

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (17 September)

Q1. The “Frontier 50 Initiative” was recently launched by which of the following?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Department of Telecommunications

Answer: C

Explanation- The Frontier 50 Initiative is a flagship program launched by NITI Aayog to deploy frontier technologies like AI, IoT, drones, and blockchain in 50 Aspirational Districts/Blocks. The objective is to improve service delivery, enhance productivity, and promote citizen well-being.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM):

- 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- 2. The mission focuses on the development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds along with genetic upgradation.
- 3. It is implemented by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct.**
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - RGM is implemented by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, not by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements about Sir M. Visvesvaraya:

- 1. He served as the Diwan of Mysore and was conferred with the Bharat Ratna.
- 2. His literary works include Reconstructing India (1920) and Planned Economy for India (1936).

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: Sir M. Visvesvaraya (1861–1962) served as the Diwan of Mysore (1912–1919) and was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1955. He also authored works like Reconstructing India (1920) and Planned Economy for India (1936), advocating industrialization and planned economic growth.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following sites:

1. Natural Heritage of Erra Matti Dibbalu (Visakhapatnam)
2. Natural Heritage of Varkala (Kerala)
3. Natural Heritage of Tirumala Hills (Andhra Pradesh)
4. Deccan Traps at Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra)

How many of the above are added in India's Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Erra Matti Dibbalu, Varkala, and Tirumala Hills are included in India's Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention.
- Deccan Traps at Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar are not included.

Source- [theindianeye](https://theindianeye.com)

Q5. Polypropylene (PP), a thermoplastic polymer, is widely used in:

- A. Carpets and ropes
- B. Medical kits and masks
- C. Automotive parts
- D. All of the above

Answer: D

Explanation: Polypropylene (PP) is a lightweight, durable, and versatile polymer from the polyolefin family. Its applications range from textiles (carpets, ropes) to healthcare (masks, medical kits) and the automotive sector, making it one of the most widely used plastics globally.

Source- [PIB](https://pib.gov.in)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS):

1. It aims to provide financial support to meritorious students from economically weaker sections.
2. The scheme is applicable to both government and private schools.

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) aims to provide financial support to meritorious students from economically weaker sections to reduce drop-outs after Class VIII and encourage completion of education up to Class XII.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is applicable only to students studying in State Government, Government-aided, and local body schools.

Source: [PIB](https://pib.gov.in)

Q7. Operation Weed Out is launched by the:

- a) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- b) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- c) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- d) National Investigation Agency (NIA)

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Operation Weed Out is a pan-India coordinated action by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), aimed at busting narcotics syndicates involved in smuggling hydroponic weed and other contraband substances, enforcing the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following cultural events:

- 1. Ramman
- 2. Kalbelia folk songs and dances
- 3. Navroz
- 4. Chhatt Mahavarpa
- 5. Chhau dance

How many of the above are included in the UNESCO's list of intangible cultural heritage from India?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Chhatt Mahavarpa is not listed in the UNESCO's list of intangible cultural heritage from India.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary:

- 1. It is located in Maharashtra.
- 2. The Sanctuary is known for its high tiger density.

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: Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary (TWS) is located in Maharashtra.

Statement 2 is correct: It is known for its high tiger density and rich biodiversity.

Source: [ToI](#)

Q10. The Sakhalin-1 Project, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- a) The Bay of Bengal, India
- b) The Okhotsk Sea, off the north-eastern coast of Sakhalin Island, Russia
- c) The Persian Gulf, Iran
- d) The South China Sea

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Sakhalin-1 is an offshore oil and gas development project located in the Okhotsk Sea near Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (18 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025:

- 1. It was released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- 2. Denmark has been ranked first in the GII 2025.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 was released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The top-ranked country in the GII 2025 is Switzerland, not Denmark.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Krish Sharma became India's first world champion in skating after winning Gold at the Speed Skating World Championships 2025.
- 2. The Speed Skating World Championships 2025 were held in Tokyo, Japan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It was Anandkumar Velkumar, not Krish Sharma, who became India's first world champion in skating by winning Gold at the Speed Skating World Championships 2025.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 2025 Speed Skating World Championships were held in Beidaihe, China, not Tokyo, Japan.

Source- [pmindia](#)

Q3. Consider the following crops:

1. Barley
2. Gram (Chana)
3. Lentil (Masur)
4. Rapeseed
5. Chickpea

How many of the above are considered Rabi crops?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

Answer: (d)

Explanation: All the listed crops—Barley, Gram, Lentil, Rapeseed, and Chickpea—are Rabi crops sown in winter and harvested in spring.

