

# **10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation**

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*For UPSC CSE Prelims*

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10 PM MCQs (8 July)

**Q1. The Guwahati Declaration, recently seen in the news, is primarily related to:**

- (a) Promoting cooperation among BRICS countries on climate finance
- (b) Establishing a common digital payment system among BRICS countries
- (c) Strengthening cooperation among BRICS nations to combat illicit drug trafficking and transnational organised crime
- (d) Enhancing maritime security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The Guwahati Declaration was adopted at the BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting held in Guwahati. It reaffirms the commitment of BRICS countries to strengthen cooperation in preventing and combating illicit drug trafficking and related transnational organised crime.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q2. Consider the following description:**

- 1. It is a country located on the western coast of Africa and is often referred to as the "Giant of Africa."
- 2. It is the most populous country in Africa
- 3. The Cameroonian Highlands lie along its eastern border.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Ghana
- (b) Nigeria
- (c) Cameroon
- (d) Niger

**Answer: (b) Nigeria**

Source- [TH](#)

**Q3. The Right to Vote in India is a:**

- (a) Fundamental Right
- (b) Legal Right
- (c) Constitutional Right
- (d) Natural Right

**Answer: (c) Constitutional Right**

**Explanation:** The Anoop Baranwal v. Union of India (2023) recognised the right to vote as a Constitutional Right. It is primarily governed by Articles 325 and 326 of the Constitution.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. With reference to the Charminar, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It was built by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah.
- 2. It was constructed primarily using red sandstone.

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 Charminar was built by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah in 1591.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The Charminar was constructed primarily using granite, limestone, lime mortar, and pulverised marble, not red sandstone.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding polio and polio vaccination:**

1. India was declared free of wild poliovirus by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2014.
2. The Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) contains a live attenuated (weakened) poliovirus.

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.** India was certified free of wild poliovirus by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2014, after reporting its last case of wild poliovirus in 2011.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) contains a live attenuated (weakened) poliovirus, which helps induce intestinal immunity and interrupt the transmission of the virus.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements about the Loktak Lake:**

1. The Loktak Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Northeast India.
2. The lake is designated as a Ramsar Site and is renowned for its floating islands known as phumdis.

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:** Loktak Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Northeast India. It is drained by the Manipur River (also known as the Manipur–Imphal River system) through the Ithai Barrage, which regulates the lake's water level.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The lake is a Ramsar Site and is famous for its phumdis (floating masses of vegetation, soil, and organic matter). It contains the Keibul Lamjao National Park, the world's only floating national park, which is the natural habitat of the endangered Sangai.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

**Q7. With reference to the TribeX platform, consider the following statements:**

1. TribeX is a digital platform launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to provide tribal entrepreneurs, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and producer organizations with market access, business networking, and capacity-building support.
2. The platform is implemented by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED).

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:** TribeX is a digital platform aimed at strengthening the tribal entrepreneurial ecosystem by enabling market access, networking, mentoring, and business development for tribal enterprises.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The platform is implemented by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. It connects tribal entrepreneurs with buyers, investors, mentors, financial institutions, and government schemes, thereby promoting sustainable tribal livelihoods.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Durand Cup:

1. The Durand Cup is the oldest football tournament in Asia and one of the oldest football competitions in the world.
2. The tournament is organized by the Indian Army on behalf of the three Services under the aegis of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
3. The winners of the Durand Cup receive three trophies—the Durand Cup, the Shimla Trophy, and the President's Cup.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: 1, 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Durand Cup, first held in 1888, is the oldest football tournament in Asia and the third-oldest football tournament in the world still in existence.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The tournament is organized by the Indian Armed Forces, with the Indian Army serving as the lead organizer on behalf of the Services, under the aegis of the All India Football Federation.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The champions receive three trophies:

- The Durand Cup (the original rolling trophy),
- The Shimla Trophy (presented by residents of Shimla in 1904), and
- The President's Cup, instituted in 1956 by the first President of India, Rajendra Prasad.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to the Scheme for Economic Empowerment of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (SEED), consider the following statements:

1. The SEED Scheme is implemented by the Ministry Tribal Affairs.
2. Only those De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic communities that have been included in the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes lists are eligible for benefits under the scheme.
3. The scheme provides support for free coaching for competitive examinations, health insurance, livelihood initiatives, and financial assistance for housing.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 3 only**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Nodal ministry: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme is not restricted to communities included in the SC or ST lists. It is specifically intended for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes identified by the Development and Welfare Board for DNTs (DWBDNCs), including communities that are not covered under the SC, ST or OBC categories, subject to the prescribed eligibility conditions.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme has four major components:

- Free coaching for competitive examinations.
- Health insurance (through schemes such as Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana where applicable).
- Livelihood support through financial assistance.
- Financial assistance for housing for eligible beneficiaries not covered under other housing schemes.

