

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (1 April)

Q1. Consider the following statements:

1. India's maritime sector contributes more than 10% to the country's GDP.
2. India accounts for around 5% of the global shipbuilding market.

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 maritime sector contributes about 4% to India's GDP, not more than 10%.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect-** India's share in global shipbuilding is extremely low (~0.06%), not 5%.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

1. Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve — Telangana
2. Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve — Madhya Pradesh
3. Pakke Tiger Reserve — Odisha

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (d) None

Explanation:

- Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve is located in Maharashtra, not Telangana.
- Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve is in Rajasthan, not Madhya Pradesh.
- Pakke Tiger Reserve is in Arunachal Pradesh, not Odisha.

Source- [The Print](#)

Q3. With reference to Agray, recently delivered to the Indian Navy, consider the following statements:

1. It is a nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine.
2. It is indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata.

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:

- Agray is not a nuclear-powered submarine; it is an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.
- It has been indigenously designed and built by GRSE, Kolkata.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. With reference to Energy Statistics India 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
2. Renewable energy generation in India stood at around 100 lakh Megawatt.
3. Gujarat is the top state followed by Rajasthan and Maharashtra in renewable energy generation.

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

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

Answer: (d) None

Explanation:

- The report is released by the National Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, not MNRE.
- Renewable energy generation is ~47 lakh MW, not 100 lakh MW.
- Rajasthan is the top state, followed by Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q5. With reference to the 'Bhavasagara' Referral Centre of the Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology, consider the following statements:

1. It has been designated as a National Repository for Deep-Sea Fauna under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The CMLRE, under which it functions, operates under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
3. The designation was conferred by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

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:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The designation is under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, not the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- **Statements 2 and 3 are correct.**

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. The book "Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament" is authored by:

- (a) Sudha Murthy
- (b) Om Birla
- (c) Meenakshi Lekhi
- (d) Smriti Irani

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Vice President of India and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, released the book 'Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament', a Lok Sabha Secretariat publication authored by Smt. Sudha Murty, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), at Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Cooum River:

1. It originates in the Kesavaram Anicut region of Tamil Nadu.
2. It flows through Chennai before draining 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: C

Explanation: Both are correct

- The Cooum originates near Kesavaram (Tiruvallur district) and flows through Chennai into the Bay of Bengal. It is a short and highly polluted river, not a major perennial river for irrigation.

Source: DTE

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC):

1. It is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, established to promote exports of handmade carpets and other floor coverings.
2. It functions as a statutory regulator with powers to impose mandatory export quotas and fix prices for carpet exports.

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: CEPC was set up in 1982 under the Ministry of Textiles to promote exports of handmade carpets and provide support to exporters.

Statement 2 is incorrect: CEPC is a promotion council, not a statutory regulatory authority; it does not impose quotas or fix prices.

Source: TH

Q9. Consider the following statements about the SHRESHTA Scheme:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
3. It is limited only to students studying in government schools and excludes those from private or aided institutions.

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: SHRESHTA (Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas) is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at SC students.

Statement 2 is correct: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the implementing ministry.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme is not restricted only to government school students; eligibility is broader based on socio-economic criteria.

Source: PIB

Q10. With reference to the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. This scheme is designed to reimburse exporters for embedded duties, taxes, and levies that are not otherwise refunded under any other existing scheme.
2. It is compliant with World Trade Organization (WTO) norms.
3. The Ministry of Textile is the nodal ministry of this scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Operational since 1st January 2021, the RoDTEP scheme is designed to reimburse exporters for embedded duties, taxes, and levies that are not otherwise refunded under any other existing scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: It is compliant with World Trade Organization (WTO) norms and is implemented via a comprehensive end-to-end digital platform to ensure transparency and efficiency.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Ministry of Commerce & Industry is the nodal ministry for this scheme.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (2 April)

Q1. Consider the following description:

A Mauryan emperor, also known by names such as Indrapalit, Sangat, and Vigatashok. His life is described in Jain texts like Sampratikatha, Parishistaparva, and Prabhavakcharita. He played a crucial role in spreading Jainism and the principle of ahimsa across the Indian subcontinent and is often referred to as the "Jain Ashoka". Which of the following personalities is referred to above?

