

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (17 November)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Garuda:

1. It is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force.
2. Exercise Garuda is conducted annually between India and France.

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 Garuda is a bilateral air exercise between the IAF and the French Air and Space Force, but it is not conducted annually; it is held at irregular intervals.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. Recently, which regional grouping approved a landmark one-stop travel system to streamline movement across its member states?

- (a) ASEAN
- (b) European Union
- (c) SAARC
- (d) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

Answer: (d)

Explanation- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) recently approved a one-stop travel system aimed at simplifying and speeding up movement across its six member states—Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. This initiative is expected to boost regional connectivity, tourism, and economic integration

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Tungsten:

1. Australia is the largest producer of tungsten.
2. Tungsten has been classified as a Critical Mineral by the Government of India.
3. Tungsten occurs naturally only in combined forms and never as a pure metal.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** China, not Australia, is the largest producer of tungsten.
- **Statements 2 and 3 are correct:** India classifies tungsten as a Critical Mineral, and it never occurs naturally as a pure metal—only in combined mineral forms such as wolframite and scheelite.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC):

1. It is a regional security grouping to address transnational security threats.
2. Bangladesh has joined it as the latest member.

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: CSC is a regional security grouping aimed at addressing transnational threats. Bangladesh has recently joined the CSC as its newest member.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Operation SOUTHERN SPEAR, recently launched to target narco-terrorists, is an initiative of which country?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Colombia
- (c) United States
- (d) Mexico

Answer: (c)

Explanation- Operation SOUTHERN SPEAR has been launched by the United States in Latin America with the objective of targeting and removing narco-terrorist networks. The operation is led by U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), whose area of responsibility spans 31 countries across South America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The Lualaba province, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- b) Ethiopia
- c) Nigeria
- d) Uganda

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Lualaba Province (Jimbo la Lualaba, in Swahili) is a province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. A bridge at a copper and cobalt mine in southeastern Congo's Lualaba province collapsed due to overcrowding, killing at least 32 people recently.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules (DPDP), 2025:

1. The Rules allow the formation of the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI).
2. The Rules require all data fiduciaries to obtain clear, specific, and standalone consent from individuals before processing their personal data.

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 Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules, 2025, provide for the formation and governance of the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI), which is responsible for grievance redressal, compliance, and enforcement under the regime.

Statement 2 is correct: The DPDP Rules 2025 require all data fiduciaries to obtain clear, specific, and standalone consent from individuals before processing their personal data.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Integrated Forum on Climate Change and Trade (IFCCT):

1. The forum aims to bridge the gap between the climate and trade communities.
2. The forum is supposed to replace the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in future as more and more nations agree to join it.

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 IFCCT aims to bridge the gap between the climate and trade communities by providing a dedicated, politically supported space for government officials and stakeholders to discuss and align climate and trade policies.

Statement 2 is incorrect: There is no such agenda behind establishment of IFCCT.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA):

1. The Awards are presented every year by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying on National Milk Day on November 18th.
2. The Awards are instituted under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission.
3. The awards aim to recognize excellence among dairy farmers, cooperatives and artificial insemination technicians contributing to India's dairy sector.

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 Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying on Monday announced the winners of the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2025, one of the highest national honours in India's livestock and dairy sector. The awards will be presented on November 26 as part of the National Milk Day celebrations.

Statement 2 is correct: Instituted under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission – launched in 2014 to promote scientific conservation of indigenous bovine breeds – the National Gopal Ratna Awards have been presented annually since 2021.

Statement 3 is correct: The awards aim to recognise excellence among dairy farmers, cooperatives and artificial insemination technicians contributing to India's dairy sector.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. With reference to the precision biotherapeutics, consider the following statements:

1. It refers to medical interventions that are designed according to a patient's genetic, molecular, or cellular profile.
2. The Gene editing (CRISPR-Cas9) therapies used to directly modify genes are also included in it.

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: Precision biotherapeutics refers to medical interventions that are designed according to a patient's genetic, molecular, or cellular profile.

Statement 2 is correct: Technologies used

- Genomic and proteomic analysis decodes genetic and protein signatures to find mutations or dysfunctions that cause disease.
- Gene editing (CRISPR-Cas9) therapies directly modify genes to correct underlying problems.
- mRNA and nucleic acid therapeutics use RNA molecules to guide cells to produce or block specific proteins.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (18 November)

Q1. The Systematic Observation Impact Bond recently in the news is:

- A. A bond issued by the World Bank to fund renewable energy projects
- B. A government initiative to provide insurance to farmers
- C. The world's first impact bond on weather and climate data
- D. A carbon credit trading mechanism under the UNFCCC

Answer: C

Explanation: The Systematic Observation Impact Bond is the world's first impact bond focused on generating and improving weather and climate data.

