

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (16 June)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Hiuen Tsang (Xuanzang):

1. He visited India during the reign of Harshavardhana and studied at Nalanda University.
2. He wrote Si-Yu-Ki (The Buddhist Records of the Western World), an important source for early medieval Indian history.
3. According to his account, the roads and river routes in India were completely immune from robbery.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statements 1 and 2 are correct.** Hiuen Tsang visited India in the 7th century during the reign of Harshavardhana, studied at Nalanda University, and authored Si-Yu-Ki.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** This is adapted from a UPSC PYQ (2013). Hiuen Tsang did not state that roads and river routes were completely free from robbery.

Source- [IE](#)

Q. Consider the following statements:

1. The BRICS Indore Declaration identifies Farmers, Food Security, Climate and Technology as its four key priorities.
2. Under the BRICS Network on Digital Agriculture, IIT Delhi has been designated to coordinate cooperation in areas such as AI, geospatial technology and digital public infrastructure.

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 2026 BRICS Indore Declaration focuses on four priorities—Farmers, Food Security, Climate and Technology. It also launched the BRICS Network on Digital Agriculture, with Indian Institute of Technology Delhi serving as the coordinating institution for digital agriculture cooperation.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. India–France Summit 2026: Which of the following is/are not correct in terms of the outcomes of the summit?

1. A Joint India–France AI Working Group was established to promote cooperation in AI governance, research, and innovation.
2. A National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics will be established at the National Skill Training Institute, Chennai.
3. UPI services were expanded to Paris Airport and Nice in France.
4. An Economic Security Dialogue was launched covering critical minerals, semiconductors, energy security, cybersecurity, and strategic technologies.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (a) 2 only

Explanation: The National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics is proposed to be established at the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI), Kanpur, not Chennai. Statements 1, 3 and 4 are correct.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding DengiAll:

1. DengiAll is a tetravalent live-attenuated vaccine developed against all four serotypes of the dengue virus (DENV-1 to DENV-4).
2. It has been developed by Bharat Biotech.

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.** DengiAll is a tetravalent live-attenuated dengue vaccine targeting all four dengue serotypes.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because DengiAll has been developed by Panacea Biotec, not Bharat Biotech.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Consider the following GI products and their respective States:

1. Bhagaiya Silk — Jharkhand
2. Kuchai Silk — Chhattisgarh
3. Kotpad Handloom Fabric — Odisha

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation: Bhagaiya Silk and Kotpad Handloom Fabric are GI-tagged products of Jharkhand and Odisha respectively, whereas Kuchai Silk is also from Jharkhand, not Chhattisgarh.

Source- [ET](#)

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Greater Hog Badger:

1. It is a nocturnal, burrowing omnivorous mammal.
2. India is home to all the extant species of hog badgers found worldwide.
3. It is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation: India hosts only two of the three extant hog badger species—the Greater Hog Badger and Northern Hog Badger-while the Sumatran Hog Badger is not found in India.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. Identify the river on the basis of the following information:

1. It is located in the state of Maharashtra.
2. It is a tributary of the Bhima River, which is part of the Krishna River system.
3. It flows mostly to the north of Pune city.

Select the correct answer from the following:

- (a) Mula River
- (b) Mutha River
- (c) Pavana River
- (d) Indrayani River

Answer: (d) Indrayani River.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q. Consider the following:

1. Referendum
2. Initiative
3. Plebiscite
4. Recall

Which of the above are instruments of direct democracy?

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

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

Explanation: Referendum, Initiative, Plebiscite, and Recall are all recognized instruments of direct democracy through which citizens participate directly in governance and public decision-making

Source- [ET](#)

Q. With reference to Bharat Innovates 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry under the India–France CEO Forum aimed primarily at promoting export-oriented manufacturing startups.
2. To be eligible, startups must be legally registered in India and Indian founders must hold at least 51% ownership.

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. Bharat Innovates 2026 is organized by the Ministry of Education, with guidance from the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, under the India–France Year of Innovation, and focuses on deep-tech innovation and global collaboration, not export-oriented manufacturing. Statement 2 is correct.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. You are a District Magistrate. A contractor offers to sponsor a community welfare event on the condition that his company receives favourable consideration in future tenders. What should be your most appropriate course of action?

- (a) Accept the offer as it benefits the public.
- (b) Accept the sponsorship but maintain transparency in future tenders.
- (c) Decline the conditional offer and follow transparent procedures for funding.
- (d) Accept the offer and withdraw from future tender decisions.

Answer: (c)

Explanation: A public servant must uphold integrity, impartiality, and probity. Accepting a conditional sponsorship creates a conflict of interest and undermines public trust. Therefore, the offer should be declined and alternative support sought through transparent and fair mechanisms.

Source- MISC

10 PM MCQs (17 June)

Q. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Canada
- 2. France
- 3. Germany
- 4. Italy
- 5. Japan
- 6. United Kingdom
- 7. United States

Which of the countries given above are members of the Group of Seven (G7)?

