

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

April, 2026 4th Week

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Atal Pension Yojana (APY):

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
3. Only individuals who are income tax payers are eligible to enroll under the scheme.
4. The scheme provides a guaranteed monthly pension ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 after the age of 60.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation: Statement 3 is incorrect because income tax payers are not eligible to enroll under APY.

Source- [LM](#)

Q2. The terms “Clouded Boghawker” and “Siang Boghawker”, recently seen in news, refer to species of

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- (a) Butterflies
- (b) Birds
- (c) Dragonflies
- (d) Amphibians

Answer: (c) Dragonflies

Explanation: Clouded Boghawker (*Sarasaeschna nuboides*) and Siang Boghawker (*Sarasaeschna sigotaayo*) are newly discovered species of dragonflies found in Arunachal Pradesh’s Siang Valley.

Source- [EM](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF):

1. It can be produced from sources such as waste oils, municipal waste, and non-food crops.
2. India targets to achieve 5% SAF blending in jet fuel for international flights by 2030.

Which of the statements given above 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: Both statements are correct. SAF can be derived from diverse feedstocks, and India has set a target of 5% blending by 2030 for international flights.

Source- [IT](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Flexible Fuel Vehicles (FFVs):

1. FFVs can operate on gasoline or blends of gasoline and ethanol.
2. They require a completely different engine design compared to conventional gasoline vehicles.
3. Higher ethanol blends in FFVs can improve vehicle performance such as acceleration.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 2 is incorrect because FFVs use a conventional internal combustion engine with modifications in the fuel system and calibration, not a completely different engine design.

Source- [HT](#)

Q5. Lower Lake (Chhota Talaab), recently seen in news, is located in which of the following?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Hyderabad

Answer: (a) Bhopal

Explanation: Lower Lake, also known as Chhota Talaab, is a man-made lake situated in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. The English Channel connects:

- (a) The Baltic Sea with the North Sea
- (b) The North Sea with the Atlantic Ocean
- (c) The Mediterranean Sea with the Atlantic Ocean
- (d) The Black Sea with the Mediterranean Sea

Answer: B

Explanation: The North Sea with the Atlantic Ocean

- The English Channel lies between England and France and serves as a crucial maritime link connecting the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.

Source: [Euro News](#)

Q7. With reference to the SAARC Currency Swap Framework, consider the following statements:

1. It is a facility provided by the Reserve Bank of India to SAARC countries to address short-term balance of payments and liquidity crises.
 2. It allows SAARC member countries to directly adopt a common regional currency for trade settlement.
- 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: RBI provides currency swap arrangements to SAARC nations to meet temporary foreign exchange shortages.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It does not create a common currency; it only provides liquidity support through swap arrangements.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. With reference to the Tharu Community, consider the following statements:

1. They are primarily found in the Terai region along the foothills of the Himalayas in India and Nepal.
2. They are classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) across all states of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Tharu community inhabits the Terai belt of India (Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar) and Nepal.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Tharus are a Scheduled Tribe but not classified as PVTG across all states.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. With reference to the Subarnarekha River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates near Ranchi Plateau in the state of Jharkhand.
2. It is a tributary of the Mahanadi.
3. The Ksheer Sagar falls is made by this river.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The river originates near the Ranchi Plateau. It flows through Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha before entering the Bay of Bengal.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not a tributary of the Mahanadi; it is an independent river draining directly into the Bay of Bengal.

Statement 3 is incorrect: On the Ranchi Plateau, it meanders gently for about 60 km before plunging over a 74-meter-high cliff, forming the picturesque Hundru Falls (not Ksheer Sagar falls).

Source: [TNIE](#)

Q10. With reference to the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India, consider the following statements:

1. It functions under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
2. It directly regulates the pricing of all pharmaceutical drugs in India.
3. It is responsible for implementing the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.

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: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: PMBI operates under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Statement 2 is correct: It implements PMBJP, providing affordable generic medicines.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Drug pricing regulation is done by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), not PMBI.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (25 April)

Q1. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Twisters are another name for tornadoes, which are violently rotating columns of air extending from a thunderstorm cloud to the ground.

Reason (R): They develop when moist, warm air collides with dry, cold air, leading to atmospheric instability and strong updrafts within a thunderstorm.

