

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (17 October)

Q1. Consider the following countries:

1. Kazakhstan
2. China
3. Tajikistan

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

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Kyrgyzstan shares its borders with Kazakhstan to the north, China to the east, Tajikistan to the south, and Uzbekistan to the west.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q2. Prussian Blue Capsules, recently in the news, are used for the treatment of poisoning caused by:

- (a) Mercury and lead
- (b) Arsenic and cadmium
- (c) Radioactive cesium and thallium
- (d) Carbon monoxide and cyanide

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Prussian Blue Capsules treat internal contamination from radioactive cesium (Cs-137) or thallium by trapping them in the intestines. Recently, India gifted these capsules to Indonesia to mitigate Cesium-137 contamination, highlighting India's radiological safety expertise.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements about the Finance Commission of India:

1. The Finance Commission consists of a Chairperson and four members, all appointed by the President.
2. The Constitution empowers the President to establish the qualifications for Finance Commission members.
3. Members hold office for the period specified by the President and are not eligible for reappointment.

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** – The Finance Commission is composed of a Chairperson and four members, all appointed by the President (Article 280).
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect** – The Constitution empowers Parliament, not the President, to specify the qualifications of members.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect** – Members can be reappointed; they are not barred from reappointment.

Source- [ET](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements about the Akash Missile System:

1. It is a short-range air-to-air missile system.
2. It is currently in service only with the Indian Airforce.

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: The Akash Missile System is a short-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) developed by DRDO. It is in service with both the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force, not an air-to-air system and not limited to the airforce alone.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about Uruguay:

1. It is the only South American country located entirely south of the Tropic of Capricorn.
2. It shares its borders with both Brazil and Argentina.

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: Uruguay is the only South American nation entirely south of the Tropic of Capricorn. It shares land borders with Brazil (north and east) and Argentina (west and southwest), and has a coastline along the South Atlantic Ocean to the southeast.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP):

1. It is one of the five regional committees of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).
2. It works to maximize the economic, social, and environmental benefits of geospatial information through cooperation, capacity development, and shared solutions.

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 UN-GGIM-AP is one of the five regional committees of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).

Statement 2 is correct: Representing the National Geospatial Information Agencies of 56 countries in Asia and the Pacific region, it works to maximize the economic, social, and environmental benefits of geospatial information through cooperation, capacity development, and shared solutions.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI), consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the Ministry of Mines.
2. The 2025 version of index is its inaugural one.
3. The states are grouped into three categories on the basis of their mineral endowment in this index.

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: Ministry of Mines has released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and State rankings, which is a significant step to encourage mining sector reforms in States.

Statement 2 is correct: This is the inaugural State Mining Index to boost reforms in mineral sector and fulfills the announcement made under the Union Budget 2025-26.

Statement 3 is correct: Under the SMRI, States were grouped into three categories on the basis of their mineral endowment. The top three ranked States in Category A are Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat, while States Goa, Uttar Pradesh and Assam have been ranked in top three in Category B. In Category C, the top three ranks have been obtained by Punjab, Uttarakhand and Tripura.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the C2S-Scale model:

1. It is developed by the Google in collaboration with the Yale University.
2. It is specifically designed to understand the "language" of individual cells within the body.

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 C2S-Scale is an advanced artificial intelligence (AI) model developed by Google DeepMind and Google Research in collaboration with Yale University and based on the Gemma framework.

Statement 2 is correct: It is a 27-billion-parameter foundation model that is specifically designed to understand the "language" of individual cells within the body. This enables it to simulate and predict cellular behavior under various conditions, such as in diseases like cancer.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the statements about the Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar (SITAA):

1. It is launched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
2. It aims to bring together startups, academic institutions, and industry players to co-develop secure, scalable, and globally benchmarked solutions that enhance Aadhaar authentication.

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 Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a new innovation initiative – the Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar (SITAA).

Statement 2 is correct: SITAA aims to bring together startups, academic institutions, and industry players to co-develop secure, scalable, and globally benchmarked solutions that enhance Aadhaar authentication. The program will particularly focus on advanced biometric technologies, authentication frameworks, artificial intelligence, and data privacy.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. Argentina
2. Chile
3. Brazil

4. Paraguay
5. Uruguay

How many of the following countries are members of the MERCOSUR bloc?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- MERCOSUR's full members are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Venezuela is a full member but has been suspended since 1 December 2016. Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Panama, Peru, and Suriname are associate countries.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (18 October)

Q1. The State of Finance for Forests 2025 report, recently in the news, was released by which organization?

