

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

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (17 December)

**Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Central Information Commission (CIC):**

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. It is headed by a Chief Information Commissioner and can have up to ten Information Commissioners.
3. The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India, and a Union Cabinet Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Correct Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because the Central Information Commission is a statutory body, established under the Right to Information Act, 2005, and not a constitutional body.
- **Statement 2 is correct** as the CIC consists of a Chief Information Commissioner and up to ten Information Commissioners.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** because the appointment committee comprises the Prime Minister (Chairperson), Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister, not the Chief Justice of India.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Nitrofurans:**

1. Nitrofurans are a class of broad-spectrum antibiotics that were earlier used as veterinary drugs.
2. Their use is permitted in food-producing animals in India under regulated limits.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Correct Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** Nitrofurans are broad-spectrum antibiotics such as furazolidone and nitrofurazone, earlier used in veterinary practice.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because nitrofurans are banned for use in food-producing animals in India due to their carcinogenic potential.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q3. Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan initiative, recently in the news, is a joint initiative of which of the following?**

- (a) Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Culture
- (b) Indian Army and Ministry of Tourism

- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs and Indian Army
- (d) Ministry of Tourism and Border Roads Organisation

**Correct Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan is a joint initiative of the Indian Army and the Ministry of Tourism, aimed at promoting battlefield tourism by allowing citizens to visit historic war zones and sites of military significance such as Chola and Dok La passes in Sikkim.

Source- [NIE](#)

**Q4. The term DHRUV64, recently in the news, refers to:**

- (a) India's first satellite launched for deep-space communication
- (b) A domestically designed high-performance computing platform for defence applications
- (c) A newly discovered species of Himalayan flora
- (d) A fully indigenous 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor developed in India

**Correct Answer:** (d)

**Explanation:** DHRUV64 is India's first fully indigenous microprocessor, featuring a 1.0 GHz clock speed, 64-bit architecture, and dual-core design, marking a significant milestone in India's semiconductor and strategic technology ecosystem.

Source- [NIE](#)

**Q5. Consider the following description:**

This bird sanctuary is located in Tamil Nadu and receives most of its rainfall from the Northeast Monsoon. It lies along the Central Asian Flyway and serves as an important breeding ground for both resident and migratory birds. The sanctuary is built around the Periyakulam Lake and was designated as a Ramsar Site in 2022.

Which of the following is correctly described above?

- (a) Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary
- (b) Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary
- (c) Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary
- (d) Erode (Vellode) Bird Sanctuary

**Correct Answer:** (d)

**Explanation:** The description matches Erode (Vellode) Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu, which is centred around Periyakulam Lake, receives rainfall from the Northeast Monsoon, lies on the Central Asian Flyway, and was designated a Ramsar Site in 2022.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Param Vir Chakra (PVC):**

1. It is India's highest wartime gallantry decoration, awarded for most conspicuous bravery or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy on land, sea, or air.
2. It was instituted after India became a Republic and was awarded for the first time during the 1962 Sino-Indian War.
3. The medal is cast in bronze and carries the State Emblem at its centre, surrounded by four replicas of Indra's Vajra.

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:** PVC is India's highest wartime gallantry award.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Param Vir Chakra was instituted in 1950, but its first awards were for actions during the 1947–48 Indo-Pak War, not the 1962 war.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The design features Indra's Vajra and the Ashoka Lion Capital, symbolising strength and authority.

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

**Q7.** The Cho La and Dok La, seen in the news recently, are located in

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Sikkim
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Ladakh

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian state of Sikkim formally opened the high-altitude passes of Cho La and Dok La to tourists in a regulated manner, under the country's expanding battlefield tourism initiative.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC):

1. It was established in 2005 with the objective of promoting intercultural and interreligious dialogue to prevent extremism and polarisation.
2. India is one of the founding members of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and hosts its permanent secretariat in New Delhi.

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:** UNAOC was launched in 2005 (initiated by Spain and Türkiye under UN auspices) to promote dialogue among civilizations and address root causes of extremism.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The UNAOC Secretariat is located in New York, and India is not a founding member, though it actively supports its objectives.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the SabhaSaar AI Tool:

1. It is an artificial intelligence-based tool developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to generate structured minutes of Gram Sabha meetings from audio and video recordings.
2. The tool leverages the Bhashini platform for language processing to support multiple Indian languages.

