

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (25 March)

Q1. Consider the following pairs:

Conflict region in news Country (located)

1. Dimona - Lebanon
2. Tyre city - Israel
3. Ras Laffan Industrial City - Saudi Arabia

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (d) None

Explanation:

- Dimona is in Israel, not Lebanon.
- Tyre city is in Lebanon, not Israel.
- Ras Laffan Industrial City is in Qatar, not Saudi Arabia.

Source- [Wion](#)

Q2. The Nalgonda technique, recently in news, is related to:

- (a) Rainwater harvesting
- (b) Treatment of industrial wastewater
- (c) Removal of fluoride from drinking water
- (d) Removal of nitrate contamination from drinking water

Answer: (c) Removal of fluoride from drinking water

Explanation: The Nalgonda technique is specifically used for defluoridation of drinking water using chemicals like alum, lime, and bleaching powder.

Source- [mint](#)

Q3. With reference to helium, consider the following statements:

1. It is abundantly available on Earth and is considered a renewable resource.
2. India is among the top five producers of helium in the world.
3. It is used as a coolant in MRI machines.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** – helium is rare on Earth and non-renewable.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – India is not a major global producer.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – it is used as a coolant in MRI machines.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. With reference to the Aghanashini River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates in the Eastern Ghats region.
2. It drains into the Bay of Bengal.

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 river originates in the Western Ghats, not the Eastern Ghats.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – it drains into the Arabian Sea, not the Bay of Bengal.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q5. With reference to the National AI Skilling Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development.
2. It aims to train participants from the creative and media sectors.
3. The initiative targets training of 1 lakh participants across all sectors.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** – it was launched by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – it focuses on the creative and media sectors.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** – the target is about 15,000 participants, not 1 lakh.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding beavers:

1. Beavers are known as ecosystem engineers because they build dams that create wetlands and alter water flow.
2. They are herbivorous rodents primarily feeding on tree bark, leaves, and aquatic vegetation.
3. They are naturally found only in tropical regions of Asia and Africa.

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

- Beavers are semi-aquatic rodents famous for building dams, which significantly modify ecosystems— hence called ecosystem engineers. They are herbivores, feeding on bark, twigs, and aquatic plants. They are mainly found in North America and parts of Europe and Asia, not exclusively in tropical regions of Asia and Africa.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. The World Air Quality Report, 2025 is released by:

- (a) World Health Organization
(b) IQAir
(c) United Nations Environment Programme
(d) World Meteorological Organization

Answer: B

Explanation: IQAir

- The World Air Quality Report is an annual publication by IQAir, which compiles global air pollution data (especially PM2.5 levels) from monitoring stations worldwide.

Source: [TNIE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Hudsonian Godwit:

1. It is a long-distance migratory shorebird that breeds in the subarctic regions of North America.
2. It is categorized as critically endangered by the IUCN.
3. It is commonly found as a resident species across the Indian subcontinent throughout the year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

- The Hudsonian godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) is a migratory shorebird that breeds in the subarctic regions of North America and migrates to South America, often undertaking long non-stop flights. It is not a resident species in India. The species is classified as of Vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950:

1. It was issued under Article 341 of the Constitution of India.
2. Initially, the Order restricted Scheduled Caste status only to persons professing the Hindu religion, though it was later extended to Sikhs and Buddhists.
3. The list of Scheduled Castes specified under this Order can be modified only by an executive order of the President without requiring parliamentary approval.

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:

- The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 was issued under Article 341 to identify SCs in states. Initially, SC status was limited to Hindus, later extended to Sikhs (1956) and Buddhists (1990). However, any inclusion or exclusion from the list requires a law passed by Parliament, not merely a presidential executive order.

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Vande Mataram:

1. Vande Mataram was first published in Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's novel Anandmath.
2. It was adopted by the Indian National Congress in 1905 to inspire nationalist sentiments.
3. The Constitution grants Vande Mataram the same legal status and constitutional privileges as the National Anthem.

