

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

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (17 July)

**Q1.** With reference to the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), consider the following statements:

1. BIMSTEC was established through the Bangkok Declaration in 1997.
2. All BIMSTEC member states are part of South Asia.
3. The BIMSTEC Secretariat is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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: BIMSTEC was established in 1997 via the Bangkok Declaration to enhance economic cooperation.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: Thailand and Myanmar are part of Southeast Asia, not South Asia.
- Statement 3 is correct: The BIMSTEC Secretariat is headquartered in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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

**Q2.** The term "YD One", recently seen in the news, refers to:

- A. A satellite-based remote sensing system for agricultural monitoring  
B. A drone-based delivery platform developed for rural logistics  
C. India's lightest active wheelchair with a mono-tube rigid frame  
D. An indigenous exoskeleton suit for mobility-impaired soldiers

**Answer: C.**

**Explanation:**

- YD One is India's first indigenously developed precision-built mono-tube rigid-frame wheelchair, designed for active users. It was developed by IIT Madras' TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2) in collaboration with the startup Thryv Mobility.

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

**Q3.** With reference to the Javelin Missile, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Russian-made, man-portable, anti-tank guided missile system.
2. It has an effective range of 2.5 km, with newer models reportedly capable of reaching up to 4 kilometers.

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

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

**Answer: B. 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Javelin missile is American-made, developed jointly by Raytheon and Lockheed Martin (USA).

- **Statement 2 is correct:** The effective range of the Javelin is around 2.5 km, and newer variants have extended the range to about 4 km.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4.** With reference to the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), consider the following statements:

1. It is the first scheme focused solely on agriculture and allied sectors, inspired by NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme.
2. The scheme aims to cover all districts of India with low cropping intensity and high productivity.
3. It will be implemented for six years starting from 2025–26.

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:** PMDDKY is indeed inspired by the Aspirational Districts Programme and is the first of its kind focusing solely on agriculture and allied sectors.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme targets 100 low-performing districts, not all districts, and specifically focuses on low productivity, low cropping intensity, and poor credit access.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme has a budget of Rs. 24,000 crore per year for six years starting from 2025–26.

Source- [newsonair](#)

**Q5.** With reference to temporary release of prisoners in India, consider the following statements:

1. Parole is a temporary release given to a prisoner for a specific reason or emergency for a short time. The time spent outside on parole is added to the prison term.
2. Furlough is given as a reward for good behavior, and the time spent on furlough is counted as part of the prison sentence.
3. The laws about both parole and furlough are made by the Union Government, since 'prisons' is a subject under the Union List.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer- A. 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is **incorrect** because time spent on parole is excluded from the sentence, not added.
- Statement 2 is **correct** — furlough time counts as part of the sentence.
- Statement 3 is **incorrect** because prisons are under the **State List**, so states legislate parole and furlough rules, not the Union Government.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) award:

1. Only a child with Indian citizenship can be nominated for the Award.
2. A child can self-nominate himself/herself for the Award.
3. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakhs with it.

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:**

- Eligibility for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) -
  - A child who is an Indian Citizen and is resident of India.
  - Age Limit: A Child above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July of respective year).

**Statement 2 is correct:** Children may also apply through self-nomination.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** No cash prize is given. The Award contains a Medal and a Certificate and citation.

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

**Q7.** With reference to the NAMASTE Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme is jointly launched by the Union Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
2. The National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC), a statutory body, is the implementing agency of the scheme.
3. The objective of the scheme is to formalize and rehabilitate the persons engaged in hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks.

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 National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) scheme is jointly launched by the Union Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is being implemented by the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC), for a period of three years from FY 2023-24 to 2025-26. But the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) is not a statutory body. It is a non-profit company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (now Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013).

**Statement 3 is correct:** The focus is on prevention of hazardous cleaning and promotion of safe cleaning practices through trained and certified sanitation workers. The objective of the scheme is to formalize and rehabilitate the persons engaged in hazardous cleaning of sewer and septic tanks.

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

**Q8.** Bryansk region, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Ukraine
- b) Armenia
- c) Russia
- d) Bulgaria

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Ukraine's drones target Moscow and other Russian regions of Belgorod, Kursk and Bryansk that border Ukraine.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding Akash Prime Weapon System:

1. It is an upgraded variant of the medium range Akash surface-to-surface missile system.
2. The system is jointly produced by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).
3. The Akash Prime has a longer range than that of its earlier variant Akash NG.