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: Both 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** SabhaSaar uses AI to automatically create uniform and structured records of Gram Sabha proceedings from recorded media.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is integrated with Bhashini, a Government of India initiative for AI-driven language translation and processing in multiple Indian languages.

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

**Q10.** With reference to the NAVYA initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Women & Child Development.
2. It aims to empower adolescent girls aged 16–18 years in aspirational districts by equipping them with relevant skills for socio-economic independence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Both are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational training for Young Adolescent Girls), a joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Women & Child Development, was launched in June 2025.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It aims to empower adolescent girls (AGs) aged 16–18 years in aspirational districts by equipping them with relevant skills for socio-economic independence.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (19 December)

**Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Pamir Mountains:**

1. The Pamir Mountains were formed due to the collision of the Arabian and Eurasian tectonic plates.
2. Meltwater from Pamir glaciers mainly feeds the Indus River system.

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: (d)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Pamir Mountains were formed due to the collision of the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates, not the Arabian plate.



- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Meltwater from Pamir glaciers feeds rivers like the Panj and Vakhsh, which are part of the Amu Darya river system, not the Indus system.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements regarding BRICS:**

1. English is the official language of BRICS, as prescribed in the BRICS Charter
2. The New Development Bank (NDB) of BRICS is headquartered in Beijing, China.
3. Ethiopia is one of the members of BRICS.

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

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

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** There is no single official language prescribed in the BRICS Charter.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The New Development Bank (NDB) is headquartered in **Shanghai**, not Beijing.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Ethiopia is a member of BRICS following the recent expansion.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Declaration on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health adopted by the UNGA:**

1. It is the first UN declaration to address NCDs and mental health together, recognising their shared risk factors.
2. It aims to achieve “fast-track” global targets such as reducing tobacco use and expanding mental health care access by 2030.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The 2025 UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health led to a historic declaration that, for the first time, treats NCDs and mental health together. It also sets global outcome targets to be achieved by 2030, including reducing tobacco use and increasing access to mental health care.

Source- [WHO](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding India’s public R&D ecosystem:**

1. Agriculture and allied sectors account for the majority of public R&D expenditure, followed by the health sector.
2. The northern region hosts the majority of India’s public R&D institutes, while the southern region remains underrepresented.

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:** Agriculture and allied sectors dominate India's public R&D expenditure, followed by health and IT & telecom sectors.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The southern region hosts over 36% of India's public R&D institutes, while the northern region and Northeast are comparatively underrepresented.

Source- [Niti Aayog](#)

**Q5. The term "Kessler Syndrome," recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Cybersecurity threats in critical infrastructure  
(b) Space debris and collisions in low Earth orbit  
(c) Climate-induced glacier melting  
(d) Oceanic dead zones

**Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** Kessler Syndrome refers to a scenario in which the density of objects in low Earth orbit is high enough that collisions between objects could cause a cascade effect, generating more space debris and increasing the likelihood of further collisions. It poses a significant threat to satellites and space operations.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the ASPIRE Scheme:**

1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
2. It primarily targets large manufacturing enterprises to enhance exports through technology upgradation.

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:** ASPIRE is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of MSME aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** ASPIRE targets micro and small enterprises and rural entrepreneurs, not large manufacturing units. The scheme focuses on rural and agro-based entrepreneurship through LBIs and TBIs, supporting start-ups and self-employment.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements about Annatto:**

1. It is often used to add color to dairy products such as butter, cheese, or puddings.
2. It is a synthetic azo dye and its use in food products is prohibited in India due to health concerns.

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 imparts vibrant yellow-orange hues to dairy products like butter, cheese, yogurt, and ice cream, serving as a clean-label alternative to synthetic colors.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Annatto is not synthetic; it is a permitted natural colour under food safety regulations in India when used within prescribed limits.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the Adi Sanskriti Digital Platform:

1. The platform is exclusively meant for commercial sale of tribal products and is implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. The platform has provision for an online marketplace 'Adi Haat' integrating with the online marketing platform of TRIFED.

