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Intro

Q.6

GEOGRAPHY · BORDERS

Which of the following with reference to Indian States is/are **not** correct?

1. Uttar Pradesh shares its boundary with the highest number of other Indian States.
2. Rajasthan shares the longest international border among all Indian States.
3. Sikkim is the only State that shares its boundary with just one other Indian State.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

West Bengal leads in international border length, and Meghalaya too has only one Indian-state neighbor.

Q.7

SPECIES · AMUR FALCON

Which of the following statements with regard to the arrival of Amur Falcons at Doyang Lake in Nagaland each year from Mongolia is/are correct?

1. It showcases how sustained local conservation efforts can contribute to the arrival and protection of international migratory birds.
2. It reflects the global success of advanced tracking technologies that guide migratory birds back to their stopover sites.
3. It confirms that Amur Falcons have adapted to permanent residency in India due to favourable habitat changes.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

1 only is correct: 'It showcases how sustained local conservation efforts can contribute to the arrival and protection of international migratory birds.' After 2012 mass hunting at Doyang, community, church and Forest Dept protection made it a safe stopover. Tracking devices only monitor routes (they don't guide birds), and Amur Falcons remain long-distance migrants, not permanent residents in India.



Q.8

AGRICULTURE · RAD

Which among the following is/are the objective(s) of the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) initiative under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)?

1. Encouraging monoculture in rainfed areas
2. Increasing rice cultivation in irrigated regions
3. Enhancing productivity and minimising climatic risks through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS)

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

D ANSWER

RAD under NMSA promotes Integrated Farming Systems (crops + livestock + horticulture + fishery) to enhance productivity and minimise climate risk in rainfed areas. It does not promote monoculture, and has nothing to do with rice in irrigated zones.



Q.9

TRADE · ERI SILK

Which of the following is/are the most significant implication(s) of obtaining Oeko-Tex certification for Eri Silk in the global textile industry?

1. It allows Indian exporters to compete in high-end markets that prioritise chemical-free products.
2. It confirms that Eri Silk meets international safety, environmental, and quality standards, enabling its entry into premium eco-conscious markets.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Both 1 and 2 are correct. Oeko-Tex certification signals that Eri Silk is tested for harmful substances and meets recognized international safety benchmarks, helping entry into premium eco-conscious markets. This recognition lets Indian exporters target high-end buyers prioritizing safer, 'chemical-free' textiles in the EU/US/Japan.

Q.10

GEOGRAPHY · HORMUZ

Ships from which of the following countries have to cross the Strait of Hormuz to reach out to the Indian Ocean?

1. Bahrain
2. Syria
3. Qatar
4. Egypt

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Answer is 1 and 3. The Strait of Hormuz links the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea/Indian Ocean; Bahrain and Qatar lie within the Persian Gulf, so their ships must transit Hormuz. Syria (Mediterranean) and Egypt (Mediterranean/Red Sea) reach the Indian Ocean via Suez-Red Sea-Bab-el-Mandeb, not Hormuz.

Q.11

GEOGRAPHY · GEOPARK

Tungurahua Volcano, which was declared a Global Geopark by UNESCO in 2025, is situated in which one among the following countries?

- (a) Ecuador (b) Peru
(c) Bolivia (d) Colombia

A ANSWER

Ecuador is correct: UNESCO's 2025 list includes the Tungurahua Volcano UNESCO Global Geopark in central Ecuador. The active Andean stratovolcano overlooks Baños in Tungurahua Province, confirming its location within Ecuador.

Q.12

CONSERVATION · MADHAV NP

With reference to Madhav National Park, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in India in 2025.
2. Sakhya Sagar, which is designated as a Ramsar Site, is situated within this National Park.
3. Its area is shared between Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Madhav got Tiger Reserve status in 2025 and includes Ramsar-listed Sakhya Sagar; it is wholly in Madhya Pradesh.



Q.13

CLIMATE · A&N ISLANDS

With reference to the climate of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The climate can be defined as a humid, tropical coastal climate.
2. It receives rainfall from both South-west monsoon and North-east monsoon.
3. Maximum precipitation is between December and May.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Andamans are humid-tropical and get both monsoons; peak rain is SW monsoon, not December–May.

Q.14

GEOGRAPHY · PENINSULAR BLOCK

Which of the following geographical features or phenomena is/are associated with the Peninsular Block of India?

1. Submergence of parts of the western coast due to tectonic activity.
2. Presence of residual mountain ranges such as the Veliconda hills and Mahendragiri hills.
3. Deep, V-shaped river valleys formed by fast-flowing rivers.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Peninsular India shows a submerged west coast and residual Eastern Ghats, not youthful V-shaped valleys.



Q.15

SCHEMES · SAGARMALA

Consider the following statements with reference to the Sagarmala Programme of the Government of India:

- I. The Sagarmala Programme seeks to achieve port-led economic growth through cost-effective and sustainable coastal infrastructure.
- II. The success of the Sagarmala Programme is reflected in significant growth in coastal and inland waterway shipping, along with improved global port rankings.
- III. Sagarmala 2.0 aims to position India as a global maritime innovation hub aligned with Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047 visions.

Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct?

1. Statement II validates the effectiveness of the strategies envisioned in statement I.
2. Statement III extends the objectives of statement I by embedding them into a future-oriented innovation framework.
3. Statement I contradicts statement III by focusing only on traditional infrastructure instead of modern innovation.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Outcomes validate Sagarmala's strategy, and Sagarmala 2.0 scales it with innovation.

Q.16

SPECIES · FOXTAIL ORCHID

Consider the following statements about *Rhynchostylis retusa* (Foxtail orchid):

1. It is an epiphytic orchid.
2. The species is endemic to North-east India.
3. It is the State flower of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

B ANSWER

Foxtail orchid is epiphytic and the state flower of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, but it is not NE-endemic.



Q.17

HERITAGE · MOIDAMS

Which one of the following statements with regard to the Moidams, built by the Tai-Ahom kingdom and inscribed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, is/are correct?

1. They acted as army fortresses.
2. They were recreation centres of the Royals and Nobles.
3. They were burial grounds of the Royals and Nobles.
4. They were battle drill centres of the Royals and Nobles.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Moidams (Maidams) are the vaulted mound-burial system of Tai-Ahom royalty and aristocracy at Charaideo, Assam — often called the "Pyramids of Assam". Brick/stone underground chambers topped by earthen hemispherical mounds, surrounded by an octagonal wall, with the king/queen buried along with belongings. UNESCO inscribed them in July 2024 — the first cultural World Heritage Site from Northeast India. They served no military, recreational, or defensive purpose, so statements 1, 2 and 4 are wrong.

Q.18

INTL · FAO "FOUR BETTERS"

At the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC) held in June 2025 in France, the FAO demonstrated its leading voice on marine and ocean issues, especially on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for resilient livelihood and "Blue Transformation".

Which of the following combinations about the "Four Betters" proposed by FAO for "Blue Transformation" is correct?