Source- [newsonair](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the PM Vishwakarma Scheme:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. The scheme covers 18 trades and offers collateral-free loans up to Rs. 3 lakh.
3. It has no provision of providing stipend during training.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The scheme is a Central Sector Scheme, not sponsored; it covers 18 trades with loans up to Rs. 3 lakh, and trainees receive a Rs. 500/day stipend, so statements 1 and 3 are incorrect.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the International Labour Organization (ILO):

1. It was established in 1919 under the Treaty of Versailles after the First World War.
2. Its headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.
3. The ILO was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize twice till date.

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 : The ILO was established in 1919 under the Treaty of Versailles, is headquartered in Geneva, and has received the Nobel Peace Prize Only once—in 1969.

Source- [ET](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the National Policy on Geothermal Energy (2025):

1. It is being released by the Ministry of Power.
2. The policy aligns with India's Net Zero 2047 target.
3. The Aravalli and Cambay Basin, both are identified as the geothermal provinces in 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 National Policy on Geothermal Energy (2025) is being released by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Government of India has notified the National Policy on Geothermal Energy (2025), reinforcing its commitment towards achieving the ambitious 2070 Net Zero Goal.

Statement 3 is correct: Ten geothermal provinces have been identified in India. These include Himalayas, Cambay Basin, Aravalli, Mahanadi basin and Godavari Basin. The estimated potential for geothermal energy in India is about 10 Gigawatt.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q7. With reference to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It works under the aegis of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
3. The National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) are given away by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).

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 Government of India set up the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on March 1, 2002 under the provisions of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) works under the Ministry of Power.

Statement 3 is correct: The Bureau of Energy Efficiency has announced the introduction of a new category - "National Energy Conservation Awards for Content Creators and Influencers" - under the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025 given by it.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The 'Sowa-Rigpa' system, seen in the news recently, is:

- a) A traditional martial art form of South India
- b) A system of Tibetan traditional medicine recognized by the Government of India and widely practiced in the Himalayan regions
- c) A festival celebrated in the North-East to mark the sowing season
- d) An ancient Vedic astronomic observation practice

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Sowa-Rigpa, also known as the Amchi or Tibetan system of medicine, is one of the oldest, living and well-documented medical traditions. It is prevalent in Ladakh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal (Darjeeling), and is officially recognized as a traditional medical system by the Ministry of AYUSH.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Japanese Encephalitis:

- 1. It is a mosquito-borne flavivirus.
- 2. It belongs to the same genus as that of Zika virus.
- 3. There is no specific antiviral therapy for Japanese Encephalitis.

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: Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is a mosquito-borne flavivirus and a major cause of viral encephalitis in Asia.

Statement 2 is correct: It belongs to the same genus as dengue, Zika, yellow fever, and West Nile viruses.

Statement 3 is correct: Treatment: There is no specific antiviral therapy for Japanese Encephalitis. Encephalitis is a medical emergency and requires urgent supportive care.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about Radar:

- 1. Radar is the acronym for Radio Detection And Ranging.
- 2. It is a specialized electronic system that uses infrared waves to determine the direction, distance, and velocity of target objects.
- 3. The radar signature is a measure of how detectable an object is by radar.

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: Radar is the acronym for RADio Detection And Ranging.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is a specialised electronic system that uses **radio waves** to determine the direction, distance, and velocity of target objects. AD radars are used by the military to search, detect, identify, and help destroy aerial threats.

Statement 3 is correct: RCS, or radar signature, is a measure of how detectable an object is by radar, usually represented in square metres; larger the RCS, greater the detectability.

Source: [IE](#)

10 PM CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs – Sept 19th

Q1. “Gender Snapshot 2025” was jointly released by which of the following?

- a) UN Women & UNESCO
- b) UN Women & WHO
- c) UN Women & UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- d) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) & United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

Answer- c)

Explanation- The Gender Snapshot 2025 report, jointly released by UN Women and UN DESA, provides a comprehensive assessment of gender equality progress across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Source- [UNwomen](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Tanzania
- 2. Eswatini
- 3. Zimbabwe
- 4. Kenya
- 5. Malawi

How many of the above share a land border with Mozambique?

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

Answer: c)

Explanation- Mozambique shares land borders with Tanzania, Eswatini, Zimbabwe, Malawi but not with Kenya.

