

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (24 July)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Fast Track Courts (FTCs):

1. Fast Track Courts are governed by a comprehensive central legislation enacted by Parliament.
2. A Fast Track Court may be constituted exclusively for an individual case solely on the ground that it has generated widespread public interest.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is incorrect because there is no single central legislation governing Fast Track Courts.
- Statement 2 is incorrect because the mere existence of widespread public interest or the need for a speedy trial is not sufficient to justify constituting a Fast Track Court for an individual case; such classification must have a rational and objective basis consistent with Article 14 of the Constitution

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. The term 'Diamond Triangle' in the context of Indian history refers to a group of:

- (a) Buddhist monastic sites in Odisha associated with the Vajrayana tradition
- (b) Rock-cut Buddhist cave complexes of western India
- (c) Temple towns of the Chola period in Tamil Nadu
- (d) Ancient centres of Buddhist learning in the Gangetic plains

Answer: (a)

Explanation: The Diamond Triangle comprises the Buddhist heritage sites of Ratnagiri, Udaygiri, and Lalitgiri in Odisha, which were important centres of Vajrayana Buddhism.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Mission Vatsalya Scheme:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. Its objective is to ensure the care, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of children in difficult circumstances, including missing and vulnerable children.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because Mission Vatsalya is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the States and Union Territories.
- **Statement 2 is correct** as it accurately states the scheme's objective of ensuring care, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of children in difficult circumstances, including missing and vulnerable children.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following pairs:

1. Pickaxe Mountain – Iran
2. Mount Kanlaon – Philippines
3. Mount Etna – Italy

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: Pickaxe Mountain is located in Iran near the Natanz nuclear facility, while Mount Kanlaon (Philippines) and Mount Etna (Italy) are active volcanoes that have recently been in the news.

Source- [PBS](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding applications of polymers:

1. Kevlar is used in the manufacture of bullet-resistant jackets and helmets due to its high strength.
2. Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) is widely used as a non-stick coating in cookware because of its low friction and chemical inertness.
3. Bakelite is a thermoplastic polymer commonly used for making disposable plastic bottles.

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: Statements 1 and 2 are correct. Bakelite is a thermosetting polymer, used in electrical switches, plugs and insulating components, whereas disposable plastic bottles are generally made from thermoplastics such as PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate).

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Sahibi River:

1. The Sahibi River originates in the Aravalli Hills of Rajasthan.
2. It is a perennial tributary of the Yamuna 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: The Sahibi (Sabi) River originates in the Aravalli Hills near Manoharpur in Kotputli-Behror district of Rajasthan. It flows through Rajasthan and Haryana, enters Delhi, and ultimately merges with the Najafgarh Drain, which later joins the Yamuna River.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Sahibi is an ephemeral (seasonal) river, not a perennial one. It carries water mainly during the monsoon and is not navigable. Much of its natural course has been modified due to urbanisation and drainage works in the Delhi-NCR region.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. The "Rome Declaration for an Unarmed and Disarming Peace" primarily seeks to:

- (a) Establish a global carbon trading mechanism for climate neutrality.
- (b) Promote ethical governance of Artificial Intelligence, prevent AI-driven nuclear and autonomous warfare, and advance global disarmament.
- (c) Create a common digital currency for G20 countries using blockchain technology.
- (d) Establish a legally binding treaty on cybercrime under the United Nations.

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Rome Declaration for an Unarmed and Disarming Peace is about establishing ethical principles and global governance for Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly to prevent its use in nuclear weapons and autonomous warfare, while promoting nuclear disarmament and meaningful human control over AI-enabled military systems. It calls for international cooperation to ensure that AI serves humanity rather than escalating armed conflict.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF):

1. Under the Fund, the Central Assistance is limited to 50% of project cost.
2. The Credit Repayment Guarantee Sub-Scheme (CRGSS) provides guarantee coverage for term loan assistance to urban local bodies for their projects taken up under UCF.

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: Government of India has launched the operational guidelines for the Rs 1 lakh crore Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) under which the Centre's contribution will be capped at 25 per cent of the total project cost, while states and urban local bodies will share a part of the remaining burden.

