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1	<p>“Rapid Financing Instrument” and “Rapid Credit Facility” are related to the provisions of which of lending by which of the following?</p> <p>(a)Asian Development Bank (b)International Monetary Fund (c)United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (d)World Bank</p>	(a)	Current Affairs	These are lending facilities of the IMF that provides emergency assistance to member countries	<a href="https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/crisis-hit-sri-lanka-seeks-emergency-financial-assistance-from-imf-122041900452_1.html">https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/crisis-hit-sri-lanka-seeks-emergency-financial-assistance-from-imf-122041900452_1.html</a>
2	<p>With reference to the Indian Economy, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.An increase in Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) indicates the appreciation of rupee 2.An increase in Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) indicates an improvement in trade competitiveness 3.An increase in trend in domestic inflation relative to inflation in other countries is likely to cause an increasing divergence between NEER and REER</p> <p>Which of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(c)	Economics		<p><a href="https://datahelp.imf.org/knowledgebase/articles/537469-what-is-nominal-effective-exchange-rate-neer">https://datahelp.imf.org/knowledgebase/articles/537469-what-is-nominal-effective-exchange-rate-neer</a></p> <p><a href="https://datahelp.imf.org/knowledgebase/articles/537472-what-is-real-effective-exchange-rate-reer">https://datahelp.imf.org/knowledgebase/articles/537472-what-is-real-effective-exchange-rate-reer</a></p>
3	<p>With reference to the Indian economy, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.If the inflation is too high, the RBI is likely to buy government securities 2.If the rupee is rapidly depreciating, RBI is likely to sell dollars in the market 3. If interest rates in the USA or European Union were to fall, that is likely to induce RBI to buy dollars</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(b)	Economics	<p>If the inflation is high and if the RBI wants to curb liquidity, it would sell government securities. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>If the currency starts depreciating against the dollar, then the central bank can sell its dollar reserves and buy the local currency in order to stop the depreciation. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>If interest rates in the US or the EU were to fall, FIIs will ramp up investments in India. The resultant demand for rupees will cause the rupee to appreciate. In response, RBI will buy dollars and inject rupees in to the system. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.financialexpress.com/money/your-money-central-banks-role-in-an-interconnected-world/2282240/#:~:text=In%20response%2C%20RBI,an%20unsterilised%20ofashion.">https://www.financialexpress.com/money/your-money-central-banks-role-in-an-interconnected-world/2282240/#:~:text=In%20response%2C%20RBI,an%20unsterilised%20ofashion.</a></p> <p><a href="https://theprint.in/ilanomics/why-rbis-hoarding-of-forex-reserves-over-currency-concerns-will-be-counter-productive/684190/">https://theprint.in/ilanomics/why-rbis-hoarding-of-forex-reserves-over-currency-concerns-will-be-counter-productive/684190/</a></p> <p><a href="https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/operation-twist-what-rbi-is-really-trying-to-do-and-whats-in-it-for-you/articleshow/77779664.cms?from=mdr">https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/operation-twist-what-rbi-is-really-trying-to-do-and-whats-in-it-for-you/articleshow/77779664.cms?from=mdr</a></p>

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4	<p>With reference to the ‘‘G20 Common Framework’’, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.It is an initiative endorsed by the G20 together with the Paris Club</p> <p>2.It is an initiative to support Low Income Countries with unsustainable debt</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only (b)2 only (c)Both 1 and 2 (d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(c)	Economics	The Common Framework for debt treatment beyond the DSSI (Common Framework) is an initiative endorsed by the G20, together with the Paris Club, to support, in a structural manner, Low Income Countries with unsustainable debt.	<a href="https://www.mef.gov.it/en/G20-Italy/common-framework.html">https://www.mef.gov.it/en/G20-Italy/common-framework.html</a>
5	<p>With reference to the Indian economy, what are the advantages of ‘‘Inflation-Indexed Bonds (IIBs)?</p> <p>1.Government can reduce the coupon rates on its borrowing by way of IIBs</p> <p>2.IIBs provide protection to the investors from uncertainty regarding inflation</p> <p>3.The interest received as well as capital gains on IIBs are not taxable</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(a)	Economics	<p>By issuing securities which complete markets, governments might also reduce their costs offunding. So Statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>Interest rate will be provided protection against inflation by paying fixed coupon rate on the principal adjusted against inflation. So Statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>The interest payment and capital gains accrual due to inflation are taxable. So Statement 3 is incorrect.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.elibrary.imf.org/downloadpdf/journals/001/1997/012/article-A001-en.pdf">https://www.elibrary.imf.org/downloadpdf/journals/001/1997/012/article-A001-en.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/FAQView.aspx?Id=91#:~:text=What%20will%20be,for%20these%20bonds.">https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/FAQView.aspx?Id=91#:~:text=What%20will%20be,for%20these%20bonds.</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/FAQView.aspx?Id=91#:~:text=Interest%20rate%20will%20be%20provided%20protection%20against%20inflation%20by%20paying%20fixed%20coupon%20rate%20on%20the%20principal%20adjusted%20against%20inflation.">https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/FAQView.aspx?Id=91#:~:text=Interest%20rate%20will%20be%20provided%20protection%20against%20inflation%20by%20paying%20fixed%20coupon%20rate%20on%20the%20principal%20adjusted%20against%20inflation.</a></p>
6	<p>With reference to foreign-owned e-commerce firms operating in India, which of the following statements is/are correct?</p> <p>1.They can sell their own good in addition to offering their platforms as market-places</p> <p>2.The degree to which they can own big sellers on their platforms is limited</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a)1 only (b)2 only (c)Both 1 and 2 (d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(a)	Economics	<p>India has not allowed FDI in inventory-driven models of e-commerce. The inventory model is where the goods and services are owned by an e-commerce firm that sells directly to retail customers. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>An e-commerce entity will not be permitted more than 25% of sales through its marketplace from one vendor or their group companies. So statement 2 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.livemint.com/politics/policy/what-are-india-s-new-foreign-direct-investment-rules-for-e-commerce-1548945138551.html">https://www.livemint.com/politics/policy/what-are-india-s-new-foreign-direct-investment-rules-for-e-commerce-1548945138551.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/e-commerce-25-cap-on-sales-to-end-monopoly-of-few-vendors-116040300178_1.html">https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/e-commerce-25-cap-on-sales-to-end-monopoly-of-few-vendors-116040300178_1.html</a></p>

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7	<p>Which of the following activities constitute real sector in the economy?</p> <p>1. Farmers harvesting their crops                      2. Textile mills converting raw cotton into fabrics                      3. A commercial bank lending money to a trading company                      4. A corporate body issuing Rupee Denominated Bonds overseas</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 2, 3 and 4 only                      (c) 1, 3 and 4 only                      (d) 1, 2 3 and 4</p>	(a)	Economics	<p>The real economy concerns the production, purchase and flow of goods and services (like oil, bread and labour) within an economy. It is contrasted with the financial economy, which concerns the aspects of the economy that deal purely in transactions of money and other financial assets, which represent ownership or claims to ownership of real sector goods and services.</p> <p>So options 1, 2 are correct</p>	<a href="https://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/30181/S332A315FR_en.pdf">https://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/30181/S332A315FR_en.pdf</a>
8	<p>Which of the following situations best reflects “Indirect Transfers” often talked about in media recently with reference to India?</p> <p>a) An Indian company investing in a foreign enterprise and paying taxes to the foreign country on the profits arising out of its investment                      b) A foreign company investing in India and paying taxes to the country of its base on the profits arising out of its investment                      c) An Indian company purchases tangible assets in a foreign country and sells such assets after their value increases and transfers the proceeds to India                      d) A foreign company transfers shares and such shares derive their substantial value from assets located in India</p>	(d)	Economics	<p>Indirect transfers refer to situations where when foreign entities own shares or assets in India, the shares of such foreign entities are transferred instead of a direct transfer of the underlying assets in India.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.nishithdesai.com/Content/document/pdf/Articles/171023_A_Indirect-Transfer-Taxation-in-India.pdf">https://www.nishithdesai.com/Content/document/pdf/Articles/171023_A_Indirect-Transfer-Taxation-in-India.pdf</a>  <a href="https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/cement/adani-holcim-deal-and-the-legacy-vodafone-tax-issue/articleshow/91619826.cms">https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/cement/adani-holcim-deal-and-the-legacy-vodafone-tax-issue/articleshow/91619826.cms</a></p>
9	<p>With reference to the expenditure made by an organization or a company, which of the following statements is/are correct?</p> <p>1. Acquiring new technology is capital expenditure                      2. Debt financing is considered capital expenditure, while equity financing is considered revenue expenditure</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(a)	Economics	<p>Capital expenditure is important for companies to maintain existing property and equipment, and invest in new technology and other assets for growth. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>Both Debt financing and equity financing are considered to be capital expenditure. So statement 2 is incorrect</p>	<p><a href="https://smallbusiness.chron.com/capital-expenditure-different-routine-revenue-expenditure-71527.html#:~:text=Capital%20expenditure%20are,describe%20the%20expenditure.">https://smallbusiness.chron.com/capital-expenditure-different-routine-revenue-expenditure-71527.html#:~:text=Capital%20expenditure%20are,describe%20the%20expenditure.</a>  <a href="https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/capitalexpenditure.asp">https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/capitalexpenditure.asp</a></p>

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10	<p>With reference to the Indian economy, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.A share of the household financial savings goes towards government borrowings.</p> <p>2.Dated securities issued at market-related rates in auctions form a large component of internal debt.</p> <p>Which of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only (b)2 only (c)Both 1 and 2 (d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(c)	Economics	Both statements are correct.	<p><a href="https://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/Status%20Paper%20on%20Government%20Debt.pdf">https://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/Status%20Paper%20on%20Government%20Debt.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/govt_debt_status_paper_2016_0.pdf">https://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/govt_debt_status_paper_2016_0.pdf</a></p>
11	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.Pursuant to the report of H.N. Sanyal Committee, the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 was passed.</p> <p>2.The Constitution of India empowers the supreme court and High court to punish for contempt of themselves</p> <p>3.The Constitution of India defines Civil Contempt and Criminal contempt.</p> <p>4.In India, the Parliament is vested with the powers to make laws on Contempt of Court</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)1, 2 and 4 (c)3 and 4 only (d)3 only</p>	(b)	Polity	<p>Pursuant to the report of H.N. Sanyal Committee, the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 was passed.. So Statement 1 is correct</p> <p>Article 129 and 215 of the Constitution of India empowers the Supreme Court of India and High Courts respectively to take action against the contempt. So statement 2 is correct</p> <p>The Constitution does not define 'contempt of court'. It is the Contempt of Courts Act 1971, which defines it. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p> <p>As per Article 142 (2) , , the Parliament is vested with the powers to make laws on Contempt of Court. So statement 4 is correct</p>	<p><a href="https://theleaflet.in/explainer-attorney-generals-consent-for-criminal-contempt-of-court-proceedings/#:~:text=In%20pursuance%20of,administration%20of%20justice.">https://theleaflet.in/explainer-attorney-generals-consent-for-criminal-contempt-of-court-proceedings/#:~:text=In%20pursuance%20of,administration%20of%20justice.</a></p> <p><a href="https://theleaflet.in/explainer-attorney-generals-consent-for-criminal-contempt-of-court-proceedings/#:~:text=Further%2C%20Article%20129%20and%20215%20of%20the%20Constitution%20of%20India%20empowers%20the%20Supreme%20Court%20of%20India%20and%20High%20Courts%20respectively%20to%20take%20action%20against%20the%20contempt.%C2%A0">https://theleaflet.in/explainer-attorney-generals-consent-for-criminal-contempt-of-court-proceedings/#:~:text=Further%2C%20Article%20129%20and%20215%20of%20the%20Constitution%20of%20India%20empowers%20the%20Supreme%20Court%20of%20India%20and%20High%20Courts%20respectively%20to%20take%20action%20against%20the%20contempt.%C2%A0</a></p> <p><a href="https://theleaflet.in/explainer-attorney-generals-consent-for-criminal-contempt-of-court-proceedings/#:~:text=According%20to%20the,act%2C%20whatsoever%20which%3B">https://theleaflet.in/explainer-attorney-generals-consent-for-criminal-contempt-of-court-proceedings/#:~:text=According%20to%20the,act%2C%20whatsoever%20which%3B</a></p>