Source- [newsonair](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Genocide Convention):

- 1. Genocide is recognized as a crime only during wartime.
- 2. India signed the treaty but has not ratified it.
- 3. The International Criminal Court adjudicates cases related to the interpretation and application of the convention.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: d)

Explanation:

- Genocide is a crime both in war and peace (not only wartime).
- India signed the convention in 1949 and ratified it in 1959.
- The International Court of Justice (ICJ), not the ICC, adjudicates disputes related to the convention.

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding models of infrastructure development in India:

1. Under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model, the government bears both construction and revenue risks.
2. Under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), the government provides 60% of project cost during construction, while the private developer arranges the remaining 40%.

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:

- In BOT, the private developer (not government) bears construction and revenue risks.
- In HAM, the cost split is 40% (Govt) : 60% (Private), not the reverse.

Source- [mint](#)

Q5. Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, recently in the news, is located in which country?

- a) Mexico
- b) Peru
- c) Chile
- d) Brazil

Answer: b)

Explanation: Machu Picchu, often called the “Lost City of the Incas,” is a 15th-century Inca citadel located in the Eastern Cordillera of southern Peru, in the Andes Mountains.

Source- [FP](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Blue Ports framework:

1. India has joined hands with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to strengthen its port infrastructure under this framework.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways.
3. Under this framework, three Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbours are being built in Gujarat, Daman and Diu, and Puducherry.

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: India and the Food and Agriculture Organisation, FAO, of the United Nations, have joined hands to build world-class Blue Ports under Technical Cooperation Programme of FAO and Blue Ports framework of India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Nodal ministry: Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Statement 3 is correct: Three pilot harbours, namely Vanakbara in Diu, Karaikal in Puducherry and Jakhau in Gujarat, have been approved with a total investment of 369.8 crore rupees.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the India-AI Impact Summit 2026:

1. It is being organized by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.
2. The official logo of the Summit is inspired by the Ashok Chakra.
3. The Summit is guided by the principles or Sutras of People, Planet, and Progress.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, unveiled the logo and key flagship initiatives for the India-AI Impact Summit 2026 as an organizer.

Statement 2 is correct: The official logo's identity is the Ashoka Chakra, an emblem of ethical governance, justice, and constitutional values that guide India's digital and technological journey.

Statement 3 is correct: The Summit is guided by the principles or Sutras of *People, Planet, and Progress*.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the NE-SPARKS initiative, consider the following statements:

1. The initiative aims at igniting curiosity and fostering awareness about space science and technology among students from the North Eastern Region (NER) of India.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Development of North-East Region in collaboration with the IIT-Bombay.

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: It is a pioneering initiative aimed at igniting curiosity and fostering awareness about space science and technology among students from the North Eastern Region (NER) of India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: North East Students' Programme for Awareness, Reach, and Knowledge on Space' (NE-SPARKS), is a flagship initiative supported by MDoNER in collaboration of 8 NE States and ISRO.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. The "one in, one out" deal, seen in the news recently, is between

- a) Ukraine and Russia
- b) Israel and Egypt
- c) U.S.A. and Mexico
- d) Britain and France

Answer: D

Explanation:

- British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron agreed on a pilot scheme - "one in, one out" deal, which would see Britain deporting to France undocumented people arriving in small boats, in return for accepting an equal number of legitimate asylum seekers with British family connections.

Source: [NDTV](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Universal Postal Union (UPU):

1. It is a specialised agency of the United Nations.
2. India became a member of the UPU just after getting its 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: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Universal Postal Union is a specialised agency of the United Nations.

Statement 2 is incorrect: India has been a member of the UPU since 1876 and has consistently contributed to strengthening the global postal network.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (20 September)

Q1. The report "State of Global Water Resources 2024" has been released by which of the following organisations?

- a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- b) World Bank
- c) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- d) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Answer- C

Explanation-The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has released the State of Global Water Resources 2024 report. It shows that the water cycle is becoming more erratic, with extreme shifts between floods and droughts.

Source- [WMO](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about Manganese in India:

1. Manganese is silvery-grey in colour and is very hard and brittle.
2. Karnataka has the largest reserves of manganese.
3. Odisha is the leading producer of manganese ore in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** Manganese is indeed silvery-grey in colour, hard, and brittle in nature.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** Odisha, not Karnataka, has the largest manganese reserves in India, followed by Karnataka.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect:** Madhya Pradesh was the leading producer of manganese ore.

Source- [unitednews](#)

Q3. Consider the following

Assertion (A): El Niño is the warm phase of the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO), marked by unusual warming of sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.