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:** Adi Sanskriti is a Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) initiative aimed at preserving, promoting, and mainstreaming tribal cultural heritage through digital means.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Adi Sanskriti digital platform has provision for an online marketplace 'Adi Haat' integrating with the online marketing platform of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited to create a market linkage of the products made by tribal artisans.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the GOBARDHAN scheme:

1. The Ministry of Jal Shakti is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. The scheme is implemented under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and contributes to improving rural sanitation and clean energy generation.
3. The scheme provides direct income support to farmers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) for biogas produced at household level.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Ministry of Jal Shakti is the nodal ministry of the scheme.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme operates under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and supports sanitation, clean energy, and rural livelihoods.



**Statement 3 is incorrect:** There is no MSP or direct income support mechanism for biogas under GOBARDHAN; income is generated through sale of energy and manure.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH):

1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST communities.
2. The scheme is implemented by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC).
3. The NSSH mandates reservation of seats in local panchayats for SC/ST entrepreneurs engaged in MSME activities.

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**

**Statement 1 is correct:** NSSH is a flagship initiative under the Ministry of MSME aimed at fostering inclusive entrepreneurship among SC/ST communities.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme is implemented by NSIC and provides end-to-end support—skilling, mentoring, credit facilitation, and linkage to Government procurement (including GeM and CPSE procurement).

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** NSSH has no constitutional or legislative reservation mandate; it is an entrepreneurship support scheme, not a political reservation mechanism.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (18 December)

**Q1.** The Goldar Committee, recently in the news, is associated with which of the following recommendations?

- (a) Revising the base year for national accounts from 2011–12 to 2022–23
- (b) Introducing GST compensation to states
- (c) Reforming the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act
- (d) Revising poverty estimates using the Tendulkar Committee method

**Correct Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:** The Advisory Committee on National Account Statistics (ACNAS), chaired by Prof. B. N. Goldar, recommended revising the base year of national accounts from 2011–12 to 2022–23, as reflected in MoSPI's discussion paper on GDP compilation using the expenditure approach

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

**Q2.** Consider the following statements regarding Coffee Plantation in India:

1. Karnataka contributes less than half of India's total coffee production.
2. The Coffee Board of India is a statutory body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

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:** (d)

**Explanation:** Both statements are incorrect. Karnataka contributes over 70% of India's coffee production, and the Coffee Board of India is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, not the Ministry of Agriculture.

Source- [NIE](#)

**Q3. The Gulf of Oman is bordered by which of the following countries?**

- (a) Iran, United Arab Emirates, and Oman
- (b) Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Iran
- (c) Iran, Iraq, and Kuwait
- (d) United Arab Emirates, Yemen, and Oman

**Correct Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:** The Gulf of Oman is bordered by Iran to the north, the United Arab Emirates to the west, and Oman to the south.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. Consider the following description:**

A wildlife sanctuary located in the East Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya, it was declared a protected area in 2014 and is the only wildlife sanctuary in the Jaintia Hills region. The northern boundary of the sanctuary is formed by the Lohit river that acts as a natural physical barrier.

Which of the following is described above?

- (a) Nokrek Biosphere Reserve
- (b) Balpakram National Park
- (c) Narpuh Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Nongkhyllem Wildlife Sanctuary

**Correct Answer:** (c)

Source- [hubnetwork](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):**

1. The SCO is a permanent intergovernmental organisation aimed at regional security and economic cooperation in Eurasia.
2. Its Secretariat is located in Beijing.
3. Afghanistan and Mongolia are full member states of the SCO.

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

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

**Correct Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** Statements 1 and 2 are correct. Afghanistan and Mongolia are observer states, not full members of the SCO, making statement 3 incorrect.

Source- [DDnews](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements about Exercise DESERT CYCLONE–II:

1. It is a bilateral military exercise between India and the Saudi Arabia.
2. It is conducted under the aegis of the Indian Navy as part of India's maritime security cooperation in the Gulf region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: None is correct**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** DESERT CYCLONE–II is a bilateral Army exercise between India and the UAE, reflecting deepening defence cooperation.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is an Army-level exercise, not conducted under the Indian Navy.