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

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

Correct Answer: (b)

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Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct, while 3 is incorrect because Vande Mataram has equal honour but not the same constitutional privileges as the National Anthem.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (26 March)

Q1. Consider the following pairs:

1. Great Salt Lake — USA
2. Lake Urmia — Turkey
3. Lake Turkana — Kenya

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct** — Great Salt Lake is located in the USA (Utah).
- **Pair 2 is incorrect** — Lake Urmia is not in Turkey; it is located in Iran.
- **Pair 3 is correct** — Lake Turkana is mainly in Kenya, though it extends into Ethiopia

Source- [IT](#)

Q2. Scientists at CERN recently succeeded in transporting antiprotons for the first time. Which of the following statements best describes an antiproton?

- (a) A particle with the same mass as a proton but carrying a negative electric charge
- (b) A particle with the same mass as a proton but carrying no electric charge
- (c) A particle with greater mass than a proton and carrying a negative electric charge
- (d) A particle identical to a proton in both mass and charge but differing only in spin

Answer: (a)

Explanation: An antiproton is the antimatter counterpart of a proton. It has the same mass and spin as a proton but carries an opposite (negative) electric charge.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the GlobE Network, consider the following statements:

1. It is a global platform of specialised anti-corruption law enforcement authorities.
2. It operates under the framework of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).
3. India is a member of this network.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct** — The GlobE Network serves as a global platform connecting specialised anti-corruption law enforcement authorities to enhance cooperation and information sharing.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — It functions within and supports the framework of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).
- **Statement 3 is correct** — India is a member of the GlobE Network, participating in global anti-corruption collaboration.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. With reference to the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body established under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
2. It is headquartered in Chennai.
3. Its Chairperson must be a retired Supreme Court judge.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect**- NBA is established under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, not the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - It is headquartered in Chennai.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - The Chairperson is an expert in biodiversity, not necessarily a retired Supreme Court judge.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. With reference to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), consider the following statements:

1. LPG is primarily methane, while LNG mainly consists of propane and butane.
2. LNG requires cryogenic storage, whereas LPG can be stored in simple pressurised cylinders.
3. LPG is heavier than air, whereas LNG is lighter than air.

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: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation (short):

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** – composition is reversed, LPG contains propane and butane, LNG is mainly methane.
- **Statement 2 is correct** – LNG needs cryogenic storage; LPG is stored in pressurised cylinders.
- **Statement 3 is correct** – LPG is heavier than air, while natural gas (LNG in gaseous form) is lighter and disperses quickly.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. With reference to India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for the period 2031–2035 under the Paris Agreement, consider the following statements:

1. India's NDC include creating a carbon sink of 3.5 to 4.0 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through forest and tree cover by 2035.
2. The targets relating to reducing the emissions intensity of GDP are kept as same as before.
3. The targets under India's NDCs are legally binding and enforceable under international law.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

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- NDCs are **voluntary** national climate action plans by countries under the Paris Agreement. India's updated targets include reducing the emissions intensity of GDP by 47% from 2005 levels by 2035, increasing the share of non-fossil fuel-based installed electricity capacity to 60%, and creating a carbon sink of 3.5 to 4.0 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through forest and tree cover by 2035.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The term 'Blue Zones', seen in the news recently, refers to:

- (a) Marine areas identified for conservation of endangered aquatic species
- (b) Regions of the world where people live significantly longer and healthier lives
- (c) Designated ocean zones under international maritime boundaries
- (d) Areas with high levels of oceanic biodiversity and coral reefs

Answer: B

Explanation: Regions of the world where people live significantly longer and healthier lives

- The 'Blue Zones' are specific regions identified by researchers where populations exhibit exceptional longevity, low incidence of chronic diseases, and healthier lifestyles (e.g., Sardinia in Italy, Okinawa in Japan).