- (a) Kunal
- (b) Bindusara
- (c) Samrat Samprati
- (d) Dasharatha Maurya

Answer: (c) Samrat Samprati

Source- [NOA](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Artemis II mission:

1. The mission will land humans on the Moon and return to Earth after completing one lunar orbit.
2. The mission will take a longer, fuel-efficient trajectory similar to recent uncrewed lunar missions like Chandrayaan-3.

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** - Artemis II will not land on the Moon.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - It will follow a faster trajectory, not a fuel-efficient longer route like Chandrayaan-3.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

It is the second largest wildlife sanctuary in Himachal Pradesh. It houses the famous Manimahesh Temple, attracting thousands of pilgrims despite difficult terrain and extreme cold conditions. The sanctuary is surrounded by the Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary in the south-east and the Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary in the north-west.

Which of the following correctly refers to the above sanctuary?

- (a) Great Himalayan National Park
- (b) Kalatop Khajjiar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Kugti Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Chail Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: (c) Kugti Wildlife Sanctuary

Source- [Tribune](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. France
2. Portugal
3. Andorra

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

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation: Spain shares land borders with France (north-east), Portugal (west), and Andorra (a small landlocked microstate nestled in the eastern Pyrenees).

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Nagoya Protocol:

1. It is a supplementary agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity that deals with fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources.
2. India signed the Protocol but did not ratify it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation: Statement 2 is incorrect - India both signed (2011) and ratified (2012) the protocol.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding TAK-003 (Qdenga):

1. It is a dengue vaccine developed designed to provide protection against serotypes of the dengue virus.
2. It is a messenger RNA (mRNA)-based vaccine similar to COVID-19 vaccines and requires ultra-cold storage conditions.

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: TAK-003 (Qdenga) is a dengue vaccine targeting dengue serotypes.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not an mRNA vaccine; it is a live-attenuated vaccine and does not require ultra-cold storage.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Molucca Sea:

1. It is located in the western Pacific Ocean and is surrounded by islands of Indonesia.
2. It lies between the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea and serves as a major route for oil shipments to Europe.

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 Molucca Sea is a marginal sea of the western Pacific, located between Sulawesi and Halmahera (Indonesia).

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not located between the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, nor is it a major oil transit route like the Strait of Hormuz.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. The Lampedusa Island, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- (a) Mediterranean Sea
- (b) Black Sea
- (c) Baltic Sea
- (d) Red Sea

Answer: A

Explanation: Mediterranean Sea

- Lampedusa Island is part of Italy and lies in the Mediterranean Sea, closer to the coast of North Africa (Tunisia) than mainland Italy.

Source: [Print](#)

Q9. The Cherkasy region, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Ukraine
- b) Iran
- c) Russia
- d) Lebanon

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Cherkasy Oblast also referred to as Cherkashchyna is an oblast (province) in central Ukraine located along the Dnieper River. Recently, Russia launched a rare daytime drone attack on Ukraine, killing four people in the central Cherkasy region.

Source: [Print](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Biotech-KISAN:

1. It is an initiative aimed at linking scientific research institutions with farmers to promote bio-based agricultural solutions.
2. The scheme focuses on empowering small and marginal farmers, through capacity building and technological interventions.
3. It is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare as a direct income support scheme providing cash transfers to farmers.

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: Biotech-KISAN connects scientists and farmers to promote biotechnology in agriculture.

Statement 2 is correct: It targets small/marginal farmers and women farmers for capacity building.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is not a cash transfer scheme, but a technology and capacity-building initiative under DBT.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (3 April)

Q1. Consider the following pairs:

Places in News Location

1. Naqoura - Lebanon
2. Tyre - Israel
3. Golestan Palace - Saudi Arabia

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:

- Naqoura – Correctly matched with Lebanon
- Tyre – Incorrect; it is in Lebanon, not Israel.
- Golestan Palace – Incorrect; it is located in Iran (Tehran), not Saudi Arabia.

Source- [euronews](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about the Rice's whale:

1. It was recognised as a distinct species and is found in the Gulf of Mexico.
2. It is classified as Critically Endangered by the IUCN.

