

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (1 June)

Q1. Ghepan Lake, recently in news due to concerns over rapid glacial melting and climate change, is located in:

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (d) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation: Ghepan Lake (Ghepang Ghat Lake) is a moraine-dammed glacial lake located near Sissu in the Lahaul region of Himachal Pradesh.

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

Q2. In a city, the administration plans to relocate street vendors from a busy market area to ease traffic congestion and improve public safety. The vendors oppose the move, arguing that relocation will affect their livelihoods, while local residents support the decision due to persistent overcrowding and traffic jams. As the Municipal Commissioner, you are tasked with resolving the issue in a fair and sustainable manner.

Consider the following statements with reference to the above:

1. Consulting vendor associations and resident groups before finalizing the relocation plan can help build consensus.
2. The concerns of street vendors may be ignored since traffic management is a larger public interest issue.
3. Providing suitable alternative vending spaces and transition support can reduce resistance and hardship.
4. Communicating the rationale, benefits, and rehabilitation measures transparently can help gain public trust.

Which of the statements given above would contribute to the resolution process?

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

Answer: (a) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: Ethical conflict resolution requires stakeholder consultation, transparency, and balancing public interest with the livelihoods of affected groups.

Source- MISC

Q3. The Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) Instrument, recently seen in the news, is primarily associated with:

- (a) Financing infrastructure projects by State Governments
- (b) Issuance of sovereign green bonds by the Central Government
- (c) Fundraising by not-for-profit organizations through the Social Stock Exchange
- (d) Raising capital for start-up companies through stock exchanges

Answer: (c) Fundraising by not-for-profit organizations through the Social Stock Exchange

Explanation: ZCZP is a SEBI-regulated instrument that enables eligible not-for-profit organizations listed on the Social Stock Exchange to raise funds for social projects.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following pairs:

1. Kalai-II Hydroelectric Project — Lohit River
2. Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project — Chenab River
3. Tehri Hydroelectric Project — Alaknanda River

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (c) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Kalai-II Hydroelectric Project is proposed on the Lohit River in Arunachal Pradesh, while the Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project is on the Chenab River in Jammu & Kashmir. The Tehri Hydroelectric Project is located on the Bhagirathi River, not the Alaknanda River.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the BrahMos missile:

1. BrahMos is a two-stage supersonic cruise missile.
2. It can cruise at speeds close to Mach 5.

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: BrahMos is a two-stage supersonic cruise missile that cruises at speeds close to Mach 3, not Mach 5.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. The Arahant Sariputta and Arahant Mahamoggallana, seen in the news recently, are?

- a) Two sacred Buddhist monasteries located in Mongolia
- b) Chief disciples of Gautama Buddha whose sacred relics were taken to Mongolia for public exposition
- c) Ancient Buddhist texts discovered in Sanchi
- d) Twin stupas constructed during the reign of Ashoka

Answer: B

Explanation: Chief disciples of Gautama Buddha whose sacred relics were taken to Mongolia for public exposition.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector scheme.
2. The scheme provides an initial working capital loan of up to Rs. 10,000 to eligible street vendors.
3. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) acts as the implementing agency for the scheme.
4. The scheme incentivizes digital transactions by offering cash-back benefits up to Rs. 500 per month.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3 only

- The scheme was launched on 1st June 2020 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) as a Central Sector Scheme.
- It provides an initial working capital loan up to ₹10,000 with a repayment tenure of one year.
- SIDBI is the implementing agency.
- The scheme promotes digital transactions through cash-back incentives up to ₹100 per month, not Rs. 500.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Voice Chatbot 'SAMADHAN DIDI', seen in the news recently, has been launched by?

