

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (17 August)

Q1. With reference to the Bar Council of India (BCI), consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body.
2. The Attorney General and Solicitor General of India are ex-officio members of the BCI.
3. The BCI directly enrolls advocates in all States and Union Territories.

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: The BCI is a statutory body established under the Advocates Act, 1961. The Attorney General and Solicitor General are ex-officio members. Advocates are enrolled by the respective State Bar Councils, not directly by the BCI.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding a total solar eclipse:

Statement I: A total solar eclipse provides a valuable opportunity to study the Sun's corona from the Earth.

Statement II: During a total solar eclipse, the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright disc, allowing the relatively faint corona to become visible.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (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: During a total solar eclipse, the Moon comes between the Sun and Earth and completely covers the Sun's bright disc. This suppresses the intense sunlight and makes the solar corona, including its inner regions, observable from Earth.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. With reference to the Lar Gibbon, consider the following statements:

1. It is native to Southeast Asia.
2. It is classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The Lar Gibbon (*Hylobates lar*) is a primate native to Southeast Asia. It is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List due to threats such as habitat loss and hunting.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding a river:

1. It is the largest tributary of the Brahmaputra River and originates in the Tibetan Plateau.
2. It is an antecedent river that flows through Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.
3. It is also known as the "Gold River" due to the presence of gold dust in its waters.

Which one of the following rivers is being described above?

- (a) Lohit
- (b) Subansiri

- (c) Dibang
- (d) Kameng

Answer: (b) Subansiri

Explanation: The Subansiri River originates in Tibet and flows through Arunachal Pradesh and Assam before joining the Brahmaputra. It is the largest tributary of the Brahmaputra and is also known as the “Gold River” because of gold dust found in its waters.

Source- [IT](#)

Q5. Mount Ararat, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following countries?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Armenia
- (c) Georgia
- (d) Turkey

Answer: (d) Turkey

Explanation: Mount Ararat is a volcanic massif located in eastern Turkey, near the convergence of the borders of Turkey, Iran and Armenia. It is the highest mountain in Turkey and the Armenian Highlands.

Source- [SCT](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Friedreich's Ataxia:

1. It is an inherited neurodegenerative disorder caused primarily by mutations in the FXN gene, leading to reduced production of the mitochondrial protein frataxin.
2. The disorder is inherited in an autosomal dominant manner and primarily affects the peripheral nervous system without significant involvement of the heart or skeletal system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Friedreich's Ataxia (FA) is a rare inherited neurodegenerative disease associated with mutations in the FXN gene, usually involving an expansion of the GAA trinucleotide repeat. This results in reduced frataxin, a mitochondrial protein important for cellular energy metabolism and iron-sulfur cluster formation.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Friedreich's Ataxia is inherited in an autosomal recessive, not dominant, manner. It can affect multiple systems, including the central and peripheral nervous systems, heart and musculoskeletal system.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. The Hara mangrove forests, seen in the news recently, are located in which one of the following water bodies?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Persian Gulf

- The Hara mangrove forests are located around Qeshm Island and the Khuran Strait in southern Iran, along the Persian Gulf. They are primarily composed of *Avicennia marina* and form an important mangrove ecosystem of the Persian Gulf region.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. The strategic locations of Hmeimim and Tartus, seen in the news recently, are located in:

- (a) Syria
- (b) Lebanon
- (c) Libya
- (d) Egypt

Answer: A

Explanation: Syria

- Hmeimim Air Base and the Tartus naval facility are located on Syria's Mediterranean coast and have historically been important Russian military facilities. Hmeimim is near Latakia, while Tartus hosts Russia's key naval facility in the Mediterranean.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the National Anubhav Awards Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is implemented by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW).
2. It aims to encourage retiring and retired government employees to document their experiences and contributions to public administration.
3. The National Anubhav Awards are exclusively meant for serving Central Government employees who have completed at least 25 years of service.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The scheme is implemented by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.

Statement 2 is correct: The Anubhav Portal, launched in 2015, facilitates documentation of the experiences, insights and contributions of retiring/retired government employees, helping preserve institutional memory.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The awards are associated with retiring/retired employees and their write-ups, not exclusively serving employees with a mandatory 25-year service criterion.