Reason (R): During El Niño, strong trade winds push warm water further westward, leading to enhanced cold-water upwelling near the South American coast.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is true, but R is false.
- d) A is false, but R is true.

Answer: c)

Explanation

Assertion (A) is True: El Niño indeed represents the warm phase of ENSO, caused by unusual warming of sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific.

Reason (R) is False: During El Niño, trade winds weaken (not strengthen), warm water shifts eastward, and upwelling off South America is suppressed, not enhanced.

Source- [DH](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements about NE-SPARKS:

1. NE-SPARKS is a flagship initiative to promote STEM education in the North Eastern Region of India.
2. The program is funded entirely by the central government.

Which of the statements 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:** NE-SPARKS aims to promote STEM awareness and education in the North Eastern Region.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The program is funded by MDoNER and the state governments in a 60:40 ratio, not entirely by the central government.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Which of the following statements regarding the justiciability of the Preamble is correct?

- A. The Preamble is fully enforceable in courts.
- B. The Preamble is not enforceable in courts (non-justiciable).
- C. The Preamble overrides all other provisions of the Constitution.
- D. The Preamble has no legal significance.

Answer: B

Explanation: LIC of India Case (1995) clarified that the Preamble is integral but non-justiciable.

Source- [ndtv](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the ICGS Adamya:

1. It is the first ship in series Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) of Indian Coast Guard.
2. It has been designed and built indigenously by Mazgaon Shipyard Limited (MSL).

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Adamya', the first ship of the eight in series Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) was commissioned at Paradip Port, Odisha.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The 51 meters FPV has been designed and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited and is a befitting example of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' with over 60% indigenous content.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following countries:

1. Finland
2. Russia
3. Latvia
4. Poland
5. Estonia

How many of the above countries share a coast with the Gulf of Finland?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Gulf of Finland extends between **Finland** to the north and **Estonia** to the south, to Saint Petersburg—the second largest city of **Russia**—to the east, where the river Neva drains into it.

Source: [AIR News](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority:

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

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) is the statutory regulatory body responsible for overseeing, promoting, and developing the pension sector in India. Established initially as an interim authority in 2003, it became a statutory body with the enactment of the PFRDA Act in 2013, and its implementation was notified in 2014.

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

Source: [BS](#)

Q9. With reference to the corporate bond index derivatives, consider the following statements:

1. These are financial instruments whose value is derived from a specific corporate bond index composed of high-quality corporate debt securities.
2. SEBI allows futures trading on corporate bond indices in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Corporate Bond Index Derivatives are financial instruments whose value is derived from a specific corporate bond index composed of high-quality corporate debt securities (rated AA+ and above).

Statement 2 is correct: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has framed regulations to allow futures trading on corporate bond indices since 2023, but these products have not gained significant traction yet.

Source: [BL](#)

Q10. With reference to the Time Use Survey (TUS), consider the following statements:

1. It provides valuable information on how individuals allocate their time to various paid and unpaid activities, care work, learning and leisure.
2. It is conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
3. This survey was first conducted in year 2019 in India.

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: Time Use Survey (TUS) provides valuable information on how individuals allocate their time to various paid and unpaid activities, care work, learning and leisure. It also provides comparative evidence to track changes in work and life patterns in India, particularly in the context of gender roles, and evolving socio-economic dynamics.

Statement 2 is correct: it is conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

Statement 3 is correct: The most recent all-India TUS was conducted from January to December 2024, following the first one in 2019.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (22 September)

Q1. Exercise Amogh Fury, recently in news, is:

- A) A naval combat readiness exercise conducted by the Western Naval Command
- B) An Integrated Fire Power Exercise conducted by the Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army
- C) A joint counter-terrorism drill conducted by the National Security Guard (NSG)
- D) An air defence exercise conducted by the South Western Air Command of the Indian Air Force

Answer: B

Explanation: Exercise Amogh Fury is an Integrated Fire Power Exercise carried out by the Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army. Its aim is to validate combat preparedness, demonstrate coordination between various arms, and integrate firepower capabilities in realistic operational settings.

Source- [IT](#)

Q2. With reference to the "State Finances 2022-23" report released by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), consider the following statements:

1. It is the first of its kind report providing a 10-year trend analysis (2013-14 to 2022-23) of fiscal parameters of all 28 States.
2. Punjab recorded the highest Debt-to-GSDP ratio.

