

Corrigendum/Explanation SFG FRC 2026 Test 35

Number of items taken for scoring: 59

Number of items dropped: 01 (Question no. 3)

There is 1 change in today's paper (Q.3). There was no matching option.

Q.3) There was doubt raised in Statement 3 of the question i.e. whether Andhra Pradesh is the largest maize-producing state in India or not.

Exp) It would be an incorrect statement. The top 3 states in the production of Maize in 2024-25 are:

- 1) Madhya Pradesh – Total Production is 66.42 Lakh Tonne
- 2) Karnataka – Total Production is 61.9 Lakh Tonne
- 3) Bihar – Total Production is 54.68 Lakh Tonne

Andhra Pradesh: Total production is 21.48 Lakh Tonne

Note: Earlier, Karnataka was the highest in production but as per recent reports the final number in 2024-25 has changed and now Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer. Kindly refer the below link.

<https://www.upag.gov.in/dash-reports/statewiseapy?rtab=Area%2C+Production+%26+Yield&rtype=reports>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about Maize cultivation:

- I. It is native to the Indian subcontinent.
- II. India is the largest producer of maize.
- III. Andhra Pradesh is the largest maize-producing state in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) III only
- b) I and III only
- c) II and III only
- d) None of the above

Ans) d

Exp) Option d is the correct answer.

Maize is a food as well as a fodder crop sown under semi-arid climatic conditions and over inferior soils. The crop is grown in climates ranging from temperate to tropic during the period when mean daily temperatures are above 15°C. The adaptability of varieties in different climates varies widely. It occupies only about 3.6% of the total cropped area in India.

Statement I is incorrect: it is not native to the Indian subcontinent. It originated in the **Andean region of Central America** and was introduced to India by **Portuguese traders** in the 16th century. It requires a temperature between **21°C to 27°C** and grows well in old alluvial soil. The plant does well

on most soils, but less so on very heavy, dense clay and very sandy soils. The soil should preferably be well-aerated and well-drained as the crop is susceptible to waterlogging.

Statement II is incorrect: The **U.S.A. is the largest producer** of maize in the world and contributes nearly 35% of the total production in the world. **India is the 5th largest producer** and 14th largest exporter of Maize in the world.

Statement III is incorrect: The top 3 states in the production of Maize in 2024-25 are:

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