- (a) Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better ocean
- (b) Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life**
- (c) Better coral reefs, better nutrition, better environment and better life
- (d) Better estuaries, better nutrition, better environment and better mangrove vegetation

B ANSWER

FAO's Strategic Framework 2022–31 defines the Four Betters as "Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life." At UNOC 2025 in Nice, FAO linked Blue Transformation in fisheries and aquaculture to these outcomes for resilient livelihoods and sustainability.

Q.19

GEOGRAPHY · LAKE TURKANA

Which of the following statements with reference to Lake Turkana is/are correct?

1. It is the largest desert lake in the world.
2. The lake is situated in South Sudan along the eastern fringe of the Sahara desert.
3. The lake is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is also referred to as the 'Jade Sea'.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Lake Turkana is in Kenya, is the world's largest desert lake, and its parks are UNESCO-listed as the 'Jade Sea'.



Q.20

CLIMATE · REDD+

Which one of the following is the first Plan Vivo certified Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) project in India?

- (a) Uttarakhand REDD+ project
- (b) ICFRE-ICIMOD Transboundary REDD+ project in North-Eastern Himalayas
- (c) Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project**
- (d) Sikkim Mamley Kamrang Community REDD+ project

C ANSWER

Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project was the first in India to be registered and certified under the Plan Vivo Standard, a community-focused voluntary carbon standard. Other listed projects were pilots or collaborations, but not the first Plan Vivo-certified in India.



SECTION 02

History & Culture

Q.21 — Q.40

Q.21

MUSIC · RAGAS

Which one of the following Carnatic music ragas is similar to Raga Bilawal in Hindustani music?

- (a) Nat Bhairavi
- (b) Kamavardhini
- (c) Hanumatodi
- (d) Dheera
Shankarabharanam

D ANSWER

Bilawal is the all-shuddha major scale, identical to Shankarabharanam.

Q.22

HISTORY · HILTON-YOUNG

The artificially fixed rupee-sterling exchange rate prescribed by the Hilton-Young Commission (1926) was adopted by the British Government for which one of the following reasons?

- (a) Aiding the flow of remittances from India and maintaining India's creditworthiness
- (b) Providing support to Indian importers
- (c) Encouraging export of cotton produce from India
- (d) Preventing depreciation of the Rupee in terms of gold

A ANSWER

The Hilton-Young Commission (1926) fixed the rupee at 1s 6d in gold — artificially overvalued vs the market-preferred 1s 4d. An overvalued rupee meant the Government of India needed FEWER rupees to buy the sterling required for "Home Charges" — annual payments to Britain covering pensions, British officials' salaries, sterling debt interest, and military purchases. It also kept India's creditworthiness high in London capital markets. Indian nationalists (led by Purshottamdas Thakurdas) opposed it because it crippled Indian exports (ruling out C) and made British imports cheaper, hurting Indian industry (ruling out B). The motive was not abstract gold-standard maintenance (D) but balancing the colonial sterling budget.



Q.23

HISTORY · PALI COINS

Consider the following statements:

- I. Pali texts contain the first definite references to coins, e.g., *kahapana*, *nikkha*, *kamsa*, and *kakanika*.
- II. The literary evidence from Pali texts is corroborated by archaeological evidence of punch-marked coins from many sites, most of them made of silver.

The above statements have been associated with which of the following?

1. Emergence of urban life
2. Transition to money economy

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Both 1 and 2: Pali texts mention early coins (*kahapana*, *nikkha*, *kamsa*, *kakanika*) and archaeology yields mostly silver punch-marked coins—firm evidence of monetization that powered the emergence of urban life in the Mahajanapada age.

Q.24

ARCHITECTURE · NAGARA

Which of the following temples has/have a Nagara-style shikhara?

1. Malegitti Shivalaya, Badami
2. Huchimalligudi Temple, Aihole
3. Dashavatara Temple, Deogarh
4. Virupaksha Temple, Pattadakal

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Huchimalligudi Temple, Aihole and Dashavatara Temple, Deogarh have Nagara-style shikharas—curvilinear (*rekha-nagara/latina*) towers often capped by an *amalaka*. In contrast, Virupaksha Temple, Pattadakal is Dravida, so 4 is excluded.



Q.25

PHILOSOPHY · JAINISM

Among the four main forms of existence of life recognized in Jainism, which one of the following is not included?

- (a) Deva (gods)
- (b) Yaksha (demi-gods)
- (c) Manushya (humans)
- (d) Tiryancha (animals and plants)

B ANSWER

Yaksha (demi-gods) are not among Jainism's four gatis (states of existence). The four are Deva (celestial), Manushya (human), Tiryancha (animal/plant), and Naraki (hellish). Yakshas are attendant deities within Deva, not a separate realm.

Q.26

ART · BAGH CAVES

The *Hallisalasya* painting in the Bagh Caves represents:

- (a) A joyous folk dance
- (b) Buddha in a meditative pose
- (c) The depiction of Shiva and Parvati on Kailasha
- (d) Samudramanathan (Churning of the Ocean)

A ANSWER

Hallisalasya (Hallisaka) literally refers to a graceful circular folk dance.



Q.27

HISTORY · PLACE-VALUE

Consider the following statements relating to the use of the place-value system in India:

1. The earliest epigraphic use of the place-value system in India is found in the Mankani plates from Gujarat (AD 595–596).
2. In the ninth century, place-values become general in inscriptions all over India.
3. The place-values have been found in Sanskrit inscriptions in South-east Asia as early as the seventh century.

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

D ANSWER

'1, 2 and 3' is correct. The Mankani (Māṅkaṇī) plates from Gujarat (AD 595–596) show early epigraphic use of the decimal place-value system; by the 9th century such numerals became common across Indian inscriptions. Moreover, 7th-century Southeast Asian Sanskrit epigraphy (e.g., Cambodia's 683 CE Sambor inscription) evidences place-value numerals, including zero.

Q.28

HISTORY · HARAPPA

Consider the following statements about the archaeological findings in Harappan towns:

- I. There is a wide occurrence of spindle whorls in the houses but absence of spinning wheels.
- II. Weights and measurement scales, complete with graduations have been discovered.
- III. There are houses built in large part with baked bricks, around relatively spacious courtyards, with their own wells, bathing platforms, and large rooms.

Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the above statements?

1. Statement I suggests that spinning was a laborious activity done at home.
2. Statement II suggests the extent of the scientific knowledge that the Harappans possessed.
3. Statement III suggests the emergence of a common property system.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

Spindle whorls show home-based spinning; graduated weights reveal metrology; private wells and baths contradict a common property system.



Q.29

HISTORY · EKA / BARDOLI

Which one of the following statements about the Eka Movement and Bardoli Satyagraha is correct?

- (a) The Eka Movement was throughout supported and organized by the Congress while Bardoli Satyagraha was initially independent of Congress influence and was only in the last stages supported by the Congress.
- (b) The Eka Movement was provided leadership by the taluqdars of Awadh, whereas the Bardoli Satyagraha was a movement of the landless labourers.
- (c) The Bardoli Satyagraha was a campaign against the enhancement of land revenue, while the Eka Movement was a protest against excessive extraction of rents.**
- (d) The Eka Movement was located in the Varanasi and Mirzapur districts of the present-day U.P., while the Bardoli Satyagraha took place in Saurashtra.

