

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

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

**May, 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Week**

Q.1) With reference to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), consider the following statements:

1. The FATF is an inter-governmental body that promotes global standards to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing.
2. Countries placed on the "grey list" face automatic economic sanctions by FATF member states.
3. Russia's FATF membership was suspended in 2023.

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

Correct Answer: C. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The FATF promotes international standards to fight money laundering and terror financing.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: Being on the grey list leads to increased monitoring and reputational damage, but not automatic sanctions.
- Statement 3 is correct: Russia's FATF membership was suspended in 2023.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. With reference to the Chagos Islands, consider the following statements:

1. The Chagos Archipelago is a British overseas territory located in the central Indian Ocean, and includes the strategically important Diego Garcia island.
2. The islands have mountainous terrain and several freshwater lakes and 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

Correct Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: The Chagos Islands are a UK overseas territory in the central Indian Ocean. Diego Garcia, the largest island, hosts a key US military base.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The islands are flat and low-lying, with no rivers or lakes and most areas below 2 meters in elevation.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q3. With reference to the Chenab Valley in Jammu and Kashmir, consider the following statements:

1. It lies in the eastern part of Jammu and Kashmir, between the Pir Panjal range (north) and the Zaskar range (south).
2. Important dams like Baglihar, Dulhasti, and Salal are located in this region.
3. National Highway 244 passes through it.

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

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The Chenab Valley is located in the eastern Jammu region, between Pir Panjal (north) and Zaskar (south).
- Statement 2 is correct: It has major hydroelectric projects like Baglihar, Dulhasti, and Salal dams.
- Statement 3 is correct: NH-244 passes through it, and it is known for tourist spots like Sinthan Top and Padri Pass.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to the New Development Bank (NDB), consider the following statements:

1. The NDB was established in 2015 by the BRICS countries—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
2. The NDB's membership is limited strictly to the five founding BRICS nations.
3. The NDB's primary purpose is to mobilize resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging markets and developing countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 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: Correct. The New Development Bank (NDB) was established in 2015 by the five BRICS countries—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- Statement 2: Incorrect. Although initially founded by the BRICS countries, NDB's membership has expanded beyond them and is open to all United Nations members, including countries like Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, Algeria, and prospective members like Uruguay.
- Statement 3: Correct. The NDB's main goal is to mobilize resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging markets and developing countries (EMDCs).

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. With reference to Gallantry Awards in India, consider the following statements:

1. Gallantry awards are announced twice a year: on Republic Day and Independence Day.
2. The order of precedence of gallantry awards is: Param Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra.
3. Gallantry awards can be awarded posthumously.

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. Gallantry awards are announced twice a year: on Republic Day (January 26) and Independence Day (August 15).
- Statement 2: Correct. The correct order of precedence for gallantry awards is: Param Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra.

- Statement 3: Correct. Gallantry awards can be awarded posthumously to honor acts of bravery by personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about Bharat Seva Kendra (BSK):

1. It is aimed at providing various government services and benefits to villagers in India.
2. It is launched by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

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: It is aimed at providing various government services and benefits to villagers in India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Bharat Seva Kendra is a nationwide initiative launched by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of India.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. The World's Animal Health Report is released by

- a) Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- b) World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
- c) World Health Organisation
- d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Answer: B

Explanation: State of the World's Animal Health Report is released by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). It provides the first comprehensive review of animal disease trends, risks, and challenge

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. With reference to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It works under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB).
3. The CBFC is responsible for regulating the public exhibition of films 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

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is a statutory body functioning under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

Statement 3 is correct: The CBFC is responsible for regulating the public exhibition of films in India. No film can be exhibited publicly in India without CBFC certification.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Keoladeo National Park:

1. It is a Ramsar site.
2. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
3. It is located in the state of Maharashtra.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Keoladeo National Park is a Ramsar site and also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Keoladeo National Park, popularly known as Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, is located in Bharatpur in Rajasthan.

Source: [ETVB](#)

Q10. Salar de Uyuni, seen in the news due to presence of lithium brine, is located in?

- a) Argentina
- b) Bolivia
- c) Chile
- d) Venezuela

Answer: B

Explanation: Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia, the world's largest lithium brine reserve, located in a high-altitude arid region of Bolivia.

Q: Consider the following statements about Australia:

1. Australia is a federal constitutional monarchy with the king as its head of state.
2. It lies between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.
3. The Great Dividing Range and Macdonnell Ranges are major mountain ranges in Australia.
4. The Great Barrier Reef is located off the coast of Western Australia.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: Australia is a federal constitutional monarchy with the king as head of state.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: Australia lies between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, not the Atlantic.
- Statement 3 is correct: Great Dividing Range and Macdonnell Ranges are major mountain ranges.
- Statement 4 is incorrect: The Great Barrier Reef is off the east coast of Queensland, not Western Australia.

Source- [HT](#)



Q. Consider the following statements about the Bharat Forecast System:

1. It is India's first indigenously developed weather model.
2. It has been developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune.
3. It is an ensemble model that provides multiple forecast outputs.

