

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

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (18 August)

**Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA):**

1. It is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization that facilitates arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution between states.
2. India is one of its contracting parties.
3. Its headquarters is located at Geneva, Switzerland.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** PCA is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization that facilitates arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution between states.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** India is a contracting party.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** Headquarters is at the Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands, not Geneva.

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

**Q2. Consider the following description:**

It is a national park and biosphere reserve located in Assam. It is the largest Salix swamp forest in north-eastern India, with a tropical monsoon climate marked by hot and wet summers and cool, dry winters. The site has been identified as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by BirdLife International owing to its rich avian biodiversity. The park is also famous for its unique population of feral horses.

**Which of the following national parks is being described above?**

- A) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- B) Kaziranga National Park
- C) Manas National Park
- D) Orang National Park

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Dibru-Saikhowa, located in Assam, is both a national park and a biosphere reserve, renowned for its swamp forest ecosystem, rich bird diversity (IBA site), and feral horse population

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

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal:**

1. It is awarded to all ranks of the Army, Navy, Air Force, including Territorial Army, Auxiliary, Reserve Forces.
2. Nursing officers and other members of the Nursing Services in the Armed Forces are also eligible.
3. The medal cannot be awarded posthumously.

**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 medal covers all ranks of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Territorial Army, Auxiliary/Reserve Forces.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** Nursing officers and nursing services members are also eligible.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** The medal may be awarded posthumously.

Source- [The Print](#)

**Q4. Sulawesi Island, recently in news due to an earthquake of magnitude 5.7, is located in:**

- A) Philippines
- B) Malaysia
- C) Papua New Guinea
- D) Indonesia

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Sulawesi is one of the largest islands of Indonesia, located between Borneo and the Maluku Islands. It is seismically active as it lies within the Pacific "Ring of Fire."

Source- [HT](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana:**

1. It is implemented under the Ministry of Labour and Employment and aims to support creation of over 3.5 crore jobs in two years.
2. The scheme provides incentives only to employees already working for more than 2 years.
3. The incentive is equal to one-month EPF wage up to Rs. 15,000, disbursed in two installments
4. Eligible employees under the scheme must have salaries up to Rs. 50,000 per month.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Labour & Employment and aims to generate 3.5 crore jobs in 2 years.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme targets first-time employees entering the formal sector, not those already working for more than 2 years.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Eligible employees receive an incentive equal to one-month EPF wage (up to Rs. 15,000), disbursed in two installments (after 6 and 12 months) and conditional on completing a financial literacy programme.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** Salary eligibility under the scheme is up to Rs. 1 lakh per month, not Rs. 50,000.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Dibru Saikhowa National Park:**

1. The Subansiri River makes the northern boundary of the Park.
2. Apart from being a National Park, it has also been designated as a Biosphere Reserve and an Important Bird Area (IBA).
3. The park is one of the few places in the world which is home to feral horses.

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

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3 are correct**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The park is bounded by Brahmaputra and Lohit rivers in the north and the Dibru river in the south.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Dibru-Saikhowa is a National Park as well as a Biosphere Reserve and an identified Important Bird Area (IBA).

**Statement 3 is correct:** The park is one of the few places in the world which is home to feral horses.

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

**Q7.** Which of the following best describes ionic liquids?

- a) They are salts composed entirely of ions and remain liquid at or below 100°C, often showing low volatility and high thermal stability.
- b) They are molecular liquids that evaporate easily and conduct electricity at room temperature.
- c) They are acids that dissolve only in water and exist as solids at room temperature.
- d) They are metallic compounds used only as solid lubricants.

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- They are salts composed entirely of ions and remain liquid at or below 100°C, often showing low volatility and high thermal stability.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about Mount Elbrus:

- 1. Mount Elbrus is the highest peak in Europe, located in the Caucasus Mountains of Russia.
- 2. It is a dormant stratovolcano, part of the greater Alpine-Himalayan mountain belt.
- 3. Mount Elbrus forms the natural boundary between Europe and Asia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 and 2 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** It is Europe's highest peak (5,642 m) in the Caucasus Mountains, Russia.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is a dormant stratovolcano, part of Alpine-Himalayan belt.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Europe-Asia boundary runs along the Greater Caucasus range, but Elbrus lies entirely on the European side, not on the dividing line.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI):

- 1. It operates under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- 2. It is headquartered in Dehradun.
- 3. It is the premier national institution dedicated solely to anthropological research and studies focused on the diverse cultures and communities across India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Only 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) operates under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The headquarters of AnSI is located in Kolkata, West Bengal.

