

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

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (25 August)

**Q1.** With reference to the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), consider the following statements:

1. It was established under the auspices of UNESCO as a regional inter-governmental organization.
2. Its Secretariat is located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
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: C**

**Explanation:** The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) was founded in 1977 under UNESCO's auspices as a unique regional inter-governmental organization to foster a cohesive electronic media environment in the Asia-Pacific. Its Secretariat is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. India is a founding member, and Prasanna Bharati represents the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in the organization.

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

**Q2.** The Rampage missile, recently in news, has been developed by which of the following?

- A. United States
- B. Israel
- C. France
- D. Russia

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Rampage missile is an Israeli-origin air-to-surface, long-range, precision-guided missile developed by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and Israel Military Industries (IMI). The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to acquire more of these missiles to enhance its long-range strike capabilities.

**Source-** [India Today](#)

**Q3.** Consider the following description:

This Tiger Reserve is located in the southeastern part of Rajasthan, where it represents elements of both the Vindhyan and Aravalli ranges. It lies in continuation with the buffer area of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve on its northeastern side and Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve towards the south. The Mez River, a tributary of the Chambal, flows through this reserve, enriching its landscape and biodiversity.

Which of the following is being described above?

- A. Sariska Tiger Reserve
- B. Desert National Park
- C. Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve
- D. Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve

**Answer: C**

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

**Q4.** Consider the following statements regarding the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC):

1. Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a UN body widely recognised as the main global system for measuring the severity of hunger crises.
2. For famine classification, at least 20% of the population must face extreme food shortages, one in three children must be acutely malnourished, and the crude death rate must reach two per 10,000 per day.
3. The IPC itself formally declares famine worldwide.

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two

- C. All three
- D. None

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 incorrect** – IPC is an independent initiative, not a UN body.
- **Statement 2 correct** – These are the standard famine thresholds under IPC.
- **Statement 3 incorrect** – IPC does not declare famine; it only provides analysis for governments and organisations to do so.

**Source-** [The Print](#)

**Q5.** Consider the following statements regarding Article 311 of the Indian Constitution:

1. Article 311 provides procedural safeguards to civil servants against arbitrary dismissal, removal, or reduction in rank.
2. No civil servant can be dismissed or removed by an authority subordinate to the one who appointed them.

**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:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 311 ensures that civil servants employed under the Union or a State are protected from arbitrary dismissal, removal, or reduction in rank, thus providing them with a measure of security of tenure.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Article 311(1) clearly provides that no civil servant shall be dismissed or removed by an authority subordinate to the one who appointed them. This prevents arbitrary action by lower-level authorities.

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

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding the Lunar Module Launch Vehicle (LMLV):

1. The LMLV is being developed by ISRO as a super heavy-lift launch vehicle primarily for future lunar missions and the Indian space station.
2. It is designed to carry payloads of up to 80 tonnes to low Earth orbit (LEO) and about 27 tonnes to the Moon.
3. The LMLV is expected to be fully reusable and will be operational by the year 2027.

**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 LMLV is being built for future lunar and space station missions with the stated payload capacities.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The LMLV is only partially reusable and is expected to be operational by 2035, not 2027.

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements regarding the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS):

1. It is a multi-layered defence system which also includes a high-power laser-based weapon.

2. It is an imported system jointly developed with Russia and will be deployed only along India's western border.

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 IADWS is a multi-layered, indigenous air defence system with QRSAM, VSHORADS, and DEW, and was recently flight-tested by DRDO to intercept a variety of aerial threats. **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is an indigenous system (not imported) and will be deployed to protect vital installations across the country, not just along one border.

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

**Q8** Consider the following in respect of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS):

- 1. Inaugural IONS was held in India in 2015 under the chairmanship of the Indian Navy.
- 2. It is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime co-operation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

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: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The inaugural Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) was held in India in 2008, not in 2015, under the chairmanship of the Indian Navy.

**Statement 2 is correct:** IONS is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime cooperation among the navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Exercise Maitree:

- 1. It is a joint military exercise between India and Bangladesh.
- 2. The 2025 edition of the exercise will be conducted in India.
- 3. It will enable the two sides to share their best practices in tactics, techniques, and procedures for the conduct of joint operations.