- a) National Informatics Centre
- b) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
- c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- d) NITI Aayog

Answer: B

Explanation: Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

- The AI-enabled Voice Chatbot 'SAMADHAN DIDI' was launched under the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with BHASHINI. It allows citizens to lodge grievances by speaking in their preferred Indian language, after which the system automatically identifies the concerned ministry or department.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Blue Micromoon':

1. During a Blue Micromoon, the Moon appears distinctly blue in colour due to enhanced scattering of sunlight in Earth's atmosphere.
2. A Blue Moon refers to the second Full Moon occurring within a single calendar month.
3. A Micromoon occurs when the Full Moon coincides with or is near the Moon's apogee, making it appear smaller than usual.

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: 2 and 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: A Blue Moon does not normally appear blue. The term is a calendrical or astronomical designation. A genuinely blue-looking Moon is a rare atmospheric phenomenon caused by specific particles such as volcanic ash or smoke in the atmosphere.

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Statement 2 is correct: A Blue Moon commonly refers to the second Full Moon in a calendar month (though another definition based on seasonal full moons also exists).

Statement 3 is correct: A Micromoon occurs when a Full Moon is near the Moon's apogee (the farthest point from Earth in its orbit), causing it to appear slightly smaller and dimmer than an average Full Moon.

Source: [IE](#)

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

1. It is an arboreal marsupial endemic to Australia.
 2. Increasing temperature and forest fires are the major threats faced by this species.
 3. It is classified as Critically Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List.
- 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: The Koala is an arboreal marsupial endemic to Australia and depends heavily on eucalyptus forests for food and shelter.

Statement 2 is correct: Threats

- Destruction, fragmentation, and alteration of their natural range
- Diseases
- Wildfires and rising temperature

Statement 3 is incorrect: IUCN Red List: Vulnerable

Source: [DTE](#)

10 PM MCQs (2 June)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Udant Martand:

1. It was the first Hindi newspaper.
2. It was published from Calcutta under the editorship of Pandit Jugal Kishore Shukla.

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: Udant Martand (meaning "The Rising Sun") was the world's first Hindi newspaper. It was first published on 30 May 1826 from Calcutta under the editorship of Pandit Jugal Kishore Shukla, a lawyer from Kanpur. Hence, both statements are correct.

Source- [BS](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements:

1. As of June 2026, there are 18 Railway Zones in India.
2. The 18th Railway Zone, South Coast Railway (SCoR), is headquartered at Amaravati.

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: India has 18 Railway Zones as of June 2026. The South Coast Railway (SCoR), the 18th Railway Zone, is headquartered at Visakhapatnam, not Amaravati.

Source- [BS](#)

Q3. A District Collector launches an online grievance redressal portal where citizens can directly register complaints, track their status in real time, and provide feedback on service delivery. The initiative aims to make administration more responsive, transparent, and citizen-centric.

The above case study best reflects which of the following concepts of Public Administration?

- (a) Scientific Management
- (b) New Public Management
- (c) Span of Control
- (d) Principle of Hierarchy

Answer: (b) New Public Management

Explanation: New Public Management (NPM) emphasizes citizen-centric governance, transparency, accountability, efficiency, use of technology, and improved public service delivery. The online grievance redressal portal embodies these features.

Source- MISC

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding cotton cultivation in India:

1. Cotton is primarily grown during the Kharif season in semi-arid regions of India.
2. India is the only country that cultivates all four cultivated species of cotton on a commercial scale.
3. India is the world's largest producer of cotton.

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: Cotton is a Kharif crop grown mainly in semi-arid regions. India is the only country cultivating all four cultivated cotton species commercially. However, India is the second-largest producer of cotton after China, not the largest.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. The Portuguese colonial rule in Goa began in 1510 when Afonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from:

- (a) Yusuf Adil Shah of Bijapur
- (b) Bahadur Shah of Gujarat
- (c) Mahmud Begada of Gujarat Sultanate
- (d) Ibrahim Adil Shah I of Bijapur

Answer: (a) Yusuf Adil Shah of Bijapur

Explanation: The Portuguese colonial era in Goa began in 1510 when Afonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from Yusuf Adil Shah, the ruler of the Bijapur Sultanate.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

1. North Korea
2. Russia
3. China
4. Kazakhstan

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation: China and Russia

- Mongolia is a landlocked country in East Asia which is bordered by Russia to the north and China to the south and southeast.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the 22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships, consider the following statements:

1. The 22nd edition of the championship was held in Hong Kong, China.
2. The event is conducted under the aegis of Asian Athletics Association for athletes below 20 years of age.
3. India finished at the third place of the medal tally in the Championships after China and Japan.

