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1	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jhelum River passes through Wular Lake. 2. Krishna River directly feeds Kolleru Lake. 3. Meandering of Gandak River formed Kanwar Lake. <p>How many of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	B	<p>Kolleru lake receives water from the seasonal Budameru and Tammileru streams and it is connected to the Krishna and Godavari systems by over 68 inflowing drains and channels. It serves as a habitat for a variety of flora and fauna including several species of migratory birds.</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/one-million-winged-visitors-expected-this-season-to-kolleru-lake-in-ap/article66273859.ece</p> <p>https://www.deccanherald.com/national/north-and-central/flood-fears-in-kashmir-as-river-jhelum-flows-above-danger-mark-1120305.html</p> <p>https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/patna-news/bihars-biggest-lake-left-high-and-dry-despite-ramsar-tag-101617208132502.html</p>	Sep-22		
2	<p>Consider the following pairs:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Port</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Well known as</td> </tr> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kamarajar Port - First major port in India registered as a company 2. Mundra Port - Largest privately owned port in India 3. Visakhapatnam - Largest container Port port in India <p>How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs (c) All three pairs (d) None of the pairs</p>	Port	Well known as	B	<p>Kamarajar Port, located on the Coromandel Coast about 24 km north of Chennai Port, Chennai, it is the 12th major port of India, and the first port in India which is a public company. The port was declared as a major port under the Indian Ports Act, 1908 in March 1999 and incorporated as Ennore Port Limited under the Companies Act, 1956 in October 1999. The Kamarajar Port is the only corporatized major port and is registered as a company. Today, the landlord port is the dominant port model in larger and medium sized ports.</p> <p>Jawaharlal Nehru Port Mumbai, is the largest container port in India. So, Statement 3 is incorrect. Other statements are correct.</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://www.mapsofindia.com/my-india/government/know-about-the-location-and-characteristics-of-major-sea-ports-of-india</p> <p>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/shipping/-transport/govt-plans-to-develop-jawaharlal-nehru-port-as-smart-port-within-a-year-sonowal/articleshow/100510011.cms</p> <p>https://www.ennoreport.gov.in/content/#:~:text=About%20us%20Kamarajar%20Port%20Limited&text=The%20port%20was%20declared%20as,Act%2C%201956%20in%20October%201999.</p>	Mar-23
Port	Well known as							
3	<p>Consider the following trees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jackfruit (Artocarpus heterophyllus) 2. Mahua (Madhuca indica) 3. Teak (Tectona grandis) <p>How many of the above are deciduous trees?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	B	<p>The tropical jackfruit tree (Artocarpus heterophyllus) is a large evergreen tree that bears edible fruit. So, 1 is incorrect. Others are correct.</p>	Environment	<p>https://ncert.nic.in/ncerts/l/gess206.pdf</p> <p>https://www.thespruce.com/grow-jackfruit-trees-1902445</p>			
4	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India has more arable area than China. 2. The proportion of irrigated area is more in India as compared to China. 3. The average productivity per hectare in India agriculture is higher than that in China. <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	B		Agriculture	<p>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/budget/huge-workforce-young-population-time-to-claim-demographic-dividend/articleshow/97540521.cms</p>			

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5	Which one of the following is the best example of repeated falls in sea level, giving rise to present-day extensive marshland? (a) Bhitarkanika Mangroves (b) Marakkanam Salt Pans (c) Naupada Swamp (d) Rann of Kutch	D	Both the Little Rann of Kutch and Great Rann of Kutch. has witnessed & experienced significant geomorphic changes because of the tectonic movements and sea level changes during Holocene.	Geography	http://dspace.mirror.hmlibrary.ac.in:8084/jspui/bitstream/123456789/925/11/11_chapter%202.pdf	
6	Ilmenite and rutile, abundantly available in certain coastal tracts of India, are rich sources of which one of the following? (a) Aluminium (b) Copper (c) Iron (d) Titanium	D		Current Affairs	https://swarajyamag.com/ideas/explained-why-beach-sand-minerals-are-in-the-news https://www.deccanchronicle.com/140919/nation-current-affairs/article/vizag-beach-too-has-key-minerals	Aug-22
7	About three-fourths of world's cobalt, a metal required for the manufacture of batteries for electric motor vehicles, is produced by (a) Argentina (b) Botswana (c) the Democratic Republic of the Congo (d) Kazakhstan	C	About 70 per cent of the global production of platinum and cobalt is controlled by South Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo.	Current Affairs	https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/renewable-energy/shift-to-clean-energy-means-race-for-minerals-is-accelerating-88738	Apr-23
8	Which one of the following is a part of the Congo Basin? (a) Cameroon (b) Nigeria (c) South Sudan (d) Uganda	A		Current Affairs	https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2022/5/7/empty-pledges-will-not-save-congo-basin https://indianexpress.com/article/world/security-expert-warns-un-africa-future-is-caliphate-8081607/	Aug-22
9	Consider the following statements: 1. Amarkantak Hills are at the confluence of Vindhya and Sahyadri Ranges. 2. Biligirirangan Hills constitute the easternmost part of Satpura Range. 3. Seahachalam Hills constitute the southernmost part of Western Ghats. How many of the statements give above are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None	D	Amarkantak is a pilgrimage town located in the Anuppur District of Madhya Pradesh, India. It is known for being the source of the Narmada River, Mahanadi and Son Rivers. It is located in South Eastern Madhya Pradesh. The Biligirirangan Hills, do not constitute the easternmost part of the Satpura Range and are located in the Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka, India. They are part of the Eastern Ghats mountain range, not the Satpura Range. The Seshachalam Hills, also known as the Tirumala Range are hill ranges of the Eastern Ghats, located in southern Andhra Pradesh. They are bounded by the Rayalaseema uplands in the west and northwest and the Nandyal Valley in the northeast.	Geography		

