

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (24 November)

Q1. Mount Semeru, the most active volcano that erupted recently, is located in which country?

- a) Japan
- b) Philippines
- c) Indonesia
- d) Malaysia

Correct Answer: c)

Explanation: Mount Semeru is situated on East Java Island in Indonesia. It is currently the highest volcano on Java and one of the most active volcanoes in the country

Source-<u>bhaskar</u>

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Sagar Kavach exercise:

- 1. Recently, it was conducted along the Maharashtra & Goa coastline.
- 2. It is an annual coastal security exercise conducted by the Indian Navy 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 because the latest Sagar Kavach exercise was held off the Maharashtra and Goa coasts. Statement 2 is incorrect because Sagar Kavach is not an annual exercise; it is a biannual coastal security exercise coordinated primarily by the Indian Coast Guard, along with other coastal stakeholders, not solely by the Indian Navy.

Source-PTI

Q3. There is an ongoing debate about bringing Chandigarh under Article 240. What could be a key consequence of this move?

- a) The UT's laws would require approval from both the Punjab and Haryana governments.
- b) The Centre would gain the power to amend or repeal Chandigarh's laws through regulations without passing them in Parliament.
- c) Chandigarh would get an elected Legislative Assembly with more autonomy.
- d) The Mayor of Chandigarh would be directly elected for a five-year tenure.

Correct Answer: b)

Explanation: Article 240 empowers the President to make regulations for certain Union Territories. If applied to Chandigarh, the Centre could directly change or repeal laws through regulations without needing Parliamentary approval, increasing central control over the UT.

Source- IE

Q4. Match the following Festivals with their States:

Festival - State

A. Sangai Festival – 1. Manipur

B. Hornbill Festival - 2. Nagaland

C. Losar - 3. Ladakh

D. Chapchar Kut – 4. Mizoram

Which of the following is the correct match?

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



Correct Answer: a)

Explanation:

- Sangai Festival is celebrated in Manipur, named after the endangered Sangai deer.
- Hornbill Festival is a major cultural festival of Nagaland, showcasing tribal heritage.
- Losar marks the Tibetan New Year and is prominently celebrated in Ladakh.
- Chapchar Kut is a traditional spring festival of Mizoram, linked to jhum cultivation.

Source-TH

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Mahi River:

- 1. It is a major east-flowing river of India.
- 2. It originates in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra.

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** because the Mahi is not an east-flowing river; it is a major west-flowing interstate river that drains into the Arabian Sea.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because the Mahi does not originate in the Western Ghats; it originates from the northern slopes of the Vindhya Range in Madhya Pradesh.

Source-ToI

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the African Grey Parrot:

- 1. They are native to central and West Africa.
- 2. They are listed as critically endangered under the IUCN Red List.
- 3. They live a very short life of less than 3 years the minimum among the parrot species from around the world.

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 native to central and West Africa, including countries such as Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and Kenya. They inhabit dense forests, wooded savannas, and mangroves.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Conservation Status: Listed as Endangered by the IUCN, mainly due to habitat loss and capture for the pet trade, with international conventions such as CITES regulating their trade to protect wild populations.

Statement 3 is incorrect: They are long-lived, with lifespans often exceeding 30–50 years in captivity.

Source: TH

Q7. With reference to the ACITI partnership, consider the following statements:

- 1. All the members of this partnership are also the members of the 'Five Eyes' group.
- 2. It is aimed at advancing cooperation in fifth generation fighter jets and nuclear submarines.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2



d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: D

Explanation: Both are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: A new trilateral initiative — the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership - was launched on the sidelines of G20 Summit. India is not a member of Five Eyes group. **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is aimed at advancing cooperation in key futuristic sectors such as emerging technologies, clean energy, diversified supply chains, and the mass adoption of artificial intelligence.

Source: **DD News**

Q8. Which one of the followings best describes the objective of the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP)?

- a) To promote rapid industrialization without environmental considerations
- b) To ensure equitable and inclusive climate action by supporting socially just pathways for transitioning to low-carbon and resilient economies
- c) To replace existing climate finance mechanisms with a new funding body
- d) To focus solely on technological innovation for renewable energy

Answer: B Explanation:

• The core objective of the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP) is to facilitate a global shift to low-carbon economies in a manner that is equitable, inclusive, and socially just, ensuring that vulnerable groups and workers are supported and no one is left behind during climate transitions.

