

# **10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation**

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM MCQs (17 April)

**Q1. With reference to India's export performance in FY 2025-26, consider the following statements:**

1. India is among the top 5 exporting countries in the world.
2. India's total exports exceeded its imports in FY 2025-26.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer:** (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** — India's total exports stood at about \$860.09 billion, placing it among the top 20 exporters globally, not in the top 5 (though it is among the top 10 in services exports).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — India's imports were about \$979 billion, which exceeded exports, resulting in an overall trade deficit of around \$119 billion (merchandise deficit ~\$333 billion, partly offset by services surplus of ~\$214 billion).

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q2. The term "memflation" recently seen in news refers to:**

- (a) Increase in prices of electronic hardware components due to supply chain disruptions
- (b) Rise in costs of data storage and cloud infrastructure services
- (c) Inflation in the broader semiconductor manufacturing sector
- (d) Increase in prices of semiconductor memory chips

**Answer:** (d) Increase in prices of semiconductor memory chips

**Explanation:** Memflation (memory inflation) specifically refers to the rising prices of semiconductor memory chips such as DRAM, driven by strong demand from AI, cloud computing, and data centres.

Source- [ciodive](#)

**Q3. With reference to the Delimitation Commission in India, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an independent body appointed by the Central Government and includes a Supreme Court Judge, the Chief Election Commissioner (or nominee), and State Election Commissioners concerned.
2. The orders of the Commission can be challenged in courts and modified by Parliament.
3. It has been set up four times till March 2026.

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

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

**Answer:** (b) Only two

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct** — the Commission comprises a retired Supreme Court judge, CEC (or nominee), and State Election Commissioners.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — its orders have the force of law and cannot be challenged in courts or modified by legislatures.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — the Commission has been constituted four times (1952, 1963, 1973, 2002).

Source- [IE](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements:**

1. Households account for the majority of global food waste.
2. India ranks first globally in food waste generation.

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) 1 only

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct** — households contribute about 60% of global food waste, the largest share.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — India ranks 2nd globally in food waste generation, after China.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding amendment of the Constitution of India:**

1. A Constitutional Amendment Bill requires prior recommendation of the President of India before introduction.
2. The President of India is bound to give assent to a Constitutional Amendment Bill once it is presented.
3. Such a Bill must be passed by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha by a special majority, and there is no provision for a joint sitting.

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** — a Constitutional Amendment Bill does not require prior recommendation of the President and can be introduced in either House of Parliament.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — the President is bound to give assent to a Constitutional Amendment Bill; it cannot be returned for reconsideration.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — such a Bill must be passed by both Houses separately by a special majority, and no provision exists for a joint sitting in case of disagreement.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Mahua Tree:**

1. It is a tropical tree native to the Indian subcontinent, commonly found in central and northern India.
2. Its flowers are used for preparing traditional fermented beverages and have economic significance for tribal communities.
3. The mahua flowers are one of the top 5 minor forest products (MFP) in terms of volume produced in the nation each year.

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

**Explanation:** 1, 2 and 3

**Statement 1 is correct:** Mahua is native to India, widely distributed in central and northern regions.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Its flowers are used for fermented drinks and livelihoods of tribal communities.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It is a non-edible oil with an annual production of 60 million tonnes in India. Mahua flowers are one of the top 5 minor forest products (MFP) in terms of volume produced in the nation each year. Mahua nutra beverage is a value-added product made out of Mahua flowers.

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q7. The Tehri Lake Reservoir is fed by which of the following rivers?**

- (a) Bhagirathi River and Alaknanda River
- (b) Bhagirathi River and Bhilangna River
- (c) Alaknanda River and Mandakini River
- (d) Yamuna River and Tons River

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Bhagirathi River and Bhilangna River

- The Tehri Dam is constructed on the Bhagirathi River, and the reservoir is also fed by its tributary, the Bhilangna River.

**Source:** [TNIE](#)

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Vulture:

1. It is native to the Indian subcontinent and typically inhabits open landscapes such as plains, savannas, and semi-arid regions.
2. Its population drastically declined due to poisoning from the veterinary drug diclofenac used in livestock.
3. It is currently classified as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List owing to successful conservation efforts.

