

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM Daily MCQs (16 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Women's Asia Cup 2026:

1. All matches of the tournament were held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
2. The tournament was played in the Women's T20 International (WT20I) format.
3. India won the title by defeating Bangladesh in the final.

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:** All 15 matches of the Women's Asia Cup 2026 were played at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, United Arab Emirates.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The 2026 edition was contested in the Women's T20 International (WT20I) format.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** India won the Women's Asia Cup 2026 by defeating Sri Lanka in the final, not Bangladesh. India won the final by 72 runs.

Source- [ndtv](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the constitutional status of Hindi in India:

1. Article 343 provides for Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language of the Union.
2. Article 351 directs the Union to promote and develop Hindi as a medium of expression for the composite culture of 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) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 343 declares Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of the Union.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Article 351 directs the Union to promote and develop Hindi so that it may serve as a medium of expression for the composite culture of India.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

1. Brazil
2. Argentina
3. Paraguay
4. Uruguay
5. Chile
6. Peru

How many of the above countries are full members of MERCOSUR grouping (Southern Common Market)?

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

Answer: (b) Only four

Explanation- Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay are full members of MERCOSUR. Chile and Peru are not full members of the grouping.

Source- [IBEF](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the National Quantum Mission (NQM):

1. It aims to develop intermediate-scale quantum computers with 10–100 physical qubits.
2. It focuses on four domains, including Quantum Computing, Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing and Metrology, and Quantum Materials and Devices.
3. It includes the establishment of four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in academic and national R&D institutes across India.

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: (c) 2 and 3 only

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The NQM aims to develop intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50–1000 physical qubits, not 10–100.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Mission focuses on four key verticals: Quantum Computing, Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing & Metrology, and Quantum Materials & Devices.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The NQM includes the establishment of four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in academic and national R&D institutes across India.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Consider the following description:

1. It is located in Telangana.
2. It lies at the southernmost tip of the Central Indian Tiger Landscape.
3. It is linked with the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve and Indravati Tiger Reserve.
4. It forms an important catchment of the Godavari River.

Which one of the following Tiger Reserves is being described?

- (a) Kawal Tiger Reserve
- (b) Amrabad Tiger Reserve
- (c) Nagarjuna Sagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve
- (d) Pench Tiger Reserve

Answer: (a) Kawal Tiger Reserve

Source- [scroll](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the 48th WorldSkills Competition:

1. The 48th WorldSkills Competition is being held in Shanghai, China.

2. It will be India's first participation in this competition since its inception.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The 48th WorldSkills Competition is being held in Shanghai from 22–27 September 2026. It features 64 skill competitions and brings together more than 1,400 competitors from over 70 countries and regions.

Statement 2 is incorrect: India's performance at international skill competitions has shown consistent progress. The country moved from the 29th position in 2015 to the 13th position at WorldSkills Lyon 2024, where it secured four Bronze Medals and 12 Medallions for Excellence. India also secured the eighth position in Asia at WorldSkills Asia 2025.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Varuna River:

- 1. It is a tributary of the Ganga.
- 2. It forms the part of the National Waterway No. 108 under the National Waterways Act, 2016.

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 Varuna is a tributary of the Ganga and joins the Ganga at Sarai Mohana near Varanasi. The river is closely associated with the identity of Varanasi, whose name is traditionally linked to the Varuna and Assi rivers.

Statement 2 is correct: The Varuna River is designated as National Waterway-108 (NW-108). The designated waterway extends through Uttar Pradesh.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The *Rungia mastersii*, seen in the news recently, is a:

- (a) Rare flowering plant endemic to Assam
- (b) Newly discovered freshwater fish endemic to Assam
- (c) Medicinal plant 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 of the family Acanthaceae, endemic to Assam. It was recently rediscovered in the Jatinga Hills of Dima Hasao district, nearly 180 years after its original discovery in 1845. Only around 40–42 individuals were found in the wild.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. The Kishau Multipurpose Project, recently seen in the news, is built over which one of the following rivers?

- (a) Sutlej
- (b) Tons
- (c) Yamuna
- (d) Giri

Answer: B

Explanation: Tons

- The Kishau Multipurpose Project is a major multipurpose dam project on the Tons River, a major tributary of the Yamuna. The project is located along the Uttarakhand–Himachal Pradesh border.

