



10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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Q1. Consider the following pairs regarding the *revised classification* criteria for MSMEs based on annual turnover:

1. Micro Enterprises – Up to Rs. 5 crore
2. Small Enterprises – Up to Rs. 50 crore
3. Medium Enterprises – Up to Rs. 250 crore

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation : Under the revised MSME norms, micro enterprises have an annual turnover limit of up to ₹10 crore, small enterprises up to ₹100 crore, and medium enterprises up to ₹500 crore. Since none of the given turnover limits match the revised criteria, none of the pairs are correctly matched.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. India's first State-funded Bio-Safety Level-4 (BSL-4) laboratory, recently in the news, is being established in:

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Pune
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Bengaluru

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The Union Home Minister laid the foundation stone for India's first state-funded BSL-4 containment facility in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, which will handle the world's deadliest pathogens.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

It is located in Telangana along the Godavari River and forms part of the Deccan Peninsula–Central Highlands. It lies at the southernmost edge of the Central Indian Tiger Landscape and has ecological linkages with tiger reserves in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. The region also serves as a catchment for the Godavari River and its tributary, the Kadam.

Which of the following refers to the above description?

- A. Nagarjunsagar–Srisailam Tiger Reserve
- B. Kawal Tiger Reserve
- C. Amrabad Tiger Reserve
- D. Indravati Tiger Reserve

Correct Answer: B

Source- [NIE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Keeladi site (Tamil Nadu):

1. Keeladi is known for archaeological evidence of a sophisticated urban civilisation dating to the Sangam period.
2. The Keeladi site is bounded by the River Cauvery on its northern side.

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:** Excavations at Keeladi have revealed evidence of an advanced urban civilisation associated with the Sangam period.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Keeladi is located near the River Vaigai, not the River Cauvery.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q5. Lake Natron, recently seen in the news for its blood-red appearance, is located in:

- A. Kenya
- B. Ethiopia
- C. Tanzania
- D. Uganda

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Lake Natron is a soda lake in northern Tanzania, known for its extreme alkalinity and red colour caused by salt-loving microorganisms and volcanic minerals.

Source- [BT](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Jamma Bane land system:

1. Jamma Bane refers to a traditional land system in parts of the Western Ghats region of Karnataka, where forest land was assigned to villagers for grazing and livelihood needs, while ownership remained with the state.
2. Lands classified as Jamma Bane are treated as private agricultural holdings, allowing unrestricted conversion for non-agricultural purposes.

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: Jamma Bane lands are found mainly in Kodagu (Coorg) and adjoining Western Ghats districts of Karnataka. These lands historically supported grazing, leaf manure collection, and livelihood activities, while remaining legally classified as forest or revenue land under state ownership.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Jamma Bane lands are not private agricultural lands and are subject to restrictions on sale, transfer, and conversion, due to their ecological significance.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha:

1. He is the chief administrative and procedural adviser to the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
2. He is appointed by the President of India and holds office during the pleasure of the President.

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 Secretary-General is the senior-most officer of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat and acts as the principal adviser to the Chairman (Vice-President of India) on parliamentary rules, procedures, and administration.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha is appointed by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, not by the President of India.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC):

1. The CVC was originally established by an executive resolution of the Government of India before being accorded statutory status.
2. The CVC exercises superintendence over the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in matters relating to the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
3. The Central Vigilance Commissioner and Vigilance Commissioners are appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a committee chaired by the Prime Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The CVC was set up in 1964 by an executive resolution following the recommendations of the Santhanam Committee, and later given statutory status by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

Statement 2 is correct: The CVC has the power of superintendence over the CBI in cases related to offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, though it does not control the day-to-day functioning of the CBI.

Statement 3 is correct: The President appoints the Central Vigilance Commissioner and Vigilance Commissioners based on the recommendation of a committee comprising the Prime Minister (Chairperson), Union Home Minister, and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Source: PIB

Q9. With reference to the Sukhatme National Award in Statistics, consider the following statements:

1. It carries a citation, a shawl and a memento along with a check of 10 lakh rupees.
2. It is conferred on Indian statisticians aged 60 years and above for their lifetime contributions and achievements in the field of statistics.