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:

The Bharat Forecast System is India's first indigenously developed weather model, created by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. It is a deterministic model, meaning it provides a single forecast output based on one model simulation. This is different from ensemble models, which generate multiple outputs based on several simulations to capture forecast uncertainty. Hence, statement 3 is incorrect.

Source- [Forum IAS](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about Charaka:

1. He was the royal physician in the Kushan Kingdom and authored the Charaka Samhita.
2. The Charaka Samhita deals primarily with surgery and is known as the foundational text for plastic surgery.

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:

Charaka was the royal physician during the Kushan period and is recognized as the father of medicine in Ayurveda. He authored the *Charaka Samhita*, which mainly focuses on internal medicine, the fundamental principles of Ayurveda, and management of diseases.

Statement 2 is incorrect because surgery and plastic surgery are primarily dealt with in the *Susruta Samhita*, authored by Susruta, who is regarded as the father of plastic surgery.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the UAPA Tribunal:

1. The Central Government can constitute the Tribunal by notification in the Official Gazette.
2. The Tribunal consists of one person, who must be a High Court Judge.
3. The Tribunal has powers of a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure (1908).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: d) All of the above

Explanation:

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- Statement 1: The Central Government has the authority to constitute the UAPA Tribunal by issuing a notification in the Official Gazette, as per Section 5(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
- Statement 2: The Tribunal is composed of a single member, who must be a Judge of a High Court. This requirement is explicitly stated in Section 5(1) of the Act.
- Statement 3: The Tribunal possesses powers akin to those of a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, enabling it to summon witnesses, receive evidence, and enforce attendance. This is outlined in Section 5(3) of the Act.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about NITI Aayog:

1. NITI Aayog was established through a Union Cabinet resolution in January 2015, replacing the erstwhile Planning Commission.
2. NITI Aayog is a statutory body.
3. The Chairperson of NITI Aayog is the Prime Minister of India.
4. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog is appointed by the President of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1: *Correct.* NITI Aayog was established on January 1, 2015, through a Union Cabinet resolution, replacing the Planning Commission.
- Statement 2: *Incorrect.* NITI Aayog is not a statutory body; it is an executive body created by a Cabinet resolution, not by an Act of Parliament.
- Statement 3: *Correct.* The Prime Minister of India is the ex-officio Chairperson of NITI Aayog.
- Statement 4: *Incorrect.* The CEO of NITI Aayog is appointed by the Prime Minister of India, not the President.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs):

1. DRTs are quasi-judicial bodies established under the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993.
2. They handle loan default cases above ₹10 lakh, focusing on secured debts.
3. DRTs also hear Securitisation Applications (SAs) filed under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 by borrowers or aggrieved parties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1: *Correct*. DRTs were established under the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 to expedite the recovery of debts owed to banks and financial institutions.
- Statement 2: *Incorrect*. DRTs handle loan default cases where the amount involved is ₹20 lakh or more, not ₹10 lakh. The pecuniary limit was doubled from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh to facilitate faster resolution and reduce the pendency of cases.
- Statement 3: *Correct*. DRTs have the jurisdiction to hear Securitisation Applications (SAs) filed under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 by borrowers or aggrieved parties, as per the provisions of the Act.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the Great Indian Bustard (*Ardeotis nigriceps*):

1. The Great Indian Bustard is a large terrestrial bird endemic to the Indian subcontinent.
  2. It is listed as "Critically Endangered" on the IUCN Red List due to habitat loss and hunting pressures.
- 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: The Great Indian Bustard (*Ardeotis nigriceps*) is indeed a large terrestrial bird endemic to the Indian subcontinent, primarily found in dry grasslands and scrublands.
- Statement 2: It is listed as "Critically Endangered" on the IUCN Red List due to significant threats such as habitat loss, hunting, and collision with power lines.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about the New Development Bank (NDB):

1. The NDB is headquartered in Shanghai, China, with regional offices in South Africa and Brazil.
2. Membership in the NDB is open to any member of the United Nations.
3. Algeria is the first North African country to officially join the BRICS-backed NDB.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: d) All of the above

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct as the New Development Bank is headquartered in Shanghai, China, and has regional offices in South Africa and Brazil.
- Statement 2 is correct because membership in the NDB is open to all United Nations members.
- Statement 3 is correct as Algeria has officially joined the NDB, marking a significant expansion into North Africa.

Source- [HT](#)



Q. Consider the following statements about Keoladeo National Park:

1. Keoladeo National Park is located in Bharatpur, Rajasthan.
2. It is both a Ramsar site and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- Statement 1: Correct. Keoladeo National Park is situated in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan.
- Statement 2: Correct. It is designated as a Ramsar Wetland and also a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its rich biodiversity and importance for migratory birds.

Source- [etvb](#)

Q. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY):

1. PMKSY is a Central Sector Scheme launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI).
2. The scheme primarily aims to create modern infrastructure for agro-processing clusters and establish robust supply chains linking farmers, processors, and markets.

