

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

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10 PM MCQs (1 July)

Q1. The term "Friendshoring", recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) Shifting production and supply chains to politically and economically reliable partner countries.
- (b) Relocating production and supply chains to nearby countries to reduce transport costs and improve efficiency.
- (c) Bringing overseas production and supply chains back to the home country.
- (d) Moving production and supply chains to countries offering the lowest labour and manufacturing costs.

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Friendshoring is the practice of shifting production and supply chains to politically and economically trusted partner countries to reduce geopolitical and supply chain risks. It differs from nearshoring (nearby countries), reshoring (returning production home), and offshoring (moving production abroad mainly to reduce costs).

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following description of a tiger reserve:

A dense forest in the ancient Aravalli hills once echoed with the roar of tigers, until every single tiger disappeared due to poaching. The reserve later became the site of the world's first successful scientific reintroduction of tigers using radio-collared individuals, marking a turning point in India's tiger conservation strategy.

The tiger reserve described above is:

- (a) Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
- (b) Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve
- (c) Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve
- (d) Sariska Tiger Reserve

Answer: (d) Sariska Tiger Reserve

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK):

- 1. It provides a continuum of home and community-based care for children from birth up to 36 months of age.
- 2. It integrates the existing Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care for Young Child (HBYC) programmes.
- 3. It is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: SSBSK is a Ministry of Health and Family Welfare initiative. It integrates the HBNC and HBYC programmes to provide comprehensive home and community-based care for children from birth to 36 months. Statement 3 is incorrect because the programme is not implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

- 1. It is an artificial lake located about 20 km from Hyderabad in Telangana.
- 2. It was built on the Esi River, a tributary of the Musi River, during the rule of the last Nizam of Hyderabad.
- 3. It lies parallel to Osman Sagar Lake.

The place described above is:

- (a) Hussain Sagar
- (b) Himayat Sagar

- (c) Pakhal Lake
- (d) Laknavaram Lake

Answer: (b) Himayat Sagar

Explanation: Himayat Sagar is a man-made reservoir built across the Esi River during the reign of the last Nizam of Hyderabad. It lies parallel to Osman Sagar, which is built across the Musi River.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF):

1. It is regarded as India's first-ever sovereign wealth fund (SWF).
2. It is registered with SEBI as a Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF).

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:

- **Statement 1 is Correct.** NIIF is widely regarded as India's first sovereign-backed sovereign wealth fund-like investment platform.
- **Statement 2 is Correct.** NIIF is registered with SEBI as a Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF).

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. 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: [ET](#)

Q7. With reference to SHE-LEAPS platform, consider the following statements:

1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
2. It is an initiative aimed at promoting women-led entrepreneurship through mentoring, capacity building, and improved access to markets and finance.

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: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal ministry of this platform.

Statement 2 is correct: SHE-LEAPS is a government initiative to foster women-led entrepreneurship by providing support through leadership development, mentorship, skill enhancement, networking, and improved access to finance and markets.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards:

1. OCI confers dual citizenship and political rights in India.
2. OCI registration is not allowed for those who are or had been citizens of Pakistan, Bangladesh, or any other country notified by the Central Government.
3. OCI cardholders enjoy lifelong multiple-entry visa and parity with Non-Resident Indians in economic, financial, and educational fields, except in acquiring agricultural or plantation property.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A) Only 1 and 2
- B) Only 2 and 3
- C) Only 1 and 3
- D) All three

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** OCI does not confer dual citizenship or political rights.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Citizens of Pakistan, Bangladesh, or other notified countries are ineligible.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** OCI cardholders enjoy lifelong multiple-entry visa and parity with NRIs in economic, financial, and educational fields, except for agricultural/plantation property.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. The 'CITES Project', seen in the news recently, is primarily associated with:

- (a) Digital monitoring of wildlife trade under the CITES Convention
- (b) Establishment of a national cyber security framework for financial institutions
- (c) Creation of a unified digital health records system under Ayushman Bharat
- (d) Modernisation of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation's IT infrastructure through a centralized digital platform