Source- [UNDP](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about the Food Waste Breakthrough (FWB) initiative:

1. FWB aims to halve global food waste and reduce methane emissions by up to 7% by 2030.
2. FWB was launched at COP30 under the UNFCCC as part of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

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 as FWB targets halving food waste and cutting methane emissions by 7% by 2030. Statement 2 is also correct: FWB was officially launched at COP30 under the UNFCCC within the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

Source- [UNEP](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Italy
- 2. Spain
- 3. France

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

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Portugal shares a land border only with Spain. Italy and France do not border Portugal.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. The Anegada Passage, recently transited during USA's Operation Southern Spear, is a channel in the West Indies connecting:

- A. The Pacific Ocean with the Caribbean Sea
- B. The Atlantic Ocean with the Caribbean Sea
- C. The Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of Mexico
- D. The Gulf of Mexico with the Caribbean Sea

Answer: B

Explanation: The Anegada Passage links the Atlantic Ocean with the Caribbean Sea and was recently used by US forces in Operation Southern Spear against narco-terrorism.

Source- [defencenews](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about the e-Jagriti platform:

- 1. It is a flagship initiative of the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- 2. It allows citizens, including NRIs, to file and manage consumer cases from anywhere.

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: The e-Jagriti platform is a flagship initiative of the Department of Consumer Affairs designed to modernize consumer grievance redressal. It provides global accessibility, enabling both citizens and NRIs to file and manage cases from any location with secure, encrypted, end-to-end digital access.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR:

1. It is a Joint Military Exercise between India and U.K.
2. It is held on biennially basis.
3. The 2025 edition of exercise is being hosted by India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR is a biennially Joint Military Exercise between India and U.K.

Statement 3 is correct: The 2025 edition will be held at the Foreign Training Node, Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Indian Naval Ship Mahe, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first ship of the indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC).
2. The ship's crest draws inspiration from the cultural and martial legacy of the region, depicting a 'Trishul of Shiva'.

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: Mahe is the first of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Named after the historic coastal town of Mahe on the Malabar Coast, the ship's crest features an 'Urumi', the flexible sword of Kalaripayattu, symbolising agility, precision, and lethal grace.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The ARKA GKT-1, seen in the news recently, is:

- (a) India's first indigenous satellite for deep space exploration
- (b) India's first-generation energy-efficient intelligent-power platform-on-a-chip designed for edge AI and smart energy applications
- (c) A new Indian missile defense system developed for coastal security
- (d) A newly launched Indian supercomputer for climate modeling

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The ARKA GKT-1 is a semiconductor innovation jointly developed by Azimuth AI and Cyient Semiconductors. It integrates multi-core custom computing, advanced analog sensing, memory, and intelligent power management into a single, energy-efficient System on a Chip (SoC). It is designed for applications such as smart utilities, battery management, smart cities, and industrial automation.

Source: [BS](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements related to Ghoomar Dance:

1. It is a traditional folk dance of Haryana.
2. It originally began as a folk dance of the Bhil tribe to worship Goddess Sarasvati.

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: Ghoomar or ghumar is a traditional folk dance of Rajasthan.

Statement 2 is correct: It originally began as a folk dance of the Bhil tribe to worship Goddess Sarasvati and was later adopted by other communities in Rajasthan.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about asbestos:

1. It is resistant to heat, fire, electricity and corrosion.
2. The asbestos from serpentine group has needle-like, brittle and colorful fibres.
3. It is capable of causing mesothelioma.

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: Asbestos is known for its strength and highly flexible and durable. It is resistant to heat, fire, electricity and corrosion.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Serpentine types contains only chrysotile. Fibers are long, curly and usually white. Amphibole types includes amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, anthophyllite and actinolite. Fibers are needle-like, brittle and vary in color from green to blue to brown.

Statement 3 is correct: All types of asbestos are capable of causing mesothelioma.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (19 November)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT):

1. LeadIT was launched by India and Sweden at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019.
2. LeadIT aims to achieve net-zero emissions from high-emitting industries by 2050.

