

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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Q1. Consider the following statements about Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs):

1. NBFCs are registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013.
2. NBFCs can accept demand deposits but cannot issue cheques drawn on themselves.
3. Flipkart has become the first Indian e-commerce platform to receive an NBFC licence from the RBI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 3 only
- B) 1, 2 and 3 only
- C) 2 only
- D) None of the above

Answer: A) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** NBFCs are registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or 2013.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** NBFCs **cannot accept demand deposits** and cannot issue cheques drawn on themselves.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Flipkart has become the first Indian e-commerce platform to receive an NBFC licence from the RBI.

Source- [CNBC](#)

Q2. Which constitutional provision in India deals with preventive detention?

- A) Article 21
- B) Article 19(1)(d)
- C) Article 22(3)
- D) Article 32

Answer: C) Article 22(3)

Explanation: Article 22(3) of the Indian Constitution empowers the authorities to detain individuals for preventive reasons like maintaining public order or national security.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements in respect of the ICC World Test Championship:

1. The finalists were decided by the number of matches they won.
2. New Zealand was ranked ahead of England because it won more matches than England.

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:

- Statement 1 is incorrect. The finalists of the ICC World Test Championship are decided based on the **percentage of points earned**, not by the number of matches won.
- Statement 2 is incorrect. New Zealand won **fewer matches than England** but had a higher percentage of points, which allowed them to qualify for the final ahead of England.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4: Which of the following Indian cities **are NOT** part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)?

1. Jaipur
2. Kochi
3. Mumbai
4. Varanasi

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 2 only

- C) 2 and 4 only
D) None of the above

Answer: B) 2 only

Explanation: Kochi is **not** listed as a city in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network from India. The Indian cities in the UCCN include Jaipur (Crafts and Folk Arts), Mumbai (Film), Varanasi (Music), among others like Kozhikode and Gwalior recently added.

Source- [FE](#)

Q5. Match the following operations with the countries that launched them:

Operation	Country
A. Operation True Promise 3	1. Iran
B. Operation Rising Lion	2. Israel
C. Operation Sindoor	3. India
D. Operation Spider's Web	4. Ukraine

Codes:

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

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

Explanation:

- **A. Operation True Promise 3** – Iran launched this operation as part of its ongoing missile strikes on Israel in June 2025.
- **B. Operation Rising Lion** – Israel initiated this operation in retaliation against Iranian military infrastructure, particularly nuclear and missile facilities.
- **C. Operation Sindoor** – Launched by India in May 2025 as a precision military strike targeting terrorist camps across the LoC in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).
- **D. Operation Spider's Web** – A Ukrainian drone offensive deep inside Russian territory conducted on June 1, 2025, showcasing Kyiv's expanding strike capabilities.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the PM-WANI:

1. It aims to expand broadband access through Public Wi-Fi networks across India.
 2. To encourage widespread participation, a very small license or registration fee is required for the Public Data Offices (PDOs) and PDO Aggregators (PDOAs).
 3. It supports the goals of the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018.
- 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 PM-WANI (Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) framework, approved by the Union Cabinet on 9th December 2020, aims to expand broadband access through Public Wi-Fi networks across India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The framework includes components such as Public Data Offices (PDOs), PDO Aggregators (PDOAs), App Providers, and a Central Registry maintained by C-DOT. To encourage widespread participation, no license or registration fee is required for PDOs and PDOAs.

Statement 3 is correct: It supports the goals of the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018 by enabling a robust digital infrastructure.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the plants of portulaca genus:

1. There is no endemic species of portulaca found in India.
2. These are succulent plants known for their water-storing tissues.
3. They are primarily found in temperate and alpine regions.

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: In India, **11 species** are currently known, including **four endemics**, mostly distributed in **dry and semi-arid habitats**.