Statement 2 is correct: The Credit Repayment Guarantee Sub-Scheme (CRGSS) is also launched with a Rs 5,000-crore corpus which will provide guarantee coverage for term loan assistance to urban local bodies for their projects taken up under UCF.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following countries:

1. Ukraine
2. Poland
3. Moldova
4. Russia
5. Serbia

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Ukraine, Moldova and Serbia

- Romania is a country located at the crossroads of Central, Eastern and Southeast Europe. It borders **Ukraine** to the north and east, **Hungary** to the west, **Serbia** to the southwest, **Bulgaria** to the south, **Moldova** to the east, and the Black Sea to the southeast.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding POSHAN Abhiyaan:

1. It aims to reduce stunting, undernutrition, anaemia, and low birth weight among children, adolescent girls, and women.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and uses technology-based monitoring through ICT tools.
3. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100% funding provided by the Union Government to all States and Union Territories.

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: POSHAN Abhiyaan targets malnutrition indicators like stunting and anaemia.

Statement 2 is correct: It is implemented by MWCD with ICT-based monitoring (ICDS-CAS).

Statement 3 is incorrect: It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with shared funding, not 100% central funding.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (25 July)

Q1. Consider the following organisations/initiatives:

1. Deccan Education Society
2. Indian National Congress
3. Indian Home Rule League
4. Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav

How many of the above are associated with Bal Gangadhar Tilak?

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

Answer: (d) All four

Explanation: Bal Gangadhar Tilak was associated with all four. He co-founded the Deccan Education Society, led the Extremist wing of the Indian National Congress, founded the Indian Home Rule League (1916), and transformed the Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav into a mass public festival to promote nationalism.

Source- [ET](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs):

1. India currently has a comprehensive legal framework governing Virtual Digital Assets.
2. At present, Virtual Digital Assets in India are subject to taxation and anti-money laundering provisions.

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:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** India does not yet have a comprehensive legal framework regulating Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** VDAs are currently regulated only for limited purposes such as taxation under the Income-tax Act and anti-money laundering (AML) compliance under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

1. Ukraine
2. Russia
3. Georgia
4. Turkey
5. Bulgaria
6. Romania

How many of the above countries have a coastline along the Black Sea?

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

Answer: (d) All six

Explanation: All six countries-Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Turkey, Bulgaria, and Romania—border the Black Sea.
Source- [DC](#)

Q4. A District Magistrate is informed that the police have installed facial recognition cameras to monitor a peaceful public protest. The police argue that the system is necessary to maintain law and order. However, several citizens complain that the continuous surveillance discourages them from exercising their constitutional right to peaceful assembly and raises concerns about misuse of personal data. There is no specific law governing the use of facial recognition technology in such situations.

As a public servant, which of the following would be the most ethical course of action?

- (a) Allow unrestricted surveillance since maintaining public order is the primary responsibility of the State.
- (b) Direct the immediate removal of all surveillance systems without considering security concerns.
- (c) Permit surveillance only with adequate legal authority, proportionality, transparency, and safeguards to protect citizens' privacy and fundamental rights.
- (d) Leave the matter entirely to the police as operational decisions should not be questioned by the civil administration.

Answer: (c)

Ethical Values Involved: Rule of Law, Accountability, Transparency, Proportionality, Respect for Fundamental Rights, Public Interest, Constitutional Morality.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following:

- 1. Sea spray
- 2. Mineral dust
- 3. Sulfate aerosols
- 4. Volcanic ash

How many of the above are considered primary aerosols?

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

Answer: (c) Only three

Explanation:

- **Primary aerosols:** Sea spray, mineral dust, and volcanic ash are emitted directly into the atmosphere.
- **Sulfate aerosols** are **secondary aerosols**, formed through chemical reactions involving sulfur dioxide (SO₂) in the atmosphere rather than being emitted directly.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. With reference to the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at establishing three dedicated Chemical Parks.
- 2. Under the Scheme, the Central Government will provide a grant of up to ₹1,000 crore per Chemical Park, subject to a minimum contribution of ₹500 crore by the concerned State Government.
- 3. The Scheme will be implemented by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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: BHAVYA Rasayan is a Central Sector Scheme approved to establish three dedicated Chemical Parks with integrated plug-and-play common infrastructure to boost chemical manufacturing, attract investments, enhance exports, and promote import substitution.

Statement 2 is correct: The Scheme has a total outlay of ₹3,030 crore (₹3,000 crore for infrastructure and ₹30 crore for administrative expenses). The Centre will provide up to ₹1,000 crore per park, subject to a minimum State Government contribution of ₹500 crore.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Scheme is implemented by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, not by the DPIIT.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP):

1. It is a sub-scheme under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
 2. It is aimed at promoting rural entrepreneurship through financial and non-financial support.
 3. The Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- 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: SVEP is a sub-scheme of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development. It aims to promote village-level entrepreneurship by providing financial assistance, capacity building, and institutional support.

