

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (24 September)

Q1. Consider the following description:

1. It is a rare, purplish-blue flowering shrub endemic to India.
2. It is closely associated with high-altitude Shola forest-grassland ecosystems of the Western Ghats.
3. It exhibits mass synchronous flowering approximately once every 12 years.
4. Its flowering cycle has traditionally been used by the Paliyan tribal community as a natural measure of age and generations.

Which one of the following plants is being described above?

- (a) Brahma Kamal
- (b) Blue Vanda
- (c) Rhododendron
- (d) Neelakurinji

Answer: (d) Neelakurinji

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Emi Koussi Volcano, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Algeria
- (b) Chad
- (c) Niger
- (d) Sudan

Answer: (b) Chad

Explanation: Emi Koussi is a large shield volcano located in the central Sahara of northern Chad, at the southeastern end of the Tibesti Mountains. It is the highest mountain in Chad and the highest point in the Sahara.

Source- [LS](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Black Carbon:

1. It is produced primarily through incomplete combustion.
2. It remains in the atmosphere for several decades, similar to carbon dioxide.
3. It is a component of fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

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:** Black carbon is produced primarily through the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, biofuels and biomass.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Black carbon is a short-lived climate pollutant (SLCP) and generally remains in the atmosphere for days to weeks, unlike carbon dioxide, which can persist for much longer periods.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Black carbon is a component of PM2.5 (fine particulate matter) and is an important contributor to air pollution.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Veer Guardian 2026:

1. It is a bilateral air exercise conducted between the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defence Force.
2. The 2026 edition of the exercise was conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur.

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:** Exercise Veer Guardian is a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The 2026 edition of the exercise concluded at Air Force Station Jodhpur.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC):

1. It is the second-largest intergovernmental organisation after the United Nations.
2. Its headquarters is located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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 OIC is the second-largest intergovernmental organisation after the United Nations.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The headquarters of the OIC is located in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, not Riyadh.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Naoero:

1. It is the smallest island nation in the world.
2. It is a raised coral island located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.

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: It is the third-smallest country in the world, after Vatican City and Monaco, with an area of only 21 sq. km. So, it is the smallest island nation in the world.

Statement 2 is correct: Naoero is a tiny raised coral island in the Pacific, situated about 42 km south of the Equator and northeast of Australia.

Source: [AP](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India (MSE):

1. The MSE is a SEBI-recognised national stock exchange that provides trading facilities across equity, equity derivatives, currency derivatives and debt segments.
2. The exchange is headquartered in Mumbai and its flagship index for equity derivatives is known as SX40.

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: SEBI lists MSE as a recognised stock exchange with permitted segments including equity, equity derivatives, currency derivatives and debt.

Statement 2 is correct: MSE is based in Mumbai, and SX40 is its flagship index for the purpose of its equity-index derivatives framework.

Source: [BS](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding Manjusha/Angika Art:

1. Manjusha art is a traditional folk art associated with the Bhagalpur region of Bihar.
2. Manjusha paintings traditionally use a three-colour palette of yellow, green and red and are associated with the storytelling tradition of the Anga region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: Manjusha, also known as Angika art, originated in the Ang region of eastern Bihar and is particularly associated with Bhagalpur. It depicts the folk narrative of Bihula-Bishahari and is linked with Bishahari Puja.

Statement 2 is correct: The recent PIB description highlights a Manjusha painting from Bhagalpur executed in the traditional yellow, green and red palette. The art form is essentially story-based, using visual representations to narrate folk traditions.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. The e200X, recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) An indigenous electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft for advanced air mobility
- (b) A hydrogen-powered high-altitude unmanned aerial vehicle
- (c) An autonomous electric cargo ship for coastal transportation
- (d) A reusable small satellite launch vehicle

Answer: A

Explanation: An indigenous electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft for advanced air mobility

- The e200X is being developed by Ubifly Technologies as a three-seater, zero-emission advanced air mobility aircraft, configured for one pilot and two passengers.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The DURGA Scheme, recently seen in the news, has been launched by which of the following?

