

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (1 May)

Q1. Vikram VT 21 project, recently seen in news, is related to the development of:

- (a) Hypersonic missile system
- (b) Anti-drone surveillance platform
- (c) Nuclear-powered submarine
- (d) Futuristic Infantry Combat Vehicle

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Vikram VT 21, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is an advanced armoured platform designed as a potential solution for the Indian Army's Futuristic Infantry Combat Vehicle requirement.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. The term "Peace Clause", frequently seen in news, is used in the context of:

- (a) Climate change negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- (b) Nuclear disarmament agreements under the International Atomic Energy Agency
- (c) Food subsidy programmes under the World Trade Organization
- (d) Maritime boundary disputes under the United Nations

Answer: (c)

Explanation: The Peace Clause, agreed at the Bali Ministerial Conference (2013) of the World Trade Organization, allows developing countries to continue providing subsidies under public stockholding programmes for food security without facing legal challenges under WTO rules.

Source- [ET](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding internationalisation of the Indian Rupee:

- 1. It seeks to promote the use of the rupee in cross-border trade, investments and financial transactions.
- 2. Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA) are accounts opened by Indian banks in foreign countries to facilitate trade settlement.
- 3. A Nostro account is maintained by a domestic bank in foreign currency with a bank in another country.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Internationalisation of rupee means increasing the use of INR in global trade, investment, and financial transactions.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA) are opened by foreign banks with Authorised Dealer banks in India, not by Indian banks in foreign countries.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** A Nostro account is maintained by a domestic bank in foreign currency with a bank located in another country.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the term 'Tathagata' in Buddhism:

- 1. The term 'Tathagata' is used in Buddhist texts to refer to Gautama Buddha and signifies one who has attained full enlightenment.
- 2. The concept of the Five Tathagatas is primarily associated with Theravada Buddhism and represents different monastic orders.

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** — ‘Tathagata’ is a title used for the Buddha, meaning “thus gone” or “thus come,” indicating enlightenment.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — The Five Tathagatas are associated with Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism, representing different aspects of enlightened wisdom and compassion.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the geography of Italy:

1. The terrain of Italy is predominantly flat plains with limited mountainous regions.
2. The Po River is the longest river of Italy.
3. Mont Blanc is the highest point in Italy.

Which of the statements given above 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** — Italy is largely rugged and mountainous (dominated by the Alps and Apennine Mountains), with some plains and coastal lowlands.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — Po River is Italy’s longest river.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — Mont Blanc is the highest point associated with Italy.

Source- [DH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements:

1. Brain death is defined as the irreversible loss of all functions of the brain, including the brainstem.
2. Electroencephalography (EEG) and cerebral angiography are used to confirm brain death by demonstrating absence of brain electrical activity and cerebral blood flow, respectively.

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 1 and 2

- Brain death involves complete and irreversible cessation of brain and brainstem function. EEG and angiogram are diagnostic tools used to support confirmation by showing no electrical activity and no cerebral blood flow.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the election of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN):

1. The Secretary-General is appointed by the UN General Assembly on the recommendation of the UN Security Council.
2. Any permanent member of the UN Security Council can block a candidate through the use of veto power during the selection process.
3. The Secretary-General is elected for a fixed single term of six years and cannot be reappointed.

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 UN General Assembly appoints the Secretary-General based on the recommendation of the Security Council.

Statement 2 is correct: Permanent members (P5) can veto any candidate during Security Council deliberations.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The term is typically 5 years and renewable, not a fixed single 6-year non-renewable term.

Source: TH

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) in infrastructure projects:

1. Under the Hybrid Annuity Mode, the government typically provides about 40% of the project cost during the construction phase, while the remaining is paid as annuities over time.
2. In HAM projects, the traffic risk is borne entirely by the private concessionaire.
3. The implementation and regulation of HAM projects in the road sector in India are primarily overseen by agencies such as the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

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: In HAM, the government funds about 40% during construction, and the rest is paid through annuities.