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first flamingo sanctuary in India.
2. The creek gets the largest source of fresh water from Mandovi River.
3. It is a Ramsar site.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary is located along the western bank of the Thane creek. It is the first flamingo sanctuary in India.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The creek gets the largest source of fresh water from Ulhas River and numerous drainage channels. It receives saline water from Arabian sea.

Statement 3 is correct: It was declared a Ramsar site by the International Wetlands Convention in 2022.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following places:

1. Vishakhapatnam
2. Mangaluru
3. Padur
4. Chandikhol

How many of the above places make up India's Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) facilities?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL), has established Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) facilities with total capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) at 3 locations, namely (i) Vishakhapatnam, (ii) Mangaluru and (iii) Padur. Under Phase II of the SPR Programme, the Government has given 'in principle' approval in June 2018 for establishing two additional SPR facilities

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with total storage capacity of 6.5 MMT at two locations namely (i) Chandikhol in Odisha (4 MMT) and (ii) Padur in Karnataka (2.5 MMT).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Tonga is located in which of the following regions?

- (a) Polynesia
- (b) Micronesia
- (c) Melanesia
- (d) Mediterranean Sea

Answer: A

Explanation: Polynesia

- Tonga is a sovereign country in Polynesia, composed of an archipelago of 169 islands located in the South Pacific Ocean.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (27 March)

Q1. The PRISM-SG Portal, recently seen in the news, has been launched to:

- (a) Promote digital payments in rural areas
- (b) Monitor agricultural supply chains
- (c) Regulate steel production in India
- (d) Improve coordination in highway and railway infrastructure projects

Answer: (d) Improve coordination in highway and railway infrastructure projects

Explanation: The PRISM-SG Portal is designed to enhance coordination between railways and road authorities, especially for infrastructure projects involving steel girder bridges.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. With reference to the QS World University Rankings, consider the following statements:

1. It is published annually.
2. India ranks second globally in terms of new entries in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2026.

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:** It is published annually
- **Statement 2 is incorrect;** India ranks fourth globally in new entries, not second.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. With reference to Rossby Waves, consider the following statements:

1. They are large-scale atmospheric waves that move in a westward direction.
2. They are influenced by Earth's rotation and temperature differences between land and ocean.
3. They occur only in the lower layers of the atmosphere.

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:

- Statements 1 and 2 are correct.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect;** Rossby waves occur mainly in the upper atmosphere (jet streams), not only in lower layers.

Source- [HT](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements about the Agnite Engine:

1. It is the world's largest single-piece 3D-printed booster engine.
2. It has been developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation.

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;** it is the world's largest single-piece 3D-printed booster engine.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect;** it has been developed by the private startup Agnikul Cosmos, not ISRO.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Harangi, Hemavati, Shimsha and Arkavati are important tributaries of which of the following rivers?

- (a) Godavari
(b) Krishna
(c) Cauvery
(d) Tungabhadra

Answer: (c) Kaveri

Explanation: Harangi, Hemavati, Shimsha, and Arkavati are tributaries of the Cauvery River, mainly flowing through Karnataka.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The Shuwaikh Port, seen in the news recently, is located in

- a) Bahrain
b) Iraq
c) Iran
d) Kuwait

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Shuwaikh Port is an urban industrial area within the Al Asimah Governorate in Kuwait City, Kuwait. It was recently targeted in a drone attack, causing material damage but no injuries.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following countries:

1. Bahrain
2. Kuwait
3. Oman
4. Qatar
5. Saudi Arabia
6. United Arab Emirates

How many of the above countries are members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)?

- (a) Only three
(b) Only four

- (c) Only five
- (d) All six

Answer: (d) All six

Explanation: The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) comprises six West Asian countries — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking Scheme:

1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. It integrates various stakeholders such as Indian missions abroad, Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs), and immigration check posts into a centralized online platform.
3. The scheme is exclusively focused on granting citizenship to foreign nationals and does not deal with visa or tracking systems.

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: IVFRT is an MHA initiative to enhance immigration and visa processes using digital systems.