Source: [AIR](#)

Q10. The SraVaani, seen in the news recently, is associated with:

- (a) An AI-based translation model for Indian Sign Languages
- (b) A multilingual Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) model covering 65 Indian languages and dialects
- (c) A satellite-based system for monitoring India's linguistic diversity
- (d) A generative AI model for translating Indian languages into foreign languages

Answer: B

Explanation: A multilingual Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) model covering 65 Indian languages and dialects

- SraVaani-1.0 is a multilingual Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) model developed by researchers at IISc's SPIRE Lab, in collaboration with ARTPARK, with support from Google. It covers 65 Indian languages and dialects, including several low-resource and tribal languages. It is based on the FastConformer architecture and is designed to convert speech into text.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (18 August)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Communal Award of 1932:

Statement I: The Communal Award recognised the Depressed Classes as a minority and provided them with separate electorates.

Statement II: The disagreement over separate electorates was resolved by the Poona Pact, which retained separate electorates but increased the number of reserved seats for the Depressed Classes.

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) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect.

Explanation: The Communal Award (1932) recognised the Depressed Classes as a minority and granted them separate electorates. The Poona Pact abandoned separate electorates and instead provided for joint electorates with increased reserved seats for the Depressed Classes.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. It originates in the Western Ghats of Karnataka and flows westward into the Arabian Sea.
- 2. It is a rain-fed river shared by Karnataka and Goa.
- 3. A major portion of its course lies in Goa.

Which one of the following rivers is being described above?

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

Answer: (b) Mahadayi

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a quasi-judicial body established under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
- 2. It deals with disputes relating to both goods and services under consumer protection law.
- 3. An appeal against its order lies directly with the Supreme Court.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The NCDRC is a quasi-judicial body established under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Consumer protection law covers disputes relating to both goods and services.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** A person aggrieved by an NCDRC order can appeal to the Supreme Court within 30 days, subject to the applicable provisions.

Source- [HT](#)

Q4. With reference to the Gyan Bharatam Mission, consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims to digitise one crore manuscripts by 2030.
- 2. It was announced in the Union Budget 2026-27.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation: The Gyan Bharatam Mission aims to digitise one crore manuscripts by 2030. It was announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, not 2026–27.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. The term 'Fragile Five', recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) Five countries with the highest levels of public debt
- (b) Five developing countries facing severe food insecurity
- (c) Five economies with the lowest foreign exchange reserves
- (d) Five emerging economies vulnerable to external financial shocks and capital outflows

Answer: (d) Five emerging economies vulnerable to external financial shocks and capital outflows

Explanation: The term 'Fragile Five' was coined by Morgan Stanley in 2013 to describe Brazil, India, Indonesia, South Africa and Türkiye, which were considered vulnerable to external financial shocks and sudden capital outflows.

Source- [mint](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946:

Statement I: The Royal Indian Navy Mutiny began in February 1946 at HMIS Talwar in Bombay and was initially driven by grievances such as racial discrimination and ill-treatment by British officers.

Statement II: The mutiny was an largely a military protest and received no significant support from political organisations or civilians outside the naval establishments.

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, but Statement II is incorrect.

- The mutiny began on 18 February 1946 at HMIS Talwar in Bombay. The grievances included racial discrimination, poor-quality food, unequal pay and abuse by superior officers. The uprising subsequently spread to other naval establishments and received civilian and political support, including demonstrations and strikes in Bombay.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Arab League:

1. It was established in 1945 with the objective of promoting political, economic, cultural, and social cooperation among Arab countries.
2. Membership of the Arab League is restricted to Arabic-speaking countries of West Asia and North Africa.
3. Decisions of the Arab League are binding on all member states, irrespective of whether they vote in favour of them or not.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The League of Arab States was founded in 1945 to strengthen ties among Arab nations and coordinate policies.

Statement 2 is correct: Membership is limited to sovereign Arabic-speaking states from West Asia and North Africa.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Arab League resolutions are not binding; they are implemented only by states that accept them.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. With reference to Rotating Detonation Engines (RDEs), consider the following statements:

1. RDEs use pressure-gain combustion, in which a detonation wave continuously travels around an annular combustion chamber, potentially achieving higher thermodynamic efficiency than conventional combustion systems.
2. Unlike conventional turbine engines, RDEs require multiple moving turbine blades inside the combustion chamber to sustain the rotating detonation wave.

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: RDEs employ pressure-gain combustion. A supersonic detonation wave travels continuously around an annular chamber, offering the potential for greater thermodynamic efficiency and reduced fuel consumption compared with conventional combustion.