Answer: D

Explanation: Modernisation of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation's IT infrastructure through a centralized digital platform

- The CITES Project refers to the Centralised IT-Enabled System (CITES) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- It is a digital transformation project designed to replace EPFO's fragmented, region-wise databases with a single centralized IT platform, making EPFO services more member-centric, transparent, and efficient. The project has been developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. With reference to the criteria for the grant of Miniratna status to Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), consider the following statements:

1. A CPSE must have earned profits continuously for the preceding three years and should have a positive net worth to be eligible for Miniratna status.
2. A CPSE should not have defaulted in the repayment of loans or interest due to the Government and must have obtained an 'Excellent' rating under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) system in each of the preceding three 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: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: A CPSE seeking Miniratna status must have earned profits continuously for the last three years and should have a positive net worth.

Statement 2 is incorrect: While the CPSE should not have defaulted in repayment of loans or interest to the Government, there is no requirement that it must have secured an 'Excellent' MoU rating in each of the preceding three years. Such a condition is not part of the prescribed eligibility criteria.

Source: [NOA](#)

10 PM MCQs (2 July)

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

1. India provides for single citizenship and a single domicile for the entire country.
2. Both a citizen by birth and a citizen by naturalisation are eligible to become the President of India.
3. An Indian citizen who voluntarily acquires the citizenship of another country automatically ceases to be an Indian citizen from the date of such acquisition.

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: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Constitution provides for single citizenship for the entire country. Unlike some federal countries, India does not provide separate State citizenship. India also follows the principle of single domicile.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Under Article 58 of the Constitution, the qualifications for the office of the President require that the person be a citizen of India, at least 35 years of age, and otherwise qualified. The Constitution does not distinguish between a citizen by birth and a citizen by naturalisation. Therefore, both are eligible to become the President.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Under Section 9 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, an Indian citizen who voluntarily acquires the citizenship of another country automatically loses Indian citizenship from the date of such acquisition, as India does not permit dual citizenship

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. With reference to the RBI Scam Compensation Framework, consider the following statements:

1. The framework extends customer protection beyond unauthorised electronic transactions to cover certain fraudulent electronic banking transactions where the customer was induced or deceived into authorising the payment.
2. Under the framework, compensation is available for all digital fraud losses irrespective of the amount involved.
3. To be eligible for compensation, the fraud must generally be reported within 5 days to the bank and the National Cyber Crime Helpline/Portal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The framework expands customer protection to cover certain fraudulent electronic banking transactions (EBTs) where customers are deceived into authorising payments, in addition to unauthorised transactions.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Compensation is not available for all digital fraud losses. It is limited to eligible small-value frauds, subject to prescribed conditions and monetary limits.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** To claim compensation, the fraud must generally be reported within 5 days to both the bank and the National Cyber Crime Helpline/Portal

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

1. It is one of the major tributaries of the Krishna River and flows through Karnataka.
2. It originates in the Western Ghats.
3. Its important tributaries include Bennihalla, Hirehalla and Tuprihalla.
4. The Renukasagar Dam is built across this river.

Which one of the following rivers is described above?

- (a) Malaprabha River
- (b) Bhima River
- (c) Tungabhadra River
- (d) Ghataprabha River

Answer: (a) Malaprabha River

Source- [DH](#)

Q4. The term 'Centralised IT-Enabled System (CITES)', recently seen in the news, is associated with:

- (a) Integrated tax administration under the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)
- (b) Digitisation of land records under the Ministry of Rural Development
- (c) Modernisation of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) through a unified digital platform
- (d) Centralised monitoring of railway freight operations

Answer: (c) Modernisation of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) through a unified digital platform

Explanation: The Centralised IT-Enabled System (CITES) is EPFO's digital modernisation project, developed by C-DAC. It replaces the earlier decentralised system with a single national database and automated, rule-based processing, enabling faster and more efficient delivery of provident fund services.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following pairs regarding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. SDG 2 – Zero Hunger
2. SDG 4 – Quality Education
3. SDG 5 – Gender Equality