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** - Rice's whale was identified as a separate species in 2021 and is found in the Gulf of Mexico.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - it is classified as Endangered, not Critically Endangered.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G):

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.
3. The minimum house size under the scheme is 25 sq. m.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** — PMAY-G is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, not a Central Sector Scheme.

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- **Statement 2 is correct** — it is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — the minimum house size is 25 sq. m. including space for cooking.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the YUVIKA Programme:

1. It is a learning and awareness programme launched by Niti aayog.
2. Students who have completed Class 10 can apply for the programme.
3. Students from rural areas are given special weightage in selection.

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** — YUVIKA is launched by ISRO, not NITI Aayog.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — it is meant for students moving from Class 8 to 9.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — rural students are given special weightage.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about Algeria:

1. It is located in the Sahel region of north Africa.
2. It has a coastline on the Atlantic Ocean.

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** — Algeria lies in North Africa, but the Sahel is a semi-arid belt south of the Sahara; Algeria is primarily part of the Sahara Desert and the Maghreb region.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — it has a coastline along the Mediterranean Sea, not the Atlantic Ocean.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve:

1. It is located in the Tarai-Bhabar belt of the upper Gangetic plains of Bihar.
2. The Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary is part of this tiger reserve.
3. The reserve is famous for some of the finest examples of Sal forests (*Shorea robusta*) in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: It is located on the Indo-Nepal border in the district Lakhimpur-Kheri in Uttar Pradesh. It is a typical Tarai-Bhabar habitat of the upper Gangetic plains Biogeographic province.

Statement 2 is correct: It includes the Dudhwa National Park, and two nearby Sanctuaries, viz. Kishanpur and Katarniaghat, besides forest areas of North Kheri, South Kheri, and Shahjahanpur forest divisions in its buffer.

Statement 3 is correct: The vegetation is of the North Indian Moist Deciduous type, containing some of the finest examples of Sal forests (*Shorea robusta*) in India.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Softshell Turtle:

It is a freshwater turtle species found in river systems such as the Ganga, Indus, and Mahanadi basins.

It is classified as “Critically Endangered” under the IUCN Red List.

It is primarily carnivorous and plays an important role as a scavenger in maintaining river ecosystem health.

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: It is a freshwater species found in major Indian river systems.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not Critically Endangered (generally listed as Vulnerable).

Statement 3 is correct: It is carnivorous/scavenging, helping maintain river ecosystem balance.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Non-Deliverable Derivative (NDD) market:

1. It refers to derivative contracts where the underlying asset is not physically delivered and settlement is done in cash based on a reference rate.

2. It is mainly used in currencies that are fully convertible and freely traded in global markets.

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: NDDs are cash-settled derivative contracts without physical delivery of the underlying asset.

Statement 2 is incorrect: They are typically used for non-convertible or restricted currencies, not freely convertible ones.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Section 126(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951:

1. It prohibits the display of election-related content in electronic media, including television and similar apparatus, during the 48 hours preceding the conclusion of polling.

2. Violation of this provision of RPA is punishable with imprisonment.

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: Section 126(1)(b) imposes a “silence period” of 48 hours, restricting election-related content in electronic media.

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Statement 2 is correct: Violation of the aforesaid provisions of Section 126 is punishable with imprisonment upto a period of two years, or with fine or both.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the pardoning powers of the Governor of a state:

1. The Governor can grant pardon, reprieve, respite, remission, or commutation of sentence for offences against laws within the executive power of the State under Article 161 of the Constitution.
2. The Governor can grant pardon in cases of death sentence in all circumstances, including those under laws made by Parliament.

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: Under Article 161, the Governor has pardoning powers for offences under State laws.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Governor cannot grant pardon in all death sentence cases; this power primarily lies with the President under Article 72.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (4 April)

Q1. Consider the following statements:

1. The private sector contributed a higher share than Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) in total defence exports in FY 2025–26.
2. India has set a target of Rs. 1 Lakh crore in defence exports by 2029.

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:** DPSUs (54.84%) contributed more than the private sector (45.16%).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India's defence export target is ₹50,000 crore by 2029, not ₹1,00,000 crore.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

1. East Timor
2. Papua New Guinea
3. Malaysia

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

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- **East Timor (Timor-Leste):** Shares a land border with Indonesia on the island of Timor.
- **Papua New Guinea:** Shares a land border with Indonesia on the island of New Guinea.
- **Malaysia:** Shares a land border with Indonesia on the island of Borneo.