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 22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships was held at the Kai Tak Youth Sports Ground, Hong Kong, China, from 28–31 May 2026.

Statement 2 is correct: The championship is organized by the Asian Athletics Association and is open to athletes in the under-20 age category.

Statement 3 is incorrect: India finished second in the overall medal tally with 10 gold, 5 silver, and 4 bronze medals, while China topped the standings.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the MAHA (Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas) Water Mission:

1. It is a joint initiative of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation and the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
2. Under the mission, financial support is restricted exclusively to Central Universities and government research laboratories.
3. The mission focuses on themes such as water resource assessment, drinking water, water-use efficiency, climate resilience, and water quality management.

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 MAHA Water Mission is a collaborative initiative of the ANRF and the Ministry of Jal Shakti to accelerate innovation and solution-oriented research for addressing India's water challenges.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The mission is designed to support multidisciplinary consortia involving universities, national laboratories, research organizations, startups, MSMEs, and industry partners; it is not restricted to government institutions alone.

Statement 3 is correct: The mission focuses on five priority themes: Water Resource Assessment and Sustainable Management, Drinking Water, Water Quality and Ecological Health, Water Use Efficiency and Circular Economy, and Climate Resilience and Adaptation.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Besides the Brahmaputra River, the Majuli Island, world's largest inhabited river island, is surrounded by which of the following rivers/water channels?

- a) Subansiri River
- b) Manas River
- c) Lohit River
- d) Kameng River

Answer: A

Explanation: Subansiri River

- Majuli is the largest river island in Assam, a state in Northeast India. It is bordered by the Brahmaputra River to the south and east, the Subansiri River to the west, and a branch of the Brahmaputra to the north.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to elections to State Legislative Councils (Vidhan Parishads), consider the following statements:

1. Under the Constitution, not less than one-third and not more than one-half of the members of a State Legislative Council are elected by members of local authorities in the State.
2. One-twelfth of the members of a Legislative Council are elected by graduates of at least three years' standing residing in the State.
3. Members of a Legislative Council are elected for a term of six years, with one-third of the members retiring every two years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 and 3 only

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Statement 1 is incorrect: Under Article 171, as nearly as may be one-third of the members are elected by local authorities. The Constitution does not prescribe a range of "not less than one-third and not more than one-half" for this category.

Statement 2 is correct: One-twelfth of the members are elected by graduates of at least three years' standing residing in the State.

Statement 3 is correct: A Legislative Council is a permanent House. Members serve a six-year term, and one-third retire every two years.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (3 June)

Q1. The terms Kamioti and Harwahi, recently mentioned in the context of the Santhal rebellion, refer to:

- (a) Traditional systems of shifting cultivation
- (b) Tribal councils for dispute resolution
- (c) Forms of land revenue collection
- (d) Types of bonded labour imposed on peasants

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Kamioti and Harwahi were exploitative forms of bonded labour (begari) that emerged in the Santhal region due to indebtedness, land-grabbing, and oppression by moneylenders and zamindars.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Identify the river of India on the basis of the following information:

1. It is a tributary of the Chambal River.
2. It is a perennial river.
3. Its major tributaries include the Khan and Gambhir rivers.

Select the correct answer from the following:

- (a) Kali Sindh River
- (b) Parbati River
- (c) Shipra River
- (d) Banas River

Answer: (c) Shipra River

Explanation: The Shipra River is a perennial tributary of the Chambal River and is joined by important tributaries such as the Khan and Gambhir rivers.