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:** Found in open habitats across the Indian subcontinent.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Population decline linked to diclofenac toxicity.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is Critically Endangered, not Least Concern.

**Source:** [Mongabay](#)

**Q9.** The Tadang Tal, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Sikkim
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Laddakh

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Tadang Tal is a seasonal water body that changes from a water-filled lake in monsoon to a landscape of mountains and valleys in winter. It is located in Almora district of Uttarakhand and lies in the Ramganga valley, which is a geologically active region.

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following statements regarding the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC):

1. It functions under the Ministry of Finance.
2. It is mandated to undertake initiatives for the socio-economic empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) across the country.

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**

**Explanation: 2 only**

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**Statement 1 is incorrect:** The National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) is a Section 8 company under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is mandated to undertake initiatives for the socio-economic empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) across the country. The Corporation primarily facilitates concessional lending through channel partners such as State Channelising Agencies (SCAs), banks, and NBFCs.

Source: [PIB](#)

### 10 PM MCQs (18 April)

**Q1. Consider the following provisions:**

1. Admission or establishment of new States
2. Abolition or creation of Legislative Councils in States
3. Directive Principles of State Policy

How many of the above can be amended by a simple majority of Parliament?

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

**Answer:** (b) Only two

**Explanation:**

- **1 and 2 are correct:** These can be amended by simple majority (outside Article 368).
- **3 is incorrect:** Directive Principles of State Policy require special majority under Article 368.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements:**

1. Bats are the only mammals capable of true powered flight.
2. Bats help in pollination.
3. All bat species found in India have been assessed and classified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

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

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

**Answer:** (b) Only two

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Bats provide ecosystem services like pollination and seed dispersal.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Many bat species in India are not assessed or are data deficient.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q3. The term "Gecko", recently seen in news in the context of discovery of a new species in Tripura, refers to:**

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

**Answer:** (d) Reptile

**Explanation:** Geckos are a group of lizards (reptiles) belonging to the suborder Gekkota. Recently, a new bent-toed gecko species (*Cyrtodactylus jayadityai*) was discovered in Tripura.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Borrowers' Platform:**

1. It was launched at the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings 2026.
2. It is a debt restructuring forum.
3. India is one of its founding members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer:** (a) 1 and 3 only

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** It was launched at the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings 2026.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Borrowers' Platform is not a debt restructuring forum; it focuses on coordination, peer learning, and strengthening borrower capacity, not negotiating debt deals.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** India is among the founding members.

Source- [UN](#)

**Q5. Consider the following description:**

It is a large natural wetland located near Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir. It lies in the Jhelum basin and receives water mainly from the Doodhganga River. It is the largest bird sanctuary in the Kashmir Valley and has been designated as a Ramsar site of international importance.

The above description best refers to:

- (a) Wular Lake
- (b) Dal Lake
- (c) Hokersar Lake
- (d) Harike Lake

**Answer:** (c) Hokersar Lake

**Explanation:** The description matches Hokersar Lake (wetland), a Ramsar site and the largest bird sanctuary in the Kashmir Valley.

Source- [DEVD](#)

**Q6. With reference to the 'RELIEF' Scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a measure to support Indian exporters facing disruptions due to the evolving geopolitical situation.
2. The Ministry of Finance is the nodal ministry.
3. The scheme will cover shipments destined for countries including Egypt and Jordan.

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:** Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) scheme is time-bound and targeted measure to support Indian exporters facing disruptions due to the evolving geopolitical situation in West Asia.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Launched by: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme will cover shipments destined for countries including United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Israel and Yemen. The government has expanded the scope of its RELIEF scheme to support exporters facing disruptions due to the evolving geopolitical situation in West Asia, adding Egypt and Jordan to the list of eligible destinations.

**Source:** [DD News](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following countries:

1. Iceland
2. Denmark
3. Liechtenstein
4. Sweden
5. Norway
6. Switzerland

How many of the above countries are member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)?

