

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (9 May)

Q1. The Yavarí-Tapiche Territorial Corridor, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Brazil and Peru
- (b) Colombia and Venezuela
- (c) Bolivia and Paraguay
- (d) Ecuador and Chile

Answer: (a) Brazil and Peru

Explanation: The Yavarí-Tapiche Territorial Corridor is a proposed 16-million-hectare protected region located along the western border of Brazil (Amazonas and Acre states) and Peru (Loreto and Ucayali departments) in the western Amazon.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q2. With reference to the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), consider the following statements:

1. The CDS is appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chaired by the Prime Minister.
2. Only serving 4-star officers are eligible to be appointed as CDS.
3. The maximum age limit for the CDS is 65 years.

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: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The CDS is appointed by the ACC chaired by the Prime Minister.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Both serving 3-star officers and retired 4-star officers are eligible.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The age limit is 65 years.

Source- [AIR](#)

Q3. In India, under cyber insurance for individuals, which of the following benefits are generally covered, in addition to payment for loss of funds?

1. Cost of restoration of the computer system in case of malware disrupting access
2. Cost of purchasing a new computer if it is physically damaged by a miscreant
3. Cost of hiring a specialised consultant in case of cyber extortion
4. Cost of legal defence if a third party files a suit

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Answer: (b) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **1 is correct:** Cyber insurance generally covers restoration costs after malware attacks.

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- **2 is incorrect:** Physical damage/replacement of a computer is usually not covered under cyber insurance.
- **3 is correct:** Policies often cover expert consultation costs in cyber extortion cases.
- **4 is correct:** Legal defence costs arising from third-party claims are generally covered.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to Project Freedom, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a U.S.-led military initiative.
2. It aims to provide armed escorts to commercial vessels passing through the Strait of Hormuz.

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: Both statements are correct. Project Freedom is a U.S.-led initiative aimed at ensuring safe passage of commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. INS Sagardhwani, recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) A fleet support tanker
- (b) A missile destroyer
- (c) An amphibious warfare ship
- (d) A specialised oceanographic research vessel

Answer: (d) A specialised oceanographic research vessel

Explanation: INS Sagardhwani was commissioned in July 1994 and was recently flagged off for the 5th edition of Sagar Maitri, a collaborative initiative of the Indian Navy and Defence Research and Development Organisation under the MAHASAGAR vision.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) Weapon, consider the following statements:

1. It has been designed and developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.
2. It functions by integrating precision-guided propulsion and navigation kits to convert conventional shells into long-range munitions.

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

- TARA is a recently reported indigenous initiative aimed at improving the effective range and precision of artillery systems. Instead of developing entirely new guns, it focuses on upgrading existing ammunition through add-on kits incorporating propulsion and guidance technologies, thereby

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enhancing operational capability. It has been designed and developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The *Attenboroughnculus tau*, seen in the news recently, is a?

- a) A newly identified species of wasp
- b) Species of fossilized marine organism from the Cambrian period
- c) Newly identified species of parasite found in amphibians
- d) Genetically modified microorganism used in biotechnology

Answer: A

Explanation: A newly identified species of wasp

- *Attenboroughnculus tau* is a newly identified species of wasp named in honor of Sir David Attenborough. The wasp is very small, measuring about 3.5 millimetres. Scientists said the insect is very different from other kind of wasps. Since it cannot fit into any established genus and species, it has been given its own.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. The Tristan da Cunha island, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) South Pacific Ocean near Chile
- b) South Atlantic Ocean between Africa and South America
- c) Indian Ocean near Madagascar
- d) Arctic Ocean near Greenland

Answer: B

Explanation: South Atlantic Ocean between Africa and South America

- Tristan da Cunha is a remote volcanic island group located in the South Atlantic Ocean, roughly midway between South Africa and Brazil. It is considered one of the most isolated inhabited archipelagos in the world and is a British Overseas Territory.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the National Panchayat Awards 2025, consider the following statements:

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: [AIR](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

1. Uganda
2. Tanzania
3. Burundi
4. Democratic Republic of the Congo

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

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Rwanda lies a few degrees south of the Equator in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa. Rwanda is bordered by Uganda to the north, Tanzania to the east, Burundi to the south, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (11 May)

Q1. Consider the following description:

He was a 1936-batch ICS officer and served as India's first full-time Secretary of the Planning Commission. Later, he also held key positions as Finance Secretary and Agriculture Secretary. He is remembered as a visionary educationist and policymaker who played an important role in shaping India's policies in the early years after Independence.

