

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

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (24 December)

**Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Personality Rights:**

1. Personality rights enable an individual to prevent the unauthorized use of their name, image, voice, or likeness for commercial and non-commercial purposes.
2. Personality rights are expressly codified under a specific statute enacted by the Parliament of 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

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

**Explanation:** Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because personality rights are not explicitly mentioned in any single statute in India; they are derived from constitutional and judicial interpretations.

Source- [livelaw](#)

**Q2. The Direct Firing Sight Navigation System, recently in the news, is being jointly produced by India with which country?**

- (a) United States
- (b) France
- (c) Russia
- (d) Israel

**Correct Answer:** (b) France

**Explanation:** India and France have signed an agreement for the joint production of the Direct Firing Sight Navigation System in India. The system includes the SIGMA 30N Navigation System, which enables autonomous artillery operations without reliance on GPS, and the CM3-MR Direct Firing Sight, which enhances artillery and anti-drone targeting accuracy.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Electoral Trusts in India:**

1. Electoral Trusts are legally required to distribute at least 95% of the total contributions received in a financial year to registered political parties.
2. Electoral Trusts are exempt from reporting donor details to the Election Commission of 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

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

**Explanation-** Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because Electoral Trusts must mandatorily report donor details and contribution amounts to the Election Commission of India to ensure transparency in political funding.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980:**

1. The Act seeks to conserve forests and regulate the use of forest land for non-forest purposes.
2. The prior approval of the Central Government is required only for reserved forests and not for protected or other government-recorded forest lands.
3. The Act does not establish any permanent statutory advisory mechanism for assisting the Central Government in forest conservation decisions.

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.**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because prior Central Government approval is required for diversion of all categories of forest land, not just reserved forests.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** because the Act provides for the constitution of an Advisory Committee to assist the Central Government in forest conservation matters.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the 'SHAKTI Scholars – NCW Young Research Fellowship':**

1. It is a six-month, grant-based research fellowship launched by the National Commission for Women to promote policy-oriented research on women-centric issues.
2. The fellowship is open to foreign nationals and Indian citizens between the age group of 30 to 40 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) 1 only**

**Explanation:** Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because the fellowship is open only to Indian citizens in the 21–30 years age group.

Source- [DDnews](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about Micrometeoroids and Orbital Debris (MMOD):**

1. Micrometeoroids and orbital debris (MMOD) consist of natural space dust and human-made fragments moving at very high velocities, posing collision risks to satellites and space missions.
2. India has launched Project NETRA by ISRO for early warning against debris threats to Indian satellites.

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:** MMOD comprises natural micrometeoroids (tiny solar system particles) and man-made orbital debris ( $\geq 1$ mm fragments from satellites/rockets), posing hypervelocity collision risks to spacecraft.

**Statement 2 is correct:** India has initiated measures such as NETRA (Network for Space Object Tracking and Analysis) and post-mission deorbiting guidelines to monitor space objects and reduce the creation of long-lived orbital debris.

Source: [TH](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the eligibility for the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP):**

1. Scientists from both private and public sectors are eligible.
2. People of Indian Origin living abroad with notable contributions benefiting Indian communities are also eligible.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: c)**

**Explanation:** The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar recognizes outstanding contributions in science, technology, and innovation. It is open to scientists from both government and private sectors, as well as People of Indian Origin abroad who have made significant contributions benefiting India or Indian communities.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about Swami Shraddhanand:

1. Swami Shraddhanand was a prominent leader of the Arya Samaj and worked extensively for social reform, including the promotion of education and eradication of untouchability.
2. He played an active role in the Non-Cooperation Movement and was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi in the national freedom struggle.
3. Swami Shraddhanand was the founder of the Ramakrishna Mission and a disciple of Swami Vivekananda.

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:** Swami Shraddhanand was a leading Arya Samaj reformer, associated with Gurukul Kangri University, and worked for social equality and education.

**Statement 2 is correct:** He participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement and supported Gandhian methods during the freedom struggle.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Ramakrishna Mission was founded by Swami Vivekananda, not Swami Shraddhanand.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Akash-NG Missile System:

1. Akash-NG is an indigenously developed surface-to-air missile system designed to intercept fast-moving aerial threats such as fighter aircraft, drones and cruise missiles.
2. Compared to the earlier Akash system, Akash-NG features a lighter missile, improved reaction time, and an active radar seeker, enhancing its engagement capability.
3. Akash-NG is a submarine-launched missile system developed exclusively for the Indian Navy's underwater platforms.