Source: [PIB](#)



**Q10.** Consider the following statements regarding Ken-Betwa river linking project:

1. The project aims to transfer the surplus water from Betwa basin to Ken basin.
2. Both the Ken and Betwa rivers are tributaries of the Chambal river.
3. The Baghelkhand region is expected to benefit the most from the Project.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: All Statements are incorrect**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is a river interlinking project designed to transfer surplus water from the Ken River (Madhya Pradesh) to the water-scarce Betwa basin (Uttar Pradesh).

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Ken and Betwa rivers are tributaries of the Yamuna river.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is expected to bring prosperity to the drought-prone Bundelkhand region.

**Source:** [DTE](#)

### 10 PM MCQs (9 July)

**Q1.** With reference to the key outcomes of the Prime Minister of India's visit to Indonesia in 2026, which of the following statements **is/are not correct**?

1. India agreed to supply BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and Astra systems to Indonesia.
2. India and Indonesia agreed to jointly develop Sabang Port to strengthen maritime connectivity between the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Sumatra.
3. India committed to supply 100 tonnes of DWR 162 wheat seeds to Indonesia.
4. India and Indonesia signed an agreement to establish a bilateral dialogue mechanism on the Arctic.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

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

**Answer: (b) 4 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is Correct:** India agreed to supply BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and Astra air-to-air missile systems to Indonesia, marking a major boost to bilateral defence cooperation.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** India and Indonesia agreed to partner in the integrated development of Sabang Port, located near the Strait of Malacca, to enhance maritime connectivity between Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Sumatra and strengthen Indo-Pacific cooperation.
- **Statement 3 is Correct:** India committed to supply 100 tonnes of high-quality DWR 162 wheat seeds to Indonesia to support agricultural cooperation and food security.
- **Statement 4 is Incorrect:** No agreement was signed to establish a bilateral dialogue mechanism on the Arctic. The visit focused on cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, defence, connectivity, digital economy, critical minerals, agriculture, space, and cultural ties.

**Source-** [PM](#)

**Q2. Consider the following statements:**

1. It is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.
2. It was built by the rulers of the Sanjaya dynasty.
3. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
4. Its stone reliefs depict the Indonesian version of the Ramayana.

**Which of the following refers to the above description?**

- (a) Borobudur Temple
- (b) Angkor Wat

- (c) Prambanan Temple
- (d) Besakih Temple

**Answer: (c) Prambanan Temple**

**Explanation:** Prambanan Temple (also known as Candi Prambanan) is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia. Built in the 9th century by the Sanjaya dynasty, it is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The temple is famous for its elaborate stone carvings depicting the Indonesian version of the Ramayana  
Source- [DDnews](#)

**Q3. Consider the following pairs:**

1. Channapatna Toys and Dolls — Karnataka
2. Leather Toys — Madhya Pradesh
3. Thanjavur Doll — Tamil Nadu
4. Kondapalli Toys — Telangana

**Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?**

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

**Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 3 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Pair 1:** Correct – Channapatna Toys and Dolls are GI-tagged products of Karnataka.
- **Pair 2:** Correct – Leather Toys are a GI-tagged handicraft of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Pair 3:** Correct – Thanjavur Doll (Thanjavur Thalaiyatti Bommai) is a GI-tagged craft of Tamil Nadu.
- **Pair 4:** Incorrect – Kondapalli Toys are associated with Andhra Pradesh, not Telangana

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q4. Consider the following statements about Masala Bonds:**

1. They are rupee-denominated bonds issued outside India by Indian entities.
2. The currency exchange risk is borne by the issuer of the bond.
3. Both the government and private entities can issue Masala Bonds.

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

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

**Answer: (b) Only two**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Correct** – Masala Bonds are rupee-denominated bonds issued overseas by Indian entities.
- **Statement 2: Incorrect** – The currency risk is borne by the investor, not the issuer.
- **Statement 3: Correct** – Both government and private entities are eligible to issue Masala Bonds, subject to applicable regulations.

Source- [OI](#)

**Q5.** Ms. Y was appointed as the District Magistrate of a flood-prone district. During relief operations, she noticed that multiple departments were issuing separate instructions, causing confusion among field officials and delaying rescue efforts. She immediately established a unified command centre, designated the district administration as the single coordinating authority, and directed all departments to channel their instructions through one office. This significantly improved coordination and speed of response. Which one among the following principles of public administration was most strongly demonstrated by Ms. Y's actions?

- a) Unity of Command
- b) Decentralization
- c) Scalar Chain
- d) Division of Work

**Answer: (a) Unity of Command**

**Explanation:** The principle of Unity of Command, propounded by Henri Fayol, states that each subordinate should receive orders from only one superior. By ensuring that all directions flowed through a single coordinating authority, Ms. Y eliminated conflicting instructions and established a clear chain of authority, thereby exemplifying the principle of Unity of Command

Source- MISC

**Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding the Tulsi Lake:

- 1. The Lake is a freshwater lake located within the Sanjay Gandhi National Park in New Delhi.
- 2. It is formed by damming the Yamuna River.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: None**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** Tulsi Lake is a freshwater lake situated inside the Sanjay Gandhi National Park. It is one of the lakes supplying drinking water to Mumbai, along with Vihar and other reservoirs.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Tulsi Lake in Mumbai is formed by damming the River Tasso.

