

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (18 May)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Anaimangalam Copper Plates recently returned by the Netherlands to India:

1. They record grants made by Rajaraja I to a Buddhist vihara at Nagapattinam.
2. The inscriptions are written in both Tamil and Sanskrit.

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 Anaimangalam Copper Plates commemorate grants made by Rajaraja I to a Buddhist vihara at Nagapattinam, and the inscriptions are written in both Tamil and Sanskrit.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding monsoons in India:

Statement I: The Northeast Monsoon is the primary source of annual rainfall for more than 70% of India's total geographical area.

Statement II: The Northeast Monsoon is also known as the retreating monsoon and is particularly important for Tamil Nadu and parts of southeastern India.

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 incorrect, but Statement II is correct
- (d) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect

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

Explanation: The Southwest Monsoon accounts for over 70% of India's annual rainfall, whereas the Northeast Monsoon (retreating monsoon) mainly benefits Tamil Nadu and adjoining regions.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. With reference to the Western Hoolock Gibbon, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only ape species native to India.
2. It is naturally found in the Western Ghats in India.
3. It is listed as Critically Endangered under the IUCN Red List.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect as it is found in northeastern India (south of the Brahmaputra and east of the Dibang River), not in the Western Ghats. Statement 3 is incorrect as its IUCN status is Endangered, not Critically Endangered.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. With reference to Polysilicon, consider the following statements:

1. India currently has no commercial production of polysilicon.
2. Polysilicon is used in both solar photovoltaic manufacturing and semiconductor production.

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: India currently does not have commercial polysilicon production. Polysilicon is an ultra-pure form of silicon that serves as a key raw material for both solar photovoltaic cells and semiconductor manufacturing.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The term *Sonerila roxburghii*, recently seen in news, refers to:

- (a) A species of flowering plant
- (b) A species of freshwater fish
- (c) A newly discovered butterfly species
- (d) A medicinal fungus

Answer: (a) A species of flowering plant

Explanation: *Sonerila roxburghii* is a newly identified species of flowering plant recently reported in the news.

Source- [ETVB](#)

Q6. With reference to the Committee on Empowerment of Women, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Joint Parliamentary Committee consisting of members from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to examine measures for improving the status of women.
2. The Committee has the power to introduce legislation in Parliament related to women's welfare and gender equality.

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: It is a Joint Committee of Parliament (Lok Sabha + Rajya Sabha) that reviews policies, programs, and laws affecting women.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Parliamentary committees do not introduce legislation; they only examine, review, and recommend.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements with reference to the Ebola virus disease:

1. It is a zoonotic disease believed to be transmitted to humans primarily from fruit bats.
2. The virus is mainly transmitted through airborne droplets over long distances like influenza.
3. The disease has a high case fatality rate and outbreaks have been largely reported from the African continent

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: Fruit bats are considered the natural reservoir hosts.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Ebola spreads through direct contact with bodily fluids, not long-range airborne transmission.

Statement 3 is correct: Ebola has high fatality rates and is mainly reported in Central and West Africa.

Source: [DD News](#)

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

1. It is formed by the confluence of the Tunga and Bhadra rivers, both originating in the Western Ghats.
2. The river flows through the states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh before joining the Krishna River.
3. The Tungabhadra River ultimately drains into the Bay of Bengal independently without joining any major river.

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: Tunga and Bhadra originate in the Western Ghats (Karnataka) and merge at Koodli.

Statement 2 is correct: The river flows through Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh before joining the Krishna River.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is a tributary of the Krishna River, not an independent river draining into the sea.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Sweden
2. Russia
3. Finland
4. Denmark
5. Latvia

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Norway shares a long eastern border with Sweden, and is bordered by Finland and Russia to the northeast. Norway has an extensive coastline facing the Skagerrak strait, the North Sea, the Norwegian Sea, and the Barents Sea.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. The Uturuncu Volcano, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Chile
- b) Peru
- c) Bolivia
- d) Ecuador

Answer: C

Explanation: Bolivia

- Uturuncu Volcano is a dormant volcano situated in southwestern Bolivia, in the Andes Mountains. It has been in the news due to studies on volcanic unrest and ground deformation ("zombie volcano" phenomenon).