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

**Q7.** The Erasmus Programme, seen in the news recently, is implemented by

- a) ASEAN
- b) NATO
- c) OECD
- d) EU

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- The Erasmus Programme is implemented by the European Union through the European Commission, which manages its budget, priorities, and execution via the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) and National Agencies in member states. It supports student/teacher mobility, training, youth, and sport across EU countries and partners.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about India's First AI-Driven Community Screening Programme for Diabetic Retinopathy:

1. It is launched by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) in collaboration with the e-Health AI Unit of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
2. It utilizes the MadhuNetrAI web-based tool for automated screening.
3. Diabetic Retinopathy is a communicable eye disease caused by bacterial infection and is more prevalent among children.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The programme was launched on December 16, 2025, by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) in collaboration with Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences (RPC), AIIMS, and the e-Health AI Unit of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Diabetic Retinopathy is a non-communicable complication of diabetes, mainly affecting adults, not a bacterial or infectious disease.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about technologies used by Indian Army:

1. Ekam AI is a fully indigenous and secure artificial intelligence platform which enables users to analyse information without dependence on foreign software or external cloud systems.
2. The Project SAMBHAV of Indian Army showcases a portable communication system that provides mobile connectivity using satellite support.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Both are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Indian Army's Ekam AI is a fully indigenous and secure artificial intelligence platform designed for sensitive environments. It enables users to analyse information, manage documents, and support decision-making without dependence on foreign software or external cloud systems.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Under Project SAMBHAV, the Army showcased a portable communication system that provides mobile connectivity using satellite support.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements regarding e-cigarettes in India:

1. The production and import of e-cigarettes is totally banned in India.
2. E-cigarettes are regulated through the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019 which is to be enforced by the States/Union Territories through their law enforcement agencies.

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:** Government has banned e-cigarettes under Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Under this Act, the production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertisement of electronic cigarettes is prohibited.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (20 December)

**Q1.** Consider the following countries:

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1. Germany
2. Belgium
3. Denmark

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

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

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The Netherlands shares land borders with Germany (east) and Belgium (south). Denmark does not share a land border with the Netherlands; it is separated by the North Sea.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI):**

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Finance.
3. The Commission consists of a Chairperson and not less than two and not more than six Members appointed by the Central Government.
4. The CCI regulates combinations only after mergers and acquisitions have been completed.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1** is correct: CCI is a statutory body established under the Competition Act, 2002.
- **Statement 2** is incorrect: CCI functions under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, not the Ministry of Finance.
- **Statement 3** is correct: It comprises a Chairperson and 2 to 6 Members, appointed by the Central Government.
- **Statement 4** is incorrect: CCI regulates combinations ex ante (before completion) to prevent appreciable adverse effects on competition.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q3. The Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO), recently seen in the news, primarily performs which of the following functions?**

- (a) Fixes coal prices for domestic and international markets
- (b) Collects coal production statistics and monitors dispatch and supply
- (c) Regulates environmental clearances for coal mining
- (d) Allocates coal blocks to private companies

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The Coal Controller's Organisation functions under the Ministry of Coal and is mainly responsible for collecting coal production data, monitoring coal dispatch and supply, and performing related statistical and regulatory functions.



Source- [PIB](#)

**Q4. Consider the following description:**

This wildlife sanctuary is located in Madhya Pradesh and is connected through wildlife corridors with the Ratapani Tiger Reserve. The area is dominated by dry deciduous forests. Its fauna includes leopards, sloth bears, hyenas, nilgai, jackals, palm civets, along with a wide variety of bird species.

Which of the following is correctly described above?

- (a) Kheoni Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Satpura Tiger Reserve
- (c) Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

**Correct Answer: (a)**

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q5. The SabhaSaar Initiative, recently in the news, is an initiative of which of the following?**

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

**Correct Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The SabhaSaar Initiative is an AI-enabled voice-to-text meeting summarisation tool developed to improve documentation and transparency in Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings. It has been launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, in line with its mandate to strengthen grassroots governance and digital enablement of local self-government institutions.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Kosi River:**

1. It originates in the Tibetan Plateau and is formed by the confluence of three rivers in Nepal.
2. It is a tributary of the Ganga joining it in Bihar.
3. It is notorious for frequent floods due to its high sediment load and shifting course, earning it the nickname "Sorrow of Bihar."

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 Kosi River originates in the Tibetan Plateau and is formed by the confluence of three rivers—Sun Kosi, Arun Kosi, and Tamur Kosi—in Nepal.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Kosi joins the Ganga near Kursela (Katihar district) in Bihar.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Heavy sediment deposition and frequent change in course cause devastating floods, hence the title "Sorrow of Bihar."

