

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (1 October)

Q1. Imagine you are exploring a tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh. During your visit, you come across a network of around 39 caves containing Pali inscriptions and depictions of animals, along with ancient stupas and statues dating back to the 1st century BCE.

Which one of the following protected areas are you most likely visiting?

- (a) Kanha Tiger Reserve
- (b) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- (c) Satpura Tiger Reserve
- (d) Pench Tiger Reserve

Answer: (b) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Explanation: The Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh is notable not only for its rich wildlife but also for its archaeological heritage, including around 39 caves with Pali inscriptions and animal depictions, as well as ancient stupas and statues.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. Vasundhara Tal — Uttarakhand
- 2. Shakho Cho — Manipur
- 3. Lake Pichola — Arunachal Pradesh

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- Vasundhara Tal — Uttarakhand: **Correct.** It is a high-altitude glacial lake in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand.
- Shakho Cho — Manipur: **Incorrect.** Shakho Cho is a high-altitude glacial lake in the Indian Himalayas, associated with Ladakh.
- Lake Pichola: Arunachal Pradesh: **Incorrect.** Lake Pichola is located in Rajasthan.

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. The PRAGATI-50 Initiative, recently seen in the news, aims to:

- (a) Develop 50 model cities with higher benchmarks of urban cleanliness and sanitation
- (b) Provide affordable housing to 50 lakh urban households
- (c) Establish 50 new smart cities across India
- (d) Develop 50 industrial corridors for promoting urban employment

Answer: (a) Develop 50 model cities with higher benchmarks of urban cleanliness and sanitation

Explanation: The PRAGATI-50 Initiative, launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, aims to develop 50 model cities across 24 States demonstrating higher benchmarks of Swachhata. It operates within the framework of Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0).

Source- [TOI](#)

Q4. With reference to India's proposed first world-class geological museum, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is proposed to be developed in the state of Maharashtra.
- 2. The museum will showcase the geological history of the Godavari Valley.

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: The proposed museum is to be developed in the Bhedaghat–Lamhetaghat area of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. It will showcase the geological history of the Narmada Valley. Hence, both statements are incorrect.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q5. The traditional Mandar folk musical instrument, recently seen in the news, is associated with which one of the following states?

- (a) Odisha
(b) Chhattisgarh
(c) Bihar
(d) Jharkhand

Answer: (d) Jharkhand

Explanation: The Mandar is a traditional folk musical instrument of Jharkhand. It is widely used in tribal and folk music and recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the GI Registry, Chennai.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q6. The Operation DRISHTI, recently seen in the news, is launched by which of the following?

- (a) Indian Army
(b) Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)
(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(d) National Health Authority

Answer: B

Explanation: Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)

- Operation DRISHTI is a humanitarian medical outreach initiative of the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS). Under the initiative, mega eye surgical camps are conducted in remote and underserved areas, including the Kashmir region. The 2026 Kashmir leg involved surgical teams from Army Hospital (Research & Referral) and 92 Base Hospital, among others.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Statistical Business Register (SBR), consider the following statements:

1. It is a comprehensive database of economic units engaged in production and service activities, designed to serve as a core sampling frame for business surveys and economic statistics.
2. In India, the SBR is maintained by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

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: An SBR is a structured register of business/economic units containing information such as their identification, location, economic activity and other characteristics.

Statement 2 is correct: India's SBR ecosystem is not maintained exclusively by MoSPI.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. This scheme is designed to reimburse exporters for embedded duties, taxes, and levies that are not otherwise refunded under any other existing scheme.
2. It is compliant with World Trade Organization (WTO) norms.
3. The Ministry of Textile is the nodal ministry of this scheme.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Operational since 1st January 2021, the RoDTEP scheme is designed to reimburse exporters for embedded duties, taxes, and levies that are not otherwise refunded under any other existing scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: It is compliant with World Trade Organization (WTO) norms and is implemented via a comprehensive end-to-end digital platform to ensure transparency and efficiency.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Ministry of Commerce & Industry is the nodal ministry for this scheme.

Source: [ET](#)

Q9. The “Cardiff MoU”, recently seen in the news, is associated with which of the following?