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 Akash Prime weapon system is a medium range, **surface-to-air** missile system which provides area air defence against multifarious air threats to mobile, semi mobile and static vulnerable forces and areas. The system has cutting edge features with cross country mobility.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is developed by DRDO and produced by Bharat Electronics Limited and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), and is designed to enhance India's missile defence capabilities in low temperature and high altitude situations.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Akash Prime is the fourth version of the Akash Missiles. The first three were Akash Mk-1, Akash-1S, and Akash NG. Akash NG has a range of 70-80 km compared to the 27-30 km range of the Akash Prime.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards:

1. These awards are instituted under the Swachh Bharat Mission under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
2. Ahmedabad received first position in the category of cities with a population of over 10 lakh.
3. The 'Super Swachh League Cities' includes cities that had been in the top three of their categories in the previous three years.

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 awards are instituted under the Swachh Bharat Mission under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, were started in 2016 with 73 cities. This year, 4,589 cities were covered in the survey that was held from April 2024 to March 2025.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Ahmedabad declared cleanest city in India among those with a population of 10 lakh or above in Swachh Survekshan 2024-25.

**Statement 3 is correct:** This year, the awards included a separate category of recognition for cities that had been in the top three of their categories in the previous three years. This new category, Super Swachh League Cities, included the previous winners Indore, Surat and Navi Mumbai.

Source: [PIB](#)

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (18 July)

**Q1. Assertion (A):** The Pacific Ring of Fire is one of the most seismically and volcanically active zones in the world.

**Reason (R):** It is located along the boundaries of several tectonic plates, leading to frequent earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and formation of deep oceanic trenches.

Which of the following is correct?

- A. Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A
- B. Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- C. A is correct, but R is incorrect
- D. A is incorrect, but R is correct

**Correct Answer: A.**

**Explanation:**

- The Pacific Ring of Fire is responsible for around 90% of the world's earthquakes and contains 75% of all active volcanoes, making it extremely geologically active.
- This high activity is due to the movement and interactions of multiple tectonic plates (such as subduction, collision, and sliding past one another), which also cause the formation of deep ocean trenches like the Mariana Trench.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q2.** In the context of hereditary diseases, consider the following statements:

1. Mitochondrial diseases can be prevented from being passed to the child through mitochondrial replacement therapy, either before or after in vitro fertilization.
2. A child inherits mitochondrial diseases only from the mother, not from the father.

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:** Mitochondrial replacement therapy (MRT) replaces faulty mitochondria with healthy ones from a donor egg, and can be done either before or after IVF.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Mitochondrial DNA is inherited **only from the mother**, as the father's mitochondria are not passed to the child.

Source- [LM](#)

**Q3.** Which Indian state has launched the country's first tribal genome project aimed at tackling inherited diseases?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Gujarat

**Correct Answer:** D. Gujarat

**Explanation:** Gujarat has become the first state in India to launch a dedicated Tribal Genome Sequencing Project, under the title "Creation of Reference Genome Database for Tribal Population in Gujarat"

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4.** With reference to the Banni Grassland, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is Asia's largest tropical grassland located in Kutch, Gujarat.
- 2. The ecosystem is salt-tolerant and developed due to tectonic uplift of an ancient seabed.
- 3. It is home to several pastoral communities, including the Maldharis, Rabaris, Mutwas, and Meghwals.

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

**Statement 1 is correct:** Banni Grassland is Asia's largest tropical grassland, located in Kutch, Gujarat.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It has salt-tolerant plants and was formed by tectonic uplift from an old seabed.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Pastoral communities like Maldharis, Rabaris, Mutwas, and Meghwals live there and use the grassland for grazing.

Source- [HT](#)

**Q5.** With reference to the Chief Secretary of a State, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Chief Secretary is the highest-ranking civil servant in the state and acts as the principal advisor to the Chief Minister.
- 2. The position of Chief Secretary is explicitly mentioned in the Constitution of India.
- 3. The Chief Secretary in a State is appointed by the Governor of that State.

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

**Correct Answer:** A. 1 only

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Chief Secretary is the highest-ranking civil servant in a state and principal advisor to the Chief Minister.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The position of Chief Secretary is not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution; it is a post created under state rules and administrative conventions.

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Chief Secretary is appointed by the Chief Minister, not the Governor

Source- [ET](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding Mount Kilimanjaro:

1. It is the highest peak in Africa and is located in Tanzania.
2. It is a stratovolcano.
3. The peak of Mount Kilimanjaro is permanently covered with snow and glaciers, which have remained unchanged since the last century.

