

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (9 February)

Q. Consider the following countries:

1. Sudan
2. Ethiopia
3. Djibouti

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

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation: Eritrea shares land borders with Sudan (West/Northwest), Ethiopia (South), and Djibouti (Southeast). It also borders the Red Sea to the east.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. The Kordofan Region, recently in the news, is located in:

- (a) South Sudan
- (b) Ethiopia
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Central African Republic

Answer: (c) Sudan

Explanation: The Kordofan Region constitutes the central and southern parts of Sudan. It was recently in the news following a deadly drone strike near Rahad in North Kordofan carried out by Sudan's Rapid Support Forces

Source- [FPI](#)

Q. Consider the following pairs:

Glacier in news	Location
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1. Thwaites Glacier – West Antarctica
2. Hektor Glacier – Antarctic Peninsula
3. Mendenhall Glacier – Alaska, USA

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- Thwaites Glacier is located in West Antarctica.
- Hektor Glacier lies on the Antarctic Peninsula.
- Mendenhall Glacier is situated in Alaska, USA.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q. With reference to the Sahyog Portal, consider the following statements:

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1. It has been launched to promote agricultural cooperation among SAARC countries.
2. It functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

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) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: The Sahyog Portal aims to create an effective framework for the prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of cybercrime. It functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to the Anti-Defection Law in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Anti-Defection Law was introduced by the 44th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978, which inserted the Tenth Schedule into the Constitution.
2. The 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003 omitted the provision related to “split” in a political party as a ground for exemption from disqualification.
3. A nominated member of a House is disqualified if he or she joins a political party at any time after taking the seat.
4. The decision of the Speaker or Chairman under the Tenth Schedule is subject to judicial review.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** The Anti-Defection Law was introduced by the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985, not the 44th Amendment.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** The 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003 removed the “split” provision.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect:** A nominated member may join a political party within six months of taking the seat without attracting disqualification.
- **Statement 4 is Correct:** The decision of the Speaker/Chairman is subject to **judicial review** (after the decision is made).

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements:

1. In order to pursue an expansionary monetary policy, the Reserve Bank of India may increase the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate.
2. The primary mandate of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is to set the policy repo rate to maintain CPI inflation at 4 per cent within a tolerance band of 2–6 per cent

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:** An expansionary monetary policy aims to increase liquidity and reduce borrowing costs. Increasing the **MSF rate** would make borrowing from the RBI more expensive for banks, which is a contractionary (tightening) measure, not expansionary.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), constituted under the amended RBI Act, has the primary mandate of maintaining price stability by targeting CPI inflation at 4% with a tolerance band of 2–6%, primarily through changes in the policy repo rate.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following pairs:

1. Shipki La Pass – Uttarakhand
2. Nathu La Pass – Sikkim
3. Lipulekh Pass – Himachal Pradesh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is Incorrect:** Shipki La Pass is located in Himachal Pradesh, not Uttarakhand.
- **Pair 2 is Correct:** Nathu La Pass is located in Sikkim.
- **Pair 3 is Incorrect:** Lipulekh Pass is located in Uttarakhand, not Himachal Pradesh.

Source- [TRI](#)

Q. The Copernicus Sentinel-2 Mission, recently seen in the news, is developed by which of the following organizations?

- (a) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (c) European Space Agency (ESA)
- (d) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Answer: (c) European Space Agency (ESA)

Explanation- The Copernicus Sentinel-2 Mission is an Earth observation satellite mission developed by the European Space Agency (ESA) for environmental monitoring and land observation.

Source- [IT](#)

Q. With reference to the Global Teacher Prize, consider the following statements:

1. It is an annual award presented to a teacher who has made a significant impact on students and the community.
2. Only teachers from government schools are eligible to apply for the award.
3. The award carries a cash prize of 1 million US dollars.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** It is an annual award recognizing exceptional impact in education.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The prize is open to teachers from public, private, and alternative schools across all countries.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** The award carries a cash prize of \$1 million.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q. The term *Lyriothemis keralensis*, recently seen in the news, refers to a species of:

- (a) Butterfly
- (b) Dragonfly
- (c) Frog
- (d) Freshwater fish

Answer: (b) Dragonfly

Explanation: *Lyriothemis keralensis* is a newly identified species of dragonfly, reported recently from India.

