

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (9 August)

Q1. With reference to virgin polymers, consider the following statements:

1. They are produced directly from raw petrochemical feedstocks such as natural gas or crude oil.
2. They include plastics like polyethylene, polypropylene, and polycarbonate.
3. They are made entirely from recycled plastic waste.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – Virgin polymers are made directly from petrochemical feedstocks.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – Examples include PE, PP, PET, PS, and PC.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** – They are not made from recycled material; they are new and unused.

Source- [ET](#)

Q2. With reference to the eligibility criteria for a Small Finance Bank (SFB) to transition into a Universal Bank in India, consider the following statements:

1. The SFB must have Scheduled Bank status for at least five years.
2. The shares of the bank must be listed on a recognised stock exchange.
3. The bank's net worth must be at least Rs. 1,000 crore.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – Scheduled status for a minimum of five years is mandatory.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – Shares must be listed on a recognised stock exchange.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – Minimum net worth requirement is Rs.1,000 crore.

Source- [ET](#)

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

1. All species of starfish can regenerate their lost arms.
2. They lack blood and use a water vascular system for nutrient and oxygen transport.

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:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** – Most, but not all, starfish species can regenerate lost arms.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – Starfish lack blood and transport nutrients and oxygen via seawater in their water vascular system.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding customs duties:

1. Ad valorem duty is levied as a fixed percentage of the value of goods or services imported.
2. Specific duty is levied as a fixed amount per unit of goods, irrespective of their value.
3. Ad valorem duty is charged based on the weight or volume of goods.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** — Ad valorem duty is calculated as a percentage of the value of goods or services.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — Specific duty is charged as a fixed amount per unit (e.g., per kilogram, per litre), regardless of value.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect** — Ad valorem duty is not based on weight or volume; that is characteristic of specific duty.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following awards and honours:

1. Ramon Magsaysay Award
2. First World Food Prize
3. UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal
4. Bharat Ratna

How many of the above awards were conferred on M.S. Swaminathan?

- A) Only two
- B) Only three
- C) All four
- D) None

Answer: C

Explanation- M.S. Swaminathan received all the mentioned awards in recognition of his outstanding contributions to agriculture, food security, and sustainable development. Notably, he was posthumously conferred the Bharat Ratna in 2024, India's highest civilian honour.

Source- [PMIndia](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the MERITE Scheme:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It comes with partial World Bank funding, aiming to enhance quality, equity, and governance in technical education across all states and union territories in India.
3. Only private engineering institutions are eligible to receive funding and support under the MERITE Scheme.

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 only

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: The MERITE Scheme is a centrally-funded initiative, partially supported by the World Bank, covering government and government-aided technical institutions and focusing on multidisciplinary and industry-relevant education.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The private engineering institutions are not the primary beneficiaries; the scheme targets government and government-aided technical institutes.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the CATCH Grant Program:

1. The CATCH Grant Program provides milestone-based funding of up to ₹50 lakh per project to joint teams of technology innovators and clinical institutions for developing and piloting AI solutions in cancer care.
2. Only public sector hospitals are eligible to apply for the CATCH Grant Program.

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The program offers up to ₹50 lakh per project for piloting AI-enabled innovations in oncology by collaborative teams of technology and clinical partners.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The program is open to startups, health technology companies, academic institutions, and both public and private hospitals.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Kakori Rail Conspiracy of 1925:

1. The Kakori conspiracy was organized by members of the Hindustan Republican Association to rob government money from a train near Lucknow for funding revolutionary activities against British rule.
2. All the leaders involved in the conspiracy, including Chandrashekhar Azad, were captured and executed by the British authorities after the incident.

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The conspiracy was planned and executed by the Hindustan Republican Association to fund the revolutionary movement by looting government treasury transported by train. **Statement 2 is incorrect:** While several key leaders (like Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah Khan, Rajendra Lahiri, Thakur Roshan Singh) were executed, Chandrashekhar Azad evaded capture and continued revolutionary activities.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Which two water bodies are connected by the Dardanelles Strait?