- (a) Government of Haryana
- (b) Government of Delhi
- (c) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer: B

Explanation: Government of Delhi

- The DURGA scheme stands for Driving Upliftment and Rozgar for Women/Transgender Green e-Auto.
- It is a Delhi Government initiative aimed at providing self-employment opportunities to women and transgender persons through electric auto-rickshaws.
- In its first phase, 1,300 pink electric autos are to be allocated—1,170 to women and 130 to transgender beneficiaries.

Source: [NOA](#)

10 PM MCQs (25 September)

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the removal of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India:

1. The Chief Election Commissioner can be removed from office only in the same manner and on the same grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
2. A motion for the removal of the CEC can be initiated only in the Lok Sabha.
3. The removal motion must be passed by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting in both Houses of Parliament.
4. No Chief Election Commissioner has been removed from office through impeachment till date.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Under Article 324(5), the CEC can be removed only in the same manner and on the same grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The removal process is not restricted to the Lok Sabha; the procedure involves both Houses of Parliament.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The removal motion must secure the prescribed two-thirds majority of members present and voting in each House.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** No Chief Election Commissioner has been removed from office through this constitutional removal procedure till date.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY):

1. It is a placement-linked skill development programme under the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. It primarily targets rural youth in the age group of 15–35 years from poor households.
3. Under DDU-GKY 2.0, the scheme focuses exclusively on agriculture and allied sectors.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** DDU-GKY is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), not the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It targets rural youth aged 15–35 years from poor households.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** DDU-GKY 2.0 covers diverse sectors such as healthcare, textiles, green jobs, aerospace and aviation, agriculture, and beauty and wellness.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. The Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction, frequently seen in the news, is primarily used by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to:

- (a) Inject liquidity into the banking system
- (b) Regulate the statutory liquidity requirements of banks
- (c) Influence the availability of credit in the economy
- (d) Absorb excess liquidity from the banking system

Answer: (d) Absorb excess liquidity from the banking system

Explanation:

- The Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction is a monetary policy tool used by the RBI under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).
- It is primarily used to absorb surplus liquidity from the banking system for a specified period.
- In a VRRR auction, the interest rate is determined through competitive bidding by participating banks, unlike a fixed-rate reverse repo.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the Tarang Shakti-26 exercise:

1. It is a bilateral air exercise between India and Japan.
2. The exercise is being conducted in Bikaner, 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: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Tarang Shakti-26 is a multilateral multinational air exercise, not a bilateral exercise between India and Japan.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The second edition of Tarang Shakti-26 is being hosted by the Indian Air Force in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, not Bikaner.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number:

1. It is a unique 15-digit number used to identify a mobile device on a telecom network.
2. A dual-SIM mobile phone generally has a single IMEI number, irrespective of the number of SIM slots.

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 International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) is a unique 15-digit number used to identify a mobile device on a cellular network. It identifies the device, not the individual SIM card.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** A dual-SIM mobile phone generally has two IMEI numbers, with each IMEI associated with a separate SIM slot/interface.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding OneSCD:

1. It is a global partnership aimed at advancing equity and transforming care for people living with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).
2. It was launched under the leadership of the Government of Nigeria, in collaboration with organisations including WHO, UNICEF and Africa CDC, to strengthen comprehensive SCD care globally.

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: OneSCD is a global partnership focused on addressing inequities in diagnosis, treatment and survival related to Sickle Cell Disease. 

Statement 2 is correct: OneSCD was officially launched during the 81st session of the UN General Assembly in September 2026. The Government of Nigeria hosted the event, with UNICEF, WHO, Africa CDC, the World Coalition on Sickle Cell Disease and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as co-organisers.

Source: [UN](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Nidhi Companies:

1. Nidhi Companies can accept deposits from and provide loans to the general public.
2. The deposits accepted by these Companies are insured by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: Neither 1 nor 2

Statement 1 is incorrect: Nidhi Companies are essentially mutual-benefit societies for their members and cannot accept deposits from or lend to the general public. The Nidhi Rules also impose restrictions on their activities, including prohibiting businesses such as chit funds, leasing finance and insurance.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The deposits accepted by these Companies are not insured by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements about different types of droughts:

1. Meteorological drought occurs when soil moisture and rainfall are inadequate during the crop-growing season, causing crop stress and wilting.
2. Agricultural drought occurs when seasonal rainfall is less than 75% of the long-term average.
3. Hydrological drought occurs when there are deficiencies in surface and sub-surface water supplies, resulting in inadequate water for normal and specific needs.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: Meteorological drought: It occurs when precipitation remains below the expected or normal level for an extended period. In India, it occurs when seasonal rainfall is less than 75% of the long-term average.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Agricultural drought: It occurs when soil moisture and rainfall are inadequate during the crop-growing season, causing crop stress and wilting.

