

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (9 September)

Q1. You are a senior officer coordinating relief operations after a major building collapse. Several agencies are working at the site, while anxious civilians and local volunteers are trying to enter the debris area to help. The rescue team must balance the urgency of saving lives with the safety of rescuers and victims. The NDRF's procedure requires an immediate hazard assessment, securing the site, and stabilising an unsafe structure before rescuers enter.

In this situation, which of the following would be the most appropriate course of action?

- A. Allow civilians to enter the site immediately since saving lives should take precedence over safety protocols.
- B. Restrict unauthorised entry, assess structural risks, stabilise unsafe sections and coordinate the efforts of different agencies.
- C. Allow the NDRF to take complete command of all agencies to ensure faster decision-making.
- D. Focus exclusively on removing debris quickly, irrespective of the possibility of secondary collapse.

Answer: B.

Explanation: The most ethical and professionally appropriate approach is to protect life while minimising further risks. This requires hazard assessment, controlled access, structural stabilisation and inter-agency coordination. The NDRF does not automatically take over command suo motu but works with the local authorities and other agencies according to their respective competencies.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the 72nd National Film Awards:

- 1. The 72nd National Film Awards ceremony will be held in Gujarat, marking the first time the ceremony is being organised outside Delhi.
- 2. 'Article 370' was declared the Best Feature Film.
- 3. Randeep Hooda was declared the Best Debut Director for Swatantrya Veer Savarkar.
- 4. Mammootty and Kartik Aaryan were declared joint winners of the Best Actor award.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C. 2, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect. Although Gujarat is hosting the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony for the first time, it is not the first time that the ceremony has been held outside Delhi. The 17th and 18th editions were held in Madras (now Chennai) in 1970 and 1971, respectively. Statements 2, 3 and 4 are correct.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Barakuru, recently in the news, is an ancient historical port town located in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B. Karnataka

Explanation: Barakuru (Barkur) is an ancient historical port town located in Udupi district of Karnataka. It is situated on the banks of the Sita River, about 5 km from the Arabian Sea coast. It was an important commercial and political centre under the Alupa rulers.

Source- [IS](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026:

1. It is conducted under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
2. Lucknow secured the first position among cities with a population of more than 10 lakh.
3. The assessment considers only ambient air-quality parameters for ranking cities.

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: Swachh Vayu Survekshan assesses not only air-quality parameters but also measures related to vehicular emissions, road dust, construction and demolition dust, industrial emissions, waste management and implementation of clean-air action plans. Hence, statement 3 is incorrect.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The Kali (West) River and Krishni River are the major tributaries of which of the following rivers?

- A. Chambal River
- B. Betwa River
- C. Ken River
- D. Hindon River

Answer: D. Hindon River

Explanation: The Kali (West) River and Krishni River are the major tributaries of the Hindon River, which is an important tributary of the Yamuna River in Uttar Pradesh.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding e-FAST India:

1. e-FAST India is a national electric freight platform launched to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles in freight transportation.
2. It is an initiative of Niti Aayog.

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: e-FAST India stands for Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport – India and focuses on accelerating the electrification of freight transport.

Statement 2 is correct: It is an initiative of NITI Aayog in collaboration with WRI India (World Resources Institute India).

Source: [NOA](#)

Q7. The Taiz Province, seen in the news recently, is located in which one of the following countries?

- (a) Oman
- (b) Yemen
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Sudan

Answer: B

Explanation: Yemen

- Taiz Province is located in southwestern Yemen. Its capital, Taiz, is one of Yemen's major cities and has been strategically significant during the country's ongoing conflict.

Source: [NPR](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY):

1. It is an initiative aimed at providing affordable treatment to patients suffering from Thalassemia and Aplastic Anaemia.
2. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) to eligible patients through designated hospitals.

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: Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY) is a flagship corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative Coal India Limited (CIL) to address the treatment needs of children suffering from Thalassemia and Aplastic Anaemia — rare genetic blood disorders.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme provides financial support for Bone Marrow Transplantation, subject to prescribed eligibility criteria, through empanelled/designated hospitals.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Bornean Orangutan:

1. The Bornean Orangutan is endemic to the island of Borneo and is found in the territories of Indonesia.
2. It is primarily an arboreal species and plays an important role in forest ecosystems through the dispersal of seeds.
3. The Bornean Orangutan is classified as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List, with habitat loss being one of its major threats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The Bornean Orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) is native to Borneo, occurring in Indonesia (Kalimantan).