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

Explanation: Twisters are tornadoes, and their formation is linked to atmospheric instability caused by the interaction of warm, moist air and cold, dry air, leading to strong updrafts within thunderstorms.

Source- [HT](#)

Q2. Limnonectes motijheel, recently discovered in Arunachal Pradesh, refers to a species of -

- (a) Fish
- (b) Bird
- (c) Lizard
- (d) Frog

Answer: (d) Frog

Explanation: Limnonectes is a genus of frogs, commonly known as fanged frogs, and Limnonectes motijheel is a newly discovered frog species.

Source- [IT](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP):

- 1. Its headquarters is located in Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2. India is one of its founding members.

Which of the statements given above 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: ESCAP is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, and India is one of its founding members.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the NAMASTE Scheme:

- 1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- 2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- 3. It aims to provide subsidies for construction of household toilets in rural areas.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (d) None

Explanation: All statements are incorrect. NAMASTE is a Central Sector Scheme jointly implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, aimed at rehabilitation of sanitation workers—not toilet construction.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q5. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Libya
- 2. Sudan
- 3. Israel

How many of the above share a land boundary with Egypt?

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation: Egypt shares land borders with Libya to the west, Sudan to the south, and Israel to the northeast.
Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to the Mehar Baba Competition-3, consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of the Indian Air Force to promote indigenous development of advanced drone and aviation technologies.
2. The theme of the third edition focuses on developing collaborative drone-based surveillance radar systems using swarm technology.
3. The competition is named after the first Maha Vir Chakra awardee of Indian Air Force.

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: It is an IAF initiative to boost indigenous aerospace innovation.

Statement 2 is correct: MBC-3 focuses on collaborative drone-based surveillance radars using swarm drones.

Statement 3 is correct: The competition is named after Mehar Singh, a pioneering air veteran. Mehar Baba was the first IAF recipient to be awarded with Maha Vir Chakra.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Technology Development and Investment Promotion Scheme (TDIPS), consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Defence is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
3. It aims to promote indigenous development of defence technologies by providing financial support to private industry, MSMEs, and start-ups.

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: Nodal Ministry: Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications

Statement 2 is correct: Scheme type: It is a Central Sector Scheme.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Technology Development and Investment Promotion (TDIP) Scheme is an initiative to position India as a global leader in telecom innovation, standardisation and exports.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Yamuna River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates from the Bandarpunch peaks in Himalayas.
2. The Betwa and the Ken, both are the left bank tributaries of Yamuna river.
3. The Renukaji Dam is being developed on this river.

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 Yamuna River originates from the Yamunotri Glacier near Bandarpunch peaks in Uttarakhand.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is joined by the Tons, Chambal, the Sind, the Betwa and the Ken on its right bank while the Hindan, the Rind, the Sengar, the Varuna, etc. join it on its left bank.

Statement 3 is correct: Key infrastructure on Yamuna includes the Hathnikund Barrage, with major storage projects like the Renukaji Dam, Lakhwar Multipurpose Project, and Kishau Dam under development to enhance irrigation and water supply.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. The Strait of Malacca connects:

- (a) The South China Sea with the Philippines Sea
- (b) The Andaman Sea with the South China Sea
- (c) The Arabian Sea with the Red Sea
- (d) The Bay of Bengal with the Sunda Sea

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Andaman Sea with the South China Sea

- The Strait of Malacca lies between the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra and is a crucial shipping route connecting the Andaman Sea (part of the Indian Ocean) with the South China Sea (Pacific Ocean).

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. With reference to Tuvalu, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Polynesian island nation located in the Pacific Ocean.
2. It is a landlocked country that shares borders with Australia and New Zealand.

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: Tuvalu is a small Pacific Polynesian island nation threatened by rising sea levels due to climate change.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Tuvalu is not landlocked; it is an island country and does not share land borders.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs – April 27th

Q1. Atlas Drone Swarm System, seen in the news recently, is launched by?

- a) Israel
- b) Russia
- c) USA
- d) China

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has unveiled its new Atlas drone swarm system (atelasi). The one-of-a-kind system combines features like simultaneous mass launch, control of nearly 100 drones, and a single human touchpoint to control them all.

