not legally binding**.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Though Article 143 empowers the President, the actual decision to refer is taken by the **Council of Ministers** under Article 74(1).
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Under **Article 143(2)**, the Supreme Court **must** tender its opinion if the reference involves pre-Constitutional treaties or agreements.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements:**

1. Honduras has recently opened an embassy in New Delhi to strengthen bilateral relations with India.
2. Honduras shares its borders with Guatemala, El Salvador, and Costa Rica.

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

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

**Correct Answer: A. 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Honduras has recently opened an embassy in **New Delhi**, marking a diplomatic development.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Honduras shares land borders with **Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua, not Costa Rica.**

Source- [DDnews](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding the PM E-Drive scheme:**

1. It was launched in 2024 by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to promote electric vehicle adoption in India.
2. The scheme provides demand incentives for electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, ambulances, and trucks.
3. It includes grants for capital assets like electric buses and charging infrastructure.

**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: B. 2 and 3 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** PM E-Drive was launched in 2024, but by the **Ministry of Heavy Industries**, not the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It offers demand incentives for **e-2W, e-3W, e-ambulances, e-trucks**, and other emerging EV types.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Grants are provided for creating capital assets like **e-buses and charging station networks.**

Source- [IE](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding twisters:**

1. Twisters, commonly observed in the United States, are funnel-shaped tornadoes formed due to the collision of moist warm air and dry cold air.
2. The majority of twisters in the U.S. form around the Great Lakes region due to high atmospheric pressure and low humidity.

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

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

**Correct Answer: A. 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Twisters are tornadoes caused by the collision of **moist warm air** (often from the Gulf of Mexico) and **dry cold air**, leading to atmospheric instability and rotation.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Most twisters form around the **Gulf of Mexico**, not the Great Lakes, as the Gulf provides a **large source of moisture**, not low humidity.

Source- [HT](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about Polio:**

1. Polio is a highly infectious viral disease that primarily affects children under 5 years of age.
2. Two types of vaccines are available for Polio: Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV).
3. India was officially declared polio-free in 2018.

**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:** Polio is a highly infectious viral disease mainly affecting children under 5.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Both Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) are used to prevent polio.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India was officially declared polio-free in **2014**, not 2018.

**Source-** [BBC](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about Rajon ki Baoli:**

1. Rajon ki Baoli is a four-tiered step-well located in Mehrauli Archaeological Park, New Delhi.
2. It was built during the Mughal period by Daulat Khan, an Amir of Akbar's court.

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

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

**Correct Answer: A. 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct** because Rajon ki Baoli is indeed a four-tiered step-well situated in Mehrauli Archaeological Park, New Delhi.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because it was built during the **Lodi period (1506 AD)** by Daulat Khan, an Amir of Sikander Lodi's court, **not** during the Mughal period or Akbar's reign.

**Source-** [NIE](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about the 'Campus Calling' Programme:**

1. It is an initiative of the National Commission for Women (NCW) to enhance gender sensitivity and address cybercrimes among students.
2. The programme has been launched in collaboration with 'Yuvamanthan', a youth development platform.

**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 'Campus Calling' Programme is indeed an NCW initiative aimed at raising awareness on gender sensitivity and preventing cybercrimes impacting students.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The programme has been launched in collaboration with 'Yuvamanthan', which is a youth development platform, not the Ministry of Education or any other government body.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements about Lok Adalats in India:**

1. Lok Adalats are statutory bodies constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, and their awards are enforceable as civil court decrees.
2. They can adjudicate non-compoundable criminal cases involving serious offences.
3. Permanent Lok Adalats deal with disputes related to public utility services and can resolve cases involving amounts up to ₹1 crore.

**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

**Correct Answer: B. 1 and 3 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Lok Adalats are established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, and their awards are binding and have the force of civil court decrees.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Lok Adalats do not deal with non-compoundable criminal cases, which are serious offences not subject to compromise.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Permanent Lok Adalats specifically handle disputes related to public utility services with monetary limits up to ₹1 crore.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. With reference to the recently launched e-Zero FIR initiative in India, consider the following statements:**

1. It automatically converts cyber financial crime complaints involving cheating above Rs. 10 lakh into FIRs.
2. It has been launched nationwide as part of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) initiative.
3. It allows electronic registration of FIRs irrespective of territorial jurisdiction.
4. It is based on provisions from recently introduced criminal laws.