Source- [ETVB](#)

Q3. Project UDAYAK, recently seen in the news, is an initiative of which of the following?

- (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (b) Indian Army Corps of Engineers
- (c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- (d) Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

Answer: (d) Border Roads Organisation (BRO)

Explanation: Project UDAYAK is a project of the Border Roads Organisation responsible for constructing and maintaining strategic road infrastructure in eastern Arunachal Pradesh, particularly along the India-China border.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. A State Government launches the “Seva Setu” programme to improve public service delivery. Under the initiative, government departments share data through a common digital platform, citizens can access multiple services through a single window, service requests are processed within prescribed timelines, and officers are rewarded based on performance indicators.

Which of the following concepts of Public Administration are reflected in the above case study?

1. Coordination among departments
2. Citizen-centric governance
3. Performance-based administration
4. Political neutrality

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Answer: (c) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: The initiative promotes inter-departmental coordination, citizen-centric service delivery, and performance-based administration. Political neutrality is not evident from the case study.

Source- MISC

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Anti-Defection Law in India:

1. The Anti-Defection Law was introduced through the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985.
2. A legislator can be disqualified only if he or she formally resigns from the political party on whose ticket he or she was elected.
3. An independent member of a legislature is liable for disqualification if he or she joins a political party after the election.
4. The Constitution (Ninety-First Amendment) Act, 2003 removed the provision relating to protection against disqualification in case of a split in a political party.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: Statement 2 is incorrect. The Supreme Court in *Ravi S. Naik v. Union of India* held that a formal resignation is not necessary; a member's conduct may indicate that he or she has voluntarily given up party membership. The Anti-Defection Law was introduced through the 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985, applies to independent members joining political parties after elections, and the split exception was removed by the 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. With reference to the PM Research Chair Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Science and Technology is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. The Scheme aims to attract accomplished Indian origin researchers and professionals from leading global institutions and industries with outstanding achievements in research, innovation, and technology.

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3. The OCI cardholders and Persons of Indian Origin are also eligible for the scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, is the nodal minis the Prime Minister Research Chair (PMRC) Scheme 2026.

Statement 2 is correct: The Scheme aims to attract accomplished Indian origin researchers and professionals from leading global institutions and industries with outstanding achievements in research, innovation, and technology.

Statement 3 is correct: Eligible Fellows under the PMRC Scheme include accomplished Indian origin researchers, scientists, and professionals, including Indian Nationals working abroad, OCI cardholders, and Persons of Indian Origin.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about Kshipra River:

- 1. It originates in the Vindhya Range near Kakri-Bardi Hills in Madhya Pradesh
- 2. It is a tributary of the Chambal River.
- 3. The river flows through the city of Ujjain, which hosts the Simhastha Kumbh Mela on its banks.

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: The Kshipra River originates in the Vindhyan hills near Ujjain district of Madhya Pradesh.

Statement 2 is correct: It is a right-bank tributary of the Chambal River.

Statement 3 is correct: The river flows through Ujjain, one of Hinduism's seven sacred cities, where the Simhastha Kumbh Mela is held every 12 years.

Source: [ETV News](#)

Q8. 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: [NOA](#)

Q9. With reference to Mission Senehjori, consider the following statements:

1. It is a cluster-based initiative launched to transform Assam's Muga silk sector into a globally competitive, high-value textile ecosystem.
2. The mission is implemented exclusively by the Ministry of Textiles and focuses only on increasing raw silk production without addressing branding, exports, or digital traceability.