- A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- C. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- D. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Answer: C

Source- [UNEP](#)

Explanation- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has released the inaugural State of Finance for Forests 2025 report, offering a global assessment of public and private financing for forests in 2023.

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the IN-RoKN Exercise:

1. It is a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Republic of Korea Navy (RoKN).
2. The inaugural edition of the IN-RoKN Exercise is being held in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct as the IN-RoKN Exercise is indeed a bilateral naval exercise between India and South Korea. Statement 2 is incorrect because the inaugural edition is being held in South Korea, not India.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

1. Argentina
2. Bolivia
3. Chile
4. Ecuador
5. Peru

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Brazil shares land borders with most South American countries except Chile and Ecuador. Among the countries listed, Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru share a land border with Brazil, while Chile and Ecuador do not.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q4. Motion 042, recently adopted by the IUCN, calls for:

- A. Protection of endangered species and biodiversity conservation
- B. Promotion of nuclear energy as the primary source globally
- C. Expansion of marine protected areas without addressing fossil fuels
- D. Global phase-out of coal, oil, and gas and halt to new extraction projects

Answer: D

Explanation- Motion 042, passed at the IUCN World Conservation Congress, calls for a global phase-out of fossil fuels and a just transition for affected workers and communities.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q5. Consider the following:

Assertion (A): The South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA) is a region where Earth's magnetic field is weaker than the global average.

Reason (R): It occurs because of increased solar radiation over the South Atlantic region.

Choose the correct option:

- 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: The SAA is a weak magnetic field zone, but its cause is the irregular flow of molten iron and nickel in Earth's outer core, not increased solar radiation.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the 2025 Arctic Circle Assembly:

- 1. The 2025 Assembly will be held in Canada.
- 2. It is the largest annual international forum for dialogue and cooperation on the future of the Arctic.

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 Arctic Circle Assembly 2025 will be held in the Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Centre, Reykjavík, Iceland, on October 16 - 18.

Statement 2 is correct: Arctic Circle is the largest annual international forum for dialogue and cooperation on the future of the Arctic.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Commonwealth Games:

- 1. The Commonwealth Games are organized every four years among the members of the Commonwealth of Nations since 1930.
- 2. India has hosted the Games once, in New Delhi, where it achieved its best-ever medal tally.
- 3. India has participated in every edition of the Commonwealth Games since independence without any boycott or absence.

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 Commonwealth Games began in 1930 as the British Empire Games and are held every four years among countries that are members of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Statement 2 is correct: India debuted in 1934, winning its first medal through wrestler Rashid Anwar, and has hosted the Games once in 2010 in New Delhi, where India recorded its best-ever tally of 101 medals and finished second overall.

Statement 3 is incorrect: India did not participate in the 1930, 1950, 1962, and 1986 editions. The 1986 boycott was over South Africa's apartheid policy and the UK's refusal to condemn it.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Which one of the following institutions recently adopted the "Crimes that Affect the Environment (CAE)" resolution?

- a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- b) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- d) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Answer: C

Explanation: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), during its World Conservation Congress held in Abu Dhabi in October 2025, adopted the landmark "Crimes that Affect the Environment (CAE)" resolution. The resolution recognizes environmental crimes such as illegal logging, deforestation, mining, fishing, and wildlife trafficking as major threats to biodiversity and human rights. It calls for stronger global cooperation among governments, law enforcement agencies, and conservation organizations to prevent, investigate, and prosecute environmental crimes.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the IndiaAI Mission:

- 1. It was launched in 2024 under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- 2. The IndiaAI Compute component of the mission aims to provide access to high-end graphics processing units (GPUs) at subsidized rates to Indian startups and researchers to build indigenous AI solutions.

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 IndiaAI Mission was approved by the Government of India in March 2024 with a budget of over ₹10,300 crore to build a robust, inclusive AI ecosystem under MeitY. It is organized around seven pillars—Compute Infrastructure, Datasets Platform, Application Development, Innovation Centres, FutureSkills, Startup Financing, and Safe & Trusted AI.

Statement 2 is correct: Under the IndiaAI Compute pillar, more than 38,000 high-end GPUs have been deployed to support AI research and startups by offering subsidized access (₹65 per hour) to computing power for developing indigenous and socially beneficial AI technologies.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Lake Turkana, recently seen in the news, is mainly located in which country?