- (a) A maritime cooperation agreement among the United Kingdom, Ireland and France
- (b) A political understanding among the governing parties of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland concerning greater autonomy and self-determination
- (c) An economic partnership between Wales and Scotland for post-Brexit trade
- (d) An agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union on devolved governance

Answer: B

Explanation: A political understanding among the governing parties of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland concerning greater autonomy and self-determination

- The Cardiff MoU was signed in Cardiff, Wales, by political leaders associated with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is a political statement concerning self-determination, autonomy and constitutional change within the UK, rather than a legally binding multilateral treaty.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. The Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Assam
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Meghalaya

Answer: A

Explanation: Assam

- Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Morigaon district of Assam, on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra River. It is particularly known for its significant population of the Indian one-horned rhinoceros.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM Current Affairs MCQs – October 3rd

Q1. With reference to the Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME) Telescope, consider the following statements:

1. It is a radio telescope designed to map the distribution of neutral hydrogen in the Universe.
2. Unlike conventional steerable radio telescopes, CHIME has no moving parts and uses the rotation of the Earth to survey the visible northern sky.

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: CHIME is a radio telescope designed primarily to map the distribution of neutral hydrogen across a large volume of the Universe. Its observations help scientists study cosmology, including the expansion history of the Universe and phenomena such as Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs).

Statement 2 is correct: CHIME is distinctive because it has no moving parts. It consists of four large cylindrical structures and relies on the rotation of the Earth to scan the sky, allowing it to survey the visible northern sky every day.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026):

1. AIME-2026 is a multilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the navies of ASEAN Member States aimed at enhancing interoperability and strengthening maritime cooperation.
2. The 2026 edition of AIME is being hosted by Malaysia.

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 ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME) is a multilateral maritime exercise involving the Indian Navy and ASEAN Member States. It aims to enhance interoperability, mutual understanding and maritime cooperation among participating navies.

Statement 2 is incorrect: AIME-2026 is being conducted in the Philippines, not Malaysia.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q3. The Jawahar Dweep, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following water bodies?

- (a) Gulf of Kutch
- (b) Bay of Bengal
- (c) Gulf of Mannar
- (d) Arabian Sea

Answer: D

Explanation: Arabian Sea

- Jawahar Dweep is an island located in the Mumbai Harbour in the Arabian Sea, off the coast of Maharashtra. It is also known as Butcher Island and serves as an important petroleum-handling facility associated with the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority/Mumbai Port region.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q4. With reference to the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY), consider the following statements:

1. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry Finance for providing assisted-living devices to senior citizens belonging to economically weaker sections.
3. The scheme is implemented through the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO).

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 and Statement 2 is incorrect: RVY is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. It seeks to improve the quality of life of eligible senior citizens by providing them with assisted-living devices.

Statement 3 is correct: The scheme is implemented through Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), a Central Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements about the Buxa Tiger Reserve:

1. Buxa Tiger Reserve forms part of a larger transboundary ecological landscape connected with forests of Bhutan and Assam.
2. The Sankosh river flows through this reserve.

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: Buxa Tiger Reserve is situated in North Bengal and forms part of a larger ecological landscape with connectivity to protected areas and forests of Bhutan and Assam.

Statement 2 is correct: It is crossed by major rivers like the Sankosh, Raidak, Jayanti, and Dima.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Desert National Park (DNP):

1. It is located in Rajasthan and represents the arid ecosystem of the Thar Desert.
2. The Desert National Park is an important habitat of the Great Indian Bustard and forms part of the species' critical landscape in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: The Desert National Park (DNP) is situated in Jaisalmer and Barmer districts of Rajasthan. It represents the distinctive ecosystem of the Thar Desert, with features including sand dunes, rocky and gravelly terrain, and saline depressions.

Statement 2 is correct: DNP is one of the most important habitats for the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), an endangered grassland bird. The landscape provides important breeding and foraging habitat for the species and is therefore significant for its conservation.

Source: [IE](#)

Q7. With reference to Aak (*Calotropis gigantea*), consider the following statements:

1. Aak is commonly found in dry and arid regions of the Indian subcontinent.
2. The plant produces a milky latex, and several of its parts have been traditionally used in indigenous systems of medicine.
3. It is an obligate wetland plant that requires waterlogged soils for its growth.

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: Aak (*Calotropis gigantea*) is a perennial shrub belonging to the family Apocynaceae. It is widely distributed in tropical and subtropical regions and is well adapted to dry conditions, including wastelands and disturbed habitats.

