

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (9 July)

Q1. "This Kharif crop, known globally as the 'queen of cereals', has the highest genetic yield potential among cereals. It is used as both food and fodder. It grows best in well-drained sandy loamy to silt loamy soil, especially old alluvial soil, and requires a temperature range of 21°C to 27°C. Which crop is this?"

- A. Rice
- B. Wheat
- C. Maize
- D. Barley

Source- [BS](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Namibia:

1. Namibia lies in southwestern Africa and has access to the Atlantic Ocean.
2. The major rivers of Namibia, including the Kunene, Okavango, Zambezi, and Orange, flow mainly through its interior and do not form international borders.

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** — Namibia is indeed in southwestern Africa with Atlantic Ocean access.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — The major rivers mainly flow along borders and are important for cross-border cooperation

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. With reference to the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), consider the following statements:

1. Jal Jeevan Mission was launched in 2019 under the Ministry of Jal Shakti as a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. It aims to provide safe and adequate drinking water to all urban households in India by 2028.
3. Since drinking water is a State subject, the planning, implementation, and maintenance of water supply schemes primarily lies with State governments.

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** — JJM was launched in 2019 under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — The mission targets **rural** households, not urban.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — Drinking water is a State subject; States handle planning and execution.

Source- [HT](#)

Q4. The 'Jaa Mata' exercise, recently seen in the news, is a joint maritime exercise between which of the following?

- A. India and Maldives Coast Guard
- B. India and Japan Coast Guard
- C. India and Sri Lanka Navy
- D. India and Indonesia Navy

Answer: B. India and Japan Coast Guard

Explanation: 'Jaa Mata' is a joint sea exercise between the Indian Coast Guard and Japan Coast Guard.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Enemy Property Act, 1968:

- 1. The Act defines 'enemy' as a country or its citizens that have committed external aggression against India.
- 2. The 2017 amendment expanded the definition of 'enemy' to include legal heirs or successors of enemies, regardless of their nationality.
- 3. The Custodian of Enemy Property for India operates under the Ministry of Defence.

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 Act defines enemy mainly as Pakistan and China and their citizens.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — The 2017 amendment included legal heirs/successors regardless of nationality.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** — The Custodian functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs, not Defence.

Source- [IT](#)

Q6. With reference to the NER District SDG Index (2023-24), consider the following statements:

- 1. The Index is prepared by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the first time.
- 2. The Longding district in Arunachal Pradesh has been ranked the highest in the index.
- 3. Sikkim showed the most consistent performance across districts with very low range of variations in points.

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: The Index is developed by the **NITI Aayog** and the **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MoDoNER)**, with technical support from **UNDP**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Highest and lowest rankings: Hnahthial in Mizoram emerged as the **top-performing district** with a composite score of 81.43, while **Longding in Arunachal Pradesh** ranked **lowest** at 58.71.

Statement 3 is correct: Sikkim showed the **most consistent performance** across districts, with only a 5.5-point difference between the highest and lowest scoring districts.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshen (RS):

1. It is conducted by the NGO Pratham with association of concerned state governments.
2. It is conducted at the block level.
3. It aims to evaluate the progress of learners in all the grades from 3 to 10.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: All Statements are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH) Rashtriya Sarvekshen (RS) is conducted by: National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

Statement 2 is incorrect: It operates at the district level, providing insights into student progress.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It aims to evaluate the progress of learners in the Foundational, Preparatory, and Middle stages of education, providing valuable insights into their development.

- Sample system: Samples for assessing the foundational level will be drawn from grade 3, for the preparatory level from grade 6, and for the middle stage from grade 9.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Which of the following statements best describes the significance of the recently inducted *INS Nistar* in the Indian Navy?

- A) It is India's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.
- B) It is the first indigenously built diving support vessel designed for deep-sea rescue and submarine operations.
- C) It is the first Indian warship equipped with ballistic missile defense systems.
- D) It is the first amphibious assault ship constructed in India.