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**

**Statements 1 and 2 are correct:** Mount Kilimanjaro is Africa's highest mountain (5,895 m), located in Tanzania, and it has three volcanic cones—Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The summit has diminishing snow and glaciers, which have been retreating rapidly over the past century due to climate change.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements regarding Vadhavan Port:

1. It is located on the eastern coast of India.
2. It will be India's first offshore port built on an artificial island.

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: B**

**Explanation: Only 2**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is located on the western coast in Palghar district, Maharashtra.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Vadhavan Port will be the country's first offshore port constructed on an artificial island in the Arabian Sea.

Source: [IE](#)

**Q8.** The Global Wetland Outlook is released by

- A) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- B) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- C) Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)
- D) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)

- The Global Wetland Outlook is the flagship report published by the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands, commonly known as the Ramsar Convention.



Source: [DTE](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about Finn's Weaver:

1. It is a key indicator species of healthy Western Ghats ecosystems.
2. It is categorised as *Endangered* by the IUCN.

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: B**

**Explanation: Only 2**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is a key indicator of healthy Terai grassland ecosystems due to their habitat specialism.

**Statement 2 is correct: IUCN Red List: Endangered**

Source: [DH](#)

**Q10.** The Socotra Island, seen in the news recently, is located in

- A) The Caribbean Sea near the coast of Central America  
B) The Indian Ocean, near the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula  
C) The Mediterranean Sea, near the coasts of Greece and Turkey  
D) The Pacific Ocean, near the Philippines and Indonesia

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Indian Ocean, near the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula

- Socotra Island is part of the Socotra Archipelago situated in the northern Indian Ocean, about 380 km south of Yemen (Arabian Peninsula) and approximately 240 km east of the coast of Somalia in Africa. Administratively, it belongs to Yemen but geologically is linked to the African continental plate.

Source: [DD News](#)

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (19 July)

**Q1.** The Global Findex 2025 report is published by which of the following organizations?

- A. International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
B. World Economic Forum (WEF)  
C. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
D. World Bank

**Answer: D.**

**Explanation:** The Global Findex (Global Financial Inclusion Database) is published by the World Bank every three years.

Source- [Worldbank](#)

**Q2.** With reference to the geographical features of Bolivia, consider the following statements:

1. Bolivia is a landlocked country located in west-central South America.
2. The Andes Mountains dominate Bolivia's physiography.

3. Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake, lies entirely within Bolivian territory.

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.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Bolivia is a landlocked country in west-central South America.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Andes Mountains dominate Bolivia's terrain.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Lake Titicaca is shared by Bolivia and Peru; it does not lie entirely within Bolivia.

Source- [newsonair](https://www.newsonair.com)

**Q3.** Consider the following statements:

1. Several cities in the northern and northwestern Indo-Gangetic Plain have recorded lower aerosol concentrations than surrounding rural areas due to the Urban Wind Stilling Effect.
2. The Urban Wind Stilling Effect weakens surface winds due to urban structures, thereby acting as an invisible barrier that reduces the inflow of long-range dust and pollutants.

Which of the following is correct?

- A. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct, and Statement 2 is the correct explanation of Statement 1
- B. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct, but Statement 2 is not the correct explanation of Statement 1
- C. Statement 1 is correct, but Statement 2 is incorrect
- D. Statement 1 is incorrect, but Statement 2 is correct

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** A recent study found that around 43% of cities in the northern and northwestern Indo-Gangetic Plain had lower aerosol levels than nearby rural areas, leading to the formation of Urban Aerosol Clean Islands.
- **Statement 2 is correct and explains Statement 1:** The Urban Wind Stilling Effect is caused by dense urban infrastructure that weakens surface winds, thereby forming invisible barriers that block the inflow of long-range dust and pollutants, resulting in cleaner urban air in specific cases.

Source- [TH](https://www.thehindu.com)

**Q4.** With reference to the SIMBEX exercise, consider the following statements:

1. It is an annual bilateral naval exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.
2. The 32nd edition of SIMBEX is being held in Singapore.

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:** SIMBEX (Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise) is an annual naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy, aimed at enhancing maritime cooperation and interoperability.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The 32nd edition of SIMBEX is currently being held in Singapore, with active participation from the Indian Navy.

Source- [BS](#)

**Q5.** With reference to the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), consider the following statements:

1. NFRA was constituted by the Government of India under the Companies Act, 2013.
2. The headquarters of NFRA is located in Mumbai.