Statement 2 is correct: A key feature of SVEP is the deployment of Community Resource Persons for Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EPs), who mentor aspiring entrepreneurs by assisting with enterprise identification, business planning, bookkeeping, market linkages, and access to institutional credit.

Statement 3 is incorrect: SVEP is not implemented by the Ministry of MSME; it is implemented under the Ministry of Rural Development through DAY-NRLM. Moreover, the programme supports both manufacturing and service/trade enterprises, not exclusively manufacturing.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements with reference to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL):

1. It is the principal legal body of the United Nations responsible for harmonizing and modernizing international trade law by developing model laws.
2. It is headquartered in Geneva.

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 United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was established by the UN General Assembly in 1966. It is the core legal body of the UN in the field of international

trade law and promotes the harmonization and modernization of trade laws through model laws, conventions, legislative guides, and technical assistance.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Its secretariat is located in Vienna, Austria (with an office in New York), while international commercial disputes are decided by arbitral tribunals or courts, sometimes using UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. The term "Section 301", frequently seen in the context of international trade, refers to:

- (a) A provision of the U.S. Trade Act, 1974, empowering the U.S. to investigate and take action against unfair trade practices of other countries.
- (b) A provision of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture dealing with export subsidies.
- (c) A chapter of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) concerning maritime dispute settlement.
- (d) A provision of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Articles of Agreement governing balance-of-payments support.

Answer: A

Explanation:

- Section 301 (seen in recent news) refers to Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act of 1974, which authorizes the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to investigate and respond to unfair trade practices by foreign countries that burden or restrict U.S. commerce.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. With reference to the East Asia Summit (EAS), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a leaders-led forum that promotes dialogue and cooperation on strategic, political and economic issues in the Indo-Pacific region.
- 2. The Chairmanship of the East Asia Summit rotates annually among all its member countries in alphabetical order.

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 East Asia Summit (EAS) was established in 2005 as a leaders-led forum for dialogue and cooperation on strategic, political, and economic issues of common interest. It has 18 members—the 10 ASEAN Member States and 8 partners: Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia, and the United States.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Chairmanship of the EAS is held by the ASEAN Chair, not by all members on a rotational alphabetical basis. The country serving as the ASEAN Chair convenes and chairs the East Asia Summit.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (27 July)

Q1. Consider the following statements:

- 1. It is India's first dedicated deep-water container transshipment port.
- 2. It has been developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode using the Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) model.
- 3. The port is situated on the Arabian Sea coast of Kerala.

The above statements refer to:

- (a) New Mangalore Port
- (b) V.O. Chidambaranar Port

- (c) Vizhinjam International Seaport
- (d) Kamarajar Port

Answer: (c) Vizhinjam International Seaport

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following:

1. Earnings from software services exported by Indian companies.
2. Remittances received by resident households from relatives working abroad.
3. Interest paid by the Government of India on external sovereign borrowings.
4. Purchase of gold by an Indian household from a domestic jeweller.

Which of the above are reflected in India's Balance of Payments (BoP)?

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

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Earnings from software services exported by Indian companies are recorded as exports of services under the Current Account of the Balance of Payments (BoP).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Remittances received from relatives working abroad are recorded as secondary income (current transfers) in the Current Account.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Interest paid on external sovereign borrowings is recorded under Primary Income in the Current Account, as it is a payment to non-residents.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The purchase of gold from a domestic jeweller is a transaction between residents and therefore is not recorded in the Balance of Payments. Only imports of gold from abroad are reflected in the BoP.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

1. It is a perennial right-bank tributary of the Ganga.
2. It originates in the Amarkantak Hills of the Maikal Range in Madhya Pradesh.
3. Its major tributaries include the Banas, Gopad, Rihand and Kanhar rivers.

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

- (a) Ken
- (b) Son
- (c) Chambal
- (d) Betwa

Answer: (b) Son

Explanation: The Son River originates in the Amarkantak Hills of the Maikal Range in Madhya Pradesh and is one of the major right-bank tributaries of the Ganga. Its important tributaries include the Banas, Gopad, Rihand, and Kanhar rivers.

Source- [HT](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Undavalli Caves:

1. They are rock-cut caves located in Andhra Pradesh.
2. They are associated with the Gupta style of architecture.

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:** The Undavalli Caves are located near Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh and are among the finest examples of ancient rock-cut architecture in India.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Although generally attributed to the Vishnukundina rulers (4th–5th century CE), the caves display a distinct Gupta architectural style, particularly in their sculptural and artistic features.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following pairs:

1. Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary — Assam
2. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary — Meghalaya
3. Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary — Karnataka

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation: Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary and Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary are located in Assam and Karnataka, respectively, whereas Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is in Assam, not Meghalaya.