The personality referred to in the above description is:

- (a) L. K. Jha
- (b) Tarlok Singh
- (c) Tribhuvan Prasad Singh
- (d) C. Subramaniam

Answer: (c) Tribhuvan Prasad Singh

Source- [HT](#)

Q2. With reference to the Musi River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
2. It is a major tributary of the Krishna 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: (b) 2 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect because the Musi River originates from the Ananthagiri Hills, located in Telangana, not Andhra Pradesh. Statement 2 is correct as it is an important tributary of the Krishna River.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the Thousand Pillar Temple, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the state of Telangana.
2. It depicts the typical Chalukya style of architecture.
3. It was built by Pulakeshin I.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The temple is located in Hanamkonda, Telangana.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It reflects the Chalukya style of architecture along with Kakatiya craftsmanship.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It was built in 1163 AD by Rudra Deva of the Kakatiya dynasty, not by Pulakeshin I.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to India's new Labour Codes, consider the following statements:

1. Labour is a subject under the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.
2. The new labour codes replaced 15 existing labour laws with a unified framework.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because labour falls under the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because the four labour codes replaced 29 existing labour laws, not 15.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The Rub' al Khali is best known as:

- (a) The largest hot desert in the world
- (b) The largest continuous sand desert in the world
- (c) A major oil field located in Iran
- (d) The longest mountain range in the world

Answer: (b) The largest continuous sand desert in the world

Explanation: The Rub' al Khali, also called the Empty Quarter, is the world's largest continuous sand desert, spread across Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Source- [ET](#)

Q6. With reference to Spiny-tailed Lizards, consider the following statements:

1. The species is found in the Thar Desert of northwestern India.
2. They are predominantly herbivorous reptiles and rely mainly on vegetation for their diet.
3. In India, they are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: Spiny-tailed lizards (genus *Uromastyx*) inhabit deserts and dry regions across North Africa, the Middle East, and parts of South Asia (including India).

Statement 2 is correct: Unlike many reptiles, they are largely herbivorous, feeding on grasses, leaves, and seeds.

Statement 3 is incorrect: In India, the Indian spiny-tailed lizard (*Saara hardwickii*) is protected under Schedule II, not Schedule I, of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q7. The Canary Islands, seen in the news, are located in?

- a) Caribbean Sea
- b) Mediterranean Sea
- c) Atlantic Ocean off the northwest coast of Morocco
- d) Indian Ocean near Madagascar

Answer: c)

Explanation: Atlantic Ocean off the northwest coast of Morocco

- The Canary Islands are a Spanish archipelago situated in the Atlantic Ocean, geographically close to the northwest coast of Africa, particularly near Morocco.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. With reference to the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), consider the following statements:

1. It was established in 1997 to promote economic cooperation and sustainable development among countries of the Indian Ocean region.
2. Its membership is limited only to countries whose entire coastline lies along the Indian Ocean.
3. Its headquarters is located in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: IORA was formed in 1997 to enhance regional cooperation among Indian Ocean littoral states.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Membership is not restricted to countries whose entire coastline lies along the Indian Ocean; even countries with partial coastlines or strategic interests are included.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The headquarter of IORA is located at Ebene, Mauritius.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. The Ituri province, seen in the news recently due to ethnic violence, is located in?

- Nigeria
- Syria
- Rwanda
- Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Ituri Province is one of the 26 provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo created in the 2015.