C ANSWER

Option C is correct: The Bardoli Satyagraha was a campaign against the enhancement of land revenue, while the Eka Movement was a protest against excessive extraction of rents. Bardoli (1928, Surat district) opposed a 22% revenue hike; Eka (1921–22, Awadh) targeted illegal cesses and high rents imposed by taluqdars/thekedars, not led by them.



Q.30

HISTORY · RIGVEDA

Consider the following statements about the Rigvedic period:

- I. Irrigation from wells allowed agriculture to expand away from flood plains and strips on river margins into the present Punjab and Haryana plains having underground water levels reasonably close to the surface.
- II. Draught-animal power was employed to draw up water out of the wells.

Which of the following information support/supports the above statements?

1. There is evidence in the Rigveda of the use of *ashma chakra* (stone pulley wheel) and *ahava* (strapped wooden pails) to draw up water.
2. Mention has been made in the Rigveda of the use of implements like *parashu / kulisha* (axe) and *datra / sreni* (sickle).
3. There is a history of the use of ox, even before the Rigveda, for ploughing the land and pulling the carts.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Ashma chakra + ahava prove a water-lifting apparatus existed; ox-as-draught-animal proves the animal power to drive it. Axe and sickle are agriculture tools but say nothing about wells.

Q.33

HISTORY · RIVER NAMES

Which of the following pairs of ancient and modern names of rivers is/are correctly matched?

1. Vitasta : Chenab
2. Asikni : Jhelum
3. Parushni : Ravi
4. Yavyavati : Beas

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

3 only is correct: Parushni : Ravi matches Rigvedic Parushni with modern Ravi. Vitasta is Jhelum (not Chenab), Asikni is Chenab (not Jhelum), and Beas is Vipasha in the Rigveda, not Yavyavati.

Q.34

ART · AMARAVATI STUPA

Which of the following statements on the Amaravati Stupa and its relief sculpture is/are correct?

1. It was located in the lower Krishna valley.
2. In India, it was next only to the Sanchi Stupa in size.
3. The Amaravati school of sculpture made a lasting impact on the later South Indian sculpture, and its products were carried to Sri Lanka and South-east Asia.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Located in lower Krishna valley and its art spread abroad; not smaller than Sanchi.



Q.35

HISTORY · TAMILAKAM

Which of the following pairs of the king and his dynasty in early historical Tamilakam is/are **not** correctly matched?

1. Senguttuvan : Chera
2. Udiyanjeral : Chola
3. Nedunjeliyan : Pandya

Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2**(b)** 2 only**(c)** 1 and 3**(d)** 3 only**B ANSWER**

Udiyanjeral : Chola is incorrect; Udiyan (Uthiyan) Cheralathan/Udiyanjeral belonged to the Chera dynasty. Senguttuvan was a Chera ruler, and Nedunjeliyan was a Pandya king. Hence only statement 2 is mismatched.

Q.36

HISTORY · FORWARD BLOC

Which of the following factors contributed to the formation of the Forward Bloc by Subhas Chandra Bose in 1939?

1. Bose failed to win the confidence of Mahatma Gandhi.
2. The Congress Left was disunited and failed to support Bose.
3. The Communists did not support Bose in his endeavours.
4. The supporters of M.N. Roy and socialist leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan preferred Congress unity to supporting Bose.

Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 3**(b)** 1, 2 and 4**(c)** 1, 3 and 4**(d)** 2 and 4 only**B ANSWER**

Bose failed to win the confidence of Mahatma Gandhi, the Congress Left was disunited and failed to support Bose, and supporters of M.N. Roy and socialists like Jayaprakash Narayan preferred Congress unity— together pushing Bose to launch the Forward Bloc in May 1939. Communists had at points supported Bose's Tripuri re-election, so statement 3 isn't uniformly valid as a causal factor.



Q.37

HISTORY · AWADH 1856

Consider the following statements regarding the British policy in Awadh immediately after its annexation in 1856:

1. The taluqdars were dispossessed of their estates but allowed to retain their arms and forts.
2. A Summary Revenue Settlement was made in 1856 assuming that the taluqdars were outsiders.
3. The British believed in taking revenue directly from the peasants by removing the taluqdars.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

A ANSWER

'2 and 3 only' are correct: A Summary Revenue Settlement was made in 1856 treating taluqdars as outsiders, and the British aimed to take revenue directly from peasants by removing them. Statement 1 is wrong—after annexation taluqdars were dispossessed, disarmed and many forts dismantled (NCERT, Themes in Indian History), not allowed to retain arms and forts.



Q.38

HISTORY · M-CHELMSFORD

Consider the following assertion: The genesis of political alliances based on community lay in the very nature of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms, 1919.

Which of the following statements support/supports the above assertion?

1. Reforms retained and extended the principle of separate electorates.
2. Separate electorates were supposed to counter Indian nationalism, which was growing stronger.
3. Deprived classes rallied around the favours inherent in separate electorates.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Because 1919 entrenched separate electorates to check nationalism; depressed classes gained them only in 1932.

Q.39

MUSIC · GHARANA

Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur, the famous classical singer from Karnataka, represented the:

- (a) Agra Gharana (b) Gwalior Gharana
(c) Patiala Gharana (d) Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana

D ANSWER

Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana is the gharana Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur represented. He was a foremost exponent of this lineage, training under Manji Khan and Bhurji Khan (sons of Alladiya Khan), and was famed for complex jod-ragas and rare ragas characteristic of Jaipur-Atrauli.



Q.40

HISTORY · KSHETRA-PATNI

In which one among the following texts does the term *kshetra-patni* ('mistress of the field') originate?

- (a) Rigveda
(b) Atharvaveda
(c) Ashtadhyayi
(d) Arthashastra

B ANSWER

Atharvaveda's agricultural hymns explicitly mention Kshetra-patni, the field's tutelary goddess.



SECTION 03

Polity, Governance & IR

Q.41 — Q.57

Q.41

ETHICS · PUBLIC ADMIN

Mr. X, a senior officer, was overseeing a critical vaccination programme during a pandemic. He found that a private service provider responsible for vaccine distribution was compromising on quality to make profits. Despite immense pressure to manage the issue due to vested interests, he raised his voice based on the principles of public administration which he learnt during various training programmes attended across his career. He reported the issue to the appropriate vigilance authority and halted the contract to ensure citizen welfare.

Which one among the following principles of public administration was most strongly demonstrated by Mr. X's actions?

- (a) Esprit de corps (b) Equity
(c) **Accountability** (d) Delegation

C ANSWER

Accountability: he reported malpractice to the vigilance authority and halted the contract, showing answerability, transparency, and corrective action to protect citizen welfare. Esprit de corps is team spirit; Equity is fairness; Delegation is transfer of authority—none match whistleblowing and oversight compliance.