Source- [NW](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about Hepatitis:

1. Hepatitis A (HAV) can be treated with Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAAs) drugs.
2. The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme offers free screening and treatment for Hepatitis A, B and C nationwide.

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

Statement 1 is incorrect: There is no specific antiviral available to treat Hepatitis A (HAV).

Statement 2 is incorrect: Since 2018, India's National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme has offered free screening and treatment for Hepatitis B and C nationwide.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Asiatic wild dog:

1. It is categorized as vulnerable by the IUCN.
2. The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP), Darjeeling is the only conservation breeding centre for them in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Both Statements are incorrect

Statement 1 is incorrect: Conservation Status

- IUCN Status – Endangered

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- Indian Wildlife Protection Act – Schedule II

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in **Visakhapatnam** is India's only conservation breeding centre **for the endangered Asiatic wild dog, also known as the dhole (Cuon alpinus).**

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the mangrove ecosystem in India:

1. The total mangrove cover in India decreased in 2023 in comparison to 2019 as per the data from India State of Forest Report (ISFR).
 2. West Bengal has the highest mangrove cover in India, followed by Odisha.
 3. The MISHTI programme was initiated to restore mangrove forests along the coast of India.
- How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Only Statement 3 is correct

Statement 1 is incorrect: In comparison to ISFR 2019 and ISFR 2023, there has been a significant increase of 16.68 km² in the country's mangrove coverage.

Statement 2 is incorrect: West Bengal has the highest mangrove coverage, accounting for 42.45%, followed by Gujarat at 23.66% and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at 12.39%.

Statement 3 is correct: The Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) has been launched on 5th June 2023 to restore and promote mangroves as unique, natural eco-system and for preserving and enhancing the sustainability of the coastal habitats. The objective of MISHTI is to restore mangrove forests by undertaking mangrove reforestation/ afforestation measures along the coast of India.

Source: [DD NEWS](#)

Q9. 'Unjha Jeera', recently seen in the news after receiving a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, is associated with which one of the following States?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Haryana

Answer: B

Explanation: Gujarat

- Unjha (often spelled "Ujha") Jeera has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) Tag in the state of Gujarat.

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. PRAXIS, recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) An AI-enabled NASA mission concept for autonomous in-situ exploration and sampling of planetary rings.
- (b) A reusable heavy-lift launch vehicle developed by the European Space Agency (ESA).
- (c) A next-generation space telescope designed to detect Earth-like exoplanets.
- (d) A lunar habitat programme jointly developed by NASA and ISRO.

Answer: A

Explanation: An AI-enabled NASA mission concept for autonomous in-situ exploration and sampling of planetary rings.

- PRAXIS (Planetary Rings Autonomous EXploration with In-situ Sampling) is a NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) Phase I mission concept. It proposes an AI-enabled autonomous spacecraft to perform the first in-situ sampling of planetary ring particles, particularly those of Saturn, to study their composition, structure, and evolution.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (28 July)

Q1. With reference to ancient Buddhist sites, consider the following pairs:

1. Karla Caves — Maharashtra
2. Nagarjunakonda — Andhra Pradesh
3. Lalitgiri — Odisha

Which of the above archaeological sites are well known for their association with Buddhism?

- (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: Karla Caves, Nagarjunakonda, and Lalitgiri are all prominent Buddhist sites with monasteries, chaityas, stupas, and other Buddhist archaeological remains.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Jizan and Yanbu, recently seen in the news, are major port cities located in which one of the following countries?

- (a) Oman
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Yemen
- (d) United Arab Emirates

Answer: (b) Saudi Arabia

Explanation: Jizan and Yanbu are major Saudi Arabian ports on the Red Sea coast.

Source- [business today](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the World Squash Junior Championships:

1. The World Squash Junior Championships are open only to players below the age of 19 years.
2. The 2026 World Squash Junior Championships were held in Canada.

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 World Squash Junior Championships are an Under-19 event, and the 2026 edition was held at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

1. It is a landlocked country bordered by Ukraine and Romania.
2. Most of its territory lies between the Prut and Dniester rivers.
3. It is situated to the east of the Carpathian Mountains in southeastern Europe.

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

- (a) Belarus
- (b) Moldova
- (c) Slovakia
- (d) Hungary

Answer: (b) Moldova

Explanation: Moldova is a landlocked country in southeastern Europe located between Romania and Ukraine, mainly between the Prut and Dniester rivers.