Statement 2 is incorrect: In HAM, traffic risk is borne by the government, not the private developer.

Statement 3 is correct: HAM projects are implemented mainly by NHAI under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Source: IE

Q9. The Das Island, seen in the news recently, is located in which of the following regions?

- (a) Red Sea
- (b) Persian Gulf
- (c) Mediterranean Sea
- (d) South China Sea

Answer: (b) Persian Gulf

Explanation:

- Das Island is an island of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) located in the Persian Gulf. It is an important offshore oil and gas processing center of the UAE.

Source: TH

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Bharathapuzha River:

1. It originates in the Western Ghats in Kerala and flows eastward into Tamil Nadu.
2. It is an important tributary of Kaveri 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: Neither 1 nor 2

- Bharathapuzha (also known as Nila River) rises in the Western Ghats and drains westward into the Arabian Sea.

Source: [MSN](#)

10 PM MCQs (2 May)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Whitley Award:

1. It is given by the World Wildlife Fund.
2. It is awarded annually for contributions to nature conservation.

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:** The Whitley Award is given by the Whitley Fund for Nature, not by the World Wildlife Fund. It is a prestigious international nature conservation award.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding grassroots leaders and conservationists working to protect nature.

Source- [HT](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT):

1. It is a quasi-judicial authority dealing with corporate disputes of civil nature arising under the Companies Act, 2013.
2. It was constituted on the recommendations of the Balakrishna Eradi Committee.
3. It has the power to review/scrutinize its own orders and regulate its own procedure.
4. Appeals against NCLT decisions lie directly to the Supreme Court of India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** — NCLT is a quasi-judicial body under the Companies Act, 2013.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — It was established based on the Eradi Committee's recommendations.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — It can review its own orders and regulate its procedure.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect** — Appeals first go to the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), and then to the Supreme Court on a point of law.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Mission SAKSHAM:

1. It was launched by the Reserve Bank of India.
2. It aims to conduct training programmes exclusively for employees of rural cooperative banks.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Mission SAKSHAM was launched by RBI.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is meant for Urban Co-operative Banks, not rural cooperative banks. It also covers board members, senior management, and employees in critical functions.

Source- [RBI](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Komagata Maru Incident:

Assertion (A): The Komagata Maru passengers were denied entry into Canada despite being British subjects.

Reason (R): Canada's Continuous Journey Regulation required immigrants to arrive through a direct uninterrupted journey from their country of birth, which effectively barred Indians.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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

Explanation: The passengers aboard the Komagata Maru were British subjects from India, yet they were denied entry into Canada due to discriminatory immigration laws. The Continuous Journey Regulation (1908) effectively excluded Indian migrants because no direct shipping route existed from India to Canada.

Source- [FP](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Skimmer:

1. India is home to more than 90% of the global population of the Indian Skimmer, especially along the Chambal River.
2. It is classified as Critically Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

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:** India hosts over 90% of the global population of the Indian Skimmer, with important habitats along the Chambal River.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Indian Skimmer is classified as Endangered, not Critically Endangered, by the IUCN.

Source- [HT](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the SACHET Alert System:

1. It is implemented by the Department of Telecommunications in coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
2. It is designed exclusively for cyclone-prone coastal regions of India.
3. SACHET can deliver alerts to basic mobile phones without internet connectivity.

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: It has been developed by the Centre of Development of Telematics (C-DOT) (under Ministry of Communications) for the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is a nationwide system, not limited to coastal regions.

Statement 3 is correct: Cell Broadcast (CB) messages are transmitted directly from mobile towers to devices using a dedicated channel, allowing millions of users to receive alerts almost instantly without any need of internet connection.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Q7. "Operation WHITE STRIKE" is best associated with which of the following domains?

