

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (24 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
2. The scheme provides cash assistance of Rs.1600 for a 14.2 kg cylinder connection.
3. A household without an adult female member is not eligible for a gas connection under the scheme.

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

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** PMUY is a Central Sector Scheme (fully funded by the Union Government), not a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** Cash assistance of ₹1600 per LPG connection is provided for a 14.2 kg cylinder (₹1150 for a 5 kg cylinder).
- **Statement 3 is correct.** Only households with an adult woman are eligible; households without one cannot apply.

Source- [DH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about Morocco:

1. It is the only African country with coastal exposure to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.
2. It shares land borders with Algeria and Tunisia.

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.** Morocco indeed has coasts on both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, making it the only African nation with such exposure.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect.** Morocco shares land borders with Algeria and Western Sahara, not Tunisia.

Source- [newsonair](#)

Q3. Production Gap Report 2025 has been released by which of the following?

- (a) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Climate Analytics, and International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- (d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Answer: (c)

Source- [Sei](#)

Q4. Tirah Valley, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Iran
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Turkmenistan

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Tirah is a mountainous tract situated in the **west-central Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan**, near the Afghanistan border.

Source- [firstpost](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about the International Criminal Court (ICC):

1. The court has eighteen judges, each from a different member country, elected to renewable nine-year terms.
2. The United States is one of its current members.
3. The ICC is competent to hear cases also when the country where the offence was committed is not a party to the Rome Statute.

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

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** The ICC has 18 judges, each from a different member country, but their terms are non-renewable nine-year terms, not renewable.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect.** The United States is not a member of the ICC.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect.** The ICC can hear a case only if it involves a member state, a national of a member state, or a UN Security Council referral, and cannot automatically try cases from non-member countries.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to the recently launched INS Androth, consider the following statements:

1. It is an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) commissioned for the Indian Navy.
2. It is developed by the Mazgaon Dock Shipyard (MDS).

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: INS Androth is an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) commissioned for the Indian Navy. It is the second of sixteen anti-submarine warfare-shallow watercraft (ASW-SWC) programme.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Developed by: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd., Kolkata.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the World Food India 2025:

1. The 2025 edition of this event is the third edition to be organized.
2. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is the implementing agency of this event.
3. New Zealand and Saudi Arabia, both are invited as the Partner Countries to the event.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: India is set to host the **fourth edition** of World Food India (WFI) 2025 from 25th to 28th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Implementing agency: Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)

Statement 3 is correct: Partner Countries: New Zealand and Saudi Arabia

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the National Film Awards, consider the following statements:

1. The Awards are announced by the National Film Development Corporation of India working under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
2. The awards are presented biennially by the President of India.
3. The 2025 edition of the Awards is the 71st occasion of its distribution.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only 1

Statement 1 is correct: Awarded by: National Film Development Corporation of India under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The awards are presented annually by the President of India.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The 71st National Film Awards are given away for the year of 2023.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Siyom river:

1. It is a right bank tributary of the Brahmaputra.
2. The Mouling National Park is located on the east bank of the Siyom river in Arunachal Pradesh.

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

- **Both statements are correct:** Siyom river originates in western Arunachal Pradesh, flows through West Siang district, joins the Siang (Brahmaputra), and Mouling National Park is located on its east bank.

Source: [HT](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the ComSec scheme:

1. It is being implemented by the Department of Space (DoS).
2. The scheme ensures the mandatory security certification of all telecom equipment—hardware and software—before their sale, import, or use in the Indian telecom network.

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: ComSec (Communication Security Certification Scheme) is a Government of India initiative under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and implemented by the National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS).

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme ensures the mandatory security certification of all telecom equipment—hardware and software—before their sale, import, or use in the Indian telecom network.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (25 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025:

1. The contest is open exclusively to students of government schools from Classes 9 to 12.
2. It is being organised in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog) and the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation- The contest is open to students from Classes 6–12 in both government and private schools. It is organised with Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog) and AICTE, not UGC.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

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

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

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Peru shares its land borders with Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia, and Chile. Among the options given, Argentina does not share a border with Peru.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. The DRAVYA Portal, recently seen in the news, was launched by which of the following?