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10	<p>With reference to India's projects on connectivity, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. East-West Corridor under Golden Quadrilateral Project connects Dibrugarh and Surat.</p> <p>2. Trilateral Highway connects Moreh in Manipur and Chiang Mai in Thailand via Myanmar.</p> <p>3. Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor connects Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh with Kunming in China.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	D	<p>The BCIM economic corridor aims to connect Kolkata with Kunming, capital of the Yunnan province.</p> <p>The 3,300 kilometre long East West Corridor is part Golden Quadrilateral, and connects Assam's Silchar to Gujarat's Porbandar.</p> <p>The India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral Highway connects Moreh in Manipur, India to Mae Sot in Thailand via Mandalay and Naypyidaw in Myanmar.</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/infrastructure/india-pushes-for-early-completion-of-trilateral-highway-from-northeast-to-cambodia/articleshow/93366983.cms</p> <p>https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/gadkari-approves-rs-1-674-cr-to-complete-last-2-stretches-of-east-west-corridor-101649329366656.html</p>	Apr 2022, Aug 2022
11	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>Statement - I: India, despite having uranium deposits, depends on coal for most of its electricity production.</p> <p>Statement - II: Uranium, enriched to the extent of at least 60%, is required for the production of electricity.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	C	<p>Low Enriched Uranium – contains a 235U concentration between 0.711 percent and 20 percent. Most commercial reactor fuel uses low enriched uranium (LEU) enriched to between 3 percent and 5 percent 235U. Uranium between 3 and 5 percent 235U is sometimes referred to as "reactor-grade uranium."</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/indias-dependence-on-coal-rises-despite-its-green-energy-push/articleshow/95485120.cms</p> <p>https://www.energy.gov/ne/nuclear-fuel-facts-uranium</p>	Nov-22
12	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>Statement - I: Marsupials are not naturally found in India.</p> <p>Statement - II: Marsupials can thrive only in montane grasslands with no predators.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	C		Environment		

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13	<p>'Invasive Species Specialist Group' (that develops Global Invasive Species Database) belongs to which one of the following organizations?</p> <p>(a) The International Union for Conservation of Nature (b) The United Nations Environment Programme (c) The United Nations World Commission for Environment and Development (d) The World Wide Fund for Nature</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Coimbatore/worst-invasive-species-among-plants-used-for-tank-beautification-in-coimbatore/article65494470.ece	Jun-22
14	<p>Consider the following fauna:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lion-tailed Macaque 2. Malabar Civet 3. Sambar Deer <p>How many of the above are generally nocturnal or most active after sunset?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	B	Lion-tailed macaques are diurnal.	environment		
15	<p>Which of the following organisms perform waggle dance for others of their kin to indicate the direction and the distance to a source of their food?</p> <p>(a) Butterflies (b) Dragonflies (c) Honeybees (d) Wasps</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/unlocking-secrets-of-the-honeybee-dance-language/article66603728.ece	Mar-23
16	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some mushrooms have medicinal properties 2. Some mushrooms have psychoactive properties. 3. Some mushrooms have insecticidal properties. 4. Some mushrooms have bioluminescent properties <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	D		Environment	https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/mystery-of-meghalayas-glowing-green-mushrooms-7059942/	

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17	<p>Consider the following statements regarding the Indian squirrels:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They build nests by making burrows in the ground. 2. They store their food materials like nuts and seed in the ground. 3. They are omnivorous. <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	<p>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/new-updates/indian-squirrel-hitches-ride-on-board-ship-lands-up-in-scotland/articleshow/93982052.cms?from=mdr</p> <p>https://a-z-animals.com/animals/indian-palm-squirrel/</p>	Sep-22
18	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some microorganisms can grow in environments with temperature above the boiling point of water. 2. Some microorganisms can grow in environments with temperature below the freezing point of water. 3. Some microorganisms can grow in highly acidic environment with a pH below 3. <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Science & Tech		
19	<p>Which one of the following makes a tool with a stick to scrape insects from a hole in a tree or a log of wood?</p> <p>(a) Fishing cat (b) Orangutan (c) Otter (d) Sloth bear</p>	B		Environment		
20	<p>Consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aerosols 2. Foam agents 3. Fire retardants 4. Lubricants <p>In the making of how many of the above are hydrofluorocarbons used?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	D		Current Affairs	<p>https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/environment/ozone-layer-to-recover-in-4-decades-but-aerosol-injection-may-undo-gains-unep-87010</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/kigali-amendment-india-global-warming-climate-change-ozone-saving-agreement-7461956/</p>	Jan-23

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21	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement - I: Interest income from the deposits in Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) distributed to their investors is exempted from tax, but the dividend is taxable. Statement - II: InvITs are recognized as borrowers under the 'Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002'.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	D		Current Affairs	<p>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/govt-proposes-taxation-changes-related-to-reits-invits/articleshow/97532637.cms</p> <p>https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/real-estate/reits-invits-to-approach-fin-min-against-tax-on-distribution-income/article66481515.ece</p>	Feb-23
22	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement - I: In the post-pandemic recent past, many Central Banks worldwide had carried out interest rate hikes. Statement - II: Central Banks generally assume that they have the ability to counteract the rising consumer prices via monetary policy means.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	A		Current Affairs	<p>https://edition.cnn.com/2023/01/31/economy/inflation-central-banks-federal-reserve-ecb-bank-of-england/index.html</p>	
23	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement - I: Carbon markets are likely to be one of the most widespread tools in the fight against climate change. Statement - II: Carbon markets transfer resources from the private sector to the State.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	B		Current Affairs	<p>https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/renewable/green-credit-programme-will-help-mitigate-climate-change-and-ensure-ecosystem-sustainability/97936612</p>	Feb-23

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24	Which one of the following activities of the Reserve Bank of India is considered to be part of 'sterilization'? (a) Conducting 'Open Market Operations' (b) Oversight of settlement and payment systems (c) Debt and cash management for the Central and State Governments. (d) Regulating the functions of Non- banking Financial Institutions.	A		Current Affairs	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/kembai-speaks/transformation-of-liquidity-adjustment-facility/	Apr-22
25	Consider the following markets: 1. Government Bond Market 2. Call Money Market 3. Treasury Bill Market 4. Stock Market How many of the above are included in capital markets? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four	B	Call Money Market and Treasury Bill Market are part of the money market,	Economics		
26	Which one of the following best describes the concept of 'Small Farmer Large Field'? (a) Resettlement of a large number of people, uprooted from their countries due to war, by giving them a large cultivable land which they cultivate collectively and share the produce (b) Many marginal farmers in an area organize themselves into groups and synchronize and harmonize selected agricultural operations (c) Many marginal farmers in an area together make a contract with a corporate body and surrender their land to the corporate body for a fixed term for which the corporate body makes a payment of agreed amount to the farmers (d) A company extends loans, technical knowledge and material inputs to a number of small farmers in an area so that they produce the agricultural commodity required by the company for its manufacturing process and commercial production.	C		Agriculture	https://indianexpress.com/article/india/agricultural-economics-how-doubling-of-farmers-income-is-possible-even-with-small-landholdings-5428084/	Nov-18