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12	<p>With reference to India, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Government law officers and legal firms are recognized as advocates, but corporate lawyers and patent attorneys are excluded from recognition as advocates.</p> <p>2. Bar Councils have the power to lay down the rules relating to legal education and recognition of law colleges.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(b)	Polity	<p>Government law officers, legal firms, corporate lawyers and patent attorneys all are recognised as advocates. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Bar councils have the powers to lay down rules relating to legal education and recognition of law colleges. So statement 2 is correct.</p>	<a href="https://lawcorner.in/functions-of-bar-council-of-india/#Composition of Bar Council of India">https://lawcorner.in/functions-of-bar-council-of-india/#Composition of Bar Council of India</a>
13	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. A bill amending the Constitution requires a prior recommendation of the President of India.</p> <p>2. When a Constitution Amendment Bill is presented to the President of India, it is obligatory for the President of India to give his/her assent</p> <p>3. A Constitution Amendment Bill must be passed both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha by a special majority and there is no provision for Joint Sitting</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(b)	Polity	<p>Constitution amendment bill can be introduced either by a minister or by a private member and does not require prior permission of the president. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Once a Constitutional Amendment Bill is passed by both the Houses of Parliament and ratified by the state legislatures where necessary, the President must give his assent to the bill. He can neither withhold his assent to the bill nor return the bill for reconsideration of Parliament. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Certain types of Amendment bills can be passed by simple majority in the Parliament. However, they are not deemed as Constitution Amendment Bills.</p> <p>Also, Joint Sitting is not possible in a CA Bill. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<a href="#">Indian Polity - by Laxmikanth</a>

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14	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.The Constitution of India classifies the ministers into four ranks viz. Cabinet Minister, Minister of State with Independent Charge, Minister of State and Deputy Minister</p> <p>2.The total number of ministers in the Union Government, including the Prime Minister, shall not exceed 15 percent of the total number of members in the Lok Sabha</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only (b)2 only (c)Both 1 and 2 (d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(b)	Polity	<p>The Constitution does not classify the members of the Council of Ministers into different ranks, viz. that of the Cabinet rank, that of the Minister of State rank and that of the Deputy Minister. All this has been done following the British practice and in view of administrative convenience. So statement 1 is incorrect</p> <p>As per the changes introduced in 91st amendment, the total number of Ministers, including the Prime Minister, in the Council of Ministers shall not exceed fifteen per cent. of the total number of members of the Loksabha. So statement 2 is correct</p>	<p><a href="https://eparlib.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/759802/1/Council_of_Ministers_English.pdf">https://eparlib.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/759802/1/Council_of_Ministers_English.pdf</a> page 8</p> <p><a href="#">Indian Polity - Laxmikanth</a></p>
15	<p>Which of the following is/are the exclusive power(s) of Lok Sabha?</p> <p>1.To ratify the declaration of Emergency</p> <p>2.To pass a motion of no-confidence against the Council of Ministers</p> <p>3.To impeach the President of India</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 (b)2 only (c)1 and 3 (d)3 only</p>	(b)	Polity	<p>Ratification of declaration of Emergency has to be approved by both the houses of the Parliament. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Passing a motion of no-confidence against the Council of Ministers is an exclusive power of Loksabha. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Impeachment motion of President has to be approved by both the houses of the Parliament. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p>	<a href="#">Indian Polity - by Laxmikanth</a>
16	<p>With reference to anti-defection law in India, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.The law specifies that a nominated legislator cannot join any political party within six months of being appointed to the House.</p> <p>2.The law does not provide any time-frame within which the presiding officer has to decide a defection case.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only (b)2 only (c)Both 1 and 2 (d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(b)	Polity	<p>Nominated MPs/MLAs can join a political party within six months after being nominated. If they join a party after such time, they stand to lose their seat in the House. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>The law does not provide a time-frame within which the presiding officer has to decide a defection case. So statement 2 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/the-anti-defection-law-and-how-it-has-often-failed-to-discourage-defection-7554426/">https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/the-anti-defection-law-and-how-it-has-often-failed-to-discourage-defection-7554426/</a></p>

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17	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Attorney General of India and Solicitor General of India are the only officers of the Government who are allowed to participate in the meetings of the Parliament of India.</p> <p>2. According to the Constitution of India, the Attorney General of India submits his resignation when the Government which appointed him resigns.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(d)	Polity	<p>Article 88 states that every Minister and the Attorney-General has the right to speak in Parliament and can participate in proceedings of it and can also take part in the joint sitting of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and in any of Parliamentary Committees, in which he is named as a member but has no right to vote. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>The constitution does not mandate the Attorney General of India to submit his resignation when the Government which appointed him resigns. He holds office during the pleasure of the President. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p>	<a href="#">Indian Polity - by Laxmikanth</a>
18	<p>With reference to the writs issued by the Courts in India, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Mandamus will not lie against a private organization unless it is entrusted with a public duty.</p> <p>2. Mandamus will not lie against a Company even though it may be a Government Company.</p> <p>3. Any public minded person can be a petitioner to move the Court to obtain the writ of Quo Warranto.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(c)	Polity	<p>According to the Supreme Court judgment in Anandi Mukta Sadguru Shree Mukta vs V.R. Rudani &amp; Ors, In case of a purely a private body with no public duty, mandamus would not lie. So statement 1 is correct. Mandamus can be issued against Government companies. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>Unlike the other four writs, Quo Warranto can be sought by any interested person and not necessarily by the aggrieved person. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="#">Indian polity-Laxmikanth</a></p> <p><a href="https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1728255/#:~:text=(3)%09%20If%20the,denied.%20%5B705B%2DC%5D">https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1728255/#:~:text=(3)%09%20If%20the,denied.%20%5B705B%2DC%5D</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.jstor.org/stable/43950186">https://www.jstor.org/stable/43950186</a></p>
19	<p>With reference to Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Private and public hospitals must adopt it.</p> <p>2. As it aims to achieve universal health coverage, every citizen of India should be part of it ultimately.</p> <p>3. It has seamless portability across the country.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(b)	Schemes	<p>It is voluntary for both private hospitals and citizens. So statements 1, 2 are incorrect.</p> <p>It is aimed at improving equitable access to quality healthcare by encouraging the use of technologies such as telemedicine and enabling national portability of health services. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://thewire.in/health/explainer-ayushman-bharat-digital-mission-health-id-aadhaar-records#:~:text=Is%20this%20whole%20system%20voluntary%20or%20mandatory%20for%20Indian%20citizens%3F">https://thewire.in/health/explainer-ayushman-bharat-digital-mission-health-id-aadhaar-records#:~:text=Is%20this%20whole%20system%20voluntary%20or%20mandatory%20for%20Indian%20citizens%3F</a></p> <p><a href="https://ndhm.gov.in/faq">https://ndhm.gov.in/faq</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.livemint.com/news/india/cabinet-nod-to-national-rollout-of-ayushman-bharat-digital-mission-for-5-years-11645868308479.html">https://www.livemint.com/news/india/cabinet-nod-to-national-rollout-of-ayushman-bharat-digital-mission-for-5-years-11645868308479.html</a></p>

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20	<p>With reference to Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.As per the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, the election of Deputy Speaker shall be held on such date as the Speaker may fix.</p> <p>2. There is a mandatory provision that the election of a candidate as Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha shall be from either the principal opposition party or the ruling party.</p> <p>3. The Deputy Speaker has the same power as of the Speaker when presiding over the sitting of the House and no appeal lies against his rulings.</p> <p>4. The well-established parliamentary practice regarding the appointment of Deputy Speaker is that the motion is moved by the Speaker and duly seconded by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 2 and 4 only</p>	(a)	Polity	<p>The election of a Deputy Speaker shall be held on such date as the Speaker may fix. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>There is no such provision that Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha shall be from either the principal opposition party or the ruling party. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>The Deputy Speaker has the same power as of the Speaker when presiding over the sitting of the House and no appeal lies against his rulings. So statement 3 is correct.</p> <p>The motion of appointment of Deputy Speaker is moved by the Speaker and duly seconded by any member of the house, seconded by a third member(not necessarily PM). So statement 4 is incorrect.</p>	<p><a href="https://loksabhaph.nic.in/rules/rules.pdf">https://loksabhaph.nic.in/rules/rules.pdf</a> page 39</p> <p><a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-electing-a-speaker-deputy-speaker-7399970/#:~:text=Usually%2C%20the%20Speaker%20comes,was%20the%20Deputy%20Speaker.">https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-electing-a-speaker-deputy-speaker-7399970/#:~:text=Usually%2C%20the%20Speaker%20comes,was%20the%20Deputy%20Speaker.</a></p> <p><a href="http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/rules/rulep3.pdf">http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/rules/rulep3.pdf</a></p>
21	<p>Among the following crops, which one is the most important anthropogenic source of both methane and nitrous-oxide?</p> <p>(a) Cotton (b) Rice (c) Sugarcane (d) Wheat</p>	(b)	Environment & Ecology	<p>Important anthropogenic sources of biogenic methane are wet rice fields, cattle, animal waste, landfills and biomass burning.</p>	<p><a href="https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF00748940#:~:text=Important%20anthropogenic%20sources%20of%20biogenic,and%20Use%20and%20manure%20application.">https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF00748940#:~:text=Important%20anthropogenic%20sources%20of%20biogenic,and%20Use%20and%20manure%20application.</a></p>
22	<p>“System of Rice Intensification” of cultivation, in which alternate wetting and drying of rice fields is practised, results in:</p> <p>1.Reduced seed requirement 2.Reduced methane production 3.Reduced electricity consumption</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Agriculture	<p>All the given options are correct.</p>	<p><a href="http://sri.ciifad.cornell.edu/aboutsri/FAQs1.html">http://sri.ciifad.cornell.edu/aboutsri/FAQs1.html</a></p>



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23	Which one of the following lakes of West Africa has become dry and turned into a desert? (a) Lake Victoria (b) Lake Faguibine (c) Lake Oguta (d) Lake Volta	(b)	Geography	Lake Faguibine is a lake in Mali on the southern edge of the Sahara Desert.	<a href="https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/mali-climate-change-transforms-lake-faguibine-desert-exiling-population">https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/mali-climate-change-transforms-lake-faguibine-desert-exiling-population</a>
24	Gandikota canyon of South India was created by which one of the following rivers? (a) Cauvery (b) Manjira (c) Pennar (d) Tungabhadra	(c)	Current Affairs	Gandikota is a small village in the Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh that is known for its spectacular gorge formed by the river Pennar that cuts through the Erramala hills.	<a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vijayawada/state-plans-to-renew-efforts-to-get-unesco-tag-for-gandikota/articleshow/85281606.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vijayawada/state-plans-to-renew-efforts-to-get-unesco-tag-for-gandikota/articleshow/85281606.cms</a>
25	Consider the following pairs <b>Peak                      Mountains</b> 1. Namcha Barwa – Garhwal Himalaya 2. Nanda Devi – Kumaon Himalaya 3. Nokrek – Sikkim Himalaya Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 only	(b)	Geography	Namcha Barwa is located on the extreme east of Arunachal Pradesh; while Garhwal Himalayas are located in Uttarakhand. So pair 1 is incorrect. Nanda Devi is in Uttarakhand (Kumaon Himalayas) So pair 2 is correct. Nokrek is in Meghalaya. So pair 3 is incorrect.	<a href="#">Ref Indian Map</a>
26	The term “Levant” often heard in the news roughly corresponds to which of the following regions? (a) Region along the eastern Mediterranean shores (b) Region along North African shores stretching from Egypt to Morocco (c) Region along Persian Gulf and Horn of Africa (d) The entire coastal areas of Mediterranean Sea	(a)	Current Affairs		<a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/science/biomolecules-ancient-trade-networks-7408063/">https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/science/biomolecules-ancient-trade-networks-7408063/</a>