Statement 2 is correct: It integrates missions abroad, FRROs, and immigration checkpoints for seamless data sharing.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It deals with visa, immigration, and tracking of foreigners, not citizenship granting.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. The Tunguska Air Defense System, seen in the news recently, belongs to

- a) Russia
- b) Iran
- c) Israel
- d) U.S.A.

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Tunguska Air Defence Missile System is a self-propelled, short-range air defence system developed by the Russia to protect ground forces from aerial threats.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Khelo India Tribal Games, 2026:

1. The 2026 edition of the games is its inaugural edition.
2. It is being hosted by Chhattisgarh.
3. 'Morveer' is the official mascot of the Games.

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

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: The inaugural edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG) is being held from 25th March to 3rd April 2026 in Chhattisgarh, across three host cities—Raipur, Jagdalpur and Sarguja. It is the first national multi-sport event under the Khelo India programme dedicated exclusively to tribal athletes, bringing participants from across 30 States and Union Territories onto a common competitive stage.

Statement 3 is correct: The official mascot, Morveer, reflects the spirit of the Games. Derived from the Chhattisgarhi words 'Mor' (our own) and 'Veer' (bravery), it symbolises pride, spirit and the identity of India's tribal communities.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (28 March)

Q1. With reference to Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. They are debt instruments issued exclusively by non-banking financial companies to raise capital.
2. They have a fixed maturity period like regular corporate bonds.
3. They can be converted into equity in case of financial distress.

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

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** AT-1 bonds are issued by banks, not exclusively by non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), to strengthen their capital base under Basel III norms.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** AT-1 bonds are perpetual instruments, meaning they do not have a fixed maturity date, unlike regular corporate bonds.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** They can be written down or converted into equity during financial distress, as part of loss absorption mechanisms.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. With reference to Honshu Island, consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest of the four main islands of Japan.
2. It is the most populous island in the world.
3. Japan's capital city, Tokyo, is located on this island.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Honshu is the largest and most significant island of Japan.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is the second-most populous island, after Java.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Tokyo is located on Honshu Island.

Source- [FP](#)

Q3. With reference to the Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) Satellite, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to conduct the first global survey of Earth's surface water and study ocean surface topography.
2. It has been developed by the European Space Agency (ESA).

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:** SWOT is designed to map global surface water and capture detailed measurements of ocean topography.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is a joint mission of NASA and Centre National D'Etudes Spatiales, France not ESA.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Operation Urja Suraksha, recently in news, has been launched by:

- (a) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Indian Coast Guard
- (d) Ministry of Power

Answer: (b) Indian Navy

Explanation: Operation Urja Suraksha has been launched by the Indian Navy to escort, guide, and safeguard India-bound energy shipments (like LPG and crude oil) through the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following description:

This tiger reserve was carved out of a larger reserve and is located in the Nallamala Hills of the Eastern Ghats in Telangana. It forms part of the catchment area of the Krishna River. It is among the largest tiger reserves in India in terms of core area and is known for the significant presence of the Chenchu tribe.

Which of the following refers to the above description?

- (a) Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve
- (b) Kawal Tiger Reserve
- (c) Sri Venkateswara Tiger Reserve
- (d) Amrabad Tiger Reserve

Answer: (d) Amrabad Tiger Reserve

Explanation: The description refers to Amrabad Tiger Reserve, which was carved out of the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve. It lies in the Nallamala Hills and is associated with the Chenchu tribe.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Payments Vision 2028:

1. It is released by the Reserve Bank of India to promote a secure, inclusive, and innovative digital payments ecosystem in India.
2. It aims to reduce the use of digital payments and encourage cash-based transactions to enhance financial stability.

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: Payments Vision 2028 is RBI's strategic roadmap to strengthen digital payments, financial inclusion, and security.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The objective is to increase digital transactions, not reduce them.

Source: [ET](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Red-Crowned Roofed Turtle:

1. Currently in India, the National Chambal River Gharial Sanctuary is the only area with substantial population of it.
2. It is primarily a marine turtle that nests along coastal beaches of the Indian Ocean.
3. It is categorized as critically endangered by the IUCN.

