

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (1 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements:

1. Turkmenistan is known for its abundant uranium reserves and is a major producer of the mineral.
2. Kazakhstan is particularly known for its large reserves of natural gas.

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: Kazakhstan is particularly known for its significant uranium reserves, while Turkmenistan is renowned for its large natural gas reserves.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Hanging Glaciers:

Statement I: Hanging glaciers are typically found on steep mountain slopes, with their snouts terminating abruptly above the main valley floor.

Statement II: Hanging glaciers are formed mainly when tributary glaciers become disconnected from larger valley glaciers due to glacial retreat and warming.

Which one of the following is correct?

- A. Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I.
- B. Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II is not the correct explanation of Statement I.
- C. Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect.
- D. Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct.

Answer: A. Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I.

Explanation: Hanging glaciers are perched on steep mountain walls and end abruptly above the main valley. They can form when retreat of larger valley glaciers leaves smaller tributary glaciers stranded at higher elevations.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Which of the following states has become the first in India to formulate a Pedestrian Safety Policy?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: B. Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: Andhra Pradesh has become the first state in India to formulate a Pedestrian Safety Policy after the Supreme Court recognised the right to walk on footpaths as a fundamental right.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP):

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It aims to control and eradicate Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis through vaccination.
3. Under NADCP, 100% vaccination against Brucellosis is targeted for both male and female bovine calves.

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: Under NADCP, 100% vaccination against Brucellosis is targeted for female bovine calves aged 4–8 months, not both male and female calves.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Shuddhi Practice:

1. Shuddhi was associated with the Arya Samaj and sought to bring converts back into the Hindu/Vedic fold.
2. The practice remained largely confined to individual reconversions and did not develop into a mass movement.

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: Shuddhi was associated with the Arya Samaj and aimed at reconversion to the Hindu/Vedic fold. While initially focused on individuals, it later developed into a mass movement, particularly under Swami Shradhdhanand in the 1920s.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT):

1. It is a quasi-judicial authority dealing with corporate disputes of civil nature arising under the Companies Act, 2013.
2. It was constituted on the recommendations of the Balakrishna Eradi Committee.
3. It has the power to review/scrutinize its own orders and regulate its own procedure.
4. Appeals against NCLT decisions lie directly to the Supreme Court of India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3 only

- **Statement 1 is correct** — NCLT is a quasi-judicial body under the Companies Act, 2013.
- **Statement 2 is correct** — It was established based on the Eradi Committee's recommendations.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — It can review its own orders and regulate its procedure.

- **Statement 4 is incorrect** — Appeals first go to the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), and then to the Supreme Court on a point of law.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Ramon Magsaysay Award:

1. It is considered Asia's highest honor, often called the Asian Nobel Prize.
2. It is awarded annually.

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: C

- **Statement 1 is Correct** – The award is often referred to as the Asian Nobel Prize.
- **Statement 2 is Correct** – The award is conferred annually to individuals and organisations in Asia.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Q8. The Larak Island, seen in the news recently, is located in which one of the following water bodies?

- (a) Gulf of Oman
- (b) Gulf of Aden
- (c) Red Sea
- (d) Persian Gulf

Answer: D

Explanation: Persian Gulf

- Larak Island is an Iranian island located in the Persian Gulf, near the Strait of Hormuz.

Source: [First Post](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):

1. The SCO is a permanent intergovernmental organisation aimed at regional security and economic cooperation in Eurasia.
2. Its Secretariat is located in Beijing.
3. Afghanistan and Mongolia are full member states of the SCO.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 2

- Afghanistan and Mongolia are observer states, not full members of the SCO, making statement 3 incorrect.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. 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) Sone
- (b) Ken
- (c) Chambal
- (d) Betwa

Answer: A

Explanation: Sone

- The Sone 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: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (2 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):