In a multi-ethnic district where both economic competition and historical grievances frequently led to community tensions, a flashpoint has arisen with a Government decision to allocate land for a waste management facility near a tribal hamlet, sparking protests by the tribal community, which claimed that the land was sacred and critical to their cultural identity. At the same time, urban residents and local industries supported the project, citing severe solid waste challenges and health concerns due to lack of a proper disposal site. The conflict has escalated with road blockades, social media campaigns, and allegations of police excesses.

As a responsible Government official, you are tasked with resolving the situation through mediation, ensuring a sustainable outcome that balances environmental needs, tribal rights, and urban public health. Consider the following statements with reference to the above:

1. A successful conflict resolution process must begin with acknowledging the cultural concerns of the protesting tribal community before discussing technical alternatives.
2. The Government should move ahead with the project without delay to address urban health concerns, which outweigh the sentiments of a small group.
3. Creating a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform — including tribal leaders, environmental experts, and municipal representatives — to build mutual understanding and help de-escalate tensions.
4. Conducting an independent Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and sharing findings transparently with both sides to facilitate evidence-based decision-making.

Which of the statements given above would contribute to the resolution process?

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

A ANSWER

Because ethical resolution needs respect for tribal rights, inclusive dialogue, and transparent evidence—not unilateral haste.

Q.43

ETHICS · DISCLOSURE

Ms. X is a mid-level civil service official working in the urban development department of a major city. Recently, she was involved in approving a contract for a public infrastructure project — a new community park. During the approval process, she received a piece of confidential information indicating that one of the contractors had a history of poor workmanship and allegations of corruption in other cities, though nothing had been legally proven. The Head of the Department, Mr. Y, advised her not to disclose this information to the project committee or the public because it could delay the project and damage the city's reputation. However, Ms. X believed that withholding such information compromised transparency and public trust.

What amongst the following should Ms. X do now?

1. Immediately disclose the information to the project committee and the public.
2. Recommend removing the contractor from the shortlist to protect the project's integrity.
3. Propose a 'limited disclosure' to an oversight committee, while keeping the information confidential from the public for the time being.

Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

B ANSWER

"Propose a 'limited disclosure' to an oversight committee..." balances transparency with the CCS (Conduct) Rules' bar on unauthorized public disclosure of official/confidential information. With no proven misconduct or imminent public risk, internal escalation enables due diligence and safeguards fairness, while immediate public release (1) or removing a bidder on unproven allegations (2) could breach confidentiality and natural justice.



Q.44

POLITY · ARTICLE 13

X was addressing a seminar on the meaning of the term 'law' as provided under Article 13, Part III of the Constitution of India. X explained that the meaning of the term 'law' in the Constitution of India was very comprehensive. It included ordinances, orders and even rules and regulations. Y pointed out that the term 'law' in Article 13 also included 'custom or usage' having in the territory of India the force of law, to which X was not convinced.

Based on the above, select the correct conclusion from the options given below:

- (a) 'X' is correct in the interpretation of law, including the view on non-inclusion of custom.
- (b) The view of 'Y' that 'law' included custom is not correct.
- (c) The views of both 'X' and 'Y' are correct.
- (d) The view of only 'Y' is correct.**

D ANSWER

The view of only 'Y' is correct. Article 13(3)(a) defines 'law' to include any ordinance, order, bye-law, rule, regulation, notification, and 'custom or usage' having the force of law; hence X's denial is wrong.



Q.45

POLITY · CONSTITUTION

Consider the following statements with reference to the Constitution of India:

1. There is no Article that specifies that the Constitution of India will be officially called the 'Constitution of India'.
2. There is no Article in the Constitution of India that specifies that the Indian Independence Act, 1947 and the Government of India Act, 1935 stand repealed.
3. There is no Article in the Constitution of India that mentions 26th January, 1950 as the date of the commencement of the Constitution of India.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) All three statements are correct.
- (b) There is no correct statement.
- (c) There are two correct statements that include statement 3.
- (d) There is only one correct statement.

B ANSWER

There is no correct statement. Article 393 states "This Constitution may be called the Constitution of India"; Article 395 repeals the Indian Independence Act, 1947 and the Government of India Act, 1935; Article 394 mentions 26 January 1950 as commencement.



Q.46

POLITY · PWD

Which of the following statements with regard to the persons with disabilities in India is/are correct?

1. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, an Act passed by the Parliament of India in 2018, mandates reservation in education and employment, places a legal duty on Governments to ensure accessibility and non-discrimination.
2. The Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan focuses on achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities across three key domains — built infrastructure, transport systems and information and communication technology.
3. The National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) is a public sector organisation set up by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs as a not-for-profit company to promote entrepreneurship among Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

2 only — "The Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan focuses on achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities across three key domains - built infrastructure, transport systems and information and communication technology" is correct. Statement 1 is wrong on the year: the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act is 2016 (enforced 2017), though it mandates reservations and accessibility. Statement 3 misstates the parent ministry: NDFDC is under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (DEPwD), not Corporate Affairs.

Q.47

POLITY · SC/ST

Consider the following statements about the provisions pertaining to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in India:

1. Provisions regarding the administration of the Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram are given in the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India.
2. Some tribes of India are entitled to exemption from paying Income Tax on certain incomes.
3. The Constitution of India provides for reservation of seats in Panchayats for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) There are two correct statements, that include statement 2.
- (b) There are two correct statements, that are statements 1 and 3.
- (c) There is only one correct statement.
- (d) All three statements are correct.

A ANSWER

Option A — There are two correct statements, that include statement 2. Statement 1 is wrong: Tribal Areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram are under the Sixth Schedule, not the Fifth. Statement 2 is true (Income-tax Act, Section 10(26) exempts certain ST incomes) and Statement 3 is true (Article 243D reserves seats for SC/ST and specifically for SC/ST women in Panchayats).

Q.48

POLITY · QUESTIONS

Consider the following statements in respect of questions asked by the Members in Parliament of India:

1. Unstarred questions are those to which a Member desires an oral answer in the House.
2. Starred questions are those to which a Member desires a written answer.
3. No supplementary question can be asked on an unstarred question.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) All the three statements are correct.
- (b) There are two correct statements, that include statement 2.
- (c) There is only one correct statement.**
- (d) There is no correct statement.

C ANSWER

Correct conclusion: 'There is only one correct statement.' Only Statement 3 is correct: 'No supplementary question can be asked on an unstarred question.' Starred questions need oral answers with supplementaries; Unstarred require written answers with no supplementaries, so Statements 1 and 2 are wrong.



Q.49

POLITY · SC/ST COMMITTEE

Consider the following statements about the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the Parliament of India:

1. Although members of this Committee are elected from both Houses of Parliament, the Chairperson of this Committee is appointed by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
2. Twenty members are elected by the Rajya Sabha and ten members by the Lok Sabha.
3. No Minister, except for the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, is eligible to be a member of this Committee.
4. Members are elected for a fixed term of two years from the date they enter their office.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) There are four correct statements.
- (b) There is only one correct statement, that is statement 2.
- (c) There are two correct statements, that include statement 1.
- (d) There is no correct statement.**

D ANSWER

Option D, "There is no correct statement.", is correct. Chairperson is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha, not Rajya Sabha (1 false); membership is 20 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha (2 reversed); no Minister is eligible—no exceptions (3 false); members serve a one-year term, not two (4 false).