- a) Turkey
- b) Tanzania
- c) Kenya
- d) Uganda

Answer: C) Kenya

Explanation: Lake Turkana is located in the remote northern region of Kenya. It is the world's largest permanent desert lake and the largest alkaline lake. The area is also an important paleoanthropological site.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs – October 22nd

Q1. The Rakchham-Chitkul wildlife sanctuary, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Rakchham Chitkul Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh, India.

Source: [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding *Hygrocybe pellucida*:

- 1. It is a mushroom species.
- 2. It thrives in mossy forest floors and nutrient-poor habitats.

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: *Hygrocybe pellucida* is a species of mushroom (fungi) belonging to the genus *Hygrocybe*, commonly called "waxcaps" and recently recorded in India.

Statement 2 is correct: This mushroom typically thrives in mossy forest floors and other nutrient-poor habitats, serving as an indicator of healthy, undisturbed ecosystems.

Source: [TNIE](#)

Q3. Operation Fire Trail is launched by:

- a) Border Security Force (BSF)
- b) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- c) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- d) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

Answer: B

Explanation: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)

- Operation Fire Trail is a special intelligence-led operation launched by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), India's premier anti-smuggling agency under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). The operation was aimed at detecting and seizing illicitly imported foreign-origin firecrackers, especially from China, which were being smuggled into India through false customs declarations. The crackdown helped deter threats to public safety, environment, and the legality of India's import policy.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements about the 'We Rise' initiative:

1. It is launched by the National Commission of Women (NCW).
2. It aims to help women entrepreneurs in India to scale their businesses globally.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform and DP World, today announced a joint initiative 'We Rise - Women Entrepreneurs Reimagining Inclusive and Sustainable Enterprises'.

Statement 2 is correct: This programme under the aegis of WEP's Award to Reward (ATR) initiative, aims to help women entrepreneurs in India to scale their businesses globally through trade facilitation, mentorship, and strategic partnerships.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q5. With reference to the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025, consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
2. Indian is among top ten countries in terms of total forest area.
3. India has retained its 3rd position worldwide in annual forest area gain.

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 Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 is released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Statement 2 is correct: India has climbed to the ninth position globally in total forest area.

Statement 3 is correct: India has also retained its 3rd position worldwide in annual forest area gain, reaffirming the country's steady progress in sustainable forest management.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

1. Kenya
2. South Sudan
3. Burundi
4. Democratic Republic of the Congo
5. Rwanda
6. Ethiopia

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is bordered to the east by **Kenya**, to the north by **South Sudan**, to the west by the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, to the south-west by **Rwanda**, and to the south by **Tanzania**.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the International Maritime Organization (IMO):

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating maritime safety, security, and prevention of marine pollution from ships.
2. The IMO's regulations become binding international law automatically for all member states upon adoption.
3. The headquarters of the IMO is located in London, United Kingdom.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: IMO is a UN specialized agency regulating maritime safety, security, and marine pollution.

Statement 2 is incorrect: IMO's regulations do not become binding automatically; they must be adopted into national law by member states.

Statement 3 is correct: The IMO's headquarters is in London, United Kingdom.

Source: [Mint](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV):

1. It is an international convention that provides intellectual property rights protection specifically for plant breeders over new plant varieties.
2. India is a member of the UPOV Convention and implements its provisions through the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001.
3. The UPOV system primarily prioritizes breeders' rights and has often been criticized for insufficiently protecting farmers' traditional seed saving and exchange practices.

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: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: UPOV focuses on intellectual property rights to protect breeders of new plant varieties.

Statement 2 is incorrect: India is not a member of UPOV but has its own sui generis system under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001.

Statement 3 is correct: UPOV's system has been criticized for favoring breeders and not adequately safeguarding farmers' rights to save, use, exchange, and sell seeds, which India addresses through its legislation.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. The Tuvalu Island, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Pacific Ocean
- b) Atlantic Ocean
- c) Indian Ocean
- d) Southern Ocean

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Tuvalu, formerly known as the Ellice Islands, is an island country in the west-central Pacific Ocean.

Source: [IUCN](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

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

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 2 only

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

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs – October 23rd

Q1. Consider the following statements about the JAIMEX-25:

1. It is a bilateral naval exercise conducted between the India and Japan.
2. Japan is hosting the 2025 edition.
3. It upholds the principles of a Free, Open, and Inclusive Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

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: JAIMEX stands for Japan-India Maritime Exercise. It is a bilateral naval exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).

Statement 2 is correct: JAIMEX-25 was held from October 16 to 18, 2025 off the western coast of Kyushu, Japan.