Statement 2 is incorrect: A major feature of RDEs is the absence of moving parts within the combustor. The rotating detonation wave itself propagates around the annular chamber and sustains combustion.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme:

1. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. The scheme focuses on promoting the manufacturing of both active and passive electronic components.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: Nodal Ministry of the scheme is the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Statement 2 is incorrect: **Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme** is the first scheme that focuses on promoting the manufacturing of **passive electronic components** including resistors, capacitors, connectors, inductors, speakers, relays, switches, oscillators, sensors, films and lenses.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements about the India Electric Mobility Index:

1. It is released by the Ministry of Power.
2. The index tracks 16 unique performance indicators under three thematic categories that form the building blocks of the Indian e-mobility ecosystem.

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 India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) is released by NITI Aayog.

Statement 2 is correct: IEMI is a first-of-its kind index that offers a dynamic comparative analysis of the progress of road transport electrification across Indian states and union territories. The index tracks 16 unique performance indicators under three thematic categories that form the building blocks of the Indian e-mobility ecosystem.

Source: [DTE](#)

10 PM MCQs (19 August)

Q1. With reference to MAITREE Exercise, consider the following statements:

1. It is conducted between India and Thailand.
2. The 2026 edition is being held in Rajasthan, India.

Which of the statements given above 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:** MAITREE is a bilateral military exercise between the Indian Army and the Royal Thai Army.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 2026 edition (MAITREE-XV) is being held in Surat Thani, Thailand, from August 18 to August 31, 2026, not in Rajasthan.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. A railway officer finds that drinking-water quality at a station is unsatisfactory and that several passenger amenities are below prescribed norms. The officer is also under pressure to avoid reporting deficiencies before an important inspection. In such a situation, which of the following actions would be appropriate?

1. Arrange safe drinking water immediately and report the water-quality issue to the competent authority.
2. Withhold the deficiencies temporarily so that the station's performance record is not adversely affected.
3. Ensure that available resources are used according to prescribed norms and passenger needs rather than administrative convenience.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation: The question tests integrity, accountability, public interest and probity in governance. The appropriate response is to protect passengers from harm, report deficiencies honestly and use public resources objectively. Withholding information to protect performance records compromises transparency and accountability.

Source- MISC

Q3. With reference to chromium contamination, consider the following statements:

1. Tanneries can be a source of chromium contamination in soil and groundwater.
2. The WHO provisional guideline value for total chromium in drinking water is 0.05 mg/L.

Which of the statements given above 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:** Tanneries use chromium compounds during leather processing. Improper treatment or disposal of tannery waste can contaminate soil and groundwater with chromium.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The WHO provisional guideline value for total chromium in drinking water is 0.05 mg/L, equivalent to 50 µg/L (50 ppb).

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following international environmental conventions:

1. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
2. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
3. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Which of the above are legally binding international agreements?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: The UNCCD is a legally binding international agreement on sustainable land management and desertification. UNFCCC and CBD are also international treaties/conventions with legally binding obligations for their Parties. All three are collectively known as the Rio Conventions.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q5. With reference to Aurobindo Ghose, consider the following statements:

1. He was associated with radical nationalism during the Indian freedom movement.
2. New Lamps for Old was a series of articles in which he supported the moderate policies of the Indian National Congress.
3. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature and the Nobel Peace Prize.

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: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Aurobindo Ghose was a prominent advocate of radical nationalism during the freedom movement.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** New Lamps for Old was a series of articles in which Aurobindo criticised the moderate policies of the Indian National Congress, rather than supporting them.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature and the Nobel Peace Prize.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. The Miyar Valley, seen in the news recently, is located in:

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

(d) Uttarakhand

Answer: A

Explanation: Lahaul and Spiti district, Himachal Pradesh

- The Miyar Valley is located in Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, in the western Himalayas. The valley extends from the Udaipur area towards Kang La, beyond which lies the Zaskar region of Ladakh. The Miyar River eventually joins the Chenab River.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following plant species:

1. Lantana camara
2. Parthenium hysterophorus
3. Prosopis juliflora

How many of the above are considered invasive species in India?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All

- **Lantana camara** – Listed among the world's worst invasive species; it forms dense thickets that suppress native vegetation and affects wildlife habitats.
- **Parthenium hysterophorus** – Spreads rapidly due to allelopathic effects; harmful to crops, biodiversity, and human health.
- **Prosopis juliflora** – Introduced for afforestation and fuelwood but turned invasive; it degrades soil, water, and displaces native flora in arid regions.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q8. With reference to GISAT-1A, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

- 1) It is an Earth-observation satellite intended to provide high-resolution and near-real-time imaging over the Indian subcontinent.
- 2) It is planned to be launched aboard the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).