Source: [DD News](#)

**Q7.** Mt. Khyam Tso Massif, seen in the news recently, is located in:

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

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Ladakh**

- The Mt. Khyam Tso Massif is located in the Union Territory of Ladakh, close to the India–China (Tibet Autonomous Region) border.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains (PACTS), consider the following statements:

- 1. The PACTS is a bilateral initiative between India and the United Kingdom.
- 2. It is aimed at strengthening cooperation in cyber security, critical and emerging technologies, resilient supply chains, and innovation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Only two**

- PACTS is a bilateral India–Australia partnership focused on cyber security, critical technologies, and resilient supply chains. It was announced as part of efforts to deepen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Red Panda:

1. There are two species of red pandas — the Himalayan red panda and the Chinese red panda.
2. The species is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
3. It is the state animal of Arunachal Pradesh.

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:** There are two species of red pandas — the Himalayan red panda (*Aurilius fulgens fulgens*) and the Chinese red panda (*Aurilius fulgens styani*).

**Statement 2 is correct:** The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Species categorises the red panda as endangered with an estimated fewer than 15,000 individuals in the wild.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is also the state animal of Sikkim. The state animal of Arunachal Pradesh is the Mithun (also known as the Gayal or *Bos frontalis*).

Source: [Mongabay](#)

**Q10.** The 'World LNG Report 2026', seen in the news recently, is released by:

- (a) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- (b) Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF)
- (c) International Gas Union (IGU)
- (d) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: International Gas Union (IGU)**

- The World LNG Report 2026 is released by the International Gas Union. It is the IGU's flagship annual publication on global liquefied natural gas (LNG), covering trends in LNG trade, production, liquefaction capacity, regasification infrastructure, shipping, and market outlook.

Source: [IGU](#)

### 10 PM MCQs (10 July)

**Q1.** With reference to the ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
2. It aims to cover non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above across all States and Union Territories.
3. The scheme has set a target of providing foundational literacy and numeracy to five crore learners, with a target of covering one crore learners annually through a hybrid mode.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3.**

**Explanation:**

1. **Statement 1 is correct:** ULLAS is being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

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2. **Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme targets non-literates aged 15 years and above across all States and Union Territories, in line with the vision of lifelong learning and adult education.
3. **Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme aims to provide Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) to 5 crore learners, with an annual target of 1 crore learners, using a hybrid mode of learning that combines both online and offline methods.

Source- [mint](#)

**Q2. Consider the following description:**

1. It is located in the foothills of the Eastern Himalaya in Assam.
2. It lies north of the Brahmaputra River and serves as an important elephant corridor near Kaziranga National Park.
3. It forms part of the Sonitpur Elephant Reserve notified in 2003.
4. It has also been designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA).

Which one of the following protected areas is being described?

- (a) Nameri National Park
- (b) Dehing Patkai National Park
- (c) Behali Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

**Answer: (c) Behali Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Explanation:** Behali Wildlife Sanctuary, located in Biswanath district of Assam, lies in the foothills of the Eastern Himalaya, forms part of the Sonitpur Elephant Reserve, functions as a vital elephant corridor adjoining Kaziranga, and has been recognised as an Important Bird Area (IBA).

Source- [ETVB](#)

**Q3. Consider the following description:**

An American scientist at the University of California has been awarded the Collier-Dolittle Challenge Prize for her pioneering research on communication among zebra finches.

The above description refers to:

- (a) Dr Irene Pepperberg
- (b) Dr Con Slobodchikoff
- (c) Dr Julie Elie
- (d) Dr Jane Goodall

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** Dr Julie Elie, an American scientist at the University of California, received the Collier-Dolittle Challenge Prize for her work demonstrating how zebra finches communicate with each other, contributing significantly to the understanding of animal communication systems.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q4. Consider the following pairs:**

1. Drishti-10 Starliner – Advanced indigenous unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)
2. Astra Mk-1 – Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM)
3. Pinaka – Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

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

**Explanation:**

- Drishti-10 Starliner is an advanced indigenous UAV developed for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.
- Astra Mk-1 is India's indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM).

- Pinaka is an indigenous Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system developed for the Indian Armed Forces.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q5. With reference to women's representation in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in India, consider the following statements:**

1. As of 2025, women constitute more than 50 per cent of the total elected representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions in India.
2. Article 243D of the Constitution provides for not less than one-third reservation for women in Panchayats, including the offices of Chairpersons.

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:** As of July 2025, there are about 14.5 lakh Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) in Panchayati Raj Institutions, constituting approximately 46%, and not more than 50%, of the total elected representatives.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Article 243D mandates reservation of not less than one-third of seats and offices of Chairpersons in Panchayats for women.