1. Under PMFBY, farmers pay a maximum premium of 2% for Kharif crops and 1.5% for Rabi crops.
2. PMFBY provides coverage for certain post-harvest losses for up to 14 days.
3. War and riots are among the risks covered under PMFBY.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation: PMFBY caps the farmer's premium at 2% for Kharif and 1.5% for Rabi foodgrain and oilseed crops. Specified post-harvest losses are covered for up to 14 days. War and riots are excluded risks under the scheme.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Exercise Super Garuda Shield, recently in the news, is a joint military exercise between:

- A. India and Indonesia
- B. Indonesia and the United States
- C. India and the United States
- D. Indonesia and Japan

Answer: B. Indonesia and the United States

Explanation: Super Garuda Shield is an annual military exercise hosted by Indonesia and conducted with the United States and other partner countries. It focuses on enhancing military interoperability, readiness and cooperation across multiple domains.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q3. Consider the following crops:

1. Cotton

2. Groundnut
3. Rice
4. Wheat

Which of the crops given above are Kharif crops?

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

Answer: A. 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Cotton, groundnut and rice are generally Kharif crops, sown with the onset of the southwest monsoon. Wheat is a Rabi crop.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. The Attunli Hydroelectric Project, recently in the news, is located in which of the following states?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: D. Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: The 680 MW Attunli Hydroelectric Project is a run-of-the-river hydropower project located in Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Source- [PBD](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Distinguished Jurist Provision:

1. Article 124(3) (c) recognises a distinguished jurist as one of the qualifications for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
2. The 42nd Constitutional Amendment introduced a similar provision for the appointment of distinguished jurists as High Court judges.

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: Article 124(3)(c) recognises a distinguished jurist as one of the qualifications for appointment as a Supreme Court judge. The 42nd Amendment extended a similar provision to High Courts, which was later repealed by the 44th Amendment Act, 1978.

Source- [HT](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Cold allodynia:

1. It is a condition in which the sufferer may feel pain or distress from even a regular level of cold temperatures.
2. Cold allodynia specifically is known to be one of the side effects of oxaliplatin, a commonly used chemotherapy drug.

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: Cold allodynia is a condition in which the sufferer may feel pain or distress from even a regular level of cold temperatures.

Statement 2 is correct: Cold allodynia specifically is known to be one of the side effects of oxaliplatin, a commonly used chemotherapy drug that contains platinum.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. The Achilles Shield, seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) High-energy laser-based counter-drone system developed by Israel
- (b) Long-range surface-to-air missile system developed by France
- (c) Shipborne anti-ballistic missile defence system developed by the United States
- (d) Electronic intelligence and surveillance satellite developed by Greece

Answer: A

Explanation: High-energy laser-based counter-drone system developed by Israel

- The Achilles Shield is an Israeli high-energy laser (HEL) counter-UAS system designed to detect, track and neutralise drone threats. It represents the use of directed-energy technology for counter-drone defence, offering a potentially low-cost-per-intercept option compared with conventional kinetic interceptors.

Source: [Politico](#)

Q8. With reference to the Wakefield Accelerator, consider the following statements:

1. A Wakefield accelerator uses a plasma-based technique in which a strong plasma wave, generated by a laser pulse or particle beam, can accelerate charged particles over much shorter distances than conventional radio-frequency accelerators.
2. Unlike conventional accelerators, a Wakefield accelerator accelerates particles primarily through magnetic fields rather than through electric fields associated with plasma waves.

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: Wakefield acceleration is a technique in which a high-energy laser pulse or particle beam travels through plasma and creates a strong plasma wave ("wake"). Charged particles can then be accelerated by the extremely strong electric fields associated with this wake, potentially reducing accelerator length substantially.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The principal accelerating force comes from the electric field of the plasma wake, not primarily from magnetic fields.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF):

1. The Pacific Islands Forum is a regional inter-governmental organization comprising countries and territories of the Pacific region.
2. The Forum's membership includes Australia and New Zealand along with several Pacific Island countries.
3. The headquarters of the Pacific Islands Forum is located in Suva, Fiji.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) is a regional political and economic organization of Pacific countries and territories. It was established in 1971 to promote regional cooperation, dialogue and collective interests among Pacific states.