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

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

**Answer: B. 1, 3 and 4 only**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is **correct** – The e-Zero FIR system auto-converts complaints of cyber financial fraud above ₹10 lakh into FIRs.
- Statement 2 is **incorrect** – The initiative has been launched **as a pilot project in Delhi**, not yet nationwide.
- Statement 3 is **correct** – It facilitates FIR registration irrespective of territorial jurisdiction.
- Statement 4 is **correct** – The system leverages provisions from recently introduced criminal laws.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q. The Global EV Outlook 2025, a report on electric vehicles worldwide, was released by which organization?**

- A) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- B) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- C) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- D) World Economic Forum (WEF)

**Answer:** C) International Energy Agency (IEA)

**Explanation:** The Global EV Outlook 2025 is published yearly by the International Energy Agency (IEA) to review progress in electric vehicles around the world.

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

**Q. With reference to the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. The OCI scheme was introduced by amending the Citizenship Act, 1955, in the year 2005.
2. A person whose great-grandparents were citizens of Pakistan or Bangladesh is eligible for registration under the OCI scheme.
3. Only those who were citizens of India on or after January 26, 1950, or were eligible to become citizens on that date, can be registered as OCI.

**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** – The OCI scheme was introduced in 2005 through an amendment to the Citizenship Act, 1955.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – Individuals whose parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents were citizens of Pakistan or Bangladesh are **not eligible** for OCI.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The scheme covers those who were citizens of India on or after January 26, 1950, or were eligible to become citizens on that date.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q. Tulare Lake, recently in news due to its reemergence after 130 years, is located in which of the following countries?**

- A. Canada
- B. United States of America
- C. Australia
- D. Mexico

**Answer:** B. United States of America

**Explanation:** Tulare Lake is located in the San Joaquin Valley of California, in the United States of America. Once the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River, it reappeared in 2023 due to intense rainfall caused by a series of atmospheric rivers. Its reemergence has raised concerns related to flooding and land use in the region.

Source- [NDTV](#)

**Q. Match the following folk art forms of Andhra Pradesh with their correct descriptions:**

Folk Art Form	Description
A. Tholu Bommalata	1. Shadow puppetry art depicting Hindu epics through music and storytelling
B. Jamukula Pata	2. Performed by three artistes, including a lead singer with a chorus
C. Tappeta Gullu	3. Devotional dance with ankle bells and drums to appease rain god
D. Puli Veshalu	4. Dance form where performers paint themselves like tigers

**Select the correct option:**

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

**Answer: A. A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4**

**Explanation:**

- **Tholu Bommalata** – An ancient shadow puppetry art depicting **Hindu epics** through **music and storytelling** (Match 1).
- **Jamukula Pata** – A musical performance involving **three artistes**, including a lead singer and chorus (Match 2).
- **Tappeta Gullu** – A **devotional dance** performed with **ankle bells** and drums to please the **rain god and Gangamma** (Match 3).
- **Puli Veshalu** – A vibrant dance where performers are **painted like tigers** and move rhythmically (Match 4).

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. With reference to India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), consider the following statements:**

1. PSLV is a four-stage launch vehicle and was the first Indian launch vehicle to use both solid and liquid propulsion stages.
2. It is capable of launching satellites only into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and not into Geostationary Orbit.

**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** – PSLV is a **four-stage launch vehicle** using alternate solid and liquid propulsion stages. It was the **first Indian launch vehicle to be equipped with liquid stages**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – PSLV is **versatile** and capable of launching satellites into **Low Earth Orbit (LEO), Sun-synchronous orbit, Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO), and even Geostationary Orbit**, as demonstrated by missions like **Chandrayaan-1** and **Mangalyaan (Mars Orbiter Mission)**.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q. With reference to the Official Secrets Act, 1923, consider the following statements:**

1. The Act applies only to government officials who handle classified information.
2. Unauthorized possession or disclosure of secret documents, even if unintentional, is punishable under the Act.
3. The Act allows authorities to conduct search and seizure operations in case of suspected violations.