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:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** NFRA was established in 2018 under the Companies Act, 2013 to oversee accounting and auditing standards.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The headquarters of NFRA is located in New Delhi, not Mumbai.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
2. The scheme brings together five earlier schemes, including Seekho aur Kamao, Nai Manzil, Nai Roshni, Hamari Dharohar, and USTTAD.
3. Only male candidates from minority communities are eligible for entrepreneurship and leadership training under PM VIKAS.

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:** PM VIKAS is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs focusing on skill development, entrepreneurship, and leadership among minorities and artisans.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme integrates five previous schemes—Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni, and Nai Manzil.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme also prioritizes the leadership and entrepreneurship development of women from minority communities, not just males.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements:

1. Under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, if a state believes its interests are adversely affected by the actions of another state, it can request the Central Government to constitute a tribunal for adjudication of the dispute.
2. The decision of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Tribunal, once published by the Central Government in the Official Gazette, is final and binding on the parties, and cannot be appealed in the Supreme Court or any other court.

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 1 and 2 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, allows any state government to request the Central Government to establish a tribunal when negotiations fail to resolve a water dispute with another state.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Once the Tribunal's decision is published in the Official Gazette by the Central Government, it is final and binding; no appeal can be made in the Supreme Court or any other court regarding this decision.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about *Allographa effusosoredica*, seen in the news recently:

1. It is a species of lichen.
2. It is discovered in the alpine ecosystem of Himalayas in Uttarakhand.

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: A**

**Explanation: Only 1 is correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** *Allographa effusosoredica* is a species of lichen.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is found in Western Ghats of India.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC):

1. The CAC was jointly established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
2. The standards, guidelines, and codes of practice formulated by it are recognized by the World Trade Organization (WTO) as reference points for resolving international food trade disputes.
3. Only countries from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) can become members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

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: 1 and 2 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The CAC was established jointly by FAO and WHO in 1963 to create international food standards.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Codex standards are recognized by the WTO as benchmarks for international trade and the resolution of trade disputes.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Membership of the CAC is open to all member nations and associate members of FAO and WHO, and is not restricted to ECOSOC members.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK):

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at addressing development deficits in identified Minority Concentration Areas.
2. Under PMJVK, at least 80% of project funds must be used for initiatives related to education, health, and skill development, with 33% to 40% specifically earmarked for creation of assets or facilities exclusively for women and girls.

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 1 and 2 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** PMJVK focuses on reducing development deficits in areas identified as Minority Concentration Areas based on population and backwardness parameters using Census 2011 data.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme mandates that 80% of funds target education, health, and skill projects, and 33%-40% of these funds are dedicated to the creation of assets/facilities for women and girls.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (21 July)

**Q1.** With reference to the Raji tribe, consider the following statements:

1. It is a small indigenous community found in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand and parts of western Nepal.
2. It is one of the smallest tribes in India.
3. They are classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).

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**



**Explanation:** All three statements are correct. The Raji tribe is a small indigenous community inhabiting the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand and parts of western Nepal. It is one of the smallest tribes in India and is classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)

Source- [Outlookindia](#)

**Q2.** Exercise *Prachand Shakti* recently seen in news was conducted by which of the following?

- A) Indian Air Force
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Army
- D) Border Security Force (BSF)

**Answer- C**

**Explanation-** It was conducted by the Indian Army at the Kharga Corps Field Training Area, in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut.

Source- [NDTV](#)

**Q3.** With reference to the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App, consider the following statements:

1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to monitor digital infrastructure in rural areas.
2. It captures geo-tagged, time-stamped photographs of MGNREGS workers to ensure transparency.
3. The app is available in multiple regional languages including Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam.

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.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The NMMS App has been launched by the Ministry of Rural Development, not the Ministry of Electronics and IT.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The app captures geo-tagged and time-stamped photos of MGNREGS workers for attendance verification.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The app is available in multiple regional languages such as Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, etc.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q4.** With reference to Article 143 of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The President can seek the opinion of the Supreme Court on any matter of public importance, whether it has arisen or is likely to arise.
2. The Supreme Court's opinion under Article 143 is binding on the President.
3. The concept of advisory jurisdiction under Article 143 has its roots in the Government of India Act, 1935.