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: It is a prestigious national honour instituted to recognise exceptional and outstanding contributions to the field of official statistics in India. It carries a citation, a shawl and a memento (no money checks are given).

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is conferred on Indian statisticians aged 45 years and above for their lifetime contributions and achievements in the field of statistics.

Source: DD News

Q10. Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Aravalli Hills in the Banaskantha district of Gujarat. It was declared a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1989. It is named after two historic temples, Balaram and Ambaji, which are located at opposite ends of the sanctuary.

Source: TH

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (19 January)

Q1. Match the following dances with their associated states:

1. Bagurumba – Assam
2. Cheraw – Mizoram
3. Yakshagana – Karnataka

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- Bagurumba is a folk dance of the Bodo tribe of Assam.
- Cheraw (Bamboo Dance) is a traditional dance of Mizoram.
- Yakshagana is a classical folk theatre form from Karnataka

Source- [TME](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the constitutional procedure for removal of judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts in India:

1. Articles 124 and 218 of the Constitution deal with the removal of judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts respectively on the grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.
2. The Constitution of India expressly uses the term “impeachment” for the removal of judges of the higher judiciary.
3. If a motion for removal is admitted, a three-member inquiry committee comprising a Supreme Court judge, a Chief Justice of a High Court, and a distinguished jurist is constituted to investigate the charges.
4. A judge can be removed only after the motion is passed by a simple majority in both Houses of Parliament and an order is issued by the President of India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 3
- B. 1 only
- C. 2 and 4
- D. 1, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** Article 124 (for Supreme Court judges) and Article 218 (for High Court judges) lay down the constitutional provisions for removal on grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The Constitution does **not** use the term “impeachment” for the removal of judges. Removal of judges is a special constitutional procedure distinct from impeachment of the President.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** Under the Judges Enquiry Act, 1968, once a motion is admitted, a three-member inquiry committee is formed consisting of a Supreme Court judge, a Chief Justice of a High Court, and a distinguished jurist.
- **Statement 4 is Incorrect:** Removal of a judge requires a special majority in both Houses of Parliament (majority of total membership and two-thirds of members present and voting), not a simple majority, followed by a Presidential order.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

Agreement:

1. The BBNJ Agreement is a non-binding international declaration adopted by the United Nations to promote voluntary cooperation for marine biodiversity conservation in areas beyond national jurisdiction.
2. India has signed the BBNJ Agreement but is yet to ratify 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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** The BBNJ Agreement is a legally binding United Nations treaty, not a non-binding declaration. It deals with the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (high seas and international seabed area).
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** India has signed the BBNJ Agreement but has not yet ratified it.

Source- [UNnews](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

This crop grows well in humid tropical, mainly coastal regions. It requires temperatures of about 20°C–32°C, around 1000 mm of rainfall, ample sunlight, and well-drained soils such as red sandy loam, laterite, and alluvial soils. In 2021–22, India was the third-largest global producer, with Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu as major producing states.

Which of the following crops is described above?

- A. Areca nut
- B. Coconut
- C. Oil Palm
- D. Cashew

Correct Answer: B

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Neknampur Lake, also known as Ibrahim Bagh Cheruvu, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Telengana
- D. Karnataka

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Neknampur Lake, also called Ibrahim Bagh Cheruvu, is a historic man-made lake situated in the southern part of Hyderabad, in the state of Telangana.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Bagurumba Dance:

1. It is an ancient traditional folk dance of the Bodo community of Assam.
2. It was initially performed as a ritual dance connected with harvest, nature worship, and spiritual practices.
3. It is prominently performed during the Bwisagu festival.

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: Bagurumba is an ancient traditional folk dance of the Bodo community of Assam.

Statement 2 is correct: It was initially performed as a ritual dance connected with harvest, nature worship, and spiritual practices. Over time, Bagurumba evolved from village ceremonies into a major cultural symbol.