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: GISAT-1A is an Earth-observation satellite, also referred to as EOS-05, belonging to ISRO's geo-imaging satellite programme.

Statement 2 is correct: It is planned for launch by the GSLV in September 2026. The mission is expected to end ISRO's nearly seven-month launch hiatus following the PSLV-C62/EOS-N1 failure on 12 January 2026.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding cholesterol:

- 1) Cholesterol is an essential lipid that plays an important role in the formation of cell membranes and certain hormones.
- 2) Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) is commonly referred to as "bad cholesterol" because high levels of LDL can contribute to plaque formation in arteries.

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: Cholesterol is an essential lipid required for cell membrane structure and is also used to produce steroid hormones, vitamin D and bile acids.

Statement 2 is correct: LDL (Low-Density Lipoprotein) carries cholesterol from the liver to various tissues. Excess LDL can contribute to cholesterol deposition in artery walls, leading to plaque formation (atherosclerosis) and increasing the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

Source: IE

Q10. Consider the following statements about the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Domestic PNG Connections:

- 1) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
- 2) The scheme is designed to fast-track the expansion of active PNG connections, ensuring that more families can start using piped natural gas in their kitchens.
- 3) The scheme primarily provides direct cash subsidies to individual households for purchasing PNG appliances.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 2 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: It falls within the domain of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, rather than the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Statement 2 is correct: The scheme is designed to fast-track the expansion of active PNG connections, ensuring that more families can start using piped natural gas in their kitchens at the earliest.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The scheme is not primarily a direct cash subsidy to individual households for purchasing PNG appliances.

Source: AIR

10 PM MCQs (20 August)

Q1. Consider the following:

1. Grasslands
2. Savannas
3. Mangrove forests
4. Rocky plateaus
5. Tropical rainforests

How many of the above are examples of Open Natural Ecosystems (ONEs)?

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

Answer: (b) Only three

Explanation: Grasslands, savannas and rocky plateaus are examples of Open Natural Ecosystems. Mangrove forests and tropical rainforests are predominantly tree-dominated ecosystems and are not classified as open natural ecosystems in this context.

Source- PIB

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding funds established by the Government of India:

1. A fund created through an Act of Parliament necessarily forms part of the Consolidated Fund of India.
2. The Contingency Fund of India is placed at the disposal of the President to meet unforeseen expenditure pending authorization by Parliament.
3. The Public Account of India includes money held by the Government in a fiduciary capacity, such as provident funds and small savings.

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:** Not every fund created through legislation forms part of the Consolidated Fund of India. The constitutional classification of government funds depends on the nature and legal framework governing the fund.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Under Article 267, the Contingency Fund of India is placed at the disposal of the President to meet unforeseen expenditure, subject to subsequent authorization by Parliament.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Public Account of India includes funds where the Government acts as a banker or trustee, such as provident funds, small savings and other deposits.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The most powerful earthquakes are frequently associated with subduction zones.

Statement-II: The convergence of tectonic plates at subduction zones can cause stress to accumulate along locked plate boundaries before being released suddenly.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (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: Subduction zones involve the movement of one tectonic plate beneath another. Continued plate convergence can cause stress to build up along the plate interface, which may be released suddenly, resulting in very large earthquakes.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. With reference to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), consider the following statements:

1. RRBs are jointly owned by the Central Government, the concerned State Government and a Sponsor Bank in the ratio of 50:15:35, respectively.
2. RRBs are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India and supervised by NABARD.
3. RRBs are required to meet a Priority Sector Lending target of 75% of their total outstanding advances.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The equity of an RRB is held by the Central Government, concerned State Government and Sponsor Bank in the ratio of **50:15:35**, respectively.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** RRBs are regulated by the RBI and supervised by NABARD.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** RRBs have a 75% Priority Sector Lending target, compared with 40% for Scheduled Commercial Banks.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q5. Servalar, Manimuthar, Gadananathi and Pachaiyar are major tributaries of which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Vaigai
- (b) Palar
- (c) Tamiraparani
- (d) Pennar