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Source- [bbc](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding INS Taragiri:

1. It is a Nilgiri-class frigate of the Indian Navy.
2. It has 100% indigenisation component.
3. It has been built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** INS Taragiri is part of the Nilgiri-class (Project 17A) stealth frigates.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The indigenisation level is about 75%, not 100%.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), not GRSE.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

It is a national park located in Uttarakhand, situated along the upper catchment of the Bhagirathi River. The northeastern boundary of the park forms part of the India–Tibet (China) international boundary. The park also shares boundaries with Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary. Prominent peaks in the region include Chaukhamba, Satopanth, and Kedarnath.

Which of the following does the above description refer to?

- (a) Valley of Flowers National Park
- (b) Nanda Devi National Park
- (c) Gangotri National Park
- (d) Govind National Park

Answer: (c) Gangotri National Park

Explanation: The description matches Gangotri National Park, known for its location in the upper Bhagirathi basin, proximity to the India–Tibet border, and presence of major Himalayan peaks like Chaukhamba and Satopanth.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding nuclear fusion:

Assertion (A): Nuclear fusion is considered a more promising source of clean energy than nuclear fission.

Reason (R): It produces no long-lived radioactive waste and uses abundant fuels such as isotopes of hydrogen.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- **Assertion (A) is correct:** Nuclear fusion is considered more promising due to its higher energy efficiency and lower environmental risks compared to fission.
- **Reason (R) is correct:** Fusion produces helium as a byproduct, generates no long-lived radioactive waste, and uses abundant fuels like deuterium and tritium.
- Hence, R correctly explains A.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the BioNEST:

1. It is an initiative aimed at fostering bio-entrepreneurship by establishing biotechnology incubation centers across India.
2. It provides infrastructure, mentorship, and funding support to startups and innovators in the biotechnology sector.
3. It is implemented under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry as part of the Startup India programme.

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: BioNEST is a DBT initiative to promote biotech startups through incubators.

Statement 2 is correct: It offers infrastructure, mentoring, and financial support.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is not under the Ministry of Commerce, but under the Department of Biotechnology (Ministry of Science & Technology).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Nicobarese and the Shompen:

1. The Nicobarese are a relatively more assimilated tribal group inhabiting several Nicobar Islands, whereas the Shompen are a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) living in the interior forests of Great Nicobar Island.
2. Both the Nicobarese and Shompen are nomadic hunter-gatherers with no practice of settled agriculture.

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: Nicobarese are relatively assimilated, while Shompen are a PVTG living in isolation in Great Nicobar.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Nicobarese practice settled agriculture (especially coconut cultivation), whereas Shompen are more hunter-gatherer/semi-nomadic.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding INS Aridhaman:

1. It is an indigenously built nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) of the Indian Navy and part of India's nuclear triad.
2. It is designed to carry submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) such as K-4, enabling second-strike capability.
3. It is the first submarine of the Arihant-class and was commissioned before INS Arihant.

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: INS Aridhaman is an indigenous SSBN, part of India's credible nuclear deterrence.

Statement 2 is correct: It can carry SLBMs like K-4, enhancing second-strike capability.

Statement 3 is incorrect: INS Arihant is the first submarine of the class, not Aridhaman.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. With reference to the SAMPANN portal, consider the following statements:

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

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

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

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Namu Drone Didi Yojana:

1. It aims to provide drones to Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for offering agricultural services such as spraying fertilizers and pesticides.
2. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare with support from the Ministry of Rural Development, particularly through Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
3. Under the scheme, drones are provided entirely free of cost to all eligible SHGs without any financial contribution or credit support mechanism.

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 scheme promotes drone-based agricultural services through women SHGs.

Statement 2 is correct: It is implemented with coordination between Agriculture Ministry and NRLM (Rural Development).

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme involves subsidy + credit support, not fully free distribution.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (6 April)

Q1. Consider the following statement:

Assertion (A): Western Disturbances are extra-tropical cyclones that bring winter rainfall and snowfall to northern India.