Statement 2 is correct: Aak produces a characteristic milky latex when its tissues are damaged.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Aak is not a wetland plant. It is adapted to dry, well-drained environments and can commonly grow in wastelands, roadsides, scrublands and other arid or semi-arid habitats.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. With reference to the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a statutory body functioning under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- 2. The jurisdiction of the Commission extends only to the National Capital Territory of Delhi and excludes neighbouring states.

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 2 is incorrect** as the jurisdiction includes adjoining areas of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q9. With reference to the Gandak River, consider the following statements:

- 1. It originates in the north of Dhaulagiri Mountain in Tibet near Nepal border.
- 2. It is a left bank tributary of the Yamuna River.
- 3. It is the second major river after the Chambal with the highest number of endangered gharials.

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: Gandak River originates at an altitude of 620 m above msl to the north of Dhaulagiri Mountain in Tibet near Nepal border.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It finally joins Ganga at Hajipur in Bihar.

Statement 3 is correct: The Gandak river has emerged as the second major river after the Chambal with the highest number of gharials.

Source: [NOA](#)

Q10. With reference to the 'RELIEF' Scheme, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a measure to support Indian exporters facing disruptions due to the evolving geopolitical situation.
- 2. The Ministry of Finance is the nodal ministry.

3. The scheme will cover shipments destined for countries including Egypt and Jordan.

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: Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) scheme is time-bound and targeted measure to support Indian exporters facing disruptions due to the evolving geopolitical situation in West Asia.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Launched by: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Statement 3 is correct: The scheme will cover shipments destined for countries including United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Israel and Yemen. The government has expanded the scope of its RELIEF scheme to support exporters facing disruptions due to the evolving geopolitical situation in West Asia, adding Egypt and Jordan to the list of eligible destinations.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (5 October)

Q1. With reference to TAPAS-1, recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:

- 1. TAPAS-1 is India's first commercial private thermal-imaging payload.
- 2. It was launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9.

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:** TAPAS-1 is India's first commercial private thermal-imaging payload, developed by Ahmedabad-based spacetechnology startup Satleo Labs.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** TAPAS-1 was launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket as part of the Transporter-18 rideshare mission from California.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Kaliningrad, recently seen in the news, is associated with which one of the following?

- (a) A Russian exclave located between Poland and Lithuania
- (b) A Russian enclave located between Belarus and Latvia
- (c) A disputed territory between Russia and Ukraine
- (d) An autonomous region of Finland bordering Russia

Answer: (a) A Russian exclave located between Poland and Lithuania

Explanation: Kaliningrad is a Russian exclave on the Baltic Sea, geographically separated from mainland Russia. It lies between Poland and Lithuania and is Russia's westernmost administrative region.

Source- [BS](#)

Q3. Consider the following case:

A person driving a car gets involved in a minor road accident. Although no serious injury appears to have occurred, the driver immediately stops, checks on the other person, offers assistance and takes responsibility for the incident. He also controls his anger when bystanders criticise his driving.

Which one of the following ethical concepts best explains the behaviour of the driver?

- (a) Moral relativism
- (b) Civic virtue
- (c) Ethical egoism
- (d) Public-spiritedness

Answer: (b) Civic virtue

Explanation: Civic virtue refers to qualities that enable individuals to act as responsible members of a community. Stopping after an accident, helping another person, accepting responsibility and exercising self-restraint demonstrate concern for the common good and fellow citizens

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. If the RBI increases the repo rate, which one of the following is the most likely immediate effect?

- (a) Inflationary pressures are likely to increase automatically
- (b) Bank lending rates are likely to fall
- (c) Borrowing costs are likely to increase
- (d) Demand for credit is likely to increase sharply

Answer: (c) Borrowing costs are likely to increase

Explanation: An increase in the repo rate raises the cost at which banks borrow from the RBI. This can lead to higher lending rates, making loans more expensive and helping moderate credit demand and inflation.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to the Election Commission of India (ECI), consider the following statements:

1. Article 324 provides for the superintendence, direction and control of elections to Parliament, State Legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice-President.
2. The Constitution mandates that the Election Commission shall always consist of the Chief Election Commissioner and exactly two other Election Commissioners.
3. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) enjoys greater protection against removal than the other Election Commissioners.
4. In a multi-member Election Commission, the CEC has the power to overrule the decision of the majority of Election Commissioners.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Article 324 vests the ECI with the superintendence, direction and control of elections to Parliament, State Legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice-President.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Constitution does not prescribe a fixed number of Election Commissioners. It provides for the CEC and such number of other Election Commissioners, if any, as the President may from time to time fix.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The CEC enjoys stronger protection against removal. The CEC can be removed in a manner similar to a Supreme Court judge, whereas other Election Commissioners can be removed on the recommendation of the CEC.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The CEC does not have the power to overrule the majority decision. In a multi-member Commission, decisions are taken collectively, and the majority view prevails when unanimity is not possible.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Offshore Exploration Scheme (NOES):

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.