Source: [ToI](#)

Q1. With reference to Ordinances in India, consider the following statements:

1. An Ordinance issued by the President has the same force and effect as an Act of Parliament.
2. The President can promulgate an Ordinance only when Parliament is not in session.
3. Article 213 of the Constitution deals with the Governor's power to issue Ordinances.
4. The President can promulgate an Ordinance without the advice of the Union Cabinet.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation: Statement 4 is incorrect because the President issues an Ordinance only on the aid and advice of the Union Cabinet.

Source- [ET](#)

Q2. With reference to the President's Rule in India, consider the following statements:

1. Article 356 empowers the President to impose President's Rule in a state if the constitutional machinery fails.
2. During President's Rule, the powers and functions of the concerned High Court may also be assumed by the President.
3. A proclamation of President's Rule must be approved by both Houses of Parliament within two months.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 2 is incorrect because the constitutional powers and jurisdiction of the High Court remain unaffected during President's Rule.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the Nordic countries, consider the following statements:

1. Sweden is the largest and most populous among the Nordic countries.
2. Iceland is the least populous Nordic country.
3. Denmark is the smallest Nordic country by area.
4. Finland and Iceland are constitutional monarchies.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation: Statement 4 is incorrect because Finland and Iceland are democratic republics, not constitutional monarchies.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Barakar River, Konar River, and Jamunia River are tributaries of which of the following rivers?

- (a) Damodar River
- (b) Subarnarekha River
- (c) Mahanadi River
- (d) Son River

Answer: (a) Damodar River

Explanation: Barakar, Konar, and Jamunia are important tributaries of the Damodar River system, which flows through Jharkhand and West Bengal.

Source- [TP](#)

Q5. With reference to jaggery production in India, consider the following statements:

1. India is the largest producer of jaggery in the world.
2. Karnataka is the leading producer of jaggery 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: (a) 1 only

Explanation: India produces over 70% of the world's jaggery, while Uttar Pradesh is the leading producer within India.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the Padma Awards, consider the following statements:

1. These awards are announced annually on the eve of Independence Day.
2. The government servants including those working with PSUs are not eligible for these Awards.
3. The Award can be used as a suffix or prefix to the awardees' name.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 2 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honours of India announced annually on the eve of Republic Day.

Statement 2 is correct: All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for these awards. However, **Government servants including those working with PSUs, except doctors and scientists, are not eligible** for these Awards.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The award **does not amount to a title and cannot be used as a suffix or prefix** to the awardees' name.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q7. With reference to the Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer (SMILE) Mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint mission between European Space Agency (ESA) and NASA.
2. It is aimed at studying the interaction between solar wind and earth's magnetosphere.
3. The mission will use soft X-ray imaging and ultraviolet instruments to observe global-scale processes in earth's space environment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 and 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: Chinese and European space agencies are sending a joint mission to study the Earth's defences against the Sun. The (Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer (SMILE) mission will be launched on May 19 on a European Vega-C rocket.

Statements 2 and 3 are correct: The mission aims to capture the first X-ray images of Earth's protective magnetic shield in action as it battles and deflects harmful charged particles and energies coming from the Sun.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. The Amblyceps vayavy, seen in the news recently, is a?

- a) Species of freshwater catfish
- b) Medicinal plant species
- c) Newly discovered amphibian
- d) Marine crustacean

Answer: A

Explanation: Species of freshwater catfish

- A new species of freshwater catfish has been described from the northern Western Ghats in Maharashtra and Goa. The species, Amblyceps vayavy, was formally described in the journal Zootaxa and is likely endemic to west-flowing rivers of the northern Western Ghats.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

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

- 1. It originates in the Western Ghats and flows westward into the Arabian Sea near Karwar.
- 2. The river is a major tributary of the Godavari River system.

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 Kali River rises in the Western Ghats (near Diggi) and flows west to the Arabian Sea at Karwar.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is a west-flowing independent river, not a tributary of the Godavari.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q10. With reference to the Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a macro-prudential tool that requires banks to build up additional capital during periods of excessive credit growth.
- 2. The buffer is intended to be increased during economic downturns to encourage lending by banks.

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: CCyB is part of the Basel III norms to build resilience during credit booms.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The buffer is reduced (not increased) during downturns to support lending.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q1. With reference to the Privilege Notice in the Indian parliamentary system, consider the following statements:

1. A Privilege Notice can be moved only against Members of Parliament for disorderly conduct inside the House.
2. The power to decide penalties in cases of breach of privilege rests exclusively with the Committee on Privileges.
3. Parliamentary privileges in India are expressly codified in a comprehensive statute enacted by Parliament.
4. Article 105 of the Constitution relates to the privileges of Parliament, while Article 194 relates to the privileges of State Legislatures.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation: Only Statement 4 is correct. A privilege notice can be raised against any individual, minister, or organization for breach of parliamentary privileges; the final decision on penalties rests with the House, and parliamentary privileges are not comprehensively codified in India.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to the SHE-MART initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is aimed at promoting women-led urban manufacturing clusters and export hubs.
2. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under Mission Shakti.