Statement 3 is correct: Hydrological drought: It occurs when there are deficiencies in surface and sub-surface water supplies, resulting in inadequate water for normal and specific needs. It can occur even when rainfall is average or above average if increased water use reduces available reserves.

Source: [TH](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Dilution Refrigerators:

Statement-I: The dilution refrigerators can be utilized in several quantum computing platforms and associated quantum technologies.

Statement-II: Dilution refrigerators are specialised cryogenic systems capable of achieving extremely low temperatures in the millikelvin range.

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

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Answer: A

Explanation: Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I

- Dilution refrigerators are specialised cryogenic systems capable of achieving extremely low temperatures in the millikelvin range. Such ultra-low-temperature environments are essential for the operation and testing of several quantum computing platforms and associated quantum technologies.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Q10. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Syria
- 2. Jordan
- 3. Israel
- 4. Lebanon

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

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

Answer: D

Explanation: All

- The Golan Heights is a strategically significant plateau located in southwestern Syria. It is bordered by Israel and Sea of Galilee to the west, Lebanon to the northwest, Syria to the east and Jordan to the southeast.

Source: [TNIE](#)

10 PM MCQs (26 September)

Q1. With reference to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), consider the following statements:

- 1. Its member countries are limited to North and South America and Europe.
- 2. It is headquartered in Paris, France.
- 3. Health at a Glance is one of the major reports published by the OECD.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) Only two

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** OECD membership is not limited to North and South America and Europe. Its members also include countries such as Australia, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** The OECD is headquartered in Paris, France.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Health at a Glance is a major publication of the OECD.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. You are rafting through the turbulent waters of a Himalayan river in Sikkim. The river passes through Jorethang and Legship and eventually joins the Teesta at Teesta Bazaar. During its final stretch, it also forms part of the boundary between Sikkim and Darjeeling. Which one of the following rivers are you navigating?

- (a) Torsa
- (b) Jaldhaka
- (c) Rangeet
- (d) Rammam

Answer: (c) Rangeet

Explanation: The Rangeet (Rangit) is a major tributary of the Teesta River. It flows through Sikkim, passes Jorethang and Legship, and joins the Teesta at Teesta Bazaar. In its lower course, it forms part of the boundary between Sikkim and Darjeeling.

Source- [TP](#)

Q3. The mBridge Project, recently seen in the news, is associated with:

- (a) Financing of renewable energy projects in developing countries
- (b) Development of a global digital identity system
- (c) Establishment of a multilateral framework for regulating cryptocurrencies
- (d) Cross-border payments using central bank digital currencies

Answer: (d) Cross-border payments using central bank digital currencies

Explanation: The mBridge Project is a cross-border payment platform designed to enable central banks to conduct transactions directly using central bank digital currencies (CBDCs).

Source- [Moneycontrol](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Exercise VARUNA:

1. It is a bilateral maritime exercise conducted annually between the Indian Navy and the French Navy.
2. The 24th edition of Exercise VARUNA (2026) is being conducted at 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: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Exercise VARUNA is an annual bilateral maritime exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the French Navy.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The 24th edition of VARUNA in 2026 is being held at Toulon, France, with INS Trishul participating.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Kalpasar Project:

1. It is a multipurpose water project aimed at addressing the water requirements of the Rajasthan region.
2. India and the Netherlands have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance the project.

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 Kalpasar Project aims to provide water for irrigation, industrial and domestic use in the water-stressed Saurashtra region of Gujarat, not Rajasthan.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India and the Netherlands have signed an MoU to advance the Kalpasar water project.

Source- [NOA](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Rangeet River:

1. It is one of the major rivers of Sikkim and originates from the Rathong Glacier in the state's western region.
2. It is the only river of India which joins Tsangpo in Tibet, flowing northwards across the Himalayas.