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**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Exercise Maitree is a joint military exercise between India and Thailand.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The 14th edition of Exercise Maitree is scheduled to be held in Umroi, Meghalaya, from September 1 to 14, 2025.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It will enable the two sides to share their best practices in tactics, techniques, and procedures for the conduct of joint operations. The 14th edition of Exercise Maitree is designed to further sharpen the operational capabilities of both the armies in undertaking joint company-level counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban terrain.

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

**Q10.** Regarding the Atal Pension Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a minimum guaranteed pension scheme mainly targeted at unorganized sector workers.
2. Same amount of pension is guaranteed for the spouse for life after subscribers death.
3. The scheme is being operated by the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).

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**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Atal Pension Yojana (APY) offers a guaranteed minimum pension to subscribers, primarily targeting unorganized sector workers and others without formal pension coverage.

**Statement 2 is correct:** After the death of the subscriber, the spouse is entitled to receive the same pension amount for life or until the spouse's death. If the subscriber dies before 60 years, the spouse can continue contributions till the subscriber's original 60 years, after which the pension is paid to the spouse.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** APY is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and implemented through banks and post offices, not LIC.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (26 August)

**Q1.** Consider the following plant species:

1. Lantana camara
2. Parthenium hysterophorus
3. Prosopis juliflora

How many of the above are considered invasive species in India?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- **Lantana camara** – Listed among the world's worst invasive species; it forms dense thickets that suppress native vegetation and affects wildlife habitats.
- **Parthenium hysterophorus** – Spreads rapidly due to allelopathic effects; harmful to crops, biodiversity, and human health.
- **Prosopis juliflora** – Introduced for afforestation and fuelwood but turned invasive; it degrades soil, water, and displaces native flora in arid regions.

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

**Q2.** With reference to the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2023 on the occasion of 50 years of Project Lion.
2. Its aim is to ensure global conservation of seven big cats, including the Puma and Jaguar.
3. Its Secretariat is headquartered in India.
4. Currently, it has 95 member countries including Nepal.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT correct**?

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

**Answer: A**



**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** (Launched on 50 years of *Project Tiger*, not Lion).
- **Statement 2 is correct** (Covers 7 big cats: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma).
- **Statement 3 is correct** (Secretariat in India).
- **Statement 4 is incorrect** (Open to 95 countries, but only 13 members including Nepal).

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3. The Free Movement Regime (FMR), recently seen in news, is a bilateral arrangement between:**

- A. India and Nepal
- B. India and Bhutan
- C. India and Myanmar
- D. India and Bangladesh

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- The FMR is a bilateral arrangement between India and Myanmar that allows tribal communities along the border to travel up to 16 km inside each other's territory without passports or visas.
- In February 2024, the Union Home Minister announced its withdrawal citing security and demographic concerns. In December 2024, the Union Government introduced a new system for cross-border movement in place of FMR.

Source- [ET](#)

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

1. The community was founded in the 19th century by Harichand Thakur.
2. Matuas today constitute the second-largest scheduled caste population of West Bengal.

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 Matua community was founded in the 19th century by Harichand Thakur, a social and religious reformer. Today, they form the second-largest Scheduled Caste population in West Bengal, playing an important socio-political role in the state.

Source- [TI](#)

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

1. It shares land borders with Papua New Guinea and Tonga.
2. Suva is the capital city of Fiji.

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:**

- Fiji is an island nation in the South Pacific Ocean. Being an island, it does not share land borders with any country
- Suva is the capital city of Fiji

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6.** "He studied law in England, and came back to Bombay to practise. He was elected to the Bombay Legislative Council in 1912 and to the Imperial Legislative Council in 1918. He was the first Indian to become the President of the Central Legislative Assembly, on August 22, 1925. He was among those senior Congress leaders who opposed Mahatma Gandhi's decision to suspend the Non-Cooperation Movement against the British after the Chauri Chaura incident. He, along with other senior congress members like Subhas Chandra Bose, Motilal Nehru, Chittaranjan Das, founded the Swaraj Party in 1923. However, they worked closely with the Congress for the cause of India's freedom."