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: SHE-MART focuses on women-led rural marketing and supply chain aggregation and is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development through DAY-NRLM.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Zimbabwe

1. It is a landlocked country in southern Africa.
2. It includes parts of the Kalahari Desert.
3. Its longest land border is with Mozambique.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation: Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa, parts of the Kalahari Desert extend into its territory, and Mozambique forms its longest international border.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

Located in the hilly region of Gujarat near Porbandar, this protected area was once a private hunting ground of the royal families of Jamnagar and Porbandar. The region is drained by the Bileshvary and Joghri rivers, and communities such as Maldharis, Bharvads, and Rabaris inhabit the surrounding areas.

Which of the following refers to the above-described protected area?

- (a) Gir National Park
- (b) Velavadar National Park
- (c) Marine National Park
- (d) Barda Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: (d) Barda Wildlife Sanctuary

Source- [IT](#)

Q5. With reference to Pangolin, consider the following statements:

1. They are solitary and nocturnal mammals.
2. The Indian Pangolin is listed 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: (a) 1 only

Explanation: Pangolins are generally solitary and nocturnal mammals. However, the Indian Pangolin is classified as Endangered, not Critically Endangered, on the IUCN Red List

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to the Precision Guided Missile-V3 (PGM-V3), consider the following statements:

1. It is an indigenously developed fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile system designed for precision strikes.
2. It is developed jointly by India and Russia under the BrahMos programme for long-range supersonic cruise capabilities.

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: PGM-V3 is an indigenous precision-guided anti-tank missile, enhancing infantry combat capability.

Statement 2 is incorrect: This describes the BrahMos missile, not PGM-V3. The PGM-V3 has been produced entirely through the Indian defence ecosystem involving a large number of MSMEs and other industries. The trials confirmed fully mature domestic supply chain, equipped for immediate serial mass production.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector scheme.
2. It is supported by financial assistance from the World Bank.
3. The programme exclusively targets export-oriented large enterprises to enhance India's global trade share.

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: RAMP is a Central Sector scheme aimed at improving MSME performance, institutions, and access to markets.

Statement 2 is correct: It is supported by the World Bank through financial and technical assistance.

Statement 3 is incorrect: It targets MSMEs broadly, not large enterprises, and is not limited only to export-oriented units.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Canine Distemper caused by Canine Distemper Virus (CDV), consider the following statements:

1. It is a highly contagious viral disease that affects domestic dogs as well as several wild carnivores such as big cats and foxes.
 2. The virus belongs to the same family as the measles virus and primarily spreads through respiratory droplets and direct contact.
 3. It is a zoonotic disease that commonly spreads from animals to humans, causing severe respiratory illness.
- 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: CDV affects dogs and various wild carnivores (e.g., lions, tigers, leopards).

Statement 2 is correct: It belongs to the Paramyxoviridae family, same as measles virus, and spreads via aerosols and contact.

Statement 3 is incorrect: CDV is not considered zoonotic; it does not infect humans.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements with reference to the L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science International Awards:

1. The awards are jointly instituted by UNESCO and L'Oréal to recognize outstanding contributions of women scientists worldwide.
2. The awards are given annually to one woman scientist from each inhabited continent categorized into regions.
3. The programme exclusively recognizes early-career women researchers below the age of 35.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: The awards are a result of a partnership between the Foundation of the French company L'Oréal and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Statement 2 is correct: The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Awards are presented every year to five outstanding women scientists – one per each of the following regions: Africa and the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America - in recognition of their scientific accomplishments.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The International Awards honor established scientists; early-career researchers are recognized separately under fellowship programmes.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q10. With reference to the Greenshoe Option, consider the following statements:

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1. It allows the underwriters of an Initial Public Offering (IPO) to issue additional shares to stabilize the share price after listing.
2. It is a regulatory mechanism mandated by the Reserve Bank of India for controlling inflation in the economy.

