

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (8 June)

Q1. Project Glasswing, a cybersecurity initiative recently seen in the news, has been launched by which of the following companies?

- (a) OpenAI
- (b) Google DeepMind
- (c) Microsoft
- (d) Anthropic

Answer: (d) Anthropic

Explanation: Project Glasswing is a cybersecurity initiative launched by Anthropic, a US-based artificial intelligence company, aimed at enhancing cybersecurity capabilities through advanced AI models.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs):

1. It provides quality residential education to Scheduled Tribe students from Classes VI to XII.
2. EMRSs are to be established in every block having more than 50% Scheduled Tribe population and at least 20,000 tribal persons.

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: EMRSs are residential schools for Scheduled Tribe students from Classes VI to XII. They are planned to be established in every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. The Wolbachia method, recently seen in the news, is primarily used for:

- (a) Controlling mosquito-borne diseases
- (b) Improving soil fertility
- (c) Treating bacterial infections in humans
- (d) Enhancing crop productivity

Answer: (a) Controlling mosquito-borne diseases

Explanation: The Wolbachia method involves introducing Wolbachia bacteria into mosquito populations to reduce the transmission of diseases such as dengue, Zika, and chikungunya.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the French Open, recently seen in the news:

1. The French Open is the only Grand Slam tournament played on clay courts.
2. Mirra Andreeva of Russia won the women's singles title at the French Open 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The French Open (Roland Garros) is the only Grand Slam tournament played on clay courts. In 2026, Mirra Andreeva of Russia won the women's singles title, securing her maiden Grand Slam championship.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements in the context of ethics in public life:

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An MLA learns that a road project in his constituency is being awarded to a company owned by his brother. To avoid any conflict of interest, he:

1. Publicly discloses his relationship with the bidder and recuses himself from the selection process.
2. Requests officials to favour the company because it may create local employment.
3. Supports an independent technical evaluation of all bids before awarding the contract.

Which of the above actions are consistent with the principles of integrity and ethical governance?

- (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: Ethical governance requires integrity, transparency, accountability, and avoidance of conflicts of interest. Disclosing personal interests and ensuring an impartial evaluation uphold these values, whereas influencing officials in favour of a relative violates ethical standards.

Source- MISC

Q6. The Lisima Plateau, seen in the news recently for the discovery of several species new to science, is located in:

- a) Namibia
- b) Botswana
- c) Angola
- d) Zambia

Answer: C

Explanation: Angola

- The Lisima Plateau is a remote highland region in eastern Angola, situated within the Angolan Highlands Water Tower. It gained attention after a scientific expedition documented dozens of species potentially new to science, including dragonflies, grasshoppers, moths, butterflies, and a fluorescent crowned crab spider.

Source: [BBC](#)

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

1. It is a low-temperature metallurgical process used to recover and recycle valuable actinides from spent nuclear fuel.
2. Unlike conventional reprocessing methods, pyroprocessing is based on aqueous chemical separation using nitric acid as the primary medium.

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: Pyroprocessing is an advanced nuclear fuel recycling technology that uses high-temperature electrochemical processes in molten salts to separate and recover uranium, plutonium, and other actinides from spent nuclear fuel. It is being explored for closing the nuclear fuel cycle and reducing radioactive waste.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Pyroprocessing is a non-aqueous process. Conventional reprocessing technologies such as the PUREX (Plutonium Uranium Redox Extraction) process use aqueous chemistry and nitric acid, whereas pyroprocessing relies on molten salts and high-temperature electrochemical techniques.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. The 'Surha Tal' has been designated as 100th Ramsar Site of India. It is located in?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C

Explanation: C

- India has achieved a significant milestone in wetland conservation with the designation of the Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia district of Uttar Pradesh as the country's 100th Ramsar Site.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. 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: [DD News](#)

Q10. The NZP Saathi App, seen in the news recently, was launched by:

- a) Ministry of Tourism
- b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- d) NITI Aayog

Answer: C

Explanation: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

- The NZP Saathi App was launched at the National Zoological Park by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The app serves as a digital guide for visitors, offering interactive navigation, thematic tours, and information about animal enclosures and visitor amenities.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (9 June)

Q1. Identify the country from the following description:

- It is located in Central and South-Eastern Europe.
- It is bordered by Austria in the north, Hungary in the northeast, Italy in the west, and Croatia in the southeast.
- It has a small coastline along the Adriatic Sea.
- Its capital city is Ljubljana.