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.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1** is correct: Article 143(1) allows the President to seek the Supreme Court's opinion on important legal matters.
- **Statement 2** is incorrect: The opinion given by the Court is advisory in nature and not binding.
- **Statement 3** is correct: The provision is rooted in the Government of India Act, 1935, which allowed the Governor-General to consult the Federal Court.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q5.** INS Sandhayak, recently in the news, is classified by the Indian Navy as a:

- A. Submarine rescue vessel
- B. Hydrographic survey ship
- C. Amphibious assault ship
- D. Fleet oiler and replenishment tanker

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** INS Sandhayak is the lead ship of the indigenously designed and built Sandhayak-class Survey Vessel (Large). It was commissioned on 3 February 2024 and constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE). It is primarily used for hydrographic surveys and related operations.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding different types of Consumer Price Index (CPI) used in India:

1. The Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) are both published on monthly basis by the Labour Bureau.
2. The base year for calculating the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Agricultural and Rural Labourers (AL/RL) is same as that of Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Industrial Workers (IW).

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 Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) are vital economic indicators **published monthly by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment.**

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The base years for CPI-AL/RL and CPI-IW are not the same. The Labour Bureau recently revised the base year for CPI-AL/RL to 2019=100, according to the PIB. However, the CPI-IW (Industrial Workers) has a different base year, which is 2016.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements regarding the mangrove ecosystem in India:

1. The total mangrove cover in India decreased in 2023 in comparison to 2019 as per the data from India State of Forest Report (ISFR).
2. West Bengal has the highest mangrove cover in India, followed by Odisha.
3. The MISHTI programme was initiated to restore mangrove forests along the coast 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 3 is correct**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** In comparison to ISFR 2019 and ISFR 2023, there has been a significant increase of 16.68 km<sup>2</sup> in the country's mangrove coverage.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** West Bengal has the highest mangrove coverage, accounting for 42.45%, followed by Gujarat at 23.66% and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at 12.39%.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) has been launched on 5th June 2023 to restore and promote mangroves as unique, natural eco-system and for preserving and enhancing the sustainability of the coastal habitats. The objective of MISHTI is to restore mangrove forests by undertaking mangrove reforestation/ afforestation measures along the coast of India.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the Ottawa Convention:

- 1. It is also known as the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty.
- 2. It is a binding international agreement.
- 3. India has ratified the treaty.

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:** Ottawa Convention/Treaty, 1997 is also known as the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is a binding international agreement that prohibits the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Member States: It has been signed or ratified by 164 countries (as of 2024), with notable exceptions such as the United States, Russia, China, India and Pakistan.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS):

- 1. The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is the implementing agency for scheme.
- 2. The Ministry of Science and Technology is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
- 3. Under the scheme, only government schools are eligible to participate in experimentation programs organized at established Science Centres.

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 National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is the implementing agency for this scheme.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) is a program run by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, to foster a culture of science and technology awareness.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** SPoCS programs at Science Centres are open to all students, not just those from government schools.

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

**Q10.** The Hudaydah Port, seen in the news recently, is located on

- a) Persian Gulf coast in Iran
- b) Mediterranean coast in Syria
- c) Black Sea coast in Ukraine
- d) Red Sea coast in Yemen

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- The Hudaydah Port (Hodeidah port) is a key Yemeni port on the Red Sea coast. It is the second largest port in the country, located in Al Hudaydah.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (22<sup>nd</sup> July)

**Q1.** Consider the following statements about the WSIS Champion Award:

- 1. The awards are organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- 2. The “Meri Panchayat” mobile app has been awarded the WSIS Prizes 2025 Champion Award under the Cultural Diversity, Identity & Local Content category.

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:** The WSIS Champion Award 2025 is a prominent international recognition granted as part of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes. The awards are organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with entities including UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The transformative mobile application “Meri Panchayat” has been internationally recognized with the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2025 Champion Award under the Action Line Category: Cultural Diversity and Identity, Linguistic Diversity and Local Content.

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

**Q2.** Consider the following statements regarding the SAMADHAN Portal:

- 1. The portal was launched for facilitating filing of industrial disputes by the workmen, employers and trade unions.

2. The portal is spearheaded by the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

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:** SAMADHAN Portal was launched for facilitating filing of industrial disputes by the workmen, employers and trade unions under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. It also has facilities for filing of claim cases by workers under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 & the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The portal is spearheaded by the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

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

**Q3.** Consider the following countries:

- 1. Iceland
- 2. Denmark
- 3. Liechtenstein
- 4. Sweden
- 5. Norway
- 6. Switzerland

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

**Q4.** AdFalcivax, seen in the news recently, is a vaccine candidate for which one of the following diseases?

- a) HIV AIDS
- b) Dengue
- c) Rabies
- d) Malaria

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- India is developing a Multi-Stage Malaria Vaccine Candidate named AdFalcivax. The vaccine aims to provide protection against human infection while also reducing vector-borne community transmission of the parasite.