Statement 3 is correct: It upholds the principles of a Free, Open, and Inclusive Indo-Pacific (FOIP) and counters shared maritime security challenges including piracy, illegal fishing, and regional disputes.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Sevilla Forum on Debt:

1. It is the outcome of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4).
2. It aims to address the escalating crisis of sovereign debt faced especially by developing countries.

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: It is one of the first concrete outcomes of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4).

Statement 2 is correct: It is a new global platform to address the escalating crisis of sovereign debt faced especially by developing countries.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):

1. It is a permanent intergovernmental body established in 1964 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. One of the key objectives of UNCTAD is to maximize development opportunities for developing countries through trade, investment, and technology transfer.
3. UNCTAD is known for publishing major international reports, including the World Investment Report.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: All three statements are correct

Statement 1 is correct: UNCTAD was established in 1964 and is headquartered in Geneva.

Statement 2 is correct: Its focus is to promote sustainable development in developing countries through trade, investment, technology, and finance.

Statement 3 is correct: UNCTAD regularly publishes influential reports such as the Trade and Development Report, World Investment Report, and Global Trade Update.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme:

1. It is being launched by the Ministry of Education.
2. It aims to integrate artificial intelligence learning into India's school education and training ecosystem.
3. The programme is provided a separate budgetary support by Union government.

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: The Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in July 2025.

Statement 2 is correct: The initiative, which coincides with the ten-year milestone of the Skill India Mission, aims to integrate artificial intelligence learning into India's school education and training ecosystem, preparing both students and teachers for a rapidly evolving digital world.

Statement 3 is correct: The Union Budget 2025-26 has earmarked ₹500 crore to establish a Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q5. With reference to the Kolam tribe, consider the following statements:

1. It is classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in India.
2. They mainly reside in the state of Nagaland.

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: Kolam tribes are listed as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).

Statement 2 is incorrect: These tribal groups are reckoned as scheduled tribes and apart from Madhya Pradesh they reside in some parts of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

Source: [TH](#)

Q6. Mount Lewotobi volcano is located in

- a) Iceland
- b) Italy
- c) Indonesia
- d) Japan

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Mount Lewotobi is a twin-peaked active volcano located on the tourist island of Flores in eastern Indonesia.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC):

1. It is the highest decision-making body in the Ministry of Defence, chaired by the Prime Minister of India.
2. One of the key functions of the DAC is to accord Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals and categorize them as 'Buy', 'Buy & Make', or 'Make'.
3. All decisions of the DAC are legally binding on the states and must be implemented without any modifications.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Only 2

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) is the apex body for capital acquisitions in the Ministry of Defence, chaired by the Defence Minister.

Statement 2 is correct: It accords Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for acquisition proposals and categorizes them as 'Buy', 'Buy & Make', or 'Make'.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The DAC's decisions pertain to central government defence procurement and are not binding on states, as defence is a Union subject. States do not implement DAC decisions.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the World Diamond Council (WDC):

1. It was established in 2000 to represent the entire diamond value chain and to combat the trade in conflict diamonds.
2. It played a key role in the development and ongoing support of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS).

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 WDC was established in 2000 to represent the entire diamond industry and address conflict diamond-related issues.

Statement 2 is correct: WDC helped develop the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and remains actively involved.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to reverse the population decline of 17 migratory mammal species in 14 Central Asian range countries.
2. It was launched in 2024 at the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

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 aims to reverse the population decline of 17 migratory mammal species in 14 Central Asian countries where these species live.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Central Asian Mammals Initiative was launched in 2014 at the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

Source: [DTE](#)

Q10. The Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary is located in

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Telangana

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary is located in Ballari district in Karnataka.

Source: [TNIE](#)

10 PM CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs – October 24th

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Kali Tiger Reserve:

1. It is located in Karnataka.
2. The Anshi National Park is a part of this reserve.
3. It was formerly known as Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve.

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

Statement 1 is correct: Kali Tiger Reserve is located in the Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka

Statement 2 is correct: It encompasses Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary (about 475 sq km) and Anshi National Park (about 340 sq km), forming a large protected area in the Western Ghats.

Statement 3 is correct: It was earlier known as Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve. It was renamed in December 2015 to Kali Tiger Reserve, a name inspired by the Kali River that flows through the area.

Source: [TNIE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations):

1. It was established in 1967 in Bangkok with five founding members.
2. Its secretariat is located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
3. It operates on the principle of consensus and non-interference in members' internal affairs.