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27	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government of India provides Minimum Support Price for niger (<i>Guizotia abyssinica</i>) seeds. 2. Niger is cultivated as a Kharif crop. 3. Some tribal people in India are niger seed oil for cooking. <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/agriculture/illusiv-oilseed-india-s-niger-seed-cultivation-is-declining-here-is-why-84380	Aug-22
28	<p>Consider the investments in the following assets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brand recognition 2. Inventory 3. Intellectual property 4. Mailing list of clients <p>How many of the above are considered intangible investments?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	C	Land, vehicles, equipment, and inventory form a part of Tangible assets.	Current Affairs	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/acquisition-cost-of-intangible-assets-now-nil/articleshow/97565008.cms	Feb-23
29	<p>Consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demographic performance 2. Forest and ecology 3. Governance reforms 4. Stable government 5. Tax and fiscal efforts <p>For the horizontal tax devolution, the Fifteenth Finance Commission used how many of the above as criteria other than population area and income distance?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only three (c) Only four (d) All five</p>	B	<p>The parameters used are:</p> <p>Population Area Forest & ecology Income distance Tax & fiscal efforts Demographic performance</p>	Current Affairs	https://theprint.in/opinion/govts-method-to-evaluate-rich-states-has-gaps-take-tax-devolution-down-to-district-level/1537292/	Apr-23

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30	<p>Consider the following infrastructure sectors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affordable housing 2. Mass rapid transport 3. Health care 4. Renewable energy <p>On how many of the above does UNOPS Sustainable Investments in infrastructure and Innovation (S3i) initiative focus for its investments?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	C	S3i seed-funds large-scale affordable housing, renewable energy, and health infrastructure projects.	Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/india/in-60-million-dollar-un-scandal-a-2-5-million-dollar-housing-investment-in-go-a-and-no-house-to-show-for-it-7919071/	May-22
31	<p>In essence, what does 'Due Process of Law' mean?</p> <p>(a) The principle of natural justice (b) The procedure established by law (c) Fair application of law (d) Equality before law</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://www.hindustantimes.com/books/review-liberty-after-freedom-by-rohan-j-alva-101672926951217.html https://www.epw.in/journal/2023/16/editors-desk/rule-law-rhetorical-ideal.html	Jan-23
32	<p>Consider the following Statements:</p> <p>Statement – I: In India, prisons are managed by State Governments with their own rules and regulations for the day-to-day administration of prisons.</p> <p>Statement – II: In India, prisons are governed by the Prisons Act, 1894 which expressly kept the subject of prisons in the control of Provincial Governments.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I. (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-edit-page/caste-system-in-indian-prisons-unconstitutional-but-legal-state-prison-manuals-legitimise-caste-based-rules-for-prisoner-activities-from-cleaning-to-cooking-judiciary-must-step-in-to-stri/ https://indianexpress.com/article/india/with-focus-on-rehabilitation-centre-prepares-new-prisons-act-to-replace-pre-independence-law-8606522/	Mar 2023, May 2023
33	<p>Which one of the following Statements best reflects the Chief purpose of the 'Constitutions' of a country?</p> <p>(a) It determines the objective for the making of necessary laws. (b) It enables the creation of political offices and a government. (c) It defines and limits the powers of government. (d) It secures social justice, social equality and social security.</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/constitution-society-an-evolutionary-tale-8424392/	Feb-23

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34	In India, which one of the following Constitutional Amendments was widely believed to be enacted to overcome the judicial interpretations of the Fundamental Rights? (a) 1st Amendment (b) 42nd Amendment (c) 44th Amendment (d) 86th Amendment	A		Current Affairs	https://theprint.in/past-forward/how-nehru-added-conditions-apply-to-article-191a-india-lost-way-to-gates-of-freedom/1043270/	Jul-22
35	Consider the following organizations/ bodies in India : 1. The National Commission for Backward Classes 2. The National Human Rights Commission 3. The National Law Commission 4. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. How many of the above are constitutional bodies? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four	A	Except National Commission for Backward Classes, all the other bodies are non-constitutional bodies.	Polity		
36	Consider the following statements : 1. If the election of the President of India is declared void by the Supreme Court of India, all acts done by him/ her in the performance of duties of his/her office of President before the date of decision become invalid. 2. Election for the post of the President of India can be postponed on the ground that some Legislative Assemblies have been dissolved and elections are yet to take place. 3. When a Bill is presented to the President of India, the Constitution prescribes time limits within which he/she has to declare his/her assent. How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None	D		Current Affairs	https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/jun/doc20226962701.pdf https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1832663	Jun-22

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37	<p>With reference to Finance Bill and Money Bill in the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements :</p> <p>1. When the Lok Sabha transmits Finance Bill to the Rajya Sabha, it can amend or reject the Bill.</p> <p>2. When the Lok Sabha transmits Money Bill to the Rajya Sabha, it cannot amend or reject the Bill, it can only make recommendations.</p> <p>3. In the case of disagreement between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, there is no joint sitting for Money Bill, but a joint sitting becomes necessary for Finance Bill.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) None</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://www.zeebiz.com/economy-infra/news-budget-2023-what-is-finance-bill-vs-money-bill-difference-blue-sheet-where-is-it-presented-date-217666	Jan-23
38	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>Once the Central Government notifies an area as a 'Community Reserve'</p> <p>1. the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State becomes the governing authority of such forest.</p> <p>2. hunting is not allowed in such area</p> <p>3. people of such area are allowed to collect non-timber forest produce</p> <p>4. people of such area are allowed traditional agricultural practices</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	C	After a forest has been made into a community reserve, people cannot hunt there, nor can they use it for agricultural practices, leave alone jhum cultivation	Current Affairs		Sep-22
39	<p>With reference to 'Scheduled Areas' in India, consider the following statements :</p> <p>1. Within a State, the notification of an area as scheduled Area takes place through an Order of the President.</p> <p>2. The largest administrative unit forming the scheduled Area is the District and the lowest is the cluster of villages in the Block.</p> <p>3. The Chief Ministers of the concerned States are required to submit annual reports to the Union Home Ministry on the administration of scheduled Areas in the States.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two</p>	B	The Governor of each State having Scheduled Areas therein shall annually, or whenever so required by the President, make a report to the President regarding the administration of the Scheduled Areas in that State and the executive power of the Union shall extend to the giving of directions to the State as to the administration of the said areas.	Current Affairs	https://www.outlookindia.com/national/explained-what-modifications-to-scheduled-tribes-list-means-for-advansi-communities-news-243627 https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/everyday-explainers/explained-pesa-act-background-aaps-election-promise-gujarat-8077958/	Aug, Dec 2022