Source- [TOI](#)

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Q. With reference to Pulse Cultivation, consider the following statements:

1. Canada is the largest producer of pulses in the world, followed by India.
2. Chickpeas account for the highest share of pulses produced 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: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- India is the largest producer of pulses in the world, contributing around 25% of global production, while Canada ranks second.
- Within India, chickpeas (gram) constitute the largest share of total pulses production (around 48%), followed by pigeon pea, black gram, green gram and lentil.

Source- [Telegraphindia](#)

Q. HbA1c Test, frequently seen in news, is used to detect:

- (a) Thyroid disorders
- (b) Anaemia
- (c) Liver infection
- (d) Diabetes mellitus

Answer: (d) Diabetes mellitus

Explanation: The HbA1c (Hemoglobin A1c) test measures the average blood glucose (blood sugar) levels over the past two to three months and is primarily used to diagnose and monitor diabetes.

Source- [ET](#)

Q. Consider the following organizations/bodies in India:

1. National Commission for Backward Classes
2. National Human Rights Commission
3. National Law Commission
4. National Commission for Women

How many of the above are constitutional bodies?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) is a constitutional body under Article 338B.
- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), National Law Commission, and National Commission for Women (NCW) are statutory bodies established by Acts of Parliament and not by the Constitution.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following countries:

1. North Macedonia
2. Bulgaria
3. Albania
4. Turkey

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

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

Answer: (d) All four

Explanation: Greece shares land borders with North Macedonia and Bulgaria to the north, Albania to the northwest, and Turkey to the northeast.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to the SWAVALAMBINI Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a rural livelihood programme exclusively for self-help groups.
2. It has been launched by the Ministry of Rural Development.

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) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- The Swavalambini Programme is a women entrepreneurship initiative targeted at young women in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). It is not a rural livelihood programme for self-help groups.
- It has been launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), not the Ministry of Rural Development.

Source- [ForumIAS](#)

Q. With reference to Seychelles, consider the following statements:

1. Seychelles is geographically closer to the Indian mainland than to the African mainland.
2. Its capital is Victoria.

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:

- Seychelles lies in the western Indian Ocean and is closer to the African mainland than to the Indian mainland. Hence, Statement 1 is incorrect.
- Its capital is Victoria, making Statement 2 correct.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Dr. Zakir Husain:

1. Before becoming President, he served as the Governor of Bihar and later as the Vice President of India.
2. He was the third President of India and the first Muslim to hold the office.
3. He was the first Indian President to resign from office before completing his term.

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) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- Zakir Husain served as Governor of Bihar and later as Vice President of India before becoming the third President of India and the first Muslim President.
- He did not resign from office; he passed away while serving as President, becoming the first Indian President to die in office.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Sardinia Island, recently seen in news, is located in:

- (a) Spain
- (b) Italy
- (c) Greece
- (d) France

Answer: (b) Italy

Explanation: Sardinia is situated in Italy and lies in the western Mediterranean Sea, near Corsica and north of Africa

Source- [The Print](#)

Q. With reference to the Esports Nations Cup (ENC), consider the following statements:

1. The first edition of the Esports Nations Cup will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in 2026.
2. The Esports Nations Cup is scheduled to be hosted annually.

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:

- The first edition of the Esports Nations Cup (ENC) will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in November 2026.
- However, the tournament is planned to be conducted once every two years (biennially), not annually.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Japan:

1. Honshu is the largest island of Japan.
2. More than 80% of Japan's land area is mountainous.
3. Japan follows a presidential form of government where the Emperor exercises real executive powers.

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) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- Japan has Honshu as its largest island and is predominantly mountainous, with over 80% of its terrain covered by mountains.
- Japan is a constitutional monarchy, not a presidential system. The Emperor is a ceremonial head of state, while executive powers are exercised by elected representatives.

Source- [TOI](#)

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Q. Consider the following description:

He was the tenth and last ruler of Awadh who ascended the throne in 1847. His kingdom was annexed by the British in 1856 on grounds of "misgovernance". He authored Ishqnamah, patronised arts including Kathak, and built the Qaiserbagh palace in Lucknow.

Who among the following is described above?

- (a) Bahadur Shah Zafar
- (b) Tipu Sultan

- (c) Wajid Ali Shah
- (d) Shah Alam II

Answer: (c) Wajid Ali Shah

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Tea Board of India:

1. Its functions under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
2. Its headquarters is located in Assam.

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) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect-** The Tea Board of India functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, not the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect-** The headquarters of the Tea Board of India is located in Kolkata (West Bengal), not in Assam.