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (b) 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 only
- (c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
- (d) 1, 3, 5 and 7 only

Answer: (c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Explanation: The G7 (Group of Seven) is an informal grouping of seven advanced economies: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The European Union also participates in G7 meetings but is not counted as one of the seven member countries.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q. With reference to Exercise Pitch Black, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a biennial and multinational air exercise.

2. It is hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

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: Exercise Pitch Black is a biennial multinational air warfare exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in Australia, aimed at enhancing interoperability and combat readiness among participating air forces.

Source- [TH](#)

Q. With reference to the GRAPES-3 Telescope, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is designed primarily to detect gravitational waves.
- 2. It is located in Hanle, Ladakh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Gamma Ray Astronomy PeV EnergieS phase-3 (GRAPES-3) is designed to study cosmic rays and related atmospheric phenomena, not gravitational waves.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** GRAPES-3 is located in Ooty, Tamil Nadu, not Hanle, Ladakh.

Source- [researchmatters](#)

Q. Consider the following description:

- 1. It is located in the foothills of the Himalayas in Assam and shares a border with Bhutan.
- 2. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site as well as a Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve and Biosphere Reserve.
- 3. It was among the first reserves included under Project Tiger in 1973.

Which one of the following is best described by the above statements?

- (a) Manas National Park
- (b) Kaziranga National Park
- (c) Nameri National Park
- (d) Orang National Park

Answer: (a) Manas National Park

Explanation: Manas National Park, located in Assam along the Bhutan border, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and enjoys the distinction of being a Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Biosphere Reserve, and Important Bird Area. It was one of the first tiger reserves established under Project Tiger in 1973.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q. With reference to the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a bilateral mechanism that facilitates the diffusion of decarbonizing technologies.
- 2. It was launched by Japan.

3. It is implemented in accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
4. India is a partner country under the Joint Crediting Mechanism.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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

Explanation: The Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) is a bilateral initiative launched by Japan to promote the diffusion of decarbonizing technologies and infrastructure in partner countries. It is implemented in accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and India is among its partner countries.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q. A reserve of capital that banks are required to build up during periods of high credit growth so that it can be drawn down during periods of financial stress is known as:

- (a) Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
- (b) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- (c) Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB)
- (d) Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)

Answer: (c) Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB)

Explanation: The Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) is an additional capital requirement imposed on banks during periods of excessive credit growth.

- **SLR:** Minimum percentage of deposits that banks must maintain in liquid assets such as cash, gold, and government securities.
- **CRR:** Portion of deposits that banks must keep with the RBI in cash form.
- **CAR:** Ratio of a bank's capital to its risk-weighted assets, indicating its ability to absorb losses

Source- MISC

Q. Consider the following statements:

1. Cruise missiles remain powered and guided throughout most of their flight, whereas ballistic missiles follow a ballistic trajectory after the initial powered phase.
2. BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile, whereas Agni-V is a long-range ballistic missile.

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:** Cruise missiles are powered and guided for most of their flight, while ballistic missiles follow a ballistic trajectory after the boost phase.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile, whereas Agni-V is a long-range ballistic missile.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q. With reference to the revised Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series with base year 2022–23, consider the following statements:

1. The total number of items in the WPI basket has decreased compared to the 2011–12 series.
2. Solar, wind and nuclear electricity have been included under the Electricity group.

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 number of items in the WPI basket has increased from 697 to 957 in the revised series.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Solar, wind and nuclear electricity have been included under the Electricity group in the new WPI series with base year 2022–23.

Source- [ndtvprofit](#)

Q. INS Tarkash, recently seen in the news, is classified as a:

- (a) Guided Missile Destroyer
- (b) Landing Platform Dock
- (c) Nuclear-powered Submarine
- (d) Stealth Frigate

Answer: (d) Stealth Frigate

Explanation: INS Tarkash is a state-of-the-art stealth frigate of the Indian Navy and the second ship of the Talwar-class guided missile frigates.

Source- [DEF](#)

Q. The Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index), released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is based on which of the following sub-indices?

- (a) Credit Access, Insurance Coverage and Pension Inclusion
- (b) Banking Access, Financial Literacy and GDP Contribution
- (c) Access, Usage and Quality
- (d) Access, Affordability and Transparency

Answer: (c) Access, Usage and Quality

Explanation: The Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) was launched by the RBI in 2021 to measure the extent of financial inclusion in the country. The index comprises three broad dimensions—Access (availability of financial services), Usage (extent of use of financial services), and Quality (quality and effectiveness of services). It covers sectors such as banking, investments, insurance, postal services, and pensions.

Source- MISC

10 PM MCQs (18 June)

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

- (a) Conservation of coral reefs in the Indian Ocean
- (b) Expansion of maritime trade corridors

- (c) Regulation of deep-sea mining activities
- (d) Combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing

Ans: (d)

Explanation: The Mombasa Declaration was adopted by 15 countries from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean and the Pacific to strengthen cooperation against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Source- [Bostonherald](#)

Q2. With reference to the Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project, consider the following statements:

1. It is proposed on the River Tons, a tributary of the Yamuna.
2. It is located along the Uttarakhand-Uttar Pradesh border.