Statement 2 is correct: It is highly arboreal and contributes to forest regeneration by dispersing seeds of various plant species.

Statement 3 is correct: The species is listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN, with deforestation, habitat fragmentation, fires and other human pressures posing major threats.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q10. Consider the following description:

It is located in Telangana along the Godavari River and forms part of the Deccan Peninsula–Central Highlands. It lies at the southernmost edge of the Central Indian Tiger Landscape and has ecological linkages with tiger reserves in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. The region also serves as a catchment for the Godavari River and its tributary, the Kadam.

Which of the following refers to the above description?

- A. Nagarjunsagar–Srisaïlam Tiger Reserve
- B. Kawal Tiger Reserve
- C. Amrabad Tiger Reserve
- D. Indravati Tiger Reserve

Answer: B

Source: [Mongabay](#)

10 PM MCQs (10 September)

Q1. The Boma–Badingilo Migratory Landscape, recently in the news for its inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List, is located in which one of the following countries?

- A. South Sudan
- B. Sudan
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Uganda

Answer: A. South Sudan

Explanation: The Boma–Badingilo Migratory Landscape is located in South Sudan. It is known for supporting one of the world's largest terrestrial mammal migrations. The site was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as South Sudan's first World Heritage Site.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the TRISHNA Mission:

1. It is a joint mission of ISRO and the European Space Agency (ESA).
2. It is designed to monitor Earth's surface temperature and water stress.
3. Its Thermal Infra-Red (TIR) payload is developed by ISRO.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B. 2 only

Explanation: TRISHNA is a collaborative mission between ISRO and France's CNES, not ESA. Its objective is to monitor Earth's surface temperature, water stress and other environmental parameters. The TIR payload is provided by CNES, while the VNIR-SWIR payload is developed by ISRO.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the proposed Article 371(K), consider the following statements:

1. It seeks to provide constitutional safeguards to Ladakh.
2. It proposes a directly elected body with legislative powers over specified subjects.
3. It is proposed as a special provision under Part XXI of the Constitution.

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: Article 371 and Articles 371-A to 371-J are part of Part XXI of the Constitution, dealing with temporary, transitional and special provisions. The proposed Article 371(K) would provide a special constitutional arrangement for Ladakh, including an elected governing body with legislative powers over specified subjects.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. The "My Feed, My Way" initiative, recently in the news, is associated with which one of the following countries?

- (a) Canada
- (b) United Kingdom
- (c) Australia
- (d) New Zealand

Answer: (c) Australia

Explanation: The "My Feed, My Way" initiative is proposed by the Australian Government under its draft Digital Duty of Care framework. It seeks to give social-media users greater control over algorithmically recommended content, including the option to opt out of personalised recommendations.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU):

1. It is a specialised agency of the United Nations.
2. Its headquarters is located in Bangkok, Thailand.

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 APPU is an intergovernmental organisation and a Regional Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). It is not a specialised agency of the United Nations. Its headquarters is located in Bangkok, Thailand

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD):

1. It is a viral disease of cattle caused by a virus belonging to the Capripoxvirus genus of the Poxviridae family.
2. The disease is primarily transmitted through direct contact between infected animals, and insects such as mosquitoes and ticks have no significant role in its spread.

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: LSD is caused by Lumpy Skin Disease Virus (LSDV), a Capripoxvirus.

Statement 2 is incorrect: LSD is primarily spread by blood-feeding vectors, including mosquitoes, biting flies and ticks. Direct contact may also contribute to transmission, but vectors play an important role.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Q7. "He is known as the 'father of modern Hindi literature'. He wrote under the pen name 'Rasa'. He was deeply influenced by the Bengal Renaissance, and the Revolt of 1857 also had a strong influence on him. His well-known plays include Bharat Durdasha, Satya Harishchandra, Neel Devi, and Andher Nagari. He founded and edited Bala Vodhini, one of India's early women's journals."