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27	<p>Consider the following countries:                      1. Azerbaijan                      2. Kyrgyzstan                      3. Tajikistan                      4. Turkmenistan                      5. Uzbekistan                      Which of the above have borders with Afghanistan?                      (a) 1, 2 and 5 only                      (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only                      (c) 3, 4 and 5 only                      (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5</p>	(c)	Geography	<p>It is bounded to the east and south by Pakistan (including those areas of Kashmir administered by Pakistan but claimed by India), to the west by Iran, and to the north by the Central Asian states of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. It also has a short border with Xinjiang, China, at the end of the long, narrow Vākhān (Wakhan Corridor), in the extreme northeast.</p>	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/place/Afghanistan">https://www.britannica.com/place/Afghanistan</a>
28	<p>With reference to India, consider the following statements:                      1. Monazite is a source of rare earths.                      2. Monazite contains thorium.                      3. Monazite occurs naturally in the entire Indian coastal sands in India.                      4. In India, Government bodies only can process or export monazite.                      Which of the statements given above are correct?                      (a) 1, 2 and 3 only                      (b) 1, 2 and 4 only                      (c) 3 and 4 only                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>	(b)	Environment & Ecology	<p>Monazite is a mineral mainly containing rare earths and thorium. So statements 1, 2 is correct.                      It is estimated that monazite resources are present in the states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal &amp; Jharkhand. So statement 3 is incorrect.                      Monazite is a mineral mainly containing rare earths and thorium-a prescribed substance to be handled by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). Accordingly, Indian Rare Earths Ltd. (IREL) wholly owned by the Govt. of India, under the administrative control of the DAE utilises monazite mainly for production of rare earth compounds, and thorium, as needed in the Department of Atomic Energy. So statement 4 is correct.</p>	<a href="https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=112033">https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=112033</a>
29	<p>In the northern hemisphere, the longest day of the year normally occurs in the:                      (a) First half of the month of June                      (b) Second half of the month of June                      (c) First half of the month of July                      (d) Second half of the month of July</p>	(b)	Geography	<p>June 21 is the longest day of a year in Northern Hemisphere (Summer solstice).</p>	<a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/summer-solstice-explained-why-june-21-will-be-the-longest-day-of-the-year-in-northern-hemisphere-7367636/#:~:text=in%20Northern%20Hemisphere-,Summer%20solstice%3A%20Why%20June%2021%20will%20be%20the%20longest%20day,the%20year%20in%20Northern%20Hemisphere">https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/summer-solstice-explained-why-june-21-will-be-the-longest-day-of-the-year-in-northern-hemisphere-7367636/#:~:text=in%20Northern%20Hemisphere-,Summer%20solstice%3A%20Why%20June%2021%20will%20be%20the%20longest%20day,the%20year%20in%20Northern%20Hemisphere</a>

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31	<p>Consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aarogya Setu</li> <li>CoWIN</li> <li>DigiLocker</li> <li>DIKSHA</li> </ol> <p>Which of the above are built on top of open-source digital platforms?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>	(d)	Current Affairs	All the four are Open source digital platforms.	<a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/free-and-open-source-software-linux-user-groups-aadhaar-gstn-digilocker-7477122/">https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/free-and-open-source-software-linux-user-groups-aadhaar-gstn-digilocker-7477122/</a>										
32	<p>With reference to Web 3.0, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Web 3.0 technology enables people to control their own data.</li> <li>In Web 3.0 world, there can be blockchain based social networks.</li> <li>Web 3.0 is operated by users collectively rather than a corporation.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Current Affairs	<p>Web 3.0 gives users control of their data. So statement 1 is correct. Web 3.0 is based on blockchain technology, which incorporates concepts such as decentralization and token-based economics. So statement 2 is correct. It's operated by users collectively, rather than a corporation. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.businesstoday.in/technology/news/story/web-30-giving-users-control-of-their-data-335530-2022-05-28">https://www.businesstoday.in/technology/news/story/web-30-giving-users-control-of-their-data-335530-2022-05-28</a> <a href="https://www.npr.org/2021/11/21/1056988346/web3-internet-jargon-or-future-vision">https://www.npr.org/2021/11/21/1056988346/web3-internet-jargon-or-future-vision</a></p>										

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33	<p>With reference to “Software as a Service (SaaS)”, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.SaaS buyers can customise the user interface and can change data fields.</p> <p>2.SaaS users can access their data through their mobile devices.</p> <p>3.Outlook, Hotmail and Yahoo! Mail are forms of SaaS.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	<b>(d)</b>	Sci & Tech	All the three statements are correct.	<a href="https://www.creatio.com/page/saas#:~:text=Yes.%20Modern%20SaaS,within%20the%20solution.">https://www.creatio.com/page/saas#:~:text=Yes.%20Modern%20SaaS,within%20the%20solution.</a> <a href="https://affluentgs.com/software-service#:~:text=The%20common%20form%20of%20SaaS%20use%20is%20a%20web%2Dbased%20email%20service%20such%20as%20Outlook%2C%20Hotmail%20or%20Yahoo!%20Mail%2C%20with%20these%20services%2C%20you%20access%20your%20account%20over">https://affluentgs.com/software-service#:~:text=The%20common%20form%20of%20SaaS%20use%20is%20a%20web%2Dbased%20email%20service%20such%20as%20Outlook%2C%20Hotmail%20or%20Yahoo!%20Mail%2C%20with%20these%20services%2C%20you%20access%20your%20account%20over</a>
34	<p>Which one of the following statements best reflects the idea behind the “Fractional Orbital Bombardment System” often talked about in media?</p> <p>(a)A hypersonic missile is -launched into space to counter the asteroid approaching the Earth and explode it in space.</p> <p>(b)A spacecraft lands on another planet after making several orbital motions.</p> <p>(c)A missile is put into a stable orbit around the Earth and deorbits over a target on the Earth.</p> <p>(d)A spacecraft moves along a comet with the same speed and places a probe on its surface.</p>	<b>(c)</b>	Current Affairs	The idea behind FOBS is, a warhead is put into a stable orbit and it deorbits over the target. If the target and the launch position is lined up and the warhead keeps going round, it will complete a circle.Obviously, with the earth moving during this, it is more of a spiral than a ring, but the horizontal movement is countered in such a way that the warhead still goes over the target.	<a href="https://www.financialexpress.com/defence/chinas-fractional-orbital-bombardment-system-impact-on-indias-nuclear-deterrence-posture/2356471/">https://www.financialexpress.com/defence/chinas-fractional-orbital-bombardment-system-impact-on-indias-nuclear-deterrence-posture/2356471/</a>
35	<p>Which one of the following is the context in which the term “qubit” is mentioned?</p> <p>(a)Cloud Services</p> <p>(b)Quantum Computing</p> <p>(c)Visible Light Communication Technologies</p> <p>(d)Wireless Communication Technologies</p>	<b>(b)</b>	Sci & Tech	A qubit is a quantum bit, the counterpart in quantum computing to the binary digit or bit of classical computing. Just as a bit is the basic unit of information in a classical computer, a qubit is the basic unit of information in a quantum computer.	<a href="https://www.techtarget.com/whatis/definition/qubit">https://www.techtarget.com/whatis/definition/qubit</a>

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36	<p>Consider the following communication technologies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Closed-circuit Television</li> <li>2. Radio Frequency Identification</li> <li>3. Wireless Local Area Network</li> </ol> <p>Which of the above are considered Short-Range devices/technologies?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Sci & Tech	All three statements are correct.	<a href="https://www.paessler.com/it-explained/cctv">https://www.paessler.com/it-explained/cctv</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wireless_LAN#:~:text=A%20wireless%20LAN%20(WLAN)%20is,%2C%20campus%2C%20or%20office%20building.">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wireless_LAN#:~:text=A%20wireless%20LAN%20(WLAN)%20is,%2C%20campus%2C%20or%20office%20building.</a> <a href="https://www.investopedia.com/terms/r/radio-frequency-identification-rfid.asp#:~:text=Radio%20Frequency%20Identification%20(RFID)%20is,checked%20out%20of%20a%20library.">https://www.investopedia.com/terms/r/radio-frequency-identification-rfid.asp#:~:text=Radio%20Frequency%20Identification%20(RFID)%20is,checked%20out%20of%20a%20library.</a>
37	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Biofilms can form on medical implants within human tissues.</li> <li>2. Biofilms can form on food and food processing surfaces.</li> <li>3. Biofilms can exhibit antibiotic resistance.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Sci & Tech	All three statements are correct.	<a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1002/jppr.2002322153#:~:text=In%20medicine%2C%20biofilms%20form%20on,including%20biocides%20and%20anti%20biotics.">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1002/jppr.2002322153#:~:text=In%20medicine%2C%20biofilms%20form%20on,including%20biocides%20and%20anti%20biotics.</a>
38	<p>Consider the following statements in respect of probiotics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Probiotics are made of both bacteria and yeast.</li> <li>2. The organisms in probiotics are found in foods we ingest but they do not “naturally occur in our gut.</li> <li>3. Probiotics help in the digestion of milk sugars.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 2 and 3</p>	(c)	Sci & Tech	<p>Probiotics are a combination of live beneficial bacteria and/or yeasts that naturally live in your body. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>They naturally live in our body. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>Many Probiotics bacterial strains produce beta-galactosidase, an enzyme that acts like lactase and can help in the digestion of milk sugars. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<a href="https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/14598-probiotics">https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/14598-probiotics</a> <a href="https://www.optibacprobiotics.com/professionals/latest-research/general-health/probiotic-supplements-help-lactose-intolerance#:~:text=But%20it's%20also%20the%20action,like%20lactase%20and%20can%20help">https://www.optibacprobiotics.com/professionals/latest-research/general-health/probiotic-supplements-help-lactose-intolerance#:~:text=But%20it's%20also%20the%20action,like%20lactase%20and%20can%20help</a>

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39	<p>In the context of vaccines manufactured to prevent COVID-19 pandemic, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.The Serum Institute of India produced COVID-19 vaccine named Covishield using mRNA platform.</p> <p>2.Sputnik V vaccine is manufactured using vector-based platform.</p> <p>3.COVAXIN is an inactivated pathogen-based vaccine.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(b)	Sci & Tech	<p>Unlike mRNA vaccines, Serum Institutes Covishield uses the viral vector platform. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>The Sputnik V vaccine is based on a proven well-studied human adenovirus vector platform; these vectors cause the common cold. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Covaxin is India's first indigenous vaccine against COVID-19, which is developed with Whole-Virion Inactivated Vero Cell-derived technology, and uses a dead virus, incapable of infecting the host cell or replicating, So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health-news/india-to-develop-its-first-mrna-vaccine-how-it-differs-from-existing-covid-vaccines-in-india/photostory/89821119.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health-news/india-to-develop-its-first-mrna-vaccine-how-it-differs-from-existing-covid-vaccines-in-india/photostory/89821119.cms</a></p> <p><a href="https://sputnikvaccine.com/about-vaccine/#:~:text=The%20Sputnik%20V%20vaccine%20is,ectors%20for%202%20vaccine%20shots.">https://sputnikvaccine.com/about-vaccine/#:~:text=The%20Sputnik%20V%20vaccine%20is,ectors%20for%202%20vaccine%20shots.</a></p>
40	<p>If a major solar storm (solar-flare) reaches the Earth, which of the following are the possible. effects on the Earth?</p> <p>1.GPS and navigation systems could fail.</p> <p>2.Tsunamis could occur at equatorial regions.</p> <p>3.Power grids could be damaged.</p> <p>4.Intense auroras could occur over much of the Earth.</p> <p>5.Forest fires could take place over much of the planet.</p> <p>6.Orbits of the satellites could be disturbed.</p> <p>7.Shortwave radio communication of the aircraft flying over polar regions could be interrupted.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a)1, 2, 4 and 5 only (b)2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 only (c)1,3, 4, 6 and 7 only (d)1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.</p>	(c)	Sci & Tech	<p>NASA has revealed that a solar storm is headed towards Earth that can cause possible power and communication outage, including affecting GPS, phones, disrupting radio waves, telecommunication networks, power systems and electricity supply.</p> <p>So statements 1, 3 and 7 are correct.</p> <p>However, there is no established connection between solar storms and tsunamis.</p> <p>So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>The storms can often be observed as beautiful aurorae in our night sky. So statement 4 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.inverse.com/science/a-recent-uptick-in-solar-storms-has-scientists-worried#:~:text=The%20storms%20can%20often%20be%20observed%20as%20beautiful%20aurorae%20in%20our%20night%20sky">https://www.inverse.com/science/a-recent-uptick-in-solar-storms-has-scientists-worried#:~:text=The%20storms%20can%20often%20be%20observed%20as%20beautiful%20aurorae%20in%20our%20night%20sky</a></p> <p><a href="https://tech.hindustantimes.com/tech/news/nasa-says-big-solar-storm-headed-towards-earth-can-damage-gps-phone-signals-electricity-71642772183326.html#:~:text=NASA%20has%20revealed%20that%20a%20solar%20storm%20is%20headed%20towards%20Earth%20that%20can%20cause%20possible%20power%20and%20communication%20outage%2C%20including%20affecting%20GPS%2C%20phones%2C%20and%20electricity%20supply.">https://tech.hindustantimes.com/tech/news/nasa-says-big-solar-storm-headed-towards-earth-can-damage-gps-phone-signals-electricity-71642772183326.html#:~:text=NASA%20has%20revealed%20that%20a%20solar%20storm%20is%20headed%20towards%20Earth%20that%20can%20cause%20possible%20power%20and%20communication%20outage%2C%20including%20affecting%20GPS%2C%20phones%2C%20and%20electricity%20supply.</a></p> <p><a href="https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/cant-blame-it-on-the-sun/articleshow/7690782.cms?from=mdr">https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/cant-blame-it-on-the-sun/articleshow/7690782.cms?from=mdr</a></p>