Statement 3 is correct: It is prominently performed during the Bwisagu, the Bodo New Year, and Domasi festival.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Royle's pika, consider the following statements:

1. It is endemic to the Western Ghats of southern India.
2. It is classified as a critically endangered species by the IUCN.
3. It plays a vital role in high-altitude food webs as it is an important prey species for predators especially during harsh winters when other prey is scarce.

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: Royle's pika's distribution spans the Himalayan region, extending from northwestern Pakistan through Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh in India, and into Nepal and Tibet.

Statement 2 is incorrect: IUCN status: Least Concern

Statement 3 is correct: They play a vital role in high-altitude food webs as they are important prey species for predators especially during harsh winters when other prey is scarce.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Chips to Start-up (C2S) Programme:

1. The Programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
2. It is aimed at strengthening India's semiconductor and chip design ecosystem.
3. Under the C2S Programme, the Government of India directly establishes semiconductor fabrication (fab) units for large-scale commercial chip manufacturing.

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: Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

Statement 2 is correct: The C2S Programme is an umbrella capacity-building initiative to build semiconductor design capacity, covering academic institutions across India.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The C2S Programme does not focus on setting up fabrication plants; it is primarily a design-led and skill-oriented initiative, complementing India's broader semiconductor manufacturing policies.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Nicaragua
2. Mexico
3. El Salvador
4. Honduras
5. Costa Rica

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Guatemala is bordered to the north and west by Mexico, to the northeast (in the adjacency zone) by Belize, to the east by Honduras, and to the southeast by El Salvador. It is bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the south and the Gulf of Honduras to the northeast.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. Argentina
2. Chile
3. Brazil
4. Paraguay
5. Uruguay

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (20 January)

Q1. The term “EU’s ‘Bazooka’”, recently seen in the news, refers to which of the following?

- A. A military defence pact of the European Union
- B. A sanctions mechanism exclusively targeting climate violations
- C. A monetary policy tool of the European Central Bank
- D. An EU instrument to counter economic coercion through trade and investment measures

Answer: D

Explanation: The EU’s ‘Bazooka’ refers to the Anti-Coercion Instrument (ACI), which enables the European Union to deter and respond to economic coercion by non-EU countries that attempt to influence EU or Member States’ policy decisions through trade or investment pressures.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

1. Peru
2. Bolivia
3. Argentina

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Chile shares land borders with Peru (north), Bolivia (northeast), and Argentina (east). Hence, all three countries listed border Chile.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Central Information Commission (CIC):

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. The CIC consists of one Chief Information Commissioner and not more than ten Information Commissioners.
3. The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister.

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:** The CIC is a statutory body, not a constitutional body, established under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- **Statements 2 and 3 are correct.**

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the BRICS Plus naval exercise "Will for Peace 2026":

1. South Africa is the host nation of the exercise.
2. India is participating in the exercise.

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:** South Africa is the host nation.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India is not participating in the exercise.

Source- [RT](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Bison (Gaur):

1. It is the largest species among the wild cattle and the family Bovidae.
2. The Indian Bison is indigenous only to Central Asia and South Asia.
3. It is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.**

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Indian Bison is native to South and Southeast Asia, not Central Asia.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Its IUCN status is Vulnerable, not Critically Endangered.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q6. The Biobío Region, seen in the news recently due to fatal forest fires, is located in

- Australia
- USA
- France
- Chile

Answer: D

Explanation:

- A violent wildfire raging near Concepción in southern Chile has forced the evacuation of more than twenty thousand people. The wildfire has rapidly spread over twenty-three kilometres around Penco and the surrounding areas in the Biobío Region, close to the city of Concepción. The wildfire is driven by intense winds, dry weather, prolonged drought, and dry forests that easily ignite. The affected forests contain large areas of pine and eucalyptus plantations, which are highly flammable.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q7. Consider the following crops:

1. Banana
2. Coconut
3. Oil Palm
4. Mango

How many of the above play a role as host plants for Rugose Spiraling Whitefly?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Rugose Spiraling whitefly is a highly polyphagous pest reported to feeds on about 120 plant species including economically important cultivated crops and palms. In India, RSW was found to feed on about 50 host plants especially coconut, oil palm, banana, mango, sapota, guava, cashew, ramphal, oil palm, maize, Indian almond, water apple, jack fruit and many other ornamental plants like bottle palm, Indian shot, false bird of paradise and butterfly palm and ornamental areca palm.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q8. With reference to the Brandt's Hedgehog, consider the following statements:

1. It inhabits arid and semi-arid regions.
2. It has never been spotted in India.
3. It is currently classified as endangered on the IUCN Red List.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Brandt's Hedgehog inhabits arid and semi-arid regions, including rocky deserts, scrublands, and dry mountain slopes.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Brandt's Hedgehog, not so far found in India, has been discovered in Jammu and Kashmir.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Brandt's Hedgehog is currently classified as Least Concern (LC) on the IUCN Red List.

Source: [HT](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Harijan Sevak Sangh:

1. It was founded in 1932 by Mahatma Gandhi with the objective of eradicating untouchability and promoting the social upliftment of the Depressed Classes.
2. After Independence, the Harijan Sevak Sangh was converted into a statutory body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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 Harijan Sevak Sangh was established by Mahatma Gandhi in 1932 to work for the removal of untouchability and to improve the social conditions of the so-called Harijan community.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Harijan Sevak Sangh remains a **voluntary organisation**, not a statutory or constitutional body.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA):

1. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. It has been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring the import of sugar into the country.
3. The export promotion of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages is done by APEDA in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is a statutory body established under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act passed by the Parliament in December, 1985. It works under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Statement 2 is correct: APEDA has been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring the import of sugar as well.

Statement 3 is correct: APEDA is mandated with the responsibility of export promotion and development of the following scheduled products like Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (21 January)

Q1. Consider the following description:

A woman freedom fighter and social reformer from Odisha, she was actively involved in the Individual Satyagraha (1940) and the Quit India Movement (1942) from a very young age. Widely known as the "Mother Teresa of Western Odisha", she worked extensively among the poor, tribals and marginalised communities and earned the epithet "Banhi Kanya" for her fearless nationalism.

Which of the following personalities is described above?

- (a) Sarala Devi Chaudhurani
- (b) Matangini Hazra
- (c) Parbati Giri
- (d) Durgabai Deshmukh

Answer: (c) Parbati Giri

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding silk production in India:

- 1. India is the largest producer of silk in the world and also the largest consumer of silk.
- 2. Nearly 92% of India's total raw silk production comes from mulberry silk.

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) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because China is the largest producer of silk in the world, while India ranks second, though India is the largest consumer of silk.
- **Statement 2 is correct** as mulberry silk accounts for about 92% of India's raw silk production.

Source- [LM](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

A high-altitude glacial lake located near an important mountain pass in the Tawang district of Northeast India, it is known for its crystal-clear waters reflecting surrounding peaks. The lake remains frozen during most of the winter due to sub-zero temperatures. It is considered sacred by local communities and Buddhist monks.

Which of the following is correctly described above?

- (a) Tsomgo Lake
- (b) Pangong Tso
- (c) Sela Lake
- (d) Gurudongmar Lake

Answer: (c) Sela Lake

Source- [TELE](#)

Q4. Under the Environmental (Protection) Fund Rules, 2026, the corpus of the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) consists of fines collected under which of the following Acts?

- 1. Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
- 2. Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
- 3. Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- 4. Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- 5. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (b) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: The Environmental Protection Fund is constituted under Section 16 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Its corpus includes fines collected under the Air Act (1981), Water Act (1974), and Environment (Protection) Act (1986) only.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The term Demographic Winter refers to which of the following?

- (a) A period of rapid population growth
- (b) A short-term population decline due to migration
- (c) A phase of high fertility and an expanding young population
- (d) A demographic phase marked by a persistent and structural decline in population growth

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Demographic Winter describes a long-term demographic phase characterised by fertility rates falling below the replacement level, leading to sustained population decline and ageing of the population. It is structural and persistent in nature, not temporary or migration-driven, and is the opposite of a high-fertility, youthful population phase.