Q.50

DEFENCE · SUDARSHAN CHAKRA

Consider the following statements about Mission Sudarshan Chakra of India:

1. It aims to enhance India's air defence, ballistic missile defence and aerial offensive capabilities.
2. This Mission is being designed to enhance rapid, precise, and powerful defence responses, reinforcing India's strategic autonomy.
3. One of the aims of this Mission is to cover all public places of India by an expanded nationwide security shield by 2035.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

B ANSWER

Reports confirm offence-integrated air/missile defence; no 2035 'all public places' shield is stated.

Q.51

INFRA · BRIDGES

Consider the following statements about river bridges connecting India with neighbouring countries:

1. 'Maitri Setu', built over Feni river, connects Ramgarh in India with Sabroom in Bangladesh.
2. Jhulaghat suspension bridge connects India with Myanmar.
3. Mechi bridge and its approaches connect Panitanki Bypass in India with Kakarvitta in Nepal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

D ANSWER

3 only is correct because the Mechi bridge and its approaches connect Panitanki Bypass in India with Kakarvitta in Nepal. Maitri Setu actually connects Sabroom (India) with Ramgarh (Bangladesh), not vice versa. Jhulaghat suspension bridge links India with Nepal, not Myanmar.



Q.52

POLITY · ZERO FIR

Which of the following statements about a Zero FIR under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 is/are correct?

1. A Zero FIR can be lodged at a police station, even though the place of commission of a cognizable/non-cognizable offence is outside the territorial jurisdiction of that police station.
2. The Officer-in-Charge of the police station where a Zero FIR has been lodged may, with the permission of the competent authority, initiate a preliminary enquiry.
3. Under Zero FIR, it is obligatory for the informant to furnish information electronically.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

BNSS codifies Zero FIR across jurisdictions; preliminary enquiry is pre-FIR and e-filing isn't mandatory.

Q.53

POLITY · CEIB / SFIO / CBI

With reference to the organisations under the Government of India, consider the following details:

1. Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) —
Function: To coordinate between various law enforcement agencies — Controlling Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) —
Function: To investigate complex corporate frauds — Controlling Ministry: Ministry of Finance
3. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) — Function: To preserve values in public life and ensure the health of the national economy — Controlling Ministry: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension

In how many of the above rows are the given details correctly matched?

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) None

A ANSWER

Correct count: 1. Row 3 is correct: CBI's function includes combating corruption/economic crimes and it is under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (DoPT). Row 1 is wrong because CEIB is under Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance; Row 2 is wrong because SFIO is under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, not Finance.

Q.54

IR · CONVENTIONS

Which of the following international conventions have **not** been ratified by India?

1. Employment Policy Convention
2. Abolition of Forced Labour Convention
3. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
4. Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War
5. Convention on Reduction of Statelessness

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

D ANSWER

India has not ratified the Migrant Workers Convention or the 1961 Statelessness Convention. The 4th Geneva Convention WAS ratified in 1950, but D is the only option that captures both #3 and #5.

Q.55

TECH · AI SUMMIT 2026

Consider the following statements with respect to the AI Impact Summit, 2026 held in New Delhi:

1. The Summit's intellectual framework was based on three foundational Sutras: People, Planning, and Progress.
2. The Preamble of the Summit stresses Democratising AI Resources, which acknowledges the Charter for Democratic Diffusion of AI as a binding framework to support locally relevant innovation and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national laws.
3. The New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact was structured around seven Chakras (Pillars), which included Access for Social Empowerment, AI for Science, and Secure and Trusted AI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

D ANSWER

Only Statement 3 matches the Declaration's seven Chakras; 1 misstates sutras and 2 wrongly claims a binding framework.

Q.56

IR · ASEAN CONNECTIVITY

Which of the following connectivity projects is/are a part of cooperation between India and the ASEAN member countries?

1. Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project
2. IMT Trilateral Highway
3. Agartala-Akhaura Rail Line

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

Projects 1 and 2 involve ASEAN members; 3 is with Bangladesh, not ASEAN.



Q.57

IR · INDIA-AIDED PROJECTS

Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:

List I — Project Supported by India	List II — Country
A. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project	1. Maldives
B. Restoration of Stor Palace	2. Afghanistan
C. District Hospital at Dickoya	3. Bhutan
D. Institute of Security and Law Enforcement Studies	4. Sri Lanka

Code:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	1	4	2	3
(b)	3	2	4	1
(c)	3	4	2	1
(d)	1	2	4	3

A ANSWER

A-3 Bhutan; B-2 Afghanistan; C-4 Sri Lanka; D-1 Maldives. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project is in Bhutan; Stor Palace restoration was by India in Kabul, Afghanistan; the Dickoya District Hospital is an Indian-funded project in Sri Lanka; and the Institute of Security and Law Enforcement Studies (now NCPLE) was built with Indian support in Maldives.



Q.58

DEFENCE · MANUFACTURING

Which of the following items of defence hardware is/are manufactured in India?

1. Su-30 MKI Fighter Jets
2. T-90 MK-III Tanks
3. Akula Class Submarine

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

1 only — Su-30 MKI Fighter Jets — are manufactured in India by HAL Nashik under licence with high and rising indigenous content. "T-90 Mk-III" is not an Indian-made designation (India builds T-90S/MS Bhishma at HVF Avadi), and Akula-class submarines are Russian-built; India leased them (INS Chakra), not manufactured them.

Q.59

IR · MULTILATERAL

Consider the following statements about platforms for multilateral co-operation:

1. The 'Colombo Process' is a regional consultative process in which member states take binding decisions by consensus.
2. The 'Abu Dhabi Dialogue' is a voluntary non-binding consultative process among Asian countries of labour origin and destination to facilitate regional cooperation on contractual labour mobility.
3. The 'Global Forum for Migration and Development', created upon the proposal of a former UN Secretary General, is a voluntary forum whose decisions are non-binding in nature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

C ANSWER

Because ADD and GFMD are voluntary, non-binding platforms; Colombo Process isn't binding either.

Q.62

IR · BIMSTEC

Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:

List I — BIMSTEC Centre	List II — Location
A. BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory	1. NOIDA
B. BIMSTEC Energy Centre	2. Bengaluru
C. BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate	3. Colombo
D. BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility	4. Thimphu

Code:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	3	2	1	4
(b)	3	1	2	4
(c)	4	2	1	3
(d)	4	1	2	3

C ANSWER

A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3 is correct: BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory—Thimphu; BIMSTEC Energy Centre—Bengaluru; BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate—NOIDA; BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility—Colombo. BCWC is hosted at NCMRWF, NOIDA (MoES); TTF was designated for Colombo (2022 Summit); Energy Centre designated in Bengaluru; Bhutan hosts the Cultural Industries Observatory.