- (a) Counter-terrorism cross-border military strikes
- (b) Anti-narcotics enforcement targeting synthetic drug networks
- (c) Financial intelligence operations against money laundering
- (d) Cyber surveillance operations against dark web trafficking

Answer: B

Explanation:

- In a major breakthrough against organised narcotics trafficking, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), under Operation WHITE STRIKE, has uncovered a large transnational cocaine trafficking syndicate and seized approximately 349 kilograms of high-grade cocaine valued at nearly ₹1,745 crore in the illicit market from Mumbai and adjoining logistics corridor.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system in India, consider the following statements:

1. MLFF system is being implemented under the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
2. It relies solely on RFID-based FASTag technology for toll collection.
3. Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras are used to identify vehicles that do not have valid FASTag.

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: The Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system is being implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) as part of its effort to modernize toll collection and eliminate congestion at toll plazas.

Statement 2 is incorrect: MLFF does not rely solely on RFID-based FASTag technology. While FASTag (RFID) is a major component, the system also uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to capture vehicle details. This ensures toll collection even for vehicles without valid FASTags.

Statement 3 is correct: ANPR cameras are used to identify vehicles without valid FASTags and enable enforcement (such as penalty or post-paid tolling).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to INS Mahendragiri, consider the following statements:

1. INS Mahendragiri is a stealth guided missile frigate being constructed under Project 17A for the Indian Navy.
2. It has been built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.

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: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: INS Mahendragiri is indeed a Project 17A stealth guided missile frigate, part of India's next-generation warship program.

Statement 2 is incorrect: INS Mahendragiri was built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, not GRSE Kolkata.

Source: [MoneyControl](#)

Q10. The Tuapse oil terminal, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- (a) Ukraine on the Black Sea
- (b) Russia on the Black Sea
- (c) Kazakhstan on the Caspian Sea
- (d) Turkey on the Mediterranean Sea

Answer: B

Explanation

- Tuapse is a major Russian oil export terminal situated on the eastern coast of the Black Sea in Krasnodar Krai.

Source: [AIR](#)

10 PM MCQs (4 May)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971:

1. It was enacted based on the recommendations of the Shantilal Shah Committee to reduce maternal deaths caused by unsafe abortions.
2. The 2021 amendment extended the failure of contraception clause to unmarried women.
3. Under the amended law, all pregnancies can be terminated beyond 24 weeks without any restrictions.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 was enacted following the recommendations of the Shantilal Shah Committee.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The 2021 amendment included unmarried women under the contraception failure clause.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Termination beyond 24 weeks is allowed only in cases of substantial fetal abnormalities diagnosed by a Medical Board.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Tanzania:

1. It is the largest country in East Africa and is located just south of the Equator.
2. Lake Victoria lies to the north of Tanzania.

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) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa and lies just south of the Equator. It borders countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake, is located in the north of Tanzania, shared with Uganda and Kenya.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Dark Matter Particle Explorer (DAMPE) satellite:

1. It is India's first astronomical satellite.
2. It is designed for high-energy gamma-ray, electron, and cosmic ray detection.

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:** Dark Matter Particle Explorer (DAMPE), also known as "Wukong," is China's first astronomical satellite, not India's.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is a space telescope developed to detect high-energy gamma rays, electrons, and cosmic rays to study dark matter.

Source- [CGTN](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Public Interest Litigation (PIL):

1. It allows any public-spirited individual or organization to approach courts on behalf of disadvantaged groups whose rights are violated.
2. The concept of Public Interest Litigation originated in United Kingdom and was later adopted by India.
3. In India, Public Interest Litigation can be filed under both Article 32 in the Supreme Court of India and Article 226 in High Courts.

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:** PIL enables public-spirited individuals or organizations to seek justice for disadvantaged groups.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The concept originated in **American jurisprudence**, not in the United Kingdom.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** PILs can be filed in both the Supreme Court of India and High Courts under Articles 32 and 226 respectively.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Mount Dukono, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Japan
- (b) Philippines

- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Papua New Guinea

Answer: (c) Indonesia

Explanation: Mount Dukono is an active volcano located on Halmahera Island in North Maluku province of Indonesia.