**Statement 3 is correct:** AnSI is the apex national institution engaged exclusively in anthropological research in India.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Saubhagya Scheme:

1. The scheme was launched in 2017 with the objective of achieving universal household electrification in India.
2. It provides free electricity connections to all willing households, including both Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families.
3. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Power and uses modern technology like mobile apps for monitoring progress.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: All are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** It was launched in September 2017.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Free connections for poor households, APL had to pay (but scheme covered all willing households).

**Statement 3 is correct:** Implemented by Ministry of Power with IT/mobile apps for real-time tracking.

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

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

**Q1.** Consider the following statements:

1. The CEC and election commissioners are appointed by the President of India upon the recommendation from a three-member selection committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition (LoP), and the Chief Justice of India.
2. The appointments are made for a tenure of six years or until the age of 62 years, whichever comes first.
3. Article 324(5) of the Constitution states that the CEC can be removed from office only "in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court."

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

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

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** As per the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, the selection committee consists of the Prime Minister (Chairperson), Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister. The CJI is not part of it.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The tenure is six years or until the age of 65 years (not 62), whichever is earlier.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Article 324(5) provides that the CEC can be removed only "in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court".

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

**Q2.** Consider the following countries:

1. Tunisia
2. Libya
3. Niger
4. Mauritania



5. Morocco

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

- A) Only two
- B) Only three
- C) Only four
- D) All the above

**Correct Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Algeria shares land borders with Tunisia, Libya, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, and Western Sahara. From the given list, all five countries (Tunisia, Libya, Niger, Mauritania, and Morocco) share a land border with Algeria.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q3.** Consider the following statements regarding the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC):

**Statement I:** The AMOC is a system of ocean currents in the Atlantic Ocean, primarily driven by surface winds that push warm tropical waters northwards.

**Statement II:** The circulation is driven by variations in temperature and salinity: warm tropical waters flow northwards, cool and gain density in the North Atlantic, sink to deeper layers, and then move southwards before rising again to complete the cycle.

**Which one of the following is correct?**

- A) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I.
- B) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II is not the correct explanation of Statement I.
- C) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect.
- D) Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct.

**Correct Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement I is incorrect** because AMOC is not primarily wind-driven; it is driven by thermohaline circulation (temperature + salinity differences).
- **Statement II is correct** - It describes the process accurately.

Source- [Physsc](#)

**Q4.** Match the following mountains recently in news with their respective countries:

Column I (Mountain)	Column II (Country)
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|----------------------|---------------|
| A. Mount Elbrus      | Italy         |
| B. Mount Kilimanjaro | Tanzania      |
| C. Mount Denali      | United States |
| D. Mount Etna        | Russia        |

**Select the correct option:**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Mount Elbrus is in Russia and is the highest peak in Europe. Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, is in Tanzania. Mount Denali, the tallest mountain in North America, is located in Alaska, United States. Mount Etna, an active volcano, is situated in Italy on the island of Sicily.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q5.** Consider the following statements regarding Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS):

- 1. The MPS rule is a regulatory requirement laid down by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- 2. It is applicable to all listed companies in India.

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3. All listed companies must ensure that at least 25% of their total issued and paid-up equity share capital is held by public shareholders.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** SEBI mandates MPS under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** MPS is applicable to all listed companies in India.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** At least 25% of the equity share capital must be held by public shareholders (non-promoters).

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

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding the nominated members to assemblies of the Union Territory:

1. The Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 provides the Union government may nominate up to three members to the Puducherry Assembly.
2. There are no nominated MLAs in the Delhi Assembly.
3. The J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 provides that the LG may nominate a total of up to five members to its assembly.

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:** UT of Puducherry: Section 3 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 provides for 30 elected members in the Legislative Assembly of Puducherry. It also provides that the Union government may nominate up to three members to the Puducherry Assembly.