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Aldrin Pesticide:**

1. It is a highly toxic, synthetic organochlorine pesticide.
2. It is currently recommended under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) for controlled use in vector-borne disease management where safer alternatives are unavailable.

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:** Aldrin is a persistent organochlorine insecticide. After application, it is rapidly converted into dieldrin, which is more persistent and bioaccumulative.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Aldrin is listed under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) for elimination, not for controlled or continued use in vector control. Parties are required to eliminate its production and use, subject only to limited exemptions that have largely expired.

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q7. With reference to the Desert Rain Frog, consider the following statements:**

1. The Desert Rain Frog is endemic to the narrow coastal desert belt of Namibia and parts of South Africa.
2. It is a burrowing amphibian that spends much of its life underground and emerges mainly under favourable moisture conditions.
3. The species is currently classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List due to chytrid fungal infection across its entire range.

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 Desert Rain Frog (*Breviceps macrops*) is endemic to the coastal Namib Desert, occurring in Namibia and northwestern South Africa.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is a fossorial (burrowing) amphibian, spending most of its life underground in sandy habitats and emerging mainly during favourable moisture conditions.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** IUCN Red List: Vulnerable

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q8.** Dudhsagar Falls is formed by which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Zuari
- (b) Mandovi
- (c) Kali
- (d) Sharavathi

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Mandovi**

- Dudhsagar Waterfall is located on the Mandovi River (also known as the Mhadei or Mahadayi River).

**Source:** [TH](#)

**Q9.** The Chandraloi (Chandralohi) River, seen in the news recently, is a tributary of which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Banas River
- (b) Kali Sindh River
- (c) Luni River
- (d) Chambal River

**Answer: D**

**Explanation: Chambal River**

- The Chandraloi (also spelled Chandralohi) River is a small perennial tributary of the Chambal River in Kota district, Rajasthan.

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q10.** With reference to the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), consider the following statements:

1. The Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization is implemented as a component of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) by the NITI Aayog.
2. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
3. It aims to “reach the unreached” by extending the benefits of mechanization to underserved sections.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: 2 and 3**

**Statement 1 is incorrect:** SMAM is implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

**Statement 2 is correct:** It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

**Statement 3 is correct:** SMAM aims to “reach the unreached” by extending the benefits of mechanization to underserved sections. It includes small and marginal farmers, including women, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Farmer-Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and rural entrepreneurs.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (11 July)

**Q1.** With reference to the key outcomes of the Prime Minister of India's recent visit to Australia in July 2026, which of the following statements is/are not correct?

1. India and Australia finalized arrangements to operationalise the 2014 Civil Nuclear Agreement, facilitating uranium exports from Australia to India.
2. The two countries launched the Australia-India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains (PACTS).
3. India and Australia signed a trilateral technology and innovation MoU involving Japan under the ACITI framework.
4. The two sides agreed to fast-track negotiations on the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:**

- Statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.
- Statement 3 is incorrect. The trilateral MoU under the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) framework involves Canada, not Japan

Source- [IE](#)

**Q2.** With reference to the removal of judges in India, consider the following statements:

1. Under Article 217 of the Constitution, a High Court judge may resign by writing to the President of India.
2. No judge has been successfully impeached and removed from office in India so far.
3. A motion for the removal of a judge can be initiated only after obtaining the support of at least 100 Lok Sabha members or 50 Rajya Sabha members.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** A High Court judge can resign by writing to the President under Article 217.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** No judge has been impeached and removed from office in India to date.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** Under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, a removal motion may be introduced in Parliament only if it is signed by at least 100 members of the Lok Sabha or 50 members of the Rajya Sabha.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q3.** With reference to the World Intangible Investment Report 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is published annually by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Italy's Luiss Business School.
2. The United States ranks highest in terms of the intensity of intangible investment globally.

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:**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The report is jointly published by the World Intellectual Property Organization and Italy's Luiss Business School.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** The United States leads in total intangible investment, whereas Sweden ranks highest in terms of intangible investment intensity.

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q4. With reference to the Global Liveability Index 2026, consider the following statements:**

1. It is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
2. Among Indian cities ranked in the index, New Delhi secured a better rank than Mumbai.

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:**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The Global Liveability Index is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- **Statement 2 is correct.** In the 2026 rankings, New Delhi ranked 120th, ahead of Mumbai (121st), while Chennai and Bengaluru ranked 123rd and 127th respectively

Source- [TOI](#)

**Q5. The term 'Awiqli', recently seen in the news, refers to:**

- (a) A gene-editing therapy for sickle cell anaemia  
(b) A once-weekly basal insulin for the treatment of diabetes mellitus  
(c) An AI-based wearable device for continuous glucose monitoring  
(d) A new antiviral drug developed for the treatment of dengue fever

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** Awiqli (insulin icodec) is the world's first and only once-weekly basal insulin approved for clinical use in adults with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, providing background glycaemic control for up to seven days. Developed by Novo Nordisk, India has become the seventh market globally to launch this drug.