Source: [Sunday Guardian](#)

Q10. With reference to the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB–G RAM G] Act, 2025, consider the following statements:

- It is a rural employment and development legislation aimed at providing a statutory guarantee of 125 days of unskilled wage employment to rural households.
- Every rural household whose adult members volunteer to undertake unskilled manual work shall be eligible for employment under this Act.
- The Act allows for 100% central funding for UTs without legislature.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Viksit Bharat-G RAM G Act, 2025, is a rural employment and development legislation aimed at aligning rural development with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 by providing a statutory guarantee of 125 days of unskilled wage employment to rural households and promoting the creation of productive rural assets.

Statement 2 is correct: Every rural household whose adult members volunteer to undertake unskilled manual work shall be eligible for employment under this Act.

Statement 3 is correct: The fund sharing pattern is:

- 90:10 for North Eastern and Himalayan States,
- 60:40 for other States/UTs with legislature,
- 100% Central funding for UTs without legislature.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q1. With reference to the Psyche spacecraft, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched by the European Space Agency.
2. Its objective is to collect asteroid samples and bring them back to Earth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Psyche spacecraft was launched by NASA, not ESA.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Its objective is to orbit and study the metal-rich asteroid 16 Psyche, not to return samples to Earth.

Source- [IT](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

1. Russia
2. Kazakhstan
3. Turkmenistan
4. Iran
5. Azerbaijan

How many of the above countries border the Caspian Sea?

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

Answer: (d) All five

Explanation: The Caspian Sea is bordered by five countries - Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, and Azerbaijan.

Source- [moneycontrol](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Rainbow clouds occur due to cloud iridescence, which is caused by diffraction of sunlight by tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in clouds.

Statement II: The phenomenon is most commonly observed in thick rain-bearing clouds where cloud particles vary significantly in size.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II explains Statement I
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct but Statement II does not explain Statement I
- (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is not correct
- (d) Statement I is not correct but Statement II is correct

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement I is correct:** Rainbow clouds are caused by Cloud iridescence, where sunlight is diffracted by tiny, uniformly sized droplets or ice crystals.

- **Statement II is incorrect:** The phenomenon is generally seen in thin or semi-transparent clouds such as Altocumulus cloud, Cirrocumulus cloud, Cirrus cloud, and Lenticular cloud, not thick rain-bearing clouds.

Source- [ET](#)

Q4. The Wakal, Harnav, Hathmati, and Watrak rivers are major tributaries of which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Narmada River
- (b) Mahi River
- (c) Sabarmati River
- (d) Tapi River

Answer: (c) Sabarmati River

Explanation: Sabarmati River flows through Rajasthan and Gujarat, and its major tributaries include the Wakal, Harnav, Hathmati, and Watrak rivers.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The term Odonata refers to which of the following?

- (a) Butterflies and moths
- (b) Bees and wasps
- (c) Dragonflies and damselflies
- (d) Grasshoppers and crickets

Answer: (c) Dragonflies and damselflies

Explanation: Odonata is an insect order comprising dragonflies (suborder Anisoptera) and damselflies (suborder Zygoptera).

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The Zamfara region, seen in the news recently due to civil conflicts, is located in?

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

Answer: c)

Explanation: Nigeria

- Zamfara is a state in northwestern Nigeria. It has been frequently in the news due to banditry, armed conflicts, and humanitarian crises in the region.

Source: [Ground News](#)

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

1. It is located in Madhya Pradesh.
2. It is part of the Project Cheetah initiative for the reintroduction of cheetahs in India.
3. The park is situated along the Chambal River basin.

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: Kuno National Park was initially prepared as an alternative habitat for the relocation of Asiatic lions from Gir.

Statement 2 is correct: It is now the primary site under Project Cheetah for the reintroduction of cheetahs in India.

Statement 3 is correct: The park lies in the Chambal River basin, with the Kuno River being a tributary of the Chambal.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q8. With reference to the 'Su Sahay' portal, consider the following statements:

1. It is an online platform launched to facilitate grievance redressal and support services for senior citizens across India.
2. It has been developed under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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

- The 'Su Sahay' portal is designed to assist senior citizens, especially in accessing welfare schemes and grievance support. It operates under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which oversees policies related to elderly welfare.