Source- [RTE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Geomagnetic Storms:

- 1. They are caused by disturbances in the Earth's magnetosphere due to solar wind and coronal mass ejections (CMEs) emitted by the Sun.
- 2. They can disrupt satellite operations, radio communications, GPS systems, and may also induce currents in power grids on Earth.

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: Intense solar activity such as solar flares and CMEs releases charged particles that interact with Earth's magnetic field, leading to geomagnetic storms.

Statement 2 is correct: Strong geomagnetic storms can affect space-based and ground-based technological systems, making them a significant space weather concern.

Source: [Space](#)

Q7. With reference to the Draft National Electricity Policy (NEP) 2026, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Policy targets per capita electricity consumption of 2,000 kWh by 2030 and over 4,000 kWh by 2047.
- 2. The first National Electricity Policy was notified in year 2005.

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 Policy targets per capita electricity consumption of 2,000 kWh by 2030 and over 4,000 kWh by 2047. It also aligns with India's climate commitments, including reduction of emissions intensity by 45 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and achievement of net-zero emissions by 2070, necessitating a decisive shift towards low-carbon energy pathways.

Statement 2 is correct: The policy, once finalised, intends to replace the existing NEP which was notified in 2005.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme providing a guaranteed pension after the age of 60.
- 2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

3. Individuals aged between 18–40 years and who are not income tax payers are eligible to apply for this scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: C.

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** APY is a Central Sector Scheme that guarantees a monthly pension (ranging from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000) after the age of 60 years.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** APY is implemented by the Ministry of Finance, not the Ministry of Labour and Employment. It is managed through the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) under the National Pension System (NPS).
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Individuals aged 18–40 years, who are not income tax payers, and have a bank account, are eligible to join the scheme.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the India-AI Impact Summit 2026:

- 1. It is the first major AI summit of its kind hosted by a country from the Global South.
- 2. It aims to advance an impact-oriented and people-centric approach to Artificial Intelligence, with emphasis on delivering measurable social and economic outcomes.
- 3. The Summit will be anchored on twin foundational pillars of 'people' and 'progress'.

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: Building on India's development-focused approach to AI, the India-AI Impact Summit 2026 is scheduled to be held on 16–20 February 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The summit will be the first global AI summit to be hosted in the Global South.

Statement 2 is correct: The India-AI Impact Summit 2026 aims to advance an impact-oriented and people-centric approach to Artificial Intelligence, with emphasis on delivering measurable social and economic outcomes.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It will be anchored on 3 foundational pillars, or 'Sutras': People, Planet and Progress.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Which one of the following best defines the legal term "constitutional tort"?

- (a) A civil wrong arising solely out of a breach of contract by the State
- (b) A criminal offence committed by a public servant while discharging official duties
- (c) A violation of fundamental rights by the State or its agents, giving rise to a claim for compensation under public law
- (d) A tortious act committed by a private individual against another private individual

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- A constitutional tort refers to a public law remedy where the State is held liable to compensate an individual for the violation of Fundamental Rights (especially Articles 21 and 14), as evolved through judicial pronouncements like Rudul Sah v. State of Bihar and Nilabati Behera v. State of Odisha.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (22 January)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Article 15(5) of the Indian Constitution:

1. It enables the State to make special provisions for reservation in admissions, including in private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided.
2. Minority educational institutions under Article 30(1) are also covered under the ambit of Article 15(5).
3. Article 15(5) was inserted by the 86th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002.

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

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is **correct**.
- Statement 2 is **incorrect**: Minority educational institutions are exempted.
- Statement 3 is **incorrect**: Article 15(5) was inserted by the 93rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2005.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the statehood of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura:

1. The statehood of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura was granted in the year 1972.
2. Manipur, Tripura and Meghalaya were all princely states that merged with India and later functioned as Union Territories before attaining statehood.

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) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct**: All three—Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura—were granted statehood in 1972 under the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect**: While Manipur and Tripura were princely states that later functioned as Union Territories, Meghalaya was not a princely state. It was originally part of Assam, later became an autonomous state within Assam, and was subsequently carved out as a separate state.

Source- [AIR](#)

Q3. The recently discovered species Metadon ghorpadei and Metadon reemeri belong to which of the following groups?