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:** Akash-NG is a next-generation indigenous air-defence system developed by DRDO, capable of neutralising multiple aerial threats.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The new version incorporates a lighter airframe, faster response, and advanced seeker and avionics, significantly improving performance over earlier Akash variants.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Akash-NG is a land-based surface-to-air missile system, not submarine-launched.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the Bheema River:

1. It is also known as Chandrabhaga River.
2. It originates from Bhimashankar hills in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra.
3. It is the largest tributary of the Krishna River.

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:** It is also known also as the Chandrabhaga River.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Bhima River starts from the Bhimashankar hills in Maharashtra.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It merges into the Krishna River at Kadlur (Raichur), Karnataka. It is the largest tributary of the Krishna River.

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

**Q.** Consider the following statements regarding the recently launched BlueBird Block-2 satellite:

1. BlueBird Block-2 is part of a global Low Earth Orbit (LEO) constellation aimed at enabling direct-to-mobile 4G and 5G connectivity.
2. It was launched using ISRO's LVM3, a three-stage launch vehicle.
3. BlueBird Block-2 is the heaviest payload ever launched by LVM3.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Correct Answer: (c) All three**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** BlueBird Block-2 satellites operate in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and are designed to provide direct-to-mobile connectivity, enabling 4G and 5G voice, data, and video services.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The satellite was launched using ISRO's LVM3, which is a three-stage launch vehicle comprising solid strap-on motors, a liquid core stage, and a cryogenic upper stage.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** With a mass of about 6,100 kg, BlueBird Block-2 is the heaviest payload ever launched by LVM3.

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

**Q. Consider the following description:**

This is a classical South Indian art form that originated around the 17th century. The paintings are traditionally executed on wooden panels and are characterised by rich colours, elaborate surface ornamentation, and extensive use of gold leaf. The art form flourished under regional rulers and has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

Which of the following paintings is described above?

- (a) Kalamkari
- (b) Thanjavur (Tanjore) Painting
- (c) Mysore Painting
- (d) Pattachitra

**Correct Answer: (b) Thanjavur (Tanjore) Painting**

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



**Q. Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port, recently seen in the news, is located in which country?**

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Kuwait
- (d) Iran

**Correct Answer: (c) Kuwait**

**Explanation:** Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port is situated on Boubyan Island, which lies off the coast of Kuwait. The port is a major infrastructure project of Kuwait and has recently been in the news due to an agreement signed with China for its development.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Teesta River:**

1. The Teesta River originates in Sikkim.
2. It is a major tributary of the Brahmaputra River.
3. The Teesta River flows through India, Bangladesh, and Myanmar.

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:** The Teesta River originates from Tso Lhamo Lake in North Sikkim.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Teesta is a major tributary of the Brahmaputra River (Jamuna in Bangladesh).
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Teesta flows through India and Bangladesh only; it does not flow through Myanmar.

Source- [TELE](#)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding the recently discovered ancient stone labyrinth in Maharashtra:**

1. The ancient stone labyrinth is linked to the Satavahana dynasty.
2. Similar stone labyrinths are commonly associated with medieval temple architecture in South 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

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

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Archaeologists have dated the circular stone labyrinth found in the Boramani grasslands of Solapur district, Maharashtra, to nearly 2,000 years ago and have linked it to the Satavahana dynasty (1st–3rd century CE).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Stone labyrinths of this type are not commonly associated with medieval South Indian temple architecture; the Solapur discovery is unique and among the largest of its kind in India, highlighting a distinct ancient cultural practice.

Source- [IT](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Aegean Sea:**

1. It is an elongated embayment of the Black Sea.
2. It is also connected to the Sea of Marmara through the Dardanelles Strait.
3. It lies along the collision zone of the African and Eurasian tectonic plates.

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How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Aegean Sea is a marginal sea of the Mediterranean Sea, located between Greece and Turkey.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Aegean Sea is connected to the Black Sea through the Bosphorus Strait. It is also connected to the Sea of Marmara through the Dardanelles Strait.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The region lies along the collision zone of the African and Eurasian tectonic plates. Due to tectonic activity, the region experiences frequent earthquakes.