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- SDG 2 aims to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture (Zero Hunger).
- SDG 4 seeks to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all (Quality Education).
- SDG 5 aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls (Gender Equality)

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. The Zunheboto region, recently seen in the news for successful lavender cultivation, is located in:

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Nagaland

- Success story of Purple Revolution under Aroma Mission was adopted by the State of Nagaland in 2022, beginning with Lavender cultivation by a StartUp group in the Zunheboto region of the State.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach Procedure for helicopter operations, consider the following statements:

1. It is developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
2. It is a satellite-based navigation system that helps helicopters land safely at heliports even when there are no ground-based navigation aids.
3. India's first PinS operations have started from New Delhi Heliport.

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: It is developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). PinS procedure has been designed in accordance with DGCA regulations and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices.

Statement 2 is correct: PinS is a satellite-based navigation system that helps helicopters land safely at heliports even when there are no traditional instrument landing systems or ground-based navigation aids.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Undavalli Heliport in Andhra Pradesh has become the first private heliport in India to receive approval for this advanced instrument approach procedure.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The 'Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)', seen in the news recently, is a strategic framework of:

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme
- (b) Asian Development Bank
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) World Bank

Answer: D

Explanation: World Bank

- The World Bank's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) is its strategic framework for integrating climate action into development financing. It guides the Bank's support for climate mitigation, adaptation, resilience, and sustainable development in client countries. In June 2026, the World Bank decided to extend the existing CCAP while undertaking an independent review of the framework.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. With reference to the criteria for the grant of the Bharat Life Sciences Award, consider the following statements:

1. The award is conferred in recognition of exceptional and sustained contributions to the field of life sciences that have significantly advanced scientific knowledge or generated societal impact.

2. Scientists of Indian origin residing abroad are also eligible for the award.
 3. The award is instituted by the Department of Biotechnology under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- 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: The **Bharat Life Sciences Award** recognizes **exceptional and sustained contributions** in life sciences with demonstrable scientific excellence and societal impact.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Bharat Life Sciences Award is open only to Indian citizens and organisations registered in India, subject to the eligibility criteria of the respective Award categories.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Bharat Life Sciences Award is an industry-led initiative organised by FICCI. However, the Award is supported by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Office of Principal Scientific Advisory to the Government of India and BIRAC. The Award is independently governed, and is neither endorsed nor conferred by the Government of India.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Borjuli Wetland, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Tripura

Answer: B

Explanation: Assam

- The Borjuli wetland in Assam, known for harbouring a disease and pest-resistant variety of wild rice, has been notified as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS), marking a major milestone in the conservation of India's wild rice genetic resources.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (3 July)

Q1. With reference to the Employees' Provident Funds (EPF) Scheme, 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme consolidates EPF partial withdrawals into three broad categories-essential needs, housing needs, and special circumstances.
2. The mandatory provident fund contribution rate of both employer and employee has been increased from 12% to 14%.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The EPF Scheme, 2026 streamlines partial withdrawals into three categories-essential needs, housing needs, and special circumstances.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The mandatory EPF contribution rate continues to be 12% (10% for certain notified establishments); it has not been increased to 14%.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. The Transcaspian marinka recently seen in the news, is a:

- (a) Aquatic plant
- (b) Freshwater turtle
- (c) Waterbird
- (d) Freshwater fish

Answer: (d) Freshwater fish

Explanation: The Transcaspian marinka (*Schizothorax pelzami*) is an Endangered ray-finned freshwater fish belonging to the carp family (Cyprinidae). It is not a turtle, bird, or aquatic plant.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

- 1. It is a carnivorous mammal native to the Indian subcontinent.
- 2. It prefers open grasslands, thorn scrub, semi-desert and arid habitats.
- 3. It is known for forming lifelong monogamous pairs.
- 4. It is listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List.