Answer: B

Explanation:

- INS Nistar is the Indian Navy's first indigenously designed and built **Diving Support Vessel (DSV)**, equipped for deep-sea diving, submarine rescue operations, and advanced underwater missions, marking a significant step in India's maritime self-reliance.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. The Guadalupe River, seen in the news recently, flows in

- a) U.S.A.
- b) Russia
- c) Brazil
- d) China

Answer: A

Explanation:

- A deadly flash flood triggered by heavy rains along the Guadalupe River killed at least 109 people and left scores missing after ravaging a swath of Texas Hill Country, Texas, U.S.A.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC):

1. It is a constitutional body established under Article 338A of the Constitution to safeguard the rights and interests of Scheduled Castes.
2. The Commission has the powers of a civil court while investigating matters or inquiring into complaints.
3. It submits its annual reports directly to the Parliament, bypassing the President of India.

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: The NCSC is a constitutional body established under Article 338 of the Constitution of India. Its primary role is to monitor and evaluate the implementation of safeguards for Scheduled Castes and to protect their rights and interests.

Statement 2 is correct: While investigating any matter or inquiring into complaints, the NCSC has all the powers of a civil court, including summoning witnesses, requiring the production of documents, and receiving evidence on affidavits.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The NCSC submits its annual (and other) reports to the President of India, not directly to Parliament. The President then lays these reports before each House of Parliament, along with a memorandum explaining the action taken on the recommendations.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (10 July)

Q1. With reference to Rare Earth Elements (REEs) in India, consider the following statements:

1. India has the third largest reserves of REEs in the world but contributes less than 1% to global REE mining.
2. Monazite sands, which contain thorium, are the primary source of REEs in India.
3. Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL) is the only entity processing monazite to produce RE compounds in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** India indeed has the third largest REE reserves but contributes very little to global mining (less than 1%).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Most of India's REEs are found in monazite sands along coastal states, which also contain thorium.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** IREL, a Mini Ratna company, is the only entity processing monazite for REE production in India.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q2. What is/are unique about the 'Kharai camel', a breed found in India?

1. It is capable of swimming up to three kilometres in seawater.
2. It survives by grazing on mangroves.
3. It lives in the wild and cannot be domesticated.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Correct Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Kharai camel, found mainly in the Kutch region of Gujarat, is unique because it can swim up to three kilometres into seawater to reach mangrove islands.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Kharai camel survives by grazing mainly on mangrove vegetation found in coastal and island areas.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Kharai camel is domesticated and reared by local communities, mainly the Rabari and Jat communities, who depend on them for milk and other uses. It does not live only in the wild.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. With reference to Catastrophe Bonds (Cat Bonds), consider the following statements:

1. Cat bonds are hybrid financial instruments that convert insurance coverage against natural hazards into tradable securities.
2. These bonds help transfer disaster risk from the sponsoring nation to global investors, providing quicker post-disaster relief funding.
3. Investors in cat bonds earn lower coupon rates than regular debt instruments due to the higher risk involved.

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:** Cat bonds are indeed a hybrid product combining insurance and debt, converting hazard risk into tradable securities.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** They allow countries to transfer disaster risks to global capital markets, unlocking larger funds for relief and reconstruction.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Cat bonds offer higher coupon rates (not lower) than regular debt instruments because investors bear the risk of losing principal if a disaster occurs.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to Coartem Baby, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is the first malaria drug for infants, developed by the pharmaceutical company Novartis.
2. It is designed specifically for infants weighing between 2 and 5 kg.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 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:** Coartem Baby is indeed the first malaria treatment formulated specifically for infants. It was developed by the pharmaceutical company Novartis in collaboration with partners to address malaria in vulnerable babies.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is designed for infants weighing between 2 and 5 kg, providing an age-appropriate and weight-appropriate dosage form.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. The principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) has been negotiated under which of the following frameworks?

- a) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- b) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- d) Ramsar Convention

Correct Answer: c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Explanation- The principle of CBDR was established under the UNFCCC, adopted at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amendment Rules, 2025:

1. The Rules are released under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
2. The new Rules have introduced a comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework for non-ferrous metals.
3. As per the Rules, an online portal will be established by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to manage registration for all entities involved in the waste ecosystem.

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 Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amendment Rules, 2025 are released under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. They will come into force from April 1, 2026.

Statement 2 is correct: New EPR framework: They introduce a comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework for non-ferrous metals, including aluminum, copper and zinc and its alloys.

Statement 3 is correct: Online portal: An online portal will be established by the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)**. This portal will serve as a **single point for data collection** and will manage **registration** for all entities involved in the non-ferrous metal waste **ecosystem**, including manufacturers, producers, collection agents, refurbishers, and recyclers.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. Which of the following best describes the hypophysation technique used in aquaculture?