- (a) Ants
- (b) Butterflies
- (c) Ant flies
- (d) Beetles

Answer: (c) Ant flies

Explanation: Metadon ghorpadei and Metadon reemeri are newly identified species of ant flies, a rare group of flies known for mimicking ants. Their discovery from Delhi and the Western Ghats highlights the presence of rich and often overlooked biodiversity in urban forests and ecological hotspots.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. The terms Devarakadu, Kavu and Sarna refer to:

- (a) Ancient irrigation systems
- (b) Forest protection laws

- (c) Tribal dance forms
- (d) Sacred groves

Answer: (d) Sacred groves

Explanation: Devarakadu (Karnataka), Kavu (Kerala) and Sarna (Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand) are traditional names used in different parts of India for sacred groves—patches of forest protected due to religious, cultural and spiritual beliefs. These groves contribute significantly to biodiversity conservation, ecological stability, and the preservation of indigenous traditions.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q5. The report titled “Global Water Bankruptcy”, recently seen in the news, was released by which of the following institutions?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (c) UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health
- (d) World Water Council

Answer: (c) UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Explanation: The report “Global Water Bankruptcy” was released by the UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH).

Source- [unnews](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana:

1. It is a small savings scheme launched under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative to encourage savings for the education and marriage of the girl child.
2. Under the scheme, an account can be opened in the name of a girl child below 10 years of age, and deposits are allowed for a maximum period of 15 years from the date of opening.
3. The interest earned and the maturity amount under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana are partially exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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: SSY was launched in 2015 as part of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao programme to promote the financial security of the girl child.

Statement 2 is correct: The account can be opened before the girl child turns 10 years old, and deposits can be made for 15 years, while the account matures after 21 years from opening.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana enjoys EEE status (Exempt-Exempt-Exempt), meaning full tax exemption on contributions, interest, and maturity amount.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Kinnow cultivation, consider the following statements:

1. It thrives in the subtropical and warm temperate climate.
2. It cannot grow in waterlogged soil.

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 thrives in the subtropical and warm temperate climate. The optimum temperature range should be between 20–35 °C.

Statement 2 is correct: The soil should be well-drained sandy loam and its pH should be between 6.0 and 7.5. The plant cannot grow in waterlogged soil.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. With reference to the SAMPANN portal, consider the following statements:

1. It has been developed by the office of Controller General of Communication Accounts.
2. It is developed for pension administration and allied financial management functions.

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

- SAMPANN (System for Accounting and Management of Pension) is a flagship digital platform of the Department, developed, owned, and operated by the Office of the Controller General of Communication Accounts for pension administration and allied financial management functions.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. It is located in the state of Rajasthan.
2. It is the source place for both the Banas and Luni rivers.

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: Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area located in the Aravalli mountain range. It is situated in the Rajsamand district of Rajasthan in western India and extends across parts of the Udaipur and Pali districts.

Statement 2 is correct: The eastern section is the origin of the Banas River, while the western slopes give rise to tributaries of the Luni River.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q10. Which one of the following has recently enacted the AI Basic Act to regulate AI?

- a) USA
- b) EU
- c) Australia
- d) South Korea

Answer: D

Explanation:

- South Korea has introduced the world's first comprehensive set of laws regulating artificial intelligence, aiming to strengthen trust and safety in the sector. Seoul is hoping that the new AI Basic Act will position the country as a leader in the field. It has taken effect in South Korea sooner than a comparable effort in Europe, where the EU AI Act is being applied in phases through 2027.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (23 January)

Q1. Consider the following description:

The personality described was an Indian revolutionary associated with the Yugantar group under Motilal Roy. He was involved in the Delhi Conspiracy Case of 1912 and later founded the Indian Independence League in Tokyo in 1942. He also contributed to the Ghadar Movement and played a role in the formation of the Azad Hind Fauj.

Which of the following personalities is referred to above?