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 Government of Sikkim identifies the Teesta and Rangeet as the state's two principal rivers and notes that the Rangeet originates from the Rathong Glacier in West Sikkim.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The Rangeet joins the Teesta near Melli. The Teesta then continues into the plains of North Bengal and eventually flows into Bangladesh.

Source: [The Print](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding Teqball:

1. It is a sport developed in Hungary that combines elements of football and table tennis and is played on a specially designed curved table.
2. In Teqball, a player or team can touch the ball a maximum of three times before returning it to the opponent.
3. In India, Teqball got recognized by the India's Sports Ministry in 2019.

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: Teqball originated in Hungary and combines elements of football and table tennis. It is played on a specially designed curved TEQ™ table.

Statement 2 is correct: Players can use a maximum of three touches with any part of the body other than the hands and arms before returning the ball.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Teqball can be played in both singles and doubles formats. A standard match consists of the best of three sets, with each set played to 12 points.

Source: [IE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Subansiri River:

1. It is a major right-bank tributary of the Brahmaputra.
2. It is a trans-Himalayan and antecedent river.

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 Subansiri originates in Tibet and is a major right-bank tributary of the Brahmaputra. It is also one of the major river basins of Arunachal Pradesh.

Statement 2 is correct: It is a trans-Himalayan and antecedent river that existed before the rise of the Himalayas and continued its course through the mountains.

Source: IE

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Tur Dal cultivation in India:

1. Tur (pigeon pea) is predominantly a kharif pulse crop in India and is well suited to relatively dry and semi-arid regions.
2. Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of Tur 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: Tur or pigeon pea (*Cajanus cajan*) is primarily cultivated as a kharif pulse crop and is relatively drought tolerant.

Statement 2 is correct: Uttar Pradesh is the leading producer of it in India, producing about 0.47 million tonnes from 0.49 million hectares. Other producers are Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

Source: PIB

Q10. The Kallakkadal, recently seen in the news, is:

- (a) A tropical cyclone occurring over the Arabian Sea
- (b) A sudden coastal flooding event caused by long-period swell waves
- (c) A seasonal reversal of ocean currents along the Kerala coast
- (d) A phenomenon of unusually high tides caused by a full moon

Answer: B

Explanation: A sudden coastal flooding event caused by long-period swell waves

- Kallakkadal refers to sudden coastal flooding caused by long-period swell waves, often occurring without significant local winds or other obvious local precursors.

Source: DD News

10 PM MCQs (28 September)

Q1. With reference to the Domestic Tourism Expenditure Survey 2025-26, consider the following statements:

1. The survey was conducted by the Ministry of Tourism.
2. Pilgrimage and religious travel accounted for the largest share of overnight domestic trips, followed by health and medical travel.
3. Tamil Nadu accounted for the highest share of overnight holiday trips.
4. Uttar Pradesh was the largest contributor to health and medical trips.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (b) 2, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The survey was conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), not the Ministry of Tourism.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Pilgrimage and religious travel constituted 48% of overnight trips, the largest share, followed by health and medical trips at nearly 30%.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Tamil Nadu accounted for the highest share of overnight holiday trips at 23.8%.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Uttar Pradesh was the largest contributor to health and medical trips, accounting for 12.1%.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. With reference to Operation Drishti, consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It primarily focuses on providing general healthcare services to vulnerable 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: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: Operation Drishti is a humanitarian medical outreach initiative of the Indian Armed Forces. It focuses on providing free specialised ophthalmic care, including diagnostics and sight-restoring micro-surgeries, to underserved populations and military veterans, particularly in remote, inaccessible and border areas.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. With reference to the United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first universal legally binding instrument aimed at strengthening collective efforts to combat cybercrime.
2. India has signed the Convention.
3. The Convention was developed under the auspices of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime is the first universal legally binding instrument aimed at strengthening international cooperation and collective efforts to prevent and combat cybercrime.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** India has signed the United Nations Convention Against Cybercrime.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Convention was developed under the auspices of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Source- [ddnews](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. Eritrea
2. Djibouti

3. Somalia
4. Tanzania
5. South Sudan
6. Egypt

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

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

Answer: (b) Only four

Explanation: Ethiopia shares land borders with Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia and South Sudan among the countries listed. Tanzania and Egypt do not share a land border with Ethiopia.