Statement 2 is correct: These **succulent plants** are known for their toughness, **water-storing tissues**, and adaptation to extreme environments.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The genus Portulaca currently comprises about 153 species worldwide, primarily found in **tropical and subtropical regions**.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Bonn Climate Change Conference:

1. It is an annual meeting that takes place under the aegis of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
2. The conference takes place to discuss technical and scientific aspects of climate negotiations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both Statements are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Bonn Climate Change Conference is an annual mid-year meeting that takes place under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) — an international agreement, signed in 1992, that has provided a basis for climate negotiations. Along with the annual Conference of the Parties (COP), it is the only other regular climate summit hosted by the UNFCCC.

Statement 2 is correct: Objective: The conference takes place to discuss **technical and scientific aspects of climate negotiations**, and set the **agenda for COP**, which usually takes place in November.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Rinderpest disease:

1. It is caused by virus.
2. It is also known as the cattle plague.
3. This disease is one of the biggest reasons for most of the animal deaths across the world today.

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: Rinderpest is caused by the rinderpest virus, a Morbillivirus within the Paramyxoviridae family.

Statement 2 is correct: Cattle plague, also known as rinderpest, was a highly contagious and devastating viral disease of cloven-hoofed animals, primarily cattle and buffalo.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Rinderpest, once known as “cattle plague,” was one of the most destructive livestock diseases in history before its global **eradication in 2011**. So, no more casualties due to this disease taking place today.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the SIPRI yearbook 2025, consider the following statements:

1. As per the report, Russia and U.S.A. both possess more nuclear warheads than that of China.
2. India has more nuclear warheads than Pakistan and China.

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 SIPRI report says that Russia and the US have the largest military stockpile of the nine nuclear forces at 5,459 and 5,177, respectively, including retired warheads. China has 600 nuclear warheads as of January 2025.

Statement 2 is incorrect: India has more nuclear warheads than Pakistan, while China has over three times more warheads than what India has. As per the SIPRI yearbook 2025, India has 180 nuclear stored warheads as of January 2025, while Pakistan has an estimated 170. China has 600 nuclear warheads as of January 2025.

Source: [IE](#)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

1. FATF was established by the G20 in 1989 to combat terrorist financing.
2. India is a member of FATF.
3. The Secretariat of FATF is located in Geneva under the World Bank.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- [A] 2 only
[B] 1 and 3 only
[C] 2 and 3 only
[D] 1, 2, and 3

Answer: [A] 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** FATF was established by the G7 in 1989 to combat money laundering. The mandate was expanded to include terrorist financing in 2001.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India became a member in 2010.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Secretariat is located at the OECD Headquarters in Paris, not in Geneva and not under the World Bank.

Source- [AIR](#)

Q2. Which of the following statements best defines the objective of a Switch Auction conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- [A] To increase liquidity in the banking system by purchasing government securities from commercial banks.
[B] To manage the maturity profile of public debt by replacing short-term securities with longer-term ones.

- [C] To reduce the fiscal deficit by cancelling high-interest government bonds.
[D] To raise fresh capital for infrastructure projects through sovereign bond sales.

Answer: [B]

Explanation: A Switch Auction, initiated by the RBI in 2019 on behalf of the Government of India, aims to restructure public debt by exchanging shorter-tenure government securities with longer-dated securities. This helps in smoothing the redemption pressure and ensures better cash flow management for the government.

Source- [ET](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Kali Tiger Reserve:

1. Kali Tiger Reserve, earlier known as Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve, is located in the central part of Uttara Kannada district in Karnataka.
2. It shares its northern boundary with Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.

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] Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Kali Tiger Reserve, previously known as Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve, lies in the central portion of Uttara Kannada (North Canara) district in Karnataka.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The reserve shares its northern boundary with Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka, which forms part of a larger ecological corridor that links to Radhanagari and Koyna Wildlife Sanctuaries in Maharashtra.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki, recently seen in the news due to a volcanic eruption, is located in which of the following countries?

- [A] Philippines
[B] Indonesia
[C] Papua New Guinea
[D] Japan

Answer: [B]

Explanation: Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki is a stratovolcano located on Flores Island in the East Nusa Tenggara province of Indonesia. It recently erupted, spewing an ash plume up to 11 kilometers high, bringing it into global news coverage.