Source- [ddnews](#)

**Q6. The Almería Province, seen in the news recently due to forest fires, is located in which one of the following countries?**

- (a) Portugal  
(b) Spain  
(c) Italy  
(d) Greece

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Spain**

- Almería is a province in the Autonomous Community of Andalusia in southeastern Spain, bordering the Mediterranean Sea. It has recently been in the news due to major forest fires.

Source: [DD News](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements about National Board for Wildlife (NBWL):**

1. It is a statutory body.



2. It is chaired by the Union Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.
3. A tiger reserve cannot be de-notified by a State Government unless it's approved by the National Board for Wild Life.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Statements 1 and 3 are correct**

**Statement 1 is correct:** National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is a statutory body constituted by the Central Government under Section 5 A of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (WLPA).

**Statement 2 is incorrect: Structure of NBWL-**

- Chairperson: The Prime Minister.
- Vice-Chairperson: The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

**Statement 3 is correct:** According to the Wildlife Protection Act (WLPA), activities such as constructing tourist lodges, altering PA boundaries, diverting or destroying wildlife habitats, and de-notifying Tiger Reserves cannot proceed without the NBWL's approval or recommendations.

**Source:** [Mongabay](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the Mojari craft, consider the following statements:

1. It is a traditional handcrafted leather footwear craft primarily associated with Odisha.
2. Mojari are crafted by members of a caste called Jinagar, who were traditionally saddle makers.

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:** Mojari is a traditional Indian handcrafted footwear craft closely associated with Rajasthan, particularly Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, and Bikaner. The Centre has granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Jodhpur's nearly 200-year-old Mojari craft, giving the traditional footwear official recognition and a boost in global branding.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Jodhpuri Mojari are crafted by members of a caste called Jinagar, who according to researchers, were traditionally saddle makers.

**Source:** [IE](#)

**Q9.** With reference to the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in Tamil Nadu.
2. The Bhavani River and its tributaries drain a significant part of the reserve.
3. The reserve shares its boundaries with protected areas such as the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, and Biligiri Ranganatha Tiger Reserve, facilitating the movement of elephants and tigers.

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:** Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is situated in Tamil Nadu and is one of India's most important wildlife landscapes, serving as a critical ecological link between the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats.

**Statement 2 is correct:** The Bhavani River, along with streams such as the Moyar, drains parts of the reserve and supports its rich mosaic of dry deciduous, moist deciduous, semi-evergreen, and thorn forests.

**Statement 3 is correct:** The reserve is contiguous with Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, and Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve, making it a vital corridor for elephants, tigers, dholes, and other wide-ranging species.

**Source:** [DTE](#)

**Q10.** The World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) functions under:

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (b) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- (c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- (d) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:** International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

- The World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) is a voluntary global network of protected area experts functioning under the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

**Source:** [Mongabay](#)

10 PM MCQs (13 July)

**Q1.** Consider the following statements regarding the Khawthlangtuipui (Karnaphuli) River:

- 1. It is a transboundary river flowing through India and Myanmar.
- 2. It originates in the state of Mizoram.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer:** (b) 2 only

**Explanation:** The Khawthlangtuipui (Karnaphuli) River is a transboundary river flowing through India and Bangladesh, not Myanmar. It originates in the Lushai Hills of Mizoram.

**Source-** [NIE](#)

**Q2.** With reference to the key outcomes of the Prime Minister of India's recent visit to New Zealand, which of the following statements **is/are not correct**?

- 1. India and New Zealand agreed to double bilateral trade to NZ\$7 billion by 2030 in the context of the recently signed Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- 2. The two countries decided to establish a maritime security dialogue to strengthen cooperation and information exchange.
- 3. India and New Zealand signed an agreement to establish Centres of Excellence for kiwifruit in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.
- 4. The two sides agreed to establish a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter-Terrorism.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**Answer:** (b) 3 only

**Explanation:** Statement 3 is incorrect. The proposed Centres of Excellence for kiwifruit are to be established in Nagaland and Uttarakhand, not in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q3. Consider the following statements:**

1. It is a sovereign country located on the Arabian Peninsula in Western Asia.
2. It is a founding member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).
3. The Hajar and Dhofar mountain ranges are located in this country.
4. The Port of Salalah and a part of the Rub al-Khali (Empty Quarter) desert are situated in this country.

Which one of the following countries is referred to in the above statements?

- (a) Yemen
- (b) Bahrain
- (c) Oman
- (d) Kuwait

**Answer: (c) Oman.**

**Explanation:** Oman is located in the southeastern part of the Arabian Peninsula and is a founding member of the GCC. The country is characterized by the Hajar and Dhofar mountain ranges, the strategically important Port of Salalah, and a portion of the Rub al-Khali (Empty Quarter) desert.