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

Ans: (a)

Explanation: The Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project is proposed on the River Tons, a tributary of the Yamuna. It is located along the Uttarakhand-Himachal Pradesh border, not the Uttarakhand-Uttar Pradesh border.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. With reference to Helium-3, consider the following statements:

1. It is widely used in quantum computing.
2. Helium-3 occurs naturally in large quantities on the Earth's surface.

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

Ans: (a)

Explanation: Helium-3 is a rare isotope of helium that is used in ultra-low-temperature cooling systems required for quantum computing. However, it is extremely scarce on Earth and does not occur in large quantities on the Earth's surface.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following:

1. Maritime Safety and Security
2. Trade and Investment Facilitation
3. Fisheries Management
4. Disaster Risk Management
5. Academic, Science and Technology Cooperation
6. Tourism and Cultural Exchanges

Which of the above are priority areas of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)?

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (c) 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Ans: (d)

Explanation: IORA focuses on six priority areas: Maritime Safety and Security, Trade and Investment Facilitation, Fisheries Management, Disaster Risk Management, Academic, Science and Technology Cooperation, and Tourism and Cultural Exchanges.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. The High-Energy Medical Cyclotron Project (HEMCP), recently seen in the news, has been approved by which state government?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Telangana

Ans: (b)

Explanation: The Maharashtra Cabinet recently approved the ₹300-crore High-Energy Medical Cyclotron Project (HEMCP), a nuclear medicine facility for producing medical radioisotopes used in advanced cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the National Statistical Commission (NSC):

1. It was constituted on the recommendation of the Rangarajan Commission on Statistics to strengthen the statistical system in India.
2. It is an autonomous body that provides guidance on statistical policies, standards, and coordination among official statistical agencies.
3. The Chairperson and Members of the NSC hold constitutional status similar to that of the members of the Finance Commission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The National Statistical Commission (NSC) was set up based on the recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission (National Commission on Statistics, 2001) to improve the credibility, independence, and coordination of India's statistical system.

Statement 2 is correct: The NSC functions as an autonomous advisory body and provides recommendations on:

- Statistical priorities
- Methodologies and standards
- Coordination among statistical agencies
- Improving quality and reliability of official statistics

Statement 3 is incorrect: The NSC is not a constitutional body. It is an executive/advisory body established by the Government of India. Its Chairperson and Members do not enjoy constitutional status like members of the Finance Commission.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The WT-MARUT, seen in the news recently, is a:

- a) Indigenous wind forecasting system for offshore wind farms
- b) Digital platform for managing and tracking the wind turbine manufacturing supply chain
- c) New-generation wind turbine developed by ISRO for high-altitude regions
- d) Scheme for promoting wind-powered irrigation pumps among farmers

Answer: B

Explanation: Digital platform for managing and tracking the wind turbine manufacturing supply chain

- WT-MARUT (Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal) is India's first dedicated digital platform for managing, tracking, and strengthening the domestic wind turbine supply chain ecosystem. It was launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) during the Global Wind Day Conference 2026 in Goa.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q8. With reference to the REWARD Programme (Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development), consider the following statements:

1. It is a World Bank-assisted programme to promote scientific watershed management and enhance farmers' resilience to climate change.
2. The programme is being implemented nationwide under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare with a primary focus on expanding irrigated agriculture in river basins.

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 REWARD Programme is a World Bank-assisted watershed development initiative implemented by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development. It aims to strengthen watershed management, improve rainfed agriculture, enhance climate resilience, and support value chains in selected watersheds.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The programme is not implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, nor is its primary objective the expansion of irrigated agriculture. It focuses on watershed management, soil and water conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable livelihoods, particularly in rainfed areas.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Exercise KHAAN QUEST,

1. It is a multinational military exercise hosted annually by Mongolia with the aim of enhancing interoperability among armed forces participating in United Nations peacekeeping operations.
2. The exercise is conducted under the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and is restricted to member countries of the organization.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Exercise KHAAN QUEST is a multinational peacekeeping exercise hosted by Mongolia. It focuses on enhancing interoperability, military readiness, and cooperation among participating nations, particularly for United Nations peacekeeping missions.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The exercise is not an SCO exercise and is not limited to SCO members. It involves participation from a wide range of countries, including nations from Asia, Europe, and North America, many of which are not SCO members.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the Whale Shark, consider the following statements:

1. It is the largest living fish species in the world.
2. In India, the whale shark is protected under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. The whale shark is a marine mammal that gives birth to live young and must surface periodically to breathe atmospheric oxygen.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Whale Shark is the largest fish in the world, reaching lengths of over 12 metres. Despite its size, it is a filter feeder, feeding mainly on plankton, krill, fish eggs, and small marine organisms.