Statement 2 is correct: The PIF includes 18 members, including Australia and New Zealand, along with Pacific Island countries such as Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu and others.

Statement 3 is correct: The PIF Secretariat is headquartered in Suva, Fiji..

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following description:

This lake, fed by the rivers Meenachil, Achankovil, Pampa, and Manimala, was designated as a Ramsar Site in 2002 and identified under the National Wetlands Conservation Programme. The Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is located on its eastern coast, and the lake is known for hosting migratory birds arriving from Siberia and the Himalayas.

Which of the following lakes is referred to in the above description?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Vembanad Lake

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (3 September)

Q1. Consider the following description:

1. She was the queen-regent of Ramgarh and emerged as a prominent leader during the Indian Rebellion of 1857.
2. She led an army of around 4,000 troops at the Battle of Kheri against the British forces near Mandla.
3. She later adopted guerrilla warfare from the forests of Devhargarh against the British.

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

- A. Rani Durgavati
- B. Maharani Avantibai Lodhi
- C. Rani Lakshmibai
- D. Jhalkari Bai

Answer: B. Maharani Avantibai Lodhi

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Article 142 of the Constitution of India:

1. It empowers the Supreme Court to pass orders necessary for securing complete justice in any matter pending before it.
2. The power under Article 142 can be exercised only when no statutory remedy is available.
3. The exercise of this power is subject to constitutional limitations.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 142 empowers the Supreme Court to pass orders or decrees necessary to ensure complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Article 142 is not limited to cases where no statutory remedy exists. The Supreme Court can exercise this power even where existing laws or remedies are inadequate to secure complete justice.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The power is wide but not unlimited and cannot be exercised in violation of constitutional provisions, including fundamental rights.

Source- [IT](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope:

1. It is primarily designed to conduct high-resolution observations of individual stars within the Milky Way.
2. It is being developed and managed primarily by the European Space Agency (ESA).

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:** The Roman Space Telescope is designed for wide-field surveys of the universe, including studies of dark energy, dark matter and exoplanets, rather than primarily observing individual stars in the Milky Way.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The telescope is a NASA-led mission, not an ESA-led mission.

Source- [DDnews](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the World Nomad Games:

1. The 6th World Nomad Games are being hosted by Kyrgyzstan.
2. The World Nomad Games are held annually.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The 6th World Nomad Games are being held in Kyrgyzstan from August 31 to September 6, 2026.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The World Nomad Games are a biennial event, held once every two years.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The Typhon Missile System, recently in the news, has been developed by:

- A. United Kingdom
- B. France
- C. United States
- D. China

Answer: C. United States

Explanation: The Typhon Missile System, also known as the Mid-Range Capability (MRC), is a U.S. surface-to-surface missile system developed by Lockheed Martin. It is designed to launch multiple types of missiles.

Source- [WION](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Reverse Vaccinology:

1. Reverse vaccinology uses genomic and bioinformatic information of a pathogen to identify potential vaccine targets, rather than relying primarily on conventional laboratory-based identification of antigens.
2. The approach can facilitate identification of vaccine candidates that may be difficult to discover using traditional methods, including antigens that are poorly expressed or difficult to culture.

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: Reverse vaccinology uses genomic sequencing, bioinformatics and computational analysis to identify potential vaccine antigens directly from a pathogen's genome.

Statement 2 is correct: It can identify novel antigens that may be difficult to detect through conventional methods, including proteins that are poorly expressed or difficult to obtain through laboratory culture.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Pichavaram Mangrove:

1. The Pichavaram Mangrove is located in the Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu, between the Vellar and Coleroon estuaries.
2. It is a Ramsar Site.