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

- (a) Mahavir Prasad Dwivedi
- (b) Bharatendu Harishchandra
- (c) Bal Krishna Bhatt
- (d) Pratap Narayan Mishra

Answer: B

Explanation: Bharatendu Harishchandra

Source: [NOA](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Red-naped Ibis:

1. It is a resident bird species endemic to the Indian subcontinent, with India accounting for a major part of its distribution.
2. It is categorized as least concern by the IUCN.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: The Red-naped Ibis (*Pseudibis papillosa*), also known as the Black Ibis, is a resident species of the Indian subcontinent and is particularly widespread in India.

Statement 2 is correct: IUCN Red List: Least Concern

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. The Palawan Island, seen in the news, is located in which one of the following countries?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Philippines
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Vietnam

Answer: B

Explanation: Philippines

- Palawan Island is located in the Philippines, between the South China Sea and the Sulu Sea. It is the largest island in the Palawan province and forms part of the Philippine archipelago.

Source: [DD India](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding ORV Sagar Manthan:

1. It has been developed under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
2. It is designed, engineered and constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE).
3. It has been constructed under Vertical-4 (Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration) of the Deep Ocean Mission (DOM).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All three

Statement 1 is correct: ORV Sagar Manthan has been developed under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Statement 2 is correct: The vessel is designed, engineered and constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata.

Statement 3 is correct: It has been constructed under Vertical-4 (Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration) of the Deep Ocean Mission (DOM).

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (11 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the 18th BRICS Summit, 2026:

1. The theme of 18th BRICS Summit, 2026 is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
2. The 2026 BRICS Summit is the third BRICS Summit to be hosted by India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The theme of India's BRICS Chairship in 2026 is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India previously hosted BRICS Summits in 2012, 2016 and 2021. Therefore, the 18th BRICS Summit in 2026 will be the fourth BRICS Summit hosted by India, not the third.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA):

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
2. In India, some nuclear reactors are kept under IAEA safeguards because they use imported uranium, while others using domestic uranium are not placed under such safeguards.
3. The IAEA has the authority to compel its member states to cooperate with its inspections and monitoring of nuclear facilities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The IAEA is an autonomous organisation within the UN system, not a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** In India, reactors linked to imported nuclear fuel and international cooperation are placed under IAEA safeguards, while certain indigenous strategic facilities remain outside safeguards.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The IAEA does not have the power to compel member states to cooperate with its inspections and monitoring in all circumstances. Its authority depends on the applicable safeguards agreements and international commitments.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding INS Mysore:

1. It is a Kolkata-class guided missile destroyer of the Indian Navy.
2. It was built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** INS Mysore (D60) is a Delhi-class guided missile destroyer, not a Kolkata-class destroyer.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** INS Mysore was built at Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL), Mumbai, not Cochin Shipyard Limited.

Source- [DEF](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. South Africa
2. Botswana
3. Zambia
4. Mozambique

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

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

Answer: (d) All four

Explanation: Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in southern Africa. It shares international land borders with South Africa to the south, Botswana to the southwest, Zambia to the northwest, and Mozambique to the east.

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Loss and Damage Fund:

1. It is a global financial mechanism aimed at providing compensation to developing countries for climate-related losses and damages.
2. The decision to establish the Loss and Damage Fund was reached at COP27 in Egypt, while the fund was operationalised at COP28 in Dubai.
3. Contributions to the Loss and Damage Fund are legally binding obligations imposed on developed countries based on their historical greenhouse gas emissions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Loss and Damage Fund is intended to provide financial support for losses and damages associated with climate change, particularly in vulnerable developing countries.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The establishment of the fund was agreed upon at COP27 (2022), Egypt, and its operationalisation was approved at COP28 (2023), UAE.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Contributions to the fund are voluntary; there is no legally binding obligation on developed countries to contribute based on their historical emissions.

Source- [UN](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Przewalski's Horse:

1. Przewalski's Horse is regarded as the only truly wild horse species/subspecies surviving today, and is native to the steppes of Central Asia.
2. It was once classified as Extinct in the Wild, but successful conservation breeding and reintroduction programmes have helped restore populations in the wild.

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: Przewalski's Horse (*Equus ferus przewalskii*) is a wild equine native to the Central Asian steppes. It is distinct from domesticated horses.

