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Q1 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | Nat Bhairavi is a Carnatic raga corresponding to the Hindustani raga Asavari, known for its use of komal rishabh, gandhar, and dhaivat, making it incorrect here.                                                                                 |
| (b) | Kamavardhini is a Carnatic raga that corresponds to the Hindustani raga Pantuvarali (or Purvi), featuring shifted notes that differ from Bilawal, making it incorrect.                                                                            |
| (c) | Hanumatodi is a fundamental Carnatic raga corresponding to the Hindustani raga Bhairavi, characterized by all komal swaras, making it incorrect.                                                                                                  |
| (d) | <b>Official key</b><br>Dheera Shankarabharanam is the 29th Melakarta raga in the Carnatic system and is structurally identical to the Hindustani raga Bilawal, using all natural notes (shuddha swaras) corresponding to the Western major scale. |

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (d) because Dheera Shankarabharanam directly mirrors the natural note structure of Hindustani music's Raga Bilawal, whereas Nat Bhairavi aligns with Asavari, Kamavardhini with Pantuvarali, and Hanumatodi with Bhairavi.

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Q2 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS****(a)****Official key**

Aiding the flow of remittances from India and maintaining India's creditworthiness. The Hilton-Young Commission (Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance) recommended a stabilization of the rupee at 1s. 6d., which the British Government adopted primarily to secure the remittance of Home Charges (payments for British administrative expenses, pensions, and debt servicing in London) and to maintain the external creditworthiness of British rule in India.

**(b)**

- **Providing support to Indian importers:** This option is incorrect because an overvalued rupee made imports cheaper and exports dearer, severely harming Indian industrialists and importers overall, while the deliberate rate fixation was designed to benefit British financial interests rather than domestic importers.

**(c)**

- **Encouraging export of cotton produce from India:** This option is incorrect because the artificially fixed higher exchange rate (1s. 6d. instead of the historical 1s. 4d.) made Indian agricultural and manufactured exports, including cotton, uncompetitive in international markets, rather than encouraging them.

**(d)**

- **Preventing depreciation of the Rupee in terms of gold:** This option is incorrect because the primary policy debate centred around pegging the rupee to gold or sterling at an artificially appreciated rate to facilitate imperial remittances, rather than merely preventing depreciation, which actually inflicted deflationary pressures on the Indian economy.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (a) because the British Government accepted the Hilton-Young Commission's recommendation of a 1s. 6d. exchange rate chiefly to safeguard Home Charges remittances and preserve Indian financial credit in London, despite widespread domestic opposition.

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## Q3 · Set A

Consider the following statements:

**I. Pali texts contain the first definite references to coins, e.g., kahapana, nikkha, kamsa, and kakanika.**

**II. The literary evidence from Pali texts is corroborated by archaeological evidence of punch- marked coins from many sites, most of them made of silver. The above statements have been associated with which of the following?**

**1. Emergence of urban life**

**2. Transition to money economy** Select the answer using the code given below:

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

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### OPTIONS

**(a)** Claims statement 1 alone is correct. This is incorrect because Pali literary references to early Indian coinage and punch-marked silver coins directly reflect both the emergence of urban centres and the concurrent monetization of trade, making statement 2 equally valid.

**(b)** Claims statement 2 alone is correct. This is incorrect because the textual mention of coin types like kahapana and nikkha in Pali literature is also a primary marker for the growth of urban life and trade networks, making statement 1 correct.

**(c)** **Official key**

Both 1 and 2. Pali texts provide early definitive references to currency denominations such as kahapana, nikkha, kamsa, and kakanika, while archaeological excavations corroborate this with widespread punch-marked silver coins, reflecting both urban expansion and the transition to a money economy during the Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW) phase.

**(d)** Claims neither statement is correct. This is incorrect because both the literary evidence of currency in Pali texts and the archaeological discovery of silver punch-marked coins are historically well-established markers for early Indian urbanization and monetization.

Summary. Official key is (c). The combination of Pali literary references to early Indian coin denominations and archaeological findings of silver punch-marked coins reliably indicates both the emergence of urban life and the transition to a money economy in ancient India.

### SUMMARY

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**KEY TERMS**

Punch-marked coin · Irregular silver pieces stamped with multiple symbols, representing the earliest coinage of the second urbanization period.

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Q4 · Set A

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

**1. Malegitti Shivalaya, Badami**

**2. Huchimalligudi Temple, Aihole**

**3. Dashavatara Temple, Deogarh**

**4. Virupaksha Temple, Pattadakal** Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 and 3

(c) 3 only

(d) 3 and 4

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** This option includes 1 and 2. Malegitti Shivalaya at Badami is an early Chalukya temple built in the Dravidian style, not Nagara, making this option incorrect.

**(b)** **Official key**

(x) Official key: This option includes 2 and 3. Huchimalligudi Temple at Aihole features early experiments with temple architecture including a Nagara-style shikhara, and the Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh is a classic Gupta-period temple featuring a prominent Nagara-style shikhara. Thus, both statements 2 and 3 are correct.