Which of the statements given above is/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: It is endemic to India, Bangladesh and Nepal. It is also found in the Brahmaputra river region. Historically, it was widely found across the Ganga river basin. Currently in India, the National Chambal River Gharial Sanctuary is the only area with substantial population of it.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not a marine turtle; it inhabits freshwater rivers.

Statement 3 is correct: It is a critically endangered freshwater turtle, found mainly in river systems like the Ganga.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Gruh Sugam Portal:

1. It is a digital platform launched to facilitate citizens in accessing housing-related services such as approvals, permissions, and property-related information.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development to provide employment opportunities in rural housing construction.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Gruh Sugam Portal is aimed at streamlining housing-related services and improving ease of living.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not an employment scheme under the Ministry of Rural Development, but a housing services portal.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Zojila Pass:

1. It is a high mountain pass located in the Zaskar Range of the Himalayas.
2. It lies on the Manali–Leh Highway (NH-3) and remains open throughout the year without interruption.

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: Zojila Pass connects Srinagar (Kashmir) to Leh (Ladakh) on NH-1.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not on the Manali–Leh Highway and is often closed during winters due to heavy snowfall (though a tunnel project aims for all-weather connectivity).

Source: [NDTV](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements:

1. The Dighi Port lies on the west coast of India.
2. The Gopalpur Port lies on the east coast 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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

- Recently, two ports have been identified as PoR:
- Dighi Port on the west coast, supporting traffic across the Arabian Sea and routes to the Persian Gulf.
- Gopalpur Port on the east coast, serving vessels in the Bay of Bengal and routes towards the Malacca Strait, one of the world's busiest maritime trade corridors.

Source: [NDTV](#)

10 PM MCQs (30 March)

Q1. With reference to Treasury Bills (T-Bills) in India, consider the following statements:

1. They are short-term debt instruments.
2. They are issued by both Central and State Governments to manage short-term cash requirements.
3. They pay periodic interest to investors.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** – T-Bills are short-term debt instruments.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – They are issued only by the Central Government, not by State Governments.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** – T-Bills do not pay interest; they are issued at a discount and redeemed at face value.

Source- [BL](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

UNESCO World Heritage Site – Country

1. Golestan Palace – Iran
2. Machu Picchu – Peru
3. Stonehenge – France

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct** – Golestan Palace is located in Iran (Tehran).
- **Pair 2 is correct** – Machu Picchu is located in Peru.
- **Pair 3 is incorrect** – Stonehenge is located in the United Kingdom (England), not France

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements about the Group of Seven:

1. It was founded in the late 1990s after the Cold War era.
2. China is one of its member countries.

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 G7 was established in 1975, not in the late 1990s.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – China is not a member of the G7.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. The term Euthalia zubeengargi, recently in news, refers to a species of:

- (a) Bird
- (b) Butterfly
- (c) Reptile
- (d) Mammal

Answer: (b) Butterfly

Explanation: Euthalia zubeengargi is a newly discovered species of butterfly recorded in Arunachal Pradesh. It has been named after Assamese singer Zubeen Garg.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following description:

It is cultivated on hill slopes at elevations ranging from about 600 to 1,600 metres above sea level. The crop requires a hot and humid climate, with temperatures between 15°C and 28°C and annual rainfall of 150 to 250 cm. It grows best in well-drained, loamy soils rich in humus and minerals such as iron and calcium.

The above conditions are ideal for the cultivation of which of the following crops?

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

Answer: (d) Coffee

Explanation: The given climatic and soil conditions are characteristic of coffee cultivation, especially in tropical highland regions.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Great Indian Bustard:

1. It is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List and is one of the heaviest flying birds in the world.
2. Its natural habitat is primarily tropical rainforests of Northeast India.
3. Collision with overhead power transmission lines is considered one of the major threats to its survival.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Great Indian Bustard is Critically Endangered and among the heaviest flying birds.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It inhabits arid and semi-arid grasslands, not tropical rainforests.