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



**Q5.** Consider the following statements about the Exercise Bharat NCX 2025:

1. It is conducted by the Multi Commodity Exchange of India.
2. The exercise aims to prevent any kind of adverse manipulation of Indian financial market.

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:** National Cybersecurity Exercise (Bharat NCX 2025) is conducted by National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) in collaboration with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The exercise aims to strengthen national cyber resilience and readiness and simulate real-world cyberattacks.

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

**Q6.** Consider the following various types of rights:

1. The right to property is a constitutional right contained in Part III of the Constitution.
2. Right to life and liberty are considered to be natural rights.
3. The fundamental rights are directly enforceable in the Supreme Court under Article 32 of the Constitution.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3 are correct**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The right to property was originally a fundamental right under Article 31 (Part III) of the Constitution, but it was removed by the 44th Amendment Act, 1978. Now, the right to property is a constitutional right under Article 300A, which is part of Part XII, not Part III.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Natural rights are inherent and inalienable rights that are bestowed by nature on individuals. Right to life and liberty are considered to be natural rights. Indian courts may decide that a natural right is embodied in a fundamental right, but they do not directly enforce any natural right.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Fundamental rights enumerated and guaranteed in Part III of the Constitution secure equality and liberty which are enshrined in our Preamble. The state is prohibited from making laws that violate these rights. They are directly enforceable in the Supreme Court under Article 32 of the Constitution.

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements regarding Gothia Cup:

1. It is the world's largest and most international youth football tournament.
2. It is held biennially in Sweden.
3. The Gothia Special Olympics Trophy 2025 was won by an Indian team.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

d) None

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 3 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Gothia Cup is the world's largest and most international youth football tournament.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is held annually in Gothenburg, Sweden.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Special Olympics Bharat football team celebrated their monumental achievement as defending champions of the Gothia Special Olympics Trophy 2025 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the dark patterns:

1. They all under the category of "unfair trade practices" as defined in the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
2. Manipulative practices such as disguised advertisement, bait and switch fall under the domain of dark patterns.

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:** Such practices fall under the category of "unfair trade practices" as defined in the Sub-section 47 under Section 2 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Dark patterns involve using design and choice architecture to deceive, coerce, or influence consumers into making choices that are not in their best interest. Dark patterns encompass a wide range of manipulative practices such as drip pricing, disguised advertisement, bait and switch, false urgency etc.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Winter Fog Experiment (WiFEX):

1. The experiment was launched in year 2015 at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), New Delhi.
2. The experiment is led by the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

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 1 is correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Winter Fog Experiment (WiFEX) was launched in the winter of 2015 at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), New Delhi.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), with support from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF).

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

**Q10.** With reference to the Stand-Up India Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The ministry of Finance is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. The scheme provides bank loans to at least one woman borrower per bank branch for setting up an enterprise.
3. Stand-Up India loans can be used for both new ventures and expansion of existing businesses across manufacturing, service, and trading sectors.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Stand-up India Scheme was launched on 05th April, 2016 by the Ministry of Finance.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme mandates financing for at least one SC/ST and one woman entrepreneur per bank branch for Greenfield enterprises.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme is specifically for greenfield (first-time) enterprises and does not cover the expansion of existing businesses.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (23 July)

**Q1.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Vice-President can resign by writing under his hand, addressed to the President, as per Article 67(a) of the Constitution.
2. Upon resignation of the Vice-President, the Constitution provides for the appointment of an acting Vice-President until a new one is elected.
3. Unlike the President, there is no fixed constitutional time limit within which a mid-term vacancy of the Vice-President must be filled.
4. The newly elected Vice-President holds office only for the remaining term of the predecessor.

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** As per Article 67(a), the Vice-President resigns by writing to the President.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Constitution does not provide for an acting Vice-President. In the Vice-President's absence, the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha presides.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** There is no fixed time limit for filling a mid-term vacancy of Vice-President, only that it be filled "as soon as possible".
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** A newly elected Vice-President gets a full five-year term, regardless of the remaining term of the predecessor.

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

**Q2.** With reference to the International Seabed Authority (ISA), consider the following statements:

1. It is an autonomous international organization with a mandate to ensure the protection of the marine environment from harmful effects of deep-seabed mining activities.
2. It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
3. India is not a member of the ISA.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct-** ISA's mandate includes protecting the marine environment from harmful effects of deep-seabed mining.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** ISA is headquartered in Kingston, Jamaica, not Geneva.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India is a member of the ISA (among 170 member states).