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

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the Santhali language:

- 1. It uses the Ol Chiki script.
- 2. It is included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
- 3. It is included as a classical language in India.

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:** Santhali is primarily written in the Ol Chiki script, which is considered its official script.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Santhali was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India through the 92nd Amendment Act, 2003.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is not given the status of a Classical Language in India.

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

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the Samudra Pratap:

- 1. It is a specialised pollution control vessel operated by the Indian Coast Guard.
- 2. It is a nuclear-powered vessel primarily deployed for underwater strategic deterrence missions.

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 while Statement 2 is incorrect:** Samudra Pratap is a specialised pollution control vessel operated by the Indian Coast Guard, designed to respond to oil spills and marine pollution incidents.

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

**Q9.** The Kimberley Process, seen in the news recently for selecting India as its 2026 chair, is about:

- a) Regulating international trade in rough diamonds to prevent conflict funding
- b) Promoting sustainable mining practices for rare earth minerals
- c) Certifying ethical sourcing of blood diamonds for jewellery export
- d) Monitoring illegal fishing activities in diamond-rich ocean zones

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- The Kimberley Process is a tripartite international initiative involving governments, the global diamond industry, and civil society. It aims to prevent the trade in “conflict diamonds” that are used to finance armed conflicts and undermine legitimate governments

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about the Tsunami Ready Programme:

1. It is an initiative led by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to enhance community-level preparedness and resilience against tsunami hazards.
2. In India, the programme is supported by institutions such as INCOIS (Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services).

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:**

**Explanation:**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Tsunami Ready Programme is an initiative led by UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) to enhance community-level preparedness and resilience against tsunami hazards.

**Statement 2 is correct:** In India, the programme is supported by institutions such as INCOIS (Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services) and focuses on early warning dissemination, evacuation planning, and public awareness in coastal areas.

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

#### 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (27 December)

**Q1.** Consider the following statements regarding PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs):

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. The scheme includes upgradation of 1,000 ITIs under a Hub-and-Spoke model and capacity augmentation of National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).
3. The scheme is entirely financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank, with no Central Government share.

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 incorrect:** PM-SETU is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, not a Central Sector Scheme.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It provides for upgradation of 1,000 ITIs in a Hub-and-Spoke model and capacity augmentation of NSTIs.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme involves co-financing up to 50% of the Central share by ADB and the World Bank, not full external financing.

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

**Q2.** Consider the following description:

This crop thrives in tropical and sub-tropical regions with deep, fertile, well-drained soils rich in humus and organic matter. It requires a warm, moist, frost-free climate, well-distributed annual rainfall of about 2000–

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4000 mm, and temperatures ranging from nearly 13°C to 32°C. Slightly acidic soils (pH 4.5–5.5) and undulating topography are particularly suitable for its cultivation.

The above description refers to the agro-climatic conditions required for which of the following crops?

- (a) Coffee
- (b) Tea
- (c) Rubber
- (d) Cocoa

**Correct Answer: (b) Tea**

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Dhanu Yatra:**

1. Dhanu Yatra is an annual cultural festival held in Maharashtra.
2. It has been accorded National Festival status by the Central 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

**Correct Answer: (b) 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because Dhanu Yatra is an annual cultural festival held in Bargarh, Odisha, not in Maharashtra.
- **Statement 2 is correct** as the Central Government has accorded National Festival status to Dhanu Yatra.

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Rabies:**

1. Rabies is a viral, zoonotic, neglected tropical disease that affects the central nervous system.
2. Once clinical symptoms of rabies appear, the disease is almost always fatal and has no known cure.
3. India's National Action Plan for Dog-Mediated Rabies Elimination (NAPRE) targets zero human rabies deaths by 2025.