Which one of the following countries is being described?

- (a) Slovakia
- (b) Montenegro
- (c) Slovenia
- (d) Serbia

Answer: (c) Slovenia

Explanation: Slovenia is a Central European country bordered by Austria, Hungary, Italy, and Croatia. It has a short Adriatic coastline, and its capital is Ljubljana.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q2. Consider the following water bodies:

1. North Sea
2. Baltic Sea
3. Norwegian Sea
4. Barents Sea

The Skagerrak Strait connects which of the above water bodies?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: The Skagerrak Strait lies between Norway, Sweden, and Denmark and connects the North Sea with the Kattegat, which further provides access to the Baltic Sea. Therefore, it serves as an important maritime link between the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

Source- [CGTN](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

Hydroelectric Project/Dam River

1. Kiru-II Hydroelectric Project — Chenab
2. Srisaillam Dam — Krishna
3. Nathpa Jhakri Hydroelectric Power Plant — Sutlej

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- Kiru-II Hydroelectric Project is proposed on the Chenab River in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Srisaillam Dam is built across the Krishna River on the Andhra Pradesh–Telangana border.
- Nathpa Jhakri Hydroelectric Power Plant is situated on the Sutlej River in Himachal Pradesh

Source- [SW](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship 2026:

1. The 2026 edition was hosted by India in Goa.
2. India won the 2026 SAFF Women's Championship title by defeating Nepal in the final.
3. The tournament is held approximately every two years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The 2026 edition was hosted by India in Goa.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India defeated Bangladesh, not Nepal, in the final.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** The SAFF Women's Championship is generally held approximately every two years.

Source- [PMI](#)

Q5. Consider the following countries:

1. Russia
2. Mongolia
3. China
4. South Korea
5. Vietnam

How many of the above share a land border with North Korea?

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- North Korea constitutes the northern half of the Korean Peninsula and borders China and Russia to the north at the Yalu (Amnok) and Tumen rivers, and South Korea to the south at the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

Source: [DD News](#)

Q6. A State government launches a programme in which prison inmates participate in radio broadcasts, cultural performances, and literary activities to express their talents and reconnect with society. The initiative is based on the belief that offenders can reform through empathy, self-reflection, and social reintegration rather than punishment alone.

Which of the following principles of public ethics and governance is best reflected in the above case?

- (a) Retributive justice emphasizing deterrence through strict punishment
- (b) Reformatory justice focusing on rehabilitation and restoration of human dignity
- (c) Utilitarian ethics prioritizing the greatest good for the greatest number irrespective of individual rights
- (d) Procedural accountability ensuring compliance with prison regulations

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The case highlights the use of cultural and creative engagement to promote rehabilitation, emotional healing, and social reintegration of prisoners. It reflects the principle of reformatory justice, which views offenders as capable of moral growth and change, emphasizing human dignity, compassion, empathy, and second chances rather than mere punishment.

Source- MISC

Q7. With reference to Imidazolinone-resistant (IMI-resistant) Mustard Hybrids, consider the following statements:

1. These mustard hybrids are tolerant to herbicides belonging to the imidazolinone group, enabling effective post-emergence weed management.
2. The herbicide tolerance trait in IMI-resistant mustard has been developed through conventional breeding and mutation breeding techniques rather than genetic modification.
3. The cultivation of IMI-resistant mustard hybrids is currently prohibited in India because herbicide-tolerant crop varieties are not approved for commercial cultivation.

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: IMI-resistant mustard hybrids are designed to tolerate imidazolinone herbicides, allowing farmers to control weeds without damaging the crop.

Statement 2 is correct: The herbicide tolerance trait has been developed through mutation breeding and conventional plant breeding approaches, rather than through transgenic genetic engineering.

Statement 3 is incorrect: IMI-resistant mustard hybrids developed through non-GM breeding approaches have been approved for cultivation in India. The regulatory issues surrounding herbicide-tolerant crops primarily concern certain genetically modified (GM) crops, not all herbicide-tolerant varieties.