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40	<p>Consider the following Statements :</p> <p>Statement – 1: The Supreme Court of India has held in some judgements that the reservation policies made under Article 16(4) of the Constitution of India would be limited by Article 335 for maintenance of efficiency of administration.</p> <p>Statement – II: Article 335 of the constitution of India defines the term ‘efficiency of administration’.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I. (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://theprint.in/opinion/article-164-stands-on-its-own-constitution-made-no-room-for-merit-that-courts-invoke/669215/	Jun-21
41	<p>In which one of the following regions was Dhanyakataka, which flourished as a prominent Buddhist centre under the Mahasanghikas, located?</p> <p>(a) Andhra (b) Gandhara (c) Kalinga (d) Magadha</p>	A		History		
42	<p>With reference to ancient India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The concept of Stupa is Buddhist in origin. Stupa was generally a repository of relics Stupa was a votive and commemorative structure in Buddhist tradition. <p>How many of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://theprint.in/opinion/rise-and-fall-of-indian-buddhism-was-a-stranger-more-exciting-process-than-we-know/1321644/ https://www.news18.com/india/west-bengal-excavation-at-malda-court-leads-to-discovery-of-votive-stupa-historians-discuss-origin-7357837.html https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/1200-yr-old-miniature-stupas-found-in-nalanda-district/articleshow/96954648.cms	Jan-23
43	<p>With reference to ancient South India, Korkai, Poompuhar and Muchiri were well known as</p> <p>(a) capital cities (b) ports (c) centres of iron-and-steel making (d) shrines of Jain Tirthankaras</p>	B		Current Affairs	https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2022/sep/04/tamil-nadu-launches-underwater-survey-for-sangam-era-port-of-korkai-2494677.html	Sep-22

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44	Which one of the following explains the practice of 'Vattakirutal' as mentioned in Sangam poems? (a) Kings employing women bodyguards (b) Learned persons assembling in royal courts to discuss religious and philosophical matters (c) Young girls keeping watch over agricultural fields and driving away birds and animals (d) A king defeated in a battle committing ritual suicide by starving himself to death	D		History		
45	Consider the following dynasties : 1. Hoysala 2. Gahadavala 3. Kakatiya 4. Yadava How many of the above dynasties established their kingdoms in early eighth century AD? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) None	D		History		
46	With reference to ancient Indian History, consider the following pairs: Literary work Author 1. Devichandragupta : Bilhana 2. Hammira-Mahakavya : Nayachandra Suri 3. Milinda-panha : Nagarjuna 4. Nittivakyamrita : Somadeva Suri How many of the above pairs are correctly matched? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four	B	Milindapanha - Nagasena Devichandragupta - Vishakhadatta	History		
47	"Souls are not only the property of animal and plant life, but also of rocks, running water and many other natural objects not looked on as living by other religious sects." The above statements reflect one of the core beliefs of which one of the following religious sects of ancient India? (a) Buddhism (b) Jainism (c) Shaivism (d) Vaishnavism	B		History		

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48	Who among the following rulers of Vijayanagara Empire constructed a large dam across Tungabhadra River and a canal-cum-aqueduct several kilometers long from the river to the capital city? (a) Devaraya I (b) Mallikarjuna (c) Vira Vijaya (d) Virupaksha	A		History		
49	Who among the following rulers of medieval Gujarat surrendered Diu to Portuguese? (a) Ahmad Shah (b) Mahmud Begarha (c) Bahadur Shah (d) Muhammad Shah	C		History	https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/daman-diu-dadra-nagar-haveli-a-short-recent-history-6141034/	Nov-19
50	By which one of the following Acts was the Governor General of Bengal designated as the Governor General of India? (a) The Regulating Act (b) The Pitt's India Act (c) The Charter Act of 1793 (d) The Charter Act of 1833	D		History		
51	Consider the following Statements in relation to Janani Surakasha Yojana: 1. It is safe motherhood intervention of the State Health Departments. 2. Its objective is to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality among poor pregnant women. 3. It aims to promote institutional delivery among poor pregnant women. 4. Its objective includes providing public health facilities to sick infants up to one year of age. How many of the statements given above are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four	B	JSY is a 100 % centrally sponsored scheme.	Current Affairs	https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1843841	Jul-22

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52	<p>Consider the following statements in the context of interventions being undertaken under Anaemia Mukh Bharat Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It provides prophylactic calcium supplementation for pre-school children, adolescents and pregnant women. 2. It runs a campaign for delayed cord clamping at the time of child-birth. 3. It provides for periodic deworming to children and adolescents 4. It addresses non-nutritional causes of anaemia in endemic pockets with special focus on malaria, hemoglobinopathies and fluorosis. <p>How many of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	C	A key intervention is to give Prophylactic Iron and Folic Acid supplementation to children, adolescents and women of reproductive age and pregnant women irrespective of anemia, under Anaemia Mukh Bharat.	Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/more-indians-are-anaemic-than-before-67-pc-children-under-5-affected-nfhs-5-7914613/	May-22
53	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carbon fibres are used in the manufacture of components used in automobiles and aircrafts. 2. Carbon fibres once used cannot be recycled. <p>Which one 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>	A		Current Affairs	https://www.financialexpress.com/business/defence-indian-aircraft-industry-hit-by-non-availability-of-composites-2515271/ https://www.financialexpress.com/business/defence/carbon-fibre-in-aircraft-manufacturing-know-all-about-it/3100341/	May 2022, May 2023
54	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detection of car crash/collision which results in the deployment of airbags almost instantaneously 2. Detection of accidental free fall of a laptop towards the ground which results in the immediate turning off of the hard drive. 3. Detection of the tilt of the smart- phone which results in the rotation of display between portrait and landscape mode. <p>In how many of the above actions is the functions of accelerometer required?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/gadgets-news/smartphones-can-be-used-to-detect-the-structural-integrity-of-a-bridge-study/articleshow/95305761.cms?from=mdr https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/gadgets-news/explained-how-apple-and-googles-car-crash-detection-features-are-different-from-each-other/articleshow/94076307.cms	Nov 2022, Sep 2022