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. PMKSY was approved in 2017 as a Central Sector Scheme.
- Statement 2: Correct. The scheme focuses on creating infrastructure for food processing clusters and ensuring effective backward and forward linkages in the supply chain.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q1. With reference to the Persian Gulf, consider the following statements:

1. The Persian Gulf connects to the Arabian Sea through the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Oman.
2. All the countries bordering the Persian Gulf are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

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 Persian Gulf opens into the Gulf of Oman and subsequently the Arabian Sea via the Strait of Hormuz.

- Statement 2 is incorrect. While several countries bordering the Persian Gulf are members of the GCC—namely, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates—Iran and Iraq are not members of the GCC

Source- [NewsonAir](#)

Q2. The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (OBBBA), recently seen in the news, was passed by the House of Representatives of which country?

- a) United Kingdom
- b) United States of America
- c) Canada
- d) Australia

Answer: (b) United States of America

Explanation:

The OBBBA is a legislative package passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in May 2025. It includes reforms in taxation, immigration, federal spending, and AI regulation.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. With reference to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), consider the following statements:

- 1. ASEAN was established in 1967 through the signing of the Bangkok Declaration by five Southeast Asian countries.
- 2. The headquarters of ASEAN is located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 3. Brunei and Vietnam are among the member countries of ASEAN.

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. ASEAN was established in 1967 by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand through the Bangkok Declaration.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. The headquarters of ASEAN is located in Jakarta, Indonesia, not Kuala Lumpur.
- Statement 3 is correct. Brunei and Vietnam are both current member countries of ASEAN, which now has 10 members in total.

Source- [ASEAN](#)

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

- 1. The Maldives has a presidential system with direct elections for the President under its 2008 Constitution.
- 2. It has one of the world's largest coral reef systems, covering over 3% of the global reef area.
- 3. The Maldives is in the central Arabian Sea and is separated from India's Lakshadweep by the Nine Degree Channel.

Which of the statements 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 Maldives follows a presidential system with direct elections for the President as per the 2008 Constitution.

- Statement 2 is correct. It has the seventh largest coral reef system, covering about 3.14% of the world's reefs.
- Statement 3 is wrong. The Maldives is located in the north-central Indian Ocean, not the Arabian Sea, and is separated from Lakshadweep by the Eight Degree Channel, not the Nine Degree Channel.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Caliphaea sinuofurcata, recently seen in the news, is a newly discovered species of which animal group?

- a) Butterfly
- b) Damselfly
- c) Frog
- d) Bird

Answer: (b) Damselfly

Explanation- It is a new species of damselfly. It was discovered during biodiversity surveys in the Upper Siang and Lower Dibang Valley districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Source- [NET](#)

Q6. Consider the following about measures taken to control oil spills in marine ecosystems:

1. The MARPOL Convention deals with the oil spills regulations on international level.
2. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is the nodal agency to implement the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP).

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: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL): It evolved from several older agreements and led to a protocol issued in 1978 following several oil spill disasters in the 1970s. It regulated the framework for controlling oil spills on international level.

Statement 2 is correct: National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP): The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is responsible for maintaining and implementing the Plan. It was promulgated in 1996 and revised in 2015.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. With reference to the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. This scheme is designed to reimburse exporters for embedded duties, taxes, and levies that are not otherwise refunded under any other existing scheme.
2. It is compliant with World Trade Organization (WTO) norms.
3. The Ministry of Textile is the nodal ministry of this scheme.

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: Operational since 1st January 2021, the RoDTEP scheme is designed to reimburse exporters for embedded duties, taxes, and levies that are not otherwise refunded under any other existing scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: It is compliant with World Trade Organization (WTO) norms and is implemented via a comprehensive end-to-end digital platform to ensure transparency and efficiency.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Ministry of Commerce & Industry is the nodal ministry for this scheme.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme Execution Model, recently launched by the Government:

1. The AMCA will be a single-seat, twin-engine aircraft with all-weather operational capability.
2. The programme will be executed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in collaboration with the Lockheed Martin.

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 Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) is an ambitious next-generation project aimed at developing a fifth-generation stealth, multi-role combat aircraft for both the Indian Air Force and Navy. This single-seat, twin-engine aircraft will feature all-weather operational capability.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The initial development cost of the project is estimated to be approximately Rs 15,000 crore, with the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) spearheading the programme through strategic industry partnerships.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG):

1. The objective of the Awards is to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives.
2. NAeG, 2025 includes the Gram Panchayats category for the first time.
3. An incentive of Rs 10 lakh for Gold Awardees and Rs 5 Lakhs for Silver Awardees is given to the District/organization under the scheme of this Award.

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: National e-Governance Awards is recognized amongst the most competitive and prestigious digital governance awards in the country.

- Objective: The objective of the Award is to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives.

Statement 2 is correct: The NAeG 2025 awardees in six categories include the Gram Panchayats category for the first time, recognising deepening and widening of service delivery at grassroots level through digitization.