Source- [DDnews](#)

**Q4.** The term 'Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains (PACTS)', recently seen in the news, refers to an initiative launched between:

- (a) India and Australia
- (b) India and Japan
- (c) India and Indonesia
- (d) India and New Zealand

**Answer: (a) India and Australia**

**Explanation:** The Australia-India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies and Supply Chains (PACTS) was launched during the 3rd India-Australia Annual Summit in Melbourne to strengthen cooperation in cyber security, critical technologies, and resilient supply chains between India and Australia.

Source- [MEA](#)

**Q5. With reference to the Draft Regulations for Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Courts, 2026, consider the following uses of AI:**

1. Predicting whether an accused person may commit offences again.
2. Determining the credibility of witnesses.
3. Translation and transcription of court proceedings.
4. Assessing bail eligibility.

Which of the above are not permitted under the proposed regulations?

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

**Answer: (c) 1, 2 and 4 only**

**Explanation:** The draft regulations prohibit the use of AI for predicting repeat criminal behaviour, assessing bail eligibility, and evaluating witness credibility. However, AI may be used for assistive functions such as translation and transcription under human supervision.

Source- [IE](#)

**Q6.** With reference to the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Central Sector scheme.

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

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1, 2 and 3 only**

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

**Source:** [DD News](#)

**Q7.** The Phú Quốc Island, seen in the news recently, is located in which one of the following water bodies?

- (a) South China Sea
- (b) Gulf of Thailand
- (c) Gulf of Tonkin
- (d) Andaman Sea

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Gulf of Thailand**

- Phú Quốc is situated in the Gulf of Thailand, off the southwestern coast of Vietnam, near the maritime boundary with Cambodia.

**Source:** [Tol](#)

**Q8.** The Paizhen Fault, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) China (Tibet Autonomous Region)
- (d) India (Arunachal Pradesh)

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: China (Tibet Autonomous Region)**

- The Paizhen Fault is an active normal fault in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China. It lies near the Yarlung Tsangpo River (the upper course of the Brahmaputra River) in southeastern Tibet.

**Source:** [India Today](#)

**Q9.** With reference to the Amnesty Scheme, 2026 of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), consider the following statements:

1. The scheme provides a one-time opportunity for establishments operating exempted Provident Fund (PF) Trusts recognised under the Income Tax Act, 1961 to regularise their status.
2. This Scheme applies to establishments that have been operating a Provident Fund Trust recognized under the Income Tax Act, 1961, but do not possess a formal exemption notification from the appropriate Government.

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**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, has introduced the **Amnesty Scheme, 2026**, providing a one-time opportunity for establishments operating exempted Provident Fund (PF) Trusts recognised under the Income Tax Act, 1961 to regularise their status.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Application of Amnesty Scheme: This Scheme applies to establishments that have been operating a Provident Fund Trust recognized under the Income Tax Act, 1961, but do not possess a formal exemption notification from the appropriate Government - Central Government or State Government, as the case may be.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q10.** The "Digital Threat Report 2025–26", seen in the news recently, has been released by:

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (b) Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)
- (c) National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC)
- (d) Data Security Council of India (DSCI)

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), in collaboration with CSIRT-Fin and SISA

- The Digital Threat Report 2025–26 is released by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the Computer Security Incident Response Team–Finance Sector (CSIRT-Fin) and SISA (Strategic Information Services Agreement). It provides a comprehensive assessment of cybersecurity threats facing India's Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector.

Source: [PIB](#)

### 10 PM MCQs (14 July)

**Q1. With reference to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), consider the following statements:**

- 1. The CITES Secretariat is administered by UNEP (The United Nations Environment Programme) and is located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2. Species listed in Appendix I are allowed to be traded internationally for commercial purposes subject to the grant of permits.
- 3. Although CITES is legally binding on its Parties, it does not substitute national legislation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only**

**Explanation:** Statement 2 is incorrect. Species included in Appendix I are threatened with extinction and are accorded the highest level of protection, with international commercial trade generally prohibited.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q2. SwaYaan Initiative, recently seen in the news, is related to:**

- (a) Promotion of semiconductor manufacturing in India
- (b) Development of indigenous satellite launch vehicles
- (c) Capacity building and human resource development in the drone ecosystem
- (d) Establishment of a national cybersecurity framework



**Answer:** (c)

**Explanation:** SwaYaan is a national initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), approved in 2022, aimed at developing skilled manpower and strengthening India's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)/drone ecosystem

Source- [PIB](#)

**Q3. With reference to Helium, consider the following statements:**

1. Helium has the lowest boiling point among all chemical elements.
2. The United States and Qatar are among the major producers of helium.
3. India is self-sufficient in helium production and does not depend on imports.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**Answer:** (a) 1 and 2 only

**Explanation:** Statement 3 is incorrect. India is 100% import-dependent on helium, making its supplies vulnerable to global disruptions.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q4. With reference to the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) of the Reserve Bank of India, consider the following statements:**

1. It enables the Reserve Bank of India to absorb surplus liquidity from the banking system without providing collateral.
2. Funds parked by banks under the SDF are eligible for meeting their Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirements.