Source- [HT](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding crocodilian conservation in India:

1. Odisha is the only Indian state with wild populations of all three native crocodilian species—Gharial, Mugger crocodile, and Saltwater crocodile.
2. Crocodiles are diurnal (active during the day) and homeothermic, allowing them to regulate body temperature internally.

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] 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Odisha is indeed the only Indian state that supports wild populations of all three native crocodilian species—**Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*)**, **Mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*)**, and **Saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*)**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Crocodiles are **nocturnal** and **poikilothermic** (ectothermic or cold-blooded), which means they depend on external sources to regulate their body temperature rather than regulating it internally as homeothermic animals do.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

1. Austria
2. Montenegro
3. Serbia
4. Albania
5. Slovenia
6. Hungary

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- It borders **Slovenia** to the northwest, **Hungary** to the northeast, **Serbia** to the east, Bosnia and Herzegovina and **Montenegro** to the southeast, and shares a maritime border with Italy to the west. Austria and Albania don't share a land border with Croatia.

Source: [DDNews](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about hydraulic systems:

1. They work on the principle of Newton's 2nd law of motion.
2. In a hydraulic system, pressure is created by applying force to a fluid and it is subsequently transmitted equally in all directions.
3. They have high power to weight ratio as compared to mechanical systems.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: A hydraulics system is based on the simple principle of **Pascal's law**, named for the 17th century French scientist Blaise Pascal.

Statement 2 is correct: In a hydraulic system, pressure is created by applying **force to a fluid** and it is subsequently **transmitted equally in all directions**, a small force applied over a small area can create a much larger force over a larger area.

Statement 3 is correct: Advantages: Hydraulics have many advantages **over mechanical methods** of transmitting energy.

- The principal ones are **smooth movements, high power to weight ratio, better heat dissipation, smooth controls, and higher precision.**

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the Godel Prize, consider the following statements:

1. It is given for outstanding papers in the area of space technology.
2. The prize money for this award is equal to what a Nobel Prize winner in Physics receives.

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3. The Prize is named in honor of a mathematician famous for his "P versus NP" question.

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 Gödel Prize is given **annually** for **outstanding papers in the area of theoretical computer science**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Prize money: The Prize includes an **award of \$5000 (US)** – much less than given for the Nobel Prize in Physics.

Statement 3 is correct: The Prize is named in honor of **Kurt Gödel** in recognition of his major **contributions to mathematical logic**, which has become the famous **"P versus NP" question**.

Source: [India Today](#)

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

- 1. The northeastern section of the park forms the international boundary of India and Tibet (China).
- 2. It forms a continuous landscape along with the Govind National Park in the west and Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary in the south.
- 3. The Satopanth peak is one of the many peaks located in the Park.

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 northeastern section of the Gangotri National Park forms the international boundary of India and Tibet (China).

Statement 2 is correct: It forms a **continuous landscape** along with the **Govind National Park** in the west and **Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary** in the south.

Statement 3 is correct: Peaks: It includes iconic peaks like **Chaukhamba I-III, Satopanth, and Kedarnath Main**.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. With reference to the BHASHINI platform, consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims to promote digital inclusion by providing language translation services across various Indian languages.
- 2. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is responsible for the BHASHINI platform in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: Bhashini, also known as the BHASHA Interface for India, is a Government of India initiative under the Digital India program, aiming to bridge language barriers and promote digital inclusion by providing language translation services across various Indian languages.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is responsible for the BHASHINI platform in India.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q1. With reference to the political and geographical features of Iran, consider the following statements:

1. Iran shares a border with both Afghanistan and Azerbaijan.
2. The Caspian Sea lies to the south of Iran.
3. The Zagros and Alborz mountain ranges are prominent landforms in Iran.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- [A] 1 and 2 only
[B] 1 and 3 only
[C] 2 and 3 only
[D] 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: [B] 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – Iran shares land borders with both Afghanistan (East) and Azerbaijan (North).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – The Caspian Sea lies to the north of Iran, not the south.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The Zagros Mountains run along western Iran, while the Alborz Mountains lie in the north.