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55	<p>With reference to the role of biofilters in Recirculating Aquaculture System., consider the following statements :</p> <p>1. Biofilters provide waste treatment by removing uneaten fish feed.</p> <p>2. Biofilters convert ammonia present in fish waste to nitrate.</p> <p>3. Biofilters increase phosphorus as nutrient for fish in water</p> <p>How many of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	B	Biofilters do not increase phosphorus as nutrient for fish in water	Environment										
56	<p>Consider the following Pairs:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Objects in space</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Description</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Cepheids</td> <td>: Giant clouds of dust and gas in space</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Nebulae</td> <td>: Stars which brighten and dim periodically</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Pulsars</td> <td>: Neutron stars that are formed when massive stars run out of fuel and collapse</td> </tr> </table> <p>How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	Objects in space	Description	1. Cepheids	: Giant clouds of dust and gas in space	2. Nebulae	: Stars which brighten and dim periodically	3. Pulsars	: Neutron stars that are formed when massive stars run out of fuel and collapse	A	Neutron stars are formed when a massive star runs out of fuel and collapses. Cepheids, also called Cepheid Variables, are stars which brighten and dim periodically	Current Affairs	https://www.thehindu.com/children/the-letter-that-changed-the-universe/article66492665.ece	Feb-23
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57	<p>Which one of the following countries has its own Satellite Navigation System?</p> <p>(a) Australia (b) Canada (c) Israel (d) Japan</p>	D		Current Affairs	https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/technology/no-timeline-fixed-for-rolling-out-home-grown-gps-alternative-clarifies-govt/article65940741.ece	Sep 2022, Jan 2023								
58	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>1. Ballistic missiles are jet-propelled at subsonic speeds throughout their flights, while cruise missiles are rocket-powered only in the initial phase of flight.</p> <p>2. Agni-V is a medium-range supersonic cruise missile, while BrahMos is a solid-fuelled intercontinental ballistic missile.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	D		Current Affairs	<p>https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/supersonic-punch-hypersonic-killer-boost-india-cruise-missile-capability-2361624-2023-04-18</p> <p>https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-test-fires-agni-v-ballistic-missile-having-range-of-5000-km/article66268636.ece</p>	Dec 2022, Apr 2023								

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59	<p>Consider the following statements regarding mercury pollution:</p> <p>1. Gold mining activity is a source of mercury pollution in the world</p> <p>2. Coal-based thermal power plants cause mercury pollution</p> <p>3. There is no known safe level of exposure to mercury.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	<p>https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/greens-irked-by-centres-extension-to-coal-plants/article65862115.ece</p> <p>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/el-nino-raises-our-exposure-to-dangerous-mercury/articleshow/99675823.cms</p>	Apr 2023, Sep 2022
60	<p>With reference to green hydrogen, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. It can be used directly as a fuel for internal combustion.</p> <p>2. It can be blended with natural gas and used as fuel for heat or power generation.</p> <p>3. It can be used in the hydrogen fuel cell to run vehicles.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	<p>https://auto.economictimes.indiatimes.com/blog/managing-hydrogen-transportation-storage-dispensation/98381539</p>	Mar-23
61	<p>Consider the following Countries:</p> <p>1. Bulgaria</p> <p>2. Czech Republic</p> <p>3. Hungary</p> <p>4. Latvia</p> <p>5. Lithuania</p> <p>6. Romania</p> <p>How many of the above-mentioned countries share a land border with Ukraine?</p> <p>(a) Only two (b) Only three (c) Only four (d) Only five</p>	A	<p>It is bordered by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov to the south, Russia to the east and north, Belarus to the north, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary to the west, and Romania and Moldova to the south.</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/four-union-ministers-to-travel-to-ukraines-neighbouring-countries-to-coordinate-evacuation-of-indians/article65092161.ece</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/world/baltic-nations-close-borders-russians-ukraine-war-8160790/</p>	Feb 2022, Sep 2022
62	<p>With reference to the Earth's atmosphere, which one of the following statements is correct?</p> <p>(a) The total amount of insolation received at the equator is roughly about 10 times of that received at the poles.</p> <p>(b) Infrared rays constitute roughly two-thirds of insolation.</p> <p>(c) Infrared waves are largely absorbed by water vapour that is concentrated in the lower atmosphere</p> <p>(d) Infrared waves are a part of visible spectrum of waves of solar radiation</p>	C		Current Affairs	<p>https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/science/simulation-by-nasa-suggests-some-volcanoes-could-warm-climate-and-destroy-ozone-layer-7899824/</p>	May-23

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63	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement - I : The soil in tropical rain forests is rich in nutrients. Statement – II : The high temperature and moisture of tropical rain forests cause dead organic matter in the soil to decompose quickly. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement – I and Statement - II are correct and Statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect. (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct</p>	D		Environment		
64	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement – I: The temperature contrast between continents and oceans is greater during summer than in winter. Statement – II: The specific heat of water is more than that of land surface. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement – I and Statement - II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement -II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I (c) Statement – I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct.</p>	B		Current Affairs	https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/climate-change/how-the-earth-s-tilt-creates-short-cold-january-days-86923	Jan-23
65	<p>Consider the following statement: 1. In a seismograph, P waves are recorded earlier than S waves. 2. In P waves, the individual particles vibrate to and fro in the direction of wave propagation whereas in S waves, the particles vibrate up and down at right angles to the direction of wave propagation. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-sci-tech/turkey-earthquake-measure-magnitude-explained-8426883/	Feb-23

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66	<p>With reference to coal-based thermal power plants in India, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. None of them uses seawater. 2. None of them is set up in water – stressed district. 3. None of them is privately owned.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	D		Current Affairs	<p>https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/companies/power-plants-using-imported-coal-to-be-compensated-for-supply-in-times-of-crisis-cerc-9809861.html</p> <p>https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/pollution/it-is-imperative-to-improve-water-efficiency-in-india-s-coal-fired-thermal-power-plants-89484</p>	Jan 2023, May 2023
67	<p>'Wolbachia method' is sometimes talked about with reference to which one of the following?</p> <p>(a) Controlling the viral diseases spread by mosquitoes. (b) Converting crop residues into packing material (c) Producing biodegradable plastics (d) Producing biochar from thermos- chemical conversion of biomass</p>	A		Current Affairs	<p>https://theprint.in/opinion/moving-toward-malaria-free-india-not-easy-but-new-age-technology-has-answers/1107941/</p>	Sep-22
68	<p>Consider the following activities:</p> <p>1. Spreading finely ground basalt rock on farmlands extensively 2. Increasing the alkalinity of oceans by adding lime 3. Capturing carbon dioxide released by various industries and pumping it into abandoned subterranean mines in the form of carbonated waters.</p> <p>How many of the above activities are often considered and discussed for carbon capture and sequestration?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Environment		
69	<p>'Aerial metagenomics' best refers to which one of the following situations?</p> <p>(a) Collecting DNA samples from air in a habitat at one go (b) Understanding the genetic makeup of avian species of a habitat (c) Using air-borne devices to collect blood samples from moving animals. (d) Sending drones to inaccessible areas to collect plant and animal samples from land surfaces and water bodies.</p>	A		Current Affairs	<p>https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2022/01/08/wildlife-can-now-be-detected-by-sniffing-dna-in-the-air</p>	Jan-22