- (a) Rash Behari Bose
- (b) Lala Hardayal
- (c) Sachindranath Sanyal
- (d) Jatindranath Mukherjee

Answer: (a) Rash Behari Bose

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development:

- 1. It is an annual award instituted by the Government of India through the Ministry of Culture.
- 2. In 2025, the prize will be awarded to Mozambican rights activist and humanitarian Graça Machel.

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) 2 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect because the prize is instituted by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, not by the Government of India or the Ministry of Culture.

Statement 2 is correct.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI):

- 1. It is a treaty-based, legally binding framework for maritime collaboration among Indo-Pacific countries.
- 2. It was launched by India at the East Asia Summit held in Bangkok.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is incorrect because the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative is non-treaty, voluntary and cooperative in nature, not legally binding.
- Statement 2 is correct as the IPOI was launched by India at the East Asia Summit in Bangkok.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q4. Consider the following satellites:

- 1. Cartosat-3
- 2. RISAT-2B
- 3. EOS-07

How many of the above are India's major Earth Observation satellites?

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

- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- Cartosat-3 is a high-resolution optical Earth observation satellite for cartographic and strategic applications.
- RISAT-2B is a radar imaging satellite that provides all-weather, day-and-night Earth observation capability.
- EOS-07 (earlier Microsat-2A) is also an Earth observation satellite used for imaging and surveillance purposes.

Q5. Consider the following pairs of tribes with their respective states:

- 1. Lambada (Banjara/Sugali) — Telangana
- 2. Dongria Kondh — Odisha
- 3. Bhil — Rajasthan
- 4. Bodo — Assam

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (d) All four

Explanation:

- The Lambada (Banjara/Sugali) tribe is mainly found in Telangana and parts of Andhra Pradesh.
- The Dongria Kondh tribe is indigenous to the Niyamgiri hills of Odisha.
- The Bhil tribe is predominantly found in Rajasthan, along with Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.
- The Bodo tribe is a major tribal community of Assam.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

- 1. It was established as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to promote and finance the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.
- 2. It functions as the principal financial institution for the promotion, financing, and development of the MSME sector in India.
- 3. It is headquartered in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 2

Statement 1 is incorrect: SIDBI was established in 1990 under an Act of Parliament, but it is not a subsidiary of RBI. It was initially a subsidiary of IDBI, and later ownership diversified.

Statement 2 is correct: SIDBI is the apex financial institution for MSMEs, providing direct finance, refinance, and development support.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Headquarters: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar:

- 1. It is conferred annually by the Ministry of Home Affairs to recognise outstanding work in the field of disaster management.

2. The award includes a cash prize, a certificate, and a medal, and is open to institutions as well as individuals, including foreign nationals and organisations.
3. The award is presented on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The award is instituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to honour exceptional contributions to disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and response.

Statement 2 is correct: It carries a monetary award, a certificate, and a medal, and is open to individuals and institutions, including foreign entities.

Statement 3 is correct: The award is announced and presented on 23rd January, commemorating the birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose.

Source: PIB

Q8. Consider the following countries:

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

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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

Source: DD News

Q9. The Galathea Bay is located in which of the following?

- (a) Gulf of Mannar
- (b) Great Nicobar Island
- (c) Little Andaman Island
- (d) Rann of Kutch

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Galathea Bay lies on the south-eastern coast of Great Nicobar Island.

Source: TH

Q10. With reference to the ECINET Platform, consider the following statements:

1. The Platform aims to integrate and reorient over 40 of EC's existing mobile and web applications.
2. The data provided through ECINET will be strictly aligned within the legal framework established for conducting elections 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: C

Explanation: Both Statements are correct

Statement 1 is correct: ECINET- ECI Single Digit Platform is a new one-stop platform that will integrate and reorient over 40 of EC's existing mobile and web applications.

Statement 2 is correct: The data on ECINET will be entered solely by the authorized EC official to ensure that data is as accurate as possible. The data provided through ECINET will be strictly aligned within the legal framework established by the Representation of People Act 1950, 1951, Registration of Electoral Rules, 1960 Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and instructions issued by ECI from time to time.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (24 January)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):

1. The headquarters of NATO is located in Brussels, Belgium.
2. Denmark is the latest country to become a member of NATO in 2025.
3. There is no member country of NATO from South America.