Which one of the following personalities is described in the above paragraph?

- a) C. Rajagopalachari
- b) Babu Rajendra Prasad
- c) Jaiprakash Narayan
- d) Vithalbhai Patel

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: Vithalbhai Patel**

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

**Q7.** Regarding the X-Guard Fibre-Optic Towed Decoy (FOTD) System, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a state-of-the-art electronic warfare solution to provide fighter aircraft with protection against advanced radar-guided missile threats.
- 2. It is being indigenously built by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

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 state-of-the-art electronic warfare solution to provide fighter aircraft with protection against advanced radar-guided missile threats.**

**Statement 2 is incorrect: Developed by: Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems** as part of their electronic warfare (EW) suite.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the Smart Intelligent Village Project:

- 1. The first Smart Intelligent Village pilot project in India was launched in Maharashtra, to integrate technologies like AI, IoT, smart agriculture, and telemedicine.
- 2. The project is a joint initiative between the Union Ministry of Rural Development and a consortium of Indian telecom and technology companies called Voice of Indian Communication Technology Enterprises (VoICE).

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:** Satnavri was selected as the country's first Smart Intelligent Village where AI, IoT, drone technology, and digital healthcare and education are implemented to transform rural life.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The project is a collaboration between the Maharashtra government and VoICE, which is a consortium of Indian telecom and technology companies supporting Make in India and Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the Super Garuda Shield 2025:

1. It is a multinational military exercise hosted by India and France jointly.
2. The exercise emphasizes multi-domain operations, including air, land, sea, cyber, space, and information domains, with activities such as live-fire drills, joint staff planning, and cyber defense training.

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: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Super Garuda Shield 2025 is the largest multinational military exercise hosted by Indonesia and co-hosted by the United States, involving over 6,500 personnel from 13 countries.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The exercise emphasizes multi-domain operations, including air, land, sea, cyber, space, and information domains, with activities such as live-fire drills, joint staff planning, and cyber defense training.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI):

1. It was established in 1861 and was headed first by William Jones, known as the "Father of Indian Archaeology."
2. It functions under the Ministry of Culture.
3. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act), 1958, governs the regulation and protection of monuments managed by the ASI.

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**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The ASI was indeed founded in 1861 by Alexander Cunningham, who became its first Director-General and is often called the "Father of Indian Archaeology".

**Statement 2 is correct:** ASI functions under the Ministry of Culture and is the premier organization for archaeological research and preservation of monuments across India.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act), 1958, regulates the protection and management of the protected monuments under ASI.

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

#### 10 PM CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs August 27<sup>th</sup>

**Q1.** Consider the following statements about the National Designated Authority (NDA) for Carbon Market:

1. It will be headed by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. The creation of an NDA is a mandatory requirement under provisions of Paris Agreement.
3. A key task of the NDA will be to identify and authorize projects that generate carbon credits.

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:** NDA is a 21-member committee headed by the Secretary of the Environment Ministry.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The creation of an NDA is a mandatory requirement under Article 6 of Paris Agreement (2015).

**Statement 3 is correct:** A key task of the reconstituted NDA will be to identify and authorize projects that generate carbon credits. It is also meant to help India access international climate finance and carbon markets.

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

**Q2.** Consider the following statements about the National Sample Survey (NSS):

1. The NSS operates as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Finance.
2. Apart from generating high-quality socio-economic data, it also undertakes the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) to assess industrial performance.

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: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The NSS operates as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

**Statement 2 is correct:** Objectives of NSS:

- Generate high-quality socio-economic data for informed policy formulation.
- Conduct household surveys covering consumption, employment, health, education, etc.
- Undertake Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) to assess industrial performance.
- Support crop statistics by supervising area and yield estimation.
- Provide data on price movements in rural and urban sectors.

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

**Q3.** Consider the following statements about the Kani tribe:

1. They mainly inhabit the central highlands region of India.
2. This tribe is famous for use of the forest plant arogyapacha (*Trichopus zeylanicus*) as a key ingredient in a herbal remedy to boost body energy.
3. They are categorized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in India.