Statement 3 is correct: Power line collisions are a major cause of mortality for this species.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. "He was an Indian revolutionary, lawyer and journalist. In 1905, he founded the India House and The Indian Sociologist, which rapidly developed as an organised meeting point for radical nationalists among Indian students in Britain at the time. He was inspired by Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Swami Dayanand Saraswati and Herbert Spencer. He inspired Veer Savarkar who was a member of India House in London."

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

- (a) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (b) Shyamji Krishna Varma
- (c) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (d) Bipin Chandra Pal

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Shyamji Krishna Varma was a prominent revolutionary who established India House in London in 1905 and published The Indian Sociologist. It became a hub for Indian nationalists, including Veer Savarkar.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026:

1. These Rules supersedes the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
2. The rules prescribe an increase in the fuel substitution rate from current 5 % to 15 % over a six year period for industrial units.
3. The Rules provide for the provision for levy of environmental compensation based on the 'Polluter Pays' principle.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 on 27th January 2026 in the Official Gazette, superseding the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. The rules shall come into effect from April 1, 2026.

Statement 2 is correct: The rules prescribe an increase in the fuel substitution rate from current 5 % to 15 % over a six year period for industrial units, including cement plants and waste-to-energy plants for use of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF).

Statement 3 is correct: Provision for levy of environmental compensation based on the 'Polluter Pays' principle has been provided.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following in respect of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS):

1. Inaugural IONS was held in India in 2015 under the chairmanship of the Indian Navy.
2. It is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime co-operation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: The inaugural Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) was held in India in 2008, not in 2015, under the chairmanship of the Indian Navy.

Statement 2 is correct: IONS is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime cooperation among the navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Persian Leopard:

1. It is a subspecies of the leopard found primarily in the Caucasus region, Iran, and parts of Central Asia.
2. It is classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
3. It is the largest subspecies of leopard and inhabits mountainous and forested terrains.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Persian leopard (*Panthera pardus saxicolor*) is found in Iran, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is listed as Endangered, not Critically Endangered.

Statement 3 is correct: It is considered the largest leopard subspecies and prefers mountainous and forested habitats.

Source: [DTE](#)

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Q1. With reference to the depreciation of the Indian rupee, consider the following measures that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may adopt to stabilise the currency:

1. Selling US dollars from its foreign exchange reserves in the market
2. Imposing limits on banks' net open foreign exchange positions
3. Increasing the repo rate to attract foreign capital inflows
4. Liberalising External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) norms

Which of the above measures can help in stabilising the rupee?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** RBI can sell US dollars from its forex reserves to increase dollar supply and support the rupee.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Limiting banks' net open forex positions reduces speculation and volatility in the currency market.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Increasing the repo rate attracts foreign capital inflows, strengthening the rupee.

- **Statement 4 is correct:** Liberalising ECB norms boosts foreign currency inflows, helping stabilise the exchange rate.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. With reference to the legal framework governing inter-State river water disputes in India, consider the following statements:

1. Article 262 empowers Parliament to adjudicate inter-State water disputes.
2. The Supreme Court can directly adjudicate inter-State river water disputes under its original jurisdiction.
3. The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Act, 2002 introduced time limits for tribunal constitution and award delivery.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 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:** Article 262 empowers Parliament to provide for adjudication of inter-State water disputes.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Supreme Court cannot directly adjudicate such disputes; its jurisdiction can be barred.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The 2002 amendment introduced time limits for tribunal formation and award delivery.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. The Baltic Sea is connected to the Atlantic Ocean via the North Sea through the narrow straits of:

- (a) Bosphorus and Dardanelles
- (b) Gibraltar and Sicily
- (c) Kattegat and Skagerrak
- (d) Malacca and Sunda