- a) Only three
- b) Only four
- c) Only five
- d) All six

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) is an intergovernmental organization set up for the promotion of free trade and economic integration to the benefit of its four Member States – Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland – and the benefit of their trading partners around the globe.

**Source:** [DD News](#)

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding the IndiaAI Startups Global Acceleration Programme:

1. It aims to provide Indian AI startups with world-class mentorship, investor connections, and business expansion opportunities.
  2. The programme has been initiated by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- 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 IndiaAI Startups Global Acceleration Programme aims to provide Indian AI startups with world-class mentorship, investor connections, and business expansion opportunities in the European market.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The programme has been initiated by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under IndiaAI's Mission Startup Financing Pillar.

**Source:** [AIR](#)

**Q9.** The Lumiam Lake, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Manipur
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Meghalaya

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- The Uiam Lake, locally known as Dam Sait, is a massive, scenic man-made reservoir in Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi district, located 15 km north of Shillong on the Guwahati-Shillong highway.

**Source:** [TH](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following provisions of Indian Constitution:

1. Article 49
2. Union List of Seventh Schedule
3. Article 51A (f)

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How many of the above are related to the protection of monuments, places, and objects of artistic or historic interest?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Article 49 of the Constitution places a duty on the State to protect monuments, places, and objects of artistic or historic interest declared to be of national importance.
- The Seventh Schedule of the Constitution provides a clear division of responsibilities between the Centre and the States in matters of heritage protection.
  - Union List (Entry 67): Monuments and archaeological sites of national importance fall under the jurisdiction of the Central Government.
  - State List (Entry 12): Monuments not declared of national importance are the responsibility of State Governments.
- Article 51A (f) of the Constitution enshrines the fundamental duty of every citizen to value and preserve the rich heritage of India's composite culture.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

### 10 PM MCQs (20 April)

**Q1. With reference to nominated members of the Rajya Sabha, consider the following statements:**

1. Under Article 80, the President nominates 12 members for their expertise in fields like art, literature, science, and social service.
2. Nominated members are entitled to vote in the election of the President of India.
3. Nominated members can join a political party within six months of taking their seat.

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)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 80 provides for nomination of 12 members with expertise in specified fields.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Nominated members do not vote in Presidential elections.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** They may join a political party within six months without disqualification (anti-defection provision).

**Source-** [ET](#)

**Q2. With reference to "Operation Upstream", consider the following statements:**

1. It is launched by the International Olympic Committee.
2. It aims to promote nutritional supplements among athletes.

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:** Operation Upstream is not launched by the IOC; it is a collaborative initiative of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) with law enforcement agencies such as the CBI. It focuses on targeting supply chains of banned performance-enhancing drugs, not promoting supplements

Source- [IE](#)

**Q3. With reference to “Designer Rice”, consider the following statements:**

1. It has been developed using genetic modification techniques.
2. It has a low glycaemic index and higher protein content than normal rice.

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)

**Explanation:** Designer rice developed by CSIR-NIIST is produced using food-processing technology, not genetic modification. It has significantly higher protein (around three times) and a low glycaemic index, making it suitable for managing diabetes

Source- [IE](#)

**Q4. “Sports Genomics Programme”, recently seen in news, has been launched by which of the following?**

- (a) Government of Maharashtra
- (b) Government of Haryana
- (c) Government of Gujarat
- (d) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

**Answer:** (c)

**Explanation:** The Sports Genomics Programme has been launched by the Government of Gujarat to analyse genetic traits of athletes and build an athlete genome database for talent identification and performance enhancement

Source- [IE](#)

**Q5. With reference to induction and infrared cooktops, consider the following statements:**

1. Induction cooktops heat the vessel directly using electromagnetic fields.
2. Infrared cooktops require ferromagnetic cookware to operate.
3. Induction cooktops are generally more energy-efficient than infrared cooktops.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Induction cooktops use electromagnetic fields to directly heat the vessel.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Infrared cooktops can work with all types of cookware and do not require ferromagnetic materials.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Induction cooktops are generally more energy-efficient than infrared cooktops.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q6. The Apis mellifera, seen in the news recently, is a:**

- (a) Species of freshwater fish
- (b) Species of honeybee
- (c) Species of butterfly

(d) Species of ant

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation: Species of honeybee**

- Apis mellifera is commonly known as the western honey bee, widely used in apiculture for honey production and pollination.