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:** Kani is a tribe living in the Western Ghats area of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, India.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The arogyapacha (*Trichopus zeylanicus*) has been in use for centuries by the Kaani tribal community of the Agastya Koodam ranges in Kerala, India, for its medicinal properties.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Kani tribe, though a notified Scheduled Tribe in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, is not included among the 75 communities identified as PVTGs by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

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

**Q4.** Consider the following sites:

1. Kashmir (saffron)
2. Koraput (traditional agriculture)
3. Kuttanad (below sea-level farming)

How many of the above sites are included in the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) in India?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: All are correct**

- The Global Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) was started by Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) for the purpose of creating public awareness and safeguarding the World agricultural heritage sites. There are three regions of India, which has been recognised as the Global Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) cities in India: Koraput, Odisha State; Kashmir Valley, Pampore region; and Kuttanad.

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

**Q5.** With reference to the vaquita porpoise, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is confined just to a small area in the Gulf of California.
- 2. It has been categorized as endangered by the IUCN.
- 3. It is the world's smallest cetacean.

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 vaquita is confined just to a small area in the Gulf of California or the Sea of Cortez, an inlet of the Pacific Ocean between the Baja California peninsula and mainland Mexico.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The IUCN status for the vaquita porpoise is Critically Endangered.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The vaquita (*Phocoena sinus*) is the world's smallest cetacean. Its name means "little cow" in Spanish.

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

**Q6.** The *Dnipropetrovsk* region, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Russia
- b) Georgia
- c) Ukraine
- d) Belarus

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Ukraine**

- The Dnipropetrovsk region, is an oblast in simultaneously southern, eastern and central Ukraine, the most important industrial region of the country.

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the New World Screwworm species:

- 1. They are a type of parasites which burrow into the tissue after laying eggs in the wounds.
- 2. They are typically found in South and Southeast Asia.

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 parasites are named after the screwlike way they burrow into the tissue. These eggs hatch into larvae (known as maggots), which burrow into the wound using their sharp mouth hooks to feed on the living flesh, leading to infestation.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Screwworms are a type of blue-grey blowfly, typically found in South America and the Caribbean.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding the PM E-DRIVE Scheme:

1. It is a two-year scheme (2024–26) under the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
  2. The scheme provides demand incentives for electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, ambulances, trucks and buses, but does not cover private electric cars.
  3. A key component is the installation of EV charging infrastructure with funding support given to it.
- 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 PM E-DRIVE scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet under the Ministry of Heavy Industries, with a total outlay of ₹10,900 crore and scheduled from October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It covers e-2Ws, e-3Ws, e-ambulances, e-trucks, and e-buses, offering demand incentives via Aadhaar-authenticated e-vouchers, but does not extend incentives for private electric cars, unlike earlier FAME schemes.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme allocates ₹2,000 crore for setting up EV charging infrastructure, including fast-charging stations nationwide—along highways and in cities—to alleviate range anxiety.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following:

1. Latvia
2. Poland
3. Russia
4. Estonia
5. Belarus
6. Ukraine
7. Norwegian Sea

How many of the above have a land boundary with Lithuania?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Lithuania is a country in the Baltic region of Europe. It is one of three Baltic states and lies on the eastern shore of the **Baltic Sea**, bordered by **Latvia**, **Belarus**, **Poland** and the **Russian** semi-exclave of Kaliningrad Oblast to the southwest.

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

**Q10.** The FREE-AI committee, seen in the news recently, is constituted by

- a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- c) Niti Aayog
- d) Ministry of Science and Technology

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: RBI**

- The Framework for Responsible Electronic and Efficient AI (FREE-AI) committee was constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It emphasises the need to address the vulnerabilities posed by adopting AI-powered tools and models.

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

### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (28 August)

**Q1.** The “Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report 2025”, recently seen in the news, is released by which of the following?

- a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report 2025 has been released by NITI Aayog, which is the nodal agency for coordinating India’s efforts towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Source- [Niti Aayog](#)**

**Q2.** Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Bright Star:

- 1. It is a biennial multilateral tri-service exercise.
- 2. It is hosted by Egypt in conjunction with the United States.