Source- [BBC](#)

Q2. With reference to the Dhansiri River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates from Laisang Peak in Nagaland.
2. It forms part of the boundary between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
3. The river flows near Intangki National Park and Dhansiri Reserved Forest.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- [A] 1 and 3 only
[B] 2 and 3 only
[C] 1 and 2 only
[D] 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: [A] 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – The Dhansiri River originates from Laisang Peak in Nagaland.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – It forms a boundary between Nagaland and Karbi Anglong (Assam), not Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The river flows near Intangki National Park and Dhansiri Reserved Forest, supporting important wildlife habitats.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. With reference to Croatia, consider the following statements:

1. It shares a maritime border with Italy and lies along the Adriatic Sea.
2. Croatia is a parliamentary republic with both a president as head of state and a prime minister as head of government.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: [C]

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – Croatia borders the Adriatic Sea and shares a maritime border with Italy.

- **Statement 2 is correct** – Croatia is a parliamentary republic, with a prime minister as the head of government and a president as the head of state.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Which operation was recently launched by the Government of India to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran?

- [A] Operation Ganga
- [B] Operation Sindhu
- [C] Operation Ajay
- [D] Operation Kaveri

Correct Answer: [B] Operation Sindhu

Explanation:

- **Operation Sindhu** was launched by India's Ministry of External Affairs on **June 18, 2025** to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in conflict-affected Iran.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to Indian Standard Time (IST), consider the following statements:

1. IST is set at UTC +5:30 and is based on the 82.5° E longitude passing through Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh.
2. India observes daylight saving time during summer months to adjust for seasonal variation.
3. The IST meridian passes through five Indian states including Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
4. Sri Lanka also follows the same time offset as India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: [A] 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – IST is based on 82.5° E longitude, which passes near Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – India does not observe daylight saving time; IST remains constant throughout the year.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The IST meridian passes through Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh.
- **Statement 4 is correct** – Sri Lanka uses the same UTC+5:30 offset as India.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Which one of the following has released the Performance Grade Index 2.0 (PGI 2.0) report?

- a) Union Ministry of Education
- b) NGO PRATHAM
- c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- d) Niti Aayog

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 Report is an assessment of school education across States and Union Territories (UTs) on a scale of 1,000 points. It is released by the Ministry of Education.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the World Team Blitz Championships, 2025:

1. Teams participating in the championship can be made of members of different federations.
2. Each team must have one female player at least.
3. The 2025 edition of the Championship is being held in New Delhi.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statement 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The event is open to teams from all over the world. Teams can be made of club members, members of different federations or any other chess players.

Statement 2 is correct: Team composition: Each team shall be composed in accordance with the following requirements: At least six and not more than nine players, including at least one female player.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The 2025 FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Team Championships take place in London, United Kingdom, between June 10 and 16, 2025.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Cook Island:

- 1. It is located in the Indian Ocean.
- 2. All the comprising islands of the Cook Island are volcanic in nature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Both Statements are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Cook Islands is a self-governing island country in free association with New Zealand, located in the South Pacific Ocean, roughly halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand, and northeast of New Zealand between French Polynesia and Fiji.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The nation comprises 15 islands divided into two groups: the Northern Cook Islands (mainly low-lying coral atolls) and the Southern Cook Islands (larger, volcanic islands).

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Sickle Cell Disease (SCD):

- 1. The SCD can be inherited from both the parents to the child.
- 2. It is a type of blood disorders characterized by the production of abnormal haemoglobin.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both Statements are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Genetic Origin: Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is inherited from both parents through a genetic mutation affecting hemoglobin.