Source: [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

1. Algeria
2. Niger
3. Ghana
4. Burkina Faso
5. Senegal

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- The country is bordered to the north by Algeria, to the east by Niger, to the northwest by Mauritania, to the south by Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast, and to the west by Guinea and Senegal.

Source: [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the Barbary macaque, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only species of macaque found outside Asian continent.
2. It is an alloparental animal.
3. It is categorized as critically endangered by the IUCN.

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

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Barbary macaque is the only macaque species outside Asia, native to North Africa.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** They are alloparental opens. This means that the adult males and females look after all the offspring in the group, not just their own.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is categorized as Endangered by the IUCN.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q4. With reference to the Abhilekh Patal, consider the following statements:

1. It is a digital platform that provides online access to archival records and historical documents for a deeper understanding of India's historical legacy.
2. It is being maintained by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI).

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: Abhilekh Patal is an online portal providing access to digitized archival records.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is created and maintained by the National Archives of India.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme:

1. The Ministry of Power is the nodal ministry of the scheme.

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2. The scheme supports Small Hydro Power projects with capacities between 1 GW and 25 GW.
3. The scheme envisages a Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of maximum 30% of project cost for the Northeastern states.

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: It is under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), unlike larger projects under the Ministry of Power.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Capacity Range: Supports Small Hydro Power projects with capacities between 1 MW and 25 MW.

Statement 3 is correct: Central Financial Assistance (CFA): North East & Border Incentives: Assistance of ₹3.6 crore per MW or 30% of project cost, capped at ₹30 crore per project.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is conducted under the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation to enhance defence cooperation among member countries.
 2. The meeting is being hosted by India.
- (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 meeting is part of SCO's defence cooperation mechanism.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Raksha Mantri will lead a high-level Indian delegation to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting which will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on April 28, 2026.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to Payments Banks, consider the following statements:

1. They are allowed to accept demand deposits but cannot issue loans and advances.
2. They can issue debit cards but are not permitted to issue credit cards.
3. They are authorized to undertake full-fledged commercial banking activities including lending to large industries.

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: Payments Banks can accept deposits (up to a prescribed limit) but cannot lend.

Statement 2 is correct: They can issue debit cards but not credit cards.

Statement 3 is incorrect: They are not allowed full-fledged banking functions like lending.

Source: [NDTV](#)

Q8. With reference to the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) Region, consider the following statements:

1. A considerable part of this region spreads into India also.

2. Major rivers like Amu Darya and Mekong rise from this region.

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: 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: It extends about 3,500 km and spreads across eight countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan.

Statement 2 is correct: It is the source of ten large Asian river systems – the Amu Darya, Indus, Ganges, Brahmaputra (Yarlungtsanpo), Irrawaddy, Salween (Nu), Mekong (Lancang), Yangtse (Jinsha), Yellow River (Huanghe), and Tarim (Dayan).

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. Consider the following pairs:

National Waterways No.

- 1. NW 01
- 2. NW 02
- 3. NW 03

Stretch

- Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-Sadiya)
- Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia-Allahabad)
- Krishna-Godavari River Systems

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: None

- 1. NW 01
- 2. NW 02
- 3. NW 03

- Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia-Allahabad)
- Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-Sadiya)
- West Coast Canal

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) award:

- 1. Only a child with Indian citizenship can be nominated for the Award.
- 2. A child can self-nominate himself/herself for the Award.
- 3. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakhs with it.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct:

- Eligibility for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) -
 - A child who is an Indian Citizen and is resident of India.
 - Age Limit: A Child above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July of respective year).

Statement 2 is correct: Children may also apply through self-nomination.

Statement 3 is incorrect: No cash prize is given. The Award contains a Medal and a Certificate and citation.

Source: [PIB](#)

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Q1. Consider the following pairs:

(Archaeological Site) (Distinctive Feature)

1. Virli Khandar – Combination of stone circles and menhirs
2. Pimpalgaon Nipani – Predominance of dolmen burials
3. Mudumal – Megalithic astronomical observatory

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (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:

- **Virli Khandar** – Combination of stone circles and menhirs- Unique composite burial structure (stone circles + menhirs).
- **Pimpalgaon Nipani** – Dolmen burials- Nearby sites mainly feature dolmen-type burials.
- **Mudumal** – Astronomical observatory- Menhirs aligned with solstices suggest observatory-like use.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about Nilgiri Tahr:

1. The largest population is found in Eravikulam National Park in Kerala.
2. It is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List.