Statement 2 is correct: The species was once considered Extinct in the Wild. Captive-breeding and reintroduction programmes, particularly in Mongolia, helped establish free-ranging populations, leading to its IUCN status being upgraded to Endangered.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Samudra Laksamana:

1. It is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and Malaysia.
2. The 2026 edition of exercise is being held at Vizag, India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Samudra Laksamana is a bilateral naval exercise between India and Malaysia, contributing to maritime cooperation and interoperability.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The exercise involves the Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy. The 4th edition is being held at Lumut, Malaysia, with INS Mysore participating from the Indian side.

Source: [Tribune](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) 3.0:

1. DILRMP 3.0 seeks to create a more integrated and technology-driven land records system by strengthening the digitisation, updating and integration of land records across the country.
2. The programme is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

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: DILRMP 3.0 builds upon earlier phases of land-record modernisation, with emphasis on integrated, accurate and technology-enabled land records.

Statement 2 is correct: DILRMP is a Central Sector Scheme under the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development. Its objectives include improving transparency in land administration, reducing disputes and making land-related services more accessible.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q9. With reference to the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), consider the following statements:

1. It is the restructured form of the Universal Service Obligation Fund aimed at expanding digital connectivity in rural and underserved areas.
 2. It is administered by the Reserve Bank of India to finance digital payment infrastructure in urban areas.
- 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: Digital Bharat Nidhi is the rebranded USOF, focusing on telecom and broadband connectivity, **especially in rural and remote regions**.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is administered by the Department of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, not by RBI, and it is not limited to urban digital payments.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Program Electronic Review Management (PERM) system, recently seen in the news, is associated with which one of the following?

- (a) Processing of applications for permanent labor certification for foreign workers in the United States
- (b) Electronic processing of asylum applications in the United States
- (c) Management of temporary agricultural workers under the H-2A visa programme
- (d) Digital monitoring of international students holding F-1 visas

Answer: A

Explanation: Processing of applications for permanent labor certification for foreign workers in the United States

- The PERM (Program Electronic Review Management) system is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for processing permanent labor-certification applications. It requires employers seeking to sponsor certain foreign workers for permanent employment to demonstrate that there are not sufficient qualified, willing and available U.S. workers for the position and that employment of the foreign worker will not adversely affect U.S. workers' wages and working conditions.

Source: [IE](#)

10 PM MCQs (12 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Thirukkural:

1. It was authored by Kambar, the renowned medieval Tamil poet.
2. It was originally composed in Sanskrit and later translated into Tamil.

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:** Thirukkural is traditionally attributed to Thiruvalluvar, the Tamil poet-philosopher, and not Kambar.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Thirukkural is a classical Tamil text, originally composed in Tamil; it was subsequently translated into several languages.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Which of the following pair(s) is/are correctly matched?

Space Mission/Spacecraft Purpose

1. EOS-05 Earth observation from geosynchronous orbit
2. BepiColombo Exploration and study of Mercury
3. LINK Servicing and raising the orbit of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- (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:

- **Pair 1 is correctly matched:** EOS-05 is an Earth-observation satellite designed to provide observations from geosynchronous orbit.
- **Pair 2 is correctly matched:** BepiColombo is a joint ESA-JAXA mission aimed at studying Mercury, including its surface, interior and magnetic environment.
- **Pair 3 is incorrectly matched:** LINK is associated with efforts to rendezvous with NASA's Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory, not the Hubble Space Telescope.

Source- MISC

Q3. The Port of Mocha, recently in the news, is located in:

- (a) Oman
- (b) Yemen
- (c) Iran
- (d) Saudi Arabia

Answer: (b) Yemen

Explanation: The Port of Mocha is located in Yemen, on the Red Sea coast in western Taiz province, near the strategically important Bab al-Mandab Strait. It is historically known for its association with the coffee trade.

Source- [bbc](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2025:

1. The survey covers both rural and urban areas across India.
2. It covers unincorporated non-agricultural establishments engaged in manufacturing, trade and other services.
3. The all-India share of women in the informal workforce is more than 40%.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** ASUSE 2025 covers establishments in both rural and urban areas across India.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The survey covers the unincorporated non-agricultural sector, including establishments engaged in manufacturing, trade and other services.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Women account for about 29% of the informal workforce at the all-India level, not more than 40%.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. The tributaries Somavahini, Thadabehalla, and Odirayanahalla are associated with which of the following rivers?