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: Mission Senehjori (Assam Muga Silk USP) was launched to strengthen the entire Muga silk value chain and develop Assam's unique Muga silk into a globally recognized luxury textile ecosystem.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The mission is anchored by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in collaboration with the Government of Assam, the Central Silk Board, the Ministry of Textiles, and other stakeholders. Its scope extends beyond production to include branding, GI authentication, digital traceability, exports, tourism, and value addition.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Brahminy Kite:

1. It is a medium-sized bird of prey commonly found near coasts, estuaries, rivers, wetlands, and mangrove ecosystems across South and Southeast Asia.
2. It is an endemic raptor of the Western Ghats and 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

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Brahminy Kite is a widely distributed raptor found near coastal areas, rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, and mangrove habitats. It feeds on fish, carrion, small vertebrates, and aquatic organisms.

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Statement 2 is incorrect: The Brahminy Kite is not endemic to the Western Ghats. It is distributed across the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and parts of Australia. It is currently listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List, not Critically Endangered.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

10 PM MCQs (4 June)

Q1. A District Collector was explaining the principles of ethical governance in public administration. He stated that accountability requires public officials to be answerable for their actions and decisions. A trainee officer added that transparency, which promotes openness in decision-making and access to information, is also an essential component of ethical governance. The Collector disagreed and argued that transparency is not a necessary element of ethical governance.

Based on the above, select the correct conclusion from the options given below:

- (a) The Collector is correct in both his views.
- (b) The trainee officer is not correct in linking transparency with ethical governance.
- (c) The views of both the Collector and the trainee officer are correct.
- (d) The view of only the trainee officer is correct.

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Ethical governance is founded on principles such as accountability, transparency, integrity, and responsiveness. While the Collector is correct regarding accountability, his view that transparency is not an essential element of ethical governance is incorrect. Therefore, only the trainee officer's view is correct.

Source- MISC

Q2. Operation Hot Pursuit, recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) A naval exercise in the Indian Ocean Region
- (b) A counter-insurgency operation along the India–Myanmar border
- (c) An anti-piracy mission of the Indian Navy
- (d) A border management operation along the India–Bangladesh border

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Operation Hot Pursuit refers to cross-border counter-insurgency operations conducted by Indian security forces against militant groups operating along the India–Myanmar border.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Beaufort Castle, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Syria
- (b) Jordan
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) Israel

Answer: (c) Lebanon

Explanation: Beaufort Castle is a medieval fortress located in southern Lebanon. It has strategic significance due to its location overlooking the Litani River valley and has frequently featured in regional conflicts

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding South Africa:

1. It is the southernmost country on the African continent.
2. It has coastlines along both the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean.

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3. It shares its longest international border with Botswana.

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: (d)

Explanation: South Africa is the southernmost country in Africa, has coastlines on both the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, and its longest international border is with Botswana.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Navachar Mantra Initiative:

- 1. It is a national initiative aimed at supporting technology startups through venture capital funding.
- 2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

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: The Navachar Mantra Initiative focuses on strengthening grassroots entrepreneurship and expanding opportunities for innovators across emerging India. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. The 'Jana Mandia, Dussera Mandia, Bati Mandia and Jili Mandia', seen in the news recently, are:

- a) Traditional varieties of finger millet conserved by tribal communities in Odisha
- b) Indigenous rice varieties cultivated in the Brahmaputra Valley
- c) Traditional cotton varieties developed in the Deccan Plateau
- d) Medicinal plants endemic to the Eastern Ghats

Answer: A

Explanation: Traditional varieties of finger millet conserved by tribal communities in Odisha

- Jana Mandia, Dussera Mandia, Bati Mandia and Jili Mandia are indigenous landraces (traditional varieties) of finger millet (Ragi/Mandia) cultivated and conserved by tribal farming communities, particularly in the Koraput region of Odisha.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. The Deepar Beel Wildlife Sanctuary, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Assam
- c) Tripura
- d) Meghalaya

Answer: B

Explanation: Assam

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- Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the southwestern outskirts of Guwahati in Assam.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. With reference to the Yellow-throated Marten, consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest marten species in South Asia and is found in a wide range of habitats, including Himalayan forests, tropical forests, and montane ecosystems.
2. It is a strictly herbivorous mammal endemic to the Western Ghats and is classified as 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