Q.63

DEFENCE · ARMY CORPS

Which one of the following pairs is **not** correctly matched? (Indian Army Corps : Headquarters)

- (a) 3 Corps : Dimapur (b) 4 Corps : Tezpur
(c) 14 Corps : Leh (d) **33 Corps : Srinagar**

D ANSWER

33 Corps : Srinagar is incorrect—33 Corps (Trishakti) is headquartered at Sukna, West Bengal. Srinagar is the HQ of 15 Corps (Chinar). The others are correct: 3 Corps Dimapur, 4 Corps Tezpur, 14 Corps Leh.

Q.64

SCHEMES · RGSA

Which of the following statements with respect to the Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) is/are correct?

1. The period of its implementation is 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2026.
2. The key objective of the Revamped RGSA is to develop the governance capabilities of the Panchayati Raj Institutions to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. The share of the Central funding for the Revamped RGSA is 100% for all States and Union Territories.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

Official framework confirms timeline and SDG focus; funding isn't 100% universally.



Q.65

IR · EU MEMBERS

Which of the following countries are members of the European Union?

1. Belarus
2. Poland
3. Germany
4. Switzerland

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Poland and Germany (2 and 3) are EU member states; Belarus and Switzerland are not. Switzerland is in EFTA/Schengen but not the EU, and Belarus has never been an EU member.

Q.66

IR · INTERPOL NOTICES

Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:

List I — INTERPOL Notice	List II — Description
A. Silver Notice	1. Seek information on unidentified bodies
B. Blue Notice	2. Collect additional information about a person's identity, location, or activities in a criminal investigation
C. Black Notice	3. Warn about a person's criminal activities, considered a possible threat to public safety
D. Green Notice	4. Identify and trace criminal assets

Code:

	A	B	C	D
(a)	3	1	2	4
(b)	3	2	1	4
(c)	4	2	1	3
(d)	4	1	2	3

A ANSWER

Correct mapping is A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3. Silver Notice — to identify and trace criminal assets; Blue Notice — to collect additional info on a person's identity/location/activities; Black Notice — to seek info on unidentified bodies; Green Notice — to warn about a person's criminal activities posing public safety threats.

Q.67

ENV · NIRANTAR

Which of the following statements in relation to NIRANTAR (National Institute for Research and Application of Natural Resources to Transform, Adapt and Build Resilience), a platform of institutions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, is/are correct?

1. Ecosystem Survey and Analysis is a vertical under this platform, the lead institute of which is Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata.
2. Research and Management of Ecosystem Service is a vertical under this platform, the lead institute of which is Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi.
3. Capacity Development Support is a vertical under this platform, the lead institute of which is Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal.

Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 3

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 only

(d) 3 only

B ANSWER

1 and 3 only are correct: Ecosystem Survey and Analysis — lead: Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata; Capacity Development Support — lead: Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal. Central Zoo Authority regulates zoos and ex-situ facilities, not ecosystem services research/management, so statement 2 is incorrect.



Q.68

IR · INDIA-GERMANY

The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany visited India in January, 2026. Which of the following is/are **not** correct in terms of outcomes of this visit?

1. Signing of a MoU between the All India Institute of Ayurveda and the University of Hamburg
2. Signing of a MoU on Youth Hockey Development between Hockey India and the German Hockey Federation
3. Establishment of a bilateral dialogue mechanism on the Indo-Pacific
4. Opening of an Honorary Consul of Germany in Lucknow

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

2 and 3 — "Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Youth Hockey Development between Hockey India and the German Hockey Federation" and "Establishment of a bilateral dialogue mechanism on the Indo-Pacific" — were not listed in the PMO 'List of Outcomes/Joint Statement. The outcomes featured the AllIA-University of Hamburg MoU and the opening of an Honorary Consul of Germany in Lucknow.

Q.69

TECH · DHRUV64

Which of the following statements about DHRUV64 is/are correct?

1. It is the third chip fabricated under the DIR-V Programme with an overall aim to enable the creation of microprocessors for India.
2. It is India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Both 1 and 2 are correct. Reports on DHRUV64 state it is the third chip fabricated under MeitY's DIR-V Programme, and it is India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor (as covered by The Hindu and TOI).



Q.70

DEFENCE · IS 19445

The Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) recently introduced a national standard to test and assess bomb disposal system. Which of the following statements with regard to this system is/are correct?

1. The new standard is known as IS 19445 : 2025.
2. It will improve interoperability of equipment across agencies.
3. It was developed by TBRL, DRDO in collaboration with the 30th Central Scientific Research Institute, Russia.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

IS 19445:2025 standardizes testing to boost interoperability; no Russian co-developer.

Q.71

GK · NOBEL 2025

'X', born in the UK, was conferred the Nobel Prize in 2025. He was a professor in an American university when this prize was announced. Identify 'X':

- (a) Michel H. Devoret (b) Richard Robson
(c) John Clarke (d) Joel Mokyr

C ANSWER

John Clarke, UK-born and a longtime professor at the University of California, Berkeley, received the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics. Reports from NobelPrize.org and Cambridge/Darwin College confirm his UK birth and UC Berkeley affiliation at the time of the award.

Q.72

SPORTS · GRAND SLAM

Which of the following statements with regard to the Grand Slam Tennis Tournaments is/are correct?

1. The tournaments have a shared governance structure establishing the partnership among the four Grand Slam tournaments.
2. They are open for entry to all internationally ranked tennis players above the age of 14.
3. There is a limitation on the number of 'Wild Cards' a player may receive to compete in a Grand Slam Tournament.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Only the shared Grand Slam Board is universally true; the other two overstate entry and wildcard rules.

Q.73

TECH · SEMICONDUCTOR PLANTS

Which one of the following pairs of semiconductor plants in India and their locations is **not** correctly matched?

- (a) CG Power and Industrial Solutions Pvt. Ltd. in partnership with Renesas Electronics and STARS Microelectronics : Gujarat
(b) Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt. Ltd. : Assam
(c) HCL-Foxconn Joint Venture India Chip Ltd. : Madhya Pradesh
(d) SicSem Pvt. Ltd. : Odisha

C ANSWER

"HCL-Foxconn Joint Venture India Chip Ltd. : Madhya Pradesh" is not correctly matched—no Cabinet-cleared HCL-Foxconn semiconductor unit is sited in Madhya Pradesh. In contrast, CG Power with Renesas and STARS is approved for Gujarat, and Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt. Ltd. is approved for Assam.



Q.74

TECH · BHARAT FORECAST

Which of the following statements with regard to India's indigenous new high resolution weather model, the 'Bharat Forecast System' is/are correct?

1. Its objective is to generate forecasts at the Panchayats cluster level.
2. It was developed by IIT Delhi.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

Its objective is to generate forecasts at the Panchayats cluster level is correct—Bharat Forecast System targets village/panchayat-scale, high-resolution predictions for services like agri-advisories. The claim it was developed by IIT Delhi is incorrect; it is an indigenous MoES effort delivered to IMD, developed by MoES institutions (e.g., NCMRWF/IITM Pune), not IIT Delhi.