- a) Artificially inducing breeding in fish by injecting them with pituitary gland extract
- b) Increasing fish growth rate using antibiotics
- c) Enhancing fish coloration through selective feeding
- d) Preventing fish diseases by vaccination

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Hypophysation** is a technique in aquaculture where **breeding in fish is artificially induced by injecting them with extracts from the pituitary gland**, stimulating the release of eggs and sperm for controlled spawning.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY):

- 1. This scheme is implemented by District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) using funds collected from mining lease holders.
- 2. At least 70% of PMKKKY funds must be utilized for high-priority areas such as healthcare, education, skill development, and sanitation in mining-affected regions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: PMKKKY is implemented by DMFs using funds from mining lease holders.

Statement 2 is correct: The guidelines mandate that at least 70% of the funds be used for high-priority areas like healthcare, education, skill development, and sanitation.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the International Maritime Organization (IMO):

- 1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating maritime safety, security, and prevention of marine pollution from ships.
- 2. The IMO's regulations become binding international law automatically for all member states upon adoption.
- 3. The headquarters of the IMO is located in London, United Kingdom.

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: IMO is a UN specialized agency regulating maritime safety, security, and marine pollution.

Statement 2 is incorrect: IMO's regulations do not become binding automatically; they must be adopted into national law by member states.

Statement 3 is correct: The IMO's headquarters is in London, United Kingdom.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the 'Eat Right India' initiative, consider the following statements:

1. The initiative is launched by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in India.
2. Under the initiative, the Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) programme is launched to ensure a trained and certified Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) on each food business premise.

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: To improve public health in India and combat negative nutritional trends to fight lifestyle diseases, FSSAI launched 'The Eat Right Movement' on 10th July, 2018.

Statement 2 is correct: On the supply-side, to build capacities of food businesses on food safety, FSSAI has initiated Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC), a unique program to ensure a trained and certified Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) on each food business premise.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (11 July)

Q1. Which of the following statements about the Mahi River is/are correct?

1. It originates on the northern slope of the Vindhyas Range in Madhya Pradesh.
2. It is one of the few rivers in India that crosses the Tropic of Cancer twice.
3. It drains into the Bay of Bengal.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 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 Mahi River originates near Sardarpur in Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is one of the few Indian rivers that cross the Tropic of Cancer twice.

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Mahi River empties into the Gulf of Khambhat (Arabian Sea), not the Bay of Bengal.

Source- [ndtv](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI):

1. Namibia has become the first African country to roll out a digital payments system based on India's UPI.
2. UPI transactions are secured through two-factor authentication.

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:** Namibia became the first African nation to adopt a UPI-based digital payments system, expanding India's digital payments footprint globally.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** UPI ensures secure digital fund transfers through two-factor authentication, which usually involves device binding and an MPIN (Mobile Personal Identification Number).

Source- [HT](#)

Q3. Which of the following pairs of Buddhist Councils and their presiding kings is/are correctly matched?

1. First Buddhist Council — Ajatashatru
2. Second Buddhist Council — Kalasoka
3. Third Buddhist Council — Kanishka
4. Fourth Buddhist Council — Ashoka

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Correct Answer: A)

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct:** First Council — Ajatashatru (Haryanka dynasty).
- **Pair 2 is correct:** Second Council — Kalasoka (Shishunaga dynasty).
- **Pair 3 is incorrect:** The **Third Council** was under Ashoka, not Kanishka.
- **Pair 4 is incorrect:** The **Fourth Council** was under Kanishka (Kushan dynasty), not Ashoka.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. The term Shadow Banking, recently seen in the news, is best described by which of the following statements?

- A) It refers to illegal banking activities carried out by unlicensed moneylenders.
- B) It refers to a network of financial intermediaries and institutions that operate outside the traditional banking system and are not subject to the same regulatory oversight as conventional banks.
- C) It refers to the black money held by banks in offshore accounts.
- D) It refers to cryptocurrency transactions carried out through traditional banks.

Correct Answer: B)

Explanation: Shadow Banking includes entities like NBFCs, hedge funds, and other intermediaries which perform bank-like activities (like lending) but are outside the regular banking system and face lighter regulations than traditional banks.