Source- [MSN](#)

Q6. With reference to the e-Courts Mission Mode Project in India, consider the following statements:

1. The project is implemented by the Department of Justice under the Ministry of Law and Justice, with guidance from the e-Committee of the Supreme Court.
2. It aims to establish a nationwide digital judicial ecosystem, including virtual courts and online case management systems.
3. It is a Central Sector Scheme.

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 project is funded and implemented by the Department of Justice, while the e-Committee of the Supreme Court provides policy and technical guidance.

Statement 2 is correct: The project aims to digitize courts, enable virtual hearings, and provide online access to case data, forming an integrated digital judicial system.

Statement 3 is correct: The e-Courts Project Phase III was launched as a Central Sector Scheme (2023 onwards) with a financial outlay of Rs. 7210 crore.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. With reference to the United Nations Committee against Torture (CAT), consider the following statements:

1. It is a body established under the UN Convention against Torture to monitor the implementation of the Convention by State Parties.
2. The Committee has the authority to impose legally binding sanctions on countries found violating the Convention.
3. It can consider individual complaints against States, provided the concerned State has recognized its competence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: CAT is a treaty body created under the UN Convention against Torture (1984) to monitor compliance.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It cannot impose sanctions; it only issues recommendations and observations.

Statement 3 is correct: It can hear individual complaints if the State has accepted this procedure (under Article 22 of the Convention).

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. The “4Ts Awareness Framework”, seen in the news recently, is related to:

- a) Early warning indicators of childhood Type 1 Diabetes
- b) Disaster early warning system for cyclones

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- c) Cyber fraud prevention awareness
- d) Nutritional guidelines for childhood diabetes

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released a national framework for childhood diabetes at the National Summit on Public Healthcare Service Delivery. 4Ts Awareness Framework as part of it, promotes Toilet, Thirsty, Tired and Thinner signs to support early detection of Type 1 Diabetes.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. With reference to the bilateral military exercise CINBAX-II 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral military exercise conducted between India and Cambodia.
2. This edition will be hosted by India.
3. The Indian contingent participating in the exercise is primarily drawn from the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment.

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

Statement 1 is correct: Exercise CINBAX-II 2026 is conducted between the Indian Army and the Cambodian Army.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The exercise is scheduled to be conducted at Techo Sen Phnom Thom Mreas Prov Royal Cambodian Air Force Training Centre (Camp Basil), Kampong Speu Province, Kingdom of Cambodia from 04 to 17 May 2026.

Statement 3 is correct: The Indian Army contingent comprises of 120 personnel, majorly from a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment. The Cambodian contingent comprises of 160 personnel, from Royal Cambodian Army.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Primorsk Port, seen in the news recently, is located at/in:

- a) Ukraine on the Black Sea
- b) Russia on the Baltic Sea
- c) Finland on the Gulf of Bothnia
- d) Kazakhstan on the Caspian Sea

Answer: b

Explanation: Russia on the Baltic Sea

- Primorsk Port is a major Russian oil export port located on the Gulf of Finland, which is part of the Baltic Sea. It is one of Russia's key terminals for exporting crude oil and petroleum products to Europe.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (5 May)

Q1. Arrange the following trade unions in the correct chronological order of their formation:

1. All India Trade Union Congress
2. Indian National Trade Union Congress
3. Hind Mazdoor Sabha
4. Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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

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

Explanation:

- **AITUC** - 1920 (first central trade union in India)
- **INTUC** - 1947
- **HMS** - 1948
- **BMS** - 1955

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Development Bank:

1. All member countries of ADB are located within the Asia-Pacific region.
2. India and China are its largest shareholders.
3. Its headquarters is located in Manila, Philippines.

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:** ADB has 69 members, of which 50 are from Asia and the Pacific and 19 are from outside the region.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The largest shareholders are Japan and the United States (15.6% each), followed by China, India, and Australia.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The headquarters of ADB is located in Manila, Philippines.