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: Eravikulam National Park hosts the largest population of Nilgiri Tahr, and the species is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to Vikram-1 launcher, consider the following statements:

1. It is India's first privately developed orbital launch vehicle.
2. It is a multi-stage launch vehicle using both solid and liquid fuel-based propulsion systems.
3. It is capable of placing payloads of more than 1,000 kg into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

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 3 is incorrect: Vikram-1 is designed to place payloads of about 350 kg into Low Earth Orbit (LEO), not more than 1,000 kg.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. With reference to the Tenth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The provision relating to disqualification on grounds of defection was introduced by the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act 1985.
2. The decision of the Speaker/Chairman on questions of disqualification under the Tenth Schedule is final and cannot be subject to judicial review.

3. Nominated members have six months to join a political party without attracting disqualification.

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 2 is incorrect: In *Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachillhu* 1992, the Supreme Court held that the decision of the Speaker/Chairman is subject to judicial review.

Source- [LL](#)

Q5. Luzon Island, recently seen in news, is-

- (a) The largest and most important island of the Philippines
- (b) A volcanic island located in Indonesia
- (c) A major island of Japan
- (d) A coral atoll in the Pacific Ocean

Answer: (a) The largest and most important island of the Philippines

Explanation: Luzon Island is the largest and most significant island of the Philippines, located in the northern part of the country.

Source- [TP](#)

Q6. The Khambatki Ghat Tunnel, seen in the news recently, is built on?

- (a) National Highway 48 connecting Pune–Satara
- (b) National Highway 44 connecting Nagpur–Hyderabad
- (c) National Highway 16 connecting Kolkata–Chennai
- (d) National Highway 27 connecting Lucknow–Silchar

Answer: A

Explanation: NH-48 connecting Pune–Satara

- The Khambatki Ghat Tunnel is constructed on NH-48 in Maharashtra to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity between Pune and Satara.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. With reference to the Science Panel for the Global Energy Transition (SPGET), consider the following statements:

1. It is an international panel of experts that provides scientific advice and policy recommendations to accelerate the global energy transition.
2. It functions as a regulatory body with authority to enforce binding emission reduction targets on countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: SPGET provides scientific insights and policy guidance for energy transition.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not a regulatory or enforcement body; it does not impose binding targets.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. With reference to the Bnei Menashe, consider the following statements:

1. They are a community primarily found in Manipur and Mizoram, claiming descent from one of the lost tribes of Israel.

2. They are officially recognized as indigenous inhabitants of Israel with full citizenship rights without any formal conversion process.

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 B'nei Menashe are a community from Manipur and Mizoram claiming descent from the lost tribe of Manasseh.

Statement 2 is incorrect: They are not automatically granted citizenship; they typically undergo formal conversion to Judaism before recognition in Israel.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. With reference to the Index of Services Production, consider the following statements:

1. It will measure the performance of the services sector in the economy, similar to how the Index of Industrial Production tracks the industrial sector.
2. It will be developed by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
3. The index will adopt 2024–25 as its base year.

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: ISP is analogous to IIP but for services.

Statement 2 is correct: The Index of Service Production (ISP) is proposed to be developed by India's Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to track the formal services sector.

Statement 3 is correct: The index will adopt 2024–25 as its base year and will largely depend on data from the GST Network as a primary input.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Which one of the following countries recently faced internal conflict over issue of water resources, resulting into deaths of many citizens?

- a) Niger
b) Sudan
c) Nigeria
d) Chad

Answer: D

Explanation:

At least 42 people have been killed and 10 injured in fighting between rival ethnic groups in eastern Chad in a conflict that began as a dispute over a water well.