Source: [BL](#)

Q9. The Kimberley Process, seen in the news recently for India being its 2026 chair, is about:

- a) Regulating international trade in rough diamonds to prevent conflict funding
- b) Promoting sustainable mining practices for rare earth minerals
- c) Certifying ethical sourcing of blood diamonds for jewellery export
- d) Monitoring illegal fishing activities in diamond-rich ocean zones

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Kimberley Process is a tripartite international initiative involving governments, the global diamond industry, and civil society. It aims to prevent the trade in "conflict diamonds" that are used to finance armed conflicts and undermine legitimate governments

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. With reference to the SEHAT Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a national mission-mode programme designed to translate agricultural advancements into tangible health outcomes for the people of India.
2. It has been jointly launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

- SEHAT Stands for Science Excellence for Health Through Agricultural Transformation. It is a national mission-mode programme designed to translate agricultural advancements into tangible health outcomes for the people of India. It has been jointly launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (13 May)

Q1. Consider the following tennis tournaments:

1. Australian Open
2. French Open
3. Wimbledon
4. US Open
5. Italian Open

How many of the above are recognised as Grand Slam tournaments?

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

Answer: (c) Only four

Explanation: The four recognised Grand Slam tournaments are:

- Australian Open
- French Open (also known as the Roland-Garros)
- Wimbledon Championships
- US Open

The Italian Open is a prestigious ATP/WTA event, but it is not recognised as a Grand Slam tournament.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Suppose Indian households significantly reduce their purchases of imported Gold for one year. Which of the following is the most likely macroeconomic impact?

1. Reduction in demand for foreign exchange
2. Improvement in India's trade balance
3. Automatic rise in India's GDP growth rate
4. Reduced depreciation pressure on the Indian rupee

Select the correct answer using the code given 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: (b) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

- Lower gold imports reduce the need for dollars/forex.
- This can improve India's trade balance by lowering import bills.
- Reduced forex demand may ease depreciation pressure on the rupee.
- However, lower gold purchases do not automatically guarantee higher GDP growth.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding malaria:

1. Malaria is primarily spread through the bites of infected male Anopheles mosquitoes.
2. R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccine is the only malaria vaccine approved by the World Health Organization till date.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Malaria is spread through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes, not male mosquitoes.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine (recommended in 2021) and R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccine (approved in 2023) are both WHO-approved malaria vaccines.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. With reference to the Māru-Gurjara style of architecture, consider the following statements:

1. It is also known as the Chaulukya/Solanki style of temple architecture.
2. It flourished mainly in western India, especially present-day Gujarat and Rajasthan.
3. The reconstructed Somnath Temple is considered an example of this architectural style.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Māru-Gurjara architecture is also called Chaulukya or Solanki style architecture.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It developed prominently in regions of present-day Gujarat and Rajasthan under dynasties such as the Chaulukya dynasty.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The reconstructed Somnath Temple (1951) is designed in the Māru-Gurjara style by traditional Sompura craftsmen

Source: [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following description:

This protected area in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand was created to conserve shrinking broad-leaf oak forests. Situated in Almora district, it once served as the summer capital of the Chand dynasty. It is known for dense oak and deodar forests, rhododendrons, and Zero Point (Jhandi Dhaar), which offers panoramic views of peaks such as Nanda Devi and Kedarnath Peak.

Which of the following is being described above?

- (a) Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Govind Pashu Vihar National Park
- (c) Nanda Devi National Park
- (d) Askot Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: (a) Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. With reference to Mayon Volcano, consider the following statements:

1. It is classified as a stratovolcano active volcano.
2. It lies along the Pacific Ring of Fire and is among the most active volcanoes in Southeast Asia.

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

- Mayon Volcano is a stratovolcano, located in Albay province of the Philippines and is famous for its perfect cone shape. It lies along the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it one of the most active volcanoes in the region, with frequent eruptions.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q7. With reference to the Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP), consider the following statements:

1. It has been launched by the Government of India, in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).
2. It focuses primarily on large-scale industrial infrastructure projects in urban areas.
3. It is an eight-year programme for the period 2026–2033.