Source- [MEA](#)

Q5. Jonk River, Hasdeo River, and Mand River are major tributaries of which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Mahanadi
- (b) Godavari
- (c) Narmada
- (d) Krishna

Answer: (a) Mahanadi

Explanation: Jonk, Hasdeo, and Mand are important tributaries of the Mahanadi River, originating mainly in Chhattisgarh.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Brazil
- 2. Peru
- 3. Ecuador
- 4. Panama

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

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Columbia is situated in the northwestern part of South America, serving as a bridge between South and Central America.
- Boundary: Venezuela and Brazil to the east, Peru and Ecuador to the south, Panama to the northwest.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Mechi River:

- 1. It forms a part of the international boundary between Bangladesh and India.
- 2. It is a major left-bank tributary of the Teesta 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: D

Explanation: Neither 1 nor 2

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Mechi River rises in the Mahabharat Range in eastern Nepal, flows southwards, forms part of the India–Nepal border between West Bengal and Nepal.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Mechi River is a tributary of the Mahananda River, which subsequently joins the Ganga.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Syria
- 2. Jordan
- 3. Israel
- 4. Lebanon

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

- a) Only one

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

Answer: D

Explanation: All

- The Golan Heights is a strategically significant plateau located in southwestern Syria. It is bordered by Israel and Sea of Galilee to the west, Lebanon to the northwest, Syria to the east and Jordan to the southeast.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Q9. The Tsomgo (Changu) Lake, frequently seen in the news, is located in:

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Sikkim

- The Tsomgo lake is located in Sikkim, around 38 km from Gangtok, at an elevation of nearly 3,780 metres. The glacial lake is known to change the colour and appearance of its waters with every season.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q10. With reference to the Chandipura Virus (CHPV), consider the following statements:

- 1. Chandipura virus is transmitted primarily by sandflies.
- 2. The virus mainly affects children and can cause acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) with a high case fatality rate.

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: Chandipura virus (CHPV) belongs to the genus Vesiculovirus of the family Rhabdoviridae. It is transmitted mainly by female phlebotomine sandflies, although other insect vectors have also been investigated.

Statement 2 is correct: CHPV predominantly affects children below 15 years of age and can cause Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), characterized by rapid onset of fever, altered consciousness, seizures, and a high case fatality rate if not managed promptly.

Source: [IE](#)

10 PM MCQs (29 July)

Q1. Arrange the following physiographic features of the Western Ghats in the correct order from north to south:

- 1. Cardamom Hills
- 2. Nilgiri Hills
- 3. Agasthyamalai Hills
- 4. Anaimalai Hills
- 5. Palani Hills

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 2 – 4 – 5 – 1 – 3
- (b) 2 – 5 – 4 – 1 – 3

- (c) 4 - 2 - 5 - 1 - 3
(d) 2 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 3

Answer: (a) 2 - 4 - 5 - 1 - 3

Explanation: From north to south, the major hill ranges of the southern Western Ghats occur in the following sequence: Nilgiri Hills (Doddabetta) → Anaimalai Hills → Palani Hills → Cardamom Hills → Agasthyamalai Hills.
Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following description:

1. It is a major tributary of the Cauvery River flowing through the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
2. It is the second-largest river in Tamil Nadu.
3. It originates in the Nilgiri Hills of the Western Ghats, flows through the Silent Valley National Park in Kerala, and then re-enters Tamil Nadu.

Which one of the following rivers is best described above?

- (a) Kabini River
(b) Amaravathi River
(c) Bhavani River
(d) Noyyal River

Answer: (c) Bhavani River

Explanation: The Bhavani River originates in the Nilgiri Hills, flows through Kerala's Silent Valley National Park, re-enters Tamil Nadu, and is a major perennial tributary of the Cauvery River.
Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

1. Unjha Jeera — Rajasthan
2. Bhalia Wheat — Maharashtra
3. Kachchhi Kharek — Gujarat

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation: Only Kachchhi Kharek is correctly matched with Gujarat; Unjha Jeera and Bhalia Wheat are also GI-tagged products of Gujarat, not Rajasthan and Maharashtra, respectively.
Source- [IE](#)

Q4. A Superintendent of Police (SP) is leading a force to manage a large public protest. During the protest, a section of the crowd turns violent and begins pelting stones, injuring several police personnel. A police constable, without waiting for orders from his superior, uses an electroshock device (stun gun/TASER) to disperse the crowd. A departmental inquiry is subsequently initiated against him.

Which of the following best reflects the ethical and legal principles governing the use of force by the police in such a situation?