Source: <u>DTE</u>

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Exercise AUSINDEX 2025:

- 1. It is a biennial bilateral maritime exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy.
- 2. The 2025 edition of AUSINDEX was held in the Northern Pacific Ocean.
- 3. The Exercise primarily focuses on land-based combat operations and is conducted exclusively within Indian territorial waters.

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: Exercise AUSINDEX is a biennial bilateral maritime exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy to enhance interoperability and deepen strategic partnership.

Statement 2 is correct: The 2025 edition of AUSINDEX was held in the Northern Pacific Ocean, with key activities including anti-submarine warfare, gunnery exercises, and advanced flying operations involving warships and aircraft of both navies.

Statement 3 is incorrect: AUSINDEX is a naval exercise, not focused on land-based combat, nor is it exclusively within Indian territorial waters.

Source: ET

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding of International Agronomy Congress (IAC-2025):

- 1. The theme of the congress is "Re-envisioning Agronomy for Smart Agro-Food Systems and Environmental Protection".
- 2. The congress aims to address key issues including climate-resilient farming, digital agriculture, soil health, sustainable nutrient management.
- 3. It is being organized by the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA).

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 Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC-2025) is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from 24 to 26 November 2025 under the theme "Re-envisioning Agronomy for Smart Agro-Food Systems and Environmental Protection".

Statement 2 is correct: The congress aims to address key issues including climate-resilient farming, digital agriculture, soil health, sustainable nutrient management, and promoting nutrition-sensitive agricultural systems with active participation from global agronomy experts, policymakers, and researchers.

Statement 3 is correct: The event is organized by the Indian Society of Agronomy in collaboration with ICAR, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and international organizations like FAO and CIMMYT.

Source: PIB

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (25 November)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian and Pacific Centre for Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM):

- 1. APDIM was established as a regional institution under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP).
- 2. The headquarters of APDIM is located in New Delhi, India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** APDIM was established in 2015 as a regional institution under UN ESCAP to support disaster risk reduction through improved information and data management.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The headquarters of APDIM is located in Tehran, Iran, not New Delhi. However, the 10th Session of APDIM was held in New Delhi, which may cause confusion.

Source-Forum IAS

Q2. Hayli Gubbi volcano recently in news, which erupted after 12,000 years, is located in:

- (a) Kenva
- (b) Tanzania
- (c) Uganda
- (d) Ethiopia

Answer: (d)

Explanation: The Hayli Gubbi volcano is situated in the Afar region of northern Ethiopia, an active rift zone where the African and Arabian tectonic plates are pulling apart. It erupted recently after nearly 12,000 years of dormancy.

Source- DH

Q3. Consider the following statements about Hussain Sagar Lake:

- 1. Hussain Sagar is an artificial lake located in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- 2. It was built during the reign of Muhammad Quli Qutub Shah by Hussain Shah Wali.
- 3. The lake lies on a tributary of the River Musi.



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 correct: Hussain Sagar is an artificial lake in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: It was built in 1562 by Hussain Shah Wali under Ibrahim Ouli Outub Shah, not Muhammad Quli Qutub Shah.
- **Statement 3 is correct**: The lake lies on a tributary of the River Musi, not on the main course.

Source- NIE

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Auramine **0**:

- 1. Auramine 0 is a synthetic yellow dye commonly used in paper, textiles, and leather.
- 2. Auramine O is approved for use as a food colour in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: Auramine 0 is a synthetic yellow, odorless dye widely used in paper, textiles, leather, and also as an antiseptic and fungicide.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: Auramine O is not approved as a food colour in India, the European Union, or the United States, due to its toxic and carcinogenic properties. Its presence in food is considered illegal adulteration.

Source-TH

Q5. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Russia
- 2. Azerbaijan
- 3. Armenia
- 4. Turkey

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

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only Two
- (c) Only Three
- (d) All Four

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Georgia shares its land borders with Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Turkey.

Source-DDnews

Q6. With reference to the Blind Women's T20 World Cup 2025, consider the following statements:

- 1. It was jointly hosted by Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh.
- 2. India defeated Sri Lanka in the final match to lift the trophy.
- 3. The game is played with a white plastic ball packed with ball bearings that rattle as it rolls, which allows it to be heard by players.