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. Consider the following substances:

1. Hydrobromofluorocarbons (HBFCs)
2. Halons
3. Methyl bromide
4. Carbon tetrachloride
5. Methyl chloroform

How many of the above are considered Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS) under the Montreal Protocol framework?

- (a) Only three
- (b) Only four
- (c) All five
- (d) None

Answer: C

Explanation: All five

- All the listed substances-HBFCs, halons, methyl bromide, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform-are recognized as ozone-depleting substances under the Montreal Protocol.

Source: [WMO](#)

10 PM MCQs (17 September)

Q1. Consider the following description:

1. He was a celebrated Indian novelist and short-story writer known for his psychological realism and portrayal of marginalized sections of society.
2. His novel Pather Dabi, centred on revolutionary resistance against British rule, was banned by the colonial government.
3. He participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement and served as President of the Howrah District Congress.
4. His major literary works include Devdas, Parineeta, Srikanta, Charitraheen, and Sesh Prashna.

Which one of the following personalities is being described?

- (a) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- (b) Saratchandra Chattopadhyay
- (c) Rabindranath Tagore
- (d) Sarat Chandra Ray

Answer: (b) Saratchandra Chattopadhyay

Source- [PMI](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Gallium Nitride Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit (GaN MMIC) Technology:

1. GaN MMIC technology is primarily designed to handle low-frequency electrical signals.
2. India became the first country in the world to indigenously develop GaN MMIC technology through the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

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:** GaN MMIC technology is designed to handle high-frequency microwave signals, with applications in systems such as radar and advanced communications.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India was not the first country to develop GaN MMIC technology. DRDO developed indigenous GaN MMIC technology, enabling India to join a select group of countries possessing this capability, including the US, Russia, France, Germany, South Korea and China.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

1. Ramjak Mountain — Himachal Pradesh
2. Anamudi — Kerala
3. Doddabetta — Andhra Pradesh

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Pair 1 is Correct-** Ramjak is a high-altitude mountain peak located in the Lahaul region of Himachal Pradesh.
- **Pair 2 is Correct-** Anamudi, located in Eravikulam National Park, is the highest peak in Kerala and South India.
- **Pair 3 is Incorrect-** Doddabetta is located in Tamil Nadu, in the Nilgiri Hills. It is the highest peak in the Nilgiri Hills.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. Turkey
2. Iraq
3. Jordan
4. Israel
5. Lebanon

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

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

Answer: (d) All five

Explanation: Syria shares land borders with Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Israel and Lebanon. It lies along the eastern Mediterranean coast, with the Mediterranean Sea forming its western boundary.

Source- [APnews](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY):

1. Eligible subscribers are assured a minimum pension of ₹3,000 per month after attaining 60 years of age.
2. On the death of a pensioner, the spouse is entitled to a family pension equal to 100% of the subscriber's pension.
3. The scheme is open to Small and Marginal Farmers having cultivable landholding up to 2 hectares and aged 18 to 40 years at the time of enrolment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Eligible subscribers receive a minimum assured pension of ₹3,000 per month after attaining 60 years of age.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The spouse is entitled to a family pension equal to 50% of the subscriber's pension, i.e. ₹1,500 per month, subject to scheme conditions.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** PM-KMY is open to Small and Marginal Farmers with cultivable landholdings of up to 2 hectares and aged 18–40 years at the time of enrolment.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements about Kosovo:

1. It shares its coast with Adriatic Sea.
2. India does not recognize Kosovo as an independent nation.

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: Kosovo is a landlocked self-declared independent country located in the Balkans region of Europe.

Statement 2 is correct: India does not recognize Kosovo as an independent country.

Source: [Print](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR):

1. The NCPCR is a statutory body.
 2. The Commission can take suo motu cognizance of violations of child rights and inquire into complaints relating to deprivation or violation of such rights.
 3. It has the power to directly impose criminal penalties on persons found guilty of violating child rights.
- 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

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: NCPCR is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the CPC Act, 2005, under the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Statement 2 is correct: Under its statutory functions, the NCPCR can inquire into complaints and take suo motu notice of matters involving deprivation or violation of child rights and non-implementation of laws protecting children.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The NCPCR has powers similar to those of a civil court while conducting certain inquiries, such as summoning persons and requiring documents. However, it does not itself impose criminal penalties. It can recommend prosecution or approach constitutional courts after an inquiry.