**Source: TH**

**Q7.** Consider the following statements regarding the Cauvery River:

1. It originates in the Western Ghats at Talakaveri in Karnataka.
2. The river basin is shared only by Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
3. It forms a large delta before draining into the Bay of Bengal, which is one of the most fertile regions in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 and 3 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Originates at Talakaveri (Western Ghats) and flows into the Bay of Bengal.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Basin is shared by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Puducherry.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Forms a fertile delta in Tamil Nadu.

**Source: TH**

**Q8.** Consider the following statements regarding the PM Vishwakarma Scheme:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. The scheme covers 18 trades and offers collateral-free loans up to Rs. 3 lakh.
3. It has no provision of providing stipend during training.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation :** The scheme is a Central Sector Scheme, not sponsored; it covers 18 trades with loans up to Rs. 3 lakh, and trainees receive a Rs. 500/day stipend, so statements 1 and 3 are incorrect.

**Source: DD News**

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC):

1. It is a multilateral platform launched by India to strengthen cooperation with Pacific Island countries.
2. It focuses on areas such as climate change, sustainable development, maritime security, and capacity building.
3. All member countries of FIPIC are also members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** FIPIC was launched by India (2014) to engage Pacific Island nations.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It covers climate resilience, sustainable development, capacity building, etc.

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**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It comprises 14 Pacific Island nations. Pacific Island countries are not ASEAN members.

**Source:** [DD News](#)

**Q10.** The Yellow Line, seen in the news recently in the international context, involves which countries?

- (a) China and India
- (b) North Korea and South Korea
- (c) Israel and Lebanon
- (d) Russia and Ukraine

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:** Israel and Lebanon

- The “Yellow Line” refers to a demarcation line along the Israel–Lebanon border, monitored by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon to maintain ceasefire arrangements.

**Source:** [TH](#)

### 10 PM MCQs (21 April)

**Q1. With reference to the use of firearms in medieval India, consider the following statements:**

1. Babur was the first to introduce gunpowder weapons such as cannons and matchlocks in India.
2. Portuguese accounts suggest that Deccani artillery was inferior to European artillery in the early 16th century.

**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:** Gunpowder weapons were already in use in India before Babur, and Portuguese accounts indicate that Deccani artillery was often superior, not inferior, to European artillery.

**Source-** [IE](#)

**Q2. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is the nodal ministry for its implementation.
3. PMGSY-III focuses on expanding connectivity to new habitations in remote areas.

**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 correct** as PMGSY is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because the nodal ministry is the Ministry of Rural Development, not Panchayati Raj.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** as PMGSY-III focuses on consolidation and upgradation of existing rural roads, not expansion to new habitations.

**Source-** [PIB](#)

**Q3. With reference to gold production and reserves, consider the following statements:**

1. Bihar has the largest share of gold reserves in India.

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2. Karnataka accounts for the majority of India's gold production.
3. Switzerland is the world's largest gold producer and contributes the highest share to global output.

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

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

**Answer:** (b) Only two

**Explanation:**

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct.** Bihar has the largest share of gold reserves in India, and Karnataka contributes the bulk of India's gold production (notably from Hutti mines).
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** because Switzerland is not the largest gold producer; it is a major importer and refiner/exporter of gold.

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q4. Umiam Lake, recently seen in the news, is located in:**

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

**Answer:** (c) Meghalaya

**Explanation:** Umiam Lake (Barapani) is a man-made reservoir located in Meghalaya, about 15 km north of Shillong.

Source- [TP](#)

**Q5. Consider the following languages:**

1. Marathi
2. Nepali
3. Odia
4. Punjabi

How many of the above are included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India?