Source- [moneycontrol](#)

Q5. Consider the following countries:

1. Romania
2. Turkey
3. Greece
4. North Macedonia
5. Serbia
6. Albania

How many of the above countries share a land border with Bulgaria?

- A) Only Three
- B) Only Four
- C) Only Five
- D) All the above

Correct Answer: C) Five

Explanation: Bulgaria shares its land borders with Romania, Turkey, Greece, North Macedonia, and Serbia. Albania does not share a border with Bulgaria.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to the Admiralty (Jurisdiction & Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017, consider the following statements:

1. Under the Act, admiralty suits can be filed for maritime claims, including for environmental damages.
2. Only the High Courts of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras have jurisdiction under this Act.

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: Under the Act, **admiralty suits can be filed for maritime claims** such as damage to ships, ownership and agreement disputes, loss of life, wage issues, and **environmental damage**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The 2017 law replaced the colonial-era Admiralty Court Act, 1861, and Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890. The previous laws gave jurisdiction only to the High Courts of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, as these were the only major ports in India earlier. Now, the HCs of Kerala, Karnataka, Odisha, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh also have jurisdiction over maritime disputes.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Bharat 6G Alliance:

1. It is a collaborative initiative, designed to create a comprehensive and future-ready 6G ecosystem in India.
2. It is launched by the Ministry of Electronics & IT (Meity).
3. Only government organizations are eligible for membership in the Bharat 6G Alliance.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Bharat 6G Alliance brings together industry, academia, research institutions, and government to foster 6G development in India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Alliance aims to make India a global leader in 6G by 2030, aligning with the ITU's IMT-2030 vision.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Membership is open to a wide range of stakeholders, including private companies, startups, academic and research institutions, not just government organizations.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the TALASH initiative:

- 1. It is launched by the Ministry of Railways.
- 2. The initiative aims to find the children lost on railway platforms across the country in the last 10 years.

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 are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in partnership with UNICEF India launched TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub).

Statement 2 is incorrect: TALASH aims to improve both the education and personal growth of tribal students across India.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Sanchar Mitra Scheme:

- 1. It is launched by the Ministry of Communications.
- 2. Under the scheme, only students from central universities are eligible to participate as Sanchar Mitras.
- 3. The scheme provides skill development opportunities and incentives to outstanding volunteers, including exposure to cutting-edge telecom technologies and participation in national-level events.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Ministry of Communications has launched the scheme.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Students from a wide range of technical institutions—including those in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, not just central universities—are eligible to participate.

Statement 3 is correct: The scheme offers skill development, incentives, and exposure to advanced telecom technologies and national events for outstanding volunteers.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the World Population Day:

1. The theme for the World Population Day 2025 is - 'Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world'.
2. It was established after the world population hit five billion on 11 July 1987.

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 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: This year, the theme for World Population Day 2025 is "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world."

Statement 2 is correct: In 1989, the United Nations established 11 July after the global body inspired by the world population hitting five billion on 11 July 1987.

Source: [Live Mint](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (12 July)

Q1. Lake Turkana, recently seen in the news for the discovery of 18–20 million-year-old enamel proteins from extinct mammal fossils, is located in which country?

- A) Turkey
- B) Tanzania
- C) Kenya
- D) Uganda

Correct Answer: C) Kenya

Explanation: Lake Turkana is located in the remote northern region of Kenya. It is the world's largest permanent desert lake and the largest alkaline lake. The area is also an important paleoanthropological site.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding financial aid under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF):

1. The primary responsibility for disaster management and relief lies with the State Governments.
2. The SDRF can be used for both relief measures and compensation of individual losses.

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 State Governments are primarily responsible for disaster management and on-the-ground relief.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — Assistance from SDRF/NDRF is **only for relief**, not for compensation of individual losses.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q3. With reference to Zonal Councils in India, consider the following statements:

1. The idea of setting up Zonal Councils was proposed by the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru.
2. Zonal Councils are statutory bodies.
3. The Union Home Minister acts as the Chairman of each Zonal Council.
4. There are six Zonal Councils at present.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct:**
 - The idea of creating Zonal Councils was mooted by Nehru in 1956.
 - They are statutory bodies established under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.
 - The Union Home Minister is the ex-officio Chairman of each Zonal Council.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** There are **five** Zonal Councils — Northern, Central, Eastern, Western, and Southern. The North Eastern Council exists separately under a different Act.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. With reference to the Astra Missile, consider the following statements:

1. Astra is a beyond-visual-range (BVR) air-to-air missile system.
2. It is manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL) for the Indian Air Force.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Astra is India's first indigenously developed BVR air-to-air missile.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL) for the Indian Air Force.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding reservation in local bodies:

1. Articles 243D and 243T provide for reservation of seats and Chairperson posts for Backward Classes, SCs/STs, and women in Panchayats and Municipalities.
2. At least one-third of the total seats in local bodies are reserved for women.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C (Both 1 and 2)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 243D (Panchayats) and Article 243T (Municipalities) indeed provide for reservation of seats and Chairperson posts for SCs, STs, and women. For Backward Classes, States can make laws to provide reservation — the Constitution allows it.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** At least one-third of the total seats are reserved for women, including seats reserved for SCs and STs.

Source- [ndtv](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the PM E-DRIVE initiative:

1. It is launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MoNRE).
2. The initiative includes direct incentives for consumers and not manufacturers.
3. E-trucks are also included in the list of e-vehicles incentivized in the initiative.

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 PM E-DRIVE initiative is launched by the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

Statement 2 is correct: Under the scheme, incentives are primarily provided to buyers (consumers/end users) of electric vehicles in the form of an upfront reduction in the purchase price of EVs. This incentive or concession is then reimbursed to the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI).

Statement 3 is correct: The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) has launched a groundbreaking scheme to provide financial incentives for electric trucks (e-trucks) under the PM E-DRIVE initiative. This marks the first time the Government of India is extending direct support for electric trucks, aiming to accelerate the country's transition to clean, efficient, and sustainable freight mobility.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Which one of the following best describes the Karewa formations?

- a) Thick lacustrine deposits of the Pleistocene period, ideal for saffron cultivation
- b) Volcanic plateaus formed during the Holocene epoch
- c) Riverine terraces formed by the Indus River
- d) Sand dunes formed by wind action in the Thar Desert

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Karewas are thick lacustrine (lake-origin) deposits from the Pleistocene period in the Kashmir Valley, known for their fertility and suitability for crops like saffron, almonds, and apples.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the SMILE Scheme:

1. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal ministry for the scheme.
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
3. The scheme aims to provide welfare measures to the transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal ministry for the “SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise” scheme.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Under this includes two sub-schemes - ‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons’ and ‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging’.

Statement 3 is correct: This umbrella scheme is designed to provide welfare measures to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2024:

1. The award is conferred by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
2. The Award is given to recognize outstanding achievements in adventure activities on land, sea, and air.
3. The award consists of a bronze statuette, a certificate, a blazer with a silken tie or a saree, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports confers the award.

Statement 2 is correct: It is given for achievements in adventure activities on land, sea, and air.

Statement 3 is correct: The award includes a bronze statuette, certificate, blazer with silken tie or saree, and ₹15 lakh in cash.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the 'Maratha Military Landscapes of India' listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List recently:

1. All the forts in the landscape are located in the state of Maharashtra.

2. The landscapes were developed between the 17th and 19th centuries.

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: Among the 12 components of 'Maratha Military Landscapes' include – Salher Fort, Shivneri Fort, Lohgad, Khanderi Fort, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala Fort, Vijay Durg, and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, and Gingee Fort in Tamil Nadu.

Statement 2 is correct: The 'Maratha Military Landscapes' was developed between the 17th and 19th centuries.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (14th July)

Q1. With reference to Pong Dam Lake, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a manmade reservoir formed on the Beas River in the Shivalik hills of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2. It has been designated as a Ramsar site.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Pong Dam Lake, also known as Maharana Pratap Sagar, is an artificial reservoir created by the construction of the Pong Dam on the Beas River in the Shivalik hills, Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Pong Dam Lake was declared a Ramsar site in 2002.

Source- [Tribune](#)

Q2. With reference to the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a statutory authority.
- 2. It is headquartered at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, in Gujarat.
- 3. Its members are appointed by the central government.

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:

- The IFSCA was established under the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019, and is a statutory authority.
- It is headquartered at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat — India's first International Financial Services Centre.
- The Authority consists of nine members, including a Chairperson, all appointed by the central government.