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| (a) | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare |
| (b) | Ministry of Ayush |
| (c) | Ministry of Science and Technology |
| (d) | Ministry of Education |

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The DRAVYA (Digitized Retrieval Application for Versatile Yardstick of AYUSH Substances) Portal was launched by the Ministry of Ayush on National Ayurveda Day, September 23, 2025. It aims to provide a digital repository of AYUSH substances for standardization and research.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

It is located in Jharkhand and forms the core area of the Palamau Tiger Reserve. It was among the first national parks in India to be brought under Project Tiger. The Mahuadanr Wolf Sanctuary is also part of this park. The North Koel River flows through it, creating picturesque waterfalls during the monsoon season.

Which of the following is best described above?

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|-----|------------|----------|------|
| (a) | Betla | National | Park |
| (b) | Hazaribagh | National | Park |

- (c) Simlipal National Park
(d) Valmiki National Park

Answer: (a)

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to Exercise Cold Start, recently in news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a tri-service military exercise focused on testing drones and counter-drone systems.
2. It is scheduled to be conducted in Rajasthan.

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: Exercise Cold Start is a tri-service exercise aimed at testing drone and counter-drone warfare systems. It is scheduled to be held in Madhya Pradesh, not Rajasthan.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The Visakhapatnam Declaration, seen in the news recently, is about—

- a) A regional security pact among Bay of Bengal littoral states
- b) A national policy roadmap for India's digital governance and e-governance transformation
- c) An agreement among Indian coastal states on climate-resilient fisheries management
- d) The launch of India's first deep-sea container port for green shipping

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Visakhapatnam Declaration was adopted at the 28th National Conference on e-Governance 2025, charting India's strategic path for digital service delivery, civil service digital skills, AI-driven platforms, and inclusive, secure, and innovative governance.

Source: [DC](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the TN-SHORE Mission:

1. It is a coastal restoration programme launched by the Tamil Nadu government with aid from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
2. The Mission will help in safeguarding the endangered species such as turtles and dugongs in their 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: B

Explanation: Only 2

Statement 1 is incorrect: TN-SHORE stands for Tamil Nadu Sustainably Harnessing Ocean Resources and Blue Economy; it is also referred to as the Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission. It is launched in 2024–25, with World Bank support and a total outlay of ₹1,675 crore.

Statement 2 is correct: The initiative is aimed at restoring 30,000 hectares of seascapes, safeguarding the endangered species such as turtles and dugongs, and supporting sustainable practices, including eco-tourism and plastic waste management.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the Vishwamitri River, consider the following statements:

1. It flows entirely through the state of Maharashtra.
2. The river drains into the Arabian Sea.

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 Vishwamitri River is a small non-perennial river, about 200 km in length, located in Gujarat entirely.

Statement 2 is correct: The river flows westward, through Gujarat's third-largest city, Vadodara, after which it meets the two tributaries of Dhadar and Jambuva before draining into the Arabian Sea via the Gulf of Khambhat.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements:

1. The Barren Island volcano is an active volcano located in the Indian territory.
2. Barren Island lies about 140 km east of Great Nicobar.
3. The last time the Barren Island volcano erupted was in 1991 and it has remained inactive since then.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Barren Island volcano is the only active volcano located in the Indian territory, Andaman Islands.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Barren Island is located in the Andaman Sea, about 140 km from Port Blair. It is along a volcanic arc connecting Sumatra and Myanmar.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is still an active volcano.

Source: [India Today](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about SAHAJ initiative:

1. It is being launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It has been designed to act as a bridge between the government policy and beneficiaries' needs at the grassroots level to incorporate empathy and practicality in policy making.

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: It has been launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Statement 2 is correct: It serves as a vital bridge between policy and people, emphasizing its role in bringing empathy and grassroots action into the policymaking process. This program brings together senior citizens, government officials, social sector representatives, youth delegates, and partner organizations.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (26 September)

Q1. With reference to the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. It was framed on the recommendations of the Bordoloi Committee.
2. It applies to the tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Mizoram.
3. It empowers the President to create Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) and Autonomous Regional Councils (ARCs) in these states.

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Only Statement 1 is correct, as the Sixth Schedule is based on the Bordoloi Committee, while it applies to Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram (not Nagaland), and empowers the Governor—not the President—to create ADCs/ARCs.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. The 'K Visa policy', to attract foreign science and technology talents, has been announced by which of the following countries?

- (a) United States
- (b) Japan
- (c) China
- (d) South Korea

Answer: (c)

Explanation- China has announced the new K Visa policy, effective from October 1, aimed at attracting foreign science and technology talents. Eligible candidates are graduates in STEM disciplines who hold a bachelor's degree or higher from accredited universities or research institutions.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. With reference to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the eight cabinet committees within the Union Executive.
2. It is a three-member committee consisting of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Home Affairs, and the Union Finance Minister.