**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 Act applies not just to government officials but also to **civilians and foreign nationals** in possession of classified information.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – Under **Section 5**, even **careless or unintentional disclosure** of sensitive information is punishable.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The Act empowers authorities to **search premises and seize documents** suspected to violate the law.

Source- [BT](#)

**Q. With reference to Portugal, consider the following statements:**

1. It is the westernmost country of mainland Europe, located on the Iberian Peninsula.
2. It shares land borders with both Spain and France.
3. It is a unitary semi-presidential republic with a parliamentary democracy.

**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** – Portugal is the **westernmost country** in **mainland Europe**, situated on the **Iberian Peninsula**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – Portugal shares its **only land border with Spain, not with France**.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – Portugal follows a **unitary semi-presidential republic** system with a **parliamentary democracy**.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q. With reference to the Jnanpith Award, consider the following statements:**

1. The award is given annually to living Indian authors for outstanding literary contributions in any language listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution and English.
2. The first recipient of the award was the Hindi poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan.
3. A language that receives the award in a particular year is ineligible for consideration for the next two years.

**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: The Jnanpith Award is given to **living Indian authors** for excellence in any language listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution and English.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: The **first recipient** of the award was **Malayalam poet G. Sankara Kurup** in 1965, not Harivansh Rai Bachchan.
- Statement 3 is correct: To promote linguistic diversity, a **language that wins the award becomes ineligible for the next two years.**

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q. Which of the following statements about the RS-24 Yars missile is correct?**

- A) It is an Indian-made short-range ballistic missile
- B) It is a Russian intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system
- C) It is a Chinese anti-ship missile
- D) It is a European cruise missile system

**Answer: B) It is a Russian intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system**

Source- [Reuters](#)

**Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Hoyle-Narlikar theory:**

1. Unlike the Big Bang theory that suggests a definite beginning of the universe, this theory maintains that the universe has always been there without a beginning or an end.
2. It acknowledged the expanding nature of the universe.

**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:** 'Steady State' Theory of the Universe was jointly proposed by Jayant Narlikar and Sir Fred Hoyle, so also known as the Hoyle-Narlikar theory. This theory maintains that the universe has always been, and would continue to be, the way it is — infinite in extent, without a beginning or an end. Unlike the Big Bang theory that suggests a definite beginning, and possibly an end, to the universe.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It **acknowledged an expanding universe**, which was experimentally verifiable, but proposed that the universe was **able to maintain a constant density by continuously creating new matter.**



Source: [IE](#)

**Q2.** Arrange the following core industries in their increasing order of weightage used in Index of Industrial Production (IIP):

1. Coal
2. Petroleum Refinery Products
3. Steel
4. **Electricity**
5. **Cement**

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1-2-3-4-5
- b) 2-3-5-1-4
- c) 5-1-3-4-2
- d) 3-5-1-2-4

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Core Industries and their weightage in Index of Industrial Production (IIP):

- **Refinery Products: 28.04%**
- **Electricity: 19.85%**
- **Steel: 17.92%**
- **Coal: 10.33%**
- Crude Oil: 8.98%
- Natural Gas: 6.88%
- **Cement: 5.37%**
- Fertilizers: 2.63%

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q3.** With reference to the Project Lion, consider the following statements:

1. It is being implemented in the Gir landscape in Gujarat.
2. The project has resulted into consistent increase in the population of Asiatic lions in India for last one and a half decade.
3. The Asiatic Lion is categorized as 'Endangered' according to the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: All Statements are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Project Lion is being implemented in the Gir landscape in Gujarat. The Project envisages landscape ecology-based conservation of the Asiatic Lion in Gujarat by integrating conservation and eco-development.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The population of Asiatic Lions is showing an increasing trend. As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, the details of the population of Asiatic Lions over the years are as under:

Year	Estimated population
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2010	411
2015	523
2020	674
2025	891

**Statement 3 is correct:** Asiatic Lion is categorized as 'Endangered' according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species upgraded from 'Critically Endangered' category in 2008 due to the efforts taken for conservation and protection of Asiatic Lions resulting in increase in their population over the years.