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 report is the first comprehensive 10-year analysis (2013-14 to 2022-23) covering all 28 States.
- Punjab had the highest Debt-to-GSDP ratio at 40.35% in 2022-23.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries in relation to Estonia's land borders:

1. Russia
2. Latvia
3. Lithuania

How many of the above share a land border with Estonia?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Estonia shares its eastern border with Russia and southern border with Latvia.
- Lithuania does not share a land border with Estonia.

Source- [BBC](#)

Q4. The term "Poompuhar", recently seen in news, refers to:

- A) A contemporary smart port in Tamil Nadu
- B) A UNESCO World Heritage Site in Kerala
- C) A major naval base in Andhra Pradesh
- D) An ancient Chola port city in Tamil Nadu that was the capital of the early Chola kings.

Answer: D)

Explanation: Poompuhar (also called Kaveripattinam) was a prominent ancient port city of the Chola dynasty, located at the mouth of the Kaveri River in Tamil Nadu. It served as the second capital and an important trade hub.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. With reference to the "High Seas Treaty" (BBNJ Agreement), consider the following statements:

1. It is a legally binding treaty under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
2. The High Seas Treaty is the first implementing agreement under UNCLOS.
3. India has signed but not yet ratified the treaty.

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** — The High Seas Treaty is a legally binding instrument under UNCLOS, aimed at conserving and sustainably using marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

- **Statement 2 is Incorrect** — The High Seas Treaty is the third implementing agreement under UNCLOS. The first two are the 1994 Agreement relating to the implementation of UNCLOS and the 1995 U.N. Fish Stocks Agreement.
- **Statement 3 is Correct** — India signed the treaty in September 2024 but has not yet ratified it. As of mid-2025, India is a signatory but not a party to the treaty.

Source- [UN](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Dadasaheb Phalke Award:

1. It is India's highest award in the field of cinema and was instituted in 1969.
2. The award is presented annually and includes a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize.
3. The first recipient of this award was legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray.

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: The award was instituted in 1969 by the Government of India to honour outstanding contribution to Indian cinema.

Statement 2 is correct: It is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony; includes a Swarna Kamal, shawl, and cash prize.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The first recipient was Devika Rani, not Satyajit Ray.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) 3.0, consider the following statements:

1. It is developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) with support from the World Bank.
2. Only parks located in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and metropolitan areas are eligible for IPRS 3.0 assessment.

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: It is developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Statement 2 is incorrect: IPRS 3.0 covers all industrial parks nationwide, not just those in SEZs or metros.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the supercomputers of India:

1. The Indian government launched the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) in 2015 as a joint project of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).
2. India's current fastest supercomputer is AIRAWAT-PSAI at C-DAC in Pune.

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 Indian government launched the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) in 2015 as a joint project of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).

Statement 2 is correct: India's current fastest supercomputer is AIRAWAT-PSAI at C-DAC in Pune; it's ranked inside the top 100 in the canonical top 500 list worldwide.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Sweden
2. Poland
3. Lithuania
4. Finland
5. Germany
6. Denmark

How many of the above countries share a coast with the Baltic Sea?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- **Surrounding Countries:** It has a coastline of approximately 8,000 km, shared by several countries, including Sweden, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Germany, Denmark, and Russia.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. Which one of the following statements best describes the aim of Project Vijayak?

- a) Construction of border fencing in the Northeastern states to prevent illegal migration.
- b) Setting up solar power plants for energy security in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- c) Development of inland waterways along the Ganga-Brahmaputra basin.
- d) Providing road connectivity and upgrading strategic infrastructure in the Kargil and Zaskar regions of Ladakh, enhancing military and civilian access.

Answer: D

- Providing road connectivity and upgrading strategic infrastructure in the Kargil and Zaskar regions of Ladakh, enhancing military and civilian access.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (23 September)

Q1. Match the following Air Bases (Column A) with their Countries (Column B):

| Column A | Column B |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Bagram Air Base | A. Turkey |
| 2. Al Udeid Air Base | B. Qatar |
| 3. Nur Khan Air Base | C. Afghanistan |
| 4. Incirlik Air Base | D. Pakistan |

Options

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

Correct Answer- C

Explanation-

- **Bagram Air Base** – Afghanistan: Largest U.S. base in Afghanistan, often in news post-withdrawal.
- **Al Udeid Air Base** – Qatar: Hosts the U.S. Central Command, key hub in West Asia.
- **Nur Khan Air Base** – Pakistan: Major airbase near Islamabad, formerly Chaklala Air Base.
- **Incirlik Air Base** – Turkey: Strategic NATO base used by the U.S. and Turkey.