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 Statement 1 is correct; the ACC is a two-member cabinet committee consisting of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister.

Source- [newsonair](#)

Q4. Consider the following hills and their locations:

Hills:

1. Mahendragiri Hills
2. Dhanjori Hills
3. Mikir Hills
4. Koubru Hill

States/Regions:

- A. Manipur
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Assam

Match the following

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation : Mahendragiri Hills – Odisha; Dhanjori Hills – Jharkhand; Mikir Hills – Assam; Koubru Hill – Manipur.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q5. Consider the following countries:

1. Guyana
2. Brazil
3. Colombia

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

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Venezuela shares land borders with Guyana, Brazil, and Colombia.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to the Forum for India–Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral platform established by India to enhance cooperation with the Pacific Island countries.
2. The first summit was held in year 2014 in 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: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Forum for India–Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) is a multilateral platform initiated by India in 2014 to strengthen diplomatic, economic, and strategic ties with 14 Pacific Island countries. Statement 2 is correct: The first FIPIC Summit was held on November 19, 2014, in Suva, Fiji, hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit post the G20 Summit in Australia.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The “Environmental Accounting on forest -2025” report, seen in the news recently, is released by

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Wildlife Institute of India
- c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- d) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer: D

Explanation:

- In 2025, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) compiled and released the 8th consecutive issue of the publication related to environment accounts titled “Environmental Accounting on forest -2025” on 25th September, 2025 during Inaugural session of 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) held on 25-26th September 2025 in Chandigarh.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the National Geoscience Awards 2024:

1. The National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement 2024 was conferred on Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai for his exemplary contributions to earth sciences.
2. The awards are administered by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
3. Among the 2024 awardees, a Geological Survey of India team was recognised for discovering critical mineral deposits in Mayurbhanj district, Odisha.

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

Statement 1 is correct: The National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement 2024 was conferred on Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai for his exemplary contributions to earth sciences.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The awards are administered by the Ministry of Mines and include categories for Mineral Discovery & Exploration, Applied Geosciences, and a dedicated National Young Geoscientist Award for emerging talent.

Statement 3 is correct: Among the 2024 awardees, a Geological Survey of India team was recognised for discovering critical mineral deposits in Mayurbhanj district, Odisha.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT):

1. The GSTAT is a statutory appellate body established under the Central GST Act, 2017.
2. It will have a Principal Bench in New Delhi and multiple State Benches across India to hear appeals against orders of GST Appellate Authorities.
3. Each GSTAT Bench comprises two Judicial Members, one Technical Member (Centre), and one Technical Member (State), embodying the principle of cooperative federalism in indirect tax dispute resolution.

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 GSTAT is a statutory appellate body established under the Central GST Act, 2017.

Statement 2 is correct: It will have a Principal Bench in New Delhi and multiple State Benches across India to hear appeals against orders of GST Appellate Authorities.

Statement 3 is correct: Each GSTAT Bench comprises two Judicial Members, one Technical Member (Centre), and one Technical Member (State), embodying the principle of cooperative federalism in indirect tax dispute resolution.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR):

1. It is a regulation to reduce global deforestation and forest degradation.
2. It applies to timber and key agricultural commodities along with products derived from them including coffee and rubber.

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 EUDR is designed to reduce global deforestation driven by EU consumption and imports, recognizing the EU's significant global environmental footprint.

Statement 2 is correct: Scope of Commodities: EUDR applies to timber and six key agricultural commodities along with products derived from them:

- Cattle, cocoa, coffee, oil palm, rubber, soy
- Products include beef, furniture, chocolate, among others.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (27 September)

Q1. Recently, the Children in India 2025 Report (4th issue) was released. It was launched by which of the following?

- a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- d) NITI Aayog

Answer: c)

Explanation: The Children in India 2025 Report is a statistical publication released by MoSPI, providing key data on the status of children in India across population, health, and education indicators.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Nuclear Power in India:

- 1. Nuclear power currently accounts for more than 10% of India's total electricity generation.
- 2. The first stage of India's Nuclear Power Programme is based on Fast Breeder Reactors (FBRs).

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: Nuclear power contributes only about 3.61% (2022-23) of India's total electricity generation (not more than 10%). The first stage of India's Nuclear Power Programme is based on Uranium-fuelled Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs), not FBRs.