- (a) Kaveri River
(b) Tunga River
(c) Bhadra River
(d) Bhima River

Answer: (c) Bhadra River

Explanation: The Somavahini, Thadabehalla, and Odirayanahalla are tributaries of the Bhadra River, which originates in the Western Ghats of Karnataka. The Bhadra later joins the Tunga River at Koodli to form the Tungabhadra River.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Bakhira Lake:

1. Bakhira Lake is a natural freshwater wetland located in Uttar Pradesh.
2. It is an important wintering ground for migratory birds and has been designated as a Ramsar Site under the Ramsar Convention.

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: Bakhira Lake is a large natural freshwater wetland in Sant Kabir Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh.

Statement 2 is correct: It is an important habitat for migratory and resident waterbirds and was designated a Ramsar Site in 2022.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The Bab el-Mandeb Strait connects:

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Red Sea and Gulf of Aden

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

Source: [NOA](#)

Q8. The Bail Pola Festival, seen in the news recently, is primarily associated with which one of the following states?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Punjab

Answer: B

Explanation: Maharashtra

- Bail Pola is a traditional agrarian festival strongly associated with Maharashtra, particularly its rural farming communities. It is celebrated to honour bulls and bullocks for their contribution to agriculture. The animals are bathed, decorated, worshipped and given a day of rest. It is also observed in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Telangana.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Bio-Pharma SHAKTI Scheme:

1. It is an initiative of the Department of Biotechnology.
2. The scheme focuses on supporting research, innovation, and indigenous manufacturing of vaccines, biosimilars, and other biopharmaceutical products.
3. It is implemented under the umbrella of the Atal Innovation Mission.

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

- The Bio-Pharma SHAKTI scheme is a Department of Biotechnology initiative aimed at promoting innovation, R&D, and domestic manufacturing capacity in the biopharmaceutical sector. It is not implemented under the Atal Innovation Mission.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN):

1. SAWEN is a regional inter-governmental wildlife law-enforcement support body of South Asian countries aimed at strengthening cooperation against illegal wildlife trade.
2. Afghanistan is a member of SAWEN.

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: SAWEN is a regional inter-governmental wildlife law-enforcement support body for South Asian countries. Its primary mission is to strengthen regional cooperation to combat illegal wildlife trade.

Statement 2 is correct: South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) is a regional inter-governmental wildlife law enforcement support body of South Asian countries namely - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Source: [NOA](#)

10 PM MCQs (14 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the New Delhi Declaration of BRICS 2026:

1. It called for reforms in global governance institutions, including greater representation of developing countries in the United Nations Security Council.
2. It condemned unilateral economic sanctions and secondary sanctions.
3. It proposed the establishment of a common BRICS currency for cross-border transactions.
4. It supported cooperation in areas such as agriculture, health, education and space.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation: The New Delhi Declaration supported reform of global governance institutions, including greater representation for developing countries in the UN Security Council. It also condemned unilateral economic sanctions and secondary sanctions. However, it did not propose a common BRICS currency. Instead, it supported efforts to make cross-border payments faster, cheaper and more reliable.

The declaration also included cooperation in areas such as agriculture, health, education and space

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following countries:

1. India
2. Bangladesh
3. Sri Lanka
4. Maldives
5. Mauritius
6. Seychelles

How many of the above are full members of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)?

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

Answer: (d) All six

Explanation: The Colombo Security Conclave currently comprises six full members — India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius, Bangladesh and Seychelles. Bangladesh and Seychelles, which were earlier observers, were inducted as members at the 7th NSA-level meeting in November 2025.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Hasdeo River:

1. It is a major tributary of the Mahanadi River.
2. It flows through the state of Chhattisgarh.

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 Hasdeo River is a major tributary of the Mahanadi River.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Hasdeo River flows through Chhattisgarh. It is an important river of the state and forms part of the Mahanadi river system.

Source- [TP](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

1. She was an Indian-born writer associated with diasporic literature.
2. She contributed significantly to the translation and study of Rabindranath Tagore's works.
3. Her scholarly work included a study of Tagore's association with Argentine writer Victoria Ocampo.