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Yellow-throated Marten is the largest species of marten and occurs across the Himalayas, Northeast India, Western Ghats, and much of East and Southeast Asia. It inhabits diverse forest ecosystems ranging from tropical forests to temperate and alpine regions.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Yellow-throated Marten is not endemic to the Western Ghats and is omnivorous, feeding on small mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, fruits, and honey. It is currently listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List, not Endangered.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Singapore
2. UAE
3. France
4. Qatar
5. Sri Lanka

In how many of the above countries, payments through UPI gateway are allowed?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- UPI is accepted in Eight countries - Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar and Sri Lanka - enabling Indian travellers to make seamless payments abroad through familiar platforms. Now, Cambodia is the ninth country joining the list. Recently, NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has officially partnered with ACLEDA Bank Plc. to launch Unified Payments Interface (UPI) acceptance in Cambodia.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the National Panchayat Awards 2025, consider the following statements:

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1. The awards are conferred by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to incentivize best-performing Panchayats across the country.
2. These awards are aligned with the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the grassroots level.
3. Only Gram Panchayats are eligible for these awards, while Intermediate and District Panchayats are excluded.

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 National Panchayat Awards are given by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to recognize and incentivize Panchayats for exemplary performance.

Statement 2 is correct: The awards are linked with localization of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), encouraging Panchayats to contribute to inclusive and sustainable development.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The awards cover all tiers of Panchayati Raj Institutions—Gram, Intermediate (Block), and District Panchayats—not just Gram Panchayats.

Source: [PIB](#)

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Q1. Identify the river on the basis of the following information:

1. It flows through the states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
2. It is mentioned in ancient Indian literature, including the Ramayana and Mahabharata.
3. Its major tributaries include the Chitravati, Papagni, Cheyyeru, and Kunderu rivers.

Select the correct answer from the following:

- (a) Tungabhadra River
- (b) Palar River
- (c) Pennar River
- (d) Krishna River

Answer: (c) Pennar River

Explanation: The Pennar River (also known as Penna River) flows through Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. It is mentioned in ancient Indian texts such as the Ramayana and Mahabharata. Its important tributaries include Chitravati, Papagni, Cheyyeru, and Kunderu, most of which are seasonal rivers.

Source- [DC](#)

Q2. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), consider the following statements:

1. It is a skill development programme launched by the Government of India in 2015.
2. Only candidates aged between 18 and 25 years are eligible for training under the scheme.
3. The scheme caters to individuals from diverse educational backgrounds, including those without formal education.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation: PMKVY was launched in 2015 as the flagship skill development scheme of the Government of India. It is open to individuals from diverse educational backgrounds, including those without formal education. Eligibility is not restricted only to candidates aged 18–25 years.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Identify the species based on the following description:

1. It belongs to the order Diptera and the family Syrphidae.
2. It does not possess a stinger.
3. It has a typical fly head with short antennae and bulbous eyes.

Select the correct answer from the following:

- (a) Honey Bee
- (b) Hoverfly
- (c) Paper Wasp
- (d) Dragonfly

Answer: (b) Hoverfly

Explanation: Hoverfly belongs to the order Diptera and family Syrphidae. Unlike bees and wasps, it lacks a stinger and is characterized by a typical fly-like head with short antennae and large bulbous eyes.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. If the Reserve Bank of India intends to pursue an expansionary monetary policy, which of the following measures would be inconsistent with such a policy?

1. Reducing the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
2. Increasing the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate
3. Reducing the Bank Rate and Repo Rate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation: An expansionary monetary policy aims to increase liquidity and credit availability in the economy. Reducing the SLR and lowering the Bank Rate and Repo Rate support this objective. However, increasing the MSF Rate makes borrowing from the RBI more expensive for banks and is therefore inconsistent with an expansionary stance.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the North Eastern Council (NEC):

1. It is a constitutional body established under the Constitution of India.
2. The Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) is its Ex-Officio Chairman.