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:**

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct:** Rabies is a viral zoonotic disease affecting the central nervous system and is nearly 100% fatal after symptom onset.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** because NAPRE targets zero human rabies deaths by 2030, not 2025.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), consider the following statements:**

1. PMGSY is a Central Sector Scheme launched to provide all-weather road connectivity to eligible, previously unconnected rural habitations.
2. PMGSY is implemented by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
3. PMGSY-III focuses on strengthening through routes and major rural links, while PMGSY-IV (2024–29) aims to provide connectivity to new rural habitations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Correct Answer: (a) 3 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** PMGSY is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, not a Central Sector Scheme.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** PMGSY is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, not the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** PMGSY-III strengthens through routes and major rural links, while PMGSY-IV (2024–29) focuses on providing connectivity to new rural habitations.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q6.** Consider the following statements about the Chenab River:

1. It originates from Kailash Range in Tibet.
2. The Chenab River is one of the western rivers under the Indus Waters Treaty (1960), and India has unrestricted rights over its waters for all purposes.
3. The Dulhasti Hydro-power project is being constructed on Chenab River.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Only 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Chenab is formed by the confluence of the Chandra and Bhaga rivers at Tandi (Lahaul-Spiti) in Himachal Pradesh, after which it is known as the Chenab.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Under the Indus Waters Treaty, the Chenab is a western river allocated primarily to Pakistan. India has limited, not unrestricted, rights (e.g., non-consumptive use, run-of-the-river hydropower).

**Statement 3 is correct:** The 260 MW Dulhasti Stage-II project is being envisaged on the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district.

Source: [IE](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements about the Tianshan Mountains Range

1. The Taklamakan Desert is located to the north of this range.
2. It was created by the collision of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.
3. It is the source range of the famous Syr Darya.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Range separates the Tarim Basin/Taklamakan Desert to the south from the Dzungarian Basin to the north.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It forms part of the Himalayan orogenic belt that was created by the collision of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The major rivers such as the Syr Darya, Ili, and Tarim rivers rise from this Range.

Source: [BS](#)

**Q8.** Consider the following statements about the "Your Money, Your Right" Initiative:

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1. The “Your Money, Your Right” initiative is a consumer awareness programme launched by the Department of Financial Services.
2. The initiative focuses on empowering consumers with knowledge about fair treatment, grievance redressal mechanisms, and transparency in banking services.
3. The initiative places the primary responsibility of consumer protection exclusively on State Governments, with no role for financial regulators.

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: A**

**Explanation: 1 and 2 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** “Your Money, Your Right” is an RBI-led initiative aimed at strengthening financial consumer awareness, especially regarding customer rights in banking and digital financial services.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The initiative highlights consumer rights, fair practices, transparency, and grievance redressal, aligning with RBI’s broader focus on consumer-centric banking.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Consumer protection in the financial sector is primarily the responsibility of financial regulators like RBI, not exclusively State Governments.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
2. The scheme brings together five earlier schemes, including Seekho aur Kamao, Nai Manzil, Nai Roshni, Hamari Dharohar, and USTTAD.
3. Only male candidates from minority communities are eligible for entrepreneurship and leadership training under PM VIKAS.

Which of the above statements 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: Statements 1 and 2 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** PM VIKAS is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs focusing on skill development, entrepreneurship, and leadership among minorities and artisans.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme integrates five previous schemes—Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni, and Nai Manzil.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The scheme also prioritizes the leadership and entrepreneurship development of women from minority communities, not just males.

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

**Q10.** Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary, seen in the news recently, is located in

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

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

Source: [IE](#)

## 10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (29 December)

**Q1: Consider the following pairs**

Dulhasti Stage-II hydropower project	Chenab river
Chamera Hydroelectric Project	Ravi river
Subansiri Lower Hydel Project	Brahmaputra tributary

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

**Correct Answer: (c) All three****Explanation:**

- Dulhasti Stage-II hydropower project is located on the Chenab River in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Chamera Hydroelectric Project is built on the Ravi River in Himachal Pradesh.
- Subansiri Lower Hydel Project is on the Subansiri River, a major tributary of the Brahmaputra (Arunachal Pradesh-Assam).

Source- [IE](#)**Q2. Consider the following description:**

It is a wildlife sanctuary located in Tamil Nadu, established primarily for the conservation of blackbuck antelopes. The sanctuary is characterised by scrub forest vegetation and supports fauna such as Blackbuck, Spotted Deer, Bonnet Macaque, Jungle Cat, and Small Indian Civet.

**Which of the following is correctly described above?**

- (a) Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Vallanadu Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Guindy National Park

**Correct Answer: (b) Vallanadu Wildlife Sanctuary**Source- [TH](#)**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Dhasan River:**

1. It is a tributary of the Betwa River.
2. The Dhasan River flows through Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**Correct Answer: (a) 1 only****Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Dhasan River is a right-bank tributary of the Betwa River, and the Betwa is a major tributary of the Yamuna River, part of the Ganga river system.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Dhasan River flows through the Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh only. It does not flow through Rajasthan.