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

- Pichavaram Mangrove is located in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu, between the Vellar Estuary in the north and Coleroon Estuary in the south. It was designated a Ramsar Site in 2002. The ecosystem helps stabilize shorelines, reduce erosion and acts as a bio-shield against natural disasters.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the proposed Public Insurance Registry (PIR):

1. The PIR is envisaged as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), launched by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai).
2. The PIR is proposed to function as a single centralized database in which all underlying insurance records of insurers, intermediaries and policyholders would be permanently stored.

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

- The proposed PIR is an interoperable digital infrastructure for the insurance sector. It is launched by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai). Importantly, it is not intended to be a single centralised repository; the underlying data would remain with the institutions that hold it, while PIR would provide a common access layer with controlled, purpose-based access.

Source: [BS](#)

Q9. The 'Limiting Overshoot' Report, recently seen in the news, is released by which one of the following?

- (a) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- (b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (c) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- (d) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Answer: B

Explanation: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- Limiting Overshoot: Navigating exceedance of 1.5°C and pathways towards return is a UNEP report released on 2 September 2026. It examines the implications of exceeding the 1.5°C warming threshold and pathways to limit the magnitude and duration of the overshoot and eventually return below 1.5°C.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Myristica Swamps:

1. Myristica swamps are freshwater swamp ecosystems dominated by members of the Myristicaceae family and are considered relics of ancient swamp forests.
2. In India, Myristica swamps are primarily associated with the Western Ghats, particularly in Karnataka, Kerala and Goa.

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: Myristica swamps are freshwater swamp forests characterized by trees belonging to the Myristicaceae family, particularly *Myristica fatua* var. *magnifica* and *Gymnacranthera canarica*. They are regarded as relict ecosystems, representing remnants of ancient swamp forests.

Statement 2 is correct: In India, these unique swamp forests occur mainly in the Western Ghats, especially in Kerala, Karnataka and Goa. They are associated with low-lying, permanently waterlogged areas along streams and river valleys.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (4 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the SCO Summit 2026:

1. The 26th SCO Summit was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
2. The official theme of the summit was “25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity.”
3. The SCO Presidency was handed over to Pakistan for 2026–27.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The 26th SCO Summit was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The official theme of the 2026 SCO Summit was “25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity.”
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The rotating SCO Presidency was handed over to Pakistan for the 2026–27 tenure.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. While explaining Indian Standard Time, a teacher asks why 82°30' E is important and how it differs from the Prime Meridian. Consider the following statements:

1. The Prime Meridian is a meridian of 0° longitude.
2. India's Standard Meridian lies east of the Prime Meridian.
3. Moving eastward from one meridian to another generally results in earlier local solar time.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Prime Meridian represents 0° longitude and passes through Greenwich.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India's Standard Meridian is 82°30' E, so it lies east of the Prime Meridian.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** As one moves eastward, local solar time becomes later, not earlier, because the Earth rotates from west to east.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding GDP:

1. Real GDP measures changes in the quantity of goods and services produced by removing the effect of price changes.
2. Nominal GDP can increase even when the actual volume of production remains unchanged.

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:** Real GDP is measured at constant prices and therefore excludes the effect of price changes.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Nominal GDP is measured at current prices and can rise solely because of an increase in prices, even if the volume of production remains unchanged.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Khagantak-243, recently in the news, is best described as:

- A. A submarine-launched ballistic missile
- B. An airborne long-range stand-off precision-guided glide bomb
- C. A surface-to-air missile system
- D. An unmanned combat aerial vehicle

Answer: B. An airborne long-range stand-off precision-guided glide bomb

Explanation: Khagantak-243 is a 300-kg-class airborne long-range stand-off precision-guided glide bomb, jointly developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and JSR Dynamics.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Interim Government of 1946:

1. Jawaharlal Nehru served as the Vice-President of the Viceroy's Executive Council and effectively headed the Interim Government.
2. The Muslim League joined the Interim Government.
3. The Interim Government functioned under the Government of India Act, 1935.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only

- C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Interim Government was formed in September 1946. Jawaharlal Nehru became the Vice-President of the Viceroy's Executive Council and effectively headed the government.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Muslim League initially refused to join the Interim Government but subsequently joined it in October 1946, with Liaquat Ali Khan becoming the Finance Member.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Interim Government functioned under the existing Government of India Act, 1919, through the restructured Viceroy's Executive Council

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Agentic AI Skilling Program:

1. It has been launched by National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with Intel India.
2. It aims at expanding access to industry-aligned Agentic AI learning opportunities and contributing to the development of a future-ready AI talent ecosystem in the country.