Source: [TH](#)

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

- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Papua New Guinea

Answer: C

Explanation: Philippines

- Recently, Mindanao island region of the Philippines has been struck by an earthquake of magnitude 7.8.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA):

- It aims to provide assured, comprehensive, and quality antenatal care services to all pregnant women on a fixed day every month.
- Under the scheme, the 9th day of every month is designated for free antenatal check-ups by trained healthcare professionals.
- The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and exclusively targets pregnant women in urban areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) aims to ensure quality antenatal care (ANC) and early identification of high-risk pregnancies to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality.

Statement 2 is correct: Under PMSMA, the 9th day of every month is observed as a dedicated day for providing free antenatal check-ups to pregnant women at designated government health facilities.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, not the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It covers both rural and urban areas across India and is not limited to urban populations.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to Caustic Soda, consider the following statements:

- Caustic soda is the common name for sodium hydroxide (NaOH).
- It is produced commercially through the Haber–Bosch process and is primarily used as a nitrogenous fertilizer.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Caustic soda (sodium hydroxide, NaOH) is a strong alkali extensively used in: Textile processing, Pulp and paper industry, Soap and detergent manufacturing, Petroleum refining, Water treatment etc.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Haber–Bosch process is used to manufacture ammonia (NH₃), not caustic soda. Commercial caustic soda is mainly produced through the chlor-alkali process, which involves the electrolysis of brine (sodium chloride solution). Moreover, caustic soda is an industrial chemical, not a nitrogenous fertilizer.

Source: [DTE](#)

10 PM MCQs (10 June)

Q1. Consider the following pairs of Indian Air Force Commands and their Headquarters:

1. Western Air Command – New Delhi
2. Central Air Command – Lucknow
3. Eastern Air Command – Shillong

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Central Air Command is headquartered at Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), while Western Air Command and Eastern Air Command are correctly matched with New Delhi and Shillong, respectively.

Source- MISC

Q2. Consider the following statements about earthquakes and seismic waves:

1. The point within the Earth where an earthquake originates is called the hypocentre.
2. Primary (P) waves are body waves that can travel through solids, liquids, and gases.
3. Secondary (S) waves can travel through the Earth's liquid outer core.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) There are two correct statements, that include statement 2.
- (b) There are two correct statements, that are statements 1 and 3.
- (c) There is only one correct statement.
- (d) All three statements are correct.

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The hypocentre is the point within the Earth where an earthquake originates.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** P-waves can travel through solids, liquids, and gases.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** S-waves cannot travel through liquids and therefore do not pass through the Earth's liquid outer core.

Source- [Reuters](#)

Q3. Consider the following:

1. Ashoka Chakra
2. Kirti Chakra
3. Shaurya Chakra

Which of the above are considered Wartime Gallantry Awards?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only

- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra are Peacetime Gallantry Awards. The Wartime Gallantry Awards are Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, and Vir Chakra.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Government Securities (G-Secs):

1. G-Secs are tradable debt instruments issued by both the Central Government and State Governments.
2. Foreign investors are permitted to invest in Indian Government Securities.

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 statements are correct. Government Securities (G-Secs) are tradable debt instruments issued by the Central and State Governments, and foreign investors can invest in Indian G-Secs through permitted investment routes such as the General Route and the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Project 18 (P-18) Programme, recently seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) Development of a next-generation fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force
- (b) Construction of India's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
- (c) Development of the Indian Navy's Next-Generation Destroyers (NGD)
- (d) Indigenous production of long-range ballistic missiles

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Project 18 (P-18) is the Indian Navy's Next-Generation Destroyer (NGD) programme aimed at developing advanced, heavily armed indigenous destroyers for future naval operations.

Source- [TN](#)

Q6. The Tezpur Litchi, seen in the news recently, is a Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged product from?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Assam

- Tezpur Litchi is a renowned GI-tagged fruit from the Tezpur region of Assam. It is known for its distinctive flavour, sweetness, aroma, attractive red colour, and juicy pulp. The GI tag certifies its geographical origin and unique characteristics associated with the region.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q7. With reference to the Land Port Management System (VINIMAY), consider the following statements:

1. VINIMAY is a digital platform aimed at modernising operations across India's land ports and improving coordination between border agencies.
2. The system is implemented by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

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: VINIMAY (Land Port Management System) is a digital platform developed by the Land Ports Authority of India to facilitate paperless and efficient processing of cargo, passengers, and vehicles at India's Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) along international land borders.