Statement 2 is correct: Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is a group of inherited blood disorders characterized by the production of abnormal hemoglobin (hemoglobin S), which causes red blood cells to become rigid, sticky, and shaped like a sickle or crescent instead of the normal round shape.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the landmines treaty, consider the following statements:

1. It is also known as the Oslo Convention.
2. It mandates the destruction of existing stockpiles and the clearance of mined areas.
3. All the Baltic countries have approved (through Parliaments) the withdrawal from the treaty recently.

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: It is also known as the Ottawa Convention. The treaty was finalized in 1997 in Oslo and opened for signature in Ottawa, Canada, hence its name. It entered into force on March 1, 1999.

Statement 2 is correct: It is an international treaty that prohibits the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel landmines. It also mandates the destruction of existing stockpiles and the clearance of mined areas.

Statement 3 is correct: The parliaments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have already approved the withdrawal from the treaty.

Source: [DDNews](#)

Q1. Which of the following statements best describes the term 'Reverse Flipping' in the context of Indian startups?

- [A] It refers to the practice of startups relocating their operations from smaller towns to major metropolitan cities to access better infrastructure.
- [B] It denotes the process where startups shift their ownership and operations from Indian jurisdiction to foreign countries for better funding opportunities.
- [C] It refers to the practice where startups that had earlier moved their base to foreign countries return to their home country by shifting their domicile back.
- [D] It is a strategy used by venture capital firms to exit from loss-making startups by selling them back to their founders.

Correct Answer: [C]

Explanation- Reverse Flipping refers to the practice where startups that had earlier moved their base to foreign countries return to their home country by shifting their domicile back.

Source- [BS](#)

Q2. Match the following evacuation operations launched by India with their respective locations and contexts:

List I (Operation) List II (Context)

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| A. Operation Kaveri | 1. Evacuation during the Israel– Hamas conflict |
| B. Operation Ajay | 2. Evacuation during the Russia–Ukraine war |
| C. Operation Ganga | 3. Evacuation during military clashes in Sudan |
| D. Operation Sindhu | 4. Evacuation of Indian nationals from Iran via Armenia due to tensions with Israel-USA |

Select the correct option:

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

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

Explanation:

- **Operation Kaveri (2023):** Launched by India to evacuate its citizens from **Sudan**, where violent clashes erupted between rival military factions.
- **Operation Ajay (2023):** Initiated to rescue Indian nationals from **Israel** during the **Israel-Hamas conflict** that escalated in October 2023.
- **Operation Ganga (2022):** A large-scale mission during the **Russia-Ukraine war** to bring back Indian students and nationals stranded in Ukraine.
- **Operation Sindhu (2025):** Recently announced to evacuate Indians from **Iran** via **Armenia**, amid rising geopolitical tensions and the threat of a potential **Israeli-American military strike**.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding FASTag technology:

1. FASTag uses Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to enable automatic toll payments while the vehicle is in motion.
2. It was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) under the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) program.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:** Correct. FASTag allows vehicles to pass through toll plazas without stopping, using RFID technology for automatic deduction of toll fees.
- **Statement 2:** Correct. FASTag was developed by NPCI under the NETC program, enabling electronic toll collection on national highways and other roads.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. With reference to the Three Language Formula in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Three Language Formula was introduced in the National Education Policy (NEP) 1968 based on the recommendations of the Kothari Commission.
2. The formula mandates the study of the mother tongue or regional language, Hindi as the official language, and one modern Indian or European language.
3. Article 351 of the Constitution directs the state to provide instruction in the mother tongue at the primary stage for linguistic minorities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1:** Correct. The Three Language Formula was first introduced in the National Education Policy (NEP) 1968, following the Kothari Commission's recommendations to promote national integration and multilingual proficiency.

- Statement 2: Correct : The formula broadly promotes learning three languages:
 - The mother tongue or regional language
 - The official language (typically Hindi)
 - One modern Indian or European language (such as English or another Indian language)
- Statement 3: Incorrect Article 350A — not Article 351 — deals with the provision of primary education in the mother tongue for linguistic minorities.

Source- [HT](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) Scheme:

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct** SMILE scheme was launched in 2022 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- **Statement 2: Correct** It is a Central Sector Scheme.