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41	<p>“Climate Action Tracker” which monitors the emission reduction pledges of different countries is a:</p> <p>(a) Database created by coalition of research organisations</p> <p>(b) Wing of “International Panel of Climate Change”</p> <p>(c) Committee under “United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”</p> <p>(d) Agency promoted and financed by United Nations Environment Programme and World Bank</p>	(a)	Environment & Ecology	The Climate Action Tracker (CAT) is an independent scientific analysis produced by two research organisations tracking climate action since 2009.	<a href="https://climateactiontracker.org/">https://climateactiontracker.org/</a> <a href="https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/climate-change/india-s-climate-action-highly-insufficient-new-rating-system-79051">https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/climate-change/india-s-climate-action-highly-insufficient-new-rating-system-79051</a>
42	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. “The Climate Group” is an international non-profit organization that drives climate action by building large networks and runs them.</p> <p>2. The International Energy Agency in partnership with the Climate Group launched a global initiative “EP100”.</p> <p>3. EP100 brings together leading companies committed to driving innovation in energy efficiency and increasing competitiveness while delivering on emission reduction goals.</p> <p>4. Some Indian companies are members of EP100.</p> <p>5. The International Energy Agency is the Secretariat to the “Under2 Coalition”.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1, 2, 4 and 5</p> <p>(b) 1, 3 and 4 only</p> <p>(c) 2, 3 and 5 only</p> <p>(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5</p>	(b)	Environment & Ecology	<p>The Climate Group” is an international non-profit organization that drives climate action by building large networks and runs them. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>EP100 is a global corporate energy efficiency initiative bringing together over 120 ambitious businesses committed to measuring and reporting on efficiency improvements. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>The Climate Group’s global EP100 initiative brings together a growing group of energy-smart companies committed to improving their energy productivity and increasing competitiveness while delivering on emissions reduction goals. Statement 3 is correct.</p> <p>Some Indian companies like Mahindra &amp; Mahindra, UltraTech cement are members of EP100. So statement 4 is correct.</p> <p>Climate Group is the Secretariat to the Under2 Coalition. So statement 5 is incorrect.</p>	<a href="https://www.theclimategroup.org/ep100">https://www.theclimategroup.org/ep100</a> <a href="https://www.theclimategroup.org/media/9926/download">https://www.theclimategroup.org/media/9926/download</a> <a href="https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/mahindra-joins-ep100-campaign-to-double-its-energy-productivity/article64334139.ece">https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/mahindra-joins-ep100-campaign-to-double-its-energy-productivity/article64334139.ece</a> <a href="https://www.ultratechcement.com/about-us/media/press-releases/ultratech-cement-joins-ep100--pledges-to-double--energy-productivity">https://www.ultratechcement.com/about-us/media/press-releases/ultratech-cement-joins-ep100--pledges-to-double--energy-productivity</a> <a href="https://www.theclimategroup.org/under2-coalition">https://www.theclimategroup.org/under2-coalition</a>

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43	<p>“If rainforests and tropical forests are the lungs of the Earth, then surely wetlands function as its kidneys.” Which one of the following functions of wetlands best reflects the above statements?</p> <p>(a)The water cycle in wetlands involves surface runoff, subsoil percolation and evaporation.                      (b)Algae from the nutrient base upon which fish, crustaceans, molluscs, birds, reptiles and mammals thrive.                      (c)Wetlands play a vital role in maintaining sedimentation balance and soil stabilization.                      (d)Aquatic plants absorb heavy metals and excess nutrients.</p>	(d)	Environment & Ecology	Aquatic plants absorb excess nutrients and contribute to achieving a vital balance in the system through the processes of denitrification and detoxification and oxygenation of water. If rainforests and tropical forests are the lungs of the earth, then surely wetlands function as its kidneys.	<a href="https://frontline.thehindu.com/environment/wetlands-in-peril/article8017664.ece#:~:text=These%20aquatic%20plants,as%20its%20kidneys.">https://frontline.thehindu.com/environment/wetlands-in-peril/article8017664.ece#:~:text=These%20aquatic%20plants,as%20its%20kidneys.</a>
44	<p>In the context of In WHO Air Quality Guidelines, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.The 24-hour mean of PM2.5 should not exceed 15 ug/m3 and annual mean of PM2.5 should not exceed 5 µg/m³.                      2.In a year, the highest levels of ozone pollution occur during the periods of inclement weather.                      3.PM10 can penetrate the lung barrier and enter the bloodstream.                      4.Excessive ozone in the air can trigger asthma.                      Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1, 3 and 4                      (b)1 and 4 only                      (c)2, 3 and 4                      (d)1 and 2 only</p>	(a)	Environment & Ecology	<p>The Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) should be 5 µg/m3 for annual mean and 15 µg/m3 for 24-hour mean. So statement 1 is correct. The highest levels of ozone pollution occur during periods of sunny weather. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>PM2.5 can penetrate the lung barrier and enter the blood system. So statement 3 is incorrect. Ozone is a major factor in asthma morbidity and mortality. So statement 4 is correct.</p>	<a href="https://www.who.int/news-room/factsheets/detail/ambient-(outdoor)-air-quality-and-health">https://www.who.int/news-room/factsheets/detail/ambient-(outdoor)-air-quality-and-health</a>
45	<p>With reference to “Gucchi” sometimes mentioned in the news, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.It is a fungus.                      2.It grows in some Himalayan Forest areas.                      3.It is commercially cultivated in the Himalayan foothills of north-eastern India.                      Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only                      (b)3 only                      (c)1 and 2                      (d)2 and 3</p>	(c)	Current Affairs		<a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/food-wine/gucchi-mushrooms-cost-health-benefits-6484874/">https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/food-wine/gucchi-mushrooms-cost-health-benefits-6484874/</a>



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46	<p>With reference to polyethylene terephthalate, the use of which is so widespread in our daily lives, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Its fibres can be blended with wool and cotton fibres to reinforce their properties.</li> <li>2. Containers made of it can be used to store any alcoholic beverage.</li> <li>3. Bottles made of it can be recycled into other products.</li> <li>4. Articles made of it can be easily disposed of by incineration without causing greenhouse gas emissions.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 3 (b) 2 and 4 (c) 1 and 4 (d) 2 and 3</p>	(a)	Environment & Ecology	<p>Its fibres can be blended with wool and cotton fibres to reinforce their properties. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>Plastic packaging is dangerous to human health and the country liquor and country made foreign liquor cannot be sold in such bottles. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>PET is completely recyclable. So statement 3 is correct.</p> <p>The incineration offers certain complications such as the generation of toxic gases along with the residue ash which has the lead and also cadmium. So statement 4 is incorrect.</p>	<p><a href="https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/paper/-wood-/-glass/-plastic/-marbles/plastic-industry-opposes-ban-on-alcohol-sale-in-pet-bottles/articleshow/50957939.cms">https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/paper/-wood-/-glass/-plastic/-marbles/plastic-industry-opposes-ban-on-alcohol-sale-in-pet-bottles/articleshow/50957939.cms</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.petresin.org/news_introtoPET.asp#:~:text=PET%20is%20completely%20recyclable%2C%20and,States%20each%20year%20for%20recycling.">http://www.petresin.org/news_introtoPET.asp#:~:text=PET%20is%20completely%20recyclable%2C%20and,States%20each%20year%20for%20recycling.</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780128113615000031">https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780128113615000031</a></p>
47	<p>Which of the following is not a bird?</p> <p>(a) Golden Mahseer (b) Indian Nightjar (c) Spoonbill (d) White Ibis</p>	(a)	Environment & Ecology	<p>Golden mahseer, is an endangered species of cyprinid fish that is found in rapid streams, riverine pools, and lakes in the Himalayan region.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/wild-life-biodiversity/india-needs-to-set-a-new-conservation-agenda-for-mahseer-69546">https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/wild-life-biodiversity/india-needs-to-set-a-new-conservation-agenda-for-mahseer-69546</a></p>
48	<p>Which of the following are nitrogen-fixing plants?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alfalfa</li> <li>2. Amaranth</li> <li>3. Chickpea</li> <li>4. Clover</li> <li>5. Purslane (Kulfa)</li> <li>6. Spinach</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a) 1, 3 and 4 only (b) 1, 3, 5 and 6 only (c) 2, 4, 5 and 6 only (d) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6</p>	(a)	Agriculture	<p>Amarnath, Purslane, Spinach are not nitrogen fixing plants.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.thehindu.com/features/home-s-and-gardens/gardens/natural-nutrition-for-plants/article5735861.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/features/home-s-and-gardens/gardens/natural-nutrition-for-plants/article5735861.ece</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/local/2019/08/10/these-weeds-could-fill-nutrition-gap-low-income-communities/1972384001/">https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/local/2019/08/10/these-weeds-could-fill-nutrition-gap-low-income-communities/1972384001/</a></p>

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49	<p>“Biorock technology” is talked about in which one of the following situations?</p> <p>(a)Restoration of damaged coral reefs (b)Development of building materials using plant residues (c)Identification of areas for exploration/extraction of shale gas (d)Providing salt licks for wild animals in forests/protected areas.</p>	(a)	Sci & Tech	Biorock is a novel technology to create an artificial coral reef or repair damaged coral reefs.	<a href="https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/india-begins-coral-restoration-in-gulf-of-kachchh/article30645770.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/india-begins-coral-restoration-in-gulf-of-kachchh/article30645770.ece</a>
50	<p>The “Miyawaki method” is well known for the:</p> <p>(a)Promotion of commercial farming in arid and semi-arid areas (b)Development of gardens using genetically modified flora (c)Creation of mini forests in urban areas (d)Harvesting wind energy on coastal areas and on sea surfaces</p>	(c)	Environment & Ecology	Miyawaki method involves planting two to four trees per square metre. Pioneered by Japanese Botanist Akira Miyawaki, the technique involves growing thousands of native tree species closely together in a small patch of area.	<a href="https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/delhi-unified-mcd-spells-green-plan-to-create-20-miniforests-101653849544635.html">https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/delhi-unified-mcd-spells-green-plan-to-create-20-miniforests-101653849544635.html</a>
51	<p>In the Government of India Act 1919, the functions of Provincial Government were divided into “Reserved” and “Transferred” subjects. Which of the following were treated as “Reserved” subjects?</p> <p>1.Administration of Justice 2.Local Self-Government 3.Land Revenue 4.Police</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a)1, 2 and 3 (b)2, 3 and 4 (c)1, 3 and 4 (d)1, 2 and 4</p>	(c)	Modern Indian History	The reserved subjects came under the heading of law and order and included justice, the police, land revenue, and irrigation. The transferred subjects (i.e., those under the control of Indian ministers) included local self-government, education, public health, public works, and agriculture, forests, and fisheries.	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/dyarchy#:~:text=The%20reserved%20subjects,forests%2C%20and%20fisheries.">https://www.britannica.com/topic/dyarchy#:~:text=The%20reserved%20subjects,forests%2C%20and%20fisheries.</a>
52	<p>In medieval India, the term “Fanam” referred to:</p> <p>(a)Clothing (b)Coins (c)Ornaments (d)Weapons</p>	(b)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	Fanam is a type of Coin used In medieval India	<a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/tales-of-the-rupee/articleshow/71130395.cms">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/tales-of-the-rupee/articleshow/71130395.cms</a>