2. It is aimed at strengthening the exploration of critical and strategic minerals in India's Offshore Areas beyond the territorial waters.
3. The Scheme is implemented by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) under the Ministry of Mines.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The National Offshore Exploration Scheme (NOES) is a Central Sector Scheme.

Statement 2 is correct: It is approved to accelerate the systematic exploration of critical and other mineral resources in India's offshore areas, thereby enhancing mineral security.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Source: [ToI](#)

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

1. Social Bonds are debt instruments through which the proceeds are exclusively used to finance or refinance projects that generate positive social outcomes for targeted or vulnerable populations.
2. India's first Social Bond dedicated exclusively to WASH sector has been listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE), Mumbai.

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: Social Bonds are a form of thematic bonds in which the proceeds are earmarked for projects having positive social outcomes. These may include affordable housing, employment generation, healthcare, education, food security and support for disadvantaged or vulnerable communities.

Statement 2 is correct: India's first Social Bond dedicated exclusively to the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector has been listed by NABKISAN Finance Limited on the National Stock Exchange (NSE), Mumbai.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The Suwałki Gap, recently seen in the news, is located between which of the following countries?

- (a) Poland and Lithuania
- (b) Poland and Belarus
- (c) Lithuania and Latvia
- (d) Belarus and Ukraine

Answer: A

Explanation: Poland and Lithuania

- The Suwałki Gap is a narrow land corridor along the Poland-Lithuania border. It connects the Baltic States with the rest of NATO territory while lying between Belarus to the east and Russia's Kaliningrad exclave to the west.

Source: [ToI](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements about the Ramappa Temple:

1. The Ramappa Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, was built during the Kakatiya period.
2. It is located at Palampet in present-day Telangana.

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

- The Ramappa Temple, also known as the Rudreshwara Temple, is a 13th-century Shiva temple at Palampet in Mulugu district, Telangana. It was constructed during the rule of the Kakatiya dynasty, under King Ganapati Deva, with Rudra, a military commander and architect, associated with its construction.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. With reference to the Caribbean Sea, consider the following statements:

1. It is a marginal sea of the Atlantic Ocean.
2. It is connected to the Pacific Ocean through the Panama Canal.

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 Caribbean Sea is a marginal sea of the Atlantic Ocean.

Statement 2 is correct: It is also connected to the Pacific Ocean through the Panama Canal, which provides an important artificial maritime route between the two oceans.

Source: [DD News](#)

10 PM MCQs (6 October)

Q1. With reference to India's performance in the Asian Games 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It was India's second-highest medal haul at the Asian Games.
2. India finished third in the overall medal tally.
3. Athletics was India's leading medal-winning discipline.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** India's performance represented its second-highest medal haul at the Asian Games.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India finished fourth in the overall medal tally.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Athletics was India's leading medal-winning discipline

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following description:

1. It is a transboundary river forming part of the India-Bangladesh boundary.
2. It originates in Nadia, West Bengal, as a bifurcation of the Mathabhanga River.
3. Its river system forms a large oxbow lake complex.

Which one of the following rivers is described above?

- (a) Teesta River
- (b) Ichamati River

- (c) Subarnarekha River
- (d) Mahananda River

Answer: (b) Ichamati River

Source- [etvb](#)

Q3. Consider the following languages:

1. Marathi
2. Pali
3. Assamese
4. Bengali
5. Odia
6. Konkani

How many of the above are Classical Languages of India?

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

Answer: (c) Only five

Explanation: Marathi, Pali, Assamese, Bengali and Odia are among India's 11 Classical Languages. Konkani is not included in the list.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. The 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded for which one of the following?