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: Greenshoe option enables price stabilization by allowing underwriters to over-allot shares and later buy them back if needed.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is related to capital markets (regulated by SEBI), not monetary policy or inflation control by RBI.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (21 May)

Q1. The Urtan and Dhirauli coal mines, recently seen in the news, are located in:

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Chhattisgarh

Answer: (c) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation- The Ministry of Coal recently announced the commencement of coal production from the Urtan and Dhirauli coal mines located in Madhya Pradesh. These mines are important for enhancing domestic coal production in India.

Source- [BS](#)

Q2. Consider the following description:

He was a tribal revolutionary leader from the Bastar region who led the historic Bhumkal Rebellion of 1910 against British rule. Belonging to the Dhurwa tribal community, he mobilized tribal groups through secret symbols such as red chilies, bows and arrows, and mango branches to organize resistance.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Birsa Munda
- (b) Alluri Sitarama Raju
- (c) Sidhu Murmu
- (d) Shaheed Veer Gundadhur

Answer: (d) Shaheed Veer Gundadhur

Explanation: Shaheed Veer Gundadhur was a prominent tribal freedom fighter from Bastar (present-day Chhattisgarh) who led the Bhumkal Rebellion of 1910 against British colonial policies and exploitation.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. With reference to the International Booker Prize, consider the following statements:

1. It is awarded annually.
2. It is given to works translated into English and published in the UK and/or Ireland.
3. Geetanjali Shree was the first Indian to win the International Booker Prize.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two

- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation: The International Booker Prize is awarded annually for translated fiction published in the UK and/or Ireland. Geetanjali Shree became the first Indian winner for her novel Tomb of Sand.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. The term “Zwan-Wolf Effect”, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) Compression of charged particles along magnetic field lines due to solar wind interaction
- (b) Formation of ozone holes due to solar radiation
- (c) Expansion of planetary atmospheres during volcanic eruptions
- (d) Emission of radio waves from black holes

Answer: (a) Compression of charged particles along magnetic field lines due to solar wind interaction

Explanation: The Zwan-Wolf Effect is a space weather phenomenon in which electrically charged particles are squeezed along magnetic field lines when solar wind interacts with a planet’s magnetic boundary

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q5. With reference to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment added Part IX-A to the Constitution dealing with Urban Local Bodies.
2. The real executive powers in Municipal Corporations generally rest with the elected Mayor.

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: The 74th Constitutional Amendment, not the 73rd, added Part IX-A to the Constitution dealing with Urban Local Bodies. Further, in most Municipal Corporations, real executive authority is exercised by the Municipal Commissioner appointed by the state government, while the Mayor mainly performs ceremonial functions.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Which one of the following statements best describes the Alfvénic or kink waves?

- a) They are seismic waves generated in Earth’s mantle due to tectonic plate movement.
- b) They are magnetically driven plasma waves that travel along magnetic field lines in space and stellar atmospheres.
- c) They are oceanic waves generated by underwater volcanic eruptions in the Pacific Ocean.
- d) They are electromagnetic waves produced during nuclear fission reactions inside stars.

Answer: B

Explanation:

- Alfvén wave (including kink waves) are magnetohydrodynamic plasma waves that propagate along magnetic field lines in plasmas such as the Sun’s corona, solar wind, and Earth’s magnetosphere. They are important in explaining coronal heating and energy transfer in space plasmas.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Agricola Medal, consider the following statements:

1. It is awarded by the Food and Agriculture Organization in recognition of outstanding contributions to global agriculture and food security.
2. Narendra Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to be conferred this medal.

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 Agricola Medal is conferred by the Food and Agriculture Organization for distinguished service in agriculture and food security.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is conferred the FAO Agricola Medal in Rome, in recognition of his contributions to food security, sustainable agriculture, and rural development. In 2008, former PM Manmohan Singh was awarded the medal for his vital role in 'modernising India's agriculture and reducing hunger and poverty'.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Consider the following countries:

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Israel
3. Jordan
4. Turkey

How many of the above countries are **not** the part of the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Turkey

Structure of IMEC:

- Eastern Leg – India's western ports → UAE (sea) → Saudi Arabia, Jordan (rail) → Haifa, Israel (port).
- Western Leg – Haifa → Greece/Italy (sea) → onward into Europe via existing rail network.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q9. The Samara region, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Syria
- b) Iran
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Russia

Answer: D

Explanation: Russia

- Two people were killed in a drone attack on the town of Syzran in Russia's Samara region on the Volga River, while Ukraine also reported two dead as the two sides exchanged attacks overnight.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Which one of the following rivers flow through the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve?