Statement 3 is correct: The NAeG Awards, 2025 consist of: (i) Trophy, (ii) Certificate and (iii) an incentive of Rs 10 lakh for Gold Awardees and Rs 5 Lakhs for Silver Awardees- to be awarded to the District/ Organisation/ Gram Panchayat for being utilised for implementation of project/programme or bridging resources gaps in any area of public welfare.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Electric Hansa (E-Hansa):

1. It is a next-generation two-seater electric trainer aircraft.
2. It is indigenously developed by the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL).

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: India has initiated the process to develop Electric Hansa (E-Hansa), a next-generation two-seater electric trainer aircraft.

Statement 2 is correct: The new aircraft is being indigenously developed by the CSIR institute of "National Aerospace Laboratories" (NAL) Bengaluru.

- The Electric Hansa (E-HANSA) trainer aircraft, developed by CSIR-NAL, is expected to cost significantly less than imported alternatives, possibly around Rs 2 crore. This is roughly half the price of a comparable imported trainer aircraft.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q1. With reference to the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:

1. Article 93 mandates that the Lok Sabha must elect both a Speaker and a Deputy Speaker, but it does not specify a time frame for their election, using the phrase "as soon as may be".
2. According to Article 95, the Deputy Speaker performs the duties of the Speaker when the office is vacant or when the Speaker is absent from a sitting.
3. By constitutional provision, the Deputy Speaker must be elected from an opposition party to ensure non-partisan conduct of proceedings.
4. The Deputy Speaker continues in office even after the dissolution of the Lok Sabha until a new Deputy Speaker is elected by the next House.

Which of the statements given above is/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: Article 93 of the Constitution mandates that the Lok Sabha shall, as soon as may be, choose two members to be respectively the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker. However, no specific time frame is provided.

Statement 2 is correct: As per Article 95, the Deputy Speaker performs the duties of the Speaker when the office is vacant or when the Speaker is absent from a sitting.

Statement 3 is incorrect: There is no constitutional provision requiring the Deputy Speaker to be from an opposition party. This is a *convention* that evolved after the 11th Lok Sabha, aimed at promoting non-partisanship.

Statement 4 is correct: The Deputy Speaker continues in office even after the dissolution of the Lok Sabha, until the new House elects a successor.

Source- [TH](#)



Q2. The Invar missile, recently in the news, is best described as which of the following?

- a) A surface-to-air missile designed for intercepting aerial threats.
- b) A submarine-launched ballistic missile developed for strategic deterrence.
- c) An anti-tank guided missile launched from the gun barrel of a tank.
- d) A man-portable air-defense system (MANPADS) for infantry use.

Answer: C. An anti-tank guided missile launched from the gun barrel of a tank.

Explanation: The Invar missile is a laser-guided anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) designed to be launched from the 125mm smoothbore gun of main battle tanks, such as the T-90.

Source- [News18](#)

Q3. With reference to Mt. Khangchendzonga, consider the following statements:

- 1. Mt. Khangchendzonga is the highest peak in India and is located on the border between Sikkim and Nepal.
- 2. It is a part of the Trans-Himalayan Range and is the second-highest peak in the world after Mount Everest.

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: Mt. Khangchendzonga is indeed the highest peak in India, located on the Sikkim–Nepal border.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: It is part of the Great Himalaya Range, not the Trans-Himalayan Range. Also, it is the third-highest peak in the world, after Mount Everest and K2.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to the Ghaggar River, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Ghaggar River originates in the Shivalik Hills of Himachal Pradesh and eventually vanishes into the Thar Desert in Rajasthan.
- 2. The river flows perennially and supports irrigation throughout the year in both India and Pakistan.
- 3. The Hakra River in Pakistan is believed to be the extension of the Ghaggar River, and together they are often referred to as the Ghaggar-Hakra River.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The Ghaggar River originates in the Shivalik Hills and flows through Haryana and Rajasthan, disappearing into the Thar Desert.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: The river is intermittent and flows only during the monsoon season, not perennially.
- Statement 3 is correct: The Hakra River in Pakistan is considered the downstream continuation of the Ghaggar, together forming the Ghaggar-Hakra River system.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. With reference to Dugong (*Dugong dugon*), consider the following statements:

1. Dugongs are the only herbivorous marine mammals found in India.
2. They are listed as "Vulnerable" on the IUCN Red List and are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

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 – Dugongs are the only herbivorous mammals in India's marine ecosystems.
- Statement 2 is correct – They are listed as "Vulnerable" by IUCN and are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics:

1. It carries more prize money than that of Nobel Prize in physics.
2. It was started by a physicist just after the end of World War 2.
3. The 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics is awarded to co-authors of publications based on CERN's Large Hadron Collider.

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: Prize money: USD\$3 million (more than twice the amount given to the Nobel Prize awardees).

Statement 2 is incorrect: Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics was founded in 2012 by Yuri Milner.

Statement 3 is correct: The 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics is awarded to co-authors of publications based on CERN's Large Hadron Collider Run-2 data released between 2015 and July 15, 2024, at the experimental collaborations ATLAS, CMS, ALICE and LHCb.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the plastic pellets, consider the following statements:

1. They are also known as 'nurdles'.
2. They can be made from polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, and polyvinyl chloride.