Statement 2 is correct: In India, the whale shark receives the highest level of legal protection under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (now under the corresponding schedule structure of the amended Act). It was the first shark species in India to receive such protection.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The whale shark is not a mammal; it is a cartilaginous fish (Class Chondrichthyes). It breathes through gills, not lungs, and does not need to surface to breathe atmospheric oxygen like whales or dolphins.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

10 PM MCQs (19 June)

Q1. With reference to the Bonn Challenge, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched in 2011 with the support of Germany and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
2. It aims to restore degraded and deforested landscapes through Forest Landscape Restoration.
3. India has pledged to restore 26 million hectares of degraded and deforested land by 2030 under the Bonn Challenge.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Bonn Challenge was launched in 2011 by the Government of Germany and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which serves as its Secretariat.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The initiative promotes Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) to restore degraded and deforested landscapes while supporting biodiversity and livelihoods.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** India revised its Bonn Challenge commitment to restore 26 million hectares of degraded and deforested land by 2030, announced at the UNCCD COP-14 in 2019.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements:

1. Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) generally have an electricity generation capacity ranging from 30 MWe to 300 MWe per unit.

2. The SHANTI Act, 2025 prohibits private sector participation in civil nuclear activities in India.
 3. India's indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) use enriched uranium as fuel.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** SMRs are advanced nuclear reactors with capacities generally ranging from 30 MWe to 300 MWe per unit.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The SHANTI Act, 2025 allows, rather than prohibits, private sector participation in civil nuclear activities subject to licensing and regulatory authorisation.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India's indigenous PHWRs use natural uranium, not enriched uranium, as fuel.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. A geography enthusiast travels across India and records the following observations:

1. First, he visits a region famous for its living root bridges.
2. Next, he reaches a vast salt desert that remains submerged during the monsoon.
3. Finally, he arrives at a river island known for its Vaishnavite monasteries.

Which of the following correctly represents the places visited?

- (a) Nagaland → Chilika Lake → Majuli
(b) Meghalaya → Thar Desert → Srirangam
(c) Meghalaya → Rann of Kutch → Majuli
(d) Mizoram → Rann of Kutch → Diu

Answer: (c) Meghalaya → Rann of Kutch → Majuli

Explanation:

- Living root bridges are found in Meghalaya.
- The Rann of Kutch is a seasonal salt desert in Gujarat that gets inundated during the monsoon.
- Majuli in Assam is a river island on the Brahmaputra and is renowned for its Vaishnavite Satras (monasteries).

Source- MISC

Q4. With reference to the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. An MP may be disqualified if he voluntarily gives up the membership of his political party.
2. A merger is exempt from disqualification if not less than two-thirds of the members of the legislature party agree to such merger.
3. The Speaker's decision on disqualification under the Tenth Schedule is subject to judicial review.

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:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Under Paragraph 2 of the Tenth Schedule, a member may be disqualified for voluntarily giving up the membership of his political party.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Paragraph 4 provides an exception from disqualification in cases of merger when at least two-thirds of the members of the legislature party agree to such merger.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** In the *Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachillhu* (1992) judgment, the Supreme Court held that the Speaker's decision under the Tenth Schedule is subject to judicial review on limited grounds.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. In rural road construction, the use of which of the following is preferred for ensuring environmental sustainability or to reduce carbon footprint?

1. Copper slag
2. Cold mix asphalt technology
3. Geotextiles
4. Hot mix asphalt technology
5. Portland cement

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Copper slag (1):** An industrial by-product that can be used as a substitute for natural aggregates, helping in waste utilization and conservation of natural resources.
- **Cold mix asphalt technology (2):** Uses bitumen emulsions without requiring high-temperature heating, thereby reducing fuel consumption and carbon emissions.
- **Geotextiles (3):** Improve road durability and stability, reducing maintenance needs and resource consumption over time.
- **Hot mix asphalt technology (4):** Requires heating of aggregates and bitumen at high temperatures, leading to higher energy use and carbon emissions.
- **Portland cement (5):** Its production is carbon-intensive and is associated with significant greenhouse gas emissions.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. With reference to the TRISHNA Satellite mission, consider the following statements:

1. The mission is being developed jointly by ISRO and NASA primarily for deep-space astronomical observations.
2. The satellite is designed to monitor land surface temperature, evapotranspiration, water stress, and ecosystem dynamics using thermal infrared observations.

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: TRISHNA (Thermal infraRed Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural resource Assessment) is a collaborative Earth-observation mission between Indian Space Research Organisation and Centre National d'Études Spatiales (the French space agency).

Statement 2 is correct: The mission aims to provide high-resolution thermal infrared data for:

- Land surface temperature monitoring
- Evapotranspiration assessment
- Agricultural water-use studies
- Drought and water-stress monitoring
- Ecosystem and climate research

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Mission Shakti Initiative:

1. Mission Shakti is an umbrella scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development aimed at ensuring women's safety, security, and empowerment.
2. The scheme comprises two broad sub-schemes—Sambal for women's safety and security, and Samarthya for women's empowerment and welfare.