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the Bureau of Port Security (BoPS), to be constituted soon:

1. It shall be constituted as a statutory body under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.
2. It shall function under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
3. It shall be responsible for regulatory and oversight functions relating to the security of ships and port facilities.

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 Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) shall be constituted as a statutory body under the provisions of Section 13 of the newly promulgated Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Bureau, headed by a Director General, shall function under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

**Statement 3 is correct:** It shall be responsible for regulatory and oversight functions relating to the security of ships and port facilities. The Bureau is being modelled on the lines of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

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

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

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in the Upper Gangetic plain, falling in the Terai of the Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Erivan Anomalous Blue Butterfly:

1. It is a rare species of butterfly endemic to the Western Himalayas, belonging to the Lycaenidae family.
2. It was selected as the central symbol in the official logo for COP17 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
3. The species is listed as Critically Endangered under the IUCN Red List, primarily due to large-scale commercial exploitation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Erivan Anomalous Blue is native to the Transcaucasus region (Armenia and nearby areas) and was not previously known from India or the Himalayas.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Armenia unveiled the COP17 CBD logo (December 2025) featuring this butterfly to symbolize biodiversity action and local endemism for the conference scheduled in Yerevan (2026).

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is not evaluated for IUCN Red List and for European Red List of Butterflies. It is included in Armenian Red Book of Animals, as Endangered.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the Fast Patrol Vessel 'Amulya':

1. It is the third vessel, out of eight, in the Adamya-class series.
2. It is built by the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

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:** ICG Ship Amulya is a new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel of the Indian Coast Guard. Designed and built indigenously by: Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is the third vessel in the eight-ship Adamya-class series.

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

**Q1.** Consider the following statements regarding Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Terai region of Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh and was established in 1975.
2. The sanctuary shares an international border with Nepal and serves as a wildlife corridor connecting Indian tiger habitats with Bardia National Park in Nepal.
3. The Ganga River flowing through the sanctuary is a protected stretch for gharial and mugger crocodiles.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: b**

**Explanation: Only two are correct**

**Statement I is correct :** Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Terai region of Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh. It was established in 1975.

**Statement II is correct :** The sanctuary shares an international border with Nepal and provides strategic connectivity between tiger habitats of **Dudhwa** and **Kishanpur** in India and the **Bardia National Park** in Nepal.

**Statement III is incorrect:** The **Girwa River** flowing through the sanctuary is a protected stretch for gharial and mugger crocodiles.

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

**Q2.** A superkilonova differs from a normal kilonova primarily because it

- (a) results from a black hole–star collision
- (b) emits light only in the radio spectrum
- (c) has an additional energy source making it brighter and longer lasting
- (d) does not produce heavy elements like gold

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** A superkilonova is a **proposed cosmic explosion** that combines the characteristics of a supernova and a kilonova in a single event.

A kilonova occurs when two neutron stars collide, **ejecting heavy radioactive elements such as gold, platinum, and neodymium**. As these elements decay, they emit light mainly in the optical and infrared parts of the spectrum.

A superkilonova differs because it has an **additional energy source** that makes the explosion **brighter, bluer, and possibly longer** lasting than a normal kilonova.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3.** Consider the following statements regarding the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB):

1. The Sashastra Seema Bal was established in 1963 as the Special Service Bureau following the Sino–Indian Conflict of 1962.
2. The Sashastra Seema Bal functions under the Ministry of Defence and is responsible for guarding India's borders with Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.
3. The powers of the SSB under laws such as the CrPC and Arms Act are applicable only within a 5 km belt along the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) More than one

**Correct Answer: (a) Only one**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** SSB was established on 15 March 1963 as the Special Service Bureau after the Sino–Indian War of 1962.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** SSB functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs and guards borders with Nepal and Bhutan only, not Bangladesh.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** SSB's legal powers extend up to a 15 km belt, not 5 km, along the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders.