**Statement 2 is correct:** UT of Delhi: Section 3 of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991 provides for 70 elected members in the Delhi Assembly. There are no nominated MLAs in the Delhi Assembly.

**Statement 3 is correct:** UT of Jammu and Kashmir: Section 14 of the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 (as amended in 2023) provides for a total of 90 elected seats in the Legislative Assembly of J&K. Sections 15, 15A and 15B provide that the LG may nominate a total of up to five members — two women, two Kashmiri migrants and one displaced person from Pakistan occupied Kashmir — to the J&K Assembly.

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

**Q.7)** With reference to the NAVYA initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Women & Child Development.
2. It aims to empower adolescent girls aged 16–18 years in aspirational districts by equipping them with relevant skills for socio-economic independence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Both are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational training for Young Adolescent Girls), a joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Women & Child Development, was launched in June 2025.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It aims to empower adolescent girls (AGs) aged 16–18 years in aspirational districts by equipping them with relevant skills for socio-economic independence.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Critical Minerals Mission (NCMM):

1. It aims to secure India's supply chain of critical minerals through measures such as domestic exploration, acquisition of assets abroad, and creating strategic reserves.
2. The Ministry of Power is the administrative ministry for the implementation of the Mission.
3. Only the domestic mineral exploration is covered under the Mission while acquisition of mineral assets abroad is excluded.

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 mission focuses on securing critical minerals via comprehensive measures, including exploration, overseas acquisition, stockpiling, and developing processing infrastructure.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The administrative ministry for the NCMM is the Ministry of Mines, not the Ministry of Power.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It also encourages acquisition of assets abroad with global partnerships.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL):

1. It is an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology.
2. NABL accreditation is recognized internationally through Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) with global organizations.

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:** NABL is an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, providing accreditation to testing, calibration, medical laboratories, proficiency testing providers, and reference material producers in India.

**Statement 2 is correct:** NABL accreditation is recognized internationally through Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) with global organizations such as the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC).

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

**Q10.** Which one of the following straits separates the Sulawesi Island from the Borneo Island?

- a) Sunda Strait
- b) Makassar Strait



- c) Strait of Malacca
- d) Lombok Strait

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Makassar Strait**

**Source: IE**

**10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (20 August)**

**Q1. Consider the following statements:**

1. Sahariya tribe is one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG).
2. Currently, there are 75 PVTGs spread over 18 states and one Union Territory (UT).
3. Madhya Pradesh (MP) has the highest number of PVTGs.

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

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

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Sahariya is classified as a PVTG.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** There are 75 PVTGs spread across 18 states and 1 UT.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Odisha has the highest number of PVTGs, not Madhya Pradesh.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Visva-Bharati University:**

1. It was founded by Rabindranath Tagore in Santiniketan, West Bengal.
2. It was recognized as a Central University and declared an institution of national importance.

**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:** Rabindranath Tagore founded Visva-Bharati University in 1921 at Santiniketan, West Bengal.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The university was later recognized as a Central University and declared an institution of national importance.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees):**

1. It was established in 1950 by the UN General Assembly in the aftermath of the Second World War.
2. Its headquarters are located in New York, USA.
3. It has received the Nobel Peace Prize twice.

**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:** UNHCR was created in 1950 by the UN General Assembly to deal with refugee crises after World War II.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The headquarters of UNHCR is in *Geneva, Switzerland*, not New York.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** UNHCR was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize twice – in 1954 and 1981

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. Consider the following description:**

This crop grows well in well-drained, fertile, sandy loam to silty loam soils, with alluvial soils also being suitable. The ideal soil pH ranges between 5.5 and 7.5, and good drainage is essential as waterlogging can be harmful. It prefers warm weather with temperatures ranging from 21°C to 32°C and requires 50–100 cm of well-distributed rainfall. In India, it is mainly cultivated during the Kharif season (June–September), though it can also be sown in other seasons depending on the region and variety.