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 2 is not correct. Funds placed under the SDF are reckoned for meeting the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) requirements of banks, but not their Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirements.

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q5. Consider the following specific stages of demographic transition associated with economic development:**

1. Low birth rate with low death rate
2. High birth rate with high death rate
3. High birth rate with low death rate

Select the correct order of the above stages using the codes given below:

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

**Answer:** (c) 2, 3, 1

**Explanation:** The demographic transition model generally progresses from:

- **Stage I:** High birth rate and high death rate (pre-industrial stage)
- **Stage II:** High birth rate and low death rate (mortality declines due to better health care and sanitation)
- **Stage III:** Low birth rate and low death rate (advanced stage of development)

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Source- [IE](#)

**Q6.** Operation Vajra, seen in the news recently, was launched by:

- (a) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- (b) Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN)
- (c) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- (d) National Investigation Agency (NIA)

**Answer: B**

**Explanation: Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN)**

- Operation Vajra was launched by the Central Bureau of Narcotics, functioning under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, to dismantle an interstate synthetic drug manufacturing and trafficking network. The operation was led by the CBN Madhya Pradesh Unit (Neemuch).

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q7.** Consider the following statements with reference to Mephedrone (MD):

1. It is a synthetic stimulant belonging to the cathinone class of psychoactive substances.
2. Mephedrone is extracted from the leaves of the khat (*Catha edulis*) plant and is legally cultivated in India for pharmaceutical purposes under licence.

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:** Mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone or 4-MMC) is a synthetic cathinone with stimulant properties. It is a psychotropic substance controlled under the NDPS Act, 1985, and is commonly known as "Meow Meow" or "MCAT" in illicit drug markets.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Mephedrone is not extracted from the khat plant. It is entirely synthetic, although it is chemically related to cathinone, the naturally occurring stimulant found in khat (*Catha edulis*). It is not legally cultivated or extracted from plants in India.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q8.** The NIDAR 2.0 initiative, seen in the news recently, was launched by:

- (a) Ministry of Civil Aviation and DGCA
- (b) Ministry of Defence and DRDO
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with Drone Federation India (DFI)
- (d) NITI Aayog in collaboration with ISRO

**Answer: C**

**Explanation: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with Drone Federation India (DFI)**

- NIDAR stands for National Innovation Challenge for Drone Application and Research. NIDAR 2.0 is part of the SwaYaan initiative, which focuses on capacity building in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), drone, and allied technologies. The challenge encourages students to develop autonomous drones, indigenous avionics, and flight controllers using India's VEGA processor.

Source: [PIB](#)

**Q9.** With reference to Tritium, consider the following statements:

1. It is a radioactive isotope of hydrogen.
2. It is used as a fuel in proposed nuclear fusion reactor.

3. It occurs abundantly in nature due to its long half-life and therefore does not require artificial production in nuclear reactors.

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 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** Tritium is a radioactive isotope of hydrogen with one proton and two neutrons. It undergoes beta ( $\beta^-$ ) decay with a half-life of about 12.3 years, producing helium-3.

**Statement 2 is correct:** Tritium is a key fuel in the deuterium-tritium (D-T) fusion reaction, which is the leading candidate for future fusion power plants because it requires comparatively lower ignition temperatures and has a high fusion reaction probability.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** Tritium is extremely scarce in nature. Although small quantities are produced naturally through interactions of cosmic rays with the atmosphere, most tritium used in research and nuclear technology is artificially produced, typically by neutron irradiation of lithium-6 in nuclear reactors.

**Source:** [TH](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following countries:

- 1. Russia
- 2. Ukraine
- 3. Czech Republic
- 4. Bulgaria
- 5. Romania

How many of the above countries have a land boundary with Moldova?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: Ukraine and Romania**

- Moldova is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, and is bordered by **Romania** to the west and **Ukraine** to the north, east, and south.

**Source:** [India Today](#)

### 10 PM MCQs (15 July)

**Q1.** Consider the following:

- 1. Coal-fired thermal power plants
- 2. Petroleum refining industries
- 3. Metal smelting of sulphur-bearing ores
- 4. Volcanic eruptions
- 5. Biological decomposition of organic matter in wetlands

Which of the above are sources of sulphur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ) emissions?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Answer: (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5**

**Explanation:** Sulphur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ) is released from both anthropogenic and natural sources. Major anthropogenic sources include coal combustion in thermal power plants, petroleum refining, and metal

smelting. Natural emissions arise from volcanic activity and the decomposition of organic matter in wetlands, which contribute to background atmospheric SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.

Source- [DTE](#)

**Q2. Consider the following pairs:**

1. Māori Tribe – New Zealand
2. Ainu Tribe – South Korea
3. Maasai Tribe – Kenya and Tanzania

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

**Answer: (c) 1 and 3 only**

**Explanation:**

- The Māori are the indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand.
- The Ainu are indigenous to Japan, particularly Hokkaido, and not to South Korea.
- The Maasai inhabit the savannah regions of Kenya and Tanzania in East Africa.