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: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: The North Eastern Council is a statutory body established under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971. The Union Home Minister is its Ex-Officio Chairman, while the Minister/Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) serves as the Ex-Officio Vice-Chairman.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q6. The Kravanh National Park, chosen for the introduction of Indian tigers, is located in:

- a) Thailand
- b) Vietnam
- c) Cambodia
- d) Laos

Answer: C

Explanation: Cambodia

- Kravanh National Park is located in southwestern Cambodia and forms part of the ecologically important Cardamom Mountains landscape. It has been selected as the site for the reintroduction of Royal Bengal Tigers from India as part of a bilateral tiger restoration initiative.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q7. With reference to the Viksit Vibrant Villages Program (VVVP) 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is a youth engagement initiative launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
2. The program is exclusively meant for villages located along India's maritime borders.

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 Viksit Vibrant Villages Program (VVVP) 2026 is launched by the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat). The programme is being implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to enhance youth participation in border village development, cultural exchange, community engagement, and nation-building activities.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The program is focused on strategically important land border villages, particularly in regions such as Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, and is not related to maritime border villages.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The Neglected Displacement Crises Report, seen in the news recently, is published by:

- a) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- b) International Organization for Migration

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- c) Norwegian Refugee Council
- d) Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

Answer: c)

Explanation: Norwegian Refugee Council

- The Neglected Displacement Crises Report is an annual report published by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Source: TH

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO):

1. It is aimed at creating a data-driven platform for monitoring and analysing global critical mineral supply chains.
2. It is a joint initiative of India and United Kingdom.
3. The Observatory is hosted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and focuses exclusively on uranium and other nuclear minerals.

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: The Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO) is a data-driven platform to monitor global critical mineral supply chains, identify risks and support policymaking amid growing demand from clean energy and advanced manufacturing sectors.

Statement 2 is correct: It is a joint initiative of India and United Kingdom, first announced during the India-UK Prime Ministers' bilateral engagement in October 2025 and subsequently formalized through a Research Collaboration Agreement signed in March 2026.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The GSCO is not hosted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and is not restricted to nuclear minerals. It covers a broad range of critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite, rare earth elements, and other minerals crucial for clean energy technologies, batteries, semiconductors, and strategic industries.

Source: TH

Q10. The Haldichudi, Tikichudi and Kalajeera, seen in the news recently, are varieties of:

- a) Finger millet cultivated in the Koraput region of Odisha
- b) Indigenous rice landraces conserved by tribal farmers in Odisha
- c) Traditional cotton varieties grown in the Deccan Plateau
- d) Aromatic tea cultivars native to Northeast India

Answer: B

Explanation: Indigenous rice landraces conserved by tribal farmers in Odisha

- Haldichudi, Tikichudi, and Kalajeera are traditional indigenous rice varieties (landraces) conserved by tribal communities in the Koraput region of Odisha. They are known for their climate resilience, nutritional value, and adaptation to local agro-ecological conditions.

Source: DTE

Q1. Consider the following description:

An Indian freedom fighter from Bhopal spent much of his life working abroad for India's independence. He was associated with the Ghadar movement, advocated Hindu-Muslim unity against British rule, and became the Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of India established in Kabul in 1915. He also met Vladimir Lenin in Soviet Russia and died in the United States in 1927.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Maulana Barkatullah
- (b) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- (c) Maulana Hasrat Mohani
- (d) Ubaidullah Sindhi

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Maulana Barkatullah was a prominent revolutionary who worked extensively outside India, played a key role in the Ghadar movement, and served as the Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of India formed in Kabul in 1915 under the presidency of Raja Mahendra Pratap.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. My Son — Vietnam
- 2. Angkor Wat — Cambodia
- 3. Borobudur — Indonesia