- a) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea
- b) Aegean Sea and Sea of Marmara
- c) Black Sea and Caspian Sea
- d) Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal

Answer: B

Explanation: Aegean Sea and Sea of Marmara

Source: [MSN](#)

Q10. The Food Price Index (FFPI) is released by

- a) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- b) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- c) World Bank
- d) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer: B

Explanation: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- The FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) is a monthly measure of the international prices of a basket of food commodities such as cereals, vegetable oils, dairy products, meat, and sugar. It is published by the Food and Agriculture Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations.

Source: [FAO](#)

Daily 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (11 August)

Q1. With reference to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), consider the following statements:

- 1. It was established in 1967 through the Bangkok Declaration.
- 2. Its headquarters is located in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 3. India is one of its founding members.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct. India is not a founding member of ASEAN; the founding members are Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Asiatic lions:

- 1. Asiatic lions are larger than African lions.
- 2. They are listed as Vulnerable in the IUCN Red List.
- 3. The Gir Forest is the only natural habitat of Asiatic lions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Asiatic lions are slightly smaller, not larger, than African lions.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** IUCN status is Vulnerable.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Gir Forest and surrounding areas in Gujarat are their only natural habitat.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the Sea of Galilee, consider the following statements:

1. It is a large freshwater lake located in Israel.
2. It is primarily fed by the Jordan River.

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:

- The Sea of Galilee is a large freshwater lake in northeastern Israel.
- Its main inflow comes from the Jordan River, which also drains it to the south.

Source- [Wion](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements about mRNA vaccines:

1. These vaccines contain weakened or inactivated pathogens.
2. mRNA vaccines instruct cells to produce a viral protein that triggers an immune response.
3. The Serum Institute of India produced the COVID-19 vaccine named Covishield using the mRNA platform.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect;** mRNA vaccines do not contain weakened or inactivated pathogens.
- **Statement 2 is correct;** mRNA vaccines use messenger RNA to instruct cells to produce a viral protein that triggers immunity.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect;** Covishield is produced using a viral vector platform, not an mRNA platform.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to the SHINE Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. The initiative aims to ignite scientific curiosity and inspire students to pursue careers in health and biomedical research.
2. It is a nationwide outreach program started by the NITI Aayog.

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.
- Statement 2 is incorrect because the SHINE Initiative is started by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), not NITI Aayog.

Source- [ET](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the World Food Price Index (FFPI):

1. The Index is released by the World Food Programme (WFP).
2. Fiscal year 2021-22 is taken as the base year for preparing the Index.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Both are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: The World Food Price Index (FPI) is a food price index by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Base period: 2014-2016 is taken to prepare the Index.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Project Elephant:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. The Project started along with the Project Tiger by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
3. The Singhbhum Elephant Reserve in Chhattisgarh was the first elephant reserve to be notified in India as part of Project Elephant.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only 1

Statement 1 is correct: The Government of India launched the "Project Elephant" in 1991-92 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Project Elephant was launched in 1991-92 while Project Tiger was launched in 1971.

Statement 3 is correct: The Singhbhum Elephant Reserve in **Jharkhand** was indeed the first elephant reserve to be notified in India, established in 2001, as part of Project Elephant, which was launched by the central government in 1992.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The Colorado River, seen in the news recently, falls into

- a) The Gulf of Mexico
- b) The Carrabean Sea
- c) The Gulf of Bothnia
- d) The Gulf of California

Answer: D

Explanation: The Gulf of California

- Colorado River is a major river of North America. It rises in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, U.S. It flows generally west and south for 1,450 miles (2,330 kilometres) into the Gulf of California in northwestern Mexico.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. This Tiger Reserve is located in Karnataka and acts as a biological bridge between the Western and Eastern Ghats. The reserve is named after the white rocky cliff. The Soliga tribe, an indigenous community, inhabits the reserve and coexists with the diverse wildlife found there, including tigers, elephants, and the four-horned antelope.

Which one of the following tiger reserves is describes in the above paragraph?