Source: [BBC](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs (29 April)

Q1. The term **Sacrifice Ratio**, recently seen in news, is used to-

- (a) Measure the rise in inflation due to economic growth
(b) Calculate the balance of trade of a country

- (c) Measure the direct economic cost of bringing down inflation
- (d) Measure income inequality in an economy

Answer: (c) Measure the direct economic cost of bringing down inflation

Explanation: Sacrifice Ratio indicates the percentage loss in real GDP required to reduce inflation by 1%, reflecting the trade-off between inflation control and economic growth.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

1. Lake Issyk-Kul — Kyrgyzstan
2. Lake Turkana — Kenya
3. Lake Poopó — Bolivia

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation: All three lakes are correctly matched with their respective locations: Issyk-Kul (Kyrgyzstan), Turkana (Kenya), and Poopó (Bolivia).

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. With reference to the SIPRI Trends in World Military Expenditure 2025, consider the following statements:

1. India is the third largest military spender in the world.
2. In 2025, India's military expenditure increased by more than 15 percent compared to the previous year.

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: India is the fifth largest military spender, not third. Also, the increase in expenditure was around 8.9%, not more than 15%.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

A 16th-century Roman Catholic missionary, he was a co-founder of the Society of Jesus and is revered as the patron saint of Goa, where he is popularly known as "Goencho Saib". He led the first Christian mission to Japan and was among the earliest missionaries to venture into Borneo and the Maluku Islands.

Which of the following refers to the above description?

- (a) St. Thomas
- (b) St. Francis Xavier
- (c) Ignatius of Loyola
- (d) Bartholomew Dias

Answer: (b) St. Francis Xavier

Explanation: The description refers to St. Francis Xavier, a Jesuit missionary known for his work in Goa, Japan, and Southeast Asia.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to the Petersberg Climate Dialogue, consider the following statements:

1. It is a formal UN negotiation platform for binding climate agreements.

2. It has been organized annually.

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: The Petersberg Climate Dialogue is an informal platform, not a formal UN negotiation body. It has been organized annually by Germany since 2010.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Swamp Deer (Barasingha):

- 1. It is endemic to the Indian subcontinent and prefers marshy grassland habitats.
- 2. Only the male deer grows antlers.
- 3. It is classified as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List.

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 only

Statement 1 is correct: Swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) inhabits marshy grasslands in the Indian subcontinent.

Statement 2 is correct: Antlers are found only in males and measure about 74 cm on average, with some reaching 104 cm, and they have multiple points.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is listed as Vulnerable by the IUCN.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q7. The Bering Strait connects?

- a) Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean
- b) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean
- c) Arctic Ocean and Southern Ocean
- d) Atlantic Ocean and Arctic Ocean

Answer: A

Explanation: Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean

- The Bering Strait lies between Alaska (USA) and Russia and connects the Pacific Ocean (via Bering Sea) with the Arctic Ocean (via Chukchi Sea).

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding 'Operation Global-Hunt':

- 1. It is an international operation coordinated by Interpol to track down fugitives involved in cybercrime and financial fraud.
- 2. India participates in this operation through agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Both are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: Operation Global-Hunt is not an Interpol-led cybercrime or financial fraud operation.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is an initiative of India's Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) aimed at tracking and dismantling international drug trafficking networks operated by Indian fugitives abroad.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. With reference to Exercise 'PRAGATI', consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral military exercise involving armies of countries in the Indian Ocean Region aimed at enhancing regional cooperation and interoperability.
2. The exercise is conducted under the aegis of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

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: Exercise PRAGATI is a multilateral army-level exercise focusing on improving cooperation, interoperability, and shared responses among Indian Ocean Region countries.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not conducted under IORA; it is a defence cooperation initiative, not a formal IORA activity.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. The "Mission SAKSHAM", seen in the news recently, is launched by which of the following?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Answer: B

Explanation: Reserve Bank of India

- Mission SAKSHAM is a nationwide capacity-building initiative launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the Urban Cooperative Banking (UCB) sector. It aims to strengthen governance, compliance, and operational resilience through training programmes for about 1.4 lakh participants.

Source: [AIR](#)

10 PM MCQs (30 April)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC):

1. Its headquarters is located in Vienna, Austria.
2. Russia is a member of OPEC.
3. Iraq is the largest contributor to OPEC's crude oil production in 2025

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** - OPEC headquarters is in Vienna.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - Russia is not an OPEC member; it is part of OPEC+.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - Saudi Arabia, not Iraq, is the largest producer within OPEC.