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3.** India and Lesotho recently agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation during the visit of India's Minister of State for External Affairs. Which of the following statements best describes Lesotho?

- A. It is a landlocked country located in East Africa bordering Kenya and Tanzania.
- B. It is a coastal country in Southern Africa with access to the Indian Ocean.
- C. It is a landlocked country entirely surrounded by South Africa.
- D. It is an island nation in the Indian Ocean known for its volcanic mountains.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Lesotho is a unique country in Southern Africa that is completely landlocked and encircled by South Africa.

Source- [newsonair](#)

**Q4.** With reference to the Kashi Declaration, consider the following statements:

1. The Kashi Declaration was adopted during the Youth Spiritual Summit held under the theme 'Drug-free Youth for Developed India'.
2. The summit was organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in Varanasi.

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:**

- The Kashi Declaration was adopted at the Youth Spiritual Summit under the theme 'Drug-free Youth for Developed India'.
- It was indeed organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports at the Rudraksh International Convention Centre, Varanasi.

Source- [DDnews](#)

**Q5.** With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, consider the following statements:

1. The CAG is appointed by the President for 6 years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier.
2. The CAG can be removed by the President on the same grounds and in the same manner as a Supreme Court judge.
3. After retirement, the CAG can hold further office under the Government of India or any State.
4. The CAG's expenses are charged to the Consolidated Fund of India.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1, 2, and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. All of the above

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:**

- Statements 1, 2, and 4 are correct.
- Statement 3 is incorrect; the CAG is ineligible for further government office after retirement.

Source- [Mint](#)

**Q6.** In the context of the defence, what is 'Tayfun Block-4'?

- a) Aircraft-carrying warship
- b) Missile-carrying submarine
- c) Advanced light helicopter
- d) Hypersonic longest-range ballistic missile

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Tayfun Block-4 is the hypersonic version of the Tayfun missile, which is Turkey's indigenously produced longest-range ballistic missile.

Source: [NDTV](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the TRISHNA mission:

1. It is a joint mission of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and CNES (French National Space Agency).
2. The mission aims to monitor surface temperature, emissivity and radiation variables to understand the earth's energy and water budgets.

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:** The TRISHNA (Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural Resource Assessment) mission is a joint effort between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the French space agency CNES.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The mission aims to monitor surface temperature, emissivity, and other biophysical and radiation variables to understand the Earth's energy and water budgets.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It provides financial assistance to Scheduled Caste (SC) students studying at the post-matriculation or post-secondary stage in India, subject to a parental income ceiling of ₹2.5 lakh per annum.
3. Under the PMS Scheme, scholarships are available for studies inside and outside India, and are implemented exclusively by the Central Government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2 are correct**

**Statements 1 and 2 are correct:** The PMS Scheme is Centrally Sponsored, provides assistance to SC students for studies in India after Class X, and the parental income limit is ₹2.5 lakh per annum.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme is for studies in India only, and it is implemented through State Governments and Union Territory administrations, not exclusively by the Central Government.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Dhruva Policy initiative:

1. The initiative is spearheaded by the Ministry of Education.
2. It is an open-source digital address management system designed to enhance service delivery across sectors including postal, telecom, and broadband.

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 2**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The initiative is spearheaded by the Ministry of Communications.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The initiative is fully India-developed, open-source, and aims to improve service delivery, especially in remote and underserved areas across postal, telecom, and broadband sectors.

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

**Q10.** The Catamarca province, often seen in the news, is located in

- a) Spain
- b) Chile
- c) Russia

d) Argentina

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- KABIL has signed an Exploration and Development Agreement with CAMYEN, a state-owned enterprise of Catamarca province of Argentina for Exploration and mining of Five Lithium Blocks in Argentina.

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

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (24 July)

**Q1.** With reference to Chola Gangam Lake, consider the following statements:

1. It was constructed by Rajendra Chola I at Gangaikondacholapuram to commemorate his conquest of the Gangetic plains.
2. Gangaikondacholapuram was established as the capital of the Chola Empire during the reign of Rajaraja Chola I.

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:** Statement 1 is correct. Rajendra Chola I built the Chola Gangam Lake in Gangaikondacholapuram to commemorate his northern campaign. Statement 2 is incorrect because Gangaikondacholapuram was made the capital by Rajendra Chola I, not Rajaraja Chola I.