- a) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- b) Bhadra Tiger Reserve
- c) Nagarhole Tiger Reserve
- d) Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve (BRT)

Answer: D

Explanation: Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve (BRT)

Source: [DH](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Saudi Arabia
- 2. Israel
- 3. Jordan
- 4. Turkey

How many of the above countries are *not* the part of the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Turkey

Structure of IMEC:

- Eastern Leg – India’s western ports → UAE (sea) → Saudi Arabia, Jordan (rail) → Haifa, Israel (port).
- Western Leg – Haifa → Greece/Italy (sea) → onward into Europe via existing rail network.

Source: [IE](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (12 August)

Q1. Consider the following statements about the Greater One-Horned Rhino:

- 1. It is the largest among the five rhino species.
- 2. It is naturally found in India only.
- 3. It is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List and is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** — The Greater One-Horned Rhino is the largest rhino species.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — It is naturally found in both India and Nepal.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — It is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List and protected under Schedule I of India’s Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Vitthal Rukmini Temple:

1. It is situated in Pandharpur, Maharashtra, on the banks of the Bhima River.
2. The temple is dedicated to Lord Vithoba, a form of Lord Vishnu or Krishna, and his consort Rukmini.
3. It was built by King Vishnuvardhana of the Hoysala Empire.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer- C

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: Located in Pandharpur, Maharashtra, on the banks of the Bhima (Chandrabhaga) River.

Statement 2 is correct: Dedicated to Lord Vithoba (a form of Vishnu/Krishna) and Goddess Rukhmini.

Statement 3 is correct: Built in its present stone form during King Vishnuvardhana's reign (1108–1152 CE) of the Hoysala Empire.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. Match the following Wildlife Sanctuaries with their respective States:

Wildlife Sanctuary	States
A. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary	Gujrat
B. Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary	Haryana
C. Pakke Tiger Reserve	Arunachel Pradesh
D. Colringa Wildlife Sanctuary	Andhra Pradesh

Options:

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

Answer: B

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. The Dardanelles Strait, located in northwestern Turkey, connects which of the following bodies of water?

- A) Mediterranean Sea and Aegean Sea
- B) Aegean Sea and Sea of Marmara
- C) Sea of Marmara and Black Sea
- D) Aegean Sea and Sea of Azov

Answer: B

Explanation- The Dardanelles Strait connects the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara. From the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus Strait further connects to the Black Sea..

Source- [BBC](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):

1. It was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
2. Only adult men from poor households are eligible to apply.
3. The initial target of releasing 8 crore LPG connections was achieved before the original deadline.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – PMUY was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – Only adult **women** from poor households are eligible, not men.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The target of 8 crore LPG connections by March 2020 was achieved early in September 2019.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q6. Which of the following best describes the main purpose of the JATAN initiative of the Ministry of Culture?

- To digitize and provide online access to museum collections and antiquities across India
- To fund archaeological excavations of ancient monuments
- To train museum curators in conservation techniques only
- To build new physical museums in every Indian state

Answer: A

Explanation: To digitize and provide online access to museum collections and antiquities across India.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA):

- It is a campaign addressing substance abuse through prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- It is launched by the Ministry of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals.
- It is implemented in some of high-risk districts in India and yet to be taken nationwide.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

Answer: A

Explanation: Only 1 is correct

Statement 1 is correct: Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) is a nationwide campaign addressing substance abuse through prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. It aims to foster a healthy, disciplined, and drug-free youth population, thereby contributing to the broader goal of national development and social well-being.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Statement 3 is incorrect: It was **initially implemented in 272 high-risk districts**, but it is expanded to encompass **all districts nationwide** now.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to India's first animal stem cell biobank facility, consider the following statements:

- It is a state-of-the-art facility that will store and preserve high-quality stem cells from various animal species.
- The facility is established by the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) working under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: Only 1

Statement 1 is correct: India's First Animal Stem Cell Biobank is a state-of-the-art facility that will store and preserve high-quality stem cells from various animal species.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The facility is set-up at the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) at Hyderabad. The NIAB is a premier institute under the Department of Biotechnology's Biotechnology Research Innovation Council (BRIC).