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:** Exercise Bright Star is a biennial (once every two years) multilateral tri-service exercise, co-hosted by Egypt and the United States since 1980.

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

**Q3.** With reference to the PM Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Yojana, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Central Sector scheme.
- 2. The scheme provides an initial working capital loan of up to Rs. 10,000 to eligible street vendors.
- 3. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) acts as the implementing agency for the scheme.
- 4. The scheme incentivizes digital transactions by offering cash-back benefits up to Rs. 500 per month.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- b) 1 and 3 only
- c) 2 and 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Answer: a**

**Explanation:**

- The scheme was launched on 1st June 2020 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) as a Central Sector Scheme.
- It provides an initial working capital loan up to ₹10,000 with a repayment tenure of one year.
- SIDBI is the implementing agency.
- The scheme promotes digital transactions through cash-back incentives up to ₹100 per month, not Rs. 500.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q4.** Project Aarohan, recently seen in the news, has been launched by which of the following?

- a) Ministry of Education
- b) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- d) Ministry of Labour and Employment

**Answer: c**

**Explanation:** Project Aarohan has been launched by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to support the education of children of toll plaza employees

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q5.** With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), consider the following statements:

1. Any Indian national only above the age of 21 years is eligible to open a Jan Dhan account.
2. Accounts under PMJDY can be opened with zero balance, but maintaining a minimum balance is necessary only if the account holder opts for a chequebook.
3. The scheme provides a free RuPay debit card with in-built accident insurance coverage of up to Rs. 2 lakh.
4. An overdraft facility of up to Rs. 10,000 per individual is available.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Answer- (b)**

**Explanation:**

- Statement 1 is Incorrect - Eligibility is 18–59 years, not “above 21 years.”
- Statement 2 is Correct - Zero balance accounts, balance only if cheque book required.
- Statement 3 is Correct - RuPay debit card with Rs. 2 lakh accident insurance.
- Statement 4 is Incorrect- Overdraft is per household, not per individual.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q6.** Which one of the following best describes the meaning of "biodiversity pressure"?

- a) The expansion of renewable energy infrastructure and its influence on energy mix
- b) Government policies for the in-situ conservation of threatened species
- c) The introduction of genetically modified crops to enhance farm yields
- d) The extent to which farmland for these crops overlaps with the natural habitats of wildlife.

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- The "Biodiversity Pressure" is the extent to which farmland for these crops overlaps with the natural habitats of wildlife.

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q7.** With reference to the brown dwarfs, consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The brown dwarfs share some similarities with normal stars, but still are known as “failed stars”.



**Statement-II:** They do not have enough mass to consistently fuse hydrogen, a process that heats a star and makes it shine.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Brown dwarfs are curious celestial bodies that share some similarities with stars and others with planets. For instance, these objects form like stars from collapsing clouds of gas and dust. However, they do not have enough mass to consistently fuse hydrogen, a process that heats a star and makes it shine. That is why they are often known as “failed stars”.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding the Gangotri glacier:

- 1. It is the primary source of the Bhagirathi River, which merges with the Alaknanda to form the Ganga at Devprayag.
- 2. The glacier has been retreating rapidly in recent decades due to climate change, with an average rate of around 20 meters per year.
- 3. The snout of the Gangotri glacier is located in Sikkim and is a major pilgrimage site for both Hindus and Buddhists.

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**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Gangotri glacier is the primary source of the Bhagirathi River, and the Ganga is formed at Devprayag by the confluence of Bhagirathi and Alaknanda.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The glacier is retreating at an average rate of about 20 meters per year due to climate change.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The snout of the Gangotri glacier (Gomukh) is located in Uttarakhand, not Sikkim, and is primarily a Hindu pilgrimage site.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT):

- 1. It is a statutory body.
- 2. It has an appellate jurisdiction against orders of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- 3. Appeals against an order of NCLAT can only be made to the President of India and not to the Supreme Court.

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 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** NCLAT is a statutory body and was established under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013, and began functioning from 1 June 2016.