Statement 2 is incorrect: VINIMAY is related to land ports and Integrated Check Posts, not seaports. It is implemented by the Land Ports Authority of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs, not by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme:

1. The Ministry of Power is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
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](#)

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Lebanon
3. Israel
4. Syria
5. Iraq

How many of the above countries share a boundary with Jordan?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Jordan is bordered by **Syria** to the north, **Iraq** to the east, **Saudi Arabia** to the south, and both **Israel** and **Palestine (West Bank)** to the west.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. With reference to NITI Aayog, consider the following statements:

1. It was established on 1 January 2015 to replace the Planning Commission.
2. The Prime Minister of India serves as the Chairperson of NITI Aayog.
3. It has the constitutional authority to allocate financial resources to States and Union Territories.

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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: NITI Aayog was established on 1 January 2015 through a Union Cabinet resolution, replacing the Planning Commission.

Statement 2 is correct: The Prime Minister of India is the Chairperson of NITI Aayog.

Statement 3 is incorrect: NITI Aayog is a policy think tank and advisory body. It does not possess the power to allocate financial resources to States. This role is primarily performed through constitutional and budgetary mechanisms, including recommendations of the Finance Commission and decisions of the Union Government.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (11 June)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the FIFA World Cup:

- 1. The FIFA World Cup 2026 will be jointly hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States.
- 2. India has qualified for the FIFA World Cup only once.
- 3. Argentina has won the highest number of FIFA World Cup titles.

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) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Statement 3 is incorrect. Brazil has won the highest number of FIFA World Cup titles (5), while Argentina has won 3 titles.

Source- [FIFA](#)

Q2. 'Vinimay', recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) A centralized electronic platform for managing operations at India's international land ports
- (b) A digital currency settlement system developed by the Reserve Bank of India
- (c) A satellite-based border surveillance programme of the Indian Army
- (d) An online portal for interstate agricultural trade

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Vinimay is a centralized, real-time electronic platform developed by the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) as a Single Electronic Window for operations across India's international land ports.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. The recent controversy regarding alleged irregularities in accreditation assessments by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which raised concerns about bribery and manipulation in institutional ratings, highlights which of the following ethical principles in public governance?

- 1. Accountability of public institutions
- 2. Integrity in decision-making
- 3. Conflict of interest management
- 4. Transparency in public processes

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4 only

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Explanation: Allegations of bribery and manipulation in accreditation involve a lack of integrity, weak accountability mechanisms, possible conflicts of interest, and inadequate transparency in public decision-making. Such cases underscore the importance of ethical governance and institutional trust.

Source- MISC

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the National SC-ST Hub Scheme:

1. It is one of the flagship schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
2. It is aimed at capacity enhancement of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) entrepreneurs and promoting an entrepreneurship culture among the SC-ST population.

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 National SC-ST Hub Scheme is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), not the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Statement 2 is correct.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Advocate General of a State:

1. The Advocate General must have the qualifications required to be appointed as a Judge of a High Court.
2. The Advocate General is appointed by the Governor and holds office during the pleasure of the Governor.
3. The Advocate General has the right to participate and vote in the proceedings of the State Legislature.

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: The Advocate General can participate in the proceedings of the State Legislature and its committees but does not have the right to vote. Hence, Statement 3 is incorrect.

Source- MISC

Q6. Consider the following countries:

1. Kazakhstan
2. Uzbekistan
3. Kyrgyzstan
4. China
5. Turkmenistan
6. Afghanistan

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, China

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- Tajikistan borders Afghanistan to the south, Uzbekistan to the west, Kyrgyzstan to the north, and China to the east and is narrowly separated from Pakistan by Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions-2.0:

1. It is a credit guarantee scheme that provides cover to banks against losses on loans given to MFIs for small borrowers.
2. The scheme is implemented under the Department of Financial Services.
3. It provides direct cash transfers to beneficiaries instead of facilitating institutional credit.