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Seva Bhoj Yojana:

1. The scheme aims to reimburse the Central Government's share of CGST and IGST on the purchase of raw food items used by charitable/religious institutions for free distribution of food.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Culture.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The scheme reimburses the Central Government's share of CGST and IGST (and also Central share of GST) on purchase of specific raw food items like ghee, rice, atta, pulses, sugar, edible oil used by eligible charitable/religious institutions for free food distribution without discrimination.

Statement 2 is correct: Implemented by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCAEM):

1. The mission aims to eliminate sickle cell anaemia as a public health problem in India by the year 2047.
2. It primarily targets tribal and other high-prevalence districts across the country.
3. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the nodal ministry for its implementation.

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: D

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: NSCAEM, launched in July 2023 by the Prime Minister, aims to eliminate sickle cell anaemia by 2047.

Statement 2 is correct: Focuses on tribal and high-prevalence districts since the disease disproportionately affects certain tribal communities.

Statement 3 is correct: The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the nodal ministry, with convergence from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and state health departments.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (13 August)

Q1. Ulchi Freedom Shield, recently seen in the news, is an annual joint military exercise between:

- A) Japan and the United States
- B) South Korea and the United States
- C) South Korea and Japan
- D) North Korea and China

Answer: B

Explanation- Ulchi Freedom Shield (UFS) is an annual large-scale joint military exercise conducted by South Korea and the United States. It focuses on defensive and deterrence capabilities against potential threats, particularly from North Korea.

Source- [apnews](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI):

1. It is a statutory body.
2. The Commission consists of a Chairperson and three Members.
3. Members of CCI must have at least 15 years of professional experience in fields such as law, economics, trade, finance, management, or public affairs.

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.** CCI is a statutory body under the Competition Act, 2002.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The Commission consists of one Chairperson and six Members, not three.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** Members must have at least 15 years of professional experience in relevant fields like law, economics, trade, finance, management, or public affairs.

Source- [The Print](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH):

1. It is a first-of-its-kind national initiative to benchmark and strengthen state drug regulatory systems.
2. The initiative is proposed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).
3. SHRESTH includes 27 indices for all states, irrespective of their role in manufacturing or distribution of drugs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** SHRESTH aims to benchmark and strengthen state drug regulatory systems.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The initiative was proposed by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), not NPPA.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** SHRESTH has 27 indices for manufacturing states and 23 for primarily distribution states, so not exactly identical for all states.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Etalin Hydroelectric Project:

1. Etalin is a run-of-river hydroelectric project in Assam.
2. The project is located on the Dri and Tangon Rivers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** Etalin is a run-of-river hydroelectric project, but it is located in Arunachal Pradesh, not Assam.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The project is located on the Dri and Tangon Rivers in Arunachal Pradesh's Dibang Valley.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Mahadayi (Mandovi) River:

1. It originates in the Western Ghats at Khanapur, Belagavi district, Karnataka.
2. Important tributaries of the Mandovi River include Sarangi and Mahadayi
3. The basin area of the Mahadayi River is majorly in Goa, followed by Karnataka and Maharashtra.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The Mahadayi River originates at Khanapur in Belagavi district, Karnataka, in the Western Ghats.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** Its significant tributaries include Sarang and Mahadayi.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The basin area distribution is approximately Goa (78%) > Karnataka (18%) > Maharashtra (4%), making Goa the major contributor.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Equator Initiative Award:

1. The Award is being organized by the United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP).
 2. It is given biennially to honour nature-based solutions led by indigenous people and local communities.
- 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 correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Equator Prize is organized by the **Equator Initiative** within the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is presented annually to honour nature-based solutions led by indigenous people and local communities that promote sustainable development and ecological resilience.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Wallacea region, seen in the news recently:

1. It is located in the in eastern Indonesia.
2. The region lies between Borneo and Java and Australia and New Guinea.

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: Wallacea is a region in Eastern Indonesia including several islands such as Sulawesi, Lombok, Flores, Timor, Sumbawa.