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: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Country Strategic Opportunities Programme has been launched by the Government of India, in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Statement 2 is incorrect: COSOP does not focus on urban industrial infrastructure, but on rural development, agriculture, and poverty reduction.

Statement 3 is correct: It aligns IFAD interventions with national development priorities and rural needs. It is an eight-year programme for the period 2026–2033.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements with reference to the Jute Crop Information System (JCIS) project:

1. It has been developed to monitor jute cultivation using remote sensing and field data.
2. The system has been developed through collaboration between National Jute Board (NJB), Jute Corporation of India, and ISRO.
3. The BHUVAN JUMP mobile app is used for on-field jute monitoring under the project.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: It has been developed to monitor jute cultivation using remote sensing and field data. This system represents a shift towards a more structured and evidence-based approach to crop monitoring.

Statement 2 is correct: The system has been developed through collaboration between National Jute Board (NJB), Jute Corporation of India, and National Remote Sensing Centre under Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Statement 3 is correct: As part of this initiative, two key tools have been developed:

- BHUVAN JUMP: It is a mobile app for on-field jute monitoring.
- PATSAN (Prospective Assessment of Jute Using Mobile App-Based Field Observations): It is a web-based platform that provides near-real-time jute surveillance and analytics to support informed decision-making by officials and stakeholders.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to the National Florence Nightingale Awards, consider the following statements:

1. These awards are conferred annually by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to recognize outstanding services of nursing professionals.
2. The award is named after Florence Nightingale and includes a certificate, medal, and cash prize.
3. Only nurses working in government hospitals (not private hospitals) are eligible for this award.

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 Florence Nightingale Awards are among the highest national recognitions for nursing personnel in India. They are awarded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for exemplary service in healthcare.

Statement 2 is correct: The award includes a medal, certificate, and cash prize, and is named after Florence Nightingale.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Nurses from both government and private sectors, as well as voluntary organizations, are eligible.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Lavan Island, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Persian Gulf
- b) Red Sea
- c) Arabian Sea
- d) Caspian Sea

Answer: A

Explanation: Persian Gulf

- Lavan Island belongs to Iran and is situated in the Persian Gulf. It is strategically important due to its role in oil export terminals and energy infrastructure, often making it relevant in geopolitical and energy-related news.

Source: [News18](#)

10 PM MCQs (14 May)

Q1. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- 2. It aims to transform existing government schools into model schools.
- 3. It covers existing elementary, secondary, and senior secondary schools run by the Central Government, State Governments, and local bodies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation: All three statements are correct regarding the PM SHRI scheme.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following:

- 1. Prime Minister
- 2. Chief Justice of India or a Judge of the Supreme Court nominated by him
- 3. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha or the leader of the single largest opposition party in the Lok Sabha
- 4. Union Home Minister

How many of the above are members of the committee that recommends the appointment of the CBI Director?

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Under Section 4A of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, the selection committee comprises Prime Minister, Chief Justice of India (or his nominee), and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha (or leader of the largest opposition party). The Union Home Minister is not included.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Justice Aravind Kumar Committee, recently seen in news, is associated with:

- (a) Recommending reforms in police recruitment and training
- (b) Reviewing the implementation of electoral reforms in India
- (c) Preparing a roadmap for modernization of judicial infrastructure across India
- (d) Examining reforms in the appointment process of judges in higher judiciary

Answer: (c)

Explanation: The Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee, headed by Justice Aravind Kumar, was constituted by the Supreme Court to prepare a roadmap for modernising judicial infrastructure, including physical and digital facilities across India.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. With reference to the Global Forest Goals Report 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
2. Africa recorded the highest forest restoration performance under the report.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The report is prepared by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Asia, not Africa, recorded the highest forest restoration performance.