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

- CGSMFI-2.0 is designed to support microfinance institutions by providing credit guarantee cover, enabling them to extend loans to low-income and vulnerable sections. It is overseen by the Ministry of Finance. The scheme does not involve direct cash transfers.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The *Limnonectes motijheel*, seen in the news recently, is a:

- a) New species of orchid discovered in Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Rare freshwater fish discovered in the Brahmaputra River
- c) New species of fanged frog discovered in Namdapha Tiger Reserve
- d) New species of gecko discovered in the Eastern Ghats

Answer: C

Explanation: New species of fanged frog discovered in Namdapha Tiger Reserve

- *Limnonectes motijheel* is a newly described species of fanged frog discovered in the Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh. It belongs to the genus *Limnonectes* and was named after Motijheel, a wetland within the reserve.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. With reference to the Tapanuli Orangutan, consider the following statements:

1. It is exclusively arboreal.
2. It is classified as Critically Endangered by the IUCN due to its extremely small and fragmented population.
3. Among the three recognized orangutan species, the Tapanuli Orangutan is the only one found outside Indonesia.

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 exclusively arboreal and spend most of their time high up in the trees.

Statement 2 is correct: The species is listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN. With fewer than a thousand individuals remaining, it is considered the most threatened great ape species in the world.

Statement 3 is incorrect: All three orangutan species are found in Indonesia:

- Tapanuli Orangutan – Sumatra
- Sumatran Orangutan – Sumatra

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- Bornean Orangutan – Borneo (Indonesia and Malaysia)

Thus, the Tapanuli Orangutan is not the only species found outside Indonesia.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Blue Valley Cluster,

1. It is an initiative launched in Assam in collaboration with the European Union (EU).
2. The cluster is primarily focused on deep-sea mineral exploration and blue economy activities in the Indian Ocean 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: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Blue Valley Cluster was launched in Guwahati, Assam, as part of India–EU cooperation. It aims to strengthen innovation, investment, sustainable manufacturing, and value-chain development in sectors such as flavours, fragrances, AYUSH, and food processing.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (12 June)

Q1. Suppose you are standing at a place in India where, during the winter months, thousands of migratory birds from Central Asia, Siberia and Europe congregate in a vast wetland ecosystem. The area is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is often called a paradise for birdwatchers.

The place described above is:

- (a) Sultanpur National Park
- (b) Chilika Lake
- (c) Keoladeo National Park
- (d) Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Keoladeo National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its rich avifauna and large influx of migratory birds during winter, making it one of India's most important bird habitats.

Source- [UNESCO](#)

Q2. With reference to the Axolotl, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is an amphibian endemic to Mexico.
2. It is classified as Critically Endangered by the IUCN.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: Axolotl (*Ambystoma mexicanum*) is an amphibian endemic to Mexico and is listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN Red List.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following:

1. Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs)
2. Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) under specified conditions
3. Global Depository Receipts (GDRs)

4. Non-Resident External (NRE) Deposits

Which of the above can be included under Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)?

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

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: FCCBs and GDRs are recognised channels for foreign investment, while certain FII investments can also qualify under FDI-linked norms. NRE deposits are bank deposits maintained by Non-Resident Indians and are not treated as FDI.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following Constitutional Amendments and their primary purpose:

1. 100th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2015 – Implementation of the India–Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement
2. 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016 – Introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST)
3. 102nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2018 – Granting Constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (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:

- 100th Amendment (2015): Implemented the India–Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement.
- 101st Amendment (2016): Introduced the GST regime in India.
- 102nd Amendment (2018): Granted constitutional status to the NCBC and inserted Article 338B.

Source- MISC

Q5. Consider the following description:

A 17th–18th century Rajput warrior, he led a successful revolt against Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb and established an independent kingdom in Bundelkhand. Belonging to the Bundela clan, he began his rebellion in his early twenties and gradually expanded his rule over territories between Chitrakoot, Panna and Gwalior.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Raja Man Singh I
- (b) Maharana Raj Singh I
- (c) Maharaja Chhatrasal
- (d) Veer Durgadas Rathore

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Maharaja Chhatrasal (1649–1731) was a Bundela Rajput ruler who fought against Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb and established an independent kingdom in Bundelkhand.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. With reference to the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, consider the following statements:

1. It is conferred by the Sangeet Natak Akademi to encourage young practitioners in the fields of music, dance, and theatre.
2. Artists below 40 years of age are eligible for this award.
3. The award includes a cash prize of ₹25,000, a plaque, and an angavastram.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: C

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar is awarded by the Sangeet Natak Akademi to recognize and encourage outstanding young artists in the fields of music, dance, theatre, folk, traditional, and puppet arts.