Source- [BS](#)

Q. Consider the following pairs with reference to Questioning in the Indian Parliament:

Type of Question	Description
1. Starred Question	– Written answer by the Minister and no supplementary questions are allowed
2. Unstarred Question	– Oral answer by the Minister and supplementary questions are allowed
3. Short Notice Question	– Asked on urgent public matters with a notice period of less than 10 days

1. **Starred Question** – Written answer by the Minister and no supplementary questions are allowed
2. **Unstarred Question** – Oral answer by the Minister and supplementary questions are allowed
3. **Short Notice Question** – Asked on urgent public matters with a notice period of less than 10 days

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Pairs 1 and 2 are incorrectly matched.** Starred Questions require an oral answer and allow supplementary questions. Unstarred Questions require a written answer and do not allow supplementary questions.
- **Pair 3 is correctly matched,** as Short Notice Questions relate to urgent matters of public importance with a notice period of less than 10 days.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Gilbert Hill, recently seen in news, is located in:

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Bengaluru

Answer: (c) Mumbai

Explanation: Gilbert Hill is a 200-foot monolith column of black basalt rock located in Andheri, Mumbai Suburban district, Maharashtra. It is among the oldest basalt rock formations, formed around 66 million years ago during the Mesozoic era due to volcanic activity.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES):

1. It is a United Nations body.
2. India is a member.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation: IPBES is not a United Nations body; it is an independent intergovernmental platform, though UNEP provides secretariat services. India is a member of IPBES.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q. Consider the following acts:

1. Making false or defamatory statements against Members of Parliament
2. Publishing expunged parliamentary proceedings
3. Premature disclosure of committee reports
4. Criticising the policies of the government outside Parliament

How many of the above are considered a Breach of Privilege in the Indian parliamentary system?

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

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation:

- Statements 1, 2, and 3 constitute breach of privilege as they obstruct or undermine the functioning, authority, or dignity of Parliament.
- However, mere criticism of government policies outside Parliament (Statement 4) does not amount to breach of privilege, as freedom of speech allows public criticism unless it obstructs parliamentary functioning.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2025:

1. India has downgraded its position in 2025 compared to last year (2024).
2. The Network Readiness Index is published by the World Economic Forum.

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) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect-** India has improved its position by four places and is ranked 45th in NRI 2025.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect-** The Network Readiness Index is published by the **Portulans Institute**, a Washington DC-based non-profit organisation, not the World Economic Forum.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. With reference to the removal and vacation of office of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:

1. The Speaker of the Lok Sabha can be removed by a resolution passed by a majority of the members present and voting.
2. The Speaker vacates office if he/she ceases to be a member of the Lok Sabha.
3. No no-confidence motions have been moved against the Lok Sabha Speaker till date.
4. A resolution for removal of the Speaker can be moved without any prior notice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** Removal requires a majority of all the then members of the Lok Sabha (effective majority) under Article 94(c), not merely a majority of members present and voting.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** As per Article 94(a), the Speaker vacates office if he/she ceases to be a member of the Lok Sabha.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** No-confidence motions have been moved against the Lok Sabha Speaker in the past (e.g., 1954, 1966, and 1987).
- **Statement 4 is incorrect.** A minimum 14 days' prior notice is mandatory before moving a resolution for removal.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in news, is located in:

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
(b) Meghalaya
(c) Tripura
(d) Assam

Answer: (d) Assam

Explanation: Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Jorhat district of Assam. It is known for conserving India's only ape species, the hoolock gibbon.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the International Development Association (IDA):

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1. It was established as part of the World Bank Group to provide concessional loans and grants to the poorest countries.
2. Its headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

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.** The International Development Association (IDA) was established in 1960 as part of the World Bank Group to provide concessional loans and grants to the poorest countries.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The headquarters of the IDA is located in Washington, D.C., not Geneva.

Source- [IDA](#)

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Q. The 2026 Union Budget has sanctioned the establishment of two new telescopes to study the Sun and the origins of the universe in which of the following places?

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

Answer: (c) Ladakh

Explanation

- The 2026 Union Budget approved the establishment of two major astronomical facilities in Ladakh:
 - National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) - to study solar dynamics and space weather.
 - National Large Optical Telescope (NLOT) - to study exoplanets and the origins of the universe.
- Ladakh's high altitude, dry climate, minimal light pollution, and stable atmospheric conditions make it ideal for advanced astronomical observations.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI):

1. It is released annually by Transparency International.
2. Iceland has been ranked among the least corrupt nations in the 2025 index.
3. India's performance in the index improved in 2025 compared to the previous year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is released annually by Transparency International.