1. Police personnel should adhere to the principle of minimum necessary force and follow the prescribed escalation protocol before resorting to force.
2. Electroshock devices may be used for crowd control at the discretion of any police personnel if the situation appears dangerous.
3. Accountability and adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) remain essential even when police personnel claim to have acted in good faith during emergencies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (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: Ethical policing requires proportionate use of force, adherence to SOPs and lawful orders, and accountability, while force cannot be used solely at the discretion of an individual officer.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the SAMARTH Portal:

1. It is a digital initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. It is designed to facilitate direct cash transfers to beneficiaries under MGNREGA.

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: The SAMARTH Portal aims to strengthen the financial capacity of Gram Panchayats through technology-enabled management of Own Source Revenue (OSR), not to facilitate MGNREGA payments.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the KALPASAR Project:

1. The Project envisages the construction of a freshwater reservoir in the Gulf of Khambhat by constructing a dam across the Gulf.
2. The project aims to address the freshwater scarcity of Saurashtra while also reducing the distance and travel time between southern Gujarat and Saurashtra.

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: KALPASAR (Kalpasar Irrigation Project) proposes a dam across the Gulf of Khambhat to create a large freshwater reservoir, besides a road-cum-rail corridor across the Gulf.

Statement 2 is correct: The project is intended to provide a major source of freshwater for the water-stressed Saurashtra region and improve connectivity between Saurashtra and mainland Gujarat.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Shindo Shaking Scale, consider the following statements:

1. The Shindo scale, used in Japan, measures the intensity of ground shaking at a particular location, rather than the total energy released by an earthquake.
2. The Shindo scale ranges from 1 to 10, with each successive level representing a tenfold increase in earthquake magnitude.

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 Shindo (Japan Meteorological Agency seismic intensity) scale measures the degree of shaking experienced at a specific location. It therefore differs from earthquake magnitude scales, which quantify the energy released at the source.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Shindo scale has 10 intensity levels: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-lower, 5-upper, 6-lower, 6-upper and 7. It is not a magnitude scale, and the levels do not represent tenfold increase in earthquake energy.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Q8. Tigidia singhal, seen in the news recently, is a?

- (a) It is a newly described species of trapdoor spider.
- (b) It is a newly identified species of grassland bird.
- (c) It is a species of freshwater crab endemic to Maharashtra.
- (d) It is a new species of scorpion found in the Western Ghats.

Answer: A

Explanation: a newly described species of trapdoor spider

- Tigidia singhal is a newly described species of trapdoor spider (Araneae: Barychelidae), discovered in the semi-arid grasslands of Maharashtra's Deccan Plateau.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about Houbara Bustard:

- 1. It lives in vast plains and semi-arid regions in pebbly, sandy deserts.
- 2. It is normally silent and rarely makes vocal sounds.
- 3. It is classified as critically endangered by the IUCN.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: It lives in vast plains and semi-arid regions in pebbly, sandy deserts with scattered vegetation cover. It is found in parts of Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

Statement 2 is correct: It is normally silent and rarely makes vocal sounds.

Statement 3 is incorrect: IUCN: It is classified as Vulnerable.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q10. With reference to Blue Straggler Stars, consider the following statements:

- 1. Blue straggler stars are unusually hot, blue and apparently younger-looking stars found in old stellar populations such as globular clusters.
- 2. They are believed to form through processes such as stellar mergers or mass transfer in binary star systems, allowing them to appear younger than the surrounding stars.

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: Blue stragglers are stars that appear bluer, hotter and younger than the main-sequence turnoff stars of the old stellar population in which they are found.

Statement 2 is correct: Their unusual properties can arise through mass transfer from a companion or stellar collisions/mergers, giving them additional mass and extending their apparent main-sequence lifetime.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (30 July)

Q1. Consider the following description:

1. It is a traditional tribal wall art that originated mainly in the tribal regions of Gujarat.
2. It is traditionally executed by specialist ritual painters known as Lakharas under the guidance of a priest called Badwa.
3. It was recently awarded a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2026.

Which of the following refers to the above description?

- (a) Warli Painting
- (b) Sohrai Painting
- (c) Pithora Painting
- (d) Saura Painting

Answer: (c) Pithora Painting

Explanation: Pithora Painting is a ritualistic tribal wall art of the Rathwa, Bhil, and Bhilala communities of Gujarat. It is traditionally painted by Lakharas under the guidance of a Badwa and received a GI tag in 2026.