- a) Son river
- b) Ken river
- c) Luni river
- d) Chambal river

Answer: D

Explanation:

Rivers: Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is bounded to the north by the Banas River and to the south by the Chambal River.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

10 PM MCQs (22 May)

Q1. Consider the following description:

It is a highly nutritious woody deciduous vine berry native to eastern Asia and is also known as the Chinese gooseberry. The crop requires 700–800 chilling hours and grows best in mid-hill regions between 800–1500 m altitude. It is highly sensitive to frost, strong winds, and temperatures above 35°C.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Persimmon
- (b) Kiwi
- (c) Apricot
- (d) Avocado

Answer: (b) Kiwi

Source- [NOA](#)

Q2. With reference to the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an intergovernmental organization.
- 2. India is a founding member of the APO.
- 3. Its headquarters is located in Tokyo, Japan.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation: The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1961 to enhance productivity in the Asia-Pacific region. India is one of its founding members, and the APO headquarters is located in Tokyo, Japan.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements about the Netherlands:

- 1. It is bordered by Germany and Belgium.
- 2. It possesses one of the world's largest natural gas fields.

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 Netherlands is located in Western Europe and shares land borders with Germany in the east and Belgium in the south. It is also known for the Groningen gas field, one of the world's largest natural gas reserves.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

It is a shallow brackish water lagoon along the Bay of Bengal coast, separated from the sea by the Sriharikota Island. It is fed by the Aarani and Kalangi rivers, while the Buckingham Canal passes through it. It is also a Ramsar Site.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Chilika Lake
- (b) Kolleru Lake
- (c) Vembanad Lake
- (d) Pulicat Lake

Answer: (d) Pulicat Lake

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about Shukrayaan:

1. Shukrayaan is India's first dedicated mission for the exploration of Mars.
2. The mission is scheduled to be launched aboard the PSLV rocket.
3. Sweden has joined India's Shukrayaan Mission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c) 3 only

Explanation: Shukrayaan, officially known as the Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM), is India's first dedicated mission to Venus, not Mars. It is planned to be launched aboard ISRO's heavy-lift LVM-3 rocket, not the PSLV. Sweden has joined the mission through scientific collaboration.

Source- [IT](#)

Q6. The JEEVAN mobile app, seen in the news recently, is launched by?

- a) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) Ministry of Education
- d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will organise a virtual program on Creating a Well-Functioning Care Economy tomorrow. The Ministry said that a key highlight of the event will be the launch of the JEEVAN App for Senior Citizens and the SHATAYU Dashboard for information on the Geriatric Caregivers.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the impeachment (removal) process of Supreme Court and High Court judges in India:

1. A motion for removal of a judge can be introduced in either House of Parliament only with the support of at least 50 Lok Sabha MPs or 30 Rajya Sabha MPs.
2. The inquiry committee formed under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 consists of a Supreme Court judge, a High Court Chief Justice, and an eminent jurist.
3. A judge can be removed by Parliament if the motion is passed in each House by a simple majority of members present and voting.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The motion requires 100 Lok Sabha MPs or 50 Rajya Sabha MPs, not 50 and 30.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The inquiry committee includes a Supreme Court judge, a High Court Chief Justice, and an eminent jurist.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Removal requires a special majority, not a simple majority.

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Source: [NOA](#)

Q8. With reference to Excelsa coffee, consider the following statements:

1. It is considered a distinct variety within the Liberica group and is known for its tart, fruity flavor profile.
2. It is a native breed of coffee in India.
3. It accounts for the majority of global coffee production and is primarily cultivated in Brazil and Colombia.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Excelsa coffee is classified within the Liberica species and is valued for its complex fruity and tart taste.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Excelsa was introduced to India in the late 1800s by a British planter, Colonel Benson, as an alternative to Arabica following pest and disease outbreaks. However, due to its height — six to 15 metres — and dense branching, it proved impractical for estate-scale management and was never commercialised.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Excelsa is a rare, climate-resilient coffee species (classified as a Liberica variant) that accounts for only about 2% of global consumption.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the UMMID Initiative:

1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It is India's first comprehensive national effort to address inherited genetic disorders through an integrated approach.

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: UMMID stands for Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders, which is a national initiative led by the Department of Biotechnology to tackle inherited genetic disorders.