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: Mission Shakti is an integrated umbrella scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development that seeks to strengthen interventions for the safety, security, and empowerment of women across the country.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme has two major components:

- Sambal – focused on women's safety and security (including initiatives such as One Stop Centres, Women Helpline, and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao).
- Samarthya – focused on women's empowerment, care, support, and welfare services.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana:

1. It is implemented under the Ministry of Labour and Employment and aims to support creation of over 3.5 crore jobs in two years.
2. The scheme provides incentives only to employees already working for more than 2 years.
3. The incentive is equal to one-month EPF wage up to Rs. 15,000, disbursed in two installments
4. Eligible employees under the scheme must have salaries up to Rs. 50,000 per month.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) 3 and 4 only

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Labour & Employment and aims to generate 3.5 crore jobs in 2 years.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme targets first-time employees entering the formal sector, not those already working for more than 2 years.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Eligible employees receive an incentive equal to one-month EPF wage (up to Rs. 15,000), disbursed in two installments (after 6 and 12 months) and conditional on completing a financial literacy programme.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** Salary eligibility under the scheme is up to Rs. 1 lakh per month, not Rs. 50,000.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the Price Support Scheme (PSS), consider the following statements:

1. The Price Support Scheme is implemented to procure notified pulses, oilseeds, and copra from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) when market prices fall below the MSP.

2. The scheme is implemented by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for all agricultural commodities covered under the MSP regime.

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 Price Support Scheme (PSS) is a component of the PM-AASHA (Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan) framework. Under PSS, the Government procures pulses, oilseeds, and copra from farmers at the MSP through designated central nodal agencies whenever market prices fall below MSP.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The scheme is not implemented by FCI for all MSP crops. Procurement under PSS is primarily carried out by agencies such as:

- National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India
- National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India

FCI mainly procures wheat and rice under separate procurement operations.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Lohit River:

- 1. It originates in eastern Tibet and enters India through Arunachal Pradesh before joining the Brahmaputra River.
- 2. The Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project is being planned on this river.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Lohit rises in Tibet, flows through Arunachal Pradesh, and joins the Brahmaputra in Assam.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Kalai-II Hydroelectric Project — Lohit River

- Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project — Chenab River

Source: [Mongabay](#)

10 PM MCQs (20 June)

Q1. With reference to the Energy Transition Index (ETI), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is released by the World Economic Forum.
- 2. Sweden topped the Energy Transition Index 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: (c)

Explanation: The Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026, released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), ranked Sweden first, followed by Finland and Denmark. The index tracks the progress of countries in advancing secure, sustainable, and equitable energy systems

Source- [ET](#)

Q2. The Drunix Platform, recently seen in the news, has been launched by:

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- (d) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Ans: (d)

Explanation: Drunix is an open-source blockchain platform launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to support the development of tokenisation platforms, digital asset ecosystems, and multi-organisation networks.

Source- [BS](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

- | Strait | Connects |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Strait of Messina | — Tyrrhenian Sea and Ionian Sea |
| 2. Bosphorus Strait | — Black Sea and Sea of Marmara |
| 3. Strait of Gibraltar | — Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea |
- 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

Ans: (a)

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is correct.** The Strait of Messina lies between Sicily and mainland Italy and connects the Tyrrhenian Sea with the Ionian Sea.
- **Pair 2 is correct.** The Bosphorus Strait connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara and separates the Asian and European parts of Türkiye.
- **Pair 3 is incorrect.** The Strait of Gibraltar connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Atlantic Ocean, not the Red Sea. The Bab-el-Mandeb Strait connects the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden.

Source- [DEV D](#)

Q4. With reference to the Turquoise Nexus Initiative (TNI), consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims to support developing countries in integrating food-water-climate approaches into their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- 2. It was launched under the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture at COP28.

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

Ans: (a)

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect. The Turquoise Nexus Initiative is being implemented under the Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) Partnership, which was launched at COP27 in Egypt.

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

Q. Which of the following statements about a Zero First Information Report (Zero FIR) under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 is/are correct?

1. A Zero FIR can be lodged at a police station, even though the place of commission of a cognizable/non-cognizable offence is outside the territorial jurisdiction of that police station.
2. The Officer-in-charge of the police station where a Zero FIR has been lodged may, with the permission of the competent authority, initiate a preliminary enquiry.
3. Under Zero FIR, it is obligatory for the informant to furnish information electronically.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

Ans: (d)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Zero FIR can be registered at any police station irrespective of territorial jurisdiction, but only for cognizable offences. It does not apply to non-cognizable offences.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Under Section 173(3) of BNSS, for offences punishable with imprisonment between 3 and 7 years, the Officer-in-Charge may conduct a preliminary enquiry with prior permission of an officer not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) to determine whether a prima facie case exists.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Information regarding a cognizable offence may be given orally, in writing, or through electronic communication. Electronic reporting is optional and not mandatory

Source- MISC

Q6. With reference to the National Internet Exchange of India, consider the following statements:

1. It functions as a statutory regulator under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. NIXI is a not-for-profit organization established to facilitate the exchange of domestic Internet traffic within India, thereby reducing dependence on overseas routing.
3. It manages India's country code top-level domain ".in" and operates the Indian Registry (INRegistry).