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

- (a) Nayantara Sahgal
- (b) Ketaki Kushari Dyson
- (c) Anita Desai
- (d) Bharati Mukherjee

Answer: (b) Ketaki Kushari Dyson

Source- [TP](#)

Q5. The term Schizopygopsis waddellii, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) A rare species of Himalayan fish
- (b) A species of medicinal plant found in Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) A high-altitude amphibian endemic to the Himalayas
- (d) A freshwater turtle species found in Northeast India

Answer: (a) A rare species of Himalayan fish

Explanation: Schizopygopsis waddellii is a rare Tibetan fish species that was recorded in India for the first time in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, by scientists from ICAR-Central Institute of Coldwater Fisheries Research in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh Department of Fisheries.

Source- [TP](#)

Q6. The 'Jump-start' intervention, recently seen in the news, is related to which one of the following?

- (a) Conservation of the Great Indian Bustard
- (b) Reintroduction of the Asiatic Lion
- (c) Captive breeding of the Snow Leopard
- (d) Recovery programme for the Indian Skimmer

Answer: A

Explanation: Conservation of the Great Indian Bustard

- The 'Jump-start' intervention is a conservation technique used for the Great Indian Bustard (GIB). Under this approach, wild GIB eggs are artificially incubated and the chicks are subsequently returned to nests in the wild, thereby reducing the risk of egg and chick predation and improving recruitment into the wild population.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Ramanathaswamy Temple:

1. It is located in the town of Rameswaram on Pamban Island.
2. It is counted among the 12 jyotirlingas.
3. The temple is renowned for having one of the longest temple corridors in the world, featuring numerous elaborately carved pillars.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The Ramanathaswamy Temple is situated at Rameswaram on Pamban Island in Ramanathapuram district, Tamil Nadu, and is dedicated to Shiva.

Statement 2 is correct: It is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas. According to Hindu tradition, Rama worshipped Shiva at Rameswaram before proceeding to Lanka.

Statement 3 is correct: The temple is particularly famous for its exceptionally long corridors/colonnades, lined with intricately carved pillars.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the use of OPU-IVF technology in Badri cattle:

1. Badri cattle is an indigenous cattle breed of Uttarakhand.
2. In OPU-IVF, oocytes are collected from a donor cow, fertilised in a laboratory, and the resulting embryo is transferred to a recipient cow for further development.

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: Badri is an indigenous breed of Uttarakhand, and advanced reproductive technologies such as OPU-IVF can support its genetic conservation and improvement.

Statement 2 is correct: OPU-IVF (Ovum Pick-Up-In Vitro Fertilisation) involves retrieving oocytes from a donor, fertilising them with sperm under laboratory conditions, and transferring the resulting embryos into recipient females.

Source: [ANI](#)

Q9. The Brač Island, seen in the news recently, is located in which of the following water body and country, respectively?

- (a) Aegean Sea — Greece
- (b) Adriatic Sea — Croatia
- (c) Mediterranean Sea — Italy
- (d) Black Sea — Croatia

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Adriatic Sea — Croatia

- Brač is a Croatian island located in the Adriatic Sea, off the Dalmatian coast. It is the largest island of Dalmatia and the third-largest island in the Adriatic Sea.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Moth Bean cultivation in India:

1. Moth bean is a drought-tolerant pulse crop that is particularly suited to the arid and semi-arid regions.
2. Rajasthan is the largest producer of moth bean in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: Rajasthan is the leading producer of moth bean in India, with more than 90% share.

Statement 2 is correct: Moth bean (*Vigna aconitifolia*) is highly suited to dryland agriculture because of its drought tolerance and low water requirement. It is especially important in Rajasthan's arid and semi-arid regions.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (15 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Acharya Vinoba Bhave:

1. He was selected by Mahatma Gandhi as the first Individual Satyagrahi.
2. The Bhoodan Movement was initiated by Vinoba Bhave in Telangana.
3. He was the first Indian recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award

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:** Vinoba Bhave was selected by Mahatma Gandhi as the first Individual Satyagrahi.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** He initiated the Bhoodan Movement in Telangana, beginning with the voluntary donation of land at Pochampalli.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** Vinoba Bhave received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in recognition of his social and community leadership.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs):

1. A PHEV generally has a larger battery and a longer electric-only range than a conventional hybrid electric vehicle (HEV).
2. A PHEV can charge its battery through an external power source, unlike a conventional HEV.