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: Host: India and Sri Lanka co-hosted the event, with fixtures in **Delhi, Bengaluru** and **Colombo**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Final Result: India emerged as the **champion** by **defeating Nepal by 7 wickets** in the **final** held at the **P Sara Oval, Colombo**.

Statement 3 is correct: Features: and is played with a white plastic ball packed with ball bearings that rattle as it rolls, which allows it to be heard by players.

Source: PIB

Q7. Consider the following statements about moss plant:

- 1. It is a small plant usually found in damp, shady spots.
- 2. It is famous for surviving the harshest environments on the planet, including Antarctica, volcanic fields, and deserts.

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: Moss is a small plant usually found in damp, shady spots where moisture is abundant, facilitating its growth and reproduction.

Statement 2 is correct: It is among the earliest land plants and has colonised some of the harshest environments on the planet, including Antarctica, volcanic fields, and deserts.

Source: **IE**

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Sanchar Saathi Initiative:

- 1. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- 2. It is a citizen centric initiative to empower mobile subscribers, strengthen their security and increase awareness about citizen centric initiatives of the Government.

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 but Statement 2 is correct: Sanchar Saathi is a citizen centric initiative of **Department of Telecommunications (DoT) (Ministry of Telecom)** to empower mobile subscribers, strengthen their security and increase awareness about citizen centric initiatives of the Government.

Source: **DD News**

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS):

- 1. It is regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- 2. It is designed to provide assured, inflation-indexed, and adequate retirement benefits.
- 3. It is applicable to both serving and retired employees of both central and state governments.

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: It regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). **Statement 2 is correct:** It is designed to provide assured, inflation-indexed, and adequate retirement benefits, addressing concerns of longevity protection and pension predictability.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is an option under the National Pension System (NPS) for Central Government employees.

Source: **DD News**

Q10. With reference to the International Agronomy Congress (IAC-2025), consider the following statements:

- 1. The 2025 edition is inaugural edition of the congress.
- 2. It is being organised by the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

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 2025 edition is 6th edition of the congress and was held in India.

Statement 2 is correct: It is being organized by the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), and the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS).

Source: PIB

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (26 November)

Q1. Lake Urmia, recently seen in the news, is located in which country?

- (a) Turkey
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Iran

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Lake Urmia is a large saltwater lake in northwestern Iran. Due to severe drought, the Iranian government has undertaken measures like cloud-seeding to induce rainfall and revive the shrinking lake. Source-BBC

Q2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Lachit Borphukan was the Commander-in-Chief of the Ahom Kingdom.
- 2. The Ahom dynasty was founded by Sukapha.

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: Lachit Borphukan (1622–1672) served as the Commander-in-Chief (Borphukan) of the Ahom Kingdom in Assam. The Ahom dynasty, which ruled the region for nearly 600 years, was founded by Sukapha in 1228 CE

Source-PIB

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Pazhayar River:

- 1. It flows through the Kanniyakumari district of Tamil Nadu.
- 2. It originates from the slopes of the Western Ghats near Nilgiris.
- 3. It drains into the Bay of Bengal.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: The Pazhayar River flows through Kanniyakumari district (Correct). However, it originates from the Mahendragiri hills, not Nilgiris, and it drains into the Arabian Sea, not Bay of Bengal. Thus, only statement 1 is correct.

Source-TH

Q4. Article 51 of the UN Charter, often seen in news, relates to which of the following?

- (a) Peacekeeping missions
- (b) Collective economic sanctions
- (c) Right of self-defence
- (d) Universal human rights

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Article 51 recognizes the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if a UN member state is attacked, until the UN Security Council takes measures to maintain international peace and security Source- <u>UN</u>

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Suryakiran:

- 1. Exercise Suryakiran is an annual India–Nepal joint military exercise.
- 2. The 18th edition (2025) of the exercise was held in Saljhandi, India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Exercise Suryakiran is conducted annually between the Indian and Nepalese armies on a reciprocal basis. The 18th edition was held in Saljhandi, Nepal, not India

Source- **DDnews**

06. With reference to the SIDDHI 2.0 platform, consider the following statements:

- 1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- 2. It aims to transform evidence-based Ayurvedic research into high-quality, globally competitive products by fostering strong collaboration between scientific research and Ayurveda industry manufacturing capabilities.