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

**Q4.** The PM E-Drive initiative is launched by

- a) Ministry of Power
- b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- c) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- d) Ministry of Heavy Industries

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The 'PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme' is launched by the **Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)** for promotion of electric mobility in the country.

**Q5.** Consider the following statements regarding recently launched Anna Mitra and Anna Sahayata digital platforms:

- 1. The Portals are launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- 2. Anna Mitra is designed to meet the specific operational needs of key stakeholders in the public distribution system.
- 3. Anna Sahayata portal is a citizen-first grievance redressal platform designed to serve the beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).
- 4. Both portals have been rolled out to cover entire nation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The portals are launched by the **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Anna Mitra is designed to meet the specific operational needs of key stakeholders in the public distribution system.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Anna Sahayata, a citizen-first grievance redressal platform designed to serve over 81 crore beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is built on the pillars of accessibility, accountability, and efficiency which leverages modern tools like WhatsApp, IVRS, and Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) to make grievance lodging as easy as sending a message or making a call.

**Statement 4 is incorrect:** In its current rollout, Anna Mitra covers four states—Assam, Uttarakhand, Tripura, and Punjab—and is available in two languages, Hindi and English whereas Anna Sahayata covers five states in pilot phase—Gujarat, Jharkhand, Telangana, Tripura, and Uttar Pradesh—and is available in five languages,

Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu, Bangla and English Eventually both the systems will be deployed pan India across all States/UTs as state systems will be integrated.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q6.** With reference to the Shirui Lily Festival, consider the following statements:

1. It is celebrated in the state of Nagaland to promote the conservation of the Shirui Lily flower.
2. The Shirui Lily (*Lilium mackliniae*) is an endemic species found only in the Shirui Hills.
3. The festival showcases the culture of the Tangkhul Naga tribe.

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 Shirui Lily Festival is celebrated in **Manipur**, not Nagaland.
- Statement 2 is correct: The Shirui Lily (*Lilium mackliniae*) is an endemic flower found only in the Shirui Hills of Ukhrul district, Manipur.
- Statement 3 is correct: The festival showcases the rich culture and traditions of the Tangkhul Naga tribe.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q7.** With reference to the advantages of Sodium-Ion Batteries (SIBs) over Lithium-Ion Batteries (LIBs), consider the following statements:

1. Sodium-Ion Batteries are more cost-effective due to the lower price and wider availability of sodium-based materials.
2. Unlike Lithium-Ion Batteries, SIBs are less adaptable to high temperature variations, limiting their use in extreme climates.

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:** Sodium is more abundant and cheaper than lithium, making SIBs more cost-competitive.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** SIBs actually **perform better in a wider temperature range** than LIBs, making them **more suitable** for regions with extreme temperatures.

Source- [DST](#)

**Q8.** 'Operation Olivia', recently seen in the news, is launched by which of the following?

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Coast Guard
- d) Wildlife Institute of India

**Answer: C. Indian Coast Guard**

**Explanation:** Operation Olivia was initiated in the 1980s by the Indian Coast Guard. It is conducted annually from November to May to protect the nesting sites of Olive Ridley turtles along Odisha's Gahirmatha coast.

**Q9.** With reference to Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. AIFs are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- 2. AIFs are privately pooled investment vehicles that typically cater to high net-worth individuals and institutional investors.

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:** AIFs are regulated by **SEBI**, not RBI, under the **SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** AIFs are privately pooled investment vehicles, typically meant for sophisticated investors, such as HNIs and institutional investors.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q10.** With reference to Argentina, consider the following statements:

- 1. Argentina shares its longest land border with Brazil.
- 2. The Pampas region of Argentina is known for its extensive agricultural activity.
- 3. Argentina is among the top five countries in the world in both lithium reserves and production.