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: NIXI is not a statutory regulator and does not license ISPs. Licensing and regulatory functions in the telecom sector are carried out by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

Statement 2 is correct: The National Internet Exchange of India was established in 2003 as a not-for-profit organization to enable Indian Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to exchange domestic Internet traffic within the country, thereby improving efficiency and reducing costs.

Statement 3 is correct: NIXI manages India's country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) ".in" through the INRegistry and also promotes multilingual domain names in Indian languages under the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) initiative.

Source: PIB

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Mago Chu River:

1. It flows through the western Himalayas in Ladakh region.
2. It is part of larger Indus river system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Neither 1 nor 2

Both are incorrect: The Mago Chu River flows through the Tawang region of Arunachal Pradesh and forms part of the Brahmaputra drainage system.

Source: [Print](#)

Q8. The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2026 Report is published by:

- a) United Nations Environment Programme
- b) Food and Agriculture Organization
- c) International Fund for Agricultural Development
- d) World Food Programme

Answer: B

Explanation: Food and Agriculture Organization

- The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) is the flagship report of the Food and Agriculture Organization. It provides comprehensive and up-to-date information on global trends, challenges, opportunities, and innovations in fisheries and aquaculture, and is published periodically by FAO.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. The Dunagiri, Sanshodhak and Agray, seen in the news recently, are:

- a) Indigenous satellites launched under India's Earth Observation Programme
- b) Newly discovered Himalayan peaks in Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Indigenous naval platforms commissioned into the Indian Navy
- d) Advanced unmanned aerial vehicles developed by DRDO

Answer: C

Explanation: Indigenous naval platforms commissioned into the Indian Navy

Explanation

- The INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray are three indigenously built naval platforms commissioned into the Indian Navy. They represent different operational capabilities: Vessel for hydrographic and oceanographic surveys, submarine operations.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. With reference to Smart Seed Coating Technology, consider the following statements:

1. It involves coating seeds with protective and nutritive materials such as micronutrients, biofertilizers, biopesticides, or growth promoters to improve germination and crop performance.
2. The technology permanently alters the genetic makeup of seeds to make them resistant to pests and drought conditions.

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: Smart Seed Coating Technology involves applying a thin layer of materials such as:

- Micronutrients
- Biofertilizers
- Biopesticides
- Plant growth promoters
- Moisture-retaining compounds

to enhance seed germination, seedling vigor, nutrient uptake, and stress tolerance.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Seed coating does not alter the genetic composition of seeds. It is a physical and biochemical treatment applied externally to improve seed performance. Genetic modification, on the other hand, involves changes at the DNA level.

Source: [DD India](#)

10 PM MCQs (22 June)

Q1. Consider the following description of a river:

1. It is one of the major rivers of eastern India.
2. It is formed by the confluence of the Sankh and South Koel rivers near Rourkela.
3. Its basin extends across Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha before draining into the Bay of Bengal.
4. Its principal tributaries include the Sankh, Tikra, and Karo rivers.

Which one of the following rivers is described above?

- (a) Mahanadi
- (b) Subarnarekha
- (c) Baitarani
- (d) Brahmani

Answer: (d) Brahmani

Explanation: The Brahmani River is formed by the confluence of the Sankh and South Koel rivers near Rourkela in Odisha. It is one of the major east-flowing rivers of India and ultimately drains into the Bay of Bengal.

Source- [RM](#)

Q2. With reference to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), consider the following statements:

1. It was established under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
2. Its headquarters is located in Germany.
3. It is open only to States Parties to UNCLOS and not to any other entities.

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: ITLOS was established under UNCLOS and is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany. However, it is not restricted only to States Parties; in certain cases, other States, intergovernmental organizations, state enterprises, and private entities may also have access to the Tribunal.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. The Abhigyan App, recently seen in the news, was launched by which of the following Ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Law and Justice
- (d) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Answer: (b) Ministry of Home Affairs

Explanation: The Abhigyan App is a centralized platform launched under the Ministry of Home Affairs to enable law enforcement agencies to make better use of crime-related data.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following description of a country:

- 1. It is located on the western half of the Scandinavian Peninsula.
- 2. Lake Mjosa is its largest lake.
- 3. Glama is its longest river.
- 4. About two-thirds of its territory is mountainous, and its coastline is deeply indented by glacial fjords.

Which one of the following countries is described above?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Finland
- (c) Norway
- (d) Denmark

Answer: (c) Norway

Explanation: Norway occupies the western part of the Scandinavian Peninsula and is renowned for its rugged mountains, deep fjords, Lake Mjosa (largest lake), and the Glama River (longest river).