**Statement 2 is correct:** NCLAT is the appellate authority for orders of NCLT, IBBI, CCI, and NFRA.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Appeals against NCLAT's orders can be made to the Supreme Court of India, not the President of India.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about digital services tax:

1. It is typically a corporate income tax on specific digital activities where user participation in a country is seen as creating value.
2. It is a destination-based tax in which the liability is tied to user location, not company headquarters.

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: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** A DST is typically a gross-revenue tax (not a corporate income tax) on specific digital activities where user participation in a country is seen as creating value. They generally apply only to large groups above high global and in-country revenue thresholds.

**Statement 2 is correct:** DSTs are destination-based taxes in which the liability is tied to user location, not company headquarters.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (29 August)

**Q1. Consider the following description:**

This National Park is located in West Bengal, in the Terai region of the Dooars at the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. It lies on the banks of the Murti and Raidak rivers and is known for its rich biodiversity of flora and fauna. The park is especially famous for being home to several endangered species, notably the Indian one-horned rhinoceros.

**Which of the following National Parks is correctly described above?**

- (a) Jaldapara National Park
- (b) Gorumara National Park
- (c) Sunderbans National Park
- (d) Manas National Park

**Correct Answer: (b)**

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

**Q2. With reference to Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), consider the following statements:**

1. PPP compares the prices of goods and services between countries to adjust for cost of living and inflation.
2. India is the world's third-largest economy by GDP (PPP), after China and the United States.

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

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

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation-** PPP adjusts GDP for cost of living differences, and India ranks 3rd globally in PPP terms after China and the US.

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

**Q3. With reference to the Export Promotion Mission, consider the following statements:**

1. It was announced in the Union Budget 2025–26.
2. The Mission is jointly driven by the Ministries of Commerce & Industry, MSME, and Finance, with the Department of Commerce as the lead department.
3. It is proposed to be implemented through two sub-schemes – Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha.

**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

**Correct Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct** – The Export Promotion Mission was announced in the Union Budget 2025–26 to promote inclusive and sustainable export growth.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – It is jointly driven by the Ministries of Commerce & Industry, MSME, and Finance, with the Department of Commerce as the nodal authority.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – The Mission will be implemented through two sub-schemes: Niryat Protsahan (Rs. 10,000 crore) to support exporters with credit and market access, and Niryat Disha (Rs. 14,500 crore) to help MSMEs address non-tariff barriers and enhance competitiveness.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q4. Which of the following correctly describes Glanders disease?**

- (a) A zoonotic disease of equines caused by *Burkholderia mallei*, transmissible to humans.
- (b) A viral disease affecting only cattle, eradicated worldwide.
- (c) A fungal infection of poultry transmitted through contaminated feed.
- (d) A parasitic disease of sheep and goats caused by protozoa.

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- Glanders is a highly infectious and often fatal disease that primarily affects horses, donkeys, and mules.
- It is caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia mallei* and is zoonotic, meaning it can spread to humans.
- In humans, it may cause nasal, pulmonary, or septic infections.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q5. With reference to the Commonwealth Games, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an international multi-sport event held every five years.
2. India hosted the Commonwealth Games once, in 2010 at New Delhi.
3. A unique feature of the Commonwealth Games is the integration of para-sports events into the main program.

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

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

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - The Commonwealth Games are held every four years, not five.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - India hosted once in 2010 at New Delhi, which was also its best-ever medal tally (101 medals).
- **Statement 3 is correct** - Para-sports events are integrated into the main program, a unique feature of the Games.

Source- [NIE](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements about the Tawi river:

1. It is a major left-bank tributary of the Beas River.
2. It originates from the Shiwalik Range in Himachal Pradesh.
3. It divides the city of Jammu into two segments.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 3 only is correct**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Tawi River is a major left-bank tributary of the Chenab River and an important river in the Jammu region.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It rises from Kalpas Kund of Seo Dhar in the Bhaderwah in the Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, then descends to Sudh Mahadev.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Tawi River traverses through and divides the city of Jammu into two segments. The water of this river is the main source of water for the entire city.

Source: [NDTV](#)

**Q7.** The Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) is published by

- a) World Health Organization
- b) United Nations Environment Programme
- c) Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago
- d) World Bank

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago**

- The Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) is a specialized tool that quantifies the impact of particulate air pollution (PM2.5) on life expectancy worldwide. It is developed and regularly published by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC).