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:** Argentina shares a **longer border with Chile**, not Brazil. The Argentina-Chile border is the **third longest international border in the world**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The **Pampas** are fertile, treeless plains that serve as Argentina's **agricultural heartland**, especially for wheat and cattle ranching.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** As of recent data, Argentina **ranks 3rd globally in lithium reserves** and **4th in lithium production**, making it a key player in the global lithium market.

Source-[IE](#)

**Q1.** With reference to the International Booker Prize, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize.
2. It is awarded annually for a single book translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.
3. It is restricted to English-language fiction written by authors from the Commonwealth nations.

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 prize was established in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize.

Statement 2 is correct: It is awarded for a single book translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The prize is not limited to authors from Commonwealth nations, nor is it restricted to English-language fiction.

Source- [thebookerprizes](#)

**Q2.** Match the following missile defence systems with their respective countries:

1. Golden Dome
  2. Iron Dome, David's Sling, Arrow series
  3. S-400 Triumph
  4. HQ-9 system
- a. China
  - b. Israel
  - c. Russia
  - d. United States

**Select the correct option:**

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

**Answer: A. 1-d, 2-b, 3-c, 4-a**

**Explanation:**

- **Golden Dome** – Recently announced missile defence system by the **United States**.
- **Iron Dome, David's Sling, Arrow-2/3** – Aerial defence systems developed by **Israel**.
- **S-400 Triumph** – Long-range air defence system from **Russia**.
- **HQ-9 system** – Chinese system inspired by Russia's S-300, with a 125 km range.

Source- [NEWSONAIR](#)



**Q3.** Consider the following statements regarding the Metre Convention

1. The Metre Convention, signed in 1875, led to the creation of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM).
2. India is only an associate state and not a full member of the Metre Convention.

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 Metre Convention established the BIPM to ensure global measurement uniformity.

Statement 2 is incorrect: India is a **full member** of the Metre Convention.

**Source-** [europeanaccreditation](#)

**Q4.** With reference to PBAT (Polybutylene Adipate Terephthalate), consider the following statements:

1. PBAT is a fully biodegradable thermoplastic polymer that decomposes into natural elements under industrial composting conditions.
2. PBAT cannot be processed using conventional plastic manufacturing techniques and requires specialized equipment.

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: PBAT is 100% compostable and breaks down into water, CO<sub>2</sub>, and biomass under industrial composting.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: PBAT **can** be processed using conventional plastic manufacturing methods.

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

**Q5.** With reference to the independence and protection of judges in India, consider the following statements:

1. The only constitutional way to remove a judge is through impeachment initiated by Parliament under Article 124 (for Supreme Court judges) and Article 218 (for High Court judges)
2. The Supreme Court's 1991 Veeraswami ruling held that a judge can be treated as a "public servant" under the Prevention of Corruption Act but prosecution requires prior sanction from the Chief Justice of India (CJI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct** because the Constitution provides impeachment by Parliament under Article 124 and 218 as the only way to remove a judge, ensuring judicial independence and due process.

**Statement 2 is correct** as the 1991 Veeraswami case ruled that while judges can be treated as public servants for corruption charges, prosecution requires the prior sanction of the CJI to protect the judiciary from executive interference.

**Source-** [IE](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements about ULLAS initiative:

1. It is also known as the New India Literacy Programme (NILP).
2. It aims to empower adults aged 15 and above from all backgrounds who missed formal schooling.
3. It is a centrally sponsored initiative.

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:** ULLAS stands for **Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society**. It is also known as the **New India Literacy Programme (NILP)**.

**Statement 2 is correct:** **Aim:** It aims to empower adults aged 15 and above from all backgrounds who missed formal schooling, helping them integrate into society and contribute to the nation's growth.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It is a centrally sponsored initiative that aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

**Source:** [DD NEWS](#)

**Q7.** INSV KAUNDINYA, seen in the news recently, is

- a) an 'ancient stitched ship' inducted into the Indian navy
- b) a merchant vessel travelling along the ancient ocean routes used in Indian Ocean
- c) an all women Indian naval ship aiming to circum-navigate the world oceans
- d) A Chola-era ship found in Andaman Sea

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** INSV Kaundinya is a **stitched sail ship**, based on a **5th century CE ship** depicted in the paintings of **Ajanta Caves**. The project was initiated through a tripartite agreement signed in Jul 2023 between the Ministry of Culture, the Indian Navy, and M/s Hodi Innovations, with funding from the Ministry of Culture.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the 'Honey Mission' programme:

1. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is the nodal agency of this scheme.
2. Beekeeping training is being provided under the mission.
3. The Mission aligns with the objectives of wider 'Golden Revolution'.