Source- [Reuters](#)

Q5. The Supreme Court recently held that the "Right to Walk" on safe and demarcated footpaths flows primarily from which of the following Fundamental Rights?

- (a) Articles 19(1)(d) and 21
- (b) Articles 14 and 15
- (c) Articles 25 and 26
- (d) Articles 29 and 30

Answer: (a) Articles 19(1)(d) and 21

Explanation: In Maniyar Iliyaz @ Shaik Riyaz v. P. Ayyappan & Ors., the Supreme Court held that the Right to Walk on safe and demarcated footpaths is a Fundamental Right flowing from Article 19(1)(d) (freedom of movement) and Article 21 (right to life and personal liberty). It is also connected with the exercise of freedoms under Articles 19(1)(a), 19(1)(b), and 19(1)(c).

Source- [ET](#)

Q6. With reference to the Bharat Climate Observation Network (BCON), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a long-term observational framework designed to systematically monitor meteorological parameters and climate-active trace gases across India.
- 2. It is an observational initiative under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) to be implemented by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).

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

- BCON is a national initiative led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM, under Ministry of Earth Sciences) to generate long-term, high-quality climate datasets through dedicated climate observation stations. The datasets generated under the network are expected to play a crucial role in validating and improving Earth System Models, thereby enhancing climate projections and forecasting capabilities.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The 'Development Policy Financing (DPF) Operation', seen in the news recently, is a financing instrument of:

- (a) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- (b) World Bank
- (c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- (d) New Development Bank (NDB)

Answer: B

Explanation: World Bank

- DPF is one of the World Bank's three main financing instruments (along with Investment Project Financing and Program-for-Results Financing). It provides rapid-disbursing budget support to countries undertaking policy and institutional reforms aimed at sustainable growth, poverty reduction, climate resilience, and improved governance.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements with reference to the Rakhigarhi Harappan Site:

1. Rakhigarhi is located in the Hisar district of Haryana and is among the largest known urban settlements of the Indus Valley Civilization.
2. Archaeological excavations at the site have revealed evidence of planned urban infrastructure, including drainage systems, roads, and craft production activities.
3. It served as a major maritime trading centre of the Harappan Civilization.

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: Rakhigarhi, located in Haryana's Hisar district (now administratively in Hansi subdivision), is one of the largest known sites of the Indus Valley Civilization (IVC).

Statement 2 is correct: Excavations have uncovered well-planned streets, drainage systems, residential structures, granaries, and evidence of specialized crafts, indicating a mature urban settlement.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Rakhigarhi was not a maritime centre. It is an inland Harappan site associated with the Ghaggar-Hakra river system. Major maritime Harappan centres included Lothal and Dholavira.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to Deuterated Compounds, consider the following statements:

1. In deuterated compounds, one or more hydrogen atoms are replaced by deuterium, a stable isotope of hydrogen containing one proton and one neutron.
2. Deuterated compounds are widely used in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy because they minimize interference from ordinary hydrogen in the sample.

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: Deuterium (^2H or D) is a stable isotope of hydrogen with one proton and one neutron. Compounds in which hydrogen atoms are replaced wholly or partially by deuterium are called deuterated compounds.

Statement 2 is correct: Deuterated solvents and compounds are extensively used in NMR spectroscopy because deuterium produces a different signal from ordinary hydrogen (^1H), thereby reducing background interference and improving spectral analysis.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. 'Nirbhay Chetna', seen in the news recently, is an initiative of which of the following ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (b) Ministry of Rural Development
- (c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer: C

Explanation: Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- Nirbhay Chetna is an initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj under the broader 'Nirbhay Raho' programme, funded through the Nirbhaya Fund. It aims to sensitize Male Elected Representatives (MERs) of Panchayati Raj Institutions on issues related to women's safety, dignity, empowerment, and gender equality.

Source: [DD India](#)

10 PM MCQs (23 June)

Q1. Consider the following pairs:

Traditional Craft/Product State

1. Pochampally Silk – Telangana
2. Thewa Art – Rajasthan
3. Himroo Silk – Maharashtra

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:

- Pochampally Silk is a renowned handwoven Ikat textile from Telangana, known for its distinctive resist-dyeing technique and geometric patterns.
- Thewa Art is a traditional jewellery craft of Rajasthan, particularly associated with Pratapgarh, involving intricate gold work on coloured glass.
- Himroo Silk is a famous textile tradition of Maharashtra, especially Aurangabad, known for its unique silk-cotton blend, reversible weave and floral motifs.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Which one of the following statements about the Battle of Plassey (1757) is correct?

- (a) The battle was fought between the English East India Company and the combined forces of the Nawab of Awadh and the Mughal Emperor.
- (b) The victory at Plassey enabled the English East India Company to emerge as a major political power in Bengal through the installation of Mir Jafar as Nawab.
- (c) The Battle of Plassey resulted in the immediate grant of Diwani rights over Bengal, Bihar and Orissa to the Company.
- (d) The battle was won primarily due to the numerical superiority of the Company's forces over the Nawab's army.