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: Agentic AI Skilling Program has been launched by National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with Intel India.

Statement 2 is correct: It aimed at expanding access to industry-aligned Agentic AI learning opportunities and contributing to the development of a future-ready AI talent ecosystem in the country.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Barentsburg, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- a) Greenland
b) Norway
c) Russia
d) Iceland

Answer: B

Explanation: Svalbard, Norway

- Barentsburg is a Russian-operated coal-mining settlement on the Svalbard archipelago, which is under Norwegian sovereignty.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the appointment of an Acting Chief Justice of a High Court:

1. The President of India may appoint a Judge of a High Court to perform the duties of the Chief Justice when the office of Chief Justice is vacant or when the Chief Justice is unable to perform the duties of the office.

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2. The Acting Chief Justice enjoys all the powers and performs all the functions of the Chief Justice until a permanent Chief Justice assumes office.

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

- Article 223 of the Constitution deals with the appointment of an Acting Chief Justice of a High Court. When the office of Chief Justice is vacant, or the Chief Justice is unable to perform the duties, the President may appoint another Judge of the Court to perform those duties.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding BIO-NIVESH, recently launched by the Government of India:

- 1. It is a strategic platform aimed at strengthening engagement between biotechnology innovators and the investment community to catalyse private capital for scale-up and commercialisation.
- 2. The platform has been launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in collaboration with the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

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

- BIO-NIVESH was launched in September 2026. It seeks to bridge the gap between biotechnology innovation and private investment, helping promising innovations move from research to industry, scale and markets. The initiative involves BIRAC under the Department of Biotechnology.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the National Policy on Geothermal Energy, 2025:

- 1. It aims to promote systematic exploration and development of India's geothermal resources, including both electricity generation and direct-use applications.
- 2. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is the nodal ministry for implementation of the policy.
- 3. Country's first geothermal wells under this policy were commissioned in Puga Valley, Ladakh.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

- The National Policy on Geothermal Energy was notified in September 2025. It seeks to establish geothermal energy as a major renewable-energy source through exploration, drilling, reservoir

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management and direct-use applications. MNRE is the nodal ministry. The ONGC Energy Centre commissioned the country's first two geothermal wells in Puga Valley, Ladakh.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (5 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: A positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) can reduce the adverse impact of El Niño on the Indian monsoon.

Statement-II: During a positive IOD, the western Indian Ocean is relatively warmer while the eastern Indian Ocean is relatively cooler, which can favour monsoon rainfall over India.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II 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: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement-I is correct:** A positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) can partly offset the negative influence of El Niño on the Indian summer monsoon. Therefore, El Niño does not always result in deficient monsoon rainfall.
- **Statement-II is correct:** During a positive IOD, the western Indian Ocean becomes relatively warmer, while the eastern Indian Ocean near Indonesia becomes relatively cooler. This temperature contrast can favour atmospheric conditions conducive to stronger rainfall over the Indian subcontinent.
- Hence, the conditions associated with a positive IOD explain how it can reduce the adverse

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements:

1. It is an east-flowing river that originates in Jharkhand and drains into the Bay of Bengal.
2. It flows through the States of Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.
3. Kanchi, Kharkai and Karkari are among its important tributaries.

Which of the following rivers is being described?