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53	<p>Consider the following freedom fighters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Barindra Kumar Ghosh</li> <li>2.Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee</li> <li>3.Rash Behari Bose</li> </ol> <p>Who of the above was/were actively associated with the Ghadar Party?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 (b)2 only (c)1 and 3 (d)3 only</p>	(d)	Modern Indian History	<p>Barindra Kumar Ghosh- Anushilan Samiti Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee- Anushilan Samiti Rash Behari Bose- Ghadar Party</p>	<p><a href="https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Revolutionary_movement_for_Indian_independence">https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Revolutionary_movement_for_Indian_independence</a> <a href="https://www.livehistoryindia.com/story/people/ghadar-party-call-for-freedom-across-oceans">https://www.livehistoryindia.com/story/people/ghadar-party-call-for-freedom-across-oceans</a></p>
54	<p>With reference to the proposals of Cripps Mission, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The Constituent Assembly would have members nominated by the Provincial Assemblies as well as the Princely States.</li> <li>2.Any Province, which is not prepared to accept the new Constitution would have the right to sign a separate agreement with Britain regarding its future status.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only (b)2 only (c)Both 1 and 2 (d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(b)	Modern Indian History	<p>Members of this assembly would be partly <b>elected (not nominated)</b> by the provincial assemblies through proportional representation and partly nominated by the princess. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Any province not willing to join the Union could have a separate constitution and form a separate Union So statement 2 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/Education-and-Careers/2015-05-06/Cripps-Mission/149036">https://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/Education-and-Careers/2015-05-06/Cripps-Mission/149036</a></p>
55	<p>With reference to Indian history, consider the following texts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Nettipakarana</li> <li>2.Parishishtaparvan</li> <li>3.Avadanashataka</li> <li>4.Trishashtilakshana Mahapurana</li> </ol> <p>Which of the above are Jaina texts?</p> <p>(a)1, 2 and 3 (b)2 and 4 only (c)1, 3 and 4 (d)2, 3 and 4</p>	(b)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	<p>Nettipakaraṇa is a mythological Buddhist scripture. So option 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>The Parishishtaparvan is a 12th-century Sanskrit mahakavya by Hemachandra which details the histories of the earliest Jain teachers. So option 2 is correct.</p> <p>Avadānaśataka is the name given to a type of Buddhist literature. So option 3 is incorrect.</p> <p>Trishashtilakshana Mahapurana is a major Jain text composed largely by Acharya Jinasena. So option 4 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://dbpedia.org/page/Nettipakara%E1%B9%87a">https://dbpedia.org/page/Nettipakara%E1%B9%87a</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parishishtaparvan">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parishishtaparvan</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avadanasataka">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avadanasataka</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahapurana_(Jainism)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahapurana_(Jainism)</a></p>

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56	<p>With reference to Indian History, consider the following pairs:</p> <p><b>Historical person            Known as</b></p> <p>1. Arya deva — Jaina scholar</p> <p>2. Dignaga — Buddhist scholar</p> <p>3. Nathamuni — Vaishnava scholar</p> <p>How many pairs given above are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) None of the pairs</p> <p>(b) Only one pair</p> <p>(c) Only two pairs</p> <p>(d) All three pairs</p>	(c)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	<p>Āryadeva was a Mahayana Buddhist monk.</p> <p>Dignāga was an Indian Buddhist scholar.</p> <p>Nathamuni was a Vaishnava theologian who collected and compiled the Nalayira Divya Prabandham.</p> <p>So pairs 2 &amp; 3 are correctly matched.</p>	<p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathamuni">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathamuni</a></p> <p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dign%C4%81ga">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dign%C4%81ga</a></p> <p><a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aryadeva">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aryadeva</a></p>
57	<p>With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. The first Mongol invasion of India happened during the reign of Jalal-ud-din Khalji.</p> <p>2. During the reign of Ala-ud-din Khalji, one Mongol assault marched up to Delhi and besieged the city.</p> <p>3. Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq temporarily lost portions of north-west of his kingdom to Mongols.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2</p> <p>(b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3</p> <p>(d) 3 only</p>	(b)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	<p>The first Mongol invasion of India took place in the reign of Sultan Iltutmish. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>During the reign of Ala-ud-din Khalji, one Mongol assault marched up to Delhi and besieged the city. Statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>The Mongol army was defeated by Muhammad Tughluq. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p>	<p><a href="https://indianinterest.com/history/revealed-why-genghis-khan-refused-to-invade-india/">https://indianinterest.com/history/revealed-why-genghis-khan-refused-to-invade-india/</a></p> <p><a href="https://nios.ac.in/media/documents/SrSec315NEW/315_History_Eng/315_History_Eng_Lesson9.pdf">https://nios.ac.in/media/documents/SrSec315NEW/315_History_Eng/315_History_Eng_Lesson9.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/hCPanel/uploads/elearning/elearning_document/MONGOL_THREAT.pdf">https://www.hansrajcollege.ac.in/hCPanel/uploads/elearning/elearning_document/MONGOL_THREAT.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.aees.gov.in/htmldocs/downloads/e-content/06_04_20/VII_HIS_L03_M03_DELHI_SULTANS_HANDOUT.pdf">http://www.aees.gov.in/htmldocs/downloads/e-content/06_04_20/VII_HIS_L03_M03_DELHI_SULTANS_HANDOUT.pdf</a></p>
58	<p>With reference to Indian history, who of the following were known as “Kulah-Daran”?</p> <p>(a) Arab merchants</p> <p>(b) Qalandars</p> <p>(c) Persian calligraphists</p> <p>(d) Sayyids</p>	(d)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	<p>The Sayyids were claimed to descent from the Prophet through his daughter Fatima. They Commanded special respect in Muslim society.</p> <p>Even the Timur protected the life of Sayyids during his invasion in India. Although his policy was one of general slaughter.</p> <p>The sayyids put on a pointed cap (kulah) and they were known as ‘Kulah Daran’ during Delhi sultanate.</p>	<p><a href="https://books.google.co.in/books?id=nMW5Quf4oSiC&amp;pg=RA1-PA364&amp;lpg=RA1-PA364&amp;dq=Kulah-Daran&amp;source=bl&amp;ots=iOi8APnYYW&amp;sig=ACfU3U3TU_xn-sl_0J963FNTcCGX_mwFHA&amp;hl=en&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=2ahUKEwjaqdjYs5n4AhUIgGMGHaNrC9Y4ChDoAXoECBAQAw#v=onepage&amp;q=Kulah-Daran&amp;f=false">https://books.google.co.in/books?id=nMW5Quf4oSiC&amp;pg=RA1-PA364&amp;lpg=RA1-PA364&amp;dq=Kulah-Daran&amp;source=bl&amp;ots=iOi8APnYYW&amp;sig=ACfU3U3TU_xn-sl_0J963FNTcCGX_mwFHA&amp;hl=en&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=2ahUKEwjaqdjYs5n4AhUIgGMGHaNrC9Y4ChDoAXoECBAQAw#v=onepage&amp;q=Kulah-Daran&amp;f=false</a></p>

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59	<p>With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.The Dutch established their factories/warehouses on the east coast on lands granted to them by Gajapati rulers.</p> <p>2.Alfonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from the Bijapur Sultanate.</p> <p>3.The English East India Company established a factory at Madras on a plot of land leased from a representative of the Vijayanagara empire.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(b)	Modern Indian History	Gajapati empire had declined in 1541. However, the United East India Company of the Netherlands was formed and given permission by the Dutch government to trade in the East Indies including India in 1602. So statement 1 is incorrect.	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gajapati_Empire">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gajapati_Empire</a> <a href="https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/20251/1/Unit-25.pdf">https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/20251/1/Unit-25.pdf</a>
60	<p>According to Kautilya's Arthashastra, which of the following are correct?</p> <p>1.A person could be a slave as a result of a judicial punishment.</p> <p>2.If a female slave bore her master a son, she was legally free.</p> <p>3.If a son born to a female slave was fathered by her master, the son was entitled to the legal status of the master's son.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	<p>The Arthashastra states that a man could be a slave either by birth, by voluntarily selling himself, by being captured in war, or as a result of a judicial punishment.</p> <p>Slavery was a recognized institution and the legal relationship between master and slave was clearly defined e.g. if a female slave bore her master a son, not only was she legally free but the child was entitled to legal status of the master's son.</p>	<a href="https://books.google.co.in/books?id=1Y02AiEu1kcC&amp;pg=PT90&amp;lpg=PT90&amp;dq=Slavery+was+a+recognized+institution+and+the+legal+relationship+between+master+and+slave+was+clearly+defined+e.g.+if+a+female+slave+bore+her+master+a+son,+not+only+was+she+legally+free+but+the+child+was+entitled+to+legal+status+of+the+master%E2%80%99s+son.&amp;source=bl&amp;ots=6XOAmww6MH&amp;sig=ACfU3U2LhDnVvbyw-tmiDJCZp0luKMagjA&amp;hl=en&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=2ahUKEwjHuK70tJn4AhXt1zgGHdkyB6kQ6AF6BAG0EAM#v=onepage&amp;q=Slavery%20was%20a%20recognized%20institution%20and%20the%20legal%20relationship%20between%20master%20and%20slave%20was%20clearly%20defined%20e.g.%20if%20a%20female%20slave%20bore%20her%20master%20a%20son%2C%20not%20only%20was%20she%20legally%20free%20but%20the%20child%20was%20entitled%20to%20legal%20status%20of%20the%20">https://books.google.co.in/books?id=1Y02AiEu1kcC&amp;pg=PT90&amp;lpg=PT90&amp;dq=Slavery+was+a+recognized+institution+and+the+legal+relationship+between+master+and+slave+was+clearly+defined+e.g.+if+a+female+slave+bore+her+master+a+son,+not+only+was+she+legally+free+but+the+child+was+entitled+to+legal+status+of+the+master%E2%80%99s+son.&amp;source=bl&amp;ots=6XOAmww6MH&amp;sig=ACfU3U2LhDnVvbyw-tmiDJCZp0luKMagjA&amp;hl=en&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=2ahUKEwjHuK70tJn4AhXt1zgGHdkyB6kQ6AF6BAG0EAM#v=onepage&amp;q=Slavery%20was%20a%20recognized%20institution%20and%20the%20legal%20relationship%20between%20master%20and%20slave%20was%20clearly%20defined%20e.g.%20if%20a%20female%20slave%20bore%20her%20master%20a%20son%2C%20not%20only%20was%20she%20legally%20free%20but%20the%20child%20was%20entitled%20to%20legal%20status%20of%20the%20</a>