The above description refers to which one of the following species?

- (a) Golden Jackal
- (b) Indian Wolf
- (c) Bengal Fox
- (d) Striped Hyena

Answer: (C) Bengal Fox

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an advisory body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- 2. Its headquarters is located in Hyderabad.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) is an advisory body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** Its headquarters is located in New Delhi, not Hyderabad.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. With reference to the Pandya Dynasty, consider the following statements:

- 1. It was one of the three ancient Tamil dynasties known as the Three Crowned Kings of Tamilakam.
- 2. The Pandya rulers established their first capital at Madurai and later shifted it to Korkai.
- 3. The fish was the royal symbol of the Pandya Dynasty.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1: Correct.** The Pandyas were one of the three ancient Tamil dynasties (along with the Cholas and Cheras), collectively known as the Three Crowned Kings of Tamilakam.

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- **Statement 2: Incorrect.** The early Pandyas ruled from Korkai, and later shifted their capital to Madurai.
- **Statement 3: Correct.** The fish was the royal symbol of the Pandya Dynasty

Source- MISC

Q6. The *Oryza rufipogon*, seen in the news recently, is a?

- (a) Wild ancestor of cultivated rice
- (b) Nitrogen-fixing bacterium used in paddy cultivation
- (c) Fungal pathogen affecting rice crops
- (d) Biofertilizer developed for rainfed agriculture

Answer: A

Explanation: Wild ancestor of cultivated rice.

- The wild rice species, *Oryza rufipogon*, is the progenitor of present-day cultivated rice, *Oryza sativa*. It is resistant to pests and diseases and can tolerate flooding and saline conditions, making it a valuable genetic resource for developing climate-resilient crop varieties.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. With reference to the Rung Community, consider the following statements:

1. The Rung Community is an indigenous Himalayan community inhabiting the border areas of Uttarakhand.
2. Traditionally, the community was engaged in trans-Himalayan trade with Tibet, which declined significantly after the closure of the India-Tibet border following the 1962 conflict.

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: The Rung Community (also known as Shauka or Johari-Byansi-Chaudansi communities) is an indigenous Himalayan tribal community residing mainly in the Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand, especially around Dharchula and Munsiyari.

Statement 2 is correct: The Rung people traditionally depended on trans-Himalayan trade with Tibet, exchanging Indian goods for Tibetan products. This centuries-old trade came to an abrupt halt after the 1962 India-China War, profoundly affecting their traditional economy.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme,

1. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment through the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).
2. It aims to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) entrepreneurs by facilitating their participation in public procurement and strengthening their competitiveness.

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 scheme is implemented by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Statement 2 is correct: The National SC-ST Hub has been set up to provide professional support to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneurs to fulfil the obligations under the Central Government Public

Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises Order 2012, adopt applicable business practices and leverage the Stand Up India initiative. The Hub was launched by the Prime Minister on October 18th, 2016.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. 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: [Mongabay](#)

Q10. 'Swar Prerna Veethika', seen in the news recently, has been launched by?

- (a) Sangeet Natak Akademi
- (b) Ministry of Culture
- (c) Akashvani (All India Radio)
- (d) Prasar Bharati Archives

Answer: C

Explanation: Akashvani (All India Radio)

- Akashvani has inaugurated 'Swar Prerna Veethika', a dedicated photo gallery celebrating the enduring bond between Akashvani and India's legendary musicians. It is celebrating 90 years of Akashvani and in the run-up to the centenary of Radio Broadcasting in India in 2027. The gallery was inaugurated by Padma Vibhushan Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia at the Akashvani Rang Bhavan Auditorium, Akashvani Bhavan, New Delhi.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (4 July)

Q1. The 16th India-Japan Annual Summit (2026) resulted in several important initiatives. Which of the following **is/are not correct** regarding the outcomes of the Summit?