Source- [IT](#)

Q2: The Delhi Government has ordered a study on the use of smog-eating photocatalytic coatings on roads. What is the primary purpose of this technology?

- A) To absorb carbon dioxide and generate oxygen
- B) To capture dust and particulate matter only
- C) To reduce nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and harmful hydrocarbons in public spaces
- D) To convert rainwater into potable water

Answer: C

Explanation: Smog-eating photocatalytic coatings, typically made with titanium dioxide (TiO₂), use light energy to break down NO_x and organic pollutants into harmless substances, improving air and water quality.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3: Consider the following statements about the Sawalkote Project:

- 1. It is a storage-based hydroelectric power project.
- 2. It is proposed on the Chenab River in the Ramban and Udhampur districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: The Sawalkote Project is a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project (not storage-based) proposed on the Chenab River in Ramban and Udhampur districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4: AIRAWAT-PSAI, Pratyush, and Mihir, recently seen in news, are:

- A) Indigenous satellites launched for communication purposes
- B) Advanced drones developed by DRDO for surveillance
- C) Indian naval ships for oceanographic research
- D) Supercomputers of India for weather and climate research

Answer: D

Explanation: AIRAWAT-PSAI, Pratyush, and Mihir are part of India's high-performance computing initiative to improve weather forecasting, climate modeling, and monsoon predictions.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5: Consider the following statements about the Clean Plant Programme:

- 1. It was conceptualized by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in collaboration with the World Bank.
- 2. It is implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB).
- 3. It aims to provide farmers with high-quality, virus-free planting material of key fruit crops.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: The Clean Plant Programme is implemented by NHB in association with ICAR and aims to provide farmers with virus-free planting material; it was conceptualized with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), not the World Bank.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Maitri 2.0 Cross-Incubation Programme:

- 1. It is launched by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- 2. The programme aims to strengthen the partnerships in the agriculture sector between India and Britain.

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has launched the second edition of the Cross-Incubation Programme in Agritech (Maitri 2.0)

Statement 2 is incorrect: India and Brazil seek to strengthen their partnership in the agriculture sector with the launch of a programme that aims to promote technological innovation and exchanges of best practices.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Ballon d'Or Awards:

1. These awards are given in the field of tennis.
2. Ousmane Dembele became the first French player to win this award in 2025.

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: Ballon d'Or Awards are given in the field of football.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The 28-year-old France forward Dembele became the sixth French player to lift the award and the first since Karim Benzema in 2022.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) assessment report on River Pollution in India:

1. A polluted river stretch refers to two or more polluted locations on a river in a continuous sequence.
2. The Maharashtra continues to have the highest number (54) of polluted river stretches.

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 polluted river stretch refers to two or more polluted locations on a river in a continuous sequence. Stretches where the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) exceeds 3 milligrams/litre (mg/L) are identified as polluted stretches by CPCB.

Statement 2 is correct: The CPCB reviewed water quality data from 2022 and 2023, covering 2,116 locations, and found that 296 river stretches were polluted on 271 rivers across 32 states and Union Territories. Maharashtra continues to have the highest number (54) of polluted river stretches.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2025:

1. For the first time in 2025, Gram Panchayats across India were awarded in a dedicated grassroots digital innovation category, which recognizes excellence in service delivery at the village level.
2. Madhya Pradesh's Sampada 2.0 platform won the Gold Award for making property and document registration fully paperless and faceless using video KYC and GIS technology.
3. They are conferred annually by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

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: 1, 2 and 3

- All three statements are correct: Gram Panchayats were recognized for the first time in 2025, MP's Sampada 2.0 platform won the Gold Award with advanced technology, and NAeG awards are annual, presented by DARPG, with financial grants for innovation.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the New START accord:

1. It is a nuclear arms reduction treaty signed between the United States and Russia in 2010, aimed at limiting deployed strategic nuclear warheads and delivery systems.
2. The treaty is of indefinite duration and cannot be withdrawn from by either party.

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: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The New START Treaty was signed in 2010 in Prague by the US and Russia, and entered into force in 2011. It limits each side to 1,550 deployed strategic nuclear warheads and 700 deployed delivery systems.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The treaty was initially valid for 10 years, extendable by 5 years (extended till 2026). Like most international treaties, parties can withdraw with proper notice; it is not indefinite.

Source: [DD News](#)