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

**Answer:** (d) All four

**Explanation:** All the listed languages—Marathi, Nepali, Odia (formerly Oriya), and Punjabi—are included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, which currently recognizes 22 scheduled languages.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Sholayar Dam:**

It is located in Kerala on the Sholayar River, a tributary of the Chalakudy River.

It is a part of the Periyar River basin and primarily supplies water to the Mullaperiyar Dam.

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:** Sholayar Dam is situated in Kerala on the Sholayar River, part of the Chalakudy basin.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is not part of the Periyar basin and is unrelated to the Mullaperiyar system.

**Source:** [MSN](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements regarding the 'Vishwa Sutra' Initiative:

1. It aims to promote India's traditional textiles and handloom products in global markets while supporting artisans.
2. It is implemented by the Office of the Development Commissioner under Ministry of Textiles.

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 initiative focuses on promotion of Indian textiles and artisans globally.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It is not a diplomatic programme under MEA, but linked to the textiles/handloom sector.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q8.** The DSC A 23, seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) Unmanned aerial vehicle developed for surveillance
- (b) Indigenous diving support craft of the Indian Navy
- (c) Nuclear-powered submarine under construction
- (d) Coastal radar system for maritime security

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Indigenous diving support craft of the Indian Navy**

- DSC A 23 is the fourth Diving Support Craft of the Indian Navy, built indigenously and designed to enhance underwater operations such as diving, inspection, and salvage missions.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following statements regarding the World Earth Day 2026:

1. It is celebrated on April 22 every year.
2. The theme of World Earth Day 2026 is 'Our Power, Our Planet'.

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**

- World Earth Day 2026 is celebrated on April 22nd with the theme "Our Power, Our Planet," focusing on accelerating the global transition to renewable energy and empowering individuals to take climate action.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the Trans-Arabian Pipeline, consider the following statements:

1. It was constructed to transport crude oil from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean coast.
2. It passed through Iraq before reaching its terminal.
3. It helped bypass the Suez Canal for oil transportation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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

**Answer: (a)**

**Explanation: 1 and 3 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** TAPLINE carried oil from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean (Sidon, Lebanon).

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** It passed through Jordan and Syria, not Iraq.

**Statement 3 is correct:** It reduced dependence on the Suez Canal route.

**Source: [IE](#)**

**10 PM MCQs (22 April)**

**Q1. The scientific phenomenon 'Fata Morgana', recently seen in news, refers to:**

- (a) A type of ocean current  
(b) A volcanic eruption pattern  
(c) An optical illusion caused by atmospheric refraction  
(d) A type of cloud formation

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** Fata Morgana is a type of superior mirage caused by atmospheric refraction due to temperature inversion, making distant objects appear elevated or floating.

**Source- [IT](#)**

**Q2. With reference to the Breakthrough Prize, consider the following statements:**

1. It recognizes the world's top scientists working in fundamental sciences.
2. No Indian citizen has been awarded the Breakthrough Prize till date.

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:** The Breakthrough Prize honours outstanding contributions in fundamental sciences such as physics, life sciences, and mathematics.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Indian physicist Ashoke Sen was awarded the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (2012). Additionally, Indian scientists have also been part of global collaborations (e.g., LIGO, CERN) that received the prize.

**Source- [TH](#)**

**Q3. Consider the following description:**

A 12th-century Bhakti saint who served as a minister under a Kalachuri ruler. He strongly opposed caste discrimination and ritualism, and advocated social equality. He propounded the concepts of 'Kayaka' (dignity of labour) and 'Dasoha' (sharing of wealth for social welfare).

**The above description refers to:**

- (a) Ramanuja  
(b) Namdev  
(c) Chaitanya Mahaprabhu  
(d) Basavanna

**Answer: (d) Basavanna**

**Explanation:**

- Basavanna (also known as Jagadguru Basaveshwara) was a 12th-century social reformer and minister under King Bijjala I of the Kalachuri dynasty.

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- He led the Lingayat movement and opposed caste hierarchy and ritualism.
- His philosophy emphasized: Kayaka → dignity of labour, Dasoha → sharing wealth for social welfare

Source- [PMIndia](#)

### Q4. Consider the following statements:

**Assertion (A):** Sea breeze is a local wind system in which cool air flows from the sea towards the land during the day.