Answer: (c) Tamiraparani

Explanation: The Servalar, Manimuthar, Gadananathi and Pachaiyar are major tributaries of the Tamiraparani River. The Tamiraparani originates in the Pothigai Hills of the Western Ghats and flows entirely within Tamil Nadu before draining into the Gulf of Mannar.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

1. Chad
2. Sudan
3. South Sudan
4. Democratic Republic of the Congo
5. Cameroon

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with the Central African Republic (CAR)?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: All

- The Central African Republic (CAR) is a landlocked country in Central Africa. It is bordered by Chad to the north, Sudan to the northeast, South Sudan to the east, the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the south, the Republic of the Congo to the southwest, and Cameroon to the west.

Source: [AP](#)

Q7. The RK-251, seen in the news recently, is about:

- (a) A new radiotherapy technique for treating brain tumours
- (b) A “smart” anti-cancer drug designed to selectively target tumour cells while sparing healthy cells
- (c) An AI-based diagnostic tool for detecting early-stage cancers
- (d) A gene-editing therapy for treating inherited cancers

Answer: B

Explanation: A “smart” anti-cancer drug designed to selectively target tumour cells while sparing healthy cells

- RK-251 is a novel preclinical anti-cancer drug candidate developed through collaborative research involving IASST and IIT Guwahati. It is designed to remain relatively inactive in normal tissues but become activated in the reactive oxygen species (ROS)-rich environment of cancer cells, releasing the anticancer compound NBDHEX. It has shown promising activity against triple-negative breast cancer cells in preclinical studies.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. With reference to Zonal Councils in India, consider the following statements:

1. The idea of setting up Zonal Councils was proposed by the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru.
2. Zonal Councils are statutory bodies.
3. The Union Home Minister acts as the Chairman of each Zonal Council.
4. There are six Zonal Councils at present.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3 only

Statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct:

- The idea of creating Zonal Councils was mooted by Nehru in 1956.
- They are statutory bodies established under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.
- The Union Home Minister is the ex-officio Chairman of each Zonal Council.

Statement 4 is incorrect: There are **five** Zonal Councils — Northern, Central, Eastern, Western, and Southern. The North Eastern Council exists separately under a different Act.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament, consider the following statements:

1. The Subroto Cup is an international inter-school football tournament conducted annually under the aegis of the Air Force Sports Control Board.
2. The tournament is named after Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee and was first organised in 1960 to promote football at the grassroots level.
3. The tournament is restricted to boys' teams, with the principal competitive categories being Under-15 and Under-17 boys.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Subroto Cup International Football Tournament is conducted annually by the Subroto Mukerjee Sports Education Society under the aegis of the Air Force Sports Control Board.

Statement 2 is correct: Named after Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, the tournament was first organised in 1960 and has evolved into a major school-level football competition.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The tournament is not restricted to boys. It includes a Junior Girls' U-17 category along with Sub-Junior Boys' U-15 and Junior Boys' U-17 categories. The 2026 edition features 107 teams across these three categories.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. "He was a warrior from Tamil Nadu who fought against the British East India Company. He was a trusted commander in Puli Thevar's army. He was also known as the "Porvaal" or sword of Puli Thevar. He developed unique strategies for different battles and was an expert in guerrilla warfare. In honour of him, a commemorative postal stamp was released on 20 August 2022."

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

- (a) Maveeran Ondiveeran
- (b) Veeran Azhagu Muthu Kone
- (c) Dheeran Chinnamalai
- (d) Marudhu Pandiyar

Answer: (a) Maveeran Ondiveeran

Source: [AIR](#)

10 PM MCQs (21 August)

Q1. The State's power to prohibit liquor is primarily derived from:

- (a) Article 47
- (b) Article 46
- (c) Article 48
- (d) Article 49

Answer: (a) Article 47

Explanation: Article 47, a Directive Principle of State Policy, directs the State to regard the improvement of nutrition, standard of living and public health as among its primary duties. It also directs the State to endeavour to bring about the prohibition of the consumption of intoxicating drinks and drugs injurious to health, except for medicinal purposes.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements in the context of the ethical dilemma arising from the cancellation of a government recruitment examination:

1. Collective punishment of all selected candidates is justified if irregularities are found in the recruitment process.
2. Candidates who cleared the examination in good faith should be given due process before any adverse action is taken against them.
3. Ensuring the integrity of public recruitment requires an impartial investigation into allegations of irregularities.
4. Administrative convenience should take precedence over the legitimate expectations of candidates who have already been appointed.