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: When in the form of microplastics, these pellets are commonly referred to as 'nurdles'.

Statement 2 is correct: They are mainly composed of polyethene, polypropylene, polystyrene, and polyvinyl chloride.

- However, they can also be made from various other types of plastics and synthetic resins.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. With reference to 'DIGIPIN' recently launched by the Department of Posts, consider the following statements:

1. It is a closed-source, proprietary digital address system.
2. It is developed in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and NRSC, ISRO.
3. Its vision is to offer Address-as-a-Service (AaaS) for secure and efficient interactions.

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: DIGIPIN is described as an "open-source, interoperable, geo-coded, grid-based digital address system," not closed-source and proprietary.

Statement 2 is correct: It is "Developed by - Department of Posts in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and NRSC, ISRO."

Statement 3 is correct: It's "Vision - To offer Address-as-a-Service (AaaS), an array of services associated with address data management to support secure and efficient interactions.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about Kumbakonam vetrilai, often seen in the news:

1. It is a betel leaf or paan leaf, a staple in South Asian households.
2. It is a Geographical Indication (GI) tagged product.
3. It is predominantly grown in fertile basin of Cauvery river.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All Statements are correct

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: The Kumbakonam vetrilai or betel leaf or paan leaf was recently granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Government of India, recognising its regional uniqueness and cultural significance. A staple in South Asian households, the betel leaf is central to preparing paan, a popular South Asian post-meal chew.

Statement 3 is correct: Kumbakonam, six hours from Chennai, is home to vethalai or vetrilai, predominantly grown in Thanjavur's fertile Cauvery river basin, giving it a unique taste and aroma.

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. The term bow echo, recently seen in news, is primarily related to:

- a) a line of storms forming a squall line that appears bow-shaped.
- b) a circular cloud formation associated with tropical cyclones.
- c) a high-altitude wind pattern influencing monsoon rains.
- d) a temperature inversion causing fog in coastal areas.

Answer: A

Explanation: A bow echo is essentially a line of storms, also called a squall line, on the radar that looks like a bow.

- Term coined by - Ted Fujita, a Japanese American meteorologist known for developing the scale to classify tornadoes in the 1970s.
- This squall line can sometimes be embedded in a larger squall line.

Q1. With reference to the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950, consider the following statements:

1. The Act prohibits the use of certain emblems and names for professional and commercial purposes without prior permission from the Central Government.
2. The Act extends to the whole of India and also applies to citizens of India outside India.
3. The Act provides for imprisonment up to three years for contravention of its provisions.

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. The Act prohibits the use of certain emblems and names for professional and commercial purposes without prior permission from the Central Government or its authorized officer.

Statement 2: Correct. The Act extends to the whole of India and also applies to citizens of India outside India.

Statement 3: Incorrect. The penalty for contravention of the provisions of the Act is a fine which may extend to 500 rupees; there is no provision for imprisonment.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to honey production in India, consider the following statements:

1. India is the world's second-largest producer of honey.
2. Uttar Pradesh is the largest honey-producing state in India.
3. More than 50% of India's honey production is exported.

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: Incorrect. India is the world's seventh-largest producer of honey, not the second-largest.

Statement 2: Correct. Uttar Pradesh is the largest honey-producing state in India.

Statement 3: Correct. More than 50% of India's honey production is exported.

Source- [NewsonAir](#)

Q3. Match the following volcanoes with their respective locations:

Volcano	Location
A. Mount Etna	1. Japan
B. Mount Fuji	2. Italy
C. Kilauea	3. Hawaii, U.S.
D. Mount Kilimanjaro	4. Tanzania

Select the correct option:

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

Explanation:

- Mount Etna is located in Italy.
- Mount Fuji is located in Japan.
- Kīlauea is located in Hawaii, United States.
- Mount Kilimanjaro is located in Tanzania.

Source- [MInt](#)

Q4. With reference to the East China Sea, consider the following statements:

1. The East China Sea is connected to the Sea of Japan via the Tsushima Strait.
2. The East China Sea is bordered by South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and China.
3. The East China Sea and the South China Sea together form the China Sea.
4. The East China Sea is located in the Southern Hemisphere.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1, 2, and 3 only

Explanation:

Statement 1: Correct. The East China Sea connects to the Sea of Japan via the Tsushima Strait.

Statement 2: Correct. The East China Sea is bordered by South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and China.

Statement 3: Correct. The East China Sea and the South China Sea together are referred to as the China Sea.

Statement 4: Incorrect. The East China Sea is located in the Northern Hemisphere.

Source- [ET](#)

Q5. With reference to the Madden–Julian Oscillation (MJO), consider the following statements:

1. The MJO is a moving system of winds, clouds, and pressure that brings rain as it circles around the equator.
2. The MJO completes a full cycle around the globe in approximately 30 to 60 days, influencing weather patterns in the tropics and subtropics.