Source- [reuters](#)

Q3. The term "Girmitiyas," recently seen in news, refers to:

- (a) Ancient Indian traders in Southeast Asia
(b) British Indian Army soldiers in World War II
(c) Plantation owners in British colonies
(d) Indian indentured labourers in British colonies

Answer: (d) Indian indentured labourers in British colonies

Explanation: The term "Girmit" came from the mispronunciation of "Agreement," referring to labour contracts signed by Indians who migrated to British colonies after the Slavery Abolition Act 1833.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Lipulekh Pass:

1. It is located in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand.
2. It connects the Indian state of Uttarakhand with the Tibet region of China.

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:** Lipulekh Pass is located in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It connects Uttarakhand with the Tibet region of China.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Debt Recovery Tribunals:

1. They are quasi-judicial bodies.
2. They handle loan default cases above Rs. 50 lakh.
3. They also hear applications filed under the SARFAESI Act 2002 by borrowers or aggrieved parties.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** DRTs are quasi-judicial bodies.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** They handle loan default cases above ₹20 lakh, not ₹50 lakh.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** They hear applications under the SARFAESI Act filed by borrowers or aggrieved parties.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q6. With reference to Hantavirus, consider the following statements:

1. Hantavirus infections in humans are primarily transmitted through inhalation of aerosols contaminated with rodent excreta.
2. All strains of Hantavirus are transmitted from human to human through respiratory droplets.
3. Hantavirus can cause severe illnesses such as Hemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome (HFRS) and Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Only two

Statement 1 is correct: Humans usually get infected by inhaling virus particles from rodent urine, droppings, or saliva.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Human-to-human transmission is extremely rare and has been documented only in a few strains (e.g., Andes virus), not all hantaviruses.

Statement 3 is correct: Hantaviruses can lead to two major syndromes: HFRS (mainly in Europe/Asia) and HPS (mainly in the Americas).

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Apnoea Test:

1. It is used to confirm brain death by assessing whether spontaneous breathing resumes in response to rising carbon dioxide levels.
2. During the test, the patient is ventilated continuously to maintain normal respiratory activity.

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: Apnoea test checks absence of respiratory drive when CO₂ rises and confirms brainstem failure (brain death).

Statement 2 is incorrect: Ventilation is temporarily stopped, not continued, to observe if the patient initiates breathing.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to Fugitive Economic Offenders (FEO) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 applies to economic offences involving a value of ₹100 crore or more.
2. A person declared as a Fugitive Economic Offender can have all their properties confiscated, including those not directly linked to the offence.
3. Once declared as a Fugitive Economic Offender, the individual is permanently barred from returning to India.

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 Act applies to offences involving ₹100 crore or more.

Statement 2 is correct: The law allows confiscation of both proceeds of crime and other properties (even unrelated assets).

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Act does not permanently bar return to India; it creates legal consequences (like confiscation and restrictions on civil claims), but the person may still return and face trial.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. With reference to 'Mission Drishti – OptoSAR Satellite', consider the following statements:

1. It is the world's first satellite to combine optical imaging and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) capabilities on a single platform.
2. The satellite can capture high-resolution images both during day and night and even through cloud cover.
3. It is a purely radar-based satellite and does not use any optical sensors for imaging.

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: OptoSAR integrates optical + SAR sensors, a first-of-its-kind design.

Statement 2 is correct: SAR allows all-weather, day-night imaging, while optical adds high-detail imagery.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is not purely radar-based; its key innovation is combining both systems.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Caribbean Community (CARICOM):

1. It is an organisation of Caribbean nations that works jointly to shape policies for the region and encourages economic growth and trade.
2. Its Secretariat is located in Georgetown, Guyana.

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

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Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is an organisation of fifteen Caribbean nations. The organisation is an economic and political community that works jointly to shape policies for the region and encourages economic growth and trade.