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 Unified platform for Scientific Innovation in Drug Development, Healthcare & Integration (SIDDHI 2.0) is a flagship initiative launched by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush.

Statement 2 is correct: It aims to transform evidence-based Ayurvedic research into high-quality, globally competitive products by fostering strong collaboration between scientific research and Ayurveda industry manufacturing capabilities.

Source: PIB

Q7. With reference to the DISHA scheme, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Ministry of Law and Justice is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
- 2. It aims to provide easy, accessible, affordable and citizen- centric delivery of legal services through various legal awareness schemes.

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 Law and Justice is the nodal ministry of the Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice in India" (DISHA) scheme

Statement 2 is correct: The DISHA scheme aims to provide easy, accessible, affordable and citizen-centric delivery of legal services through the scheme of Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) and Legal Literacy and Legal awareness programme.

Source: PIB

Q8. Consider the following statements about H5N5 influenza virus:

- 1. There has not been a single case of transmission of this virus into humans.
- 2. It is a subtype of highly pathogenic avian influenza A virus that primarily infects birds.
- **3.** Unlike other H5 avian influenza subtypes, H5N5 has already shown sustained human-to-human transmission, leading WHO to declare it a global pandemic.

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: H5N5 bird flu has claimed its first human life in Washington recently.

Statement 2 is correct: H5N5 is a subtype of highly pathogenic avian influenza A virus that primarily infects birds, but has caused sporadic outbreaks in domestic poultry and wild birds in several countries.

Statement 3 is incorrect: There is currently no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission or a pandemic declaration for H5N5; such concern mainly relates to other H5 subtypes like H5N1.

Source: **DTE**

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Incentive Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Recycling:

- 1. It is part of the National Critical Mineral Mission.
- 2. The scheme covers e-waste, Lithium Ion Battery (LIB) scrap, and other scraps as eligible feedstock.
- 3. It provides both capital subsidy and operational subsidy for recycling projects.



Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: The Incentive Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Recycling is part of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM). It allows e-waste, LIB scrap, and other scraps as feedstock. The scheme provides both a 20% capital subsidy on plant and machinery and operational subsidies linked to incremental sales, thereby covering the entire recycling value chain.

Source: PIB

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Youth Games 2025:

- 1. The players aged 14 to 18 years can participate in these games.
- 2. The 2025 Games were hosted by Uzbekistan.
- 3. The Games were first held in Singapore in 2009.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The Asian Youth Games, conceived under the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), were established to nurture young talent aged 14 to 18 years.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The 2025 Games were hosted by Manama, Bahrain. The Asian Youth Games are scheduled for 2029 in Uzbekistan.

Statement 3 is correct: At the inaugural 2009 Games in Singapore, India won 11 medals — five Gold, three Silver, and three Bronze — finishing 11th overall.

Source: **DD News**

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (27 November)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the ozone layer:

- 1. It is mainly found in the troposphere, between 15 and 35 km above the Earth's surface.
- 2. Under the 1987 Montreal Protocol, countries agreed to phase out ozone-depleting substances and replace them with safer alternatives.

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** because the ozone layer is primarily located in the stratosphere, not the troposphere, at an altitude of about 15–35 km.
- Statement 2 is correct as the Montreal Protocol (1987) is a global agreement aimed at phasing out ozone-depleting substances (ODS) such as CFCs and replacing them with environmentally safer alternatives.

Source- NASA

Q. Nayi Chetna 4.0, recently seen in news, is:



- a) A rural sanitation campaign under Swachh Bharat Mission
- b) A month-long initiative under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to address gender-based violence
- c) A skill development programme for rural youth under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)
- d) A scheme to promote digital literacy among Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- Nayi Chetna 4.0 is a month-long awareness and action campaign launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- It aims to strengthen community action against gender-based violence and promote women's safety, dignity, and economic empowerment in rural India.

Source-PIB

Q. Consider the following statements about Open and Networked (ON) Courts:

- 1. India's first 24×7 Open and Networked (ON) Court was set up in Maharashtra.
- 2. ON Courts operate entirely online, enabling e-filing, virtual hearings and digital summons.
- 3. The ON Court allows cases to be filed at any time of the day.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** the first ON Court was set up in **Kollam, Kerala**, not Maharashtra.
- Statements 2 and 3 are correct ON Courts function fully online and allow 24×7 filing.