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: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** LeadIT was launched jointly by India and Sweden in 2019 at the UN Climate Action Summit, with support from the World Economic Forum.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** LeadIT's primary aim is to enable heavy industries to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, promoting a just and equitable low-carbon industrial transition.

Source- [IT](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Sentinel-6B Satellite:

1. Sentinel-6B is a joint mission of NASA and Japan Space Agency.
2. The satellite is designed to measure rising sea levels and monitor related ocean changes.

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: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Sentinel-6B is not a NASA–Japan mission. It is a joint mission of NASA, NOAA (USA), the European Space Agency (ESA).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Sentinel-6B is specifically designed to measure global sea-level rise, monitor ocean topography, and study related oceanic changes using advanced altimetry instruments.

Source- [NASA](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

1. Jordan
2. Iraq
3. Kuwait
4. United Arab Emirates (UAE)
5. Qatar
6. Oman
7. Yemen

How many of the above share a land border with Saudi Arabia?

- (a) Only four
- (b) Only five
- (c) Only six
- (d) All of the above

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: Saudi Arabia shares land borders with **all seven** of the listed countries — Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, UAE, Qatar, Oman, and Yemen.

Source- [ndtv](#)

Q4. Raulane Festival, recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) A harvest festival of Uttarakhand
- (b) A monastery festival of Ladakh
- (c) A tribal dance festival of Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) An ancient cultural festival of Kinnaur district in Himachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: The Raulane Festival is a 5,000-year-old traditional festival celebrated in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. It honors mystical celestial beings known as Saunis, who are believed to be protectors and guides of the region's communities.

Source- [LM](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime:

- 1. It is the first universal legally binding instrument to strengthen collective defences against cybercrime.
- 2. The convention was developed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- 3. India has signed this treaty.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Convention is indeed the first universal legally binding treaty aimed at combating cybercrime.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) provided **technical support**, and the Convention was developed under the broader UN framework.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India has not signed the Convention yet.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. With reference to the new National Industrial Classification (NIC) 2025, consider the following statements:

- 1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- 2. It introduces a five-digit code structure, replacing the previous six-digit format.

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 Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) unveiled the new National Industrial Classification (NIC) 2025 at the culmination ceremony of the 75th anniversary of the National Sample Survey Office (NSS) and World Statistics Day in Udaipur.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The NIC 2025 introduces a six-digit code structure (replacing the previous five-digit format) with the aim of offering finer granularity and more flexible classification of economic activities.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):

1. It provides crop insurance to cover localized damage from wild animal attacks.
2. The Post-harvest losses due to localized calamities are also covered under the scheme.

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 Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare announced revised PMFBY cover for wild animal attacks and paddy inundation from Kharif 2026.

Statement 2 is correct: Add-On Covers: In addition to this basic cover, the scheme allows “add-on covers”, which are extra, optional protections that states can choose to offer for specific risks.

Earlier four main add-on covers under PMFBY are:

- Prevented sowing/planting risk
- Mid-season adversity cover
- Post-harvest loss cover
- Localized calamities cover (hailstorm, landslide, inundation, etc.)

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to Sir Creek, consider the following statements:

1. It is a tidal estuary.
2. It divides the Rann of Kutch (India) from Sindh (Pakistan).

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 a fluctuating 96-km tidal estuary along the India-Pakistan border.

Statement 2 is correct: It flows into the Arabian Sea and divides the Rann of Kutch (India) from Sindh (Pakistan).

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the YUVA AI for ALL Initiative:

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. It is free national AI course under the IndiaAI Mission.

3. The initiative targets to empower 1 crore Indian citizens with foundational AI skills.

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: Launched by: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

Statement 2 is correct: It is free national AI course called 'YUVA AI for ALL' under the IndiaAI Mission.

Statement 3 is correct: The initiative targets to empower 1 crore (10 million) Indian citizens with foundational AI skills.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Project Gaja-Loka, seen in the news recently, is launched by?