**The above conditions are most suitable for the cultivation of which crop?**

- A) Sorghum (Jowar)
- B) Maize
- C) Bajra (Pearl Millet)
- D) Barley

**Answer: B**

Source- [Tribune](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Saltwater Crocodile:**

1. It is the largest and heaviest of all living reptiles in the world.
2. Saltwater crocodiles are solitary and highly territorial.
3. It is classified as 'Critically Endangered' under the IUCN Red List.

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

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

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Saltwater crocodile is the largest and heaviest living reptile.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** They are solitary and highly territorial, especially adult males.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Saltwater crocodile is listed as "Least Concern", not 'Critically Endangered', under the IUCN Red List.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Young Bengal Movement of early 19<sup>th</sup> century:**

1. It was led by a Henry Louis Vivian Derozio, an Anglo-Indian teacher from Kolkata.
2. The members of the movement were the co-founders of the Indian Association along with Surendranath Banerjee.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Only 1**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Young Bengal Movement was an intellectual and social reform movement in Bengal during the early 19th century (1820s-1830s). It was led by Henry Louis Vivian Derozio, an Anglo-Indian teacher at Hindu College, Kolkata.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** In 1828, Derozio founded with his students the 'Academic Association', which organised debates on various subjects. There was no role of this movement in foundation of the Indian Association.

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

**Q7.** The Katsina state, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Ukraine
- b) Sudan
- c) Serbia
- d) Nigeria

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: Nigeria.**

- The death toll from an attack by gunmen on a mosque and nearby homes in Nigeria's northwest Katsina state has risen to at least 50, with around 60 others abducted.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding Cess and Tax in India:

1. A cess is a tax levied for a specific purpose and its revenue is earmarked for that particular purpose, whereas tax revenue goes into the Consolidated Fund of India and is used for general purposes.
2. The proceeds from cess are shared with state governments as part of the divisible pool of taxes, while tax revenue is retained entirely by the central government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Only 1**

**Statement 1 is correct:** A cess is an additional tax collected over basic tax liability with the intent of funding a specific cause, such as education or health. Its revenue is earmarked exclusively for that purpose and is excluded from the divisible pool of taxes.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The cess revenue is not shared with state governments as part of the divisible pool; it is retained by the Central Government for the designated purpose. In contrast, some other taxes form part of the divisible pool and are shared with states.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Pampa River:

1. It is the largest west flowing river of Kerala.
2. It falls into the Arabian Sea.
3. The Pampa River is often referred to as Dakshina Ganga due to its religious significance and association with the Sabarimala Temple.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Only 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is the third longest west flowing river of Kerala (after Periyar & Bharathapuzha).

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The river flows through Pathanamthitta and Alappuzha districts before emptying into the Vembanad Lake which then connects to the Arabian Sea—not directly into the sea.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The river is called Dakshina Ganga (Ganges of the South) due to its religious importance and the presence of the famous Sabarimala Temple on its banks.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the Asian Palm Civet:

1. The Asian Palm Civet is naturally found in both India and Southeast Asia.
2. It is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
3. It is known for producing the world's most expensive coffee, Kopi Luwak.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 3**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The species is widely distributed in South and Southeast Asia, including India, Sri Lanka, China, and Indonesia.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List, though locally threatened by hunting and habitat loss.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The civet eats coffee cherries; undigested beans are excreted and later processed as Kopi Luwak, one of the costliest coffees in the world.

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

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

**Q1.** Consider the following statements regarding the election of the Vice-President of India:

1. The nomination requires at least 20 proposers and 20 seconders.
2. The Vice-President is elected by an Electoral College consisting of both elected and nominated members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.
3. The election is held by proportional representation through single transferable vote and voting is by secret ballot.
4. The provisions of the Anti-Defection Law apply during the election of the Vice-President.

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

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

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** A valid nomination requires the support of 20 proposers and 20 seconders along with a security deposit.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Electoral College for Vice-President includes both elected and nominated members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The election is conducted by proportional representation through single transferable vote, and voting is by secret ballot.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The Anti-Defection Law does not apply in elections of the President and Vice-President; hence political parties cannot issue a whip.