- (a) Discoveries concerning mRNA-based vaccine technology
- (b) Discoveries concerning the genetic basis of cancer
- (c) Discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics
- (d) Discoveries concerning mechanisms of temperature and touch receptors

Answer: (c) Discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics

Explanation: The 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Peter Hegemann, Georg Nagel and Karl Deisseroth for their discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics. Their work enabled scientists to use light to control specific nerve cells and study their role in brain function and behaviour.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. India's first national-level pilot project for constructing rural houses using 3D Concrete Printing (3DCP) under PMAY-G is being launched in which state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: (a) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: Andhra Pradesh is set to launch India's first national-level pilot project using 3D Concrete Printing (3DCP) for constructing rural houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to Yersinia pestis, consider the following statements:

1. Yersinia pestis is a bacterium responsible for plague and is primarily transmitted to humans through the bite of infected fleas associated with rodents.
2. Unlike many bacterial pathogens, Yersinia pestis is restricted to humans and does not maintain natural reservoirs in wild animal populations.

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: *Yersinia pestis* is the causative bacterium of plague. In the natural cycle, it is maintained mainly among rodents and other small mammals and can be transmitted to humans through infected flea bites.

Statement 2 is Incorrect: *Y. pestis* is not restricted to humans. Various wild and domestic mammals can serve as hosts/reservoirs, particularly rodents, enabling the persistence of plague in natural ecosystems.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements about the Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026:

It is a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the United Arab Emirates Army.

The 2026 edition of exercise is being conducted at Chaubatia in Uttarakhand.

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: MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026 is an India-UAE joint military exercise focused on mountain warfare and enhancing interoperability, mutual understanding and cooperation between the two armies.

Statement 2 is correct: The exercise is being conducted at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, from 5–18 October 2026. It includes drone operations, surveillance grids, rock climbing, obstacle training, firing practices and integrated field exercises.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following countries:

1. France
2. Italy
3. Germany
4. Austria
5. Hungary

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

- a) Two only
- b) Three only
- c) Four only
- d) All five

Answer: C

Explanation: Not Hungary

- Switzerland is bordered by France to the west, Germany to the north, Austria and Liechtenstein to the east, and Italy to the south.

Source: [IE](#)

Q9. With reference to the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS), July 2025–June 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first-ever all-India dedicated household travel survey conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

2. The survey covers travel patterns including purpose of travel, modes of transport, travel duration and distance, with a view to supporting transport planning and infrastructure development.
3. The survey defines a trip as travel covering a distance of more than 5 km and was conducted as part of the 80th Round of the National Sample Survey.

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 NHTS was the first-ever all-India survey dedicated to household travel, conducted by the NSO under MoSPI. It covered 4,92,023 households and 20,34,371 persons across 14,274 villages and 10,377 urban blocks.

Statement 2 is correct: It captures aspects such as purpose of travel, mode of transport, travel duration and distance, providing evidence for regional transport planning, infrastructure investment and improving public-transport services.

Statement 3 is incorrect: A trip is defined as travel covering more than 1 km, not 5 km. The NHTS was conducted during July 2025–June 2026 based on the requirements of the Ministry of Railways; it was associated with the 80th Round of the NSS.

Source: PIB

Q10. With reference to Kuno National Park, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in Madhya Pradesh.
2. It is part of the Project Cheetah initiative for the reintroduction of cheetahs in India.
3. The park is situated along the Chambal River basin.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: Kuno National Park was initially prepared as an alternative habitat for the relocation of Asiatic lions from Gir.

Statement 2 is correct: It is now the primary site under Project Cheetah for the reintroduction of cheetahs in India.

Statement 3 is correct: The park lies in the Chambal River basin, with the Kuno River being a tributary of the Chambal.

Source: [TNIE](#)

10 PM MCQs (7 October)

Q1. You are a police officer deployed to maintain law and order during protests against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Protesters allege that the revision may exclude genuine voters, particularly vulnerable sections, while authorities say it aims to remove duplicate and ineligible entries.

During the protest, some protesters remain peaceful, while a few raise provocative slogans and push against police barricades. Your senior instructs you to disperse the entire gathering immediately.

Which of the following would be the most appropriate course of action?

- (a) Disperse the entire gathering using force to maintain public order.
- (b) Allow the protest to continue indefinitely, as peaceful protest is an absolute right.
- (c) Facilitate peaceful protest, maintain public order, and use minimum necessary force only when required.
- (d) Detain protest leaders immediately to prevent further criticism of the Election Commission.

Answer: (c)

Explanation: An ethical police officer should balance public order, constitutional rights, impartiality and proportionality, using force only when necessary.