Source- [BBC](#)

Q5. With reference to Mission PEGASE 26, recently seen in the news, which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) It is a French long-range air projection exercise.
- (b) It is a joint naval exercise conducted by France and India.
- (c) It is a European military cyber-defence initiative.
- (d) It is an Israeli air defence exercise.

Answer: (a) It is a French long-range air projection exercise.

Explanation: Mission PEGASE 26 is the seventh edition of France's long-range air projection exercise, demonstrating the capability of the French Air and Space Force to deploy its air assets over long distances.

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding e-Methanol:

1. e-Methanol is produced by combining green hydrogen with captured carbon dioxide, with renewable electricity used in the production process.
2. India's First Port-based e-Methanol Plant will be established at Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, Gujarat.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: e-Methanol, or electro-methanol, is produced using green hydrogen and captured CO₂, with renewable electricity powering the process.

Statement 2 is correct: India's First Port-based e-Methanol Plant will be established at Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla, Gujarat.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Cool Leaders Awards:

The Awards were launched by the UNEP Cool Coalition.

The Cool Leaders Awards recognise outstanding leadership in advancing sustainable cooling and heat resilience.

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: It was launched by the UNEP Cool Coalition. It was introduced at the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly 2026 in Singapore.

Statement 2 is correct: The inaugural Cool Leaders Awards were launched during the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly 2026 in Singapore to recognise leadership in sustainable cooling and protection against extreme heat.

Source: [UN](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Digital Connectivity Rating (DCR) Platform:

1. The DCR Platform has been launched by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
2. The platform provides a public interface for consumers to view the properties rated for digital connectivity.

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: 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: TRAI launched the Digital Connectivity Rating (DCR) Platform in September 2026. It enables property managers to get properties assessed and allows consumers to search and compare published connectivity ratings.

Statement 2 is correct: The platform provides a public interface for consumers to view the properties rated for digital connectivity.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding the Livestock Insurance Portal:

1. The Portal is being developed by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD).
2. The portal works under the livestock insurance component of the National Livestock Mission (NLM) on a demand-driven basis and provides insurance coverage to various categories of livestock.

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: DAHD is developing a dedicated online portal for transparent and efficient implementation of the livestock insurance programme.

Statement 2 is correct: Livestock Insurance under the National Livestock Mission operates on a demand-driven basis. The scheme covers indigenous/crossbred milch animals, pack animals and other livestock such as goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits, yak and mithun.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements:

1. He was an Indian educator and social reformer considered the father of modern Bengali prose.
2. He devoted much of his life to opposing child marriage and advocating widow remarriage.
3. His works include Borno Porichoy (1855), Betal Panchabinsati (1847), Sitar Bonobas (1860) and Shakuntala (1854).

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

- (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- (b) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

- (c) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
(d) Keshab Chandra Sen

Answer: B

Explanation: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

10 PM MCQs (29 September)

Q1. With reference to the Modhera Sun Temple, consider the following statements:

1. It was built during the reign of a ruler belonging to the Chaulukya dynasty.
2. It is situated on the banks of the Pushpavati River.
3. It is included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Modhera Sun Temple was built during the reign of a ruler of the Chaulukya dynasty.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The temple is situated on the banks of the Pushpavati River in Gujarat.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Modhera Sun Temple was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2014.

Source- [ET](#)

Q2. The term *Begonia rajvikramanii*, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) A newly discovered species of perennial flowering plant
(b) A newly identified species of freshwater fish
(c) A newly discovered species of medicinal fungus
(d) A newly identified species of butterfly

Answer: (a) A newly discovered species of perennial flowering plant

Explanation: *Begonia rajvikramanii* is a new species of perennial flowering plant belonging to the genus *Begonia*.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. With reference to the constitutional provisions relating to State Bills, consider the following statements:

1. Under Article 200, the Governor may return a Money Bill for reconsideration by the State Legislature.
2. The Constitution does not prescribe a time limit for the Governor to decide on a Bill passed by the State Legislature.

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:** Under Article 200, the Governor may return a Bill other than a Money Bill for reconsideration.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Constitution does not prescribe a specific time limit for the Governor to give assent to a Bill.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following countries:

1. Russia
2. Kazakhstan
3. Turkmenistan
4. Iran
5. Azerbaijan

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

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

Answer: (d) All five

Explanation: The Caspian Sea is bordered by five countries: Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran and Azerbaijan.