Source: [India Today](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Budhabalanga River:

1. It originates from the Similipal range of hills in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.
 2. It is a tributary of the Mahanadi River and ultimately forms part of the Mahanadi delta 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: The Budhabalanga originates from the Similipal range of hills in Mayurbhanj district.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Budhabalanga is an independent east-flowing river that drains directly into the Bay of Bengal; it is not a tributary of the Mahanadi.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. The Parang La, seen in the news recently, connects which one of the following regions?

- (a) Kinnaur Valley of Himachal Pradesh with Nubra Valley of Ladakh
- (b) Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh with Changthang region of Ladakh
- (c) Lahaul Valley of Himachal Pradesh with Zaskar Valley of Ladakh

(d) Kullu Valley of Himachal Pradesh with Leh region of Ladakh

Answer: B

Explanation: Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh with Changthang region of Ladakh

- Parang La (about 5,578 m) is a high-altitude mountain pass connecting the Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh with the Changthang region of Ladakh.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The Global Gender Gap Index 2026 is released by which one of the following organisations?

- (a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- (b) World Bank
- (c) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- (d) International Labour Organization (ILO)

Answer: C

Explanation: World Economic Forum (WEF)

- The Global Gender Gap Index is published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) as part of its Global Gender Gap Report.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (19 September)

Q1. Consider the following pairs:

Exercise Countries involved

1. IMBAX 2026 — India–Myanmar
2. LAMITIYE 2026 — India–Seychelles
3. Yudh Abhyas 2026 — India–United States

Which of the pairs given above is/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:

- **Pair 1 is correct:** IMBAX is a bilateral military exercise between India and Myanmar.
- **Pair 2 is correct:** LAMITIYE is a joint military exercise between India and Seychelles.
- **Pair 3 is correct:** Yudh Abhyas is an annual bilateral military exercise between the Indian and United States Armies.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the PM Vishwakarma Scheme:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. The benefits under the scheme are restricted to one member of a family, while government employees and their family members are excluded.
3. The scheme provides training to eligible artisans along with a stipend of Rs. 1,000 per day during the training period.

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:** PM Vishwakarma is a Central Sector Scheme for artisans and craftspeople aged 18 years or above engaged in 18 notified traditional trades.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme restricts benefits to one member of a family and excludes government employees and their family members.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Eligible artisans receive a stipend of ₹500 per day, not ₹1,000, during the training period.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the EPFO wage ceiling:

1. The wage ceiling for mandatory coverage under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been increased from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 per month.
2. The revised wage ceiling extends mandatory coverage to eligible employees in establishments employing 20 or more persons.

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:** The Union Cabinet approved raising the statutory wage ceiling for mandatory EPFO coverage from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 per month.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The revised ceiling applies to eligible employees in establishments covered under the EPF law, generally those employing 20 or more employees.

Source- [PMI](#)

Q4. Which one of the following countries has recently declared a national HIV emergency?

- (a) Samoa
- (b) Fiji
- (c) Tonga
- (d) Vanuatu

Answer: (b) Fiji

Explanation

- Fiji has recently declared a national HIV emergency in response to a rapid rise in new HIV infections.
- The country recorded a 12-fold increase in new HIV infections between 2010 and 2025

Source- [APnews](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs):

1. They are used in the production of plastic foams.
2. They are used in the production of tubeless tyres.
3. They are used for cleaning certain electronic components.
4. They are used as pressurising agents in aerosol cans.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (c) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** CFCs were used as blowing agents in the production of plastic foams.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** CFCs are not used in the production of tubeless tyres.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** CFCs were used as solvents for cleaning certain electronic components.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** CFCs were used as propellants in aerosol cans.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The Global Business Climate Survey 2026 is released by which one of the following?