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

**Q2. Consider the following description:**

This tree is native to tropical Africa and has been declared the State Tree of Tamil Nadu. It grows well in diverse soil types such as sandy, red, black, alluvial, arid, and even wasteland areas. The species is particularly suited to semi-arid regions with less than 750 mm of annual rainfall. It is often referred to as the “Tree of Life” because almost every part of the plant has economic, ecological, or cultural utility.

**Which of the following is correctly described by the above features?**

- A. Areca nut tree
- B. Palmyra tree
- C. Date palm
- D. Coconut tree

**Correct Answer: B**

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding defence production in India:**

1. The private sector's share in India's defence production has been consistently increasing for the past three years.
2. In FY 2024-25, the private sector accounted for 57.50% of total defence production.

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

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

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The private sector's share in defence production has increased consistently for three consecutive years, reaching 22.56% in FY 2024-25.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 57.50% share belongs to Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), not the private sector.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian civet (Palm civet):**

1. It is a nocturnal animal.
2. It is widely found in South and Southeast Asia.
3. It is classified as 'Least Concern' under the IUCN Red List.

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

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

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Asian civets are nocturnal, meaning they are primarily active during the night.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Their natural range includes South and Southeast Asia.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The species is listed as 'Least Concern' on the IUCN Red List due to its wide distribution and stable population.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. Consider the following countries:**

1. Indonesia
2. Thailand



3. East Timor (Timor-Leste)
4. Malaysia
5. Vietnam
6. Nepal
7. Philippines

**How many of the above are member countries of ASEAN?**

- A. Only four
- B. Only five
- C. Only six
- D. All the above

**Correct Answer: B**

Explanation- ASEAN consists of 10 member countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, and Cambodia.

Source- [ORF](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan:

1. Its primary aim is to transform the Indian Civil Service by enhancing its capacity and effectiveness through continuous learning and development.
2. The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is the nodal ministry of this Abhiyan.

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 Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan is a **national movement** to build a **decentralized tribal leadership** and governance ecosystem.

**Statement 2 is incorrect: Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** Consider the Following statements about Agni-5 Ballistic Missile:

1. It is surface-to-surface medium range ballistic missile with strike range of 350 km.
2. It uses a three-stage, solid-fuel propulsion system.
3. It is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3 are correct**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Agni-5 Ballistic Missile is a land based nuclear-capable long-range intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) with a range of 5,000 km.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The missile uses a **three-stage, solid-fuel propulsion system**.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Developed by: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Source: [TH](#)

**Q8.** The Maale Adumim settlement, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Maldives
- b) Afghanistan

- c) Sudan
- d) Palestine

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: West Bank, Palestine**

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO):

1. It is an annual competition for secondary school students.
2. The Geological Society of India is the body responsible for selecting the Indian Team for the Olympiad.
3. The 2025 edition of the Olympiad will be held in Chennai, 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**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The International Earth Science Olympiad - IESO, was founded as one of the major activities of the International Geoscience Education Organization (IGEO). It is an annual competition for secondary school students.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Geological Society of India is the body responsible for selecting the Indian Team for the International Earth Science Olympiad.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The 2025 IESO will be held in **Ji'ning, China**, under the guidance of the IGEO committee and co-hosted by Ji'ning Confucius School, Shandong University of Science and Technology, Yanyuan Scholarly (Beijing) Education and Technology Group Co., Ltd., and the Chinese Earth Science Olympiad committee.

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

**Q10.** The "Sustainable Power 1404," exercise, seen in the news recently, is conducted by

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Iran**

- Iran launched a two-day missile drill in the northern Indian Ocean and Sea of Oman. The exercise, titled "Sustainable Power 1404," is Iran's first large-scale military drill since the 12-day war in June. It highlights Iran's naval and missile capabilities amid elevated regional tensions.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (22 August)

**Q1. Consider the following countries:**

1. Russia
2. Belarus
3. Kazakhstan
4. Kyrgyzstan
5. Armenia

**How many of the above are member states of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)?**

- A. Only two
- B. Only three

- C. Only four
- D. All five

**Answer- D**

**Explanation-** The Eurasian Economic Union consists of five member states: Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Armenia.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q2. Consider the following description:**

It is Kerala's first bird sanctuary and is recognised as one of the richest ecological zones in the Western Ghats. The area has marshy lands (vayals), especially near the Periyar and Idamalayar rivers. The vegetation mainly consists of teak, rosewood, mahogany, and fruit orchards.