Source- [ALJ](#)

Q5. With reference to global LNG trade, consider the following statements:

1. Qatar accounts for nearly half of India's LNG imports.
2. China is the world's largest LNG exporter, while the United States is the largest importer.

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:** Qatar accounts for nearly half of India's LNG imports and is a major LNG supplier to India.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The United States is the world's largest LNG exporter, while China is the largest LNG importer.

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. With reference to Exercise KAZIND-2026, consider the following statements:

1. KAZIND-2026 is a bilateral military exercise conducted between India and Kazakhstan to enhance interoperability and joint counter-terrorism capabilities.
2. The 2026 edition of exercise is being hosted by India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Exercise KAZIND 2026 is Joint Military Exercise between India and Kazakhstan.

Statement 2 is incorrect: KAZIND-2026 is the **ninth edition** of the India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise, being held at **Oskemen, Kazakhstan, from 28 September to 11 October 2026.**

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. With reference to the International Whaling Commission (IWC), consider the following statements:

1. The International Whaling Commission (IWC) was established under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW), 1946.
2. The IWC has adopted a commercial whaling moratorium, which came into effect in 1986, while allowing certain forms of whaling under specific provisions of the Convention.
3. India is a member of the International Whaling Commission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The International Whaling Commission (IWC) was established in 1946 under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW). Its original objective was to provide for the proper conservation of whale stocks and thereby enable the orderly development of the whaling industry.

Statement 2 is correct: The IWC adopted the commercial whaling moratorium in 1982, which came into force in 1986. It prohibits commercial whaling of the species covered by the Convention, subject to specific provisions such as aboriginal subsistence whaling and scientific research-related provisions.

Statement 3 is correct: India is a member of the IWC and has generally advocated whale conservation and the protection of marine ecosystems. India joined the IWC in 1981 and does not undertake commercial whaling.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is convened by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
2. The Congress is held every five years.

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 United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is a major international forum on crime prevention and criminal justice. It is organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Statement 2 is correct: The Congress is held every five years.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. The Indrayani River, recently seen in the news, is a tributary of which of the following rivers?

- (a) Bhima River
- (b) Krishna River
- (c) Godavari River
- (d) Mula-Mutha River

Answer: A

Explanation: Bhima River

- The Indrayani River originates near Lonavala in Maharashtra and flows through the Pune region. It is an important tributary of the Bhima River, which itself is a major tributary of the Krishna River. The Indrayani is also associated with the pilgrimage centres of Alandi and Dehu.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. The nodal ministry for the PRAHAAR initiative is:

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (d) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: A

Explanation: Ministry of Home Affairs

- PRAHAAR is India's first comprehensive National Counter Terrorism Policy and Strategy. The Ministry of Home Affairs launched PRAHAAR in February 2026.

Source: [Print](#)

10 PM MCQs (30 Sept.)

Q1. Consider the following description:

1. It is the largest tributary of the Krishna River.
2. It flows through Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana.
3. The Mula, Mutha and Pavana are among its tributaries.

Which one of the following rivers is described above?

- (a) Tungabhadra River
- (b) Ghataprabha River
- (c) Bhima River
- (d) Malaprabha River

Answer: (c) Bhima River

Explanation: The Bhima River is the largest tributary of the Krishna River. It originates in Maharashtra and flows through Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana before joining the Krishna.

Source- [TH](#)

Q2. Consider the following situation:

Following repeated concerns about women's safety around educational institutions, a group of university students demands better street lighting, effective police patrolling, functional CCTV cameras and safer public transport. Some authorities, however, propose imposing stricter curfews and restricting women's movement after dark as the primary solution.

Which of the following approaches would best address the ethical issues involved in the situation?

1. Strengthening public infrastructure and policing to address the root causes of safety concerns.
2. Restricting women's movement after dark as the primary means of preventing crimes against them.
3. Ensuring institutional accountability while protecting students' freedom and dignity.
4. Engaging students and other stakeholders in designing measures to improve safety.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: (b) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: An ethical response should balance safety, individual liberty, dignity, equality and institutional responsibility. Improving infrastructure and policing, ensuring accountability, and involving affected stakeholders address safety concerns without placing disproportionate restrictions on women's freedom of movement.