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. The Madden–Julian Oscillation (MJO) is a moving system of winds, clouds, and pressure that brings rain as it circles around the equator.

Statement 2: Correct. The MJO typically completes a cycle around the globe in 30 to 60 days, influencing weather patterns in the tropics and subtropics.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding FDI inflows into India in FY 2024–25:

1. The services sector emerged as the top recipient of FDI equity.
2. Maharashtra accounted for the highest share of total FDI equity inflows.
3. India allows 100% FDI under the automatic route in coal mining.

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 services sector emerged as the top recipient of FDI equity in FY 2024–25, attracting 19% of total inflows, followed by computer software and hardware (16%) and trading (8%).

Statement 2 is correct: Maharashtra accounted for the highest share (39%) of total FDI equity inflows in FY 2024–25, followed by Karnataka (13%) and Delhi (12%).

Statement 3 is correct: From 2019 to 2024, notable measures included allowing 100% FDI under the automatic route in coal mining, contract manufacturing, and insurance intermediaries. In 2025, the Union Budget proposed increasing the FDI limit from 74% to 100% for companies investing their entire premium within India.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), often seen in the news, is implemented by

- a) European Union (EU)
- b) NATO
- c) G20
- d) ASEAN

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism is a European Union (EU) tariff on carbon-intensive products. It is a new EU instrument for preventing carbon leakage, that is, the shifting of the production of goods to non-EU countries where there is a lower or no carbon cost associated with their production. under the automatic route in coal mining.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Press Council of India (PCI):

1. It is a statutory quasi-judicial body.
2. It was initially set up on the recommendations of the first Press Commission.
3. The council is chaired by a retired judge of the Supreme Court, by convention.

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 Press Council of India is a statutory quasi-judicial autonomous authority re-established in the year 1979 under an Act of Parliament, Press Council Act, 1978.

Statement 2 is correct: It was first set up in 1966 under the Indian Press Council Act, 1965, on the recommendations of the first Press Commission.

Statement 3 is correct: The Council is a body corporate having perpetual succession comprising of a Chairman and 28 members. While the Chairman has, by convention, been a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India who is nominated by a Committee consisting of a Chairman of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha), Speaker of the House of People (Lok Sabha) and a person elected amongst themselves by the 28 members of the Council.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about Ghaggar river:

1. It rises from the Shivalik Range of northwestern Himachal Pradesh.
2. It falls into the Arabian Sea.
3. The Markanda river is a tributary of the Ghaggar river.

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: It rises from the Shivalik Range of northwestern Himachal Pradesh.

Statement 2 is incorrect: After passing through the Ambala and Hissar districts of Haryana, it disappears into the Thar Desert in Rajasthan.

Statement 3 is correct: Tributaries: The main tributaries of the Ghaggar are the Kaushalya River, Markanda, Sarsuti, Tangri, and Chautang.

Source: [ToI](#)

Q10. With reference to the Dugong, consider the following statements:

1. It is categorized as Endangered in the IUCN Red List.
2. In India, it is found in Rani Jhansi Marine National Park, located off the coast of Gujarat.
3. Due to its feeding habits, it is restricted to the shallow zones of marine ecosystems.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 3 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: Dugong is categorized as Vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.

Statement 2 is incorrect: They are found along the Indian coastline, primarily inhabiting warm waters around the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Gulf of Mannar, Palk Bay, and the Gulf of Kutch. Rani Jhansi Marine National Park in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is known for its diverse marine life, including dugongs (also called sea cows).

Statement 3 is correct: Habitat: Due to their dependence on seagrass beds for habitat and food, dugongs are restricted to shallow waters, where they spend the day feeding on seagrasses of the genera Cymodocea, Halophila, Thalassia, and Halodule.

Source: [TH](#)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Seven Summits Challenge:

1. The Seven Summits Challenge involves climbing the highest peak on each of the seven continents.
2. Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti recently became the youngest Indian and the second youngest person in the world to complete the Seven Summits Challenge.

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. The Seven Summits Challenge entails climbing the highest peak on each of the seven continents.

Statement 2: Correct. Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti, at the age of 16 years, 6 months, and 27 days, became the youngest Indian and the second youngest person globally to complete the Seven Summits Challenge.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following crops:

1. Paddy
2. Tur (Arhar)
3. Soybean
4. Cotton

Which of the above crops are included in the list for which the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) currently recommends Minimum Support Prices (MSPs)?