1. Establishment of a new AI Strategic Dialogue to promote trusted and secure artificial intelligence cooperation.
2. Launch of the India-Japan Cooperative Biogas for Growth (CBG) Initiative to support India's target of 1,000 biogas plants.
3. Signing of an agreement to establish a Civil Nuclear Fuel Supply Corridor between India and Japan.
4. Decision to hold the 4th India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministers' Meeting in Tokyo before the end of 2026.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (c) 3 only

Explanation: The Summit established an AI Strategic Dialogue, launched the India–Japan CBG Initiative, and decided to hold the 4th India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in Tokyo. No agreement was signed to establish a Civil Nuclear Fuel Supply Corridor

Source- [PMI](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Crèche Guidelines in India:

1. Establishments employing 50 or more workers are required to provide a crèche facility under labour laws.
2. Under the Palna Scheme, the government aims to establish 17,000 Anganwadi-cum-Crèches (AWCCs).
3. National guidelines permit both men and women to be appointed as caregivers in crèches.

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: National guidelines require only women to be appointed as caregivers and helpers in crèches to ensure child safety and comfort.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Animal Discoveries 2025 and Plant Discoveries 2025 reports:

1. Kerala recorded the highest number of new animal species discoveries among the states.
2. Arunachal Pradesh emerged as the leading contributor to new plant discoveries 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: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: Kerala recorded the highest number of new animal species discoveries (98), while Arunachal Pradesh led the country in plant discoveries with 49 new taxa.

Source- [AIMA](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding INS Trikand:

1. It is a Talwar-class guided-missile frigate of the Indian Navy.
2. It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.

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: INS Trikand is a Talwar-class guided-missile frigate of the Indian Navy. It was built by the Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia, and not by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q5. The eSARAS Platform, recently seen in the news, has been developed by:

- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (b) Ministry of Rural Development

- (c) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer: (b) Ministry of Rural Development

Explanation: eSARAS (SARAS Aajeevika) is the official e-commerce platform for products made by women Self-Help Groups (SHGs). It has been developed by the Ministry of Rural Development under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

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

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

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

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about caracal:

1. It is included in the list of Critically Endangered species under Species Recovery Programme.
2. It has been categorized as Least Concern in the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: In 2021, India included caracals in the list of Critically Endangered species under Species Recovery Programme.

Statement 2 is correct: IUCN Status of caracal: Least Concern

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q8. The Transcaspian Marinka (Schizothorax pelzami), seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) Freshwater ray-finned fish of the carp family
- (b) Migratory waterbird inhabiting Central Asian wetlands
- (c) Endemic medicinal shrub of the Eastern Himalayas
- (d) Freshwater turtle native to the Brahmaputra basin

Answer: A

Explanation: Freshwater ray-finned fish of the carp family

- The Transcaspian Marinka (Schizothorax pelzami) is a freshwater ray-finned fish belonging to the Cyprinidae (carp) family. It was recently in the news due to a community-led conservation initiative in Arunachal Pradesh, where members of the Sangno clan translocated fingerlings to a predator-free stream to aid its conservation.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. The 'Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas (PYA)', seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) National-level mock exercise to assess preparedness for animal disease and zoonotic outbreaks
- (b) Joint military exercise between India and Nepal focusing on mountain warfare
- (c) Livestock vaccination programme for controlling Foot-and-Mouth Disease
- (d) National mission for the conservation of indigenous cattle breeds

Answer: A

Explanation: National-level mock exercise to assess preparedness for animal disease and zoonotic outbreaks

- Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas (PYA) is a national-level simulation exercise (mock drill) conducted to assess and strengthen India's preparedness and coordinated response to animal disease emergencies, particularly zoonotic disease outbreaks, under the One Health approach.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), consider the following statements:

- 1. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) refers to the difference in sea surface temperatures between the western equatorial Indian Ocean and the eastern equatorial Indian Ocean near Indonesia.
- 2. A positive IOD is characterized by warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures near Indonesia and cooler-than-normal temperatures near the African coast, generally resulting in above-normal rainfall over India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is an ocean-atmosphere phenomenon defined by the difference in sea surface temperatures (SSTs) between the western equatorial Indian Ocean (near the East African coast) and the eastern equatorial Indian Ocean (near Indonesia).