- A. Damodar River
- B. Subarnarekha River
- C. Brahmani River
- D. Baitarani River

Answer: B. Subarnarekha River

Source- [NIE](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

1. France
2. Luxembourg
3. Germany
4. Netherlands

How many of the above share a land border with Belgium?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

Answer: D. All four

Explanation: Belgium shares land borders with France, Luxembourg, Germany, and the Netherlands. It also has a maritime boundary with the North Sea.

Source- [NDTV](#)

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

1. Government law officers and legal firms are recognized as advocates, but corporate lawyers and patent attorneys are excluded from recognition as advocates.
2. The Bar Council of India has the power to lay down standards of legal education and recognition of law colleges.
3. The Attorney General of India and the Solicitor General of India are ex-officio members of the Bar Council of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Corporate lawyers and patent attorneys are not excluded from recognition as advocates merely because of their professional roles. Eligibility for enrolment is governed by the Advocates Act, 1961 and relevant rules.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Bar Council of India (BCI) is empowered to lay down standards of legal education and recognize universities whose law degrees qualify a person for enrolment as an advocate.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Attorney General of India and the Solicitor General of India are ex-officio members of the Bar Council of India.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The term 'Osbeckia ulotricha', recently in the news, refers to:

- A. A freshwater fish species
- B. A butterfly species
- C. A flowering plant species
- D. An amphibian species

Answer: C. flowering plant species

Explanation: Osbeckia ulotricha is a newly identified flowering plant species belonging to the Melastomataceae family.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):

Statement I: Under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), a coastal state has sovereign rights to explore, exploit, conserve, and manage resources up to 200 nautical miles from its coast.

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Statement II: India's Exclusive Economic Zone extends up to 200 nautical miles, covering around 23 lakh sq km — one of the smallest in the world.

Which one of the following is correct?

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

Statement I is correct: The 1982 UNCLOS grants coastal states sovereign rights within 200 nautical miles of their coasts.

Statement II is incorrect: India's EEZ of about 23 lakh sq km is one of the largest, not the smallest, in the world.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. With reference to the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects, consider the following statements:

- 1. The scheme aims to promote conversion of coal and lignite into syngas for use in chemicals, fertilizers, and clean energy applications.
- 2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Coal with financial incentives to both public and private sector entities.
- 3. The financial incentive under the scheme for any single project is capped at Rs. 5,000 crore.

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: Coal/lignite gasification produces syngas ($\text{CO} + \text{H}_2$) used in fertilizers, methanol, chemicals, and cleaner fuels.

Statement 2 is correct: Scheme is notified by the Ministry of Coal and includes financial support/incentives for projects.

Statement 3 is correct: Financial incentive for:

- Any single project capped at Rs. 5,000 crore
- For any single product (except Synthetic Natural Gas and Urea) is capped at Rs. 9,000 crore
- Any single entity group is capped at Rs. 12,000 crore across all projects.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The port city of Mokha, seen in the news recently, is located along which of the following water bodies?

- (a) Gulf of Aden
- (b) Arabian Sea
- (c) Red Sea
- (d) Gulf of Oman

Answer: C

Explanation: Red Sea

- Mokha (Mocha) is a port city in western Yemen, situated on the Red Sea coast, close to the strategically important Bab-el-Mandeb Strait. The strait connects the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The Mercator map makes countries and regions near the equator look smaller, while areas near the poles appear much larger.

Statement II: Mercator map is a cylindrical map projection which is derived mathematically.

Which one of the following is correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I.

- Mercator map is a cylindrical map projection which is derived mathematically. It has a grid pattern with longitudes (or meridians) and latitudes (or parallels) at 90-degree angles. The Mercator map makes countries and regions near the equator look smaller, while areas near the poles appear much larger.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Bundelkhand region:

- 1. It is a semi-arid plateau region spread across southern Uttar Pradesh and northern Madhya Pradesh.
- 2. The Ken and Betwa rivers are the major rivers of this region.

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

Statement 1 is correct: Bundelkhand is a semi-arid plateau region spread across southern Uttar Pradesh and northern Madhya Pradesh.