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

Answer: B) 1, 2, 3, and 4

Explanation:

- Paddy (1): Included in the list of crops for which CACP recommends MSPs.
- Tur (Arhar) (2): Included in the list of crops for which CACP recommends MSPs.
- Soybean (3): Included in the list of crops for which CACP recommends MSPs.
- Cotton (4): Included in the list of crops for which CACP recommends MSPs.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Match the following betel leaf varieties with their respective states:

List I (Betel Leaf Variety)	List II (State)
A. Kumbakonam Vetrilai	1. Tamil Nadu
B. Magahi Paan	2. Bihar
C. Tirur Vettala	3. Kerala
D. Banaras Pan	4. Uttar Pradesh

Select the correct code:

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

Correct Answer: A) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4

Explanation:

- A. Kumbakonam Vetrilai – Tamil Nadu- Known for its rich aroma and taste, grown in the Cauvery delta region. GI tag granted in April 2025.
- B. Magahi Paan – Bihar- Famous for its delicate texture and mild flavor. Received the GI tag in 2018.
- C. Tirur Vettala – Kerala- Known for medicinal properties and high eugenol content. GI tag granted in 2019.
- D. Banaras Pan – Uttar Pradesh- Cultivated in areas like Varanasi and Jaunpur; awarded GI tag in 2023.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements about the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal:

1. It is the highest honour given to United Nations peacekeepers who die while on duty.
2. It is awarded annually on Peacekeeper's Day (May 29) to member states that have lost one or more military or police peacekeepers.

Which statement(s) 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 because the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal is the highest award given by the UN to peacekeepers who lose their lives in service.
- Statement 2 is correct because it is given annually on Peacekeeper's Day to member countries that have lost military or police peacekeepers.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Vinayak Damodar Savarkar:

1. He founded the Mitra Mela in 1899, which was later renamed the Abhinav Bharat Society in 1904.
2. He established the Free India Society in London in 1906 to promote revolutionary nationalism among Indian students abroad.
3. He served as the president of the Hindu Mahasabha from 1937 to 1943 and opposed the Quit India Movement in 1942.

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. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, along with his brother Ganesh Damodar Savarkar, founded the Mitra Mela in 1899, which was later renamed the Abhinav Bharat Society in 1904.

Statement 2: Correct. In 1906, Savarkar established the Free India Society in London to foster revolutionary nationalism among Indian students abroad.

Statement 3: Correct. Savarkar served as the president of the Hindu Mahasabha from 1937 to 1943 and opposed the Quit India Movement in 1942, considering it impractical

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about Mt. Khangchendzonga:

1. It is the third highest peak in the world.
2. It is the only 8000 metres plus peak located in India.
3. The Khangchendzonga National Park is the only UNESCO Mixed World Heritage Site found 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

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Mt. Khangchendzonga lies in the eastern Himalayas, straddling the India–Nepal border, located between Sikkim (India) and Taplejung District (Nepal). It is India's highest (8,568 metres) and only 8,000-meter peak. It is world's third highest peak after Mt. Everest and K2.

Statement 3 is correct: World Heritage site: The Khangchendzonga National Park (KNP), Sikkim has been inscribed as India's first "Mixed World Heritage Site" on UNESCO World Heritage List.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about Exercise Nomadic Elephant:

1. It is a joint naval exercise of India and Mongolia.
2. It is an annual event conducted alternatively between both the countries.
3. The aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability between the two forces.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Nomadic Elephant is an India- Mongolia Joint Military Exercise.

Statement 2 is correct: Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT is an annual event conducted alternatively in India and Mongolia.

Statement 3 is correct: Aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability between the two forces while employing joint task force in semi conventional operations in semi urban/ mountainous terrain under United Nations mandate.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the IndiaAI Startups Global Initiative:

1. It is a prestigious international acceleration program by IndiaAI Mission in partnership with Paris based institutions.
2. The Ministry of External Affairs is the nodal ministry of the 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: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: The IndiaAI Mission announced the selection of 10 cutting-edge Indian AI startups for the IndiaAI Startups Global Initiative, a prestigious international acceleration program in partnership with Station F, Paris and HEC Paris.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Initiative works under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the provision of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

1. Any sexual activity with a person below 18 years is deemed a sexual offence, even if the minor claims it was consensual.
2. It is not a gender neutral law as of now.
3. It sets the age of consent at 18 years.

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: Consent of Minors is Not Legally Valid – Any sexual activity involving a person below 18 is considered non-consensual by law.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Gender-Neutral Law – The Act applies equally to all children under the age of 18, regardless of gender. It also recognizes that offenders can be of any gender.

Statement 3 is correct: Yes, it considers the age of 18 or above as the age of consent.

Source - [TH](#)

Q10. With reference to the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), consider the following statements:

1. It was introduced in 2006–07 to provide affordable credit to farmers for agriculture and allied activities.
2. The scheme offers a 3% interest subvention for prompt repayment, reducing the effective interest rate to 4%.

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: Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) is a Central Sector Scheme launched in 2006–07 by the Government of India.

Statement 2 is correct: Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) provide short-term credit at an affordable rate to farmers through Kisan Credit Card (KCC). Interest subvention – For Banks the interest subsidy is initially 2%, but later revised to 1.5%. For farmers short-term loans up to Rs 3 lakh at a 7% annual interest. An additional 3% incentive is given for prompt repayment, lowering effective rate to 4%.

Source: [TH](#)

Q1. With reference to the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
2. The scheme aims to benefit one crore households through rooftop solar installations.
3. It has no provision for employment generation or skill development.

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 scheme is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Statement 2 is correct: It aims to benefit 1 crore households across India.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme includes a strong focus on skilling and upskilling, targeting the creation of more than 3 lakh skilled manpower.