Source- [HT](#)

**Q4. The Blue Line, often mentioned in international affairs, refers to:**

- (a) An internationally recognised boundary between Israel and Lebanon
- (b) A ceasefire line between Israel and Syria
- (c) A United Nations-identified withdrawal line to verify Israel's pullout from southern Lebanon
- (d) A maritime boundary in the Eastern Mediterranean

**Correct Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The Blue Line is a United Nations-identified withdrawal line, not an international border. It was delineated by the UN to verify Israel's withdrawal from southern Lebanon, as mandated by UN Security Council resolutions.

Source- [UN](#)

**Q5. Consider the following countries:**

- 1. Kenya
- 2. Ethiopia
- 3. Djibouti

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

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

**Correct Answer: (c) All three**

**Explanation:** Somalia shares land borders with Kenya (southwest), Ethiopia (west), and Djibouti (northwest). Hence, all three countries listed border Somalia.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about INS Vaghsheer:**

- 1. It is the sixth and final Kalvari-class diesel-electric attack submarine built under Project 75 of Indian Navy.
- 2. It is built by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) with technology transfer from France's Naval Group.

**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:** INS Vaghsheer is the sixth and final Kalvari-class (Scorpene-class) diesel-electric attack submarine of the Indian Navy.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai under Project 75 with technology transfer from France's Naval Group.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements about the National Test House (NTH) :**

- 1. It is India's largest multi-location multidisciplinary industrial testing laboratory.
- 2. It works under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- 3. Its testing facility is available in Delhi only.

**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:** NTH is India's largest multi-location multidisciplinary industrial testing laboratory dealing with almost all sorts of testing, calibration and quality evaluation related to industry, commerce, trade etc. as per international and national standards.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It works under the Department of Consumer Affairs within the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** At present National Test House is providing facilities like testing, evaluation, and calibration of raw materials as well as finished products to the end users through its branches established at Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Ghaziabad, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Varanasi.

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

**Q8.** The 'Green to Gold' initiative, seen in the news recently, is started by

- a) Gujarat
- b) Karnataka
- c) West Bengal
- d) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- In a step to redefine the state's economic landscape and achieve the vision of a self-reliant Himachal Pradesh by 2027, the state has initiated the 'Green to Gold' initiative, which aims to transition the state from a narrative of illicit trade to global leadership in the bio-economy by legalising and regulating the cultivation of industrial hemp.

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

**Q9.** The Isthmus of Tehuantepec separates

- a) Gulf of Mexico from Pacific Ocean
- b) Caribbean Sea from Gulf of California
- c) Bay of Campeche from Pacific Ocean
- d) Atlantic Ocean from Gulf of Tehuantepec

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Bay of Campeche from Pacific Ocean**

- The Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico's narrowest land bridge (~200 km wide), lies between the Bay of Campeche (Gulf of Mexico) to the north and the Gulf of Tehuantepec (Pacific Ocean) to the south, facilitating the Interoceanic Corridor rail project.

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

**Q10.** The Dhumair desert, seen in the news recently is located in

- a) Syria
- b) Mongolia
- c) Iran
- d) Mexico

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- Dhumair desert, also known as Dumair, Damir and Dumayr is a city located 45 kilometers north-east of Damascus, Syria.

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

**Q1. With reference to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), consider the following statements:**

1. It is the only legally binding universal international instrument to combat corruption.
2. India is a Party to the Convention.

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) Both 1 and 2**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The UNCAC is the only legally binding universal anti-corruption convention adopted by the United Nations.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India has ratified the UNCAC and is a Party to the Convention.

Source- [Ghananews](#)

**Q2. Consider the following description:**

This biodiversity-rich protected area in Chhattisgarh lies within the Deccan biogeographical zone and is named after a river flowing through it. It is known for dense sal and mixed forests, limestone caves such as Kotumsar and Kailash, waterfalls, and seasonal and perennial streams. It also provides habitat to the Bastar Hill Myna, the state bird of Chhattisgarh.

Which of the following is correctly described above?