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70	<p>'Microsatellite DNA' is used in the case of which one of the following?</p> <p>(a) Studying the evolutionary relationships among various species of fauna</p> <p>(b) Stimulating 'stem cells' to transform into diverse functional tissues</p> <p>(c) Promoting clonal propagation of horticultural plants</p> <p>(d) Assessing the efficacy of drugs by conducting series of drug trials in a population.</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/the-dynamic-dna-thank-your-parents-for-hair-skin-eye-colour-even-the-fingerprints/articleshow/97916166.cms?from=mdr	Feb-23
71	<p>Consider the following statements with reference to India:</p> <p>1. According to the 'Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006', the 'medium enterprises' are those with investments in plant and machinery between Rs.15 crore and Rs.25 crore.</p> <p>2. All bank loans to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises qualify under the priority sector.</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	<p>Bank loans to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, for both manufacturing and service sectors are eligible to be classified under the priority sector as per the following norms:</p> <p>Manufacturing Enterprises - The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises engaged in the manufacture or production of goods to any industry specified in the first schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 and as notified by the Government from time to time. The Manufacturing Enterprises are defined in terms of investment in plant and machinery</p> <p>Service Enterprises - Bank loans up to Rs 5 crore per unit to Micro and Small Enterprises and Rs 10 crore to Medium Enterprises engaged in providing or rendering of services and defined in terms of investment in equipment under MSMED Act, 2006.</p>	Current Affairs	https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/sme/msme-eodb-govt-data-amid-covid-disruption-thousands-of-micro-enterprises-grew-into-small-businesses/2606600/	Nov-22
72	<p>With reference to Central Bank digital currencies, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. It is possible to make payments in a digital currency without using US dollar or SWIFT system.</p> <p>2. A digital currency can be distributed with a condition programmed into it such as a time-frame for spending it.</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>	C		Current Affairs	<p>https://www.financialexpress.com/world-news/how-chinas-debt-trap-diplomacy-will-use-cbdcs-to-replace-the-swift-banking-system/2667020/</p> <p>https://www.brookings.edu/techstream/the-innovators-dilemma-and-u-s-adoption-of-a-digital-dollar/</p>	Sep-22

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73	In the context of finance, the terms 'beta' refers to (a) the process of simultaneous buying and selling of an asset from different platforms (b) an investment strategy of a portfolio manager to balance risk versus reward. (c) A type of systemic risk that arises where perfect hedging is not possible (d) A numeric value that measures the fluctuations of the stock to changes in the overall stock market	D		Current Affairs	https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/expert-view/what-do-alpha-smart-beta-strategies-mean-jayesh-bhanushali-explains/articleshow/98894681.cms?from=mdr	Mar-23
74	Consider the following statements: 1. The self-Help Group (SHG) programme was originally initiated by the State Bank of India by providing microcredit to the financially deprived. 2. In an SHG, all members of a group take responsibility for a loan that an individual member takes. 3. The Regional Rural Banks and Scheduled Commercial Banks support SHGs. How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None	B	In India, banks are the predominant agency for delivery of micro-credit. In 1970, Ilaben Bhat, founder member of 'SEWA' (Self Employed Women's Association) in Ahmadabad, had developed a concept of 'women and micro-finance'. The Annapurna Mahila Mandal' in Maharashtra and 'Working Women's Forum' in Tamilnadu and many National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)-sponsored groups have followed the path laid down by 'SEWA'. 'SEWA' is a trade union of poor, self-employed women workers.	Schemes		
75	Consider the following statements: Statement – I: India's public sector health care system largely focuses on curative care with limited preventive, promotive and rehabilitative care. Statement-II: Under India's decentralized approach to health care delivery, the States are primarily responsible for organizing health services. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement – I is correct but Statement – II is incorrect (d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct.	C	Health care covers not merely medical care; all aspects like preventive and curative and rehabilitative care are given due importance.	Schemes	https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/71447/1/Unit-7.pdf	

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76	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>Statement – I : According to the United Nations’ ‘World Water Development Report, 2022’, India extracts more than a quarter of the world’s groundwater withdrawal each year.</p> <p>Statement – II India needs to extract more than a quarter of the world’s groundwater each year to satisfy the drinking water and sanitation needs of almost 18% of world’s population living in its territory.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for statement – I</p> <p>(b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I</p> <p>(c) Statement-I is correct but Statement – II is incorrect</p> <p>(d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct.</p>	C	About 89% of this groundwater is used in India for irrigation.	Current Affairs	https://factly.in/review-un-world-water-development-report-2022-highlights-the-over-exploitation-of-groundwater/	May-22
77	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>1. According to the Constitution of India, the Central Government s has a duty to protect States from internal disturbances.</p> <p>2. The Constitution of India exempts the States from providing legal counsel to a person being held for preventive detention.</p> <p>3. According to the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002, confession of the accused before the police cannot be used as evidence.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one</p> <p>(b) Only two</p> <p>(c) All three</p> <p>(d) None</p>	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 355 states, "It shall be the duty of the Union to protect every State against external aggression and internal disturbance and to ensure that the Government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution." Article 22(3) provides that the rights available to an arrested person will not be applicable in case of preventive detention, thus an exception is carved out. According to the Prevention of Terrorism Act , 2002, confession of the accused before the police can be used as evidence. 	Current Affairs	<p>https://thewire.in/law/undue-process-heres-whats-wrong-with-the-supreme-courts-pmla-judgment</p> <p>https://thewire.in/government/the-mysterious-case-of-the-imposition-of-article-355-in-manipur</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-law/amritpal-nsa-national-security-act-explained-criticisms-8509503/</p>	Aug 2022, Mar 2023
78	<p>Which one of the following countries has been suffering from decades of civil strife and food shortages and was in news in the recent past for its very severe famine?</p> <p>(a) Angola</p> <p>(b) Costa Rica</p> <p>(c) Ecuador</p> <p>(d) Somalia</p>	D		Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-global/somalis-are-dying-of-hunger-but-why-no-famine-declaration-8281397/	Nov-22