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

**Q2.** The Great Ruaha River, recently in news for drying up due to climate change and human mismanagement, is located in which country?

- A. Kenya
- B. Tanzania
- C. Zambia
- D. Ethiopia

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** The Great Ruaha River is one of the major rivers of Tanzania and a key tributary of the Rufiji River, which forms the largest river basin in the country.

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

**Q3.** Consider the following statements regarding the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) released by the Reserve Bank of India:

1. It uses a base year of 2021 to compare financial inclusion progress annually.
2. The index is based on three dimensions: Access, Usage, and Quality, with the highest weightage given to Usage.
3. The FI-Index value ranges between 0 (complete exclusion) to 100 (full inclusion).

**How many of the above statements are correct?**

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

**Answer:** B.

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** – The FI-Index has no base year; it is constructed without any base year.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – It is based on Access (35%), Usage (45%), and Quality (20%), with Usage given the highest weightage.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The index ranges from 0 (complete exclusion) to 100 (full inclusion).

Source- [JE](#)

**Q4.** With reference to UNESCO, consider the following statements:

1. UNESCO is a specialized agency of the United Nations with its headquarters in Geneva.
2. One of its objectives is to promote global peace and security through cooperation in education, science, and culture.
3. The "Man and the Biosphere (MAB)" Programme is one of its key initiatives.

**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.

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** – The headquarters of UNESCO is in Paris, not Geneva.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – UNESCO promotes peace and security through collaboration in education, science, and culture.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme is one of UNESCO's major initiatives focusing on sustainability and conservation.

Source- [FE](#)

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

1. It originates in the Western Ghats region of Karnataka.
2. The river flows through the states of Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.
3. It drains into the Bay of Bengal.

**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.

**Explanation:**

- The Mhadei River originates in Jamboti Ghat, Karnataka, part of the Western Ghats.
- It flows primarily through Goa and Karnataka, with a minor catchment in Maharashtra.

- It drains into the Arabian Sea, not the Bay of Bengal.

Source- [HT](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding the International Court of Justice (ICJ):

1. It is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations and consists of 15 judges elected for nine-year terms by the UN General Assembly and the Security Council.
2. The ICJ's jurisdiction extends to both legal disputes between states and disputes brought by individuals against states.
3. Advisory opinions of the ICJ, requested by UN organs and specialized agencies, are legally binding on states concerned.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The ICJ has 15 judges, elected for nine years by both the UN General Assembly and Security Council, serving as the UN's principal judicial organ.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Only states may be parties to cases before the ICJ; individuals, international organizations, or other entities cannot bring cases directly.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The advisory opinions of the ICJ are not legally binding but carry considerable legal weight and moral authority.

Source: [DD News](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the Vigyan Dhara Scheme:

1. It is centrally sponsored scheme.
2. The scheme aims to strengthen the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) ecosystem in the country.
3. The scheme does not get any budgetary support from the government 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 2**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Vigyan Dhara scheme is a central sector scheme and is being implemented at pan India level.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The primary objective of the Vigyan Dhara scheme is to promote capacity building in science and technology (S&T), as well as to advance research, innovation, and technology development.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme consolidates three key umbrella schemes into one, with an ambitious budget of Rs. 10,579.84 crore for the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26, aligning with the 15th Finance Commission.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q8.** With respect to the Siddi tribe, consider the following statements:

1. It is included in the list of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) by the Indian government.

2. The traditional folk dance *dhamaal* is performed by these people.

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 correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** In India, the Union government in 2003, classified Siddis under the list of Scheduled Tribes. They are also included in the Centre's list of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Siddis are known for their folk music and dances, such as Dhamal and Rasda, with men performing the Dhamal dance.

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

**Q9.** The Amur region, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) China
- b) Mongolia
- c) Kyrgyzstan
- d) Russia

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- An Antonov An-24 passenger plane carrying about 50 people crashed in Russia's far east Amur region bordering China.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the Paika Rebellion:

- 1. This rebellion against the British predated the sepoy mutiny of 1857.
- 2. It was mainly confined to the western coastal parts of India.
- 3. It was led by a former military commander known as Bakshi Jagabandhu.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 3 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Paika Rebellion was a significant armed uprising against British colonial rule that erupted in 1817. The rebellion predated the Revolt of 1857, making it one of the earliest indigenous revolts against the East India Company.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It erupted in the eastern province of Khurda (present-day Odisha).

**Statement 3 is correct:** It was led by the Paikas, traditional warrior-militia of Odisha, under the leadership of Bakshi Jagabandhu.

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