**Reason (R):** During the day, land heats up faster than the sea, creating a high pressure zone over the land which pulls cool air from the sea.

Select the correct answer using the code 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 incorrect
- (d) A is incorrect, but R is correct

**Answer:** (c)

**Explanation:**

- **Assertion is correct:** Sea breeze blows from sea to land during the day due to temperature differences.
- **Reason is incorrect:** Although land heats faster, it creates a low pressure zone (not high pressure) over land. This pressure difference drives cool air from the sea.

Source- [TH](#)

### Q5. The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) is associated with which of the following?

- (a) Measurement of inflation rate
- (b) Measurement of market concentration
- (c) Measurement of poverty levels
- (d) Measurement of human development

**Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) is used to measure the degree of market concentration and competition in an industry by considering the market shares of firms.

Source- [Nitiayog](#)

### Q6. The Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary is located in?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Bihar

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

- Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary, located 17 km from Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, is a 25-hectare (62-acre) fresh water lake designated as a Ramsar site recently.

Source: [DD News](#)

### Q7. The Myiophanes kempfi, seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) Marine algae species found in coral reefs
- (b) Cave-dwelling insect belonging to the assassin bug family
- (c) Freshwater fish endemic to Himalayan rivers
- (d) Medicinal plant species used in traditional medicine

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:** Cave-dwelling insect belonging to the assassin bug family

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- Myiophanes kempii is a rare thread-legged assassin bug (family Reduviidae) adapted to subterranean cave ecosystems and recently rediscovered in the Andaman Islands.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

**Q8.** Q. With reference to the Adyar River, consider the following statements:

1. It merges with the Arabian Sea.
2. The river forms estuary at its mouth.

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**

**Explanation: 2 only**

- The Adyar river flows from west to east. It is one of the three rivers which winds through Chennai (Madras), Tamil Nadu, and joins the Bay of Bengal at the Adyar estuary.

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q9.** With reference to the India-Africa Forum Summit, consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral platform aimed at strengthening cooperation between India and African countries.
2. All member countries of the African Union participated in the last summit as a single bloc.
3. The summit is held annually and hosted alternately by India and African countries.

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: B**

**Explanation: 1 and 2**

**Statement 1 is correct:** IAFS is a key platform for India–Africa cooperation.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The IAFS operates by engaging with all African Union (AU) member states as a collective, consultative group rather than on a strictly individual bilateral basis. The 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit in 2015 was particularly noteworthy, inviting all 54 African countries and the AU Commission to participate, creating a unified block for dialogue with India.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The summit is not annual and has been held intermittently (2008, 2011, 2015).

Source: [TH](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the World Summit on the Information Society Prizes 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The Prizes celebrate innovative ICT-driven projects that contribute to sustainable development worldwide.
2. It is organized under the aegis of the UNESCO.
3. The awards are given exclusively to government agencies of member countries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** WSIS Prizes recognize ICT-based projects contributing to sustainable development and WSIS Action Lines.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The WSIS process, including the prizes, is led by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** The awards are open to multiple stakeholders including governments, private sector, civil society, and academia—not just governments.

**Source:** [AIR](#)

**10 PM MCQs (23 April)**

**Q1. With reference to the Salween River, consider the following statements:**

1. It is the longest river in Southeast Asia.
2. The majority of its basin lies in Myanmar, followed by China and Thailand.

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:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The longest river in Southeast Asia is the Mekong River.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The largest share of the Salween basin lies in China (~53%), followed by Myanmar (~42%) and Thailand (~5%).

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q2. With reference to Palm Oil, consider the following statements:**

1. The palm oil tree is native to Southeast Asia.
2. Indonesia and Malaysia together account for the majority of global palm oil production.
3. Palm oil is used as a raw material in industries producing cosmetics such as lipstick and perfumes.

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)

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Oil palm is native to Africa, not Southeast Asia.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Indonesia and Malaysia together account for the majority of global production.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Palm oil is widely used in cosmetics, including lipstick and perfumes.