Statement 2 is correct: The region lies between Borneo and Java and Australia and New Guinea.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding headline inflation:

1. Headline inflation is a measure of the total inflation within an economy, including all goods and services such as food and energy prices.
2. Headline inflation is less volatile than core inflation because it excludes highly fluctuating prices of food and fuel.
3. In India, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is commonly used to measure headline inflation.

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: C

Explanation: 1 and 3 only

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: Headline inflation reflects the total inflation, including the prices of food and energy, and is typically measured using the CPI in India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The headline inflation is more volatile than core inflation precisely because it includes food and fuel prices, which tend to fluctuate widely.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements:

1. A cess is a form of tax levied by the government on tax with specific purposes.
2. The income tax is kept in the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI), while the revenue coming from cess is credited to the Consolidated Fund.

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: A cess is a form of tax levied by the government on tax with specific purposes till the time the government gets enough money for that purpose.

Statement 2 is correct: While revenue from taxes like income tax is kept in the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI), and the government can use it for any purposes it deems fit, the revenue coming from cess is first credited to the Consolidated Fund, and the government may then, after due appropriation from Parliament, utilise it for the specified purpose.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. The Castile and Leon region, seen in the news for terrible forest fires recently, are located in

- a) Spain
- b) France
- c) U.S.A.
- d) Australia

Answer: A

Explanation: Spain

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (14 August)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding ports in India:

1. Currently India has 10 Major Ports.
2. Mundra Port is the largest privately owned port in India.
3. Visakhapatnam Port is the largest container port in India.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** India currently has 13 Major Ports, not 10.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Mundra Port, in Gujarat, is the largest privately owned port in India.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The largest container port in India is Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra, not Visakhapatnam Port.

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

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID:

1. It is a unique 12-digit ID linking student records to DigiLocker under the 'One Nation, One Student ID' initiative.
2. It covers students of both private and government schools.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) None

Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** APAAR ID provides a unique 12-digit number to students, consolidating their academic records and making them accessible via DigiLocker, in line with the NEP 2020 and the 'One Nation, One Student ID' initiative.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** APAAR ID covers all students from both government and private schools, as well as higher education institutions across India.

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

Q3. The Elders Group, recently seen in news, is:

- A) A UN advisory body on peacekeeping operations.
- B) An independent group of global leaders to promote peace, justice, human rights, and sustainability.
- C) A coalition of retired judges working on international human rights law.
- D) A G20 sub-group on climate and sustainable development.

Answer: B

Explanation: The Elders Group is an independent collective of global leaders, founded by Nelson Mandela in 2007. It works through private diplomacy and public advocacy to address existential threats, foster ethical leadership, and promote peace, justice, human rights, and a sustainable planet.

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

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI):

1. WPI is calculated by the Office of Economic Advisor, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, while CPI is compiled by the National Statistical Office (MoSPI).
2. WPI includes services, whereas CPI does not.
3. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) uses WPI data to control inflation.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** WPI is compiled by the Office of Economic Advisor, MoCI, and CPI by the NSO, MoSPI.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** WPI does not include services; CPI does include services.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The MPC uses CPI data, not WPI, for inflation targeting.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards:

1. OCI confers dual citizenship and political rights in India.
2. OCI registration is not allowed for those who are or had been citizens of Pakistan, Bangladesh, or any other country notified by the Central Government.
3. OCI cardholders enjoy lifelong multiple-entry visa and parity with Non-Resident Indians in economic, financial, and educational fields, except in acquiring agricultural or plantation property.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A) Only 1 and 2
- B) Only 2 and 3
- C) Only 1 and 3
- D) All three

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** OCI does not confer dual citizenship or political rights.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Citizens of Pakistan, Bangladesh, or other notified countries are ineligible.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** OCI cardholders enjoy lifelong multiple-entry visa and parity with NRIs in economic, financial, and educational fields, except for agricultural/plantation property.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Community Forest Rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006:

1. They can be claimed only by Scheduled Tribes residing in forest areas.
2. Gram Sabhas are legally empowered to protect, regenerate, and manage community forest resources.
3. Community forest rights titles are heritable but cannot be sold or transferred to non-community members.