Source- [THB](#)

Q3. Operation Shiva, recently seen in the news, has been launched by which of the following?

- A) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Army
- D) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

Answer: C) Indian Army

Explanation: Operation Shiva is an annual security operation launched by the Indian Army to ensure the smooth and secure conduct of the Amarnath Yatra, providing protection to pilgrims in the high-altitude region of Jammu and Kashmir.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q4. With reference to the AI Alliance Network (AIANET), consider the following statements:

- 1. The Digital India Foundation (DIF) is a founding member of AIANET.
- 2. AIANET is an informal voluntary network that currently has 17 members.
- 3. AIANET is administered by the AI Alliance based in Switzerland.

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

Statement 3 is incorrect: AIANET is administered by the AI Alliance Russia, not Switzerland.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. With reference to the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Act was enacted under the authority of Article 262 of the Constitution.
- 2. It provides for the adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-state rivers and river valleys.
- 3. The Act allows the Supreme Court to exercise jurisdiction over water disputes referred to a tribunal.

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

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Act bars the Supreme Court or any other court from exercising jurisdiction in respect of disputes referred to a tribunal.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the status of '*Ordinarily Resident*' in electoral rolls in India:

1. The term is defined in the Section 8(A) of the Representation of the People Act (RP Act), 1951.
2. Temporary absence of the person from residence can affect his/her ordinary residency status.
3. Prisoners locked-up in jails of a place are not considered ordinarily resident at those locations.

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: Section 20 of the RP Act, 1950 defines the term '*ordinarily resident*'. Definition: A person is said to be ordinarily resident in a place if he uses that place for sleeping. He need not be eating in that place and may be eating from a place outside.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Temporary absence from residence does not affect ordinary residency status.

Statement 3 is correct: Persons in jail, legal custody, or certain institutions are not considered ordinarily resident at those locations.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements:

1. Gharial is categorized as *endangered* in the IUCN Red List.
2. Sloth bear is categorized as *critically endangered* in the IUCN Red List.
3. Both gharial and sloth bear are included in the list of species identified for protection under the Species Recovery Programme.

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: Gharial is categorized as *critically endangered* in the IUCN Red List.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Sloth bear is categorized as *vulnerable* in the IUCN Red List.

Statement 3 is correct: So far, **24 (with gharial and sloth bear) species** including Snow Leopard, Asiatic Lion, Great Indian Bustard etc. have been identified under the Species recovery programme.

Source: [The Print](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) of India:

1. It was established as an attached office under the Ministry of Civil Aviation to investigate civil aircraft accidents and incidents in India.
2. The AAIB investigations do not assign blame or liability to anyone.
3. All aircraft accidents and serious incidents in Indian airspace, regardless of the aircraft's weight or type, are mandatorily investigated by the AAIB.

Which of the above 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

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The AAIB was established in 2012 under the Ministry of Civil Aviation to investigate civil aviation accidents and incidents.

Statement 2 is correct: The sole objective of AAIB investigations is the prevention of accidents and incidents, not to apportion blame or liability.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The AAIB is mandated to investigate all accidents and serious incidents involving aircraft with an all-up weight above 2,250 kg or turbojet aircraft, not every aircraft regardless of weight or type.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. The Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is located in

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Telangana

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is one of India's oldest and most prominent Project Tiger reserves, comprising Tadoba National Park (1955) and Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary (1986), later merged in 1995. It is located in Chandrapur district, Maharashtra, it covers 87 sq km including reserved and protected forests.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q10. Which one of the following institutions released the 'Trade Watch Quarterly' report?

- a) Union Ministry of Commerce
- b) Reserve Bank of India
- c) Niti Aayog
- d) World Bank

Answer: C

Explanation:

- India's trade performance in the third quarter of FY 2024-25 demonstrated cautious resilience amid rising geopolitical tensions and fluctuating global demand, according to the latest edition of Trade Watch Quarterly released by NITI Aayog.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (15th July)

Q1. With reference to the nominated members of the Rajya Sabha, consider the following statements:

1. Under Article 80(3), the President nominates 12 persons having special knowledge or practical experience in literature, science, art, or social service.

2. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs notifies the appointments of nominated members after the President makes the nominations.
3. Nominated members of the Rajya Sabha can vote in the election of the President of India but not in the election of the Vice President.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** As per Article 80(3).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Ministry of Home Affairs, not the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, notifies the appointments under the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Nominated members cannot vote in the Presidential election but can vote in the Vice-Presidential election.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. The term '3I/ATLAS', recently seen in the news, refers to:

- A) A new exoplanet discovered in the habitable zone of a nearby star
- B) An interstellar comet, likely to be older than the solar system itself
- C) A newly launched satellite for climate monitoring
- D) A space telescope designed to detect gravitational waves

Answer: B) An interstellar comet, likely to be older than the solar system itself

Source- [TH](#)

Explanation- 3I/ATLAS is an interstellar comet, believed to be the oldest comet ever observed by scientists, possibly existing more than 3 billion years before the formation of the solar system.

Q3. With reference to Exercise Talisman Sabre, consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest bilateral military exercise between Australia and the United States with multinational participation.
2. India also participates in this exercise.

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:** Talisman Sabre is the largest bilateral drill between Australia and the US, also involving other countries.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India is among the participating nations.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. New Caledonia, recently in the news for being granted more autonomy, is:

- A) An autonomous region in the Caribbean Sea
- B) A disputed island chain in the South China Sea
- C) A French overseas territory in the Pacific Ocean
- D) A British overseas territory in the Atlantic Ocean

Answer: C) A French overseas territory in the Pacific Ocean

Explanation- New Caledonia is a French overseas territory in the Pacific Ocean. In the 1840s, European traders kidnapped islanders as slaves or forced laborers for sugarcane plantations. Later, in 1853, France officially took control of the territory.

Source- [NYT](#)

Q5. With reference to the recent easing of Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) norms in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Ambient SO₂ levels in India are well below the national standard, partly due to the naturally low sulphur content in Indian coal.
- 2. Sulphates formed from SO₂ emissions can have a cooling effect by reflecting solar radiation and partially offsetting global warming.
- 3. FGD systems use alkaline reagents to remove CO₂ from flue gas emissions.

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 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Ambient SO₂ levels in India are low, and sulphates can reflect sunlight, producing a cooling effect.
- Statement 3 is incorrect: FGD systems remove SO₂, not CO₂, by using alkaline reagents.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about caracal:

- 1. It is included in the list of Critically Endangered species under Species Recovery Programme.
- 2. It has been categorized as Least Concern in the IUCN Red List.

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 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: In 2021, India included caracals in the list of Critically Endangered species under Species Recovery Programme.

Statement 2 is correct: IUCN Status of caracal: Least Concern

Source: [ToI](#)

Q7. The Tiwai Island, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO recently, is located in

- a) Madagascar
- b) Sierra Leone
- c) Bahrain
- d) Phillipines

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Gola-Tiwai complex, which also includes the nearby Gola Rainforest National Park, will be Sierra Leone's first UNESCO site. The Tiwai island is a lush forest, home to one of the world's highest concentrations of primates.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following diseases:

- 1. Dengue
- 2. Chikungunya
- 3. Zika
- 4. Yellow fever

How many of the above are considered as arboviral diseases?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Arboviral diseases are viral infections transmitted mainly by Aedes mosquitoes. The key diseases are dengue, chikungunya, Zika, and yellow fever.

Source: [WHO](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding India's first weather derivatives:

- 1. It will be jointly developed by the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- 2. These derivative contracts will only be available for agricultural producers in the northern states of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Both are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) have joined hands to develop India's first rainfall-based derivatives aimed at helping farmers and allied sectors hedge against climate-related risks.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The contracts are intended to be seasonal and location-specific, supporting a wide range of stakeholders across sectors and regions, not just limited to northern states.

Source: [FE](#)

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

1. It is a wildlife forensics tool developed for investigating wildlife crime cases.
2. The tool is developed indigenously by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

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: RhODIS or the Rhino DNA Index System, is a wildlife forensics tool that was specially developed for investigating wildlife crime cases.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It was initiated by the **Veterinary Genetics Laboratory of the University of Pretoria (South Africa)** by creating a database using the unique DNA profile of individual rhinos. In **2016**, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India in partnership with Wildlife Institute of India (WII), the forest departments of Assam, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, and WWF India launched the **RhODIS India programme**.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (16 July)

Q1. With reference to India's installed power generation capacity, consider the following statements:

1. Thermal power accounts for nearly half of India's total installed capacity.
2. The share of Renewable Energy (RE) in the total installed capacity is higher than that of Large Hydro and Nuclear combined.