Source- [ET](#)

**Q3. With reference to the four Amnaya Maths established by Adi Shankaracharya, consider the following pairs:**

1. Jyotir Math – Badrinath
2. Sringeri Math – Chickmagalur
3. Govardhan Math – Puri
4. Sarada Math – Dwaraka

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

**Answer:** (d)

**Explanation:**

- Jyotir Math is located near Badrinath in Uttarakhand.
- Sringeri Sharada Peetham lies in Chikkamagaluru (Chickmagalur) district of Karnataka.
- Govardhan Math is located in Puri, Odisha.
- Dwarka Sharada Peetham is situated in Dwarka, Gujarat.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q4. Consider the following description:**

Located in Karnataka, this wildlife sanctuary forms an ecological corridor between Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and Sharavathi Wildlife Sanctuary. It includes the scenic Kodachadri Peak, is drained by the Chakra and Souparnika rivers, and features waterfalls such as Koosalli and Belkal Theertha.

Which of the following correctly describes the above sanctuary?

- (a) Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Kudremukh National Park
- (c) Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Bandipur National Park

**Answer:** (a)

Source- [DH](#)

**Q5. The 'Prajna' system, recently seen in news, is a:**

- (a) Missile defence system
- (b) AI-enabled satellite imaging system
- (c) Cyber security firewall network
- (d) Drone-based surveillance platform

**Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** 'Prajna' is an indigenously developed AI-enabled satellite imaging system designed to provide real-time decision support to security agencies.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q6. The Borno State and Zamfara State, seen in the news recently due to conflicts, are located in?**

- a) Indonesia
- b) Sudan
- c) Haiti
- d) Nigeria

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- At least 23 people, including three children, were killed in three separate attacks blamed on jihadists and criminal gangs in Nigeria's Borno and Zamfara states.

Source: [CGTN](#)

**Q7. With reference to the Tel River, consider the following statements:**

1. It originates in the Chhattisgarh and flows through Odisha.
2. It is the largest tributary of the Mahanadi.

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**

**Explanation: 2 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Tel River originates in plain of Koraput district of Odisha, about 32 km to the west of Joragam. It is the second largest river of Orissa.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Tel is the largest tributary of the Mahanadi.

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the DIVEX 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is a bilateral diving exercise conducted between India and Sri Lanka.
2. The exercise focuses on underwater operations, including diving training and submarine rescue coordination.
3. It is a naval exercise conducted under the aegis of the Indian Ocean Rim Association.

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:** DIVEX 2026 is a bilateral India–Sri Lanka naval exercise.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It focuses on diving operations, training, and submarine rescue coordination.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is not conducted under IORA.

**Source:** [TH](#)

**Q9.** He was a 12th-century philosopher, founding saint of the Lingayat sect, Kannada poet and social reformer during the reign of the Kalachuri-dynasty king Bijjala I in Karnataka. He is known for introducing the Ishtalinga (a necklace with a pendant that contains a small Shiva Linga). He gave socio-economic principles of Kayaka, which means Divine work and Dasoha, which means equal distribution.

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

- (a) Allama Prabhu
- (b) Basavanna
- (c) Akka Mahadevi
- (d) Ramanujacharya

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Basavanna**

- Basavanna was the founder of the Lingayat movement and propounded the principles of Kayaka (work as worship) and Dasoha (sharing of wealth), along with promoting Ishtalinga worship.

**Source:** [AIR](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the Prime Minister Internship Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is aimed towards youth aged 12-18 who are currently enrolled full-time academic program in central Indian universities.
2. The Ministry of Education is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
3. Duration of the Internship shall be 12 months under the scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 3 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** PMIS is aimed towards youth aged 21-24 who are currently not enrolled in any full-time academic program or employment. MCA has recently expanded the eligibility criteria of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) to include final-year graduate and post graduate students.

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**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme “Prime Minister’s Internship Scheme” was launched by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

**Statement 3 is correct:** Duration of the Internship shall be 12 months. At least half of the internship period must be spent in the actual working experience/ job environment, and not in the classroom.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