Statement 2 is correct: The award is named after Ustad Bismillah Khan, one of India's most celebrated musicians, who was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2001.

Statement 3 is correct: The award is not limited to Hindustani classical music. It covers a broad range of performing arts, including dance, theatre, folk and tribal arts, traditional arts, and puppetry.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. The Solomon Islands, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- a) Caribbean Sea
- b) South Pacific Ocean
- c) Indian Ocean
- d) North Atlantic Ocean

Answer: B

Explanation: South Pacific Ocean

- The Solomon Islands is an island country located in the South Pacific Ocean, east of Papua New Guinea and northeast of Australia.

Source: [TH](#)

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

1. It flows through the territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
2. The river originates from the Pir Panjal Range and drains directly into the Chenab 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 Sukhnag River is an important tributary of the Jhelum River and flows through parts of the Budgam district in Jammu and Kashmir.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Although the river originates in the Pir Panjal region, it does not drain directly into the Chenab River. Instead, it ultimately joins the Jhelum River, which is part of the Indus River system.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra':

1. It is a WhatsApp-based AI-powered advisory service developed by the Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR) under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
2. It aims to provide farmers with round-the-clock, research-based guidance on oilseed cultivation.

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

Statement 1 is correct: Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra is a WhatsApp-based multilingual AI advisory service developed by the ICAR–Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad.

Statement 2 is correct: It provides 24×7 research-based advisory services to oilseed farmers on crops such as soybean, mustard, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, and niger.

Source: [PIB](#)

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

1. Epichlorohydrin occurs naturally in crude petroleum deposits and is extracted commercially through fractional distillation.
2. Its use is banned 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: B

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: Epichlorohydrin is not naturally extracted from crude petroleum deposits. It is produced industrially through chemical processes, traditionally involving propylene and chlorine-based feedstocks, and increasingly through bio-based routes using glycerol.

Statement 2 is correct: India has banned the use of epichlorohydrin, a paper-strengthening chemical classified as a potential carcinogen, and chlorine for bleaching in tea bags sold in the country.

Source: [Mint](#)

10 PM MCQs (13 June)

Q1. Consider the following countries:

1. Azerbaijan
2. Kazakhstan
3. Turkmenistan
4. Uzbekistan

Ships from which of the above countries can directly access the open oceans through inland waterways or natural sea routes?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (d)

Explanation: All four countries border the Caspian Sea, which is a landlocked water body with no natural outlet to the world's oceans. Therefore, ships from these countries cannot directly access the open oceans through natural sea routes. This highlights the unique geographical significance of the Caspian Sea as the world's largest inland water body.

Source- MISC

Q2. The Muscat Plan of Action, recently launched by the United Nations Secretary-General, primarily aims to:

- (a) Promote global nuclear disarmament and arms control
- (b) Strengthen international trade and economic cooperation
- (c) Establish a global framework for climate finance
- (d) Counter hate speech, prevent atrocity crimes, and promote peacebuilding

Answer: (d)

Explanation: The Muscat Plan of Action seeks to counter hate speech, prevent genocide and other atrocity crimes, and promote peace through mediation, dialogue, and local peacebuilding initiatives.

Source- [UN](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs of Wildlife Sanctuaries and the States in which they are located:

1. Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary – Tamil Nadu
2. Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary – Andhra Pradesh
3. Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary – Uttarakhand

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Telangana, not Tamil Nadu. Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is in Andhra Pradesh, and Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary is in Uttarakhand. Therefore, only pairs 2 and 3 are correctly matched.

Source- [TT](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

1. It is an early 8th-century complex of Hindu temples located in the Kangra Valley of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The temple complex follows the Nagara style of architecture and is often called the "Ellora of Himachal".
3. Unlike most Hindu temples in India, it faces northeast towards the Dhauladhar mountains.

Which of the following is being referred to above?

- (a) Baijnath Temple
- (b) Jageshwar Temple Complex
- (c) Masroor Temples
- (d) Chaurasi Temple Complex

Answer: (C)

Explanation: The Masroor Temples are an early 8th-century temple complex in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra Valley. They are renowned for their Nagara-style architecture, unique northeast-facing orientation, and are often referred to as the "Ellora of Himachal" or the "Himalayan Pyramid."