Source- HT

Q. Operation Pawan, recently in news, was:

- a) A military operation against China in 1962
- b) A naval operation during the Kargil War
- c) An evacuation operation of Indians from Yemen
- d) The Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) mission in Sri Lanka to disarm LTTE in 1987

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: Operation Pawan was launched in 1987 by the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) following the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord. Its primary objective was to disarm militant groups, particularly the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Sri Lanka.

Source- TH

O. Consider the following statements about the Sirpur archaeological site:

- 1. It is located in Chhattisgarh.
- 2. It was the flourishing capital of Dakshina Kosala under the Panduvanshi and later Somavamshi kings.
- 3. It is known for its Hindu-Buddhist-Jain syncretic cultural traditions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (c)



Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct** Sirpur is located in the Mahasamund district of Chhattisgarh.
- **Statement 2: Correct** Sirpur was a major urban centre and flourishing capital of Dakshina Kosala under the Panduvanshi and later Somavamshi kings.
- **Statement 3: Correct** The site reflects a syncretic culture, with Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain monuments coexisting, showing religious and cultural integration.

Source-<u>IE</u>

Q. Ningaloo Reef, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recently in news due to 70% coral loss, is located in:

- a) Eastern Australia along the Pacific Ocean
- b) Western Australia along the Indian Ocean
- c) Northern Australia along the Coral Sea
- d) Southern Australia along the Southern Ocean

Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation: Ningaloo Reef is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located on the remote western coast of Australia along the Indian Ocean.

Source-DTE

Q. Consider the following statements about Arunachal Pradesh:

- 1. Arunachal Pradesh became a full-fledged state of India in 1987.
- 2. It shares its border with Bhutan.

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: Correct Arunachal Pradesh was granted statehood in 1987, becoming the 24th state of the Indian Union.
- Statement 2: Correct Arunachal Pradesh shares international borders with Bhutan, China, and Myanmar, making it strategically important in India's northeastern region

Source-TOI

Q. Consider the following statements about INS Mahe:

- 1. INS Mahe is a nuclear-powered submarine of the Indian Navy.
- 2. It was designed and built indigenously by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.

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** INS Mahe is a Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, not a nuclear-powered submarine.
- Statement 2 is correct It was designed and built indigenously by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.

Source-PIB

Q. Consider the following statements about the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG):



- 1. The UNSG is appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Security Council.
- 2. The UNSG serves a non-renewable term of 5 years.

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: Correct As per Article 97 of the UN Charter, the Secretary-General is appointed by the UN General Assembly based on the recommendation of the Security Council.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect** The UNSG serves a 5-year term, which is renewable, and incumbents often serve two terms, as is the case with Antonio Guterres.

Source-NDTV

Q. Fujiwhara Effect, recently seen in news, is best described as:

- a) Interaction between two nearby cyclones or hurricanes, causing them to orbit each other, merge, or alter their paths
- b) Formation of a rare ocean current in the Pacific Ocean
- c) A tectonic phenomenon causing earthquakes in Japan
- d) Sudden intensification of a single cyclone due to high sea surface temperature

Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation- The Fujiwhara Effect occurs when two nearby cyclones or hurricanes come close enough to interact. During this interaction, they may mutually orbit around a central point, merge to form a larger cyclone, or deviate from their original paths

Source-DTE

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (28 November)

Q1. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Austria
- 2. Italy
- 3. Hungary
- 4. Croatia

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

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

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation- All four countries — Austria, Italy, Hungary and Croatia — share a land border with Slovenia.

Source- <u>Tribune</u>

02. With reference to the Fundamental Duties, consider the following statements:

- 1. They were inserted into the Constitution by the 44th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978 based on the recommendation of the Swaran Singh Committee.
- 2. The total number of Fundamental Duties became eleven after the 86th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002.
- 3. Fundamental Duties are non-justiciable in nature.

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**: Fundamental Duties were added by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976, not the 44th Amendment Act, 1978.
- **Statement 2 is correct**: The 86th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002 added the 11th Fundamental Duty, making the total eleven.
- **Statement 3 is correct**: Fundamental Duties are non-justiciable, meaning they cannot be enforced through courts.

Source-TOI

Q3. With reference to the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a United Nations body that implements peacekeeping operations for democratisation.
- 2. India is a full member of International IDEA.