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 Honey Mission programme was launched by Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), under the Ministry of MSME.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is being implemented to promote Bee Keeping activities and provide self-sustaining employment opportunities among farmers, Adivasies and unemployed youth in rural India, especially in economically backward and remote areas. Under the programme, beneficiaries are provided with Bee Boxes, live bee colonies, tool kits and **training**.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Honey Mission was launched in 2017 in line with the 'Sweet Revolution'.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal:

1. It is a centralised database of mobile equipment identifiers.
2. The portal is being developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
3. It is being launched to combat mobile theft and counterfeit devices.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: All Statements are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) is a centralised database of mobile equipment identifiers (i.e. IMEI for networks of GSM standard). Such an identifier is assigned to each SIM slot of the mobile device.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It targets to combat mobile theft and counterfeit devices.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the SWOT Satellite:

1. It is a joint mission of NASA and ISRO.
2. It uses a specialised instrument to measure the height, width, and elevation of surface water bodies.

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 Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) satellite, launched in 2022, is a joint mission of NASA and CNES (French Space Agency).

**Statement 2 is correct:** It uses a specialised instrument called the Ka-band Radar Interferometer (KaRIn) to measure the height, width, and elevation of surface water bodies such as rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and oceans.

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

**Q1.** With reference to iGOT Karmayogi, consider the following statements:

1. It is a comprehensive digital learning platform for civil servants across India and a core component of Mission Karmayogi.
2. It is implemented by Karmayogi Bharat and is part of the Digital India initiative.

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:**

Both statements are correct. iGOT Karmayogi is a comprehensive learning ecosystem for civil servants and forms the core of Mission Karmayogi. It is implemented by Karmayogi Bharat (an SPV) and developed as part of the Digital India stack.

**Source-** [Mint](#)

**Q2.** With reference to the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), consider the following statements:

1. The APO was established in 1961 by eight founding members, including India.
2. The main objective of the APO is to enhance productivity in the Asia-Pacific region through mutual cooperation.
3. The APO primarily focuses on promoting defense cooperation among its 21 member economies.

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:**

Statements 1 and 2 are correct. The Asian Productivity Organization was indeed established in 1961 by eight founding members, including India, and its primary objective is to increase productivity in the Asia-Pacific region through mutual cooperation.

However, Statement 3 is incorrect because the APO does not focus on defense cooperation; rather, it concentrates on productivity-related research, promoting bilateral and multilateral alliances for economic development, and surveying policies among its 21 member economies.

**Source-** [HT](#)

**Q.** With reference to the Arabian Sea, consider the following statements:

1. The Arabian Sea is a northwestern extension of the Indian Ocean, bordered by India to the east and the Arabian Peninsula to the west.
2. The Gulf of Oman connects the Arabian Sea to the Red Sea.
3. The Somali Current flows in the Arabian Sea and reverses direction seasonally with the monsoons.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer:** (b) 1 and 3 only

**Explanation:**

Statement 1 is correct as the Arabian Sea lies between India (east) and the Arabian Peninsula (west). Statement

3 is also correct — the Somali Current is a fast ocean current in the Arabian Sea that reverses seasonally with monsoons.

Statement 2 is incorrect because the Gulf of Oman connects the Arabian Sea to the Persian Gulf, while the Gulf of Aden connects it to the Red Sea.