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: My Son is located in Vietnam, Angkor Wat in Cambodia, and Borobudur in Indonesia. All three are major archaeological sites reflecting the spread and localisation of Indian cultural and religious influences in Southeast Asia.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements:

- 1. India's 100th Ramsar site has been designated from Uttar Pradesh.
- 2. Under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, river channels and paddy fields are included within the definition of wetlands.
- 3. February 2 is observed annually as World Wetlands Day.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 exclude river channels and paddy fields from the definition of wetlands.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. The term 'Biomimicry', recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) The practice of genetically modifying organisms to improve productivity
- (b) The use of biological agents to control agricultural pests
- (c) The practice of learning from and emulating nature's designs, processes, and systems to solve human problems and create sustainable innovations
- (d) The conservation of endangered species through captive breeding programmes

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Biomimicry is the practice of drawing inspiration from nature's designs, processes, and systems to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to human challenges.

Source- [ET](#)

Q5. Consider the following countries:

1. South Africa
2. Zambia
3. Botswana
4. Mozambique
5. Namibia

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

Zimbabwe shares boundaries with 4 countries –

- South Africa in the south, Zambia in the north, Botswana in the west, and Mozambique in the east and north-east.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q6. A district administration launches a mobile governance initiative under which government officials visit remote villages on fixed dates to deliver public services, collect grievances, and provide on-the-spot solutions. The programme significantly reduces the need for citizens to travel to government offices.

Which one of the following principles of good governance is most directly reflected in this initiative?

- (a) Responsiveness
- (b) Rule of Law
- (c) Consensus Orientation
- (d) Strategic Vision

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Responsiveness refers to the ability of institutions and public officials to serve citizens promptly and effectively. By taking services directly to remote villages and addressing grievances quickly, the administration demonstrates responsiveness in governance.

Source- MISC

Q7. With reference to the Sea of Azov, consider the following statements:

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1. It is a semi-enclosed inland sea connected to the Black Sea through the Kerch Strait.
2. It is bordered by Russia and Georgia and receives the waters of the Danube 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: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Sea of Azov is a shallow inland sea connected to the Black Sea through the Kerch Strait.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Sea of Azov is bordered mainly by Russia and Ukraine, not Georgia. Its principal inflowing rivers are the Don and Kuban rivers. The Danube River flows into the Black Sea, not the Sea of Azov.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the Marbled Cat, consider the following statements:

1. It is primarily arboreal and possesses a long tail that aids in balance while moving through trees.
2. The Hii:ung Hii:eng community forest in Arunachal Pradesh is India's first community-conserved area dedicated to this cat.
3. 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 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: It is a highly arboreal felid. Its unusually long tail, often nearly equal to its body length, helps it maintain balance while moving among tree branches.

Statement 2 is correct: In October 2025, the Hii:ung Hii:eng community forest in Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh, was formally declared India's first community-conserved area dedicated to the marbled cat by the Lokpeng Welfare Society.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Marbled Cat is not endemic to India; its distribution extends across much of Southeast Asia. Moreover, it is currently classified as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List, not Critically Endangered.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal:

1. It is the highest honour given to United Nations peacekeepers who die while on duty.
2. It is awarded annually on Peacekeeper's Day (May 29) to member states that have lost one or more military or police peacekeepers.

Which statement(s) 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

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Dag Hammarskjöld Medal is the highest award given by the UN to peacekeepers who lose their lives in service.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is given annually on Peacekeeper's Day to member countries that have lost military or police peacekeepers.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Asiatic wild dog:

1. It is categorized as vulnerable by the IUCN.
2. The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP), Darjeeling is the only conservation breeding centre for them in 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: D

Explanation: Both Statements are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: Conservation Status

- IUCN Status – Endangered
- Indian Wildlife Protection Act – Schedule II

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in **Visakhapatnam** is India's only conservation breeding centre **for the endangered Asiatic wild dog, also known as the dhole (Cuon alpinus).**