- (a) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- (b) Business Sweden, in collaboration with Swedish Chambers International
- (c) International Trade Centre (ITC)
- (d) OECD

Answer: B

Explanation: Business Sweden, in collaboration with Swedish Chambers International

- The Global Business Climate Survey 2026 is jointly produced by Business Sweden and the Swedish Chambers of Commerce (Swedish Chambers International), along with Sweden's embassies and consulates. The 2026 edition covers 41 markets and captures the views of Swedish companies operating overseas.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Himalayan Monal:

1. It is a high-altitude pheasant that shows seasonal altitudinal movement, generally moving to lower elevations during winter.
2. It is the state bird of Uttarakhand.
3. It is classified as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List.

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: It inhabits high-altitude Himalayan forests, slopes and alpine areas and undertakes seasonal altitudinal migration, descending to lower elevations during winter.

Statement 2 is correct: The Himalayan Monal (*Lophophorus impejanus*) is the state bird of Uttarakhand.

Statement 3 is correct: It is listed as Least Concern globally. It is also included in Schedule I of India's Wildlife (Protection) Act.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY):

1. The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. It to provide placement linked skilling for rural youth, who are poor and provide them with jobs having regular monthly wages at or above the minimum wages.
3. The scheme provides compulsory inclusion of SC/ST, Women and PwDs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), the Ministry of Rural Development implements Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) programmes for skill development of rural poor youth through their employment to eradicate poverty in the country.

Statement 2 is correct: Objective of DDU-GKY is to provide placement linked skilling for rural youth, who are poor and provide them with jobs having regular monthly wages at or above the minimum wages.

Statement 3 is correct: DDU- GKY guideline provides social inclusion of SC/ST (50%), Women (33%), and PwDs (5%).

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. The Perim Island, seen in the news recently, is located in which one of the following water bodies?

- (a) Strait of Hormuz
- (b) Bab el-Mandeb Strait
- (c) Gulf of Aden
- (d) Gulf of Suez

Answer: B

Explanation: Bab el-Mandeb Strait

- Perim Island, also known as Mayyun Island, is a volcanic island of Yemen located in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, at the southern entrance to the Red Sea. It lies between Yemen and the Horn of Africa and divides the strait into two channels.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Pluto was removed from the category of being a planet because:

- (a) It is not spherical in shape due to its low mass
- (b) It does not orbit the Sun
- (c) It has not cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit
- (d) It does not possess any natural satellite

Answer: C

Explanation: It has not cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit

- In 2006, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) defined a planet as a celestial body that:
 - Orbits the Sun,
 - Is nearly spherical due to its own gravity, and
 - Has cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit.
- Pluto satisfies the first two criteria but does not satisfy the third. It therefore became classified as a dwarf planet.

Source: [DTE](#)

10 PM MCQs (21 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the current Census Town criteria in India:

1. A settlement is classified as a Census Town if it has a population of at least 5,000.
2. At least 75% of the male main working population of the settlement must be engaged in non-agricultural pursuits.
3. The settlement must have a population density of at least 500 persons per sq. km.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** A Census Town must have a population of at least **5,000**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** At least 75% of the male main working population must be engaged in non-agricultural pursuits.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The required population density is at least 400 persons per sq. km, not 500 persons per sq. km.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the district-level labour market indicators recently released by the National Statistical Office (NSO):

1. Among the 100 most populous districts, for persons aged 15 years and above, Surat (Gujarat) recorded the highest Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Worker Population Ratio (WPR).
2. Darbhanga (Bihar) recorded the lowest LFPR and WPR among the 100 most populous districts.

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:** Among the 100 most populous districts, Surat (Gujarat) recorded the highest LFPR and WPR for persons aged 15 years and above.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** Darbhanga (Bihar) recorded the lowest LFPR and WPR among the 100 most populous districts.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the State of Global Water Resources 2025 Report:

1. The report was released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
2. In India, groundwater levels are experiencing persistent depletion, particularly across the northern and north-western regions.
3. Over-abstraction of groundwater is identified as the primary factor driving this decline in India.

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

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

Answer: B. Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The State of Global Water Resources 2025 Report was released by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), not the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The report highlights persistent groundwater depletion in India, particularly in the northern and north-western regions.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The report identifies over-abstraction of groundwater as the primary factor driving groundwater decline in India.