Source- MISC

Q3. In India, the term Kallakkadal is colloquially used by fishermen in Kerala to refer to:

- (a) Coastal upwelling
- (b) Swell wave events

- (c) Tidal bores
- (d) Tsunami waves

Answer: (b) Swell wave events

Explanation: Kallakkadal is a colloquial term used by fishermen in Kerala to describe swell wave events, which are associated with distant storms and can travel long distances to reach the coast.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. AASHVAST Labs, recently seen in the news, are primarily associated with:

- (a) Development of autonomous combat robots
- (b) Testing of military communication satellites
- (c) Screening military drones for hardware and firmware vulnerabilities
- (d) Training personnel in advanced drone warfare

Answer: (c)

Explanation: AASHVAST Labs are specialised facilities designed to identify hardware and firmware-level vulnerabilities in military electronic systems, initially focusing on drones.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to the Collegium System in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Collegium System is explicitly provided for in the Constitution of India.
2. The Second Judges Case (1993) established the principle of judicial primacy in appointments to the higher judiciary.
3. The Supreme Court Collegium consists of the Chief Justice of India and three senior-most judges of the Supreme Court.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Only one

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is Incorrect:** The Collegium System is not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution; it evolved through judicial pronouncements.
- **Statement 2 is Correct:** The Second Judges Case (1993) established judicial primacy in appointments to the higher judiciary.
- **Statement 3 is Incorrect:** The Supreme Court Collegium consists of the CJI and four senior-most judges, as established through the Third Judges Case (1998).

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q6. With reference to the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO), consider the following statements:

1. The COFO is the highest forestry statutory body of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and provides a forum for reviewing international forestry issues and policies.
2. It Committee on Forestry meets every two years at FAO headquarters in Rome and is composed exclusively of representatives from FAO member countries.

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 FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO) is FAO's highest forestry statutory body. It brings together heads of forest services and senior government officials to identify emerging policy and technical issues in forestry and review the international forestry situation.

Statement 2 is incorrect: COFO generally meets once every two years, but its participation is not exclusively limited to representatives of FAO member countries.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. The Barak Valley, recently seen in the news, is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Manipur
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Mizoram

Answer: A

Explanation: Assam

- The Barak Valley is located in southern Assam and comprises three districts—Cachar, Hailakandi and Sribhumi (formerly Karimganj). The valley is drained primarily by the Barak River, which flows onward into Bangladesh.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q8. Consider the following pairs:

Sites in UNESCO Tentative List Location

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Bagh Caves | Madhya Pradesh |
| 2. Udaigiri Caves | Odisha |
| 3. Ginnorgarh Fort | Rajasthan |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Pair 1 is matched correctly: The Bagh caves are located on the southern slope of the Vindhyan range in western Madhya Pradesh.

Pair 2 is matched incorrectly: The Udaigiri Caves are located on Udaigiri Hill in Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh.

Pair 3 is matched incorrectly: The Ginnorgarh Fort is located inside the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. With reference to the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE)-III Framework, consider the following statements:

- 1. CAFE-III is a fleet-wide fuel-efficiency framework for passenger vehicles.
- 2. It is notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- 3. CAFE primarily targets CO₂ emissions, while BS-VI addresses overall emissions, including Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and Sulphur Oxides (SO_x).

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: CAFE-III is a fleet-wide fuel-efficiency framework for passenger vehicles. It requires manufacturers to keep the average fuel consumption of eligible vehicles within prescribed limits.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is notified by the Ministry of Power.

Statement 3 is correct: Key Difference between CAFE and BS-VI: CAFE primarily targets CO₂ emissions, while BS-VI addresses overall emissions, including Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and Sulphur Oxides (SO_x).

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. With reference to the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS), consider the following statements:

1. It is a voluntary, third-party certification framework aimed at promoting sustainable forest management, agroforestry and responsible wood supply chains in India.
2. The scheme covers certification only of natural forests managed by State Forest Departments, exempting the trees outside forests, agroforestry or wood-based industries.

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 IFWCS was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in 2023. It provides voluntary third-party certification to promote sustainable forest management and responsible practices in forestry and agroforestry.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It can cover State Forest Departments, farmers/Farmer Producer Organizations involved in agroforestry and farm forestry, and other entities in the wood-based value chain.

Source: [PIB](#)