Source- [NM](#)

Q2. SHetA2 Therapy, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) An immunotherapy used to stimulate the body's immune response against cervical cancer
- (b) A small-molecule therapy designed to prevent HPV infection from progressing to cervical cancer
- (c) A CAR-T cell therapy developed for the treatment of HPV-associated cancers
- (d) A stem cell-based therapy for the regeneration of cervical tissue damaged by HPV infection

Answer: (b)

Explanation: SHetA2 is an investigational small-molecule therapy that disrupts the interaction between HPV oncoproteins and host proteins, thereby preventing persistent HPV infection from progressing to cervical cancer. It is not an immunotherapy, CAR-T cell therapy, or stem cell-based therapy.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the latest draft notification on the proposed Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA) in the Western Ghats

1. Among the six States covered under the proposed ESA, Karnataka accounts for the largest area proposed to be notified as Ecologically Sensitive Area.
2. The draft notification proposes a complete prohibition on mining, quarrying and sand mining within the proposed ESA.
3. The proposed Eco-Sensitive Areas are based on the recommendations of the Madhav Gadgil Committee.

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: The latest draft notification is based on the recommendations of the High-Level Working Group (K. Kasturirangan Committee), which reviewed the earlier Madhav Gadgil Committee report. Karnataka has the largest proposed ESA area (20,668 sq. km.), and the draft notification proposes a complete ban on mining, quarrying and sand mining within the ESA.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Which of the following protected areas are situated within the Cauvery River Basin?

1. Nagarhole National Park
2. Papikonda National Park
3. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
4. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (c) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: Nagarhole National Park, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, and Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary lie within the Cauvery River Basin, whereas Papikonda National Park is located in the Godavari River Basin in Andhra Pradesh.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Koldam Hydro Power Project:

1. It is located on the Beas River.
 2. It is situated in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
- 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 Koldam Hydro Power Project is located on the Satluj River, not the Beas River, and is situated in Himachal Pradesh.

Source- [PTI](#)

Q6. The DAANVEER Initiative, seen in the news recently, is launched by?

- a) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- b) Ministry of Rural Development
- c) Ministry of Defence
- d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Answer: A

Explanation: Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- DAANVEER initiative is a citizen participation initiative to strengthen the digital infrastructure of Gram Panchayats across the country. It is launched by Ministry of Panchayati Raj in New Delhi.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Rusty-spotted Cat (*Prionailurus rubiginosus*), consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the world's smallest wild cat species, native to the Indian subcontinent.
2. The species is classified as Critically 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 Rusty-spotted Cat is among the smallest wild cat species in the world. It is found in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka and enjoys the highest legal protection under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The species is classified as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List, not Critically Endangered.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme:

1. It is a central sector scheme.
2. It aims to provide financial support to meritorious students in their pursuit of higher education.
3. The beneficiaries of the scheme are chosen from public institutions of higher education only.

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

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: It is a Central Sector Scheme to provide financial support to meritorious students in their pursuit of higher education.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme targets students who have secured admission to any of India's top 860 Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs), both private and government, as ranked by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Nirbhay Netri Initiative:

1. Nirbhay Netri is a component of the Ministry of Women and Child Development's Nirbhay Raho' programme.
2. It aims to provide legal literacy, leadership development, and capacity-building to elected women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions.
3. The initiative is implemented under the Nirbhaya Fund.

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: Nirbhay Netri is one of the three components of the Nirbhay Raho programme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Statement 2 is correct: The initiative focuses on legal literacy, leadership, and capacity-building of elected women representatives.

Statement 3 is correct: The programme is implemented under the Nirbhaya Fund and targets more than 14.5 lakh elected women representatives across India to strengthen gender-responsive grassroots governance.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Environmental Performance Index (EPI) is released by which of the following?

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and World Bank
- (b) Yale University and Columbia University, in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF)
- (c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and UNEP
- (d) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Answer: B

Explanation: Yale University and Columbia University, in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF)

- The Environmental Performance Index (EPI) is developed and published by:
 - Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy (YCELP), Yale University
 - Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), Columbia University
- The index is published in collaboration with the World Economic Forum.

Source: [DTE](#)

10 PM MCQs (31 July)

Q1. ILO Convention No. 193, recently seen in the news, is primarily related to:

- (a) Elimination of child labour in hazardous industries
- (b) Occupational safety and health in mining industries
- (c) Protection of migrant workers during armed conflicts
- (d) Decent work and labour rights in the platform economy

Answer: (d) Decent work and labour rights in the platform economy

Explanation: ILO Convention No. 193, adopted at the 114th International Labour Conference (2026), lays down international labour standards for the platform economy

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to Research and Development (R&D), consider the following statements:

- 1. As per the latest official data (2023–24), the private sector accounts for more than half of India's Gross Expenditure on Research and Development (GERD).
- 2. India's Gross Expenditure on Research and Development (GERD) is more than 1% of its GDP.