Which of the statements given above are ethically appropriate?

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

Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Candidates should not be subjected to collective punishment merely because irregularities are alleged. Those who cleared the examination in good faith deserve fair hearing and due process before any adverse action. At the same time, maintaining the credibility of public recruitment requires an impartial investigation and accountability for proven wrongdoing. Administrative convenience cannot override fairness and legitimate expectations.

Source- MISC

Q3. With reference to the 'Friends of MY Bharat' Initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs.
2. It engages Indian-origin youth worldwide in India's nation-building and youth-led programmes

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 'Friends of MY Bharat' Initiative is an initiative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, not the Ministry of External Affairs. It aims to strengthen engagement with Indian-origin youth across the world and provide opportunities to participate in India's nation-building and youth-led programmes.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. Consider the following pairs:

1. Dimna Lake — Jharkhand
2. Manasbal Lake — Jammu and Kashmir
3. Glaw Lake — Arunachal Pradesh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (c) All three

Explanation:

- Dimna Lake: It is an artificial reservoir located near Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, at the foothills of the Dalma Hills. It is an important source of water for Jamshedpur.
- Manasbal Lake: Located in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir, it is one of the deepest natural lakes in the Kashmir Valley.
- Glaw Lake: Located in Anjaw district of Arunachal Pradesh, it is a high-altitude lake in the Eastern Himalayas and has been recognised as a Ramsar Site.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q5. Vaishya Tekri, recently seen in the news, is associated with which of the following?

- (a) A Buddhist stupa in Ujjain
- (b) A Harappan settlement in Gujarat
- (c) A Chola-era temple in Tamil Nadu
- (d) A Gupta-era cave complex in Bihar

Answer: (a) A Buddhist stupa in Ujjain

Explanation: Vaishya Tekri is a large ancient mound associated with a Buddhist stupa at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Earlier excavations found large bricks and coins indicating its possible Mauryan-period antiquity.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. With reference to the Western Hoolock Gibbon, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only ape species native to India.
2. It is naturally found in the Western Ghats in India.
3. It is listed as Critically Endangered under the IUCN Red List.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is incorrect as it is found in northeastern India (south of the Brahmaputra and east of the Dibang River), not in the Western Ghats. Statement 3 is incorrect as its IUCN status is Endangered, not Critically Endangered.

Source - [Mongabay](#)

Q7. The Satkosia Tiger Reserve, seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) West Bengal

Answer: A

Explanation: Odisha

- The Satkosia Tiger Reserve is located in Odisha and encompasses the Satkosia Gorge, through which the Mahanadi River flows.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Consider the following schemes:

1. Price Support Scheme (PSS)
2. Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)
3. Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)
4. Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)

How many of the above schemes are part of the broader Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The Government of India is implementing the integrated scheme **Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)**, which encompasses the **Price Support Scheme (PSS)**, **Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)**, **Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)**, and **Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)**. The overarching objective of this initiative is to ensure assured and remunerative prices for farmers' agricultural produce, thereby protecting their income and securing their livelihood against market fluctuations.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to Zambia, consider the following statements:

1. Zambia is a landlocked country in southern Africa and shares an international boundary with many countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.
2. The Zambezi River forms Zambia's eastern international boundary with Mozambique for most of its course and falls into Lake Malawi.

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: Zambia is landlocked and shares borders with eight countries: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Zambezi River does not form Zambia's eastern boundary with Mozambique for most of its course, nor does it flow into Lake Malawi. It flows generally eastward through/along Zambia and eventually reaches the Indian Ocean in Mozambique, forming the major drainage system of the region.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following languages:

1. Nepali
2. Manipuri
3. Konkani

How many of the above languages were added to the 8th Schedule by 71st constitutional Amendment Act, 1992?

- a) Only one

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All

- In 1992, the Indian Parliament unanimously passed the 71st constitutional Amendment Bill to include Nepali, Manipuri and Konkani languages for inclusion in 8th schedule of constitution and on 31st August the President of India gave his consent.

Source: [NOA](#)

10 PM MCQs (22 August)

Q1. The "Triple Test" laid down in the Bangalore Water Supply case is related to which of the following?