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the 'BioE3 Challenge for Youth' initiative:

1. The programme aims to empower grassroots innovators for designing biological solutions addressing challenges in health, agriculture, environment, and industry.
2. It will be implemented by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).
3. The initiative provides funding to the winning candidates in order to transform their ideas into reality.

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 initiative invites school students (Classes 6–12), university students, researchers, faculty, startups and Indian nationals to design safe-by-default biological solutions addressing challenges in health, agriculture, environment, and industry.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It will be implemented by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The top 10 winning solutions each will receive a cash award of ₹1 lakh along with recognition and mentoring support. 100 selected awardees will be eligible for funding of up to ₹25 lakh,

provided in two tranches through BIRAC, to convert their ideas into proof-of-concept solutions. These projects will also gain access to facilities and incubation support at BRIC+ institutions across India.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the UDISE+ portal:

1. It is an online educational management information system developed by the Ministry of Education to collect real-time data on schools, teachers, students and infrastructure across all recognized schools in India.
2. Each school is provided with a unique 11-digit UDISE code that acts as a national-level identifier for tracking school-level data effectively.
3. The data collected through UDISE+ is monitored at four levels including cluster/block, district, state, and national levels to ensure accuracy and reliability.

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: 1, 2, and 3**

**Statement 1 is correct:** UDISE+ is a comprehensive online portal developed by the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education that collects real-time data from recognized schools across India on various parameters, aiding in evidence-based policy making.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Each school is assigned a unique 11-digit UDISE code to uniquely identify and manage school data nationally.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The data undergoes a multi-tier validation process at cluster/block, district, state, and national levels to ensure its authenticity and consistency before being finalized.

Source: [NDTV](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the NARI 2025 Report:

1. It has been published by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
2. As per the Report, the cities in Northeast India fared much better in terms of women safety in comparison to other major cities in other parts of 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: B**

**Explanation: Only 2**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The NARI 2025 Report (National Annual Report and Index on Women's Safety) was published by the Group of Intellectuals and Academicians (GIA) in collaboration with Pvalue Analytics, The NorthCap University, and Jindal Global Law School. The report was released by the National Commission for Women (NCW), chaired by Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Kohima, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar and Mumbai have emerged as the safest cities in the country for women, while Patna, Jaipur, Faridabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Srinagar and Ranchi were ranked the lowest, according to the National Annual Report and Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025.

Source: [BS](#)

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (30 August)

**Q1. With reference to Raja Prithu Rae, consider the following statements:**

1. He ruled Kamrupa (Assam) during the early 13th century.



2. He defeated Bakhtiyar Khilji when the latter attacked Kamrupa.
3. The Kanai Varasi rock inscription provides evidence of his victory over the Turks.

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:** Raja Prithu Rae ruled Kamrupa (present-day Assam) in the early 13th century.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** He successfully resisted and defeated Bakhtiyar Khilji's invasion, marking one of the rare defeats of the Turks in eastern India.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Kanai Varasi rock inscription stands as historical proof of the destruction of the Turks during his reign.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q2. With reference to cotton cultivation in India, consider the following statements:**

1. Cotton requires high temperature, light rainfall, about 210 frost-free days, and bright sunshine for its growth.
2. India is the only country in the world that grows all four commercially cultivated species of cotton.
3. Cotton is highly tolerant to salinity and water logging conditions.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Cotton is a tropical kharif crop requiring high temperature, light rainfall, 210 frost-free days, and plenty of sunshine.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India is unique in cultivating all four species of cotton — *Gossypium arboreum*, *G. herbaceum*, *G. hirsutum*, and *G. barbadense*.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Cotton is semi-tolerant to salinity but highly sensitive to waterlogging.

Source- [ddnews](#)

**Q3. With reference to Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), consider the following statements:**

1. LNG occupies about 1/600th of the volume of natural gas in its gaseous state, making it economical to transport.
2. As of 2024 Qatar is the largest exporter of LNG in the world, followed by the USA and Australia.