**Which of the following is being referred to?**

- A. Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Silent Valley National Park
- C. Thattekad Bird Sanctuary
- D. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary

**Answer- C**

**Explanation-** It is the first bird sanctuary in Kerala, situated on the banks of the Periyar River. Thattekad Bird Sanctuary is also called the Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, named after India's famous ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3. Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025, recently in news, was conducted by which of the following?**

- A. Indian Navy
- B. Indian Air Force
- C. Indian Army
- D. Indian Coast Guard

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Army has initiated Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 in Tinsukia district of Assam. The exercise aims to enhance coordination and synergy among various arms of the Army and improve preparedness in operational scenarios.

Source- [newsonair](#)

**Q4. Match the following Constitutional provisions with their subject matter:**

- A. Article 29(1)
  - B. Article 29(2)
  - C. Article 30(1)
  - D. Article 30(2)
1. Right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice
  2. Prohibition of discrimination in admission to State-aided institutions on certain grounds
  3. Protection of distinct language, script, or culture of citizens
  4. No discrimination in granting aid to minority institutions

**Select the correct option:**

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

**Answer: C**

Source- [IE](#)

**Q5. The term *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*, recently in the news, refers to which of the following?**

- A. A newly discovered antibiotic
- B. A gram-negative bacterium found in freshwater
- C. A type of algae responsible for red tides
- D. A fungal species causing crop disease

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is a gram-negative, aerobic, non-spore forming, rod-shaped bacterium. It is commonly present in the environment, especially in soil and freshwater sources

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about Lipulekh Pass:**

- 1. It is located in Himachal Pradesh near the tri-junction of India, Nepal, and China.
- 2. The Kali River originates near Lipulekh Pass and acts as the boundary river between India and Nepal in this region.
- 3. Lipulekh Pass provides a traditional trade route between India and Myanmar.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Lipulekh Pass lies in Uttarakhand near the tri-junction of India, Nepal, and China (Tibet).

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Kali River originates near Lipulekh and forms the boundary between India and Nepal in this area.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Lipulekh Pass connects India to Tibet (China), not Myanmar.

Source: [IE](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Made in India Label Scheme:**

- 1. It is a mandatory certification scheme that requires all Indian manufacturers to label their products as made in India.
- 2. The scheme aims to promote local manufacturing by providing a distinct identity to authentic Indian products in both domestic and international markets.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Made in India Label Scheme is voluntary, not mandatory.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme is designed to promote local manufacturing by creating a distinct identity for authentic Indian products to boost consumer confidence and support the Make in India initiative.

Source: [DD News](#)

**Q8. Which one of the following statements best describes the term 'Living Lab' approach recently seen in the news?**

- a) It is a laboratory where experiments are conducted under strictly controlled, artificial conditions.
- b) It is an ecosystem that integrates real-world community participation with research and innovation to co-create and test solutions for local challenges.
- c) It is a government initiative to promote manufacturing through technology parks.
- d) It is a digital-only platform for online education and skill development.

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The 'living lab' is a pioneering approach that blends real-time data with hands-on training. The living lab approach is an ecosystem that integrates real-world settings with research and innovation to create and test solutions. It is an ecosystem that integrates real-world community participation with research and innovation to co-create and test solutions for local challenges.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO):

- 1. It is the apex national body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare responsible for coordinating organ and tissue donation and transplantation across India.
- 2. It is a statutory body.
- 3. It functions independently of regional and state transplant organizations without any network or coordination with them.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 Only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** NOTTO is the apex national body coordinating and regulating organ and tissue donation and transplantation, operating under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Its functioning is guided by the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994 (amended in 2011), but the Act does not create NOTTO as a statutory body.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** NOTTO works through a network including Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOS) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOS) for effective coordination across states and regions.

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

**Q10.** The Donbas region, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Russia
- b) Ukraine
- c) Israel
- d) Nigeria

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Ukraine**

- Vladimir Putin is demanding that Ukraine give up all of the eastern Donbas region, renounce ambitions to join NATO, remain neutral and keep Western troops out of the country.