Source- [PMI](#)

**Q4.** Kavachi, recently in news, is best described as:

- (a) A shield volcano located in the Caribbean Sea
- (b) A submarine volcano situated in the southwest Pacific Ocean near the Solomon Islands
- (c) An active stratovolcano located in the Andes Mountains
- (d) A dormant volcano found in the Mediterranean region

**Correct Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:**

Kavachi is a submarine volcano located in the **southwest Pacific Ocean, near the Solomon Islands**, specifically south of Gatokae and Vangunu Islands. It lies along the Pacific Ring of Fire, a region known for intense volcanic and seismic activity.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Bharat Taxi:

1. It is a government-supported initiative developed under the Union Ministry of Cooperation with technical support from the National e-Governance Division (NeGD).
2. It allows drivers to become shareholders and co-owners, making it India's first cooperative taxi network.
3. It is promoted exclusively by private technology companies without the involvement of cooperative or financial institutions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The initiative is government-supported and developed under the Union Ministry of Cooperation with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD).

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is India's first cooperative taxi network, enabling drivers to act as shareholders and co-owners, reflecting a citizen-first and cooperative model.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The initiative is promoted by cooperative and financial institutions such as **NCDC, IFFCO, AMUL, KRIBHCO, NAFED, NABARD, NDDB, and NCEL**, not exclusively by private technology companies.

Source- [News on Air](#)

Q6. Where is the Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve located?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana

**Correct Answer: a**

**Explanation-** It is located in the **state of Chhattisgarh**. It was established by joining the regions represented by Sitanadi and Udanti wildlife sanctuaries. The drainage system of the reserve consists of the **Mahanadi as the main river**, along with the Udanti, Sitanadi, Indravan, and Pairi Rivers as tributaries.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q7. Chillai Kalan, often mentioned in the context of Kashmir, refers to:

- (a) A 40-day period marking the harshest winter cold in the Kashmir Valley beginning around December 21
- (b) A cultural festival celebrated after the end of winter in Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) A 20-day phase of moderate cold following the peak winter season
- (d) A summer period associated with glacier melting in the Himalayas

**Correct Answer: (a)**



**Explanation:**

Chillai Kalan is a **40-day period of extreme winter cold** in the Kashmir region, usually starting on **December 21** and **ending on January 30**. It is marked by **sub-zero temperatures, heavy snowfall, and severe cold waves**, and plays a crucial role in replenishing water resources through snowfall.

Source- [TH](#)

Q8. The Dark Eagle Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW) is best described as:

- (a) A US-developed ground-launched hypersonic missile system capable of delivering conventional strikes at extremely high speeds
- (b) A nuclear-armed intercontinental ballistic missile developed by Russia
- (c) An air-launched cruise missile system developed by China
- (d) A space-based missile defence interceptor system

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:**

The Dark Eagle LRHW is a **United States Army-developed, ground-launched hypersonic weapon system** designed to deliver conventional warheads at hypersonic speeds (above Mach 5). It uses a hypersonic glide vehicle, **enabling rapid, long-range, and highly manoeuvrable strikes** that are difficult for enemy air-defence systems to intercept.

Source- [ET](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the raccoon roundworm:

- 1. Raccoon roundworm (*Baylisascaris procyonis*) is a large intestinal ascarid parasite commonly found in raccoons.
- 2. The parasite is indigenous to North America and has spread to Europe and parts of Asia following the introduction of North American raccoons for the fur trade.
- 3. Birds and reptiles are the primary hosts of raccoon roundworms, while humans are completely resistant to infection.

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

**Correct Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is correct:** *Baylisascaris procyonis* is a large roundworm (ascarid) that inhabits the small intestine of raccoons.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The parasite is native to North America and has emerged in Europe and Asia due to the historical introduction of raccoons for the commercial fur trade.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The primary hosts are raccoons and wild/domestic canids, and the parasite can cause severe disease in humans and other animals; humans are not resistant.

Source- [India Today](#)

Q.10 Consider the following statements regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI):

- 1. The Competition Commission of India is a statutory body established in March 2009 under the Competition Act, 2002.

2. The primary objectives of the Commission include eliminating practices that have an adverse effect on competition and protecting consumer interests.
3. The Competition Commission of India functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and is headquartered in Mumbai.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only**

**Explanation**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Competition Commission of India is a statutory body established in March 2009 under the Competition Act, 2002.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Its mandate includes preventing anti-competitive practices, promoting and sustaining competition, protecting consumer interests, and ensuring freedom of trade in Indian markets.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The CCI functions under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, not the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and its headquarters is in New Delhi, not Mumbai.

Source- [News on Air](#)