Source- [UN](#)

Q5. With reference to the Indian economy, consider the following statements:

1. When inflation rises sharply, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may purchase government securities from the market.
2. When the Indian rupee depreciates rapidly, the RBI may intervene by selling US dollars in the foreign exchange market.
3. A decline in interest rates in the United States or the European Union may prompt the RBI to purchase US dollars.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

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- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** When inflation rises sharply, the RBI generally follows a contractionary monetary policy to reduce liquidity. It is more likely to sell government securities under Open Market Operations (OMO), which absorbs money from the economy. Purchasing government securities would inject liquidity and may worsen inflation.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** If the rupee depreciates rapidly, the RBI may sell US dollars from its foreign exchange reserves in the forex market. This increases the supply of dollars and helps stabilise the rupee.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** A fall in interest rates in the US/EU may lead investors to shift funds to emerging markets like India in search of better returns, increasing dollar inflows. To prevent excessive appreciation of the rupee, the RBI may purchase dollars and add them to forex reserves.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. With reference to the Lion-tailed macaque, consider the following statements:

1. It is endemic to the Western Ghats.
2. It is primarily a terrestrial species that prefers open grasslands.
3. It is classified as Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List.

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: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Lion-tailed macaque is endemic to the Western Ghats.

Statement 2 is incorrect: it is an arboreal species, inhabiting tropical evergreen forests, not grasslands.

Statement 3 is correct: it is listed as Endangered by the IUCN.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements with reference to the Leatherback sea turtle:

1. It is the largest of all living sea turtles and lacks a hard bony shell.
2. It is commonly found nesting along the eastern coast of India, particularly in large numbers in Odisha coast.
3. It is classified as Vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Leatherback sea turtle is the largest sea turtle and has a leathery carapace (no hard shell).

Statement 2 is incorrect: Large-scale nesting in Odisha is mainly of Olive Ridley turtles, not leatherbacks. Leatherbacks nest mainly in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is listed as Vulnerable globally, but some subpopulations are Critically Endangered.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation, consider the following statements:

1. The Director is appointed by the Central Government on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and the Chief Justice of India.
2. The Director of CBI has a fixed tenure of not less than two years.

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: The selection committee comprises the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, and the Chief Justice of India or a Supreme Court judge nominated by him (not necessarily the CJI himself).

Statement 2 is correct: As per the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 (amended), the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation has a minimum tenure of two years, ensuring functional autonomy.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements with reference to the Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome (PMOS):

1. It is a complex hormone imbalance that affects reproductive health in a woman.
2. PMOS is formally recognized as a distinct disease entity in the classification systems of the World Health Organization.

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: Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome (PMOS) is the new official name for Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), to better reflect the condition as a systemic, lifelong hormonal and metabolic disorder, rather than just an ovarian issue. It often causes irregular periods, hirsutism, and infertility, while increasing risks for type 2 diabetes, metabolic issues, and endometrial cancer.

Statement 2 is incorrect: PMOS is not yet formally recognized as a separate disease category by the World Health Organization or other global classification systems; it remains a research-driven conceptual framework.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. The Agaléga Island, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Mauritius
- b) Seychelles
- c) Maldives
- d) Madagascar

Answer: A

Explanation: Mauritius

- Agaléga Islands are a group of islands located in the Indian Ocean, administered by Mauritius. They have been in the news due to India-assisted infrastructure development, including an airstrip and jetty, highlighting their strategic importance in the Indian Ocean region.

Source: [ZEE News](#)

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Q1. Consider the following description:

India is a leading producer of this spice. It is mainly grown in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh. It requires a warm and humid climate, temperature of 12°C–35°C, around 1500 mm rainfall, and well-drained loamy soils rich in humus.

Which of the following crops is being described above?

- (a) Turmeric
- (b) Cardamom
- (c) Ginger
- (d) Black Pepper

Answer: (c) Ginger

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

1. Lake Tahoe — USA
2. Great Bear Lake — Canada
3. Lake Titicaca — Chile

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation: Lake Tahoe is correctly located in the USA, and Great Bear Lake is correctly located in Canada. However, Lake Titicaca lies on the border of Peru and Bolivia, not Chile. Hence, only pairs 1 and 2 are correct.