Reason (R): They originate over the North Atlantic Ocean and move westward across Asia due to trade winds.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is correct, but R is incorrect
- (d) A is incorrect, but R is correct

Answer: (c)

Explanation: The assertion is correct. However, the reason is incorrect because Western Disturbances originate over the Mediterranean, Caspian, and Black Seas and move eastward with the subtropical westerly jet stream-not from the North Atlantic nor under the influence of trade winds.

Source- [ET](#)

Q2. Consider the following description:

It is a wildlife sanctuary located in the state of Chhattisgarh. The tributaries of the Mahanadi are the source of water. The River Balamdehi forms the western boundary, and the Jonk River forms the northeastern boundary of the sanctuary. The sanctuary primarily consists of tropical dry deciduous forests.

Which of the following refers to the above sanctuary?

- (a) Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve
- (b) Indravati National Park
- (c) Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: (d)

Explanation: The given features-location in Mahasamund district, river boundaries (Balamdehi and Jonk), and dry deciduous vegetation- correctly describe Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Russia
- 2. Georgia
- 3. Armenia
- 4. Iran

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

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Azerbaijan shares land borders with all the listed countries—Russia, Georgia, Armenia, and Iran (in addition to Turkey via the Nakhchivan exclave). Hence, all four are correct.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Yuva Sangam:

- 1. It is a youth exchange programme aimed at promoting engagement among young people across different regions of India.
- 2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct**—Yuva Sangam promotes youth engagement across regions.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect**—it is anchored by the Ministry of Education and implemented through Higher Education Institutions, not by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Sādhana Saptah Initiative, recently in news, is launched to:

- (a) Promote citizen-centric governance and capacity building of civil servants
- (b) Strengthen administrative training infrastructure for civil services
- (c) Improve efficiency and performance evaluation mechanisms in government departments
- (d) Promote tourism in heritage sites

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Sādhanā Saptah is an initiative under Mission Karmayogi aimed at fostering skills for citizen-centric governance and enhancing the capacity of civil servants. Options (b) and (c) are related but not the primary objective.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the Bengal Florican, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a bird species found in the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.
- 2. In India, it is mainly found in the Himalayan alpine zones and cold desert regions.
- 3. It is listed as endangered by the IUCN.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct and Statement 2 is incorrect: The Bengal florican is a bustard mostly found in the seasonally inundated alluvial grasslands of the Gangetic-Brahmaputra plains of India and Nepal. Beyond India and Nepal, the only remaining population, of a second subspecies known as Houbaropsis blandini, survives in the Tonle Sap floodplain of Cambodia.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Bengal Florican is a critically endangered grassland bird.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. With reference to Measles, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is caused by a virus belonging to the Paramyxoviridae family.
- 2. It spreads primarily through respiratory droplets.
- 3. The Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) covers vaccination against measles.

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 caused by the measles virus (MV), a paramyxovirus of the genus Morbillivirus.

Statement 2 is correct: It spreads by contact with infected nasal or throat secretions (coughing or sneezing) or breathing the air that was breathed by an infected person.

Statement 3 is correct: Two doses of the Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine are administered under the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP)—the first at 9–12 months and the second at 16–24 months of age.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Ad Valorem Duty is a type of tax that is levied as a percentage of the value of goods or transactions.

Reason (R): It ensures that the tax burden automatically increases with the price or value of the goods.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A

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- (b) Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is correct, but R is incorrect
- (d) A is incorrect, but R is correct

Answer: A

Explanation: Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A

- Ad valorem duty is value-based taxation.
- Since it is charged as a percentage, higher value → higher tax, which explains the assertion.

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Development Partnership Fund:

1. It is a fund established by India in partnership with the United Nations.
2. The Commonwealth Window of this Fund aims to catalyse the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the developing countries of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: It is a fund established by India in partnership with the United Nations to support development projects in other developing countries, especially in the Global South.

Statement 2 is correct: The Commonwealth Window of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund aims to catalyse the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the developing countries of the Commonwealth of Nations, a voluntary association of independent and equal sovereign States comprised mainly of former territories of the British Empire, including India.

Source: [ET](#)

Q10. He was an Indian independence activist and politician. He was a member of the Constituent Assembly of India, where he ensured that social justice was enshrined in the Constitution. He served as a minister with various portfolios for over 30 years, making him the longest-serving Union Cabinet minister in Indian history. He was instrumental in the foundation of the All India Depressed Classes League, an organisation dedicated to attaining equality for Dalits, in 1935.