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- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Denmark, not Iceland, has consistently been ranked as the least corrupt country in the 2025 CPI rankings.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** India's performance improved in 2025 compared to the previous year, as reflected in its improved ranking.

Source- [ET](#)

Q. Consider the following pairs:

Wildlife Sanctuary in News States (located)

1. Kapilash Wildlife Sanctuary – Odisha
2. Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary – West Bengal
3. Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary – Maharashtra

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation

- **Pair 1 is correct:** Kapilash Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Odisha.
- **Pair 2 is incorrect:** Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Jharkhand, not West Bengal.
- **Pair 3 is correct:** Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Maharashtra.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q. The Valley of the Kings, often seen in the news, is best known as:

- (a) A major trading centre of ancient Mesopotamia located in present-day Iraq
- (b) A military fortress of the Roman Empire located in present-day Italy
- (c) A religious site of the Mayan civilization located in present-day Mexico
- (d) The burial site of pharaohs of ancient Egypt

Answer: (d) The burial site of pharaohs of ancient Egypt

Explanation- The Valley of the Kings is located in southern Egypt, just west of the Nile River near Luxor. It served as the burial site of numerous pharaohs during the New Kingdom period.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Rashtriya Karmayogi Large Scale Jan Seva Programme:

1. It is a national behavioural transformation initiative for Central Government employees.
2. It has been launched by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

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

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- **Statement 1 is correct:** The programme is a national behavioural transformation initiative aimed at enhancing service orientation and capacity among Central Government employees.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The programme has been launched by the Capacity Building Commission under Mission Karmayogi, not directly by the Ministry Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Continental Mantle Earthquakes:

1. They originate in the mantle beneath continents, often at depths exceeding 80 km below the Mohorovičić discontinuity.
2. They are commonly associated with mid-oceanic ridges and divergent plate boundaries.

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:** Continental mantle earthquakes occur deep within the mantle, often more than 80 km below the Mohorovičić discontinuity (Moho), unlike most earthquakes that originate in the brittle crust at shallow depths.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Mid-oceanic ridges and divergent plate boundaries are primarily associated with shallow crustal earthquakes, not continental mantle earthquakes.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q. India recently signed an Agreement on Social Security relating to Social Security Contributions with which of the following countries?

- (a) France
- (b) Germany
- (c) United Kingdom and Northern Ireland
- (d) Canada

Answer: (c) United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

Explanation

- India signed the Social Security Agreement with the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland).
- The agreement aims to facilitate greater mobility of professionals and temporary workers between India and the UK by streamlining social security contributions and preventing double contributions for employees working in either country.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Earth continues to revolve around the Sun in a nearly elliptical orbit without the need for continuous propulsion.

Reason (R): Gravity acts as a centripetal force that continuously pulls Earth toward the Sun, while the near-vacuum of space offers negligible resistance to its motion.

Select the correct Code:

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

- (c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true.

Answer: (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

Explanation

- Earth revolves around the Sun due to the gravitational force exerted by the Sun, which acts as the necessary centripetal force to maintain orbital motion.
- Since space is nearly a vacuum with negligible friction, Earth does not require continuous propulsion to sustain its motion. This reflects the principles of Newton's laws of motion and gravitation.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Ayushman Sahakar Scheme:

1. It is a health insurance scheme for cooperative societies.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Ayushman Sahakar is not a health insurance scheme. It provides financial assistance to cooperative societies for establishing and expanding healthcare infrastructure.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme is implemented by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the administrative control of the Ministry of Cooperation, not the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Lion-Tailed Macaque:

1. It is endemic to the evergreen rainforests of the southern Western Ghats across Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
2. It is classified as 'Critically Endangered' under the IUCN Red List.

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:** The Lion-tailed macaque is endemic to the evergreen forests of the southern Western Ghats in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is listed as Endangered, not Critically Endangered, under the IUCN Red List.

Source- [TH](#)

Daily 10 PM MCQs (13 feb)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Swami Dayanand Saraswati:

1. He founded the Arya Samaj.
2. He advocated an education system that rejected the study of the Vedas and emphasized only Western scientific learning.
3. Satyarth Prakasha is one of his important literary works.

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:** He founded the Arya Samaj in 1875 (Bombay) to promote Vedic principles.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** He did not reject the Vedas. In fact, he strongly upheld the supremacy of the Vedas. While he supported modern subjects like science and medicine, he believed education should be rooted in Vedic knowledge, not Western-only learning.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** Satyarth Prakasha is his major philosophical work explaining Vedic doctrines and social reforms.