Source- [IND](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Uzbekistan:

1. It is a landlocked country.
2. It shares its longest international border with Kazakhstan.

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:

- Uzbekistan is a landlocked country in Central Asia (in fact, it is one of the world's only doubly landlocked countries).
- It shares its longest border with Kazakhstan to the north and northwest.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP):

1. It provides unemployment allowance to all rural households below the poverty line.
2. It is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** NSAP provides social pensions to elderly persons, widows, and persons with disabilities; it does not provide unemployment allowance. Such provisions are associated with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in a different context.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** NSAP is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Ministry of Rural Development.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The terms Psechrus ntu and Psechrus phenshunyu, recently seen in news, refer to species of:

- (a) Spiders
- (b) Butterflies
- (c) Frogs
- (d) Orchids

Answer: (a) Spiders

Explanation: Psechrus ntu and Psechrus phenshunyu are two newly discovered spider species identified by the Zoological Survey of India.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): The "Pride of Hills" scheme component under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) ensures unconditional fiscal transfers to hill states.

Reason (R): SASCI assistance is linked to capital expenditure and specific development outcomes.

Which one of the following is correct?

- a) Both A and R are correct and R explains A
- b) Both A and R are correct but R does not explain A
- c) A is incorrect but R is correct
- d) A is correct but R is incorrect

Answer: C

Explanation: A is incorrect but R is correct

Assertion is incorrect: SASCI is conditional, not unconditional.

Reason is correct: Linked to capex + performance conditions.

Source: [ET](#)

Q7. BIRSA-101, recently in the news, is related to which of the following?

- A gene-editing technology for improving crop varieties
- A biotechnology scheme for tribal livelihood improvement
- A genome sequencing programme for rare diseases
- A CRISPR-based gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease

Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: BIRSA-101 is India's first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy specifically developed to treat Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). It is named after tribal leader Birsa Munda, as SCD is highly prevalent among tribal populations. The therapy has been developed by the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects, consider the following statements:

- The scheme aims to promote conversion of coal and lignite into syngas for use in chemicals, fertilizers, and clean energy applications.
- It is implemented by the Ministry of Coal with financial incentives to both public and private sector entities.
- The financial incentive under the scheme for any single project is capped at Rs. 5,000 crore.

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: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: Coal/lignite gasification produces syngas ($\text{CO} + \text{H}_2$) used in fertilizers, methanol, chemicals, and cleaner fuels.

Statement 2 is correct: Scheme is notified by the Ministry of Coal and includes financial support/incentives for projects.

Statement 3 is correct: Financial incentive for:

- Any single project capped at Rs. 5,000 crore
- For any single product (except Synthetic Natural Gas and Urea) is capped at Rs. 9,000 crore
- Any single entity group is capped at Rs. 12,000 crore across all projects.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. With reference to the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), consider the following statements:

- It is the restructured form of the Universal Service Obligation Fund aimed at expanding digital connectivity in rural and underserved areas.
- It is administered by the Reserve Bank of India to finance digital payment infrastructure in urban areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: a)

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Digital Bharat Nidhi is the rebranded USOF, focusing on telecom and broadband connectivity, **especially in rural and remote regions.**

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is administered by the Department of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, not by RBI, and it is not limited to urban digital payments.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB), consider the following statements:

1. It is an international body responsible for the development and maintenance of the Common Criteria standard for evaluating IT security products.
2. India is a founding member of the CCDB and has full voting rights in its decision-making process.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Common Criteria Development Board oversees the Common Criteria (ISO/IEC 15408) framework used globally to certify IT security products.