Source- [npr](#)

Q2. Consider the following pairs:

Sea — Bordering Country

1. Black Sea — Bulgaria
2. Baltic Sea — Hungary
3. Mediterranean Sea — Tunisia
4. Red Sea — Jordan
5. Caspian Sea — Uzbekistan

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only

Answer: (a) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: Explanation: Pairs 1, 3 and 4 are correctly matched. Hungary and Uzbekistan are landlocked countries and do not border the Baltic Sea or Caspian Sea, respectively.

Source- [IT](#)

Q3. Consider the following pairs:

Region/Place in News — Country/Geographical Association

1. Irkutsk Region — Western shore of Lake Baikal
2. Kherson — Ukraine
3. Nagorno-Karabakh — South Caucasus

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) All three pairs
- (d) None of the pairs

Answer: (c) All three pairs

Explanation:

- The Irkutsk Region is located in southeastern Siberia and borders the western shore of Lake Baikal.
- Kherson is a region in southern Ukraine.
- Nagorno-Karabakh is a mountainous region in the South Caucasus.

Source- [Reuters](#)

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

1. Parliamentary privileges include both collective privileges of the House and individual privileges of its members.
2. The President of India enjoys parliamentary privileges under Article 105 by virtue of being an integral part of Parliament.

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: Parliamentary privileges are broadly classified into collective and individual privileges. Article 105 provides privileges to Parliament, its committees and Members of Parliament; these privileges do not extend to the President.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. Which one of the following institutions launched India's first Social Bond dedicated exclusively to the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector?

- (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- (b) NABKISAN Finance Limited (NABKISAN)
- (c) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- (d) National Housing Bank (NHB)

Answer: (b) NABKISAN Finance Limited (NABKISAN)

Explanation: NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD, issued India's first Social Bond dedicated exclusively to the WASH sector.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the SME Growth Fund:

- 1. This Fund is designed as a direct equity investment fund.
- 2. It will provide an aggregate commitment of Rs.10,000 crore to the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) established under the SGF framework.

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 SME Growth Fund is designed as a direct equity investment fund, announced by Ministry of Finance.

Statement 2 is correct: It will provide an aggregate commitment of Rs.10,000 crore to the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) established under the SGF framework.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The Mt Abi Gamin is located in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Uttarakhand

- Mount Abi Gamin is a Himalayan peak located in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, near the India-Tibet (China) border.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Ibisbill (*Ibidorhyncha struthersii*), consider the following statements:

- 1. Ibisbill is a wading bird inhabiting shingle riverbeds and gravel banks of high-altitude river systems in the Himalayas.
- 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: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Ibisbill is a distinctive wading bird found along stony riverbeds, gravel bars and shingle banks of fast-flowing rivers in the Himalayas, Tibet and Central Asia. It is specially adapted to high-altitude riverine habitats.

Statement 2 is incorrect: They are categorised as least Concern.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority (ITLA):

1. ITLA is proposed as a constitutional body under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, with exclusive jurisdiction over road transport and highways.
2. ITLA will undertake technical appraisal of infrastructure projects of Government of India, costing Rs.500 crore or more.

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: ITLA is not a constitutional body with exclusive jurisdiction over roads and highways. Its concept is broader, involving multimodal transport and logistics coordination, rather than being restricted to a single transport sector.

Statement 2 is correct: ITLA will undertake technical appraisal of infrastructure projects of Government of India, costing Rs.500 crore or more. Financial appraisal will continue to be carried out through the existing financial appraisal mechanisms.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to Neutrinos, consider the following statements:

1. Neutrinos are electrically neutral, weakly interacting elementary particles that can pass through large amounts of matter with very little interaction.
2. Neutrinos always travel at exactly the speed of light because, being electrically neutral, they have zero rest mass.

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: Neutrinos have no electric charge and interact primarily through the weak nuclear force (and gravity). Their extremely weak interaction with matter allows them to travel through enormous quantities of material with little disturbance.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Neutrinos have non-zero rest mass, as established by the observation of neutrino oscillations. Therefore, they do not travel exactly at the speed of light, although they travel extremely close to it. Being electrically neutral does not imply zero rest mass.

Source: [TH](#)

10 PM MCQs (8 October)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Press Council of India:

1. The Chairman of the Press Council of India is conventionally a retired Supreme Court judge.
2. The selection committee for the Chairman includes the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
3. PCI members include representatives nominated by the University Grants Commission, Bar Council of India and Sahitya Akademi.