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

- a) B. R. Ambedkar
- b) Jogindranath Mandal
- c) Babu Jagjivan Ram
- d) M. C. Rajah

Answer: C

Explanation: Babu Jagjivan Ram

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (7 April)

Q1. Mission MITRA, recently in news, is related to:

- (a) Testing satellite navigation systems for deep space missions
- (b) Development of reusable launch vehicles
- (c) Behavioural assessment of astronauts for human spaceflight missions
- (d) Mapping mineral resources on the Moon

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Mission MITRA (Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Response Assessment) is a behavioural study by Indian Space Research Organisation in collaboration with the Indian Air Force's Institute of Aerospace

Medicine to evaluate mental, physical, and crew compatibility traits for human spaceflight missions under Gaganyaan.

Source- IE

Q2. With reference to India's Three-Stage Nuclear Power Programme, consider the following statements:

1. In Stage I, Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) use natural uranium as fuel, and irradiation converts U-238 into plutonium-239.
 2. In Stage II, Fast Breeder Reactors (FBRs) use thorium directly as the primary fissile fuel.
 3. In Stage III, thorium (Th-232) is used to breed uranium-233, which serves as the principal fissile fuel.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** PHWRs operate on natural uranium. During reactor operation, U-238 captures neutrons and is converted into fissile Pu-239, which is later used in Stage II.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** FBRs primarily use plutonium-239 (with uranium) as fuel. Thorium is not the main fissile material here; it may be used in the blanket for breeding.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Stage III is based on the thorium cycle, where Th-232 is converted into fissile U-233, which sustains the reactor.

Source- NIE

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding "Forever Chemicals" (PFAS):

1. PFAS are naturally occurring chemicals found in soil and water.
2. PFAS are easily degraded in the environment.
3. These are classified as Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

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

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect as PFAS are man-made and highly resistant to degradation. Statement 3 is correct since some PFAS are listed as POPs under the Stockholm Convention.

Source- DTE

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Oman
3. Qatar

How many of the above countries share a land border with the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

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- The United Arab Emirates shares land borders with Saudi Arabia (west and south) and Oman (east and northeast).
- Qatar does not share a land border with the UAE

Source- DDnews

Q5. With reference to the ceramic industry in India, consider the following statements:

1. Morbi in Gujarat accounts for nearly 90% of India's ceramic production.
2. India is the largest manufacturer of ceramic tiles in the world.

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:** Morbi is the hub of India's ceramic industry, contributing around 90% of production.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India is the second-largest, not the largest, manufacturer of ceramic tiles globally.

Source- IE

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE):

1. It is conducted by the National Statistical Office to collect data on the performance and structure of the incorporated services sector in India.
2. It covers only unincorporated enterprises engaged in services such as trade, transport, and hospitality.
3. The survey provides key indicators such as Gross Value Added (GVA), employment, and financial performance of companies in the services sector.

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: ASISSE is conducted by the NSO.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It covers incorporated enterprises, not unincorporated ones.

Statement 3 is correct: It provides GVA, employment, and financial indicators of the services sector.

Source: PIB

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Hokarsar Lake:

1. It is a Ramsar site located in Jammu and Kashmir.
2. It is primarily a high-altitude glacial lake formed by tectonic activity in the Himalayas.

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: Hokarsar is a wetland Ramsar site and a key bird habitat.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is a shallow wetland, not a glacial or tectonic lake.

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Source: TH

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Balasan river, seen in the news recently:

1. It originates from the Darjeeling Himalayas.
2. It is an important tributary of river Ganga.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Balasan River originates from Jorepokhari near Lepchajagat at an altitude of about 2,361 m in the Darjeeling Himalayas, below Tiger Hill.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The river joins the Mahananda River (which in fact is a tributary of Ganga River) at Nougaghat, near Siliguri.

Source: DTE

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Heat Health Information Network:

1. It is a global initiative that brings together experts and institutions to address the health risks associated with extreme heat.
2. It is led by the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization.
3. It primarily focuses on providing financial assistance to countries affected by heatwaves.

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: GHHIN is a collaborative global network on heat-health risks.