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Consider the following committees/commissions:

1. Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy Committee
2. Santosh Hegde Commission

The above committees/commissions are associated with the review of:

- (a) National Security Act (NSA)
- (b) Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)
- (c) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)
- (d) National Investigation Agency Act (NIA Act)

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Both the Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy Committee (2005) and the Santosh Hegde Commission (2013) examined issues related to the implementation and impact of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) and recommended greater accountability and reforms.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding ANCHOR:

1. It is a high-resolution 3D atlas of the human brainstem developed by Indian researchers.
2. The project primarily focuses on creating a genomic atlas of plant biodiversity in the Himalayan 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: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: ANCHOR (Atlas of Neurochemical Characterisation of the Human Brainstem with 3D Reconstruction) is an advanced neuroanatomical atlas developed by Indian scientists. It provides a detailed three-dimensional mapping of the human brainstem, including its neurochemical architecture, nuclei, and neural connections.

Statement 2 is incorrect: ANCHOR has no connection with plant biodiversity, genomics, or remote sensing. It is a neuroscience initiative focused on the human brainstem.

Source: [NDTV](#)

Q7. The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026 is released by:

- a) United Nations Development Programme
- b) World Economic Forum
- c) Institute for Economics and Peace
- d) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Answer: C

Explanation: Institute for Economics and Peace

- The Global Peace Index (GPI) is published annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace, an independent international think tank. The index ranks 163 countries.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q8. The recently launched 'Varya' is a:

- a) Indigenous weather forecasting satellite developed by ISRO
- b) AI-powered multilingual agricultural advisory platform for farmers
- c) India's first indigenous video-generation Artificial Intelligence (AI) model
- d) Quantum communication system developed under the National Quantum Mission

Answer: C

Explanation

- Varya is India's first indigenous video-generation AI model, launched by Avataar AI under the IndiaAI Mission. It is designed to generate high-quality videos at significantly lower cost while understanding Indian cultural contexts such as festivals, clothing, food, architecture, and regional diversity. AI capability-building programme.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to the National Test House (NTH), consider the following statements:

1. It is a scientific institution under the Ministry of Commerce that provides testing, calibration, and quality evaluation services.
2. It serves as India's statutory authority for granting patents, trademarks, and geographical indications.

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: NTH is India's premier multi-disciplinary testing and calibration organization functioning under the Department of Consumer Affairs. It provides testing, calibration, certification support, and quality evaluation services.

Statement 2 is Incorrect: Patents, trademarks, and GI registrations are administered by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, not by NTH.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. Ukraine
2. Poland
3. Austria
4. Czech Republic
5. Hungary

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

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

Answer: D

Explanation

- It is bordered by Poland to the north, Ukraine to the east, Hungary to the south, Austria to the west, and the Czech Republic to the northwest.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (15 June)

Q. A candidate's nomination for a Rajya Sabha election was rejected by the Returning Officer. Before the election process was completed, the candidate directly approached the Supreme Court seeking to challenge the rejection. The Court declined to intervene, noting that electoral disputes can generally be challenged only after the completion of the election process through an election petition.

The constitutional provision that primarily embodies this principle is:

- (a) Article 324
- (b) Article 327
- (c) Article 329
- (d) Article 356

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Article 329 bars judicial interference in certain electoral matters, including challenges to elections before the electoral process is completed. Such disputes can ordinarily be raised only through an election petition after the election. It also bars courts from questioning laws relating to delimitation of constituencies and allocation of seats.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. INS Baaz, recently seen in the news, is a:

- (a) Naval air station
- (b) Guided missile destroyer
- (c) Nuclear-powered submarine
- (d) Coast Guard patrol vessel

Answer: (a)

Explanation: INS Baaz is an Indian naval air station located at Campbell Bay on Great Nicobar Island in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It is the southernmost air station of the Indian Armed Forces.

Source- [IT](#)

Q. With reference to the Tapanuli Orangutan, consider the following statements:

1. It is found only on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia.
2. It is classified 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: (a)

Explanation: The Tapanuli Orangutan is endemic to Sumatra, Indonesia. It is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List, not Endangered.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to corals and coral reefs:

1. Corals are invertebrate animals belonging to the phylum Cnidaria.
2. The bright colours of corals are primarily due to microscopic algae called zooxanthellae living within them.
3. Atolls are circular coral reefs that generally form around sunken volcanic islands.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) All the three statements are correct.
- (b) There are two correct statements, that include statement 3.
- (c) There is only one correct statement.
- (d) There is no correct statement.