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 only

Statement 1 is correct: ASEAN was founded on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok by Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The ASEAN Secretariat is located in Jakarta, Indonesia, not Kuala Lumpur.

Statement 3 is correct: ASEAN's official motto is "One Vision, One Identity, One Community," and its decision-making is based on consensus and the principle of non-interference.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q3. Q. The '#23for23 Initiative', seen in the news recently, is related to?

- a) Promoting 23 minutes of physical activity to raise awareness for snow leopard conservation
- b) A campaign to plant 23 million trees in 2023 for climate action
- c) Promoting digital literacy among 23 lakh rural youth in 2023
- d) A trade initiative involving 23 countries for economic cooperation

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The '#23for23 Initiative' is a nationwide campaign launched in India on International Snow Leopard Day (October 23, 2025) to raise awareness and support for snow leopard conservation. It encourages people to dedicate 23 minutes of physical activity such as walking, cycling, or yoga to show solidarity with efforts to protect the snow leopard and its fragile mountain ecosystems.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Key Provisions relating to Nomination under the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025:

1. The provisions aim to give depositors the flexibility to make nominations as per their preference.
2. The depositors may nominate up to four persons and specify the share or percentage of entitlement for each nominee.

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 Provisions aim to give depositors the flexibility to make nominations as per their preference, allow Multiple Nominations (up to 4), ensuring uniformity, transparency, and efficiency in claim settlement.

Statement 2 is correct: Simultaneous Nomination: Depositors may nominate up to four persons and specify the share or percentage of entitlement for each nominee, ensuring that the total equals 100 percent and enabling transparent distribution amongst all nominees.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Power is the nodal ministry of the mission.
2. It aims to provide a comprehensive action plan for establishing a Green Hydrogen ecosystem in the country.
3. The Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition Programme (SIGHT) is a sub-scheme under the mission to fund the domestic manufacturing of electrolyzers and produce green hydrogen.

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: The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is the nodal ministry.

Statement 2 is correct: The Mission aims to provide a comprehensive action plan for establishing a Green Hydrogen ecosystem and catalysing a systemic response to the opportunities and challenges of this sunrise sector.

Statement 3 is correct: Sub Schemes: Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition Programme (SIGHT): It will fund the domestic manufacturing of electrolyzers and produce green hydrogen.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the International Convention against Doping in Sport:

1. It is a legally binding international instrument committed to promoting integrity and eliminating doping in sport globally.
2. The convention was adopted under the aegis of the UNESCO.

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 International Convention against Doping in Sport is the only legally binding international instrument committed to promoting integrity and eliminating doping in sport globally.

Statement 2 is correct: The International Convention against Doping in Sport is a multilateral treaty adopted by UNESCO in 2005 to harmonize anti-doping legislation, guidelines, and practices worldwide.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The Wake Up and Smell the Deforestation report, seen in the news recently, is released by?

- a) International Coffee Organization
- b) Coffee Watch
- c) Rainforest Alliance
- d) WWF International

Answer: B

Explanation: Coffee Watch

- The Wake Up and Smell the Deforestation report, released in October 2025, is published by Coffee Watch—a nonprofit watchdog organization that investigates sustainability, climate, and environmental impacts in the global coffee sector, focusing especially on Brazil's coffee-driven deforestation crisis.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA):

1. It is a statutory autonomous body.
2. It regulates access to biological resources, promotes their conservation, and ensures fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.
3. The State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) work under the supervision and control of the NBA at state and local levels, respectively.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The NBA was set up in 2003 under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and is headquartered in Chennai.

Statement 2 is correct: The authority plays a regulatory, advisory, and facilitative role, focusing on conservation, sustainable use, and benefit sharing of biological resources.

Statement 3 is correct: State Biodiversity Boards and Biodiversity Management Committees are formed at different administrative levels as part of India's biodiversity governance structure under the NBA's guidance.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the National Blockchain Framework (NBF), consider the following statements:

1. The Vishvasya Blockchain Stack works as the technology stack for the framework.
2. The 'Praamaanik' component of the framework leverages blockchain technology to verify the authenticity and source of mobile applications.

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: At the core of the National Blockchain Framework is the Vishvasya Blockchain Stack. It is an indigenous and modular platform designed to provide the technical foundation for building and deploying blockchain-based applications for governance.

Statement 2 is correct: Praamaanik is an innovative solution that leverages blockchain technology to verify the authenticity and source of mobile applications.

Source: [PIB](#)