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: B

Explanation: 2 and 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: CFRs can be claimed by both Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers meeting eligibility criteria.

Statement 2 is correct: The FRA empowers Gram Sabhas to conserve and manage community forest resources.

Statement 3 is correct: Titles are heritable but not alienable — they cannot be sold or transferred outside the community.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements:

1. India's first PPP-model Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation will be developed by a consortium led by PixxelSpace India.
2. The consortium's bid involved zero upfront cost to the government, with the entire project funded by private partners.

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

Statement 1 is correct: PixxelSpace India is leading a consortium including PierSight Space, Satsure Analytics, and Dhruva Space for this project under IN-SPACe's PPP model.

Statement 2 is correct: The consortium offered a ₹0 bid, meaning no government funds are required for development; around ₹1,200 crore will be invested privately.

Source: [TNIE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA):

1. The IOAA is an annual global competition that brings together outstanding high school students from around the world to compete in theoretical, observational, and data analysis challenges in astronomy and astrophysics.
2. The first IOAA was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in 2007.
3. The 2025 edition of the competition is going to be held in New Delhi, India.

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 IOAA is an annual international event for high school students, first held in 2007 in Thailand, and covers a range of astronomy and astrophysics domains, offering individual and team recognition for outstanding achievement.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The 18th IOAA is being hosted in Mumbai, India, from 11th to 21st August 2025, marking the second time India has hosted this international event.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the National SC-ST Hub Scheme:

1. The scheme aims to promote entrepreneurship among SC and ST communities by supporting their participation in the public procurement ecosystem.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment through the Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME).

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The scheme focuses on enabling SC/ST entrepreneurs to participate effectively in procurement mandated under the Public Procurement Policy, 2012.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), not the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the SabhaSaar AI Tool:

It is an artificial intelligence-based tool developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to generate structured minutes of Gram Sabha meetings from audio and video recordings.

The tool leverages the Bhashini platform for language processing to support multiple Indian languages.

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

Statement 1 is correct: SabhaSaar uses AI to automatically create uniform and structured records of Gram Sabha proceedings from recorded media.

Statement 2 is correct: It is integrated with Bhashini, a Government of India initiative for AI-driven language translation and processing in multiple Indian languages.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (16 August)

Q1. Consider the following statements about the National Green Tribunal (NGT):

1. It is a statutory body.
2. The Tribunal is not bound by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, but is guided by principles of natural justice.
3. The Tribunal shall endeavour to dispose of cases within 1 year of filing.
4. The Chairperson must be a serving Judge of the Supreme Court only.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The NGT is a statutory body established under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Tribunal has powers of a civil court but is not bound by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 or the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. Instead, it is guided by principles of natural justice.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Act mandates that the Tribunal shall make an endeavour to dispose of cases within 6 months, not 1 year.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The Chairperson must be a Judge of the Supreme Court OR Chief Justice of a High Court, not necessarily a serving SC Judge only.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Project Kusha, recently seen in news, refers to:

- A) India's mission to explore the Moon's South Pole.
- B) An indigenous initiative of DRDO to develop a long-range air defence missile system.
- C) A joint Indo-Israeli project for developing precision agriculture technologies.
- D) A project to develop stealth submarines for the Indian Navy.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation- Approved in 2022 with a budget of Rs. 21,700 crore, Project Kusha is an indigenous DRDO-led initiative aimed at developing a long-range air defence missile system.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following:

- 1. Border Security Force (BSF)
- 2. National Security Guard (NSG)
- 3. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- 4. National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- 5. Assam Rifles

How many of the above security forces/agencies come under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)?