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61	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.Tight monetary policy of US Federal Reserve could lead to capital flight.</p> <p>2.Capital flight may increase the interest cost of firms with existing External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs).</p> <p>3.Devaluation of domestic currency decreases the currency risk associated with ECBs.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(a)	Economics	<p>Tighter monetary policy by the US and other advanced economies presents dilemmas for policymakers in Emerging Market Economies. If Emerging Market central banks continue the current loose monetary policy with low-interest rates, it will lead to capital outflows (capital flight) and domestic currency depreciation. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>A depreciation/devaluation of the domestic currency will lead to an increase in the value of foreign currency debts in domestic currency terms. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p>	<p><a href="https://thewire.in/economy/the-us-feds-aggressive-monetary-policy-tightening-and-new-headwinds-for-emerging-markets">https://thewire.in/economy/the-us-feds-aggressive-monetary-policy-tightening-and-new-headwinds-for-emerging-markets</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/fsr/art/ecb.fsrart201006en_05.pdf">https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/fsr/art/ecb.fsrart201006en_05.pdf</a></p>
62	<p>Consider the following States:</p> <p>1.Andhra Pradesh 2.Kerala 3.Himachal Pradesh 4.Tripura</p> <p>How many of the above are generally known as tea-producing States?</p> <p>(a)Only one State (b)Only two States (c)Only three States (d)All four States</p>	(d)	Geography	All the given states are tea producing states.	<a href="http://www.teaboard.gov.in/pdf/directory/registered_tea_factory.pdf">http://www.teaboard.gov.in/pdf/directory/registered_tea_factory.pdf</a>
63	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.In India, credit rating agencies are regulated by Reserve Bank of India.</p> <p>2.The rating agency popularly known as ICRA is a public limited company.</p> <p>3.Brickwork Ratings is an Indian credit rating agency.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(b)	Economics	<p>Credit rating agencies are regulated by SEBI. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>ICRA is a Public Limited Company, with its shares listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Brickwork Ratings founded by bankers, credit rating professionals, former regulators as well as professors, is committed to promoting Financial Literacy. Brickwork Ratings has Canara Bank, a leading Public Sector Bank, as its promoter and strategic partner. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebi_data/faqfiles/oct-2021/1634902664371.pdf">https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebi_data/faqfiles/oct-2021/1634902664371.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.icra.in/Home/Profile">https://www.icra.in/Home/Profile</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.brickworkratings.com/Aboutus.aspx#:~:text=Brickwork%20Ratings%20founded%20by%20bankers%2C%20credit%20rating%20professionals%2C%20former%20regulators%20as%20well%20as%20professors%2C%20is%20committed%20to%20promoting%20Financial%20Literacy.%20Brickwork%20Ratings%20has%20Canara%20Bank%2C%20a%20leading%20Public%20Sector%20Bank%2C%20as%20its%20promoter%20and%20strategic%20partner">https://www.brickworkratings.com/Aboutus.aspx#:~:text=Brickwork%20Ratings%20founded%20by%20bankers%2C%20credit%20rating%20professionals%2C%20former%20regulators%20as%20well%20as%20professors%2C%20is%20committed%20to%20promoting%20Financial%20Literacy.%20Brickwork%20Ratings%20has%20Canara%20Bank%2C%20a%20leading%20Public%20Sector%20Bank%2C%20as%20its%20promoter%20and%20strategic%20partner</a></p>

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64	<p>With reference to the 'Banks Board Bureau (BBB)', which of the following statements are correct?</p> <p>1.The Governor of RBI is the Chairman of BBB.                  2.BBB recommends for the selection of heads for Public Sector Banks.                  3.BBB helps the Public Sector Banks in developing strategies and capital raising plans.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only                  (b)2 and 3 only                  (c)1 and 3 only                  (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	<b>(b)</b>	Economics	<p>The Chairman of BBB is appointed by the Central Government. So statement 1 is incorrect.                  It recommends the selection and appointment of Board of Directors in Mandated Institutions (Whole Time Directors and Chairman). So statement 2 is correct.                  BBB helps the Public Sector Banks in developing strategies and capital raising plans. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.financialexpress.com/economy/government-to-soon-clear-banks-board-bureau-recast/2525853/">https://www.financialexpress.com/economy/government-to-soon-clear-banks-board-bureau-recast/2525853/</a>  <a href="https://banksboardbureau.org.in/bureau-profile/">https://banksboardbureau.org.in/bureau-profile/</a></p>
65	<p>With reference to Convertible Bonds, consider pin the following statements:</p> <p>1.As there is an option to exchange the bond for equity, Convertible Bonds pay a lower rate of interest.                  2.The option to convert to equity affords the bondholder a degree of indexation to rising consumer prices.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only                  (b)2 only                  (c)Both 1 and 2                  (d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<b>(c)</b>	Economics	<p>Investors will generally accept a lower coupon rate on a convertible bond, compared with the coupon rate on an otherwise identical regular bond, because of its conversion feature. So statement 1 is correct.                  The option to convert to equity affords the bondholder a degree of indexation to rising consumer prices. So statement 2 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2021/07/10/why-convertible-bonds-are-the-asset-class-for-the-times">https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2021/07/10/why-convertible-bonds-are-the-asset-class-for-the-times</a>  <a href="https://www.investopedia.com/investing/introduction-convertible-bonds/">https://www.investopedia.com/investing/introduction-convertible-bonds/</a></p>
66	<p>Consider the following:</p> <p>1.Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank                  2.Missile Technology Control Regime                  3.Shanghai Cooperation Organisation</p> <p>India is a member of which of the above?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only                  (b)3 only                  (c)2 and 3 only                  (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	<b>(d)</b>	Current Affairs	<p>India is member of all the mentioned organisations.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/governance/members-of-bank/index.html">https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/governance/members-of-bank/index.html</a>  <a href="https://mtcr.info/partners/">https://mtcr.info/partners/</a>  <a href="http://eng.sectesco.org/about_sco/">http://eng.sectesco.org/about_sco/</a></p>

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67	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vietnam has been one of the fastest growing economies in the world in the recent years.</li> <li>2. Vietnam is led by a multi-party-political system.</li> <li>3. Vietnam's economic growth is linked to its integration with global supply chains and focus on exports.</li> <li>4. For a long time, Vietnam's low labour costs and stable exchange rates have attracted global manufacturers.</li> <li>5. Vietnam has the most productive e-service sector in the Indo-Pacific region.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 2 and 4 (b) 3 and 5 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 2</p>	(c)	Current Affairs	<p>According to a forecast by PricewaterhouseCoopers in February 2017, Vietnam may be the fastest-growing of the world's economies, with a potential annual GDP growth rate of about 5.1%, which would make its economy the 10th-largest in the world by 2050. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>Vietnam is a Marxist–Leninist one-party state based on democratic centralism. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jan/28/vietnam-nguyen-phu-trong-one-party-rule-leader">https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jan/28/vietnam-nguyen-phu-trong-one-party-rule-leader</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.hqts.com/who-we-are/quality-control-company-vietnam/">https://www.hqts.com/who-we-are/quality-control-company-vietnam/</a></p>
68	<p>In India, which one of the following is responsible for maintaining price stability by controlling inflation?</p> <p>(a) Department of Consumer Affairs (b) Expenditure Management Commission (c) Financial Stability and Development Council (d) Reserve Bank of India</p>	(d)	Economics	<p>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is vested with the responsibility of conducting monetary policy. The primary objective of monetary policy is to maintain price stability while keeping in mind the objective of growth.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Overview.aspx?fn=2752">https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Overview.aspx?fn=2752</a></p>
69	<p>With reference to Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They enable the digital representation of physical assets.</li> <li>2. They are unique cryptographic tokens that exist on a blockchain.</li> <li>3. They can be traded or exchanged at equivalency and therefore can be used as a medium of commercial transactions.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Sci & Tech	<p>Non-fungible tokens can digitally represent any asset, including online-only assets like digital artwork and real assets such as real estate. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>NFTs are unique cryptographic tokens that exist on a blockchain and cannot be replicated. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>NFT differs from fungible tokens that are identical and could be used as a medium or currency for commercial transactions. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.investopedia.com/non-fungible-tokens-nft-5115211">https://www.investopedia.com/non-fungible-tokens-nft-5115211</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.emizentech.com/blog/nft-non-fungible-tokens.html">https://www.emizentech.com/blog/nft-non-fungible-tokens.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/us/what-is-an-nft-how-does-it-work/articleshow/91623986.cms">https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/us/what-is-an-nft-how-does-it-work/articleshow/91623986.cms</a></p>



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70	<p>Consider the following pairs: Reservoirs States</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ghataprabha – Telangana</li> <li>2. Gandhi Sagar – Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>3. Indira Sagar – Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>4. Maithon – Chhattisgarh</li> </ol> <p>How many pairs given above are not correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs (c) Only three pairs (d) All four pairs</p>	(a)	Geography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ghataprabha – Karnataka</li> <li>2. Gandhi Sagar – Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>3. Indira Sagar – Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>4. Maithon – Jharkhand</li> </ol> <p>Only pair 2 is correctly matched</p>	
71	<p>In India, which one of the following compiles information on industrial disputes, closures, entrenchments and lay-offs in factories employing worker?</p> <p>(a) Central Statistics Office (b) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (c) Labour Bureau (d) National Technical Manpower Information System</p>	(c)	Economics	Labour bureau compiles information on industrial disputes, closures, entrenchments and lay-offs in factories employing workers.	<a href="http://www.labourbureaunew.gov.in/UserContent/ID_Review_2014.pdf?pr_id=FfR6mn4XUVE%3D">http://www.labourbureaunew.gov.in/UserContent/ID_Review_2014.pdf?pr_id=FfR6mn4XUVE%3D</a>
72	<p>In India, what is the role of the Coal Controller's Organization (CCO)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CCO is the major source of Coal Statistics in Government of India.</li> <li>2. It monitors progress of development of Captive Coal/Lignite blocks.</li> <li>3. It hears any objection to the Government's notification relating to acquisition of coal-bearing areas.</li> <li>4. It ensures that coal mining companies deliver the coal to end users in the prescribed time.</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 3 and 4 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 4</p>	(a)	Polity	Statement 4 is not correct.	<a href="https://coal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2019-11/nchap2.pdf">https://coal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2019-11/nchap2.pdf</a>

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73	<p>If a particular area is brought under the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India, which one of the following statements best reflects the consequence of it?</p> <p>(a) This would prevent the transfer of land of tribal people to non-tribal people.                      (b) This would create a local self-governing body in that area.                      (c) This would convert that area into a Union Territory.                      (d) The State having such areas would be declared a Special Category State.</p>	(a)	Polity	<p>If a particular area is brought under the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India, it would prohibit or restrict the transfer of land by or among members of the Scheduled Tribes in such area.</p>	<a href="https://www.mea.gov.in/Images/pdf1/S5.pdf">https://www.mea.gov.in/Images/pdf1/S5.pdf</a>
74	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. The India Sanitation Coalition is a platform to promote sustainable sanitation and is funded by the Government of India and the World Health Organization.                      2. The National Institute of Urban Affairs is an apex body of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in Government of India and provides innovative solutions to address the challenges of Urban India.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only                      (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(b)	Schemes	<p>India Sanitation Coalition (ISC), launched in June 2015, at Federation of Indian Chamber Commerce and Industry (FICCI), enables and supports safe and sustainable sanitation by bringing multiple organizations on a common platform through a range of catalytic actions. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Established in 1976, the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), is a premier Institute of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India for research and capacity building for the urban sector in India. So statement 2 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.indiasanitationcoalition.org/who-we-are.html">https://www.indiasanitationcoalition.org/who-we-are.html</a>  <a href="https://at2030.org/national-institute-of-urban-affairs-(niua)/">https://at2030.org/national-institute-of-urban-affairs-(niua)/</a></p>
75	<p>Which one of the following has been constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986?</p> <p>(a) Central Water Commission                      (b) Central Ground Water Board                      (c) Central Ground Water Authority                      (d) National Water Development Agency</p>	(c)	Environment & Ecology	<p>Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) was constituted under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the country.</p>	<a href="http://cgwb.gov.in/aboutcgwb.html#:~:text=Central%20Ground%20Water%20Authority%20(CGWA)%20was%20constituted%20under%20sub%2D,and%20management%20in%20the%20country.">http://cgwb.gov.in/aboutcgwb.html#:~:text=Central%20Ground%20Water%20Authority%20(CGWA)%20was%20constituted%20under%20sub%2D,and%20management%20in%20the%20country.</a>