Source- [Downtoearth](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI):

1. It is published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in collaboration with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
2. Among Indian financial centres, GIFT City (Gujarat) is ranked higher than Mumbai in the latest edition of the index.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B. 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI) is published by Z/Yen Partners in collaboration with the China Development Institute (CDI), not by the WEF and IMF.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** GIFT City (Gujarat) is ranked 37th, while Mumbai is ranked 49th in the latest edition. Therefore, GIFT City ranks higher than Mumbai.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The term “Dark Patterns”, recently seen in the news, is related to which of the following?

- A. Website and app design practices that manipulate users into making unintended choices
- B. Cybersecurity techniques used to prevent malware attacks

- C. Artificial intelligence techniques used to detect online fraud
- D. Website design techniques used to improve user engagement and encourage intended choices

Answer: A. Website and app design practices that manipulate users into making unintended choices

Explanation: Dark patterns are deceptive or manipulative design techniques used in websites and digital interfaces to influence users into making choices they may not have intended to make. Examples include false urgency, basket sneaking, confirm shaming, forced action, subscription traps, bait and switch, drip pricing and disguised advertisements.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. The Subic Bay, recently seen in the news, is located in which one of the following water bodies?

- (a) Philippine Sea
- (b) South China Sea
- (c) Sulu Sea
- (d) Celebes Sea

Answer: B

Explanation: South China Sea

- Subic Bay is located on the western coast of Luzon Island in the Philippines and opens into the South China Sea.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Tulu language:

1. Tulu is a Dravidian language primarily spoken in the coastal regions of Karnataka and Kerala.
2. Tulu is included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India as one of the officially recognised Scheduled Languages.

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: Tulu belongs to the Dravidian language family and is predominantly spoken in the coastal Karnataka region, particularly Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, as well as parts of northern Kerala. ☑

Statement 2 is incorrect: Tulu is not included in the Eighth Schedule. The Eighth Schedule currently contains 22 languages, and Tulu has been among the languages for which inclusion has been demanded.

Source: [NDTV](#)

Q8. The Gender Snapshot 2026 Report is released by which one of the following?

- (a) UNDP and UN Women
- (b) UN Women and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- (c) UNICEF and UNFPA
- (d) International Labour Organization (ILO) and UN Women

Answer: B

Explanation: UN Women and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

- The Gender Snapshot 2026 is jointly produced by UN Women and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). It tracks progress on gender equality across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and highlights trends in women's participation, leadership and decision-making.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding SLINEX-26:

1. SLINEX-26 is the 13th edition of the India–Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise, conducted between the Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy.
2. The 2026 edition is being conducted at Colombo and comprises a Harbour Phase followed by a Sea Phase.

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: SLINEX-26 is the 13th edition of the annual bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka. SLINEX was conceptualised in 2005 to strengthen maritime cooperation, interoperability and mutual understanding between the two navies. ☑

Statement 2 is incorrect: The 2026 edition is being conducted at Visakhapatnam from 17–21 September 2026, beginning with the Harbour Phase, followed by the Sea Phase.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the DISHA scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Law and Justice is the nodal ministry of the scheme.
2. It aims to provide easy, accessible, affordable and citizen- centric delivery of legal services through various legal awareness schemes.

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 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Ministry of Law and Justice is the nodal ministry of the Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice in India” (DISHA) scheme

Statement 2 is correct: The DISHA scheme aims to provide easy, accessible, affordable and citizen- centric delivery of legal services through the scheme of Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) and Legal Literacy and Legal awareness programme.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (22 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Meenakshi Temple:

1. It is located on the banks of the Vaigai River in Madurai.
2. The temple’s present monumental form was developed mainly under the Chola rulers.

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 Meenakshi Temple is located in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, on the southern bank of the Vaigai River.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The temple has ancient Pandyan origins, while its present monumental form was developed mainly under the Nayaka rulers, particularly during the 16th–17th centuries.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements:

1. India's per capita CO₂ emissions are lower than the global average.
2. Per capita CO₂ emissions are calculated by dividing a country's annual CO₂ emissions by its mid-year population.
3. China has the highest per capita CO₂ emissions in the world, followed by the USA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** India's per capita CO₂ emissions are approximately 2.1–2.2 metric tonnes, compared with the global average of around 4.67 metric tonnes per person.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Per capita CO₂ emissions are calculated by dividing annual national CO₂ emissions by the mid-year population.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** China does not have the highest per capita CO₂ emissions in the world, followed by the USA. Several countries have higher per capita emissions than both China and the USA.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. Consider the following countries:

1. Belarus
2. Romania
3. Hungary
4. Poland
5. Lithuania

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

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

Answer: C. Only four

Explanation:

- Ukraine shares land borders with Belarus, Russia, Moldova, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland.