Source- [HT](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Green India Mission (GIM):

1. It is one of the eight missions under India's National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) launched in year 2014.
2. It takes 'micro-ecosystem' approach in area and landscape-specific restoration activities in different ecosystems.
3. It targets to increase forest and tree cover on 5 million hectares and improve the quality of forest cover on another 5 million hectares.

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: Green India Mission (GIM) was rolled out in 2014 as one of the eight missions under India's National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).

Statement 2 is incorrect: The GIM is criticised for taking a plantation-centered approach.

Statement 3 is correct: Objective: Its objective was to increase forest and tree cover on 5 million hectares and improve the quality of forest cover on another 5 million hectares.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following pairs:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites Locations

1. Charaideo Maidam Gujarat
2. Pattadakal Karnataka
3. Dholavira Punjab

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Pair 2 is matched correctly

Some of the iconic locations hosting the Yoga Day celebrations include:

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as **Charaideo Maidam (Assam)**, Rani Ki Vav & **Dholavira (Gujarat)**, Hampi and **Pattadakal (Karnataka)**, Khajuraho Group of Monuments and Sanchi Stupa (Madhya Pradesh), Sun Temple at Konark (Odisha), Elephanta Caves (Maharashtra), and the Brihadisvara Temple at Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu).

Source: PIB

Q8. With reference to the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
2. The Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary makes an important part of this reserve.
3. It is bordered by the Mohana River to the north and the Sharda River to the south.

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: Dudhwa Tiger Reserve is a prominent protected area located in the Terai region of Uttar Pradesh, India, primarily spanning the Lakhimpur Kheri and Bahraich districts along the Indo-Nepal border.

Statement 2 is correct: The reserve comprises three main components: Dudhwa National Park, Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary, and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary.

Statement 3 is correct: It is bordered by the Mohana River to the north and the Sharda River to the south, with the Gerwa River flowing through Katarniaghat.

Source: PIB

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Georgia
2. Azerbaijan
3. Turkey
4. Iran
5. Iraq
6. Russia

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Armenia's neighboring countries are: Turkey to the west, Georgia to the north, Azerbaijan to the east, and Iran to the south.

Source: Tol

Q10. Consider the following statements about the The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI):

1. It is a statutory organisation.
2. It works under aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

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 National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is a not-for-profit organization set up in 1996. The NIXI was set up to work towards peering of ISPs for the purpose of routing domestic internet traffic within the country, resulting in better quality of service and reduced bandwidth charges.

Statement 2 is correct: It was established in 2003 under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

Source: [DDNews](#)

Q1. The "Energy Transition Index (ETI), 2025" was recently released by which of the following organizations?

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

Answer: C. World Economic Forum (WEF)

Explanation- World Economic Forum (WEF) has recently released Energy Transition Index (ETI), 2025.

Source- [WEF](#)

Q2. With reference to the Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub Portal, consider the following statements:

- 1. It was launched by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- 2. The portal enables stakeholders to submit proposals for gender budgeting training and capacity building programmes.
- 3. India adopted its first gender budget in the year 2010–11.

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 Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub Portal was launched by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development during the National Consultation on Gender Budgeting.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The portal provides a centralized repository of policy tools and also features an online application system for submitting proposals related to gender budgeting training and capacity building.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** India adopted its **first gender budget in 2005–06**, not 2010–11.

Source- [PTI](#)

Q3. With reference to the QS World University Rankings 2026, consider the following statements:

- 1. India is the fourth most represented country in the rankings, with 54 universities featured.
- 2. IIT Bombay is India's top-ranked institution, placed at 123rd globally.

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.** India has 54 universities in the QS World University Rankings 2026, making it the fourth most represented country, after the US, the UK, and China.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** IIT Delhi, not IIT Bombay, is India's top-ranked institution, placed 123rd globally, improving from 150th in 2025.

Source- [newsonair](#)

Q4. Which of the following wildlife sanctuaries is correctly described by the following description?