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76	<p>With reference to the “United Nations Credentials Committee”, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.It is a committee set up by the UN Security Council and works under its supervision.</p> <p>2.It traditionally meets in March, June and September every year.</p> <p>3.It assesses the credentials of all UN members before submitting a report to the General Assembly for approval.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)3 only (b)1 and 3 (c)2 and 3 (d)1 and 2</p>	(a)	Current Affairs	<p>A Credentials Committee consists of nine members, who are appointed by the General Assembly on the proposal of the President. The Committee reports to the Assembly on the credentials of representatives. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>It is appointed at the beginning of each regular session of the General Assembly. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>The Committee is mandated to examine the credentials of representatives of Member States and to report to the General Assembly thereon. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.un.org/en/ga/credentials/credentials.shtml">https://www.un.org/en/ga/credentials/credentials.shtml</a></p> <p><a href="https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/united-nations-committee-to-review-taliban-credential-issue-to-meet-in-november/articleshow/86700924.cms">https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/united-nations-committee-to-review-taliban-credential-issue-to-meet-in-november/articleshow/86700924.cms</a></p>
77	<p>Which one of the following statements best describes the ‘Polar Code’?</p> <p>(a)It is the international code of safety for ships operating in polar waters.</p> <p>(b)It is the agreement of the countries around the North Pole regarding the demarcation of their territories in the polar region.</p> <p>(c)It is a set of norms to be followed by the countries whose scientists undertake research studies in the North Pole and South Pole.</p> <p>(d)It is a trade and security agreement of the member countries of the Arctic Council.</p>	(a)	Current Affairs	<p>IMO's International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) covers the full range of design, construction, equipment, operational, training, search and rescue and environmental protection matters relevant to ships operating in the inhospitable waters surrounding the two poles.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Safety/Pages/polar-code.aspx">https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Safety/Pages/polar-code.aspx</a></p>
78	<p>With reference to the United Nations General Assembly, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.The UN General Assembly can grant observer status to the non-member States.</p> <p>2.Inter-governmental organisations can seek observer status in the UN General Assembly.</p> <p>3.Permanent Observers in the UN General Assembly can maintain missions at the UN headquarters.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only (b)2 and 3 only (c)1 and 3 only (d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Economics	<p>The United Nations General Assembly may grant Permanent Observer Status to non-member states, international organisations and other entities. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>Observer status is confined to states and intergovernmental organisations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>The Permanent Observers may participate in the sessions and workings of the General Assembly and maintain missions at the U.N. headquarters. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-introduces-draft-resolution-in-unga-for-granting-observer-status-for-international-solar-alliance/article37016157.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-introduces-draft-resolution-in-unga-for-granting-observer-status-for-international-solar-alliance/article37016157.ece</a></p>

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79	<p>With reference to the “Tea Board” in India, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.The Tea Board is a statutory body.</p> <p>2.It is a regulatory body attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.</p> <p>3.The Tea Board’s Head Office is situated in Bengaluru.</p> <p>4.The Board has overseas offices at Dubai and Moscow.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 3</p> <p>(b)2 and 4</p> <p>(c)3 and 4</p> <p>(d)1 and 4</p>	(d)	Polity	<p>Tea Board was set up as a statutory body on 1st April, 1954 as per Section (4) of the Tea Act, 1953. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>It functions under the Ministry of Commerce. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p> <p>Its headquarters is located in Kolkata, West Bengal. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p> <p>The Tea Board has two overseas offices located at Dubai, and Moscow. So statement 4 is correct.</p>	<a href="https://www.teaboard.gov.in/TEABOARDCSM/NA==">https://www.teaboard.gov.in/TEABOARDCSM/NA==</a>
80	<p>Which one of the following best describes the term “greenwashing”?</p> <p>(a)Conveying a false impression that a company’s products are eco-friendly and environmentally sound</p> <p>(b)Non-inclusion of ecological/environmental costs in the Annual Financial Statements of a country</p> <p>(c)Ignoring the disastrous ecological consequences while undertaking infrastructure development</p> <p>(d)Making mandatory provisions for environmental costs in a government project/programme</p>	(a)	Environment & Ecology	<p>Greenwashing is the process of conveying a false impression or providing misleading information about how a company's products are more environmentally sound.</p>	<a href="https://www.investopedia.com/terms/g/greenwashing.asp#:~:text=Greenwashing%20is%20the%20process%20of,company's%20products%20are%20environmentally%20friendly.">https://www.investopedia.com/terms/g/greenwashing.asp#:~:text=Greenwashing%20is%20the%20process%20of,company's%20products%20are%20environmentally%20friendly.</a>
81	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.High clouds primarily reflect solar radiation and cool the surface of the Earth.</p> <p>2.Low clouds have a high absorption of infrared radiation emanating from the Earth’s surface and thus cause warming effect.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 only</p> <p>(b)2 only</p> <p>(c)Both 1 and 2</p> <p>(d)Neither 1 nor 2</p>	(d)	Geography	<p>High clouds are often thin and do not reflect very much. They let lots of the Sun's warmth in. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Low clouds are often quite thick and reflect lots of sunlight back to space.Low clouds are excellent reflectors. But, they don't stop the longwave energy from escaping to space. Therefore, low clouds help to cool the Earth. So statement 2 is incorrect.</p>	<a href="https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/5-8/features/F_The_Role_of_Clouds.html">https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/5-8/features/F_The_Role_of_Clouds.html</a>

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82	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Bidibidi is a large refugee settlement in north-western Kenya.</p> <p>2. Some people who fled from South Sudan civil war live in Bidibidi.</p> <p>3. Some people who fled from civil war in Somalia live in Dadaab refugee complex in Kenya.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 only</p>	(c)	Current Affairs	<p>Bidibidi Refugee Settlement is a refugee camp in northwestern Uganda. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>People who fled from South Sudan civil war live in Bidibidi. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>The Dadaab refugee complex in Kenya was established in 1991, when refugees fleeing the civil war in Somalia started to cross the border into Kenya. So statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2017/04/05/521639724/as-thousands-flee-south-sudan-ugandan-refugee-camp-becomes-worlds-largest">https://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2017/04/05/521639724/as-thousands-flee-south-sudan-ugandan-refugee-camp-becomes-worlds-largest</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.unhcr.org/ke/dadaab-refugee-complex">https://www.unhcr.org/ke/dadaab-refugee-complex</a></p>
83	<p>Consider the following countries</p> <p>1. Armenia</p> <p>2. Azerbaijan</p> <p>3. Croatia</p> <p>4. Romania</p> <p>5. Uzbekistan</p> <p>Which of the above are members of the Organization of Turkic States?</p> <p>(a) 1, 2 and 4 (b) 1 and 3 (c) 2 and 5 (d) 3, 4 and 5</p>	(c)	Current Affairs	<p>The Organization of Turkic States is an international organization comprising prominent independent Turkic countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.turkkon.org/en/uye-ulkeler">https://www.turkkon.org/en/uye-ulkeler</a></p>

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84	<p>Consider the following statements</p> <p>1.Gujarat has the largest solar park in India.</p> <p>2.Kerala has a fully solar powered International Airport.</p> <p>3.Goa has the largest floating solar photovoltaic project in India.</p> <p>Which of the statements given below is/are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2</p> <p>(b)2 only</p> <p>(c)1 and 3</p> <p>(d)3 only</p>	(b)	Current Affairs	<p>Bhadla Solar Park is the world's largest solar park located in Jodhpur district, Rajasthan, So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Kerala's Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) is the first airport in the world that would be running fully on solar power. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>India's largest floating solar power plant commissioned in Andhra Pradesh. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/worlds-largest-solar-park-in-bhadla-india/article37462665.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/worlds-largest-solar-park-in-bhadla-india/article37462665.ece</a></p> <p><a href="https://livemint.com/news/india/anand-mahindra-posts-pictures-of-kochi-airport-first-in-the-world-to-be-fully-solar-powered-11638760041722.html">https://livemint.com/news/india/anand-mahindra-posts-pictures-of-kochi-airport-first-in-the-world-to-be-fully-solar-powered-11638760041722.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.livemint.com/industry/energy/indias-largest-floating-solar-power-plant-commissioned-in-andhra-pradesh-11631774123853.html#:~:text=India's%20largest%20floating%20solar%20power%20plant%20commissioned%20in%20Andhra%20Pradesh,-India's%20largest%20floating&amp;text=Bharat%20Heavy%20Electricals%20Limited%20(BHEL,an%20area%20of%20100%20acres.">https://www.livemint.com/industry/energy/indias-largest-floating-solar-power-plant-commissioned-in-andhra-pradesh-11631774123853.html#:~:text=India's%20largest%20floating%20solar%20power%20plant%20commissioned%20in%20Andhra%20Pradesh,-India's%20largest%20floating&amp;text=Bharat%20Heavy%20Electricals%20Limited%20(BHEL,an%20area%20of%20100%20acres.</a></p>
85	<p>With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1.A coastal state has the right to establish the breadth of its territorial sea up to a limit not exceeding 12 nautical miles, measured from baseline determined in accordance with the convention.</p> <p>2.Ships of all states, whether coastal or land-locked, enjoy the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea.</p> <p>3.The Exclusive Economic Zone shall not extend beyond 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea in measure.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a)1 and 2 only</p> <p>(b)2 and 3 only</p> <p>(c)1 and 3 only</p> <p>(d)1, 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Environment & Ecology	All the three statements are correct.	<p><a href="https://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/part2.htm">https://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/part2.htm</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/part5.htm#:~:text=The%20exclusive%20economic%20zone%20shall%20not%20extend%20beyond%20200%20C2%A0nautical%20miles%20from%20the%20baselines%20from%20which%20the%20breadth%20of%20the%20territorial%20sea%20is%20measured.">https://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/part5.htm#:~:text=The%20exclusive%20economic%20zone%20shall%20not%20extend%20beyond%20200%20C2%A0nautical%20miles%20from%20the%20baselines%20from%20which%20the%20breadth%20of%20the%20territorial%20sea%20is%20measured.</a></p>

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86	<p>Which one of the following statements best reflects the issue which Senkaku Islands, sometimes mentioned in the news?</p> <p>(a) It is generally believed that they are artificial islands made by a country around South China Sea.</p> <p>(b) China and Japan engage in maritime disputes over these islands in East China Sea</p> <p>(c) A permanent American military base has been set up there to help Taiwan to increase its defence capabilities.</p> <p>(d) Through International Courts of Justice declared them as no man's land, some South-East Asian countries claim them.</p>	(b)	Current Affairs		<a href="https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/more-chinese-ships-tried-to-enter-japan-s-territorial-waters-in-2021-122010300250_1.html">https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/more-chinese-ships-tried-to-enter-japan-s-territorial-waters-in-2021-122010300250_1.html</a>
87	<p>Consider the following pairs</p> <p><b>Country Important reason for being in the news recently</b></p> <p>1. Chad- Setting up of permanent military base by China</p> <p>2. Guinea- Suspension of Constitution and Government by military</p> <p>3. Lebanon- Severe and prolonged economic depression</p> <p>4. Tunisia- Suspension of Parliament by President</p> <p>How many pairs given above are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one pair</p> <p>(b) Only two pairs</p> <p>(c) Only three pairs</p> <p>(d) All four Pairs</p>	(c)	Current Affairs	<p>Pair 1 is incorrect</p> <p>Pair 2 is correct</p> <p>Pair 3 is correct</p> <p>Pair 4 is correct</p>	<p>Pair 1 - <a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/china-seeks-first-military-base-on-africas-atlantic-coast-u-s-intelligence-finds-11638726327">https://www.wsj.com/articles/china-seeks-first-military-base-on-africas-atlantic-coast-u-s-intelligence-finds-11638726327</a></p> <p>Pair 2 - <a href="https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/soldiers-declare-military-junta-in-control-in-burkina-faso/article38322575.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/soldiers-declare-military-junta-in-control-in-burkina-faso/article38322575.ece</a></p> <p>Pair 3 - <a href="https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_BRI(2022)729369">https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_BRI(2022)729369</a></p> <p>Pair 4 - <a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-did-the-tunisian-president-suspend-the-prime-minister-and-dissolve-parliament-7438977/">https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-did-the-tunisian-president-suspend-the-prime-minister-and-dissolve-parliament-7438977/</a></p>