Source- [BS](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding designation of Senior Advocates in India:

1. The Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates in the Supreme Court is headed by the Chief Justice of India and includes the two senior-most judges of the Court.
2. A person must have at least 20 years of practice as an advocate or judicial officer to be designated as a Senior Advocate.
3. Senior Advocates are prohibited from filing a vakalatnama or appearing before courts and tribunals without being instructed by an Advocate-on-Record (AOR) or another advocate.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** The Committee is headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and includes the two senior-most judges of the Supreme Court (along with other members as per the rules).
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The minimum requirement is 10 years' experience as an advocate, or a combination of practice and judicial service — not 20 years. The designation is based on ability, standing at the Bar, and expertise in law, not merely length of service.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** Senior Advocates cannot file vakalatnama, draft pleadings, or directly accept briefs. They must be instructed by an Advocate-on-Record (in the Supreme Court) or another advocate.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following:

1. Right to Recall
2. Referendum
3. Initiative
4. Plebiscite

How many of the above are considered forms of direct democracy?

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

Correct Answer: (d) All four

Explanation:

All four are recognised instruments of direct democracy, where citizens directly participate in decision-making rather than acting only through elected representatives.

- **Right to Recall:** Enables voters to remove an elected representative before the expiry of the term.
- **Referendum:** A law or policy is submitted to the electorate for approval or rejection.
- **Initiative:** Citizens propose legislation for consideration or direct voting.
- **Plebiscite:** Voters decide issues related to sovereignty, territorial questions, or political status.

Source- [HT](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB):

1. It is headquartered in New Delhi.
2. The Union Minister for AYUSH serves as its Chairperson.

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 National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) is headquartered in New Delhi. It functions under the Ministry of AYUSH.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** The Union Minister for AYUSH serves as the Chairperson of the Board.

The NMPB was established in 2000 through a Government Resolution to promote cultivation, conservation and sustainable use of medicinal plants in India.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q. The mission "Arctic Sentry," recently seen in the news, has been launched by which of the following organizations?

- (a) European Union
- (b) Russia
- (c) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- (d) United States

Correct Answer: (c) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Explanation: Arctic Sentry is a NATO initiative aimed at strengthening security and strategic presence in the Arctic region.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. The Vidyanjali initiative, recently seen in the news, aims to:

- (a) Provide direct financial assistance to students in private schools.
- (b) Strengthen government schools through community and volunteer participation.
- (c) Establish foreign educational institutions in India.
- (d) Promote online education exclusively through digital platforms.

Correct Answer: (b) Strengthen government schools through community and volunteer participation

Explanation: Vidyanjali is an initiative of the Ministry of Education that connects volunteers, donors, and community members with government and government-aided schools to improve infrastructure, support learning outcomes, and enhance overall school development through public participation.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) series (Base Year: 2024 = 100):

1. Rural house rent has been introduced for the first time in the CPI basket.
2. Food and Beverages constitute the highest weight in the CPI basket.

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:** Rural house rent has been included for the first time in the CPI (2024=100) series.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** Food and Beverages continue to have the highest weight in the CPI basket, although their weight has reduced to 36.75% from 45.86% in the revised series.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Idukki Dam:

1. It is the second highest dam in India after the Tehri Dam.
2. It is built across the Bharathapuzha River in Kerala.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** Idukki Dam is not the second highest dam in India. It is one of the highest arch dams, but it does not rank as the second highest dam in the country.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** The dam is built across the Periyar River, not the Bharathapuzha River.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. The term “Quorum Sensing,” recently seen in scientific discussions, refers to:

- (a) Regulation of plant growth based on sunlight
- (b) A technique for modifying plant DNA
- (c) A method of vaccine delivery using microbes
- (d) Regulation of bacterial gene expression based on population density through signal molecules

Correct Answer: (d) Regulation of bacterial gene expression based on population density through signal molecules

Explanation: Quorum sensing is a process by which bacteria communicate through chemical signal molecules (autoinducers) to detect population density and coordinate collective behaviors such as biofilm formation and virulence factor production.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Dal Lake:

1. It is an artificial reservoir created during the Mughal period in the Kashmir Valley.
2. It is hydrologically connected to the Chenab River system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** Dal Lake is a natural lake, part of the Kashmir Valley's lacustrine system formed by tectonic and glacial processes. It is not an artificial reservoir created during the Mughal period.
- **Statement 2 is Incorrect:** Dal Lake is hydrologically connected to the Jhelum River system, not the Chenab River system.