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79	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>1. In India, the Biodiversity Management Committees are key to the realization of the objectives of the Nagoya Protocol.</p> <p>2. The Biodiversity Management Committees have important functions in determining access and benefit sharing, including the power to levy collection fees on the access of biological resources within its jurisdiction.</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		Current Affairs	https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/government-to-strengthen-biodiversity-management-committees-in-local-bodies/article66533016.ece	Feb-23
80	<p>Consider the following statements in respect of election to the President of India:</p> <p>1. The members nominated to either House of the Parliament or the Legislative Assemblies of States are also eligible to be included in the Electoral College.</p> <p>2. Higher the number of elective Assembly seats, higher is the value of vote of each MLA of that State.</p> <p>3. The value of vote of each MLA of Madhya Pradesh is greater than that of Kerala.</p> <p>4. The value of vote of each MLA of Puducherry is higher than that of Arunachal Pradesh because the ratio of total population to total number of elective seats in Puducherry is greater as compared to Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1842456 https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/presidential-poll-uttar-pradesh-mlas-vote-value-highest-sikkims-lowest/articleshow/92912257.cms?from=mdr https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/value-of-vote-of-mps-goes-down-to-700-from-708-in-2022-presidential-poll-122060900943_1.html	Jul-22
81	<p>With reference to the Indian History, Alexander Rea, A. H. Longhurst, Robert Sewell, James Burgess and Walter Elliot were associated with</p> <p>(a) archaeological excavation (b) establishment of English Press in Colonial India (c) establishment of Churches in Princely States. (d) Construction of railways in Colonial India.</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/asi-strikes-gold-at-adichanallur-finds-diadem/articleshow/93442508.cms https://tourism.ap.gov.in/assets/img/Brochures/AP%20Buddhist%20Places%20Brochure.pdf	Aug-22

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82	<p>Consider the following pairs: Site Well known for 1. Besnagar - Shaivite cave shrine 2. Bhaja - Buddhist cave shrine 3. Sittanavasal - Jain cave shrine How many of the above pairs are correctly matched? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://www.newindianexpress.com/opinions/2022/mar/16/a-magnificent-varaha-panel-in-madhya-pradesh-2430490.html https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/sittanavasals-jain-monuments-weathering-the-elements-and-public-apathy/article65931192.ece https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/travel/destinations/all-you-need-to-know-about-the-rock-cut-caves-of-udayagiri-madhya-pradesh/articleshow/93542172.cms	Mar, Aug 2022
83	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement – I : 7th August is declared as the National Handloom Day. Statement – II: It was in 1905 that the Swadeshi Movement was launched on the same day. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I (c) Statement – I is correct but Statement– II is incorrect (d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct</p>	A		Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/national-handloom-day-2022-how-self-help-groups-sustain-indian-handicrafts-handlooms-har-ghar-tiranga-8074511/	Aug-22
84	<p>Consider the following statements in respect of the National Flag of India according to the Flag Code of India, 2002: Statement – I : One of the standard sizes of the National Flag of India is 600 mm x 400 mm. Statement – II: The ratio of the length to the height (width) of the Flag shall be 3:2. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement – I is correct but Statement – II is incorrect (d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct.</p>	D		Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/tricolour-display-rules-independence-day-explained-8086735/ https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/flagcodeofindia_070214.pdf	Aug-22

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85	<p>Consider the following statements in respect of the Constitution Day :</p> <p>Statement – I : The Constitution Day is celebrated on 26th November every year to promote constitutional values among citizens.</p> <p>Statement – II : On 26th November, 1949, the Constitution Assembly of India set up a Drafting Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar to prepare a Draft Constitution of India.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement – I</p> <p>(b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I</p> <p>(c) Statement-I is correct but Statement – II is incorrect</p> <p>(d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct.</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/india-constitution-day-8290256/	Nov-22
86	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>Statement – I : Switzerland is one of the leading exporters of gold in terms of value.</p> <p>Statement – II : Switzerland has the second largest gold reserves in the world.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I</p> <p>(b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I</p> <p>(c) Statement is correct but Statement – II is incorrect</p> <p>(d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct</p>	C		Current Affairs	https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/switzerland-accounts-for-half-of-indias-gold-imports-in-fy21/articleshow/84504434.cms	Jul-21

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87	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement – I: Recently, the United States of America (USA) and the European Union (EU) have launched the 'Trade and Technology Council'.</p> <p>Statement – II : The USA and the EU claim that through this they are trying to bring technological progress and physical productivity under their control.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement-I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct</p>	C	The EU-US Trade and Technology Council serves as a forum for the United States and European Union to coordinate approaches to key global trade, economic, and technology issues and to deepen transatlantic trade and economic relations based on these shared values.	Current Affairs	<p>https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/eu-sets-up-trade-technology-council-with-india-after-similar-partnership-with-us/article66479205.ece</p> <p>https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/eu-us-trade-and-technology-council_en</p>	Feb-23
88	<p>Consider the following statements: Statement – I : India accounts for 3.2% of global export of goods.</p> <p>Statement – II: Many local companies and some foreign companies operating in India have taken advantage of India's 'Production-linked Incentive' scheme.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I (c) Statement – I is correct but Statement – II is incorrect (d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct</p>	D		Current Affairs	<p>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-aims-for-10-share-in-global-exports-by-2047/articleshow/95054809.cms?from=mdr</p>	Oct-22
89	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>The Stability and Growth Pact of the European Union is a treaty that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> limits the levels of the budgetary deficit of the countries of the European Union makes the countries of the European Union to share their infrastructure facilities enables the countries of the European Union to share their technologies <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	A	The purpose of the SGP was to ensure that fiscal discipline would be maintained and enforced in the European Union.	Current Affairs	<p>https://indianexpress.com/article/world/europes-covid-related-debts-7277756/</p>	Apr-21