- a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- b) Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
- c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- d) National Biodiversity Authority

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Project Gaja-Loka is a pioneering transnational culture-nature initiative launched by INTACH. It is dedicated to documenting and exploring the profound connections surrounding the Asian elephant, highlighting the intertwined narratives of culture, history, ecology, and climate resilience across Asia. The project emphasizes the sacred bond humans share with elephants and aims to inspire a commitment to conservation and cultural heritage.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (20 November)

Q1. With reference to Dugongs, consider the following statements:

- 1. They are herbivorous marine mammals.
- 2. They are classified as "Vulnerable" globally and are protected under Schedule I of India's Wildlife Protection Act.
- 3. They are found only along the coasts of India such as the Gulf of Kutch, Gulf of Mannar, Palk Bay, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation: Statement 3 is incorrect because Dugongs are found widely from the western Pacific Ocean to the eastern coast of Africa, not only in India.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. The Trade Intelligence and Analytics Portal (TIAP) was recently launched by which of the following ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- (c) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
- (d) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Trade Intelligence and Analytics Portal (TIAP) has been launched by the Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. It is designed as a one-stop platform integrating multiple global and national trade databases to support exporters with data-driven market insights.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. With reference to the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a non-governmental organization that provides voluntary food labels for global trade.
2. It was established jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
3. India is a member of this commission.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because the CAC is an international intergovernmental body, not an NGO, and it develops food standards, not just voluntary labels.
- **Statement 2 is correct** as it was jointly set up by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Statement 3 is correct** as India has been a member of the CAC since 1964.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. The Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS), recently in news, is:

- (a) A cruise missile system developed by Russia
- (b) An anti-aircraft missile system developed by France
- (c) A short-range artillery rocket system used by the Chinese Army
- (d) A series of surface-to-surface ballistic missiles developed by the United States

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: ATACMS is a U.S.-developed long-range, surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile system designed for Army use to strike high-value targets. It recently gained attention after Ukraine used U.S.-supplied ATACMS missiles to hit military targets inside Russia.

Source- [FP](#)

Q5. With reference to the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2026, consider the following statements:

1. No country has been ranked in the top three positions in the index.

2. India is classified as a medium performer in the latest CCPI assessment

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** as the top three ranks are intentionally left blank due to no country performing well enough across all indicators.
- **Statement 2 is correct** because India's rank has slipped to 23rd, and it is now rated as a medium performer in the latest CCPI.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following pairs:

Institutions	Locations
1. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)	Pune
2. National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)	Goa
3. National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)	Chennai
4. National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS)	Thiruvananthapuram

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: All are correct

- The MoES has said that the five institutes will now operate through a unified governance mechanism under the Earth System Sciences Council (ESSC).
- Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) in Goa, the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) in Chennai, the National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS) in Thiruvananthapuram, and the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information and Services (INCOIS) based in Hyderabad constitute the ESSC.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the humpback dolphins:

- 1. They are found in relatively shallow nearshore waters throughout their range.
- 2. The Indian Ocean humpback dolphin is particularly seen along the Odisha coast.
- 3. All the species of humpback dolphins are categorised as endangered by the IUCN.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: They are found in relatively shallow nearshore waters throughout their range which includes most of the coastlines in Australia, Africa and Asia.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Indian Ocean humpback dolphin (*Sousa plumbea*) is particularly seen along the Kerala coast.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Conservation Status of Humpback Dolphins

- Atlantic humpback dolphin – critically endangered
- Indian ocean humpback dolphin – endangered
- Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin – vulnerable
- Australian humpback dolphin – vulnerable

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. The Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary, seen in the news recently, is located in

- Madhya Pradesh
- Rajasthan
- Gujarat
- Maharashtra

Answer: C

Explanation: Gujarat

- The Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected forest area located in the Dahod district of Gujarat, near the border with Madhya Pradesh.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. With reference to the Talaq-e-Hasan, consider the following statements:

- Both men and women can perform a marriage divorce through it.
- Unlike triple talaq, Talaq-e-Hasan has a waiting period and allows reconciliation before divorce.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: Talaq-e-Hasan is a traditional, extrajudicial, revocable Islamic divorce that only men can use under recognised Muslim personal law.

Statement 2 is correct: Unlike triple talaq, Talaq-e-Hasan has a waiting period and allows reconciliation before divorce becomes final after the third pronouncement.

Source: [NDTV](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the National Council for Transgender Persons (NCTP):

- It is a statutory body.
- The Council is chaired by the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The key functions of NCTP include advising on the formulation of welfare schemes, redressal of grievances and protection of transgender rights.

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 National Council for Transgender Persons was constituted under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, to advise the central government on policies, programs, and legislation for the welfare and empowerment of transgender persons.

Statement 2 is correct: The Council is chaired by the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and includes members from central ministries, state governments, transgender community representatives, and experts working on transgender issues.