Source- [BL](#)

Q3. Recently Iran has resumed uranium enrichment. Which of the following best describes enrichment of uranium?

- a) Increasing the proportion of uranium-235 while reducing uranium-238
- b) Increasing the proportion of uranium-238 while removing uranium-235
- c) Converting uranium into plutonium for nuclear reactors
- d) Reducing the overall radioactivity of uranium for safe handling

Answer- a)

Explanation- Natural uranium has mostly U-238 (99.3%) and very little U-235 (0.7%), which is the fissile isotope used in nuclear reactions. Enrichment increases U-235 content—3–5% for reactors, >20% for Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU), and ~90% for weapons.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Dugong in India:

- 1. India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve has been established in Kerala.
- 2. Apart from Palk Bay, Dugongs are also found in the Gulf of Mannar and Gulf of Kutch in India.
- 3. Dugong is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve was established in **Tamil Nadu**, not Kerala.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Dugongs are found in Palk Bay, Gulf of Mannar, and Gulf of Kutch.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Dugongs are listed as Vulnerable, not Critically Endangered, on the IUCN Red List.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about Agni-Prime:

1. It is a three-stage, canisterised, solid-propellant ballistic missile.
2. It is a surface-to-air ballistic missile.
3. It has a range of up to 5000 km.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: d)

Explanation: Agni-Prime (Agni-P) is a two-stage, canister-launched, solid-propellant ballistic missile, surface-to-surface, with a range of approximately 2000 km, not 5000 km.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the National Science and Technology Survey of India, consider the following statements:

1. It is conducted by the Ministry of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
2. It is conducted on an annual basis.
3. It provides insight into country's domestic expenditure on research and development, covering both public and private sectors.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: The National Science and Technology Survey (NST Survey) is a large-scale, periodic study conducted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), through its National Science and Technology Management Information System (NSTMIS) division.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is a biennial survey which originated in the mid-1990s.

Statement 3 is correct: It surveys around 8,000 research and development bodies – public and privately funded – and provides insight into questions such as the country's domestic expenditure on research and development; the share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) devoted to it; the number of scientists (including the proportion of women) in the country; patents generated, and how India fares on research spending compared with other countries.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following pairs:

Ports in news	Countries located in
1. Mombasa	Ethiopia
2. Limassol	Greece
3. Maputo	Indonesia

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

d) None

Answer: D

Explanation: All are incorrect

- Mombasa: Kenya
- Limassol: Cyprus
- Maputo: Mozambique

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The “Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas” Abhiyaan has been launched by

- a) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will roll out the People’s Plan Campaign (PPC) 2025-26 : “**Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas**” **Abhiyaan** across all States and Union Territories from 2nd October 2025, **initiating the process for preparation of Panchayat Development Plans (PDPs) for the Financial Year 2026-27.**

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding uranium enrichment:

1. Enrichment is the process of increasing the concentration of U-238 in a uranium sample.
2. A nuclear fuel sample used in a weapon contains over 90 per cent concentration of U-235.

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: Enrichment is the process of increasing the concentration of U-235 in a uranium sample.

Statement 2 is correct: The uranium used as fuel in nuclear weapons is enriched to very high levels, typically 90 per cent or above. This means that a fuel sample used in a weapon contains over 90 per cent concentration of U-235.

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the World Para Athletics Championships:

1. The 2025 edition of the World Para Athletics Championships will take place in India for the first time.
2. The inaugural edition of the event took place in Rome in 1960.

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: India is hosting the 12th World Para Athletics Championships 2025 in New Delhi from 27th September – 5th October for the first time, with more than 70 athletes competing in 186 medal events alongside participants from over 100 nations.

Statement 2 is correct: In 1960, at the inaugural Paralympic Games in Rome, para athletics made its formal debut.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (29 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Ecuador:

1. Ecuador shares its land boundary with only two countries.
2. The Equator passes through Ecuador.

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: Ecuador is bordered by Colombia to the north and Peru to the east and south. It is one of the few countries named after the Equator, which runs directly through it.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about the Attorney General of India:

1. To be appointed as Attorney General, a person must be eligible for appointment as a Judge of the High Court.
2. The Attorney General has the right to participate and vote in the proceedings of either House of Parliament.
3. The Attorney General holds office during the pleasure of the President.