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90	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <p>1. Recently, all the countries of the United Nations have adopted the first – ever compact for international migration, the ‘Global Compact for safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)’.</p> <p>2. The objectives and commitments stated in the GVM are binding on the UN member countries.</p> <p>3. The GCM addresses internal migration or internally displaced people also in its objectives and commitments.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	A	<p>The pact was agreed by all 193 members, except the United States. But at the ceremony to adopt the text on 10 December, only 164 countries formally adopted it. The global compact is non-legally binding. The GCM focuses on international migration only.</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-retelling-of-the-indian-migrant-workers-plight/article66311091.ece</p>	Dec-22		
91	<p>With reference to Home Guards, consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Home Guards are raised under the Home Guards Act and Rules of the Central Government.</p> <p>2. The role of the Home Guards is to serve as an auxiliary force to the police in maintenance of internal security.</p> <p>3. The prevent infiltration on the international border / coastal areas, the Border Wing Home Guards Battalions have been raised in some States.</p> <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	B	<p>Home Guards are raised under the Home Guards Act and Rules of the States/Union Territories. They are recruited from amongst all classes of people and walks of life, who give their spare time to the organisation for betterment of the community.</p>	Polity				
92	<p>With reference to India, consider the following pairs :</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Action</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">The Act under which it is covered</td> </tr> </table> <p>1. Unauthorized wearing : The Official Secrets of police or military Act, 1923 uniforms</p> <p>2. Knowingly misleading : The Indian Evidence or otherwise interfering Act, 1872 with a police officer or military officer when engaged in their duties</p> <p>3. Celebratory gunfire : The Arms (Amend- which can endanger ment)Act, 2019 the personal safety of others</p> <p>How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	Action	The Act under which it is covered	B	<p>Official secrets act stated that No person in the vicinity of any prohibited place shall obstruct, knowingly mislead or otherwise interfere with or impede, any police officer, or any member of engaged on guard, Sentry, patrol, or other similar duty in relation to the prohibited place.</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/karnataka-high-court-denies-bail-man-naval-base-pics-pakistan-isi-8039474/</p>	Jul-22
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93	<p>Consider the following pairs : Regions often being in news Reason for mentioned in news</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Kivu and Ituri : War Between Armenia and Azerbaijan 2. Nagorno – Karabakh : Insurgency in Mozambique 3. Kherson and Dispute between Zaporizhzhia : Israel and Lebanon <p>How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	D		Current Affairs	<p>https://indianexpress.com/article/world/new-ebola-case-confirmed-in-eastern-congo-linked-to-previous-outbreak-8105624/</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-global/nagorno-karabakh-explained-tensions-rising-8575078/</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/russia-ukraine-war-kherson-region-strategic-importance-explained-8250917/</p>	Aug 2022, Apr 2023, Nov 2022
94	<p>Consider the following statements : Statement – I : Israel has established diplomatic relations with some Arab States. Statement – II : The ‘Arab Peace Initiative’ mediated by Saudi Arabia was signed by Israel an Arab League.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct6 in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and Statement – II is the correct explanation for Statement – I (b) Both Statement – I and Statement – II are correct and statement – II is not the correct explanation for Statement – I (c) Statement – I is correct but Statement – II is incorrect (d) Statement – I is incorrect but Statement – II is correct</p>	C		Current Affairs	<p>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/nolimits/growing-economic-cooperation-would-diversify-and-strengthen-the-india-israel-relations/</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-israel-uae-trade-pact-more-than-another-international-deal-7949380/</p>	June 2022, May 2023
95	<p>Consider the following pairs with regard to sports awards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major Dhyan Chand : For the most Khel Ratna Award spectacular and outstanding performance by a sportsperson over period of last four years 2. Arjuna Award : For the lifetime achievement by a sportsperson 3. Dronacharya Award : To honour eminent coaches who have successfully trained sportspersons or teams 4. Rashtriya Khel : To recognize the Protsahan Puraskar - contribution made by sportspersons even after their retirement <p>How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	B		Current Affairs	<p>https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1880090</p>	Nov-22

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96	<p>Consider the following statements in respect of the 44th Chess Olympiad, 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was the first time that Chess Olympiad was held in India. 2. The official mascot was named 'Thambi'. 3. The trophy for the winning team in the open section is the Vera Menchik Cup. 4. The trophy for the winning team in the women's section is the Hamilton- Russell Cup. <p>How many of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	B		Current Affairs	<p>https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/chess/stalin-rahman-rajnikanth-and-thambi-the-horseman-8055492/</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/chess/all-eyes-on-india-ahead-of-the-44th-chess-olympiad-8054150/</p>	Jul-22
97	<p>Consider the following pairs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donbas : Syria 2. Kachin : Ethiopia 3. Tigray : North Yemen <p>How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	D	<p>The Donbas or Donbass is a historical, cultural, and economic region in eastern Ukraine.</p> <p>Kachin State also known by the endonym Kachinland, is the northernmost state of Myanmar.</p> <p>Tigray is Ethiopia's northernmost region. Bordering Eritrea.</p>	Current Affairs	<p>https://indianexpress.com/article/world/ethnic-group-says-myanmar-air-attack-kills-80-at-celebration-8229620/</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-global/explained-tigray-crisis-who-chief-ignored-racism-8115334/</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/world/putin-declares-victory-in-embattled-donbas-region-of-luhansk-8008743/</p>	Aug, July, Oct 2022
98	<p>In the recent year Chad, Guinea, Mali and Sudan caught the international attention for which one of the following reasons common to all of them?</p> <p>(a) Discovery of rich deposits of rare earth elements (b) Establishment of Chinese military bases (c) Southward expansion of Sahara Desert (d) Successful coups</p>	D		Current Affairs	<p>https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/explained-the-ouster-of-burkina-fasos-leader-in-second-military-coup-in-a-year/article65971603.ece</p>	Oct-22
99	<p>Consider the following heavy industries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fertilizer plants 2. Oil refineries 3. Steel plants <p>Green hydrogen is expected to play a significant role in decarbonizing how many of the above industries?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	C		Current Affairs	<p>https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/renewable/focus-has-green-hydrogen-sprung-a-leak/96446866</p>	Dec-22

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100	<p>Consider the following statements about G-20:</p> <p>1. The G-20 group was originally established as a platform for the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to discuss the international economic and financial issues.</p> <p>2. Digital public infrastructure is one of India's G-20 priorities.</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		Current Affairs	<p>https://indianexpress.com/article/india/govt-india-g20-task-force-digital-public-infrastructure-8399452/</p> <p>https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-g20-presidency-calender-2023-8472752/</p>	Jan-23