Answer: (c) Kattegat and Skagerrak

Explanation: The Baltic Sea connects to the Atlantic Ocean through the North Sea via the Kattegat and Skagerrak straits.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q4. Consider the following pairs:

1. Balirajgarh Site – Bihar
2. Zhenpora (Zehanpora) Stupa – Ladakh
3. Keeladi – Tamil Nadu

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct:** Balirajgarh is located in Bihar.
- **Pair 2 is incorrect:** Zehanpora Stupa is located in Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir, not Ladakh.
- **Pair 3 is correct:** Keeladi is located in Tamil Nadu.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to Extracellular RNA (exRNA), consider the following statements:

1. exRNA is found outside cells and can be present in body fluids such as blood and saliva.

2. exRNA is rapidly degraded outside cells and therefore cannot play any role in intercellular communication.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** exRNA exists outside cells and is found in body fluids.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** exRNA is protected in molecular carriers and plays a role in cell-to-cell communication.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Jan Samarth Portal:

1. It is a unified digital platform launched to provide end-to-end services for multiple credit-linked government schemes.
2. It integrates various ministries and financial institutions, enabling beneficiaries to check eligibility and apply for loans under different schemes through a single portal.
3. It is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

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: Jan Samarth is a one-stop digital platform for credit-linked schemes.

Statement 2 is correct: It integrates multiple schemes and financial institutions for seamless loan access.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is not limited to farmers nor implemented solely by the Ministry of Rural Development; it covers multiple sectors and ministries.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Zambezi River:

1. It flows through six countries of southern Africa and forms the famous Victoria Falls on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe.
2. The Kariba Dam is located on the Zambezi River.
3. It drains into the Atlantic Ocean.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Zambezi flows through six countries and forms Victoria Falls (Zambia–Zimbabwe border).

Statement 2 is correct: The Kariba Dam is on the Zambezi and is jointly operated by Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It drains into the Indian Ocean via a 100-km-wide delta.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. The “e-commerce moratorium”, seen in the news recently, is about:

- (a) Temporary ban on cross-border e-commerce transactions

- (b) Prohibition on foreign direct investment in online retail platforms
- (c) Temporary prohibition on imposing customs duties on electronic transmissions
- (d) Restriction on digital payments through international platforms

Answer: C

Explanation: Temporary prohibition on imposing customs duties on electronic transmissions

- The e-commerce moratorium refers to the WTO arrangement under which member countries do not impose customs duties on electronic transmissions (such as digital products, software, music, etc.).

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Indian cattle breeds:

1. The Murrah cattle are native to Rohtak, Hisar and Jind of Haryana and Nabha and Patiala districts of Punjab.
 2. The Sahiwal cattle are found in the Punjab provinces of both Pakistan and India, particularly in Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan.
 3. The Tharparkar cattle is also known as the White Sindhi or Gray Sindhi.
- How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Murrah cattle are the most important breed of buffaloes whose home is Rohtak, Hisar and Jind of Haryana and Nabha and Patiala districts of Punjab.

Statement 2 is correct: The Sahiwal breed originates from the Sahiwal district in the Punjab region of Pakistan. It is found in the Punjab provinces of both Pakistan and India, particularly in Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan.

Statement 3 is correct: Tharparkar originated in Tharparkar district (Pakistan) of undivided India and also found in Rajasthan. Otherwise known as White Sindhi, Gray Sindhi and Thari.

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Myntdu River:

1. It is described as the guardian and protector of the inhabitants of Jowai region in Arunachal Pradesh.
2. It is a small tributary of the Brahmaputra River.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Both are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Myntdu River originates in the Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya, near the village of Mihmyntdu, approximately 2 km from the district headquarters of Jowai. It is often described as the guardian and protector of the inhabitants of Jowai region.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The river flows across Jowai, and then through Leshka, to reach the village Borghat, within Jaintia Hills, before finally entering Bangladesh, where it is locally called 'Shari' (or 'Hari'). It ultimately joins the Surma-Meghna river system.

Source: [DTE](#)