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:** By cooling natural gas to  $-162^{\circ}\text{C}$ , it turns into LNG, reducing its volume to about 1/600th. This makes it easier and cheaper to store and transport across long distances.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** As of 2024, the USA is the world's largest LNG exporter, followed by Australia and Qatar. Qatar was earlier the leader but has now slipped to third place.

Source- [newsonair](#)

**Q4. Match the following grasslands with their respective regions/countries:**

**List – I (Grasslands)**

1. Prairies
2. Pampas
3. Steppes
4. Veld

**List – II (Countries/Regions)**

- A. Argentina
- B. South Africa
- C. USA and Canada
- D. Central Asia

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

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

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- Prairies - USA & Canada (temperate grasslands of North America).
- Pampas - Argentina (fertile plains of South America).
- Steppes - Central Asia (grasslands stretching across Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia).
- Veld - South Africa (savanna-type temperate grassland).

Source- [Phyisc](#)

**Q5. Nimbrix Missile, recently seen in the news, has been developed by which of the following countries?**

- (a) United States – Lockheed Martin
- (b) Sweden – Saab
- (c) France – MBDA
- (d) Russia – Rosoboronexport

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The Nimbrix Missile is developed by the Swedish defense company Saab. It is a cost-effective counter-UAS missile designed to neutralize drone swarms using an infrared seeker and air-burst fragmentation warhead.

Source- [invest](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Ranjit Sagar Dam:**

1. It is built on the Beas river.
2. It is officially listed as a Ramsar site 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: D**

**Explanation: Both are incorrect**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Ranjit Sagar Dam, also known as the Thein Dam, is a major water reservoir and hydroelectric power project located on the Ravi River in the state of Punjab.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** No, Ranjit Sagar Dam is not officially listed as a Ramsar site in India. It is recognized as a national wetland and an interstate conservation reserve, but it does not appear on the official list of Ramsar (internationally important) sites as of 2025.

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the Daruma Doll, seen in the news recently:

1. It is modelled after Bodhidharma, a 5th century monk.
2. The doll symbolizes the culture of China and its ancient connection with India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** 1 only

**Statement 1 is correct:** It is modelled after Bodhidharma, the 5th-century founder of Zen Buddhism.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Daruma is a traditional Japanese wish doll, which is typically made of papier-mâché. The doll is considered a symbol of perseverance and good luck, often used to represent setting and achieving goals.

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

**Q8.** Which one of the following best describes the *Crocothemis erythraea*, seen in the news recently?

- a) A rare rodent species rediscovered in the Western Ghats
- b) An ancient angiosperm fossil found in Rajasthan
- c) A rare high-altitude species of dragonfly, also known as the broad scarlet or scarlet darter
- d) An invasive species of freshwater algae spreading in the Indo-Gangetic Plain

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- *Crocothemis erythraea* is a species of dragonfly commonly called the broad scarlet or scarlet darter, belonging to the family Libellulidae. It was recently reported in the high-elevation regions of the Western Ghats, with earlier records from Europe, Asia, and the Himalayas. Its rediscovery helps highlight the biodiversity and conservation importance of the montane habitats in southern India.

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

**Q9.** The Sulawesi province, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) South Sudan
- b) Ukraine
- c) Ecuador
- d) Indonesia

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Sulawesi, also known as Celebes is an island in Indonesia.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the State Energy Efficiency Index 2024:

1. It is being released by the Niti Aayog.
2. Maharashtra has emerged the top performer in India in the Front Runners category of the Index.
3. The index assesses the energy efficiency performance of 36 States and Union Territories (UTs) for FY 2023-24.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2024 is developed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in association with the Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE).

**Statement 2 is correct:** States are classified into four performance categories: Front Runners (>60%), Achievers (50-60%), Contenders (30-50%), and Aspirants (<30%). The top performers include:

- Maharashtra (Group 1: >15 MToE)
- Andhra Pradesh (Group 2: 5-15 MToE)
- Assam (Group 3: 1-5 MToE)
- Tripura (Group 4: <1 MToE)

**Statement 3 is correct:** The index assesses the energy efficiency performance of **36 States and Union Territories (UTs)** for FY 2023-24, supporting data-driven monitoring, best practice sharing, and healthy competition among states.

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