Statement 2 is correct: The organisation was established in 1973. The headquarters is in Georgetown, Guyana.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (6 May)

Q1. Rejupave Rejuvenator and Ecofix, recently seen in the news, are associated with:

- (a) Renewable energy generation
- (b) Road construction and maintenance
- (c) Textile recycling industry
- (d) Coastal erosion management

Answer: (b) Road construction and maintenance

Explanation: Rejupave Rejuvenator and Ecofix are innovative technologies/materials used in the road construction and maintenance sector. They are linked with sustainable and durable bituminous road infrastructure practices.

Source: [CSIR](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Atacama Desert:

- 1. It is located in northern Chile.
- 2. Its extreme aridity is primarily due to the influence of the cold Humboldt Current along the Pacific coast.

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) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The Atacama Desert is located in northern Chile and is one of the driest places on Earth. Its aridity is largely influenced by the cold Humboldt Current, which reduces moisture availability.

Source: [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the NISAR Satellite:

- 1. It is the first joint Earth observation satellite mission between Indian Space Research Organisation and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- 2. It is launched using the PSLV-C60 launch vehicle.
- 3. It is placed in a geostationary orbit.

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: Only Statement 1 is correct. NISAR is launched by GSLV-F16 (GSLV Mk-II) and will be placed in a Sun-synchronous polar orbit, making Statements 2 and 3 incorrect.

Source: [TH](#)

Q4. The term Naegleria fowleri, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) A rare fungal disease affecting crops
- (b) A newly discovered marine algae species
- (c) A mosquito-borne viral disease
- (d) A free-living amoeba that causes fatal brain infection

Answer: (d) A free-living amoeba that causes fatal brain infection

Explanation: Naegleria fowleri is commonly known as the “brain-eating amoeba.” It is found in warm freshwater and can cause Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis, a rare but deadly brain infection.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q5. Project Deepak, recently seen in the news, was launched by:

- (a) Border Roads Organisation
- (b) Indian Army
- (c) National Highways Authority of India
- (d) Central Public Works Department

Answer: (a) Border Roads Organisation

Explanation: Project Deepak was initiated in 1962 by the Border Roads Organisation for infrastructure development in strategically important border areas.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0, consider the following statements:

1. It provides a 100% government guarantee to banks and financial institutions for additional loans extended to both MSMEs and non-MSMEs entities.
2. The scheme is implemented through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC).
3. Under ECLGS 5.0, the government directly provides interest subsidy to borrowers instead of credit guarantee support.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 aims to provide credit guarantee coverage of 100% for MSMEs and 90% for non-MSMEs as well as airline sector.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme is implemented through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC).

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is a credit guarantee scheme, not an interest subsidy scheme.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to Bhitarkanika National Park, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the delta region of the Brahmani, Baitarani and Dhamra rivers.
2. It is known for hosting one of the largest populations of saltwater crocodiles in India.
3. It is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its mangrove ecosystem.

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: Bhitarkanika lies in the delta of Brahmani, Baitarani, and Dhamra rivers.

Statement 2 is correct: Famous for saltwater crocodiles (largest population in India).

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is a Ramsar Site, not a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Viability Plan 2.0 for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs):

1. It aims to strengthen the financial sustainability of RRBs through measures such as recapitalisation, business expansion, and improved governance.
2. It proposes the complete privatisation of RRBs to enhance efficiency and reduce government involvement.

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: Viability Plan 2.0 focuses on improving operational efficiency, financial health, and outreach of RRBs.

Statement 2 is incorrect: There is no proposal for full privatisation; RRBs remain jointly owned by the Centre, States, and sponsor banks.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP):

1. FRP is the minimum price that sugar mills are legally obligated to pay to sugarcane farmers.
2. The Fair and Remunerative Price is announced by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

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: FRP is a statutory minimum price fixed under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, and mills must pay at least this price to farmers.