Statement 3 is correct: The key functions of NCTP include advising on the formulation of welfare schemes, redressal of grievances, protection of transgender rights, and monitoring the implementation of the Transgender Persons Act across the country.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (21 November)

Q1. With reference to the World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 Report, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is published by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).
- 2. Jakarta (Indonesia) is now the world's most populous city.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- The World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 report is released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).
- According to the report, Jakarta now has nearly 42 million residents, making it the world's most populous city

Source- [UN](#)

Q2. With reference to the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2024, consider the following statements:

- 1. Former President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet, was awarded the prize in 2024.
- 2. It is awarded bi-annually.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, was indeed awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development in 2024.
- The Indira Gandhi Prize is awarded annually, not bi-annually.

Source- [ndtv](#)

Q3. The term “Goldilocks Environment”, recently seen in news in the context of India’s economic outlook, refers to which of the following?

- (a) A situation of rapid growth leading to high inflation
- (b) An economic condition with steady growth without high inflation or slowdown
- (c) A phase of low economic growth accompanied by deflation
- (d) An economic scenario dominated by rising unemployment and fiscal deficit

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation: A Goldilocks Environment describes an ideal economic condition where growth is “just right” — strong enough to sustain expansion but not so high that it causes excessive inflation, and not so low that it risks slowdown. Morgan Stanley, in its India Economics Outlook 2026, projected such a scenario for India with expected real GDP growth of 6.8% in FY26.

Source- [ET](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Tribunals in India:

1. Part XIV-A dealing with Tribunals was added to the Constitution by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976.
2. Article 323-A allows only the Parliament to create tribunals for service matters, while Article 323-B enables both Parliament and state legislatures to set up tribunals for other specified matters.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976 introduced Part XIV-A (Articles 323-A and 323-B) to provide for the establishment of tribunals in India.
- Article 323-A empowers only Parliament to establish tribunals for service-related disputes of public servants.
- Article 323-B empowers both Parliament and state legislatures to create tribunals for matters such as taxation, land reforms, industrial disputes, and elections.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. BIRSA-101, recently in the news, is related to which of the following?

- (a) A gene-editing technology for improving crop varieties
- (b) A biotechnology scheme for tribal livelihood improvement
- (c) A genome sequencing programme for rare diseases
- (d) A CRISPR-based gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: BIRSA-101 is India's first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy specifically developed to treat Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). It is named after tribal leader Birsa Munda, as SCD is highly prevalent among tribal populations. The therapy has been developed by the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB).

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. The Swavlamban 2025, seen in the news recently, is organised by

- a) Indian Air Force
- b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- c) Indian Navy
- d) Ministry of Defence

Answer: C

Explanation: Indian Navy

- Swavlamban 2025 is the fourth edition of the Indian Navy's flagship Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar, organized by the Indian Navy. The seminar showcases the Navy's innovation, technology self-reliance, and collaborative efforts with industry, startups, and academia to strengthen maritime defence capabilities.

Source: [NewsOnAir](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the ASHA AI Platform:

- 1. It is an AI-based platform launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- 2. It enables PDS beneficiaries to share feedback on ration distribution through AI-enabled automated calls in their preferred language.

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 Anna Sahayata Holistic AI Solution (ASHA) is an AI-based platform launched by the Union Food and Public Distribution Ministry.

Statement 2 is correct: It enables PDS beneficiaries to share feedback on ration distribution through AI-enabled automated calls in their preferred language.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Himalayan Black Bear:

- 1. It occurs along the Himalayas from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh.
- 2. It is categorized as 'Critically Endangered' by the IUCN.

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 occurs along the Himalayas from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh and in some foothill and northeastern forests. It also occurs in warmer forests below the Himalayas, from Rajaji National Park and Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand to Mizoram.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is classified as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. The 'Global Methane Status Report 2025' is released by?

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Answer: B

Explanation: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)

- The Global Methane Status Report is a flagship assessment released jointly by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC). It provides a comprehensive analysis of global methane emissions, progress on mitigation efforts, and gaps to meet the Global Methane Pledge targets aimed at reducing methane emissions by 30% from 2020 levels by 2030.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Blue NDC Challenge:

- It was launched by Brazil and France in 2025.
- It aims to integrate ocean-based climate mitigation and adaptation actions into national climate plans (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Blue NDC Challenge is a landmark international initiative launched by France and Brazil at the UN Ocean Conference in June 2025.