Statement 2 is incorrect: India is not a founding member with full voting rights; membership categories vary, and only certain countries hold decision-making authority.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (16 May)

Q1. The term Withholding Tax, recently seen in news, refers to:

- (a) A tax collected at the source of income before payment is made to the recipient
- (b) A tax levied on companies for issuing shares in foreign markets
- (c) A surcharge imposed on foreign exchange transactions by central banks
- (d) A tax imposed on imports to protect domestic industries

Answer: (a) A tax collected at the source of income before payment is made to the recipient

Explanation: Withholding tax is similar to Tax Deducted at Source (TDS), where the payer deducts a portion of income such as interest, dividends, royalties, etc., before remitting it to the recipient.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following crops:

1. Paddy
2. Soybean
3. Bajra
4. Maize
5. Nigerseed

How many of the above crops are covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) regime in India?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three

- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

Answer: (d) All five

Explanation: All five crops are covered under MSP. Paddy, Bajra, and Maize are among MSP-notified cereals, while Soybean and Nigerseed are MSP-notified oilseeds. India currently announces MSP for 22 mandated crops on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Thunderstorms are classified as meso-gamma weather systems with a spatial extent of around 2–20 km and a temporal scale of a few hours.

Statement II: In India, thunderstorms are generally most frequent during the monsoon season because high humidity alone is sufficient for their formation.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct but Statement II is not the correct explanation of Statement I
- (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- (d) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

Answer: (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect

Explanation: Statement II is tricky but incorrect—while humidity is important, thunderstorms in India are generally most frequent and intense during March–June due to intense surface heating and convection, not merely high humidity during the monsoon season.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. Estonia
2. Russia
3. Belarus
4. Lithuania

How many of the above share a land border with Latvia?

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

Answer: (d) All four

Explanation: Latvia shares land borders with Estonia, Russia, Belarus, and Lithuania.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Project Garud, recently seen in news:

1. It is a defence drone development programme.
2. It was launched by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- (c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: Both statements are incorrect. Project Garud is a satellite platform programme launched by Hyderabad-based Dhruva Space to develop a flat-pack 500 kg-class satellite platform for scalable manufacturing and constellation deployments

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Softshell Turtle:

1. It is a freshwater turtle species found in river systems such as the Ganga, Indus, and Mahanadi basins.
2. It is classified as "Critically Endangered" under the IUCN Red List.
3. It is primarily carnivorous and plays an important role as a scavenger in maintaining river ecosystem health.

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: 1 and 3 only

Statement 1 is correct: It is a freshwater species found in major Indian river systems.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is not Critically Endangered (generally listed as Endangered).

Statement 3 is correct: It is carnivorous/scavenging, helping maintain river ecosystem balance.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. The Operation RAGEPILL, seen in the news recently, is launched by?

- a) Indian Army
b) Central Bureau of Investigation
c) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
d) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

Answer: C

Explanation: Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

- In a major breakthrough against transnational synthetic drug trafficking networks, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), under **Operation RAGEPILL**, has successfully unearthed an international drug syndicate involved in the trafficking of Captagon, leading to the seizure of approximately 227.7 Kgs. of Captagon Tablets/Powder and the arrest of one overstaying Syrian national, who is a member of the syndicate. The Captagon mainly contains Fenetylline and Amphetamine which are Psychotropic Substances under the NDPS Act.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Advance Authorisation Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It allows duty-free import of inputs that are physically incorporated in export products, subject to export obligations.
2. The scheme is administered by the Reserve Bank of India for regulating foreign exchange related to exports.

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: Advance Authorisation permits duty-free import of inputs used in manufacturing export goods under the Foreign Trade Policy.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The scheme is administered by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Commerce, not by RBI.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements with reference to the Psyche probe:

- 1. It is a mission launched by NASA.
- 2. The probe is intended to land on the asteroid Psyche to collect surface samples and return them to Earth.

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 Psyche mission by NASA aims to study asteroid Psyche, which is thought to be rich in metals (iron-nickel) and may represent a planetary core.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The mission is an orbiter, not a sample-return mission; it will analyze remotely rather than land and bring samples back.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. With reference to the Kesar Mango, consider the following statements:

- 1. It originates from the Gir region of Gujarat.
- 2. It has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

- The Kesar mango is one of India's most celebrated mango varieties, known for its rich aroma, saffron-colored pulp, and sweet taste. Primarily grown in Gujarat, especially the Gir region (Junagadh, Talala, Gir-Somnath). It received Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2011 for "Gir Kesar Mango."

Source: [DD News](#)