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:** Thermal capacity is 242.04 GW, which is about 49.92% of the total.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** RE share is 38.08%, which is higher than Large Hydro (10.19%) + Nuclear (1.81%) = 12%.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements:

1. The weightage of food in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is higher than that in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI).
2. The WPI does not capture changes in the prices of services, which the CPI does.
3. The Reserve Bank of India uses WPI as its key measure of inflation to decide changes in policy rates.

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:** CPI has a higher weightage for food than WPI.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** WPI covers only goods; it does not include services.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** RBI mainly uses CPI (specifically CPI-Combined) as its primary inflation measure for monetary policy decisions, not WPI.

Source- [ET](#)

Q3. With reference to the recently inaugurated Sigandur Bridge, consider the following statements:

1. It is constructed across the Sharavati River backwaters in Karnataka.
2. It is India's longest cable-stayed bridge.

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 Sigandur Bridge is built across the Sharavati River backwaters in Shivamogga district, Karnataka.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is India's **second-longest** cable-stayed bridge, not the longest.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. The Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, which was recently in the news, is located in which state of India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Goa
- (d) Kerala

Answer: (c) Goa

Explanation: The Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary spans approximately **208 km²** in **northern Goa**, particularly in North Goa's Sattari taluka near Valpoi, forming part of the Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. With reference to Wular Lake, consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest freshwater lake in India.
2. It is fed by the Jhelum River.
3. It has been designated as a Ramsar Site.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Wular Lake is India's largest freshwater lake and Asia's second-largest freshwater lake
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is primarily fed by the Jhelum River.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The lake was designated a Ramsar Site (Wetland of International Importance) in 1990.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):

1. PMKVY is implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment through state governments and district skill committees.
2. The scheme includes provisions for certifying skills acquired informally through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component.
3. Under PMKVY 3.0, there was a focus on decentralized implementation and greater involvement of states in skill development planning.

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: PMKVY is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), not by the Ministry of Labour and Employment. It is executed through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), along with other training partners.

Statement 2 is correct: MKVY includes a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component, which aims to identify and certify skills gained by individuals through informal or non-institutional learning.

Statement 3 is correct: PMKVY 3.0, launched in 2020, emphasized a decentralized approach with active state and district-level participation, aiming to align skill training with local market needs and support innovation in delivery modes (such as blended and digital learning).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS):

1. The survey is conducted by the Ministry of Labour.
2. It aims to estimate important employment and unemployment indicators in both usual status (US) and CWS in both rural and urban areas annually.

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 Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was launched in 2017 by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

Statement 2 is correct:

- **It's one of the objectives is:**
 - To estimate important employment and unemployment indicators in both usual status (ps+ss) and CWS in both rural and urban areas annually.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the ADEETIE Scheme:

1. The scheme is launched by the Ministry of MSME.
2. The micro and small enterprises are eligible for a 5% interest subvention on loans taken for adopting energy-efficient technologies, while medium enterprises are eligible for a 3% interest subvention.
3. The scheme is open to all industrial and commercial establishments, including large enterprises and service sector companies, irrespective of sector.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 2 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments (ADEETIE) scheme is launched by the Ministry of Power.

Statement 2 is correct: It provides 5% interest subvention for micro and small enterprises, and 3% for medium enterprises adopting energy-efficient technologies.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme excludes large enterprises and is focused solely on MSMEs in designated manufacturing sectors.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Group of Friends for Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers:

1. It seeks to facilitate the promotion of accountability for all acts of violence against United Nations (UN) peacekeepers.
2. India has not joined the group due to ambiguous definition of terrorism under its resolution.

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: 'Group of Friends' to Promote Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers seek to facilitate the promotion of accountability for all acts of violence against United Nations (UN) peacekeepers and seek facilitation of capacity building and technical assistance to the host state authorities.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Group of Friends for Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers was launched in December 2022 during India's presidency of the UN Security Council, building on Resolution 2589. So, India is a founding member.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Sweida region, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Ukraine
- b) Yemen
- c) Iran
- d) Syria

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Sweida is a mainly Druze city located in southern Syria, close to the border with Jordan.

Source: [TH](#)