Source- [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (14 Feb)

Q. Consider the following description:

It is located in the Western Ghats of Karnataka, spread across the Chikmagalur and Shivamogga districts. It was declared the 25th Project Tiger Reserve of India in 1998. The reserve also functions as an Elephant Reserve and is characterized by a saucer-shaped terrain with undulating valleys and steep hillocks.

Which of the following correctly describes the above?

- (a) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- (b) Kali Tiger Reserve
- (c) Nagarahole Tiger Reserve
- (d) Bhadra Tiger Reserve

Answer: (d) Bhadra Tiger Reserve

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q. The terms Tangkhul Hui and Kombai, recently seen in the news, refer to:

- (a) Traditional martial art forms of Northeast and South India
- (b) Tribal festivals celebrated in Manipur and Tamil Nadu
- (c) Indigenous Indian dog breeds
- (d) New agricultural crop varieties developed in India

Answer: (c) Indigenous Indian dog breeds

Explanation:

- **Tangkul Hui** is an indigenous dog breed native to Manipur, particularly associated with the Tangkul Naga community.
- **Kombai** is a native dog breed from Tamil Nadu, traditionally known for its guarding abilities.
- Both breeds were recently in the news as Assam Rifles planned to include them in their dog squads, highlighting the promotion of indigenous breeds in security forces.

Source- [DH](#)

Q. Consider the following pairs:

Hydroelectric Project River (Located on)

1. Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project – Chenab
2. Idukki Hydroelectric Project – Godavari
3. Etalin Hydroelectric Project – Subansiri

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct:** Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project is on the Chenab River.
- **Pair 2 is incorrect:** Idukki Hydroelectric Project is on the Periyar River, not the Godavari.
- **Pair 3 is incorrect:** Etalin Hydroelectric Project is proposed on the Dri and Tangon rivers, not the Subansiri.

Source- [IT](#)

Q. With reference to Parliamentary Motions in India, consider the following statements:

1. The conduct of persons in high authority can only be discussed on a Substantive Motion drawn in proper terms.
2. An Adjournment Motion is permitted in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

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:** As per parliamentary practice, the conduct of persons in high authority (such as constitutional functionaries) can be discussed only through a properly framed Substantive Motion.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** An Adjournment Motion is allowed only in the Lok Sabha to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and is not permitted in the Rajya Sabha.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following countries:

1. Denmark
2. Sweden
3. Norway
4. United Kingdom
5. United States of America

Which of the above are members of the Arctic Council?

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

Answer: (b) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

Explanation:

- The Arctic Council comprises eight Arctic States: Canada, Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States.
- The United Kingdom is not a member; it is an Observer state.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to 'Kaushal Rath', consider the following statements:

1. It is a skill development scheme aimed at providing advanced AI certification and employment-linked training to engineering graduates under the National AI Mission.
2. It has been launched by the Ministry of Education.

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) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** 'Kaushal Rath' is not an employment-linked advanced AI certification scheme. It is a mobile AI awareness initiative focused on spreading foundational AI literacy among youth.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It has been launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), not the Ministry of Education.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q. The term Species Turnover, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) Rate at which species are replaced within an ecological community
- (b) Seasonal migration of animal species
- (c) Rate of species extinction within a particular habitat
- (d) Rate of genetic variation within a species population

Answer: (a) Rate at which species are replaced within an ecological community

Explanation: Species turnover denotes the rate at which species exit and are replaced by others within an ecological community over time.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q. With reference to the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS), consider the following statements:

1. It was introduced by the Reserve Bank of India on the recommendations of the Nariman Committee.
2. The primary objective of the scheme is to provide direct agricultural subsidies to farmers through commercial banks.

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:** The Lead Bank Scheme was introduced by the RBI based on the recommendations of the Nariman Committee.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme does not provide direct subsidies. Its objective is to coordinate banking and developmental activities to enhance credit flow to priority sectors and promote rural development.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to the Chennakeshava Temple, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu.
2. It is an example of Hoysala architecture.
3. It is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- The Chennakeshava Temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu.
- It represents the distinctive Hoysala architectural style.
- It forms part of the "Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas," inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Source- [TI](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Assam Rifles:

1. It is primarily responsible for counter-insurgency operations in the Northeast and for guarding the Indo-Myanmar border.
2. It functions under the exclusive administrative and operational control of the Ministry of Defence.

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:** Assam Rifles plays a key role in counter-insurgency operations in the Northeast and guards the Indo-Myanmar border.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It operates under dual control—administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs and operational control of the Ministry of Defence.

Source- [TH](#)