It is located in the Sharavathi River Valley of Sagar taluk in Shivamogga district, Karnataka. It forms part of the Western Ghats, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and shares its southwestern boundary with the Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary.

- (a) Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Sharavathi Lion-Tailed Macaque Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Kudremukh Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: (b) Sharavathi Lion-Tailed Macaque Wildlife Sanctuary

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Which of the following countries is *not* a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

- A. Iran
- B. Belarus
- C. Turkmenistan
- D. Uzbekistan

Correct Answer: C. Turkmenistan

Explanation:

- **SCO Members (as of 2024):** China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Iran, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
- **Turkmenistan** is not a member; it follows a policy of permanent neutrality and is not part of the SCO.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The World Investment Report 2025 is released by

- a) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- b) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- c) World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- d) World Bank

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The World Investment Report 2025, released recently by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), highlights critical trends in global foreign direct investment (FDI).

Source: [UNCTAD](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the BSNL Quantum 5G FWA:

- 1. It offers high-speed internet without physical fibre using 5G radio waves.
- 2. BSNL becomes India's first telecom operator offering a production-grade SIM-less 5G service.

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: Quantum 5G FWA is a Fixed Wireless Access solution by BSNL that offers high-speed internet without physical fibre, using 5G radio waves and SIM-less architecture.

Statement 2 is correct: SIM-less architecture: built on BSNL's Direct-to-Device platform so the customer's CPE auto-authenticates—no physical SIM required. BSNL is the first Indian operator to showcase a production-grade SIM-less 5G service.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Fordow nuclear facility, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Iran
- b) Pakistan
- c) China
- d) Russia

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Fordow nuclear facility in Iran is back in focus amid escalating Israel-Iran tensions, with reports highlighting that only the US GBU-57 bunker buster bomb could potentially destroy the fortified site.

Source: [BS](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority:

1. It is the statutory regulatory body responsible for overseeing, promoting, and developing the pension sector in India.
2. It regulates both the National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana.

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: The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) is the statutory regulatory body responsible for overseeing, promoting, and developing the pension sector in India. Established initially as an interim authority in 2003, it became a statutory body with the enactment of the PFRDA Act in 2013, and its implementation was notified in 2014.

Statement 2 is correct: PFRDA regulates the National Pension System (NPS) and other pension schemes, ensuring their orderly growth and smooth operation for government, private sector, and unorganized sector employees.

Source: [BS](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the International Day of Yoga:

1. The United Nations General Assembly declared June 21 as International Day of Yoga in 2015, which also marked the first global celebration of the day.
2. The date, June 21, was chosen for being the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, symbolizing light and vitality in Indian tradition.
3. The theme for the 11th International Day of Yoga in 2025 is "Yoga for Self and Society," emphasizing the connection between individual well-being and community health.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

Statement 1 is incorrect: The UN declared June 21 as International Day of Yoga in December 2014, and the first celebration was in 2015.

Statement 2 is correct: June 21 was chosen as it is the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere, significant in Indian tradition.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The 2025 theme is “Yoga for One Earth, One Health,” not “Yoga for Self and Society”.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q1. With reference to India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), consider the following statements:

1. IPPB is a 100% government-owned entity under the Ministry of Finance.
2. Payments banks can accept deposits up to Rs. 2 lakh but are not allowed to provide loans or issue credit cards.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** IPPB is a 100% government-owned payments bank under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, not the Ministry of Finance.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Payments banks can accept deposits (currently up to Rs. 2 lakh) but cannot offer loans or issue credit cards.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. With reference to the Ottawa Convention, consider the following statements:

1. The Convention aims to eliminate anti-personnel landmines by promoting mine clearance, destruction of stockpiles, and assistance to victims.
2. India is a signatory to the Ottawa Convention and has ratified it.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Ottawa Convention, also known as the Mine Ban Treaty, seeks to eliminate anti-personnel landmines globally by encouraging states to clear existing mines, destroy stockpiles, and provide victim assistance.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India is not a signatory to the Ottawa Convention, citing security concerns due to its long and difficult borders.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q3. With reference to India's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV), consider the following statements:

1. SSLV is a three-stage solid-propellant rocket.
2. SSLV is designed to launch satellites weighing up to 500 kg into a 500 km planar orbit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The SSLV is a three-stage solid-propellant rocket.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** SSLV is designed to launch payloads up to 500 kg into a 500 km planar orbit, offering low cost, quick turnaround, and multi-satellite accommodation capabilities.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved Lenacapavir. For which disease is this drug indicated?