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:** PHEVs typically have larger batteries and offer a longer electric-only driving range than conventional HEVs.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Unlike conventional HEVs, PHEVs can be recharged by connecting them to an external power source.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. A public authority becomes aware that several student accommodations are operating in unsafe buildings. Students continue to stay there because affordable alternatives are limited. The authorities also face pressure from local stakeholders to avoid strict enforcement.

Consider the following statements:

1. Public authorities have an ethical responsibility to act proactively when administrative inaction may expose vulnerable citizens to preventable harm.
2. Compassion in public administration requires balancing enforcement of rules with sensitivity towards the circumstances of affected citizens.
3. When responsibility is distributed among multiple stakeholders, accountability for preventing harm is necessarily diminished.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Ethical governance requires authorities to act before preventable harm occurs, particularly where vulnerable citizens are exposed to unsafe conditions.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Compassion in public service involves recognising citizens' vulnerabilities while ensuring that administrative decisions remain responsible and protective.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Sharing responsibility among stakeholders does not eliminate or reduce individual accountability. Ethical governance requires clear ownership and answerability.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026:

1. The WCEF 2026 is being hosted by India in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
2. The 2026 edition marks the first time that the WCEF is being held in the South Asian 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) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** India is hosting the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 at the Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from 15–18 September 2026.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The 2026 edition marks the WCEF's debut in the South Asian region. It is also described as the 10th milestone edition of the forum.

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q5. Willingdon Island, one of the largest man-made islands in India, is located in:

- (a) Kochi, Kerala
- (b) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer: (a) Kochi, Kerala

Explanation: Willingdon Island is a man-made island located in Kochi, Kerala. It was created through land reclamation from Vembanad Lake and is an important hub for Kochi's port, maritime and commercial activities.

Source- [NIE](#)

Q6. The *Rungia mastersii*, seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) Rare flowering plant endemic to Assam
- (b) Newly discovered species of freshwater fish found in Assam
- (c) Medicinal plant species endemic to the Western Ghats
- (d) Rare orchid species found in the Eastern Himalayas

Answer: A

Explanation: Rare flowering plant endemic to Assam

- *Rungia mastersii* is a rare flowering plant belonging to the family Acanthaceae. It was rediscovered in Jatinga Hills of Dima Hasao district, Assam, after being unreported for nearly 180 years.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE) Programme:

1. It is organized by the Ministry of Defence.
2. It aims to provide senior leaders with exposure to contemporary national and regional security issues through interactions with distinguished subject matter experts and renowned speakers from diverse fields.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation: Both

Statement 1 is correct: HQ Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) is organising 'Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE)' programme from 14 to 18 September 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, for senior officers of the Defence Forces.

Statement 2 is correct: The CORE programme aims to provide senior leaders with exposure to contemporary national and regional security issues through interactions with distinguished subject matter experts and renowned speakers from diverse fields.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The Lala-Rawa landscape, seen in the news recently, is located in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Gujarat

- The Lala-Rawa landscape is located in Kutch district of Gujarat and is an important habitat for the Great Indian Bustard (GIB). Recent conservation measures include habitat restoration, grazing management, removal of invasive species and predator management.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements:

1. Every year, his birthday marks the celebration of Engineer's Day in India.
2. He received the Indian Republic's highest honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 1955.
3. He was responsible for significant engineering projects in India, including the Krishna Raja Sagara dam in Mandya, Karnataka.

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

- (a) Sir M. Visvesvaraya
- (b) Sir C. V. Raman
- (c) Sir Mokshagundam Srinivasa Sastry
- (d) Sir M. S. Swaminathan

Answer: A

Explanation: Sir M. Visvesvaraya

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding 'Pension Sakhis':

1. Pension Sakhis are women associated with the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) who help expand pension coverage and awareness among rural households.
2. They are primarily responsible for providing direct pension payments from the Central Government to beneficiaries, thereby eliminating the role of banks and other financial institutions.

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: Pension Sakhis are intended to leverage the rural women's network under the DAY-NRLM ecosystem to increase awareness, facilitate enrolment and expand pension coverage in rural areas.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Pension Sakhis do not directly disburse Central Government pensions. Their role is primarily facilitative - creating awareness, assisting potential beneficiaries and helping expand pension coverage.

Source: [PIB](#)