Statement 2 is incorrect: CACP recommends the FRP, but it is approved and announced by the Central Government (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. Tunisia
2. Libya
3. Egypt
4. Morocco

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Algeria?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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- Algeria is bordered to the northeast by Tunisia; to the east by Libya; to the southeast by Niger; to the southwest by Mali, Mauritania, and Western Sahara; to the west by Morocco; and to the north by the Mediterranean Sea.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (7 May)

Q1. With reference to Vadinar, Gujarat, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

- A new Shipbuilding Facility will be developed at Vadinar.
- It will be developed as a greenfield facility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: A Ship Repair Facility (not shipbuilding facility) has been approved at Vadinar, Gujarat, and it will be developed as a brownfield facility, making both statements incorrect.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to ANEEL (Advanced Nuclear Energy for Enriched Life) fuel, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

- It is developed by the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- It is a blend of thorium and a small amount of enriched uranium.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation: ANEEL fuel is developed by Clean Core Thorium Energy (CCTE), not the International Atomic Energy Agency. However, it is correctly described as a blend of thorium and a small amount of enriched uranium (HALEU).

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. With reference to the World Migration Report 2026, consider the following statements:

- It is released by the United Nations Development Programme.
- More than 10% of the global population were living outside their country of birth in 2024.
- The India-UAE migration corridor ranked first globally, followed by Mexico-US.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

Answer: (d) None

Explanation: The report is released by the International Organization for Migration, not the United Nations Development Programme. Around 304 million people (3.7%) lived outside their country of birth in 2024. The Mexico-US corridor ranked first globally, while India-UAE ranked fifth.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to the Pulitzer Prize, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

- It is awarded for excellence in journalism, literature, and music composition.

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2. It is administered by Columbia University (USA).
3. In 2026, Indian journalists Anand RK and Suparna Sharma won this prize.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: The Pulitzer Prize recognizes excellence in journalism, literature, and music composition and is administered by Columbia University. In 2026, Anand RK and Suparna Sharma were among the winners.

Source- [ET](#)

Q5. With reference to the term Ecocide, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It refers to large-scale environmental damage caused by human activities.
2. It is recognized as an international crime under the Rome Statute governing the International Criminal Court.

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: Ecocide refers to severe environmental harm caused by human actions, often on a large industrial scale. It is not yet recognised as an international crime under the Rome Statute. Currently, the International Criminal Court recognizes only genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the JANANI Platform:

1. It is a service-oriented digital platform designed to comprehensively monitor and maintain digital health records of women during their reproductive age.
2. It is launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: JANANI is a **service-oriented digital platform** designed to comprehensively monitor and maintain digital health records of women during their reproductive age.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN):

1. The scheme aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across India.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
3. The scheme covers all Scheduled Tribes in India irrespective of their vulnerability status.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

- PM JANMAN was launched in 2023 to focus specifically on the development of PVTGs, the most marginalized tribal communities. It aims to ensure last-mile delivery of basic services such as housing, roads, drinking water, healthcare, and education in PVTG habitations. The scheme does not cover all Scheduled Tribes, only PVTGs.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2023 on the occasion of 50 years of Project Lion.
2. Its aim is to ensure global conservation of seven big cats, including the Puma and Jaguar.
3. Its Secretariat is headquartered in India.
4. Currently, it has 95 member countries including Nepal.

Which of the statements given above is/are **NOT** correct?

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 3 and 4 only

Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Launched on 50 years of *Project Tiger*, not Lion.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Covers 7 big cats: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Secretariat in India.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** Open to 95 countries, but only 13 members including Nepal.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), consider the following statements:

1. It is a credit-linked subsidy scheme administered by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
2. PMEGP is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at generating employment in both rural and urban areas through micro-enterprises.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 only

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The PMEGP is administered by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), not the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a Central Sector Scheme, launched in August 2008, to promote employment generation through the establishment of micro-enterprises in non-farm sectors, targeting both rural and urban areas.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. China

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2. Cambodia
3. Thailand
4. Laos

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Vietnam?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Vietnam is located on the eastern edge of mainland Southeast Asia along the eastern coast of the Indo-Chinese Peninsula. It has land borders with three countries – China to the north, and Cambodia and Laos to the west.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (8 may)

Q1. Which of the following pollutants are notified under “National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)” by the Central Pollution Control Board?

1. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)
2. PM2.5
3. Benzene
4. Methane

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (b) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: NAAQS notified by the Central Pollution Control Board monitors pollutants such as: NO₂, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, Ozone, Lead, CO, Ammonia, Benzene, Benzo(a)pyrene, Arsenic, and Nickel. Methane is not included under NAAQS.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. With reference to Technical Textile Geocell, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It can be used to improve pavement load-bearing capacity.
2. It can help stabilize steep slopes and channels.
3. It can be used for constructing earth-retaining structures.
4. It is used for deep-sea mineral extraction.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: CSIR-Central Road Research Institute and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited were recently recognised for constructing a road section using technical textile geocell made from end-of-life plastic. Geocell is used for pavement support, slope stabilization, and earth retention, but it is not used for deep-sea mineral extraction.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. With reference to the constitutional position of the Chief Minister in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Chief Minister holds office during the pleasure of the Governor under Article 164 of the Constitution of India.
2. If the Governor doubts whether the Chief Minister enjoys majority support in the Legislative Assembly, the appropriate constitutional method is a floor test in the House.
3. If no party is able to form a stable government in a State, President's Rule can be imposed under Article 360 of the Constitution of India.

Which of the statements given above 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:

- **Statement 1 is correct** — Under Article 164 of the Constitution of India, the Chief Minister is appointed by the Governor and holds office during the Governor's pleasure.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — In case of doubt over majority support, a floor test is the accepted constitutional mechanism.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** — President's Rule is imposed under Article 356 of the Constitution of India. Article 360 deals with Financial Emergency.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Eru, Nori, Chap, Som, Jakham, and Moran are tributaries of which of the following rivers?

- (a) Narmada River
- (b) Chambal River
- (c) Luni River
- (d) Mahi River

Answer: (d) Mahi River

Explanation: Eru, Nori, Chap, Som, Jakham, and Moran are important tributaries of the Mahi River, which originates in Madhya Pradesh and flows through Rajasthan and Gujarat before draining into the Arabian Sea.

Source- [TP](#)

Q5. With reference to the Samagra Shiksha Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It was announced in the Union Budget 2018-19.
3. It covers school education from pre-primary to senior secondary level.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** as Samagra Shiksha Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, not a Central Sector Scheme.
- **Statements 2 and 3 are correct.**

Source- [AIR](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

1. Brazil
2. French Guiana

3. Venezuela
4. Guyana

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with the Suriname?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Suriname is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north, French Guiana to the east, Brazil to the south, and Guyana to the west.

Source: [DD News](#)

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

- a) Karnataka
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Gujarat
- d) Odisha

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Ulsoor Lake is one of the biggest lakes in Bangalore, located on the eastern side of the city.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. The Mount Dukono volcano, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Italy
- b) Venezuela
- c) Indonesia
- d) Malaysia

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Indonesian authorities are still trying to locate three missing hikers after rescuing 17 people trapped by the volcanic eruption of Mount Dukono on Halmahera island.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI), consider the following statements:

1. It is released by the Niti Aayog to rank Central Ministries and Departments on grievance redressal performance.
2. It evaluates performance solely on the basis of number of grievances received, without considering disposal efficiency or citizen satisfaction.

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: Neither 1 nor 2

Statement 1 is incorrect: It is released by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances to rank Central Ministries and Departments on grievance redressal performance.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The index considers multiple parameters such as disposal rate, timeliness, pendency, and qualitative feedback—not just number of grievances received.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Land Stack Initiative:

1. The Stack has been launched by the Ministry of Rural Development.
2. It aims to create a unified digital infrastructure by integrating land records, cadastral maps, and property registration data across 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

Statement 1 is correct: The Land Stack Initiative has been launched by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Statement 2 is correct: The Land Stack Initiative seeks to build an interoperable digital ecosystem for land governance, integrating various land-related databases.

Source: [PIB](#)