Statement 2 is correct: It is jointly led by WHO and WMO.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It focuses on knowledge sharing, research, and policy support, not direct financial aid.

Source: DD News

Q10. The King Fahd Causeway, seen in the news recently, connects which of the following?

- (a) Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
- (b) Saudi Arabia and Bahrain
- (c) Qatar and Bahrain
- (d) United Arab Emirates and Oman

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Saudi Arabia and Bahrain

- The King Fahd Causeway is a 25 km long bridge-causeway linking Saudi Arabia and Bahrain across the Persian Gulf.

Source: AIR

10 PM MCQs (8 April)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Amaravati:

1. It served as the capital of the Satavahana dynasty.
2. The Chinese traveller Fa-Hien visited Amaravati and described its Hindu temples.

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** - Amaravati was an important centre under the Satavahanas.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - Fa-Hien did not describe Amaravati's Hindu temples; instead, Xuanzang visited the region and documented its Buddhist establishments.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following Mahajanapadas:

1. Kamboja
2. Vatsa
3. Kosala
4. Videha

What is the correct sequence of these Mahajanapadas from west to east?

- (a) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- (b) 1 - 3 - 2 - 4
- (c) 2 - 1 - 4 - 3
- (d) 3 - 1 - 2 - 4

Answer: (b) 1 - 3 - 2 - 4

Explanation- (Kamboja - northwest → Kosala - north-central → Vatsa - Allahabad region → Videha - eastern Bihar)

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Madras Hedgehog:

1. It is endemic to peninsular India.
2. It is a nocturnal species.
3. It is classified as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List.

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: All three statements are correct.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following minerals:

1. Barytes
2. Felspar
3. Mica
4. Quartz

How many of the above are currently classified as major minerals in India?

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

Answer: (d) All four

Explanation: In 2025, the Ministry of Mines reclassified Barytes, Felspar, Mica, and Quartz from minor to major minerals

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Draft Tar-balls Management Rules, 2026:

1. Tar balls exceeding 1,500 kcal/kg calorific value must be disposed of only in secured landfills authorised by the Central Pollution Control Board.
2. State governments are directed to declare coastal tar-ball pollution as a state disaster under the Disaster Management Act.

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:** Tar balls (>1500 kcal/kg) can be used as fuel in cement industries with authorisation from the State Pollution Control Board, not mandatorily landfilled or authorised by CPCB.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** States must treat tar-ball pollution as a state disaster and include it in disaster management plans.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Credit Default Swap:

1. It is a financial derivative that allows an investor to hedge against the risk of default on a debt instrument.
2. In a CDS contract, the buyer receives periodic payments and agrees to compensate the seller in case of default.
3. CDS spreads are often used as an indicator of the perceived credit risk of a borrower.

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: CDS acts as insurance against default risk.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The buyer pays periodic premium to the seller, not receives it.

Statement 3 is correct: Higher CDS spread → higher perceived credit risk.

Source: BS

Q7. The Nakki Lake, seen in the news recently, is located in

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Nakki Lake is a lake situated at Mount Abu in Rajasthan. It is recognized as the first ever manmade lake in India.

Source: DD News

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry:

1. It aims to support the creation of global food manufacturing champions and promote Indian food brands abroad.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
3. The scheme provides incentives based on employment generation alone, irrespective of incremental sales.

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: It promotes global champions and Indian brands abroad.

Statement 2 is correct: It is implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Incentives are based on incremental sales, not solely employment generation.

Source: PIB

Q9. *Excoecaria agallocha*, *Avicennia officinalis* and *Heritiera fomes*, seen in the news recently, are -

- (a) Species of mangrove plants
- (b) Coral reef-forming organisms
- (c) Freshwater invasive fish species
- (d) Medicinal alpine herbs

Answer: A

Explanation: Species of mangrove plants

- These species are true mangrove plants found in coastal and estuarine ecosystems, especially in regions like the Sundarbans.

Source: DTE

Q10. The Arjunsar region, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Haryana

Answer: B

Explanation: Rajasthan

- The Arjunsar region is located in Bikaner district of Rajasthan. In early April 2026, it gained attention for experiencing intense, unseasonal hailstorms that covered the desert landscape in a thick layer of white ice, severely damaging nearby Rabi crops.

Source: DTE