Source- [FPI](#)

**Q.** With reference to the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Plant Treaty), consider the following statements:

1. The Plant Treaty was adopted by the FAO Conference in 2001 and came into force in 2004.
2. India is a member of the Plant Treaty.
3. The Multilateral System (MLS) under the Plant Treaty covers genetic resources of the world's 64 most important crops and ensures equitable benefit-sharing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) None of the above

**Answer:** (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

**Explanation:**

All three statements are correct. The Plant Treaty was adopted by FAO in 2001 and came into force in 2004; India is a member of the treaty; and the MLS is the largest global system for exchanging plant genetic resources of 64 key crops, promoting equitable sharing of benefits. The treaty focuses on plant genetic resources, not animal genetic resources.

Source- [DowntoEarth](#)

**Q.** With reference to the Polavaram Project, consider the following statements:

1. The Polavaram Project is a multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River located near Polavaram village in Andhra Pradesh.
2. The project was conceived based on the recommendations of the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal and has been given national project status.

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:**

Both statements are correct. The Polavaram Project is a multi-purpose dam project on the Godavari River near Polavaram village, Andhra Pradesh. It was conceived in 1980 following the recommendations of the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal and has been accorded national project status by the Government of India.

Source- [TOI](#)



**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI):

1. It is a multi- dimensional analytical tool to empower financial institutions with advance actionable intelligence for cyber fraud prevention.
2. It is being developed by the Department of Financial Services.
3. It classifies mobile numbers into different categories based on their likelihood of involvement in financial fraud.

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:** Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) is a multi- dimensional analytical tool to empower financial institutions with advance actionable intelligence for cyber fraud prevention.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is being developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) under its Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP).

**Statement 3 is correct:** The FRI is a **risk-based metric** that classifies mobile numbers into **three categories** Medium, High, and Very High based on their likelihood of involvement in financial fraud.

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

**Q7.** Recently, a documentary called 'Saving the Bhimanama' was awarded with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award. This documentary is based on the efforts made to save a critically endangered species from India. Which one of the following species was featured in documentary?

- a) Kashmiri Red Stag
- b) Asian giant softshell turtle
- c) Namdapha flying squirrel
- d) Elvira rat

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** A documentary on saving the **critically endangered** turtle in Kasaragod wins the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award**. **Saving the Bhimanama: Ayushi Jain and a Giant Turtle**, directed by Bahar Dutt and Vijay Bedi, throw light on the efforts to save the **Asian giant softshell turtle**.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements:

1. Charaka was a court physician during the Kushan period and composed the Charaka Samhita as a foundational text of Ayurveda.
2. Sushruta is revered as the world's first documented surgeon and composed the Sushruta Samhita.
3. Both Charaka Samhita and Sushruta Samhita are part of the Brhat-Trayi of Ayurveda.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: All Statements are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Charaka, a court physician during the Kushan period, is considered the Father of Medicine in India. He revised the ancient Agnivesha Samhita into what became the Charaka Samhita, a foundational text of Ayurveda.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Sushruta, dating back to the 7th century BCE, is revered as the Father of Surgery and possibly the world's first documented surgeon. He authored the Sushruta Samhita, which elaborates on over 300 surgical procedures, 120 surgical instruments, and various types of fractures and dislocations.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Charaka Samhita is part of the Bṛhat-Trayi (Great Trilogy) of Ayurveda, alongside the Sushruta Samhita and Ashtanga Hridaya.

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

**Q9.** With reference to the Keezhadi excavation site, consider the following statements:

1. The site dates back to the Harrapan period, revealing a highly urbanised civilisation.
2. The site is situated on the banks of the Yamuna River in Uttar Pradesh.

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 site dates back to the Sangam period (6th century BCE to 3rd century CE), revealing a highly urbanised civilisation.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Keezhadi is an archaeological site near Sivaganga district in Tamil Nadu, situated on the banks of the Vaigai River.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about Nagarhole Tiger Reserve:

1. It is contiguous with the Bandipur Tiger Reserve and Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary.
2. It is bordered by the Kabini river in its north.
3. It is part of the larger Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

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 Nagarhole Tiger Reserve is flanked by the Bandipur Tiger Reserve on its southeastern side and the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary of Kerala on the southwest.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Rivers: It is surrounded by the River Kabini in its north and River Moyar in its south.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It is part of the larger Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, which is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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