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

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

Answer: A

Explanation- Statement 1 is wrong as eligibility is for a Supreme Court Judge, Statement 2 is wrong as the AG can speak but not vote in Parliament, and Statement 3 is correct as the AG holds office during the President's pleasure.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the G4 (Group of Four):

1. The primary objective of the G4 is to promote free trade among its members.
2. India is one of its members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Wrong**, because the G4's objective is not trade, but to support each other's bid for permanent membership in the UN Security Council.
- **Statement 2 is Correct**, as the G4 members are Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan.

Source- [newsonair](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

It is located in the Nallamala hills of the Eastern Ghats in Telangana state. In terms of core area, it is the second-largest tiger reserve in India. This expansive reserve was originally part of the larger Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve before the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in 2014. Within the reserve lies the historic Nagalapuram fort.

Which of the following correctly describes the reserve mentioned above?

- A. Kawal Tiger Reserve
- B. Pakhal Tiger Reserve
- C. Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve
- D. Amrabad Tiger Reserve

Answer- D

Source- [DC](#)

Q5. The terms Natanz, Fordow, and Isfahan, recently seen in the news, refer to:

- A. Major ports of Iran
- B. Key military bases of Iran
- C. Major nuclear sites in Iran
- D. Important oil refineries in Iran

Answer: C

Explanation- Natanz, Fordow, and Isfahan are Iran's major nuclear sites for uranium enrichment, fuel enrichment, and uranium conversion & fuel fabrication, respectively.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Musi River:

- 1. It divides Hyderabad city into two part.
 - 2. It is a significant tributary of the Krishna River.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: The Musi River originates in the Ananthagiri Hills of Telangana and divides Hyderabad city into the historic Old City and the newer city areas as it flows eastward.

Statement 2 is correct: The Musi River is a significant tributary of the Krishna River, and famous reservoirs like Himayat Sagar and Osman Sagar were constructed on its course to control floods and supply drinking water.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. With reference to the Indian Ports Act, 2025, consider the following statements:

- 1. It establishes Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) as a statutory consultative body to coordinate between Centre and coastal States.
- 2. The Act formally recognizes State Maritime Boards established by coastal states and empowers them to manage non-major ports.
- 3. It strengthens environmental protections by aligning with global conventions like Ballast Water Management.

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 Act establishes Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) as a statutory consultative body to coordinate between Centre and coastal States.

Statement 2 is correct: State Maritime Boards: The Act formally recognizes State Maritime Boards established by coastal states and empowers them to manage non-major ports. These Boards will oversee port planning, infrastructure development, licensing, tariff regulation, and enforcement of safety, security, and environmental compliances.

Statement 3 is correct: The Act upholds penalties for safety violations like damaging buoys or mishandling combustibles on board. It strengthens environmental protections by aligning with global conventions (MARPOL, Ballast Water Management) and introducing new mandates for pollution control and disaster readiness.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following countries:

1. Russia
2. Ukraine
3. Czech Republic
4. Bulgaria
5. Romania

How many of the above countries have a land boundary with Moldova?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Ukraine and Romania

- Moldova is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, and is bordered by **Romania** to the west and **Ukraine** to the north, east, and south.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve:

1. It is located in high altitudinal area of Ladakh in India.
2. The reserve includes Pin Valley National Park and its surrounding areas.
3. It is included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR).

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: It is located in the Western Himalayas, Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul-Spiti district.

Statement 2 is correct: The reserve includes Pin Valley National Park and its surrounding areas.

Statement 3 is correct: Recently, UNESCO officially announced the designation of the Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve in India, as part of 26 new sites added to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR).

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. Iceland
2. Denmark

3. Liechtenstein
4. Sweden
5. Norway
6. Switzerland

How many of the above countries are member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) is an intergovernmental organization set up for the promotion of free trade and economic integration to the benefit of its four Member States – Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland – and the benefit of their trading partners around the globe.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs – Sept 30th

Q1. The 30x30 targets initiative of the United Nations, relates to

- a) Achieving emission reductions of 30% by 2030 in developed countries
- b) Ensuring 30% female representation in national legislatures by 2030
- c) Conserving 30% of the world's land and marine areas by 2030
- d) Providing access to safe drinking water for 30% of rural population by 2030

Answer: C

Explanation:

- The 30x30 target is part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at COP15 and calls on nations to effectively protect and conserve at least 30% of the world's land, inland waters, and oceans by 2030 as a measure to curb biodiversity loss and promote ecosystem health.