Statement 2 is incorrect: A positive IOD is associated with warmer-than-normal SSTs in the western Indian Ocean and cooler-than-normal SSTs near Indonesia. It often enhances the Indian summer monsoon, although its impact depends on interactions with phenomena such as ENSO.

Source: [IE](#)

10 PM MCQs (6 July)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Polygraph Test:

- 1. A polygraph test measures physiological responses such as blood pressure, pulse rate, breathing, and galvanic skin response to assess whether a person may be deceptive.
- 2. In India, the results of a polygraph test are admissible as substantive evidence in a court of law.
- 3. A polygraph test can be conducted only with the voluntary consent of the person concerned.

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

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

Answer: (a) There are two correct statements, that include statement 1.

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** A polygraph test records physiological responses such as blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration, and galvanic skin response.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** In India, the results of a polygraph test are not admissible as substantive evidence in a court of law. However, evidence discovered as a consequence of the test may be admissible under Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** A polygraph test can be conducted only with the voluntary consent of the person concerned, as reaffirmed by the Supreme Court in the Selvi v. State of Karnataka case.

Source- [IE](#)

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

1. Peru is located just south of the Equator in South America.
2. It is the second-largest country in South America after Brazil.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Peru is situated in western South America, just south of the Equator.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Peru is the third-largest country in South America by area, after Brazil and Argentina.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

1. It is situated in the northern part of the Sonitpur district of Assam.
2. It shares its northern boundary with the Pakke Tiger Reserve of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. The area is drained by the Jia Bhoroli River and its tributaries.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Orang Tiger Reserve
- (b) Nameri Tiger Reserve
- (c) Manas Tiger Reserve
- (d) Raimona Tiger Reserve

Answer: (b) Nameri Tiger Reserve

Explanation: Nameri Tiger Reserve is located in the Sonitpur district of Assam, shares its northern boundary with Pakke Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh, and is drained by the Jia Bhoroli River and its tributaries.

Source- [Hub](#)

Q4. With reference to the Specialised Investment Fund (SIF), consider the following statements:

1. It is a new investment product introduced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
2. It was introduced to bridge the gap between regular mutual funds and high-ticket Portfolio Management Services (PMS).

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:** The Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) was introduced by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), not the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- **Statement 2 is correct:** It aims to bridge the gap between regular mutual funds and high-ticket Portfolio Management Services (PMS) by providing investors with greater flexibility within the mutual fund ecosystem.

Source- [PTI](#)

Q5. The LokOS Platform, recently seen in the news, is primarily related to:

- (a) Digital governance of Self-Help Groups and Community-Based Organizations
- (b) Online land records management system
- (c) National digital health records platform
- (d) E-commerce platform for agricultural exports

Answer: (a) Digital governance of Self-Help Groups and Community-Based Organizations

Explanation: LokOS (Lok = People, OS = Operating System) is a web and mobile platform developed under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to provide a comprehensive digital solution for managing Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs).

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Navachar Mantra Initiative:

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

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b)

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

Source: [NOA](#)

Q7. The SOLVE Test Platform, seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) Sub-orbital experimental launch vehicle developed by ISRO to validate technologies for the Gaganyaan mission
- (b) Satellite launch vehicle designed for placing small satellites into low-Earth orbit
- (c) Reusable hypersonic test vehicle developed for military applications
- (d) Ground-based test facility for cryogenic rocket engines

Answer: A

Explanation: Sub-orbital experimental launch vehicle developed by ISRO to validate technologies for the Gaganyaan mission

- The Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments (SOLVE) is being developed as a dedicated test platform to conduct repeated sub-orbital missions for validating the Gaganyaan Crew Module's parachute-based deceleration and recovery system under different flight conditions. It will carry the crew module to an altitude of about 10–17 km, where the module will separate and undergo parachute deployment before splashdown.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. With reference to the Joint Sea–2026 Exercise, consider the following statements:

1. Joint Sea–2026 is a bilateral naval exercise conducted by the navies of China and Russia to enhance interoperability in maritime security operations.
2. The 2026 edition of the exercise is being conducted in the South China Sea, with a focus on freedom of navigation operations and humanitarian assistance.