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- **(b) is correct.** After the victory, the Company installed Mir Jafar as Nawab, greatly expanding its political influence in Bengal.
- **(a) is incorrect.** The battle was fought between Siraj-ud-Daulah and the English East India Company led by Robert Clive.
- **(c) is incorrect.** Diwani rights were granted in 1765, after the Battle of Buxar.
- **(d) is incorrect.** The Company's army was much smaller; victory was aided by Mir Jafar's betrayal and superior strategy.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

National Highway Connecting Places

1. NH 44 – Srinagar – Kanyakumari
2. NH 27 – Porbandar – Silchar
3. NH 16 – Mumbai – Chennai

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: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- NH 44 connects Srinagar and Kanyakumari.
- NH 27 connects Porbandar and Silchar.
- NH 16 connects Kolkata (Dankuni) and Chennai, not Mumbai and Chennai.

Source- [IE](#)

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

1. It can be used as a component of the growing medium in vertical farming.
2. Its application in soil can enhance the activity of nitrogen-fixing microorganisms.
3. It improves the water-retention capacity of the growing medium.

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: Biochar is a carbon-rich material produced through the pyrolysis of biomass under limited oxygen conditions. It is increasingly used in sustainable agriculture because it:

- Serves as a component of growing media in vertical farming.
- Promotes beneficial soil microbial activity, including nitrogen-fixing microorganisms.
- Enhances the water-holding capacity and nutrient retention of soils and growing media, thereby improving plant growth.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Project Nimbus, recently seen in the news, is a cloud computing project jointly developed by which of the following companies?

- (a) Microsoft and Oracle
- (b) IBM and Intel
- (c) Google and Amazon
- (d) Meta and Apple

Answer: (c) Google and Amazon

Explanation: Project Nimbus is a high-security cloud computing contract jointly executed by Google Cloud Platform (GCP) and Amazon Web Services (AWS) for the Israeli government.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to NAFEX.in, consider the following statements:

1. NAFEX.in is a digital e-auction platform developed by NAFED to facilitate transparent and technology-enabled trading of agricultural commodities.
2. It is launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

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: NAFEX.in is an e-auction portal launched by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) to promote transparent, efficient, and technology-driven agricultural commodity trading.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Cooperation

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Brahmani River:

1. The Brahmani River is formed by the confluence of the Sankh and South Koel rivers near Rourkela in Odisha.
2. It is one of the major east-flowing rivers of peninsular India and ultimately drains into the Bay of Bengal.
3. The river forms the estuarine complex of Bhitarkanika along with the Mahanadi River before entering the sea.

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: The Brahmani River originates from the confluence of the Sankh and South Koel rivers near Rourkela in Odisha.

Statement 2 is correct: It is a major east-flowing river of eastern India and eventually empties into the Bay of Bengal.

Statement 3 is correct: In its lower course, the Brahmani joins the Baitarani river system and, together with distributaries of the Mahanadi, contributes to the formation of the Bhitarkanika mangrove-estuarine ecosystem, one of India's most important coastal wetlands.

Source: [RM](#)

Q8. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. The scheme provides annual income support of Rs. 6,000 to all landholding farmer families in three equal installments.
3. Institutional landholders and certain professionals are excluded from the scheme's benefits.
4. The Ministry of Rural Development implements the scheme.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 2 and 4 only
D. 2 and 3 only

Correct Answer: D.

Explanation: 2 and 3

- **Statement 1** is incorrect: PM-KISAN is a Central Sector Scheme, not Centrally Sponsored.
- **Statement 2** is correct: Rs. 6000 per annum is provided in three installments of Rs. 2000.
- **Statement 3** is correct: Institutional landholders and professionals (e.g., doctors, engineers) are excluded.
- **Statement 4** is incorrect: The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, not the Ministry of Rural Development.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) award:

1. Only a child with Indian citizenship can be nominated for the Award.
2. A child can self-nominate himself/herself for the Award.
3. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakhs with it.

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 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct:

- Eligibility for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) -
 - A child who is an Indian Citizen and is resident of India.
 - Age Limit: A Child above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July of respective year).

Statement 2 is correct: Children may also apply through self-nomination.

Statement 3 is incorrect: No cash prize is given. The Award contains a Medal and a Certificate and citation.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Sports Board (NSB):

1. It functions as India's central regulatory authority for sports.
 2. It is a statutory body.
 3. It consists of a Chairperson and two Members to be appointed by the Central Government.
- How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: It functions as India's central regulatory authority for sports, vested with the legal powers to grant or suspend registrations, conduct inquiries, and enforce governance codes for sports federations.

Statement 2 is correct: National Sports Board (NSB)—established under the National Sports Governance Act—is a statutory board.

Statement 3 is correct: The National Sports Board shall consist of a Chairperson and two Members to be appointed by the Central Government from a panel of names recommended by the Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted under the National Sports Board (Search-cum-Selection Committee) Rules, 2026.

Source: [DD News](#)