- (a) Determining whether an establishment qualifies as an "industry"
- (b) Determining whether a worker can form a trade union
- (c) Determining the legality of a strike
- (d) Determining the minimum wage payable to workers

Answer: (a) Determining whether an establishment qualifies as an "industry"

Explanation: The Triple Test determines whether an activity qualifies as an "industry" based on systematic activity, employer-employee cooperation, and production or distribution of goods/services

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. With reference to languages in India, consider the following statements:

1. English is included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.
2. Part XVIII of the Constitution deals with the official language.

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: English is not included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Part XVII, and not Part XVIII, deals with the official language.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

1. Sanchal Wildlife Sanctuary – West Bengal
2. Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary – Karnataka
3. Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary – Kerala

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: Sanchal Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Darjeeling district of West Bengal. Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary is in Karnataka, while Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Kerala. All three pairs are correctly matched.

Source- [TI](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. Yemen
2. Djibouti
3. Eritrea

How many of the above countries border the Gulf of Aden?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation: Yemen and Djibouti border the Gulf of Aden, while Eritrea borders the Red Sea but not the Gulf of Aden. Hence, only two of the above countries border the Gulf of Aden.

Source- [cnbc](#)

Q5. With reference to the Parichha Dam, consider the following statements:

1. It is located on the Ken River.
2. It was recognized as a 'World Heritage Irrigation Structure' by the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage.

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: Parichha Dam is located on the Betwa River in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. It was recognised as a 'World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS)' by the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q6. The Thiksey Monastery, seen in the news recently, is located in:

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

Answer: A

Explanation: Ladakh

- Thiksey Monastery is a prominent Tibetan Buddhist monastery located in the Indus Valley near Leh, Ladakh. It belongs to the Gelugpa (Yellow Hat) school of Tibetan Buddhism and is situated on a hill overlooking the Indus Valley.

Source: [BL](#)

Q7. With reference to Blue Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. Blue bonds are debt instruments through which funds are raised specifically for projects that support the sustainable use and conservation of marine and ocean resources.
2. Unlike green bonds, blue bonds can finance only projects related to marine biodiversity conservation and cannot be used for activities such as sustainable fisheries, coastal infrastructure or wastewater management.

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: Blue bonds are thematic debt instruments designed to mobilise capital for ocean and marine-related sustainable development, including marine conservation and sustainable use of ocean resources.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Blue bonds can finance a broader range of ocean-related activities, such as sustainable fisheries, marine pollution reduction, wastewater management, coastal resilience and sustainable coastal infrastructure, depending on the bond framework.

Source: [BS](#)

Q8. With reference to the H1N1 virus, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. H1N1 is a subtype of Influenza A virus that primarily affects the respiratory system and can cause complications such as pneumonia and respiratory failure.
2. The H1N1 virus currently circulating as seasonal influenza is transmitted exclusively from pigs to humans and cannot spread through human-to-human transmission.

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: H1N1 is a subtype of Influenza A and primarily affects the nose, throat and lungs. Severe cases can develop pneumonia, respiratory failure and other complications.

Statement 2 is incorrect: H1N1 can spread from person to person through respiratory droplets and aerosols. The H1N1 strain that caused the 2009 pandemic subsequently became part of seasonal influenza circulation.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP):

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
2. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the nodal ministry of this scheme.
3. It was launched to control and eventually eradicate Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis through systematic vaccination of susceptible livestock.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: It is a Central Sector Scheme launched in 2019.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The nodal ministry is the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, specifically implemented through the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD).

Statement 3 is correct: NADCP was launched in 2019 with the objective of controlling and eventually eradicating FMD and Brucellosis through vaccination.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to Terrier Cyber Quest 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is a national-level hackathon launched by the C-DAC in collaboration with CyberPeace to develop indigenous solutions for emerging challenges in defence and cybersecurity.
2. The competition includes an “AI Kavach” track focused on AI/ML-based predictive threat intelligence, automated defence mechanisms and anomaly detection.

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: Terrier Cyber Quest 2026 (TCQ 3.0) is the third edition of a national-level hackathon organised by the Territorial Army in collaboration with CyberPeace, focusing on defence, cybersecurity and information-domain challenges.

Statement 2 is correct: The AI Kavach track focuses on applying Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for predictive threat intelligence, automated defence mechanisms and anomaly detection.

Source: [PIB](#)