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: Joint Sea-2026 is a bilateral naval exercise between China and Russia, aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation, improving interoperability, and enhancing joint operational capabilities.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The 2026 edition is not being conducted in the South China Sea. It is being held in the Yellow Sea.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements with reference to the Viksit UDAN Scheme:

1. The Viksit UDAN Scheme is an enhanced version of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) initiative.
2. The scheme aims to improve regional connectivity by developing 100 aerodromes from existing unserved airstrips.
3. Under the scheme, some money has been allocated towards viability gap funding to sustain regional flight operations.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All three

Statement 1 is correct: Prime Minister has launched the next phase of the Centre's regional air connectivity programme, Viksit UDAN.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme aims to improve regional connectivity by developing 100 aerodromes from existing unserved airstrips, expanding helicopter services and supporting airline operations in remote parts of the country.

Statement 3 is correct: Under the modified programme, the government has earmarked Rs 12,159 crore for developing new aerodromes, Rs 3,661 crore for building 200 helipads, and Rs 2,577 crore for operations and maintenance support for regional airports. Apart from this, Rs 10,043 crore has been allocated towards viability gap funding to sustain regional flight operations.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. The Bab el-Mandeb Strait connects:

- (a) Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea
- (b) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
- (c) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
- (d) Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal

Answer: B

Explanation: Red Sea and Gulf of Aden

- The Bab el-Mandeb Strait connects the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden, which opens into the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

Source: [CNBC](#)

10 PM MCQs (7 July)

Q1. Consider the following description:

1. It is an oral storytelling tradition that originated in Chhattisgarh and narrates episodes from the Mahabharata.

2. It is primarily performed by a single lead artist who combines storytelling, singing, and dramatic enactment.
3. It has two major styles of narration, namely Vedamati and Kapalik.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Yakshagana
- (b) Pandavani
- (c) Burrakatha
- (d) Kathakali

Answer: (b) Pandavani

Explanation: Pandavani is a traditional oral storytelling and musical performance from Chhattisgarh that narrates episodes from the Mahabharata. It is usually performed by a single lead artist and has two styles — Vedamati (seated narration) and Kapalik (dramatic enactment). Renowned exponents include Teejan Bai and Ritu Verma.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. The primary objective of Japan's Hayabusa2 Mission was to:

- (a) Return samples from an asteroid to Earth for scientific analysis
- (b) Establish a permanent research station on the Moon
- (c) Search for habitable exoplanets beyond the Solar System
- (d) Study the atmosphere of Mars using an orbiter

Answer: (a) Return samples from an asteroid to Earth for scientific analysis

Explanation: Hayabusa2 is an asteroid sample-return mission developed by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). It was launched in 2014 to collect samples from the asteroid Ryugu and successfully returned them to Earth in 2020.

Source- [Indiatoday](#)

Q3. With reference to INS Mahendragiri, consider the following statements:

1. It belongs to the Nilgiri-class (Project 17A).
2. It was designed by the Warship Design Bureau (WDB).

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** INS Mahendragiri is a Nilgiri-class (Project 17A) stealth guided-missile frigate of the Indian Navy.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The ship was designed by the Warship Design Bureau (WDB), the Indian Navy's in-house warship design organization.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. With reference to casual workers in India, consider the following statements:

1. Every casual worker is mandatorily covered under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF).
2. Casual workers are entitled to prescribed working hours and overtime wages under the applicable labour laws.
3. The appropriate government may notify that wages in specified establishments or industries shall be paid only by crediting them to bank accounts.