Source: [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

1. China
2. Thailand
3. Cambodia
4. Laos

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Vietnam is bordered by **China** to the north, **Laos** and **Cambodia** to the west, the Gulf of Thailand to the southwest, and the South China Sea to the east.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q3. With reference to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body.
2. PNGRB regulates the production of crude oil and natural gas in India.

3. Appeals against the decisions of PNGRB are heard by the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 3 only

- **Statement 1 is correct:** PNGRB is a statutory body established under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** PNGRB does **not** regulate the production of crude oil and natural gas; it regulates activities like refining, transportation, storage, distribution, and marketing of petroleum products and natural gas.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Appeals against PNGRB's decisions are heard by the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity established under the Electricity Act, 2003.

Source: [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Laser Interferometer Lunar Antenna (LILA):

- 1. It is a next-generation gravitational waves (GW) facility on the Moon.
- 2. The LILA will complement the LIGO of U.S.A. and LISA of Europe in their quest to detect gravitational waves.

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 Laser Interferometer Lunar Antenna (LILA) is an ambitious next-generation astronomical and geophysical observatory concept being developed for deployment on the Moon.

Statement 2 is correct: LILA will target the "missing band" (0.1 to 10 Hz) in gravitational wave astronomy—filling the gap between ground-based detectors like LIGO (high frequency) and space-based ones like LISA (very low frequency).

Source: [TH](#)

Q5. The newly proposed Kokrajhar-Gelephu and Banarhat-Samtse railway lines will connect northeastern region of India with which one of the following countries?

- a) Bhutan
- b) Nepal
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Myanmar

Answer: A

Explanation:

- India has unveiled plans to build two cross-border railway links with Bhutan, marking the first such connectivity projects with the Himalayan nation. The projects will connect the Bhutanese towns of Gelephu and Samtse with Kokrajhar in Assam and Banarhat in West Bengal, respectively.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Wassenaar Arrangement:

- 1. It is a voluntary multilateral export control regime.
- 2. India is a founding member of the arrangement.

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 Wassenaar Arrangement is a voluntary multilateral export control regime. It was established to enhance regional and international security and stability by encouraging transparency and responsible practices in the transfer of conventional arms, dual-use goods and technologies to prevent destabilizing buildups.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It was formed in 1996 but India joined it on 8 December 2017.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about traditional ritual theatres of India:

1. Kutiyattam is one of India's oldest surviving theatrical traditions from Kerala.
2. Mudi yettu is a ritual dance-drama of Kerala depicting the mythological battle between Goddess Kali and the demon Darika.
3. Ramman is an annual religious festival of Uttarakhand, in honour of the local deity Bhumiya Devta.

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: Kutiyattam is one of India's oldest surviving theatrical traditions, dating back over 2,000 years, from Kerala. It blends Sanskrit classicism with Kerala's local traditions.

Statement 2 is correct: Mudi yettu is a ritual dance-drama of Kerala depicting the mythological battle between Goddess Kali and the demon Darika. It is performed annually in Bhagavati kavus after the harvest.

Statement 3 is correct: Ramman is an annual religious festival celebrated in late April in the twin villages of Saloor-Dungra, Uttarakhand, in honour of the local deity Bhumiya Devta.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Initiative:

1. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.
2. Its aims to promote community-driven water conservation and groundwater recharge efforts across 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: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Jal Shakti (led by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)

Statement 2 is correct: It aims to promote community-driven water conservation and groundwater recharge efforts across India.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Which one of the following statements best defines the purpose of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)?

- a) Cooperation among developed countries to provide financial aid to developing countries for climate resilience

- b) A process where developing countries independently collaborate by sharing knowledge, skills, and resources, with triangular cooperation involving support from developed countries or multilateral organizations
- c) Military alliances among countries of the Global South to counter Global North
- d) Trade agreements exclusively between developing and developed countries for preferential tariffs

Answer: B

Explanation:

- South-South Cooperation (SSC) is a framework where developing countries collaborate based on shared experiences, exchanging knowledge and resources to achieve mutual development goals. Triangular Cooperation adds the dimension of developed countries or multilateral organizations providing financial and technical support while Southern partners lead the initiatives. This cooperation complements traditional North-South models and focuses on solidarity, national ownership, and mutual benefit.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. Santorini island, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Red Sea
- b) Aegean Sea
- c) Adriatic Sea
- d) Ionian Sea

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Santorini is a Greek island located in the southern part of the Aegean Sea. It is famous for its volcanic caldera, whitewashed houses, and is part of the Cyclades group of islands in Greece.

Source: [Science News](#)