- Among the countries listed above, Belarus, Romania, Hungary, and Poland share a land border with Ukraine.
- Lithuania does not share a land border with Ukraine.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. Consider the following description:

1. It is a drought- and frost-resistant tree adapted to arid conditions.
2. It can survive in areas receiving 100–600 mm of annual rainfall.
3. Its fruit is used to prepare the popular local dish ‘Sangri’.
4. It is considered a sacred tree in Rajasthan.

Which one of the following trees is described above?

- A. Neem
- B. Babool
- C. Rohida
- D. Khejri

Answer: D. Khejri

Explanation: The description refers to the Khejri (*Prosopis cineraria*), a characteristic tree of the arid and semi-arid regions of Rajasthan. It is highly drought-resistant, and its pods are used to prepare Sangri.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q5. Barakar River, Konar River and Jamunia River are tributaries of which of the following rivers?

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

Answer: B. Damodar River

Explanation: The Barakar, Konar and Jamunia are important tributaries of the Damodar River, which flows through Jharkhand and West Bengal.

Source- [SM](#)

Q6. With reference to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), consider the following statements:

1. The Chairperson of the NGT must be a retired Supreme Court Judge or a Chief Justice of a High Court.
2. The NGT has jurisdiction over cases arising under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the Indian Forest Act, 1927.
3. The NGT is not bound by the Civil Procedure Code and follows the principles of natural justice.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 3

- **Statement 1 is correct** — The NGT Chairperson must be a retired Supreme Court Judge or Chief Justice of a High Court.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect** — The NGT does NOT have jurisdiction over the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- **Statement 3 is correct** — The NGT is not bound by the CPC and is guided by principles of natural justice for speedy disposal.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Article 311 of the Indian Constitution:

1. Article 311 provides procedural safeguards to civil servants against arbitrary dismissal, removal, or reduction in rank.
2. No civil servant can be dismissed or removed by an authority subordinate to the one who appointed them.

Which of the above statements 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:** Article 311 ensures that civil servants employed under the Union or a State are protected from arbitrary dismissal, removal, or reduction in rank, thus providing them with a measure of security of tenure.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Article 311(1) clearly provides that no civil servant shall be dismissed or removed by an authority subordinate to the one who appointed them. This prevents arbitrary action by lower-level authorities.

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. The Lord Howe Island is located in which one of the following water bodies?

- (a) Coral Sea
- (b) Tasman Sea
- (c) Arafura Sea
- (d) Timor Sea

Answer: B

Explanation: Tasman Sea

- Lord Howe Island is an Australian island located in the Tasman Sea, between Australia and New Zealand. It is part of New South Wales, Australia, and lies about 570 km east of Port Macquarie.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding UPI Tap and Pay:

1. UPI Tap and Pay is a contactless payment facility.
2. It is based on Near Field Communication (NFC) technology and is designed to facilitate quick, contactless payments through the UPI 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: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: UPI Tap and Pay is a contactless payment facility. It allows users to make UPI payments by tapping an NFC-enabled smartphone on a compatible Point-of-Sale (PoS) terminal.

Statement 2 is correct: The feature uses NFC/contactless technology to enable the interaction between the user's device and the merchant's compatible payment point.

Source: [BS](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the “Partners for Multilateralism” (P4M) Initiative:

1. It is a new, non-superpower global diplomatic grouping to reform global institutions and promote collective action.
2. The initiative is founded by the European Union and USA and seeks to promote reforms that make multilateral institutions more representative, inclusive and effective.