Which of the above statements 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**: International IDEA is not a UN body, nor does it conduct peacekeeping operations. It is an independent intergovernmental organisation dedicated to strengthening democracy worldwide through support for elections, constitution-building, governance reforms, and democratic assessments.
- **Statement 2 is correct**: India is a full member of International IDEA, which currently has 35 member countries, while the USA and Japan participate as observers.

Source- TH

Q4. Finn's Weaver, recently seen in the news, is:

- a) A grassland and wetland bird found mainly in the Terai region
- b) A deep-sea fish found in the Bay of Bengal
- c) A desert reptile endemic to Rajasthan
- d) A mountain butterfly found in the Himalayas

Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation- Finn's Weaver (Ploceus megarhynchus) is a grassland and wetland bird found primarily in the Terai lowlands of India and Nepal. It is also known as the Yellow Weaver or Himalayan Weaver, and in Uttarakhand it is called Pahari Baya.

Source-DTE

Q5. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- 2. It is applicable only to districts where minorities constitute more than 50% of the population.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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a)		1		only
b)		2		only
c)	Both	1	and	2

d) Neither 1 nor 2



Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation

- Statement 1 is incorrect: PMJVK is not a Central Sector Scheme; it is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: PMJVK does not require 50% minority population. It targets areas where minority population is more than 25% within a 15 km radius (catchment area criterion).

Source-PIB

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Tex-RAMPS Scheme:

- 1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- 2. The Ministry of Finance is the nodal ministry of scheme.
- **3.** It is co-terminus with the upcoming Finance Commission cycle.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: It will be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Ministry of Textiles.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Ministry of Textiles is the nodal ministry of the scheme.

Statement 3 is correct: The scheme, with a total outlay of ₹305 crore for the period FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31, is co-terminus with the upcoming Finance Commission cycle.

Source: PIB

Q7. With reference to the NUDGE Initiative, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is being launched by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).
- 2. It aims to strengthen voluntary tax compliance through data-driven, non-intrusive communication. 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: Implementing agency: Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

Statement 2 is correct: It focuses on helping taxpayers correctly disclose foreign assets and foreign-source income. It aims to strengthen voluntary tax compliance through data-driven, non-intrusive communication.

Source: PIB

08. "He played a seminal role in shaping India's parliamentary institutions. He began his legislative career in 193<mark>7 as a memb</mark>er of the Bombay Legislative Assembly from Ahmedabad and served as its Speaker until 1946. He later presided over the Sixth Central Legislative Assembly, guiding it through the critical years leading up to Independence.

After 1947, he served as Speaker of the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) and subsequently as Speaker of the Provisional Parliament. His vision, discipline, and commitment continue to shape the functioning and traditions of the Indian Parliament."

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

- a) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- b) Dr. Bheemrao Ambedkar
- c) Dr. Sarvapalli Radha Krishnan



d) Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar

Answer: D

Explanation: Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar

Source: **DD News**

- **Q9.** The Chirang river valley, where the earliest thorny bamboo fossil from Asia are found recently, is located in
- a) Manipur
- b) Assam
- c) West Bengal
- d) Nagaland

Answer: A Explanation:

Among the silt-rich deposits of the Chirang River in Manipur's Imphal Valley researchers examining
fossil plant remains have found an astonishingly intact bamboo stem, carrying the ghostly marks of
long-vanished thorns. This earliest thorny bamboo fossil from Asia could rewrite a chapter of the
continent's botanical history.

Source: PIB

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Commonwealth Games:

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

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Commonwealth Games began in 1930 as the British Empire Games and are held every four years among countries that are members of the Commonwealth of Nations.

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

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

Source: **IE**

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (29 November)

Q1. With reference to Vikram-1, recently unveiled by the Prime Minister, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is India's first private orbital-class launch vehicle.
- 2. Vikram-1 is designed to launch small satellites into Low Earth Orbit and Sun-synchronous Orbit.
- 3. The rocket uses liquid propulsion in all its four stages.

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:** Vikram-1 is India's first private orbital-class launch vehicle, developed by Skyroot Aerospace.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** It is designed to place satellites into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and Sun-Synchronous Orbit (SSO), suitable for small satellite missions.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect:** Vikram-1 is a four-stage rocket, but only the upper (fourth) stage uses liquid propulsion (Raman engine). The first three stages use solid-fuel boosters, not liquid propulsion.