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: The Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory, quasi-judicial body. Its Chairman is conventionally a retired Supreme Court judge. The selection committee includes the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, along with the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and a representative of the Council. The PCI also includes members nominated by the UGC, Bar Council of India and Sahitya Akademi.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded for work related to:

- (a) New battery technologies
- (b) Chirality and homochirality in molecules
- (c) Discovery of a new chemical element
- (d) Industrial catalysts

Answer: (b) Chirality and homochirality in molecules

Explanation: The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Henri Kagan and Kenso Soai for their work on asymmetric organic synthesis, which helps produce one specific mirror-image form of a molecule. Their work also helps explain how homochirality can emerge in biological molecules and has applications in drug manufacturing

Source- [IE](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Chamkharchhu-I Hydropower Project:

1. It is planned in Arunachal Pradesh.
2. It will be developed by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

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: The project is a 770 MW run-of-river hydropower project planned on the Chamkharchhu River in Zhemgang district of central Bhutan. It will be developed by Adani Power and Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in a 49:51 equity partnership.

Source- [HBL](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. Poland
2. Germany
3. Sweden
4. Finland
5. Norway

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

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

Answer: (c) Only four

Explanation: Poland, Germany, Sweden and Finland have coastlines along the Baltic Sea. Norway does not have a coastline on the Baltic Sea.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding 'Surya':

1. 'Surya' is the Indian Navy's first indigenously built destroyer.
2. It is developed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam.

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: 'Surya' is the Indian Navy's first indigenously built Fleet Support Ship (FSS), not a destroyer. It is designed to provide fuel, water, ammunition, provisions and technical spares to naval task groups at sea.

Source- [TOI](#)

Q6. The Herugavialis cairensis, seen in the news recently, is:

- (a) An extinct species of prehistoric whale discovered in Egypt
- (b) An extinct species of gavialoid crocodilian that lived in the Mediterranean region during the Eocene
- (c) A newly discovered species of freshwater gharial found in India
- (d) An extinct marine turtle species from the Tethys Sea

Answer: B

Explanation: Species of gavialoid crocodilian

- Herugavialis cairensis is a newly recognised extinct gavialoid crocodilian from the Middle Eocene (45 million years ago).

Source: [DTE](#)

Q7. With reference to Dhokra Craft, consider the following statements:

1. Dhokra is a traditional metal-casting craft that uses the lost-wax technique.
2. It is famous among the tribal communities of Bastar in Chhattisgarh and is also practised in other parts 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

Explanation: Both

Statement 1 is correct: Dhokra is a traditional non-ferrous metal-casting craft primarily associated with the lost-wax (cire perdue) technique. Artisans create a wax model, cover it with clay, and then replace the wax with molten metal.

Statement 2 is correct: Dhokra is not confined to Bastar. The craft is practised by traditional artisan communities in several parts of India, including Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh, with regional variations in designs and techniques.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. The TTT-DHTD, seen in the news recently, is:

- (a) A metal-free porous catalyst developed for use in zinc-air batteries
- (b) A lithium-ion battery electrolyte developed by ISRO
- (c) A platinum-based catalyst developed for hydrogen fuel cells
- (d) A semiconductor material developed for solar photovoltaic cells

Answer: A

Explanation: A metal-free porous catalyst developed for use in zinc-air batteries

- TTT-DHTD is a specially designed metal-free covalent organic framework (COF) developed by researchers from the S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Institute of Nano Science and Technology, and SRM University, Amaravati.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the Sasol Solar Challenge 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It is a annual solar-powered vehicle competition held in South Africa.
2. Team AgniRath of IIT Madras became the first Indian team to participate in the competition and secured third place overall in the 2026.

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 Sasol Solar Challenge is a biennial competition in South Africa where local and international teams design and build solar-powered vehicles and compete over an eight-day route, testing their engineering, manufacturing and strategic capabilities.

Statement 2 is correct: Team AgniRath from IIT Madras participated as India's first team in the challenge and secured third place overall in 2026. Its second-generation solar race car, Aagneya, covered about 1,192.6 km over eight days.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. The Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve is located in which of the following states?

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

Answer: B

Explanation: Madhya Pradesh

- The Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve is located in Madhya Pradesh, spanning the Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts. It includes the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary.

Source: [TH](#)