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Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

1. Changi Naval Base — Singapore
2. Port of Duqm — Oman
3. Sabang Port — Myanmar

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct** - Changi Naval Base is in Singapore
- **Pair 2 is correct** - Port of Duqm is in Oman
- **Pair 3 is incorrect** - Sabang Port is in Indonesia, not Myanmar

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Coal Gasification:

1. Synthesis gas (syngas) produced in this process is primarily composed of carbon monoxide and hydrogen.
2. Syngas produced through coal gasification can be used for producing fertilizers or synthetic fuels.
3. The Government of India has launched the National Coal Gasification Mission to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct** - Syngas mainly consists of CO and H₂.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - It is used for fertilizers, methanol, and synthetic fuels.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - India aims to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030 under the mission.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Noyyal River:

1. It is a tributary of the Kaveri River.
2. It flows entirely within Tamil Nadu.
3. It is a perennial river with uniform flow throughout the 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: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- The Noyyal River is a tributary of the Kaveri River.
- It flows within Tamil Nadu through districts like Coimbatore and Tiruppur.
- It is a seasonal (monsoon-fed) river, not perennial.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Sikkim:

1. The Kingdom of Sikkim was established in the 17th century with Phuntsog Namgyal as its first Chogyal.
2. The Treaty of Tumlong (1861) made Sikkim a British protectorate acting as a buffer between China and Nepal.
3. Sikkim became a state of India through the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- Statements 1 and 2 are correct.
- Statement 3 is incorrect: Sikkim became the 22nd state of India through the 36th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1975, not the 42nd Amendment.

Source- pmindia

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0:

1. It is developed by the Niti Aayog.
2. It focuses only on financial performance of Panchayats and excludes social and environmental indicators.

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: PAI 2.0 is an improved framework by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to measure Panchayat performance aligned with Localisation of SDGs (LSDGs).

Statement 2 is incorrect: It uses a multidimensional approach, covering economic, social, environmental, and governance indicators, not just financial aspects.

Source: PIB

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Tapirs:

1. All species of tapirs are found exclusively in Africa and Asia.
2. Tapirs play an important ecological role as seed dispersers in tropical forests.
3. They are categorized as critically endangered by IUCN.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: Tapirs are found in Central & South America and Southeast Asia, not Africa.

Statement 2 is correct: They are known as “gardeners of the forest” due to their role in seed dispersal, helping maintain biodiversity.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Three of the four tapir species: the Malayan tapir, Baird’s tapir, and mountain tapir are classified as Endangered by the IUCN. IUCN status of Lowland Tapir is Vulnerable.

Source: AIR

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the E-PRAAPTI Portal:

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1. It is an initiative of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to help members identify, track and activate old or inoperative EPF accounts.
2. The portal will facilitate the linking of EPF accounts with the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system for tax compliance.

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: E-PRAAPTI is a digital portal launched by EPFO to identify, track, link and reactivate old/inoperative provident fund accounts, often using Aadhaar-based authentication and UAN linkage.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It has no relation to GST or tax compliance; it focuses on EPF account consolidation and retrieval of dormant savings.

Source: [Zee Business](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA):

1. It is an initiative launched by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
2. It will enable regulated entities such as investment advisers, research analysts, and algorithmic trading service providers to showcase their verified performance.

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

- PaRRVA is a SEBI-led framework that verifies past performance (risk and returns) of intermediaries like investment advisers and research analysts to enhance transparency and investor protection. The framework explicitly prohibits selective disclosure (cherry-picking favourable periods); performance must be presented in a standardised and transparent manner.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q10. With reference to Guru Amar Das, consider the following statements:

1. He was the founder of the city of Amritsar and compiled the Adi Granth.
2. He promoted the institution of Langar and discouraged practices such as Sati and purdah.

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: Guru Amar Das (3rd Sikh Guru) neither founded Amritsar nor compiled the Adi Granth (these are associated with Guru Ram Das and Guru Arjan Dev respectively).

Statement 2 is correct: He strongly promoted social reforms, including equality through Langar, and opposed regressive practices like Sati and purdah.

Source: [AIR](#)