- (a) Indravati National Park
- (b) Kanger Valley National Park
- (c) Satpura National Park
- (d) Achanakmar Tiger Reserve

**Correct Answer: (b)**

Source- [DC](#)

**Q3. Gandikota Canyon, often referred to as the “Grand Canyon of India”, is located in which of the following states?**

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

**Correct Answer: (c) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation-** Gandikota Canyon is located in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh, along the Penna (Pennar) River, and is popularly known as the “Grand Canyon of India” due to its dramatic gorge-like landscape.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding nitrate contamination of groundwater:**

1. High nitrate concentration in drinking water can cause methemoglobinemia (blue baby syndrome) in infants.
2. According to the latest data submitted by the Central Groundwater Board (CGWB) to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), Rajasthan recorded the highest nitrate concentration in groundwater 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

**Correct Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:** Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because Andhra Pradesh recorded the highest nitrate concentration, whereas Rajasthan shows the highest pervasiveness of nitrate contamination across sampled locations.

Source- [HT](#)

**Q5. The term *Parasynnemellisia khasiana*, recently seen in the news, refers to:**

- (a) A new species of orchid discovered in the Eastern Himalayas
- (b) A new species of insect found in the bamboo forests of Assam
- (c) A new species of algae discovered in coastal India
- (d) A new species of fungus discovered in Meghalaya

**Correct Answer: (d) A new species of fungus discovered in Meghalaya**

**Explanation:** *Parasynnemellisia khasiana* is a newly identified fungal species discovered in the bamboo forests around Mawsynram in Meghalaya. The species name "*khasiana*" reflects its association with the Khasi Hills, highlighting the region's rich and unique fungal biodiversity.

Source- [HUB](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Chinese Pangolin:**

- 1. It is a mammal covered with keratin scales and primarily feeds on ants and termites, making it an insectivorous species.
- 2. It is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List due to habitat loss and illegal wildlife trade.
- 3. They mainly inhabit the alpine areas.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Chinese pangolin is a mammal covered with keratin scales and primarily feeds on ants and termites, making it an insectivorous species.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Chinese pangolin has been listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List since 2014.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Chinese pangolin inhabits subtropical, tropical, and deciduous forests.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

**Q7. The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) is launched by**

- a) Ministry of Defence
- b) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- The government has notified two complementary schemes to revive domestic shipbuilding through financial support, infrastructure creation, and stronger institutional coordination.
- Nodal Ministry: Both schemes are implemented by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW).

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q8. With reference to the Sea of Marmara, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is a small inland sea entirely located within Ukraine.
- 2. It is connected to the Black Sea by the Dardanelles Strait.
- 3. It is connected to the Aegean Sea by the Bosphorus Strait.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

d) None

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: All are incorrect**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Sea of Marmara is a small inland sea entirely within Turkey.

**Statements 2 and 3 are incorrect:** The Sea of Marmara is connected to the Black Sea by the Bosphorus Strait and to the Aegean Sea by the Dardanelles Strait.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Indian Skimmer:

1. It primarily inhabits freshwater environments such as large rivers and lakes.
2. It is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List, mainly due to habitat degradation of rivers and sandbanks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Both are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Indian Skimmer primarily inhabits freshwater environments such as large rivers and lakes. It is also found in wetlands, swamps, and coastal estuaries, particularly during the non-breeding season.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Indian Skimmer is classified as endangered on the IUCN Red List.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements regarding Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme:

1. It is being launched by the Ministry of Education.
2. It aims to integrate artificial intelligence learning into India's school education and training ecosystem.
3. The programme is provided a separate budgetary support by Union government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in July 2025.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The initiative, which coincides with the ten-year milestone of the Skill India Mission, aims to integrate artificial intelligence learning into India's school education and training ecosystem, preparing both students and teachers for a rapidly evolving digital world.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The Union Budget 2025-26 has earmarked ₹500 crore to establish a Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education.

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

**Q1. The term Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD), seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Soil conservation in dryland farming
- (b) Organic pest control technique
- (c) Crop residue management after harvest
- (d) Water management in rice cultivation

**Correct Answer: (d) Water management in rice cultivation**

**Explanation:** Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) is a water-saving irrigation practice used in paddy cultivation, where fields are periodically dried and re-flooded instead of being continuously submerged. This improves water productivity, maintains rice yields, and reduces methane emissions.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q2. With reference to the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship, 2025, consider the following statements:**

1. The 2025 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship was held in Doha (Qatar).
2. Arjun Erigaisi became the first Indian player to finish on the podium at the event.