Source- [ET](#)

Q2. Exercise Nomadic Elephant, recently seen in the news, is a joint military exercise conducted between India and which of the following countries?

- a) Nepal
- b) Bhutan
- c) Mongolia
- d) Kazakhstan

Answer: C. Mongolia

Explanation: Exercise Nomadic Elephant is a bilateral military exercise between India and Mongolia. The 17th edition of this exercise is scheduled to be conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from 31st May to 13th June 2025

Source- [ANI](#)

Q3. With reference to the National Commission for Women (NCW), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a statutory and autonomous body established under an Act of Parliament.
- 2. The Chairperson and Members are elected by a collegium headed by the President of India.
- 3. The tenure of the Chairperson and Members of the Commission is three 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 NCW is a statutory and autonomous body, established in 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Chairperson, 5 Members, and Member-Secretary are nominated by the Central Government, not elected by a collegium.

Statement 3 is correct: The tenure of the Chairperson and Members is three years.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to the Republic of Panama, consider the following statements:

- 1. Panama is located on the Isthmus of Panama, a narrow land bridge connecting North and South America.
- 2. Panama shares its land boundaries with two nations: Costa Rica and Colombia.

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: Panama is situated on the Isthmus of Panama, a narrow strip of land that connects North and South America, serving as a crucial land bridge between the two continents.

Statement 2 is correct: Panama shares its land boundaries with two countries: Costa Rica to the west and Colombia to the east.

Source- [ET](#)

Q5. Consider the following activities:

1. Production of crude oil
2. Refining, storage and distribution of petroleum
3. Marketing and sale of petroleum products
4. Production of natural gas

How many of the above activities are regulated by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board in our country?

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

Ans) b

Exp) Option b is the correct answer.

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) was constituted under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006. The Act provides for the establishment of a Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board to protect the interests of consumers and entities engaged in specified activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas and to promote competitive markets.

Only options 2 and 3 are correct. As per the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, the board has been mandated to regulate the refining, processing, storage, transportation, distribution, marketing and sale of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas excluding production of crude oil and natural gas. It thus aims to ensure uninterrupted and adequate supply of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas in all parts of the country.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about biostimulants:

- 1) They are biologically derived substances applied to plants or soil to enhance nutrient uptake in plants.
- 2) They are considered eco-friendly alternatives for sustainable agriculture.
- 3) They are registered under Schedule VI of the Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985 by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

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: Biostimulants are biologically derived substances or microorganisms applied to plants or soil to enhance nutrient uptake, improve plant tolerance to abiotic (e.g., drought, salinity) and biotic (e.g., pests, diseases) stresses, and generally promote plant growth and productivity.

Statement 2 is correct: Unlike conventional fertilizers or pesticides, biostimulants act through multiple non-nutritional mechanisms and are considered eco-friendly alternatives for sustainable agriculture.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985 (FCO 1985) is issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It includes biostimulant under Schedule VI.

Source: BL

Q7. Consider the following statements about the ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram:

1. It is a central sector scheme.
2. It targets adults (aged 15 years and above) who can't go to school.
3. Goa has become the second state of the country to cross the benchmark for full literacy after Nagaland.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 2 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from 2022-2027.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme, aligned with NEP 2020, targets adults (aged 15 years and above) who can't go to school.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Goa has become the second state of the country to cross the nationally prescribed 95% benchmark for full literacy after Mizoram.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Battery Aadhaar initiative, consider the following statements

1. It is a digital identification system for batteries based on blockchain-backed technologies.
2. It primarily focuses on reducing battery production costs rather than ensuring regulatory compliance and sustainability.

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 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: Battery Aadhaar is a digital identification system for batteries, leveraging secure, blockchain-backed technologies to ensure full traceability throughout their lifecycle.

- Development - Spearheaded by Tata Elxsi's MOBIUS+ platform

Statement 2 is incorrect: The initiative prioritizes regulatory compliance and sustainability, not primarily cost reduction, though cost savings (10-20% in recycling) are a secondary benefit.

Source: [BT](#)

Q9. With reference to the National Florence Nightingale Award, consider the following statements:

1. The Award is instituted under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
2. The Award was started during World War 2.
3. The Award does not carry any cash reward as a part of award.

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

Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect: The National Florence Nightingale Award was instituted in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to honour outstanding nursing personnel in various settings.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Each awardee received a certificate of merit, cash reward of Rs 1 lakh and a medal. This year's awardees include nursing professionals from various states and union territories, representing categories such as Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM), Lady Health Visitor (LHV), and Staff Nurse.

Source: [The Print](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the International Conference for Glaciers' Preservation, 2025:

1. This Conference is being hosted by Tajikistan.
2. The United Nations has declared year 2015 as International Year of Glaciers' Preservation.

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: International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation – 2025 is a high-level global summit focusing on urgent action to combat glacier retreat and ensure sustainable freshwater supplies from cryospheric sources.

- Held in: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Statement 2 is correct: The UN Resolution declared 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation.

Source: [UN](#)