Statement 2 is correct: Important rivers include Betwa, Ken, Dhasan and Sonar, along with other seasonal streams.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

10 PM MCQs (7 September)

Q1. 'X', a prominent American feminist activist and writer, was a pioneering figure of the Second Wave feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Identify 'X':

- A. Gloria Steinem
- B. Betty Friedan

- C. Simone de Beauvoir
- D. Germaine Greer

Answer: A. Gloria Steinem

Explanation: Gloria Steinem was a prominent American feminist activist and writer and a pioneering figure of the Second Wave feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s. The movement broadened the focus of feminism to issues including workplace equality, gender discrimination and reproductive rights.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements about Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan:

1. He was the first Vice-President and second President of India.
2. He chaired the University Education Commission.
3. He served as India's Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

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:** Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was the first Vice-President and the second President of India.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** He chaired the University Education Commission, which examined the state of higher education in independent India.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** He served as India's Ambassador to the Soviet Union before becoming Vice-President.

Source- [FP](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Northern Goshawk:

1. It is the State Bird of Himachal Pradesh.
2. It is listed as Least Concern 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: B. 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Western Tragopan is the State Bird of Himachal Pradesh. The Northern Goshawk is not its State Bird.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Northern Goshawk is classified as Least Concern (LC) on the IUCN Red List

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. South Sudan
2. Ethiopia
3. Somalia
4. Rwanda
5. Uganda

How many of the above countries share a land border with Kenya?

- A. Only two
- B. Only three
- C. Only four
- D. All five

Answer: C. Only four

Explanation: Kenya shares land borders with South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia and Uganda. Rwanda does not share a land border with Kenya.

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Veer Guardian:

1. It is a bilateral air exercise between India and Japan.
2. Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 is being conducted in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

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:** Exercise Veer Guardian is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 2026 edition is being conducted in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, not Nagpur, Maharashtra.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. The Mount Anak Krakatau, seen in the news recently, is located in:

- (a) Sunda Strait, between Java and Sumatra
- (b) Lombok Strait, between Bali and Lombok
- (c) Makassar Strait, between Borneo and Sulawesi
- (d) Malacca Strait, between Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula

Answer: A

Explanation: Sunda Strait, between Java and Sumatra

- Mount Anak Krakatau is an active volcanic island located in the Sunda Strait, between Java and Sumatra in Indonesia. It is part of the Krakatau volcanic complex and lies within Indonesia's Pacific Ring of Fire.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following countries:

1. Belgium
2. Germany

3. France
4. Netherlands

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

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Not Netherlands

- Luxembourg is bordered by Belgium to the west and north, Germany to the east, and France to the south and west.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK):

1. It is a statutory body.
2. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is the nodal ministry of this commission.
3. The NCSK has the same powers as a civil court for summoning persons and enforcing their attendance in all matters concerning Safai Karamcharis.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: NCSK was initially established under the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993. The Act lapsed in 2004, after which NCSK has functioned as a non-statutory body.

Statement 2 is correct: It works under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Statement 3 is incorrect: NCSK, in its present non-statutory form, does not possess the powers of a civil court.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding APNIC 62:

1. It is being hosted by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI).
2. It is primarily a diplomatic summit of Asia-Pacific countries for negotiating treaties on cybersecurity and internet governance.

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: APNIC 62 is being held in Mumbai from 4–10 September 2026. NIXI is the local host and ISPAI is the co-host.

Statement 2 is incorrect: APNIC 62 is an Internet and networking conference bringing together technical experts, government representatives and industry stakeholders. It focuses on Internet operations, networking technologies, policy development, knowledge sharing and capacity building—not treaty negotiations.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Melghat Tiger Reserve is located in which one of the following states?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: B

Explanation: Maharashtra

- Melghat Tiger Reserve is located in Amravati district of Maharashtra, in the Satpura mountain ranges. It is one of India's important tiger reserves and was among the first nine tiger reserves established under Project Tiger in 1973–74.

Source: [NOA](#)