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

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

Correct Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** NATO's headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Denmark is a founding member of NATO; Sweden is the latest member.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** NATO has no member countries from South America.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It is implemented solely by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
3. One of its objectives is to increase girls' secondary education enrolment and skilling by 5% annually.

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

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

Correct Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** BBBP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme is jointly implemented by multiple ministries, not solely by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The target is a 1% annual increase, not 5%, in girls' secondary education enrolment and skilling.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. India's first 'State Bacterium', recently in the news, is associated with which of the following states?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka

(c) Kerala
(d) Maharashtra

Correct Answer: (c) Kerala

Explanation: Kerala is set to become the first state in India to declare a State Bacterium, aimed at highlighting the importance of beneficial microbes.

Source- [BS](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

A high-altitude protected area and Important Bird Area (IBA) in East Sikkim, forming part of the Eastern Himalayas biodiversity hotspot. It extends southwards into West Bengal, connecting with Neora Valley National Park. It is known for rhododendron forests, alpine pastures, bamboo thickets, and high-altitude wetlands such as Bedang Tso Lake.

Which of the following is being described above?

(a) Singalila National Park
(b) Neora Valley National Park
(c) Khangchendzonga National Park
(d) Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary

Correct Answer: (d) Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Governor's power to address the State Legislature:

1. The Governor's Address is a constitutional requirement delivered at the commencement of the first session of every year and after general elections to the State Legislative Assembly.
2. The Address reflects the personal views and discretionary policy preferences of the Governor.
3. Under Article 176, the State Cabinet is required to provide time for discussion on the matters referred to in the Address.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 176 mandates the Governor's Address at the beginning of the first session after elections and of every year.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Address reflects the policies of the elected State government, not the Governor's personal views.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Article 176(2) requires the rules of procedure of the State Legislature, not the State Cabinet, to provide time for discussion.

Source- [DH](#)

Q6. With reference to the Sirsiya River, consider the following statements:

1. The river originates in Nepal.
2. It is a transboundary river and ultimately drains into the Gandak River system, which is a major tributary of the Ganga.

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 Sirsiya river originates from the Ramban Jhadi forest in Jeetpur Simara Sub-metropolitan City of Bara district in Nepal.

Statement 2 is correct: After crossing into India, it flows southward, merging with the Bangari River before joining the Burhi Gandak River in Bihar, contributing to the broader Ganga River basin.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q7. Operation Megaburu, seen in the news recently, is about:

- (a) A joint naval exercise conducted by India and ASEAN countries
- (b) A counter-insurgency operation launched by Indian security forces in the central region of India
- (c) A disaster response operation for landslides in the Himalayan region
- (d) An anti-poaching drive carried out in a notified tiger reserve

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Operation Megaburu is a large-scale counter-insurgency operation carried out against CPI (Maoist) in Jharkhand.

Source: [TNIE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Red-eared Slider Turtle:

1. It is native to the southern United States and northern Mexico, and has spread to many parts of the world through the pet trade.
2. It is considered an invasive alien species in several countries, including India.
3. It is categorised as endangered by the IUCN

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 species originates from the USA-Mexico region and has been widely introduced elsewhere due to its popularity as a pet.

Statement 2 is correct: It is listed among the world's most invasive species and poses ecological threats to native freshwater turtles in India and other countries.

Statement 3 is incorrect: IUCN: Least Concern

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. The 'State of Finance for Nature 2026', is released by

- a) IUCN
- b) IMF
- c) World Bank
- d) FAO

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released the State of Finance for Nature 2026 report, warning that nature-negative finance (US\$7.3 trillion) vastly outweighs nature-positive investment (US\$220 billion).

Source: [UNEP](#)

Q10. The Bandung region, seen in the news due to deadly landslides recently, is located in

- a) Mexico
- b) China

- c) Indonesia
- d) Spain

Answer: C

Explanation:

- In Indonesia, seven people were killed, and 82 others were reported missing following a landslide in West Java province, amid reports of heavy rainfall. The landslide occurred in a village in the West Bandung region.

Source: [NOA](#)