Statement 2 is correct: It aims to integrate ocean-based climate mitigation and adaptation actions into national climate plans (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

Source: [DTE](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (22 November)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding UNFCCC COP:

- COP is the supreme decision-making body under the UNFCCC and meets annually to review climate commitments.
- Australia will host UNFCCC COP31.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: COP is the top annual decision-making body of the UNFCCC, but COP31 will be hosted by Türkiye.

Source- [BBC](#)

Q2. Javelin Missile System, recently in news, is a:

- (a) Man-portable anti-tank guided missile
- (b) Short-range surface-to-air missile
- (c) Hypersonic cruise missile
- (d) Anti-submarine torpedo

Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation: Javelin is a man-portable, “fire-and-forget” anti-tank guided missile jointly developed by Lockheed Martin and Raytheon.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM):

1. The JCM was launched by Japan to promote low-carbon technologies through bilateral crediting partnerships.
2. It operates under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement to enable transparent carbon credit sharing between partner countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation-The Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) was initiated by Japan in 2013 to promote low-carbon technologies through bilateral crediting partnerships, and it functions under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement to facilitate transparent sharing of carbon credits between participating countries.

Source- [ET](#)

Q4. The “Global Mutirão” initiative, recently in news, is related to:

- (a) A global market for carbon trading
- (b) A programme for combating plastic pollution in oceans
- (c) A fund for promoting electric vehicles worldwide
- (d) Collective mobilisation to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: The “Global Mutirão” initiative, inspired by Brazilian and Indigenous community labour traditions, calls for urgent collective mobilisation at COP30 to push global efforts towards transitioning away from fossil fuels.

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

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the India International Trade Fair (IITF):

1. It is organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
2. It is held annually at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
3. The 2025 theme is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

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

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

Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation: IITF is organised by ITPO under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, held annually at Pragati Maidan, and the theme for 2025 is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

Source- [mint](https://www.mint.com)

Q6. With reference to the Zinc-ion batteries (ZIBs), consider the following statements:

1. They are aqueous-based rechargeable batteries that use zinc as the anode and a water-based electrolyte.
2. They are much safer because their electrolytes are water-based and non-flammable.

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: Aqueous zinc-ion batteries are rechargeable batteries that use zinc metal as the anode and an aqueous electrolyte, offering a safer and more eco-friendly alternative to lithium-ion systems.

Statement 2 is correct: Unlike lithium-ion batteries, ZIBs use aqueous electrolytes that are less flammable and safer.

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

Q7. Consider the following countries:

1. Turkey
2. Jordan
3. Armenia
4. Syria
5. Iraq

The Kurdistan region is spread across how many of the above countries?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Kurdistan is a broadly defined geographic region traditionally inhabited mainly by Kurds.
- **Spread:** It consists of an extensive plateau and mountain area, spread over large parts of eastern Turkey, northern Iraq and western Iran and smaller parts of northern Syria and Armenia.

Source: [AP](#)

Q8. Which of the following sectors are included in the 'Eight Core Industries' of India?

1. Cement
2. Textiles
3. Natural Gas
4. Fertilizers
5. Automobile

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- b) 2, 3 and 5 only
- c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) 1, 3 and 4 only

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The Eight Core Industries are: Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement, and Electricity.
- Textiles (2) and Automobile (5) are not part of the Eight Core Industries index, although they are part of the broader Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding radio galaxies:

1. These are galaxies that emit exceptionally strong radio waves, far brighter than typical galaxies.
2. They usually appear in pairs, positioned on opposite sides of the galaxy.

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: Radio galaxies are galaxies that emit exceptionally strong radio waves, far brighter than typical galaxies. Their radio emission comes from giant lobes of plasma that extend far beyond the galaxy's visible stars.

Statement 2 is correct: They usually appear in pairs, positioned on opposite sides of the galaxy. The radiation is produced by synchrotron emission, electrons moving near light speed in magnetic fields.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Regional Open Digital Health Summit 2025:

1. It was organized by the National e-Governance Division under the Ministry of Electronics and IT.
2. It promotes the fragmentation of health information systems to ensure data privacy.

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 Regional Open Digital Health Summit (RODHS) 2025, held in New Delhi, was organized by the National e-Governance Division under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, in collaboration with the National Health Authority, WHO South-East Asia Regional Office, and UNICEF to advance open, interoperable, and people-centered digital health ecosystems across the WHO South-East Asia Region.

Statement 2 is correct: A key objective is to integrate and modernize legacy systems to reduce fragmentation (silos), not promote it. Interoperability is the core theme.

Source: [PIB](#)