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: P4M seeks to strengthen multilateral cooperation through the UN system, while providing an open framework for countries to work across regional and political divides. ↱

Statement 2 is incorrect: The initiative was initially founded by the EU, Brazil, Kenya and Canada. Its agenda includes reforming multilateral institutions to make them more representative, inclusive, effective and fit for purpose.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (23 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2026:

1. It is a joint military exercise conducted between India and Mongolia.
2. The 18th edition (2026) of the exercise commenced at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Exercise Nomadic Elephant is a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Mongolian Armed Forces, aimed at enhancing interoperability and strengthening bilateral defence cooperation.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 18th edition of Nomadic Elephant 2026 commenced at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, and not Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the G20 Energy Consensus:

1. It is a legally binding agreement that requires all G20 members to implement uniform energy policies.
2. It promotes LPG adoption as a practical pathway to reduce indoor air pollution.
3. The G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial was recently convened under the U.S. G20 Presidency.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

Answer: B. Only two

Explanation: Statements 2 and 3 are correct, while Statement 1 is incorrect because the G20 outcomes are non-binding and do not require members to adopt uniform energy policies.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q3. Which of the following are in Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve?

- A. Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve
- B. Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam and Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Silent Valley National Park
- C. Kaundinya, Gundla Brahmeswaram and Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Mukurthi National Park
- D. Kawal and Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve

Answer: A

Explanation: The Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve includes Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuaries and the Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Visegrád Group:

1. It is a military alliance established to provide collective defence to its member countries.
2. It comprises the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B. 2 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect because the Visegrád Group is a cultural and political alliance focused on cooperation, while Statement 2 is correct as it comprises Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia

Source- [BT](#)

Q5. Parbati-II Hydroelectric Project, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following states?

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

Answer: D. Himachal Pradesh

Explanation: The Parbati-II Hydroelectric Project is a run-of-the-river project under construction on the Parbati River in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Djibouti:

1. Djibouti is located in the Horn of Africa.
2. It shares land borders with Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia, and its coastline opens towards the Gulf of Aden.

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: Djibouti lies in the Horn of Africa, at the southern entrance to the Red Sea, close to the strategically important Bab el-Mandeb Strait. ↕

Statement 2 is correct: Djibouti shares borders with Eritrea to the north, Ethiopia to the west and southwest, and Somalia to the southeast. It has a coastline along the Gulf of Aden.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Project Rhino:

1. It will focus on strengthening protection, managing habitats, and scientifically understanding rhino population trends.
2. The project is focused exclusively on Assam, as the state accounts for nearly 80% of the world's rhino population.

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: It will focus on strengthening protection, managing habitats, improving genetic diversity, and scientifically understanding rhino population trends.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The initiative is not limited to Assam. Rhino conservation efforts also cover other range states, including Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, where rhinos have been protected or reintroduced.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The following description refers to which one of the following personalities?

He was one of the most prominent modern Hindi poets of India and is popularly known as 'Rashtrakavi'. He joined Patna College in 1929 during the freedom movement and sometimes published his works under the pseudonym 'Amitabh'. His early work Vijay Sandesh was inspired by the Bardoli Satyagraha. His

famous work Kurukshetra explored the question of war and non-violence, while his other notable works include Urvashi, Saamdheni, Baapu, Mitti Ki Or and Krishna Ki Chetavani. He received the Sahitya Akademi Award and Padma Bhushan in 1959 and the Jnanpith Award in 1972.

- (a) Ramdhari Singh Dinkar
- (b) Maithili Sharan Gupt
- (c) Sumitranandan Pant
- (d) Harivansh Rai Bachchan

Answer: A

Explanation: Ramdhari Singh Dinkar

Source: [NOA](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the National Formulary of India (NFI):

1. The National Formulary of India is a guidance document for healthcare professionals aimed at promoting the rational and safe use of medicines.
2. The NFI is published by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The NFI is an authoritative guidance document for prescribing, dispensing and administering medicines, intended to promote their rational and safe use.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The NFI is published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare—not by CDSCO.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Dermatophytosis is:

- (a) A bacterial infection affecting the respiratory tract
- (b) A superficial fungal infection of the skin, hair and nails
- (c) A viral infection causing inflammation of the joints
- (d) A parasitic infection affecting the intestinal tract

Answer: B

Explanation: A superficial fungal infection of the skin, hair and nails

- Dermatophytosis is a superficial fungal infection caused by dermatophytes, which are fungi that utilize keratin found in the skin, hair and nails.

Source: [TH](#)