Source-IT

Q2. Moh Juj, recently in the news, is best described as:

A. A traditional rice-harvesting festival of Assam

B. A folk dance performed during Bihu celebrations

C. A traditional buffalo-fighting sport of Assam

D. A traditional wrestling event practiced in Upper Assam

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Moh Juj refers to the traditional buffalo-fighting sport of Assam, historically practiced in certain regions of the state. It was recently in news due to the passage of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2025 permitting the sport under regulated conditions.

Source- NE

Q3. With reference to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), consider the following statements:

- 1. The Chairperson of the NGT must be a retired Supreme Court Judge or a Chief Justice of a High Court.
- 2. The NGT has jurisdiction over cases arising under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- 3. The NGT is not bound by the Civil Procedure Code and follows the principles of natural justice.

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 NGT Chairperson must be a retired Supreme Court Judge or Chief Justice of a High Court.
- **Statement 2** is **incorrect** The NGT does NOT have jurisdiction over the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- **Statement 3** is **correct** The NGT is not bound by the CPC and is guided by principles of natural justice for speedy disposal.

Source-NIE

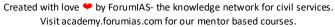
Q4. With reference to the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2025, consider the following statements:

- 1. India ranks 1st in global milk production and 2nd in global egg production.
- 2. Uttar Pradesh is the top contributor to India's milk output, while Andhra Pradesh leads in egg production.
- 3. India ranks 4th globally in meat production, with West Bengal being the leading meat-producing state.
- 4. Rajasthan contributes the highest share to India's wool production.

How many of the above statements are correct?

A. Only one

B. Only two





C. Only three

D. All four

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: All four statements correctly reflect India's global ranking and the leading states in milk, egg, meat, and wool production as per BAHS 2025.

Source-PIB

Q5. The Etalin Hydroelectric Project, recently in the news, is located in:

A. Teesta Valley, Sikkim

B. Kinnaur district, Himachal Pradesh

C. Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh

D. Lohit Valley, Arunachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: C

Explanation- The Etalin Hydroelectric Project is a 3,097 MW hydropower project proposed on the Dri and Talo rivers, both tributaries of the Dibang River, and is located in Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh. Source- NEN

Q6. Operation undertaken by India to dispatch relief materials and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) support to Sri Lanka due to devastations caused by Cyclone Ditwah is called:

- a) Operation Samudra Maitri
- b) Operation Sagar Bandhu
- c) Operation Rahat
- d) Operation Madad

Answer: B

Explanation: Operation Sagar Bandhu

Operation Sagar Bandhu was launched by India on November 27-28, 2025, in response to Cyclone Ditwah's floods and landslides in Sri Lanka. It involved INS Vikrant, INS Udaigiri, C-130J, IL-76 delivering 12-21+ tonnes of aid (tents, food, medical supplies), 80+ NDRF personnel, aligning with Neighbourhood First and Vision MAHASAGAR.

Source: Mint

Q7. The Detwah Lagoon, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Oman
- b) Indonesia
- c) Italy
- d) Yemen

Answer: D

Explanation: Yemen

Cyclonic Storm Ditwah is a tropical cyclone that brought heavy rains and floods to Sri Lanka and South India. It was named Ditwah by Yemen, after the Detwah Lagoon on Socotra Island.

Source: NDTV

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the International Maritime Organization (IMO):

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

How many of the above statements are correct?

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



d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct

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

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

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

Source: NewsOnAir

Q9. Consider the following countries:

- 1. France
- 2. Switzerland
- 3. Austria
- 4. Slovenia

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

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

Answer: D Explanation:

• Italy shares land borders with France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia and enclaves Vatican City and San Marino.

Source: IE

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Development Bank (ADB):

- 1. ADB has more member countries from within Asia and the Pacific than from outside.
- 2. The headquarters of ADB is located in Manila, Philippines.
- 3. India holds the largest share in ADB among all member countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: ADB has 69 members, with 50 from Asia and the Pacific and 19 from outside.

Statement 2 is correct: The headquarters is in Manila, Philippines.

Statement 3 is incorrect: India holds 6.3%, while Japan and the USA each hold the largest share at 15.6%.

Source: PIB