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88	<p>Consider the following pairs:  <b>Region often mentioned, in the news Country</b>                      1. Anatolia – Turkey                      2. Amhara – Ethiopia                      3. Cabo Delgado – Spain                      4. Catalonia – Italy                      How many pairs given above are correctly matched?                      (a) Only one pair                      (b) Only two pairs                      (c) Only three pairs                      (d) All four pairs</p>	(b)	Current Affairs	<p>Anatolia - Turkey. So Pair 1 is correct                      Amhara - Ethiopia. So Pair 2 is correct                      Cabo Delgado - Mozambique. So Pair 3 is incorrect                      Catalonia - Spain. So Pair 4 is incorrect</p>	<a href="https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/science/digging-deep-genetics-gives-a-closer-look-into-the-origins-of-the-worlds-first-farmers-7938926/">https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/science/digging-deep-genetics-gives-a-closer-look-into-the-origins-of-the-worlds-first-farmers-7938926/</a>
89	<p>With reference to Indian laws about wildlife protection, consider the following statements:                      1. Wild animals are the sole property of the government.                      2. When a wild animal is declared protected, such animal is entitled for equal protection whether it is found in protected areas or outside.                      3. Apprehension of a protected wild animal becoming a danger to human life is sufficient ground for its capture or killing.                      Which of the statements given above is/are correct?                      (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 only                      (c) 1 and 3                      (d) 3 only</p>	(b)	Environment & Ecology	<p>As per the law, wild animals are not the property of the government, and an animal which is wild in nature and free cannot be in the ownership of either the government or a private party. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, does not discriminate between animals found in protected areas and outside. It provides for equal protection for wild animals irrespective of where they are found. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Only if the wild animal becomes a danger to human life or is diseased or disabled beyond recovery can it be allowed to be captured or killed by the competent authority, the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. Mere apprehension or fear that a wild animal could endanger human life is not a ground for capture or killing. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p>	<a href="https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/Leopards-in-a-spot/article16913392.ece">https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/Leopards-in-a-spot/article16913392.ece</a>
90	<p>Certain species of which one of the following organisms are well known as cultivators of fungi?                      (a) Ant                      (b) Cockroach                      (c) Crab                      (d) Spider</p>	(a)	Environment & Ecology	<p>The ant–fungus mutualism is a symbiosis seen between certain ant and fungal species, in which ants actively cultivate fungus much like humans farm crops as a food source. There is only evidence of two instances in which this form of agriculture evolved in ants resulting in a dependence on fungi for food.</p>	<a href="https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/The-Origin-of-the-Attine-Ant-Fungus-Mutualism-Mueller-Schultz/017c3924b909bc5c8f580aa58d0a03eea1d554ba">https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/The-Origin-of-the-Attine-Ant-Fungus-Mutualism-Mueller-Schultz/017c3924b909bc5c8f580aa58d0a03eea1d554ba</a>



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91	<p>Consider the following pairs: Site of Ashoka's major rock edicts Located in the State of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dhauli – Odisha</li> <li>2. Erragudi – Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>3. Jaugada – Madhya Pradesh</li> <li>4. Kalsi– Karnataka</li> </ol> <p>How many pairs given above are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs (c) Only three pairs (d) All four pairs</p>	(b)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dhauli – Odisha</li> <li>2. Erragudi – Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>3. Jaugada – Odisha</li> <li>4. Kalsi– Uttarakhand</li> </ol> <p>Pairs 1 &amp; 2 are correctly matched.</p>	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Edicts_of_Ashoka">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Edicts_of_Ashoka</a>
92	<p>Consider the following pairs: <b>King Dynasty</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nannuka – Chandela</li> <li>2. Jayashakti – Paramara</li> <li>3. Nagabhata II – Gurjara-Pratihara</li> <li>4. Bhoja – Rashtrakuta</li> </ol> <p>How many pairs given above are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs (c) Only three pairs (d) All four pairs</p>	(b)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nannuka – Chandela</li> <li>2. Jayashakti – Chandela</li> <li>3. Nagabhata II – Gurjara-Pratihara</li> <li>4. Bhoja – Paramara</li> </ol> <p>Pairs 1, 3 are correctly matched.</p>	<a href="https://www.jstor.org/stable/44303948">https://www.jstor.org/stable/44303948</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jayashakti">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jayashakti</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhoja">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhoja</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nagabhata_II">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nagabhata II</a>
93	<p>Which one of the following statements about Sangam literature in ancient South India is correct?</p> <p>(a) Sangam poems are devoid of any reference to material culture. (b) The social classification of Varna was known to Sangam poets. (c) Sangam poems have no references to warrior ethic. (d) Sangam literature refers to magical forces as irrational.</p>	(b)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History	Caste divisions existed in ancient Tamil Nadu like other parts of India. Tamils were divided on the basis of four castes and on the basis of work they did. There were references about 'high born' and 'low born' in the Sangam Tamil Literature.	<a href="https://tamilandvedas.com/2014/07/04/caste-divisions-in-ancient-tamil-nadu/">https://tamilandvedas.com/2014/07/04/caste-divisions-in-ancient-tamil-nadu/</a>
94	<p>“Yogavasistha” was translated into Persian by Nizamuddin Panipati during the reign of:</p> <p>(a) Akbar (b) Humayun (c) Shahjahan (d) Aurangzeb</p>	(a)	Ancient / Medieval Indian History		

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95	<p>The world's second tallest statue in sitting pose of Ramanuja was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India at Hyderabad recently. Which one of the following statements correctly represents the teachings of Ramanuja?</p> <p>(a) The best means of salvation was devotion.                      (b) Vedas are eternal, self-existent and wholly authoritative.                      (c) Logical arguments were essential means for the highest bliss.                      (d) Salvation was to be obtained through meditation.</p>	(a)	Current Affairs	<p>Ramanuja was deeply influenced by the Alvars. According to him the best means of attaining salvation was devotion.</p>	<a href="http://www.aees.gov.in/htmldocs/downloads/Econtent_aug2020/VII_HIS_L08_M01_DEVOTIONAL_PATHS_TO_DIVINE_PPT.pptx">http://www.aees.gov.in/htmldocs/downloads/Econtent_aug2020/VII_HIS_L08_M01_DEVOTIONAL_PATHS_TO_DIVINE_PPT.pptx</a>
96	<p>The Prime Minister recently inaugurated the new Circuit House near Somnath Temple at Veraval. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Somnath Temple?</p> <p>1. Somnath Temple is one of the Jyotirlinga shrines.                      2. A description of Somnath Temple was given by Al-Biruni.                      3. Pran Pratishtha of Somnath Temple (installation of the present day temple) was done by President S. Radhakrishnan.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only                      (b) 2 and 3 only                      (c) 1 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	(a)	Current Affairs	<p>The large, black Shiva lingam at the heart of Somnath Temple is one of the 12 most sacred Shiva shrines, known as jyotirlinga. So statement 1 is correct.</p> <p>A description of the temple by Al-Biruni, an Arab traveller. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Pran Pratishtha of Somnath Temple (installation of the present day temple) was done by Rajendra Prasad. So statement 3 is incorrect.</p>	<a href="https://www.gujarattourism.com/saurashtra/gir-somnath/somnath-temple.html">https://www.gujarattourism.com/saurashtra/gir-somnath/somnath-temple.html</a> <a href="https://www.deshgujarat.com/2015/04/23/64th-anniversary-of-pran-pratishtha-marked-at-shri-somnath-mandir/#:~:text=Rajendra%20Prasad%20had%20performed%20Pran,by%20Islamic%20rulers%20centuries%20back.">https://www.deshgujarat.com/2015/04/23/64th-anniversary-of-pran-pratishtha-marked-at-shri-somnath-mandir/#:~:text=Rajendra%20Prasad%20had%20performed%20Pran,by%20Islamic%20rulers%20centuries%20back.</a>
97	<p>Which one of the following statements best describes the role of B cells and T cells in the human body?</p> <p>(a) They protect the body from environmental allergens.                      (b) They alleviate the body's pain and inflammation.                      (c) They act as immunosuppressants in the body.                      (d) They protect the body from the diseases caused by pathogens.</p>	(d)	Sci & Tech	<p>T cells can wipe out infected or cancerous cells. They also direct the immune response by helping B lymphocytes to eliminate invading pathogens.</p>	<a href="https://www.mdanderson.org/cancerwise/t-cells--b-cells-and-the-immune-system.h00-159465579.html#:~:text=T%20cells%20can%20wipe%20out,of%20protein%20called%20an%20antibody.">https://www.mdanderson.org/cancerwise/t-cells--b-cells-and-the-immune-system.h00-159465579.html#:~:text=T%20cells%20can%20wipe%20out,of%20protein%20called%20an%20antibody.</a>

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98	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Other than those made by humans, nanoparticles do not exist in nature.</p> <p>2. Nanoparticles of some metallic oxides are used in the manufacture of some cosmetics.</p> <p>3. Nanoparticles of some commercial products which enter the environment are unsafe for humans.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 2 (d) 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Sci & Tech	<p>Naturally occurring nanoparticles can be found in volcanic ash, ocean spray, fine sand and dust, and even biological matter (e.g. viruses). So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>Many cosmetic products used in our daily life are made with the assistance of nanotechnologies. So statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Nanoparticles of some commercial products which enter the environment are unsafe for humans. Statement 3 is correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://sustainable-nano.com/2013/03/25/nanoparticles-are-all-around-us/#:~:text=Naturally%20occurring%20nanoparticles%20can%20be%20found%20in%20volcanic%20ash%2C%20ocean%20spray%2C%20fine%20sand%20and%20dust%2C%20and%20even%20biological%20matter%20(e.g.%C2%A0viruses).">https://sustainable-nano.com/2013/03/25/nanoparticles-are-all-around-us/#:~:text=Naturally%20occurring%20nanoparticles%20can%20be%20found%20in%20volcanic%20ash%2C%20ocean%20spray%2C%20fine%20sand%20and%20dust%2C%20and%20even%20biological%20matter%20(e.g.%C2%A0viruses).</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/350646023_Metal_and_metal_oxide_nanoparticles_in_cosmetics_and_skin_care_products">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/350646023_Metal_and_metal_oxide_nanoparticles_in_cosmetics_and_skin_care_products</a></p> <p><a href="https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2844666/">https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2844666/</a></p>
99	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>DNA Barcoding can be a tool to:</p> <p>1. assess the age of a plant or animal.</p> <p>2. distinguish among species that look alike.</p> <p>3. identify undesirable animal or plant materials in processed foods.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 2 (d) 2 and 3</p>	(d)	Sci & Tech	<p>To measure the age of plant and animal remains from the more recent past, scientists use a radioactive isotope of carbon, called carbon-14, as their clock. So statement 1 is incorrect.</p> <p>DNA Barcoding can be a tool to distinguish among species that look alike &amp; identify undesirable animal or plant materials in processed foods..</p> <p>So statements 2 and 3 are correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/25121359_DNA_barcoding_A_tool_for_improved_taxon_identification_and_detection_of_species_diversity">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/25121359_DNA_barcoding_A_tool_for_improved_taxon_identification_and_detection_of_species_diversity</a></p> <p><a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33530758/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33530758/</a></p>
100	<p>Consider the following</p> <p>1. Carbon monoxide</p> <p>2. Nitrogen oxide</p> <p>3. Ozone</p> <p>4. Sulphur dioxide</p> <p>Excess of which of the above in the environment is/are cause(s) of acid rain?</p> <p>(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 4 only (d) 1, 3 and 4</p>	(b)	Environment & Ecology	<p>Acid Rain Rain contains dissolved carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) which are normally present in the air. So options 2, 4 are correct.</p>	<p><a href="https://hspcb.gov.in/content/ecoclub/Acid_Rain.pdf">https://hspcb.gov.in/content/ecoclub/Acid_Rain.pdf</a></p>