Q.75

CULTURE · BAFTA

Consider the following statements with regard to the film 'Boong':

1. The film has recently won the BAFTA Award in the Children's and Family Film category.
2. The film is directed by Lakshmipriya Devi.
3. This is the first Indian film to win a BAFTA award in the Children's and Family Film category.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

A ANSWER

"Boong" has won the BAFTA in the Children's and Family Film category, it is directed by Lakshmipriya Devi, and it is the first Indian film to win in this category. BBC and The Hindu reports confirm the BAFTA win and director credit, and note its historic first for India in this category.



SECTION 05

Economy & Finance

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Q.76

TECH · BLOCKCHAIN

Which of the following statements regarding the features of blockchain technology are correct?

1. Records stored in the database may be made visible to relevant stakeholders without risk of alteration.
2. Copies of the entire database are stored on multiple computers on a network, syncing within seconds.
3. Consortium blockchain is a blend of public and private blockchains allowing selective data access.
4. Mathematical algorithms make it impossible to change or delete any data once recorded and accepted.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

Only 1 and 3 align with blockchain's tamper-evident ledger and selective access.

Q.77

ECONOMY · E-COMMERCE

An e-commerce revenue model where the seller has control over pricing but doesn't keep products in stock and instead transfers customer orders and shipment details to a third-party supplier, who then ships the goods directly to the customer, is called:

- (a) Dropshipping Model (b) Affiliate Revenue Model
(c) Transaction Fee Revenue Model (d) Agency Revenue Model

A ANSWER

Dropshipping Model fits because the retailer controls pricing, holds no inventory, and forwards orders to a third-party supplier who ships directly to customers. Affiliate and agency models don't control pricing or fulfillment; transaction-fee is a revenue type, not this structure.

Q.78

ECONOMY · FI-INDEX

Which one of the following correctly represents the three key sub-indices of the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) of the RBI?

- (a) Credit access, Insurance depth, and Pension coverage
- (b) Banking access, GDP contribution, and Financial literacy
- (c) Access, Usage, and Quality**
- (d) Access, Affordability, and Transparency

C ANSWER

Access, Usage, and Quality are the three sub-indices of RBI's composite Financial Inclusion Index, per RBI's 2021 launch. They track availability of services, actual usage, and service standards/consumer protection.

Q.79

ECONOMY · ONDC

Which one of the following best describes the key objective of India's 'Open Network for Digital Commerce' (ONDC) initiative?

- (a) To allow government control over all digital commerce transactions
- (b) To replace private e-commerce players
- (c) To break the dominance of large e-commerce platforms by enabling interoperability across networks**
- (d) To mandate UPI-based payments for all online transactions

C ANSWER

ONDC enables open, interoperable buyer-seller networks to level the digital marketplace.



Q.80

ECONOMY · UPI & CBDC

Which one of the following statements about Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Central Bank Digital Currency (Digital Rupee) is **not** correct?

- (a) UPI is a real-time payment system but Digital Rupee is akin to sovereign paper currency.
- (b) In case of UPI, settlement for end users happens instantly as the money gets immediately debited or credited but in case of Digital Rupee, there is no settlement as the wallet balance gets transferred to another wallet.
- (c) UPI transactions are recorded by banks and reflected in bank statements but in case of Digital Rupee, no data is captured in bank statements as transactions are from one wallet to another.
- (d) **In both the cases (UPI and Digital Rupee), the liability lies with the users and their respective banks.**

D ANSWER

“In both the cases (UPI and Digital Rupee), the liability lies with the users and their respective banks.” is incorrect because Retail CBDC (Digital Rupee) is a direct liability of RBI, akin to cash, whereas UPI moves bank deposits, which are liabilities of respective banks. Statements A–C align with RBI FAQs: UPI is real-time; CBDC transfers are wallet-to-wallet without interbank settlement and won't reflect in bank statements.

Q.81

ECONOMY · RWA TOKENIZATION

Which of the following statements about Real-World Assets (RWA) Tokenization are correct?

1. Tokenization is the process of turning real world assets into digital tokens using blockchain technology.
2. Tokenization of real world assets offers 24×7 access, promoting financial inclusion.
3. Tokenization of real world assets will allow the access to high growth investment opportunities for individuals in India.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Correct is "1 and 2 only": Tokenization is turning real-world assets into digital tokens on blockchain (IMF 2026). DLT rails can operate 24×7, enabling always-on access and potential inclusion. But "high growth investment opportunities for individuals in India" is speculative and constrained by India's current regulatory environment, so 3 is not assured.

Q.82

ECONOMY · SUSTAINABILITY BOND

A bond whose proceeds are used only to finance or refinance a combination of both environmental and social projects is called:

- (a) Green Bond (b) Social Bond
(c) Sustainability Bond (d) Sovereign Bond

C ANSWER

Sustainability Bond is a bond whose proceeds are exclusively used for a combination of environmental and social projects, as per ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines. Green Bonds fund only environmental aims; Social Bonds fund social aims; Sovereign Bonds are simply government-issued, not purpose-specific.



Q.83

ECONOMY · M1XCHANGE

Which of the following statements about M1xchange's role in Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) financing is/are correct?

1. M1xchange provides collateral based loans to MSMEs.
2. M1xchange facilitates discounting of invoices and Bills of Exchange for MSMEs.
3. M1xchange functions as a credit rating agency for MSMEs.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Statement 2 is correct: M1xchange facilitates discounting of invoices and Bills of Exchange for MSMEs via the RBI-licensed TReDS platform, enabling collateral-free working capital from financiers. It does not provide collateral-based loans (1) or act as a credit rating agency (3); it functions as an exchange matching MSME receivables with banks/NBFC-factors.



Q.84

ECONOMY · CROWDING OUT

Which one of the following best describes the 'Crowding Out Effect' in the context of fiscal policy?

- (a) A situation where private investment increases due to increased Government spending
- (b) A situation where Government borrowing leads to higher interest rates, which reduces private investment**
- (c) A situation where an increase in taxes leads to increased private sector investment
- (d) A situation where Government spending has no impact on aggregate demand

B ANSWER

The crowding-out effect means "Government borrowing leads to higher interest rates, which reduces private investment". Deficit financing raises demand for loanable funds, pushing up interest rates and making private investment costlier; options A, C, and D misstate macro fundamentals.

Q.85

ECONOMY · REES

Which of the following statements about Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and Critical Minerals is/are correct?

1. Modern technological innovations including Artificial Intelligence, and space exploration extensively utilise Rare Earth Elements (REEs).
2. China has the highest share in mining of REEs followed by India.
3. The Government of India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in 2025 to establish a robust framework for self-reliance in the critical mineral sector.
4. Rare Earth Elements are a set of 13 metallic elements.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

REEs underpin cutting-edge tech, and India formalized NCMM in 2025.



Q.86

ECONOMY · AVIATION INSURANCE

Which of the following statements about insurance in aviation sector is/are correct?