Statement 2 is correct: The initiative represents India's first comprehensive national effort to address inherited genetic disorders through an integrated approach encompassing diagnosis, counselling, prevention, training and public health awareness.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q10. With reference to Rupa Tarakasi, consider the following statements:

1. It is a traditional silver filigree craft primarily associated with Cuttack in Odisha.
2. The craft involves weaving fine silver wires into intricate designs and has received 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 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: Rupa Tarakasi is a renowned silver filigree art centered in Cuttack, Odisha.

Statement 2 is correct: The craft uses delicate silver wirework to create ornamental patterns and has been granted a GI tag.

Source: [IE](#)

10 PM MCQs (23 May)

Q1. Consider the following pairs:

1. Ambazari Lake — Maharashtra
2. Siliserh Lake — Rajasthan
3. Kopra Reservoir — Telangana

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:

- Ambazari Lake is located in Maharashtra.
- Siliserh Lake is located in Rajasthan.
- Kopra Reservoir is located in Chhattisgarh, not Telangana

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. With reference to Cyprus, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the extreme northeastern part of the Mediterranean Sea.
2. It is a member of the European Union (EU).

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- Cyprus is situated in the eastern/northeastern Mediterranean region and became a member of the European Union in 2004

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. With reference to Raja Ram Mohan Roy, consider the following statements:

1. He supported the introduction of Western scientific education in India.
2. He founded the Persian weekly Mirat-ul-Akbar.
3. He advocated monotheism through the Brahma Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- Raja Ram Mohan Roy strongly supported English and Western scientific education in India.
- He founded the Persian weekly Mirat-ul-Akbar in 1822.
- Through the Brahma Sabha (later Brahma Samaj), he promoted monotheism and opposed idol worship.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Vayu Astra-1, recently seen in the news, is a:

- (a) Surface-to-air missile
- (b) Unmanned combat aerial vehicle
- (c) Ballistic missile defence system
- (d) Loitering munition drone

Answer: (d) Loitering munition drone

Explanation: Vayu Astra-1 is a loitering munition, also known as a kamikaze or suicide drone, capable of surveillance and precision strikes.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following description:

This marine mammal is found in deep oceans from the equator to polar regions. It is the largest toothed whale and has the biggest brain among known animals. Its head contains spermaceti, aiding deep dives, and it produces ambergris used in perfumes. It is also the only living cetacean with a single left-sided blowhole.

The description given above refers to:

- (a) Blue Whale
- (b) Humpback Whale
- (c) Sperm Whale
- (d) Orca

Answer: (c) Sperm Whale

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The Luhansk region, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Lebanon
- b) Russia
- c) Ukraine
- d) Iran

Answer: C

Explanation:

- Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his military to prepare options to retaliate against Ukraine for a drone attack on a student dorm that killed six people and wounded dozens, with 15 still unaccounted for. The attack had struck the dorm in Starobilsk in Luhansk, a Russian-controlled region in eastern Ukraine.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Q7. With reference to Schedule H1 drugs, consider the following statements:

1. Drugs listed under Schedule H1 can be sold only on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner and require pharmacists to maintain detailed sales records.
2. These drugs must carry the green "Rx" symbol and the prescribed Schedule H1 drug warning label on the packaging.

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: Schedule H1 drugs (including certain antibiotics and anti-TB medicines) require prescription-based sale and record maintenance to prevent misuse.

Statement 2 is incorrect: These drugs must carry the red “Rx” symbol and the prescribed Schedule H1 drug warning label on the packaging.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The Saraswati Wildlife Sanctuary, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Haryana
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Gujarat

Answer: B

Explanation: Haryana

- Saraswati Wildlife Sanctuary is located between two districts (Kurukshetra and Kaithal) of Haryana. It is known for its rich biodiversity and lies near the paleo-channel region associated with the ancient Saraswati River.

Source: [MSN](#)

Q9. The Dandewala Oil Field, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Assam
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Gujarat
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: D

Explanation: Rajasthan

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister has informed that Oil India Limited has successfully unlocked a new gas-bearing pay zone in the Dandewala Field, Rajasthan.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q10. With reference to the Agni-I missile, consider the following statements:

1. It is a short-range ballistic missile.
2. It is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation under India’s Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.
3. The missile is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads.

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

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Agni-I is a short-range ballistic missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

Statement 3 is correct: It can carry both conventional and nuclear payloads.

Source: [BL](#)