Source- [HT](#)

**Q3. With reference to the 'SHANTI Vision', consider the following statements:**

1. It was introduced by the External Affairs Minister of India.
2. It serves as the thematic blueprint for India's campaign for a non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

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 SHANTI Vision (Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust and Integrity) was introduced by India's External Affairs Minister and serves as the guiding framework for India's campaign for a non-permanent seat in the UNSC for the 2028–29 term.

Source- [NOA](#)

**Q4. With reference to the Indian Giant Flying Squirrel, consider the following statements:**

1. It is endemic to the Western Ghats of India.
2. It is a nocturnal animal.
3. It is classified as Critically Endangered under the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: (a) 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** The Indian Giant Flying Squirrel is not endemic to the Western Ghats; it is distributed across South and Southeast Asia and parts of China.
- **Statement 2 is correct.** It is a nocturnal species.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** It is listed as Least Concern (LC) under the IUCN Red List.

Source- [pioneer](#)

**Q5. With reference to the UMANG Portal, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a single unified platform that provides access to government services offered by Central, State, and Local bodies.
2. Currently, the UMANG web and mobile application support only 10 Indian languages, including English and Hindi.

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: UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) integrates services provided by Central, State, and Local government bodies on a single platform.
- Statement 2 is incorrect: The UMANG platform currently supports 23 Indian languages, not merely 10 languages.

Source- [TH](#)

**Q6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Poonch River:**

1. The Poonch River originates in the Pir Panjal Range.
2. It joins the Jhelum River.
3. The river flows entirely within the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and does not enter Pakistan-administered territory.

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 and 2 are correct:** The Poonch River rises in the Pir Panjal Range and flows through the Poonch region before joining the Jhelum River, making it part of the Indus River system.

**Statement 3 is incorrect:** After flowing through parts of Jammu and Kashmir, the river crosses into Pakistan-administered Kashmir, where it eventually joins the Jhelum River. Hence, it does not remain entirely within India.

Source: [DTE](#)

**Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Ravidassia community:**

1. The Ravidassia faith traces its spiritual lineage to the teachings of the 15th–16th century Bhakti saint Guru Ravidas.
2. The community is established under the concept of Begampura.

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**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Ravidassia community follows the teachings of Guru Ravidas, a prominent Bhakti movement saint known for his emphasis on equality, devotion, and the rejection of caste discrimination.



**Statement 2 is correct:** Guru Ravidas, a mystic poet-saint of the Bhakti Movement from the 15th and 16th centuries, created the concept of Begampura — an egalitarian society and a spiritual vision of a city without sorrow, fear or discrimination. The community is based on this concept.

**Source:** [IE](#)

**Q8.** With reference to the CapaCITIES Project, consider the following statements:

1. CapaCITIES is a capacity-building programme that supports Indian cities in integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation into urban planning and enhancing access to climate finance.
2. The project is funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and is implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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:** CapaCITIES (Capacity Building for Low Carbon and Climate Resilient City Development in India) was launched in 2016 to strengthen the capacity of Indian cities to mainstream low-carbon, climate-resilient development into urban governance, including support for climate action planning and mobilising climate finance.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The project is funded by the Embassy of Switzerland to India and Bhutan (through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation). It is implemented by a consortium led by ICLEI South Asia, South Pole, econcept AG, with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) as the knowledge partner — not by the Green Climate Fund or UNEP.

**Source:** [PIB](#)

**Q9.** Consider the following statements about the Indian Grey Hornbill:

1. The Indian Grey Hornbill is endemic to the Indian subcontinent.
2. The species is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation: 1 only**

**Statement 1 is correct:** The Indian Grey Hornbill (*Ocyrceros birostris*) is endemic to the Indian subcontinent and is widely distributed across much of India. It inhabits urban parks, gardens, agricultural landscapes, and deciduous forests, making it one of the most adaptable hornbill species.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** The species is not listed as Endangered; it is classified as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List.

**Source:** [DD News](#)

**Q10.** Consider the following statements with reference to paraquat dichloride:

1. It is a non-selective, contact herbicide used for controlling a broad spectrum of weeds.
2. It is readily degraded in the human body and is therefore considered one of the safest herbicides for accidental ingestion.

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:** Paraquat Dichloride is a fast-acting, non-selective contact herbicide used to control grasses and broadleaf weeds. It destroys plant cells by generating reactive oxygen species (ROS) during photosynthesis, leading to rapid desiccation of green tissues.

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Paraquat is highly toxic to humans. Even small quantities can be fatal if ingested, causing severe damage to the lungs, kidneys, liver, and other organs. There is no specific antidote, and many countries have restricted or banned its use due to its acute toxicity.

**Source: [BS](#)**