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:** As per the latest official R&D statistics for 2023–24 (released in July 2026), the private sector contributed 51.8% of India's Gross Expenditure on Research and Development (GERD), accounting for more than half of the country's total R&D expenditure for the first time.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India's GERD was 0.83% of GDP in 2023–24, which is less than 1%. Although R&D expenditure has increased to ₹2.45 lakh crore, India's R&D intensity remains below 1% of GDP and is lower than that of countries such as China, the United States, Japan, South Korea, and Israel.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. INS NIPUN – Diving Support Vessel (DSV)
- 2. INS Machilipatnam – Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)
- 3. INS Arnala – Guided Missile Destroyer

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is Correct:** INS NIPUN is a Diving Support Vessel (DSV) built for the Indian Navy to support deep-sea diving and submarine rescue operations.
- **Pair 2 is Correct:** INS Machilipatnam is the seventh Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) built for the Indian Navy.
- **Pair 3 is Incorrect:** INS Arnala is the first Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), not a Guided Missile Destroyer.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Cloudbursts are highly localized extreme rainfall events that can cause flash floods and landslides.

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Statement II: Cloudbursts are characterized by prolonged heavy rainfall over a large geographical area. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement I is correct:** A cloudburst is a localized, short-duration event of extremely heavy rainfall that can trigger flash floods and landslides.
- **Statement II is incorrect:** Cloudbursts are not characterized by prolonged rainfall over a large area; they occur over a small geographical area within a short period.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following descriptions:

1. It is located within the Bodoland Territorial Region of Assam.
2. It lies along the India–Bhutan border and forms part of a transboundary conservation landscape with protected areas in Bhutan.
3. The Sankosh, Saralbhangra, and Pekua rivers form its western, eastern, and southern boundaries, respectively.

The above descriptions refer to:

- (a) Manas National Park
- (b) Raimona National Park
- (c) Orang National Park
- (d) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

Answer: (b) Raimona National Park

Source- [IT](#)

Q6. With reference to the Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ), consider the following statements:

1. The first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) of India is to be established in Gujarat.
2. It is being developed under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) with a focus on attracting investments in next-generation telecom technologies, including 5G and 6G equipment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Government of Madhya Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish India's first integrated Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Statement 2 is correct: The initiative is spearheaded by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, and seeks to attract investments in advanced telecom technologies, including 5G, 6G, optical networking, telecom electronics, and related components.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. "He witnessed the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919. He was deeply impacted by this incident and took a revolutionary path. In 1924, he joined the Ghadar Party and was also associated with the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA). He adopted the name "Ram Mohammad Singh Azad" to symbolize India's religious unity."

Which one of the following personalities is described in the above paragraph?

- (a) Bhagat Singh
- (b) Kartar Singh Sarabha
- (c) Udham Singh
- (d) Chandrashekhar Azad

Answer: C

Explanation: Udham Singh

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about the Alaknanda River:

- 1. It originates from the Satopanth Glacier near Chaukhamba Peak in Uttarakhand.
- 2. It joins the Bhagirathi River at Rudraprayag to form the Ganga.
- 3. At the time of the formation of Ganga, Alaknanda's contribution to the flow is much smaller than that of Bhagirathi.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Alaknanda originates from the Satopanth Glacier (fed by the Satopanth and Bhagirath Kharak glaciers) near Chaukhamba massif in Uttarakhand.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It meets the Bhagirathi at Devprayag, from where the river is known as the Ganga.

Statement 3 is incorrect: At Devprayag, the Alaknanda is longer and carries a greater volume of water than the Bhagirathi.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Ceuta and Melilla, recently seen in the news, are:

- (a) Autonomous Spanish enclaves on the northern coast of Africa bordering Morocco
- (b) Portuguese islands located in the Atlantic Ocean
- (c) French overseas departments in the Mediterranean Sea
- (d) Italian territories located on the Adriatic coast

Answer: A

Explanation: Autonomous Spanish enclaves on the northern coast of Africa bordering Morocco

- Ceuta and Melilla, seen in the news recently, are autonomous Spanish enclaves (autonomous cities) located on the northern coast of Africa, bordering Morocco. They constitute the European Union's only land borders with Africa and have been in the news due to a large influx of migrants from Morocco into Ceuta.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. 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](#)