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

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

**Q1.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA):

- 1. It is a statutory body.
- 2. It is chaired by the Prime Minister of India.

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3. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) functions as the Member Secretary of the NTCA.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation-**

- Only the first statement is correct — NTCA is indeed a statutory body.
- The second statement is wrong because NTCA is chaired by the Union Environment Minister, not the Prime Minister.
- The third statement is also wrong — the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) does not serve as the Member Secretary; instead, that role is held by a senior official from the MoEFCC.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q2. Jeju Island, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following countries?**

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. Philippines
- D. Indonesia

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Jeju Island (Jejudo) is a volcanic island in South Korea, located in the Korea Strait. It is a popular tourist destination known for its unique culture and natural landscapes.

Source- [ndtv](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Euglena:**

- 1. It is a multicellular, non-flagellated microorganism.
- 2. It shows both autotrophic (plant-like) and heterotrophic (animal-like) modes of nutrition.

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** - Euglena is unicellular and has a flagellum for movement.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - It can photosynthesize like plants when sunlight is available (autotrophy) and absorb food from the environment in the absence of light (heterotrophy).

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006:**

- 1. The Act recognizes the rights of forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs).
- 2. It allows recognition of individual forest land rights up to 4 hectares per family for cultivation.
- 3. The Gram Sabha has the authority to initiate the process of determining forest rights.
- 4. It recognizes bamboo as a minor forest produce.

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

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only

- C. 2, 3 and 4 only  
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** FRA, 2006 acknowledges and secures the rights of Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers, correcting historical injustices.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It provides title rights for cultivation of forest land up to **4 hectares per family**, provided they were in occupation before **13 December 2005**.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Gram Sabha is the nodal authority to initiate and verify claims, map forest land, and forward recommendations.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The Act classifies bamboo as a minor forest produce (MFP), giving communities rights to collect, use, and sell it.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements about Dal Lake:**

1. It is situated in Srinagar at the foothills of the Zabarwan Mountain range.
2. It is a freshwater lake.
3. It receives its inflows primarily from the Jhelum River.

**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:** Dal Lake lies in Srinagar, with the Zabarwan Mountains forming its backdrop.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is a freshwater urban lake, often called the "Jewel of Srinagar."
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Dal Lake does not receive inflows from the Jhelum River. Instead, it is mainly fed by Telbal Nallah (from Dachigam) and natural springs. Its outflow drains into a tributary of the Jhelum via Tsoont Kol channel.

Source- [newsonair](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR):**

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It operates under the ministry of Culture.
3. It was established on the recommendations of the Professor V.K.R.V. Rao committee.

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

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Only 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is an autonomous organization established by the Government of India in 1969. It is not a statutory body.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It operates under the Ministry of Education and is the apex national body that promotes and funds research in social sciences across India.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It was established in 1969 on the recommendation of the Professor V.K.R.V. Rao Committee.

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about National Space Day in India:

1. National Space Day is celebrated on August 23 every year to commemorate the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar south pole in 2023.
2. The day was officially declared as National Space Day by the Government of India in 2024 to inspire youth and promote awareness of space science and technology.

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:** August 23 marks the historic successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 near the Moon's south pole in 2023.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Government of India officially declared August 23 as National Space Day in 2024, with programs to inspire youth and highlight space technology achievements.

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

**Q8.** The International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), seen in the news recently, is enacted by

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: U.S.A.**

- It is a United States act which was legislated on 28 October 1977. It gives the president broad powers to regulate various financial transactions upon declaring a national emergency.

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

**Q9.** The Drake Passage separates

- a) South America and Australia
- b) South America and Antarctica
- c) Antarctica and Africa
- d) Australia and Antarctica

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: South America and Antarctica**

- The Drake Passage is the body of water between the southern tip of South America (Cape Horn) and the South Shetland Islands near Antarctica. It connects the southwestern Atlantic Ocean with the southeastern Pacific Ocean.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the SMILE scheme:

1. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
3. It is dedicated to the cause of tracking missing children.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect: Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Support for Marginalized Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** This umbrella scheme covers several comprehensive measures including welfare measures for both transgender persons and persons who are engaged in the act of begging.

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