1. 'Aviation Hull Insurance' covers the physical aircraft, including the body, engine, and on-board equipment.
2. Under the Montreal Convention, adopted in 1999 by over 130 countries, including India, airlines are strictly liable to pay compensation to the family/nominee of every deceased passenger without requiring the family to prove fault.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

'Aviation Hull Insurance' covers the physical aircraft—airframe, engines, and onboard equipment—against loss/damage. Under the Montreal Convention 1999 (to which India is a party), airlines have strict liability to compensate for passenger death/injury up to a fixed SDR limit without requiring families to prove fault.



Q.87

ECONOMY · CROWDFUNDING

Which of the following statements about Crowdfunding is/are correct?

1. Crowdfunding is solicitation of funds (small amount) from multiple investors through a web-based platform or social networking site for a specific project.
2. SMEs are able to raise funds at lower cost of capital without undergoing rigorous procedures.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

A ANSWER

SEBI's definition supports 1; 2 is an absolute overstatement ignoring fees, compliance and due diligence.

Q.88

ECONOMY · COMMITTEES

With reference to different Committees in India, consider the following details:

1. R.N. Malhotra Committee — Insurance sector reforms — Regulatory and Development Authority of India
2. L.C. Gupta Committee — Roadmap for derivatives trading in India — SEBI
3. Urjit R. Patel Committee — Roadmap for reforming bank lending to the Housing sector — RBI
4. Y.H. Malegam Committee — Roadmap for Microfinance sector reforms — RBI

In which of the above rows are all the details correctly matched?

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

D ANSWER

2 and 4 are correct: SEBI's L.C. Gupta Committee prepared the framework for introducing derivatives trading, and RBI's Y.H. Malegam Committee recommended microfinance sector reforms. R.N. Malhotra Committee was set up by the Government and led to creation of IRDAI (not by IRDAI), while Urjit Patel Committee focused on the monetary policy framework, not housing loans.



Q.89

ECONOMY · NBFCs

Consider the following statements about the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India:

1. NBFCs cannot accept demand deposits.
2. All the NBFCs operating in India have to be registered with the RBI.
3. NBFCs form part of the payment and settlement system and can issue cheque drawn on itself.
4. Deposit insurance facility of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is not available to the depositors of deposit taking NBFCs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

A ANSWER

RBI FAQs state NBFCs can't take demand deposits, and DICGC insures only bank deposits.

Q.90

ECONOMY · MPI

Consider the following statements about Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI):

1. MPI is calculated using Alkire-Foster methodology.
2. MPI calculated by NITI Aayog has a total of twelve indicators.
3. Maternal Health and Bank Account are common indicators in the MPI of NITI Aayog and MPI of UNDP.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

A ANSWER

1 and 2 only: India's National MPI uses the Alkire-Foster methodology and includes 12 indicators. UNDP's Global MPI has 10 indicators and does not include "Maternal Health" or "Bank Account", so statement 3 is incorrect.



SECTION 06

Science, Tech & Defence

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Q.91

SCIENCE · GENETIC MEDICINE

Which of the following statements with regard to genetic medicine is/are correct?

1. Genetic medicines correct/compensate for the faulty genes responsible for disease.
2. Engineered viruses and lipid nanoparticles are used as carriers of the genetic medicine.
3. Genetic medicines alter the entire DNA sequence.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

They fix/compensate faulty genes using viral or LNP delivery, not rewrite entire genomes.

Q.92

TECH · LLMS

Which of the following statements with regard to Large Language Models (LLMs) used in machine learning is/are correct?

1. LLMs assign probabilities to the next possible words and then pick the one with the highest probability.
2. LLMs process data through mathematical optimization to minimise prediction errors.
3. LLMs produce unbiased outputs.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

LLMs predict next tokens probabilistically and are optimized to reduce loss; bias can persist.



Q.93

DEFENCE · STEALTH

Which of the following statements with regard to stealth technology is/are correct?

1. Stealth objects have a very small radar cross-section and are coated with Radar Absorbing Material.
2. Stealth objects can be detected using specific frequencies.
3. Stealth objects are coated with metamaterials to increase the scattering of electromagnetic radiation.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

C ANSWER

Stealth uses shaping and RAM to cut radar returns, yet low-frequency radars can still detect them.

Q.94

TECH · BLACK BOX

Which of the following statements with regard to Black Boxes used in modern aircrafts is/are correct?

1. They carry a beacon emitting red light pulses to facilitate underwater detection.
2. They record both the cockpit voice and flight data.
3. Their memory units are made using either stainless steel or titanium.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

'They record both the cockpit voice and flight data' and 'Their memory units are made using either stainless steel or titanium' are correct for modern flight recorders (CVR+FDR with crash-survivable housings). Statement 1 is wrong: the locator beacon is acoustic (37.5 kHz pings), not a red light pulse, for underwater detection.

Q.95

ENERGY · GREEN HYDROGEN

Which of the following statements with regard to Green Hydrogen is/are correct?

1. It is decarbonized hydrogen obtained from natural gas reforming combined with carbon capture and storage (CCS).
2. It is produced using electrolysis of water with electricity generated by renewable energy.
3. National Green Hydrogen Mission of India aims for abatement of nearly 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Statement 2 is correct: "It is produced using electrolysis of water with electricity generated by renewable energy," which defines green hydrogen. Statement 3 is correct: the National Green Hydrogen Mission targets abatement of nearly 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (as per MNRE/PIB). Statement 1 is wrong—natural gas reforming with CCS produces blue (not green) hydrogen.

Q.96

SPACE · IN-SPACE

Consider the following statements with regard to involvement of private entities in India's space programme:

1. The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is an autonomous agency formed to facilitate participation of private entities.
2. Agnikul Cosmos launched the world's first flight using 3D-printed rocket engine.
3. Skyroot Aerospace has developed liquid fuel for GSLV.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

A ANSWER

Statement 1—'The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is an autonomous agency formed to facilitate participation of private entities'—is correct; IN-SPACe is an autonomous nodal body under the Department of Space to promote, handhold and authorise private players. Statement 2 is incorrect: Agnikul's Agnibaan SOrTeD used a single-piece 3D-printed, semi-cryogenic engine, but the first flight with 3D-printed rocket engines globally was Relativity Space's Terran-1 (2023). Statement 3 is incorrect: Skyroot builds engines/propellants for its Vikram rockets, not liquid fuel for ISRO's GSLV.

Q.97

DEFENCE · DRONE SWARMS

Which of the following statements with regard to drone swarms is/are correct?

1. They use Terahertz band of frequency to communicate with the command centre.
2. Individual drones in the swarm can communicate with other drones in the swarm.
3. GPS Spoofing is a commonly used technique to counter drone swarm attack.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Swarms use peer-to-peer meshes; defenders often disrupt GNSS with spoof/jam.



Q.100

SCIENCE · DEEP OCEAN

Which of the following statements with regard to India's Deep Ocean Mission is/are correct?

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India.
2. Matsya-6000 has been designed to carry 3 people for deep sea exploration.
3. Samudrayaan is a project under this mission.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

B ANSWER

Because MoES runs DOM; Matsya-6000 carries three, and Samudrayaan is within it.