- A) 1, 2 and 3 only
- B) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- C) 2, 3 and 5 only
- D) All of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: BSF, NSG, NCB, NIA, and Assam Rifles are all central paramilitary or law enforcement agencies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Most of the world's coral reefs are found in tropical waters.
- 2. More than one-third of the world's coral reefs are located in the territories of Australia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.
- 3. Coral bleaching causes corals to expel tiny photosynthetic algae (zooxanthellae), draining them of their color and turning the corals completely white.

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

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Coral reefs are predominantly found in tropical waters, generally between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Over one-third of global coral reefs are located in Australia, Indonesia, and the Philippines, forming part of the "Coral Triangle."

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- **Statement 3 is correct:** Coral bleaching occurs when corals are stressed due to changes in temperature, light, or nutrients. They expel their symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae), losing both their color and a primary food source, which turns the corals white.

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about India's wind energy sector:

1. India currently ranks 2nd in the world in terms of installed wind power capacity.
2. Wind energy contributes less than 5% to India's total electricity generation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** As of 2024, India ranks 4th globally in terms of installed wind power capacity, not 2nd.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Wind energy contributes approximately 4.69% to India's total electricity generation, making it a significant renewable energy source.

Source- [DowntoEarth](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Cheque Truncation System (CTS):

1. It is a physical movement of cheques clearing system introduced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
2. At present, the CTS processes cheques with a clearing cycle of up to two working days.

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 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: Cheque Truncation System (CTS) is an online image-based cheque clearing system introduced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The cheque images and Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) data are captured at the collecting bank branch and transmitted electronically. So, it stops the physical movement of cheques.

Statement 2 is correct: At present, the CTS processes cheques with a clearing cycle of up to two working days. Banks collect and scan cheques before sending them for processing in designated batches, resulting in a T+1 day clearance period in most cases.

Source: TH

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI):

1. TRAI was established by an Act of Parliament, making it a statutory body.
2. The recommendations of TRAI led to the establishment of the Telecommunications Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).
3. TRAI's functions are limited to issuing regulations on tariffs and do not extend to ensuring quality of service.

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

Statement 1 is correct: TRAI is a statutory body, not an executive or constitutional one. It was established on 20 February 1997, under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.

Statement 2 is correct: To separate its regulatory and adjudicatory functions, TRAI's powers were amended. Its recommendations led to the creation of the Telecommunications Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) in 2000 to handle disputes between licensees, licensors, and consumers.

Statement 3 is incorrect: TRAI has a broad mandate that goes beyond just tariffs. One of its key functions is to safeguard consumer interests by setting and enforcing quality-of-service (QoS) benchmarks. It regularly monitors service providers' performance against these benchmarks and can impose penalties for non-compliance.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Golden Dome missile defense shield, seen in the news recently, is to be developed by

- a) India
- b) Israel
- c) U.S.A.
- d) Russia

Answer: C

Explanation:

- U.S. President Donald Trump has picked a design for his Golden Dome missile defense system and named a leader of the ambitious \$175 billion defense program.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about Alaska region:

1. Alaska lies partly within the Arctic Circle and its coastline touches both the Arctic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.
2. The region forms a key part of the "Pacific Ring of Fire" due to its active volcanoes.
3. Alaska acts as a land bridge between North America and Asia, with the Bering Strait separating it from Russia.

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: Alaska partly lies in the Arctic Circle, and its coasts touch both the Arctic Ocean (north) and Pacific Ocean (south).

Statement 2 is correct: Alaska is resource-rich with oil, gas, minerals, and is part of the seismically active Pacific Ring of Fire.

Statement 3 is correct: Alaska is separated from Russia by the Bering Strait, once a land bridge for human migration.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding FASTag in India:

1. FASTag uses Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to enable automatic toll collection at toll plazas.
2. It has been made mandatory for all four-wheelers in India, regardless of the year of manufacture.
3. The FASTag programme is implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) system.

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: FASTag works on RFID technology for automatic toll payment.

Statement 2 is correct: FASTag is compulsory for all four-wheelers in India.

Statement 3 is correct: FASTag is run by NHAI under the NETC system.

Source: [PIB](#)