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: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** EPF coverage is not automatic for all casual workers. It depends on the applicability of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and whether the establishment and employee satisfy the prescribed conditions.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Casual workers are entitled to prescribed working hours, weekly rest, and overtime wages, where applicable, under labour laws.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The appropriate government may, by notification, require specified establishments or industries to pay wages only by crediting them into employees' bank accounts.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to the Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments (SOLVE), consider the following statements:

1. SOLVE is a solid propellant-based sub-orbital launch vehicle developed by DRDO.
 2. It is designed to validate the Integrated Parachute Tests (IPT) for the Gaganyaan mission's crew module.
- 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: Incorrect.** SOLVE is developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), not DRDO.
- **Statement 2: Correct.** It is designed to validate the Integrated Parachute Tests (IPT) for the Gaganyaan crew module under realistic atmospheric re-entry conditions

Source- [ISRO](#)

Q6. With reference to INS Mahendragiri, consider the following statements:

1. INS Mahendragiri is a stealth guided missile frigate being constructed under Project 17A for the Indian Navy.
 2. It has been built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- 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: INS Mahendragiri is indeed a Project 17A stealth guided missile frigate, part of India's next-generation warship program.

Statement 2 is incorrect: INS Mahendragiri was built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, not GRSE Kolkata.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The Perugulam Wetland, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- (a) Kerala
(b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Andhra Pradesh
(d) Karnataka

Answer: B

Explanation: Tamil Nadu

- The Perugulam Wetland is located in the state of Tamil Nadu. It is situated in the Thoothukudi (Tuticorin) district and is an important freshwater wetland that supports a rich diversity of resident and migratory birds.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Pandavani folk tradition:

1. Pandavani is a traditional narrative folk singing tradition of Chhattisgarh that recounts episodes from the Mahabharata, primarily in the local dialects.
2. The Vedamati style of Pandavani is characterized by dramatic acting, expressive gestures, and extensive movement on stage, while the Kapalik style involves the singer remaining seated throughout the performance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Pandavani is a celebrated folk narrative singing tradition of Chhattisgarh, depicting stories from the Mahabharata. It is usually performed in Chhattisgarhi and other local dialects, accompanied by simple musical instruments.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The description is reversed.

- Vedamati style is less theatrical, with the performer generally remaining seated and focusing on narration.
- Kapalik style is highly dramatic, involving standing performance, expressive gestures, role-playing, and movement, often using the tambura as a symbolic prop.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. With reference to White Gut Disease (WGD), consider the following statements:

1. White Gut Disease (WGD) is a disease affecting shrimp, characterized by a pale or whitish intestinal tract.
2. The disease is caused exclusively by a viral pathogen.

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: White Gut Disease (WGD) affects cultured shrimp, particularly Pacific white shrimp. It is characterized by a white or pale gut, reduced feed consumption, slow growth, and can lead to significant economic losses in aquaculture.

Statement 2 is incorrect: WGD is not caused exclusively by a virus. It is caused by bacterium *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*.

Source - [TH](#)

Q10. With reference to the Designated Repository under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, consider the following statements:

1. A Designated Repository is an institution notified by the Central Government to receive, preserve and maintain biological resources.

2. Any person seeking intellectual property rights (IPRs) based on a biological resource obtained from India is required to deposit the biological material in a Designated Repository, wherever applicable, before the grant of such rights.
 3. The power to notify a Designated Repository rests with the respective State Biodiversity Boards.
- 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: Under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, a Designated Repository is an institution notified by the Central Government for the safe custody, conservation, and maintenance of biological resources and associated information deposited under the Act.

Statement 2 is correct: Under the Biological Diversity Rules and related regulations, applicants seeking intellectual property rights (IPRs) involving biological resources obtained from India may be required to deposit the biological material in a Designated Repository, facilitating verification and ensuring compliance with access and benefit-sharing (ABS) provisions.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The authority to notify Designated Repositories lies with the Central Government, not the State Biodiversity Boards. State Biodiversity Boards have separate statutory functions relating to access regulation and biodiversity conservation within their respective States.

Source: [PIB](#)