Answer: (a)

Explanation: All three statements are correct. Corals are marine invertebrates belonging to the phylum Cnidaria. Their characteristic bright colours are largely due to symbiotic microscopic algae called zooxanthellae, which live within coral tissues. Atolls are ring-shaped or circular coral reefs that typically develop around volcanic islands that gradually subside beneath the sea surface.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Gadanathi River, Manimuthar River, and Pachaiyar River are tributaries of which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Cauvery
- (b) Vaigai
- (c) Thamirabarani
- (d) Palar

Answer: (c) **Thamirabarani**

Explanation: The Gadanathi, Manimuthar, and Pachaiyar rivers are important tributaries of the Thamirabarani River, which flows through southern Tamil Nadu.

Source- [ETVB](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Balance of Payments (BoP):

1. Remittances sent by Indians working abroad are recorded under the Current Account of the BoP.
2. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is recorded under the Capital Account of the BoP.

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: Remittances sent by Indians working abroad are recorded under the Current Account as part of invisible transactions. FDI represents investment flows and is recorded under the Capital Account of the Balance of Payments.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Mayotte are overseas territories of which one of the following countries?

- (a) Spain
- (b) France
- (c) Portugal
- (d) Netherlands

Answer: (b) France

Explanation: Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Mayotte are overseas departments and regions of France, and are integral parts of the French Republic

Source- [IT](#)

Q. Which of the following statements about Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and Critical Minerals is/are correct?

1. Modern technological innovations including Artificial Intelligence, robotics and space exploration extensively utilise Rare Earth Elements (REEs).
2. China has the highest share in mining of REEs followed by India.
3. The Government of India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in 2025 to establish a robust framework for self-reliance in the critical mineral sector.
4. Rare Earth Elements are a set of 13 metallic elements.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (a)

Exp: Option (a) is the correct answer.

- **Statement 1 is correct.** Rare Earth Elements are extensively used in modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, robotics, semiconductors, electric vehicles, wind turbines, satellites, defence systems, and space exploration.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** China has the largest share in global reserves and production of REEs, but India is not the second-largest producer. Although India has the third-largest reserves of REEs, its actual production is less than one percent of global output due to technological, infrastructural, and regulatory constraints.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The Government of India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in 2025 to establish a robust framework for self-reliance in the critical mineral sector. The mission aims to secure long-term availability of critical minerals needed for clean energy technologies, electronics, EVs, and strategic sectors.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect.** Rare Earth Elements (REEs), as defined by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), comprise a group of **17 elements**—15 lanthanides along with scandium and yttrium. They are not a set of 13 metallic elements.

Source- MISC

Q. Mr. A, a District Supply Officer, discovers through an internal audit that a contractor supplying food grains to welfare schemes has repeatedly failed quality checks. However, the evidence is still under verification. His

superior advises him to ignore the matter temporarily to avoid disruption in distribution. Mr. A wants to act ethically while ensuring due process.

What should Mr. A do?

1. Publicly accuse the contractor and suspend all supplies immediately.
2. Recommend blacklisting the contractor before the verification process is completed.
3. Report the matter to the competent vigilance/oversight authority and seek a formal inquiry.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (b)

Explanation: Ethical public administration requires balancing transparency with due process. Public disclosure or punitive action without verified evidence may be unfair and legally unsustainable. Reporting the matter to the appropriate oversight authority and initiating a formal inquiry is the most appropriate course of action.

Source- MISC

Q. With reference to Energy Storage Technologies, consider the following statements:

1. Pumped Hydro Storage stores energy by pumping water from a lower reservoir to a higher reservoir using surplus electricity.
2. Compressed-air energy storage systems generate electricity by releasing stored compressed air to drive turbines.
3. Flywheel energy storage systems store energy in the form of rotational energy.

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: All three statements are correct. Pumped Hydro Storage uses gravitational potential energy of water, compressed-air systems store energy in compressed air that later drives turbines, and flywheels store energy as rotational kinetic energy.

Source- [IE](#)