- a) Tuberculosis
- b) Malaria
- c) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- d) Hepatitis C

Answer: c) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Explanation: Lenacapavir is an injectable medication developed by Gilead Sciences. It has been approved by the FDA under the brand name Yeztugo as a pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV-1 in adults and adolescents weighing at least 35 kg.

Source- [IE](#)

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

1. It originates in Jharkhand and ultimately drains into the Bay of Bengal.
2. The river flows through a copper-mining region and descends from the Chota Nagpur Plateau via the Hundrugbagh waterfall.
3. The Kharkai and Kanchi rivers are its left-bank tributaries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Subarnarekha originates near Nagri village in Ranchi district, Jharkhand, and flows into the Bay of Bengal.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It flows through a copper-mining region and leaves the Chota Nagpur Plateau via the Hundrugbagh waterfall.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Kharkai, Kanchi, and Karkari are right-bank tributaries, not left-bank.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC):

1. The AMOC is responsible for transporting warm, less saline water southward at the surface and cold, saltier water northward at depth.
2. Severe weakening of the AMOC could accelerate sea level rise along the eastern coast of North America.

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 AMOC transports warm, salty water northward at the surface and cold, salty water southward at depth.

Statement 2 is correct: Weakening of the AMOC is projected to accelerate sea level rise along the eastern coast of North America.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding INS Tamal:

1. It is a stealth multi-role frigate of Tushil Class to be commissioned into Indian Navy.
2. It is manufactured at the Mazgaon Dockyard in India.
3. Its name is inspired from a historical maratha Fort in maharashtra.

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: Tamal is the **second ship of the Tushil Class**, which are the upgraded versions of their predecessors, Talwar and Teg classes having three ships each.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Tamal has been built at **Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad**, Russia, and is the last warship to be inducted from a foreign source, in line with the Government of India's impetus on Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The ship's name, **Tamal**, symbolises the mythical sword used for combat by **Indra - the King of the gods**.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Zonal Councils of India:

1. The recommendations of Zonal Councils are binding on both the Centre and the states concerned.
2. The Union Home Minister acts as the Chairman of all five Zonal Councils, while the Chief Ministers of the member states serve as Vice-Chairman by rotation.
3. The North Eastern Council is a statutory body created under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 and is included as one of the Zonal Councils.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Only Statement 2 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: Zonal Councils are advisory and deliberative bodies; their recommendations are not binding.

Statement 2 is correct: The Union Home Minister is the Chairman of all Zonal Councils, and Chief Ministers serve as Vice-Chairman by rotation.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The North Eastern Council is a separate statutory body created under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971, not under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, and is not one of the five Zonal Councils.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. The State and Trends of Carbon Pricing, 2025 report is released by

- a) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- b) World Bank
- c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- d) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The World Bank's "State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2025" report highlights a significant expansion in carbon pricing mechanisms, covering roughly 28% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Estimates Committee of Parliament of India:

1. It consists of members from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, elected annually by proportional representation.
2. The Chairman of the Estimates Committee is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha.
3. It can examine public sector undertakings allotted to the Committee on Public Undertakings.

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 Estimates Committee consists only of members from Lok Sabha, not Rajya Sabha.

Statement 2 is correct: The Chairman is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha and is invariably from the ruling party.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Estimates Committee does not examine public sector undertakings allotted to the Committee on Public Undertakings.

Source: [PIB](#)