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) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct** as the 2025 FIDE World Rapid Chess Championship was held in Doha.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because Arjun Erigaisi became only the second Indian male player to finish on the podium at the event, after Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, not the first.

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q3. With reference to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), consider the following statements:**

1. It is published monthly by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. IIP measures short-term changes in the volume of industrial production in the economy.
3. The manufacturing sector has the lowest weight among the sectors covered under IIP.

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 incorrect:** IIP is published monthly by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), not the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** IIP captures short-term changes in the volume of industrial output.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Manufacturing has the highest weight (77.6%) in IIP, followed by mining (14.4%) and electricity (8%).

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q4. The Joint Initiative for Village Advancement (JIVA) programme of NABARD is associated with:**

- (a) Promoting rural livelihood missions
- (b) Encouraging natural farming using agroecological principles
- (c) Expanding industrial clusters in rural areas
- (d) Enhancing fisheries and aquaculture development

**Correct Answer: (b) Encouraging natural farming using agroecological principles**

**Explanation:** The Joint Initiative for Village Advancement (JIVA) programme was launched by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in 2022 under its existing watershed and wadi programmes. It focuses on applying agroecological principles to ensure long-term sustainability, strengthen existing social and natural capital, and encourage farming communities to adopt natural farming practices.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q5. With reference to Kolleru Lake, consider the following statements:**

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1. Kolleru Lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes in India and is located in Andhra Pradesh.
2. It lies in the inter-deltaic plain of the Krishna and Mahanadi 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

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

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Kolleru Lake is a major freshwater lake situated in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Kolleru Lake is located in the inter-deltaic plain of the Krishna and Godavari rivers, not the Mahanadi.

Source- [ETV](#)

**Q6.** "He was born to a caste, considered 'avarna' by the social norms of the time. He advocated for equality, education, and social upliftment, transcending caste distinctions. His core belief was expressed in the slogan "One Caste, One Religion, One God for All". He started the Aruvippuram Movement (1888). He established Sivagiri Mutt in 1904. He authored several important works, including Advaita Deepika, Atmavilasam, Daiva Dasakam, and Brahmavidya Panchakam."

Which one of the following personalities is described in the above passage?

- a) Swami Vivekananda
- b) Shree Narayana Guru
- c) Jyotiba Phule
- d) E.V. Ramasamy

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Shree Narayana Guru

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** The National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025 (NFAP-2025) is released by

- a) Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- b) Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- d) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, released the National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025 (NFAP-2025) — a key policy document that governs the management and allocation of radio-frequency spectrum in India. NFAP-2025 will come into effect from 30 December 2025.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the Dhasan river, consider the following statements:

1. It is a right bank tributary of the Betwa River, which itself is a tributary of the Ganga River.
2. It flows in the Bundelkhand region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** 2 only

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Dhasan River is a right bank tributary of the Betwa River, which itself is a tributary of the Yamuna.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It flows in the Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

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

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about ammonium sulfate:

1. It is a primary inorganic aerosol.
2. It accounts for nearly one-third of Delhi's annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> load.

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:** Ammonium sulfate is a secondary inorganic aerosol, meaning it is not emitted directly but forms in the atmosphere through chemical reactions.

**Statement 2 is correct:** In India, ammonium sulfate contributes 49% of PM<sub>2.5</sub> during post-monsoon, 41% in winter, and only about 21% during summer and monsoon. It accounts for nearly one-third of Delhi's annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> load, rising sharply during post-monsoon and winter months when pollution episodes are severe.

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

**Q10.** Consider the following statements about Frequency Comb:

1. It is a laser-based optical tool that produces a spectrum consisting of equally spaced, discrete frequency lines, resembling the teeth of a comb.
2. They are used in high-precision measurements, such as optical atomic clocks, spectroscopy, and measurement of fundamental constants.
3. Frequency comb technology is primarily used for increasing wireless communication bandwidth and has no application in precision metrology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 and 2 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** A frequency comb generates a set of precisely spaced optical frequencies using ultra-fast lasers, enabling accurate frequency measurement.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Frequency combs are crucial in optical clocks, precision spectroscopy, astronomy (exoplanet detection), and metrology, earning wide scientific importance.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Frequency combs are not limited to communication bandwidth enhancement; their primary significance lies in precision measurement and time-frequency metrology.

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