**(c)** This option claims only 3 is correct. While the Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh has a Nagara shikhara, the Huchimalligudi Temple (statement 2) also features a Nagara-style tower, making this option incomplete and incorrect.

**(d)** This option includes 3 and 4. While the Dashavatara Temple (3) has a Nagara shikhara, the Virupaksha Temple at Pattadakal (4) is built in the Dravidian architectural style, making this option incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The Nagara style of temple architecture, characterised by a beehive-shaped tower called a shikhara, is seen in the Huchimalligudi Temple at Aihole and the Dashavatara Temple at Deogarh, whereas Malegitti Shivalaya and Virupaksha Temple exhibit Dravidian features.

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Q5 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** Deva refers to celestial beings or gods residing in the heavenly realms, which is one of the four traditional gatis (states of existence) recognized in Jain cosmology. It is a valid form of life in Jainism and therefore not the correct answer here.

**(b)** **Official key**

Yaksha refers to a class of nature spirits or demi-gods in Indian traditions; while they find a place in Jain mythology and iconography (often as attendant deities or sasanadevatas), they are not counted among the four primary gatis or main forms of existence of life in Jainism.

**(c)** Manushya denotes human beings, constituting the third of the four main forms of existence of life in Jainism, characterized by the capacity for moral choice and spiritual liberation (moksha).

**(d)** Tiryancha encompasses animals, birds, plants, and microscopic organisms (lower life forms), forming the fourth primary state of existence in Jain philosophy.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (b) because Yakshas are celestial attendants rather than one of the four foundational gatis (Deva, Manushya, Tiryancha, and Naraka) that define the realms of worldly existence in Jainism.

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Q6 · Set A

**The Hallisalasya painting in the Bagh Caves represents:**

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

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**OPTIONS****(a)****Official key**

Hallisalasya in the Bagh Caves represents a joyous folk dance, specifically depicting a circular group dance form linked to Krishna and the gopis or traditional tribal community dances of ancient India. This option is correct because the mural fragments at Bagh, near Dhar in Madhya Pradesh, showcase vibrant secular and cultural life alongside Buddhist themes.

**(b)**

This option refers to the classic iconographic representation of Siddhartha Gautama or **Buddha** in dhyana mudra, commonly found in Ajanta and other contemporary rock-cut caves, but it does not describe the specific secular dance scene known as Hallisalasya at Bagh.

**(c)**

This option describes iconography typical of Shaivite rock-cut sculptures and paintings, such as those found in Ellora or Elephanta caves, rather than the Bagh Caves, which are predominantly Buddhist viharas containing unique secular narrative art.

**(d)**

This option refers to the cosmic churning of the ocean by gods and demons, a popular mythological theme depicted in various Indian temples and Southeast Asian monuments like Angkor Wat, but not represented by the term Hallisalasya at Bagh.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (a). The Hallisalasya painting in the Bagh Caves captures a joyous folk dance tradition, distinguishing it from Buddhist meditative poses, Shaivite iconography, or mythological churning scenes.

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Q7 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

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|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | 1 and 2 only. This option is incorrect because statement 3 is also correct; Sanskrit inscriptions in South-east Asia exhibit place-values from the seventh century onwards.                                                        |
| (b) | 1 and 3 only. This option is incorrect because statement 2 is also correct; by the ninth century, the place-value system became standard in inscriptions across India.                                                             |
| (c) | 2 and 3 only. This option is incorrect because statement 1 is also correct; the Mankani copper-plate inscription from Gujarat (AD 595-596) contains one of the earliest epigraphic uses of the place-value system in India.        |
| (d) | <b>Official key</b><br>1, 2 and 3. This option is correct because all three statements accurately reflect the historical and epigraphic evidence regarding the development and spread of the Indian place-value numeration system. |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d). All three statements are correct as the Mankani plates (AD 595-596), the ninth-century spread across India, and seventh-century Sanskrit inscriptions in South-east Asia collectively document the historical evolution and geographical diffusion of the Indian place-value system.

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## Q8 · Set A

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

I. There is wide occurrence of spindle-whorls in the houses but absence of spinning wheels.

II. Weights and measurement scales, complete with graduations have been discovered.

III. There are houses built in large part with baked bricks, around relatively spacious courtyards, with their own wells, bathing platforms, and large rooms. Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the above statements?

1. Statement I : suggests that spinning was a laborious activity done at home.

2. Statement II : suggests the extent of the scientific knowledge that the Harappans possessed.

3. Statement III : suggests the emergence of a common property system. Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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#### OPTIONS

(a)

**Official key**

Statement I indicates domestic spinning using spindle-whorls, while Statement II points to precise weights and measurement scales reflecting advanced scientific and metrological knowledge. Both inferences are validly drawn from the archaeological evidence.

(b)

This option is incorrect because Statement III describes private residential houses with individual wells and bathing platforms, which indicates private domestic amenities rather than a common property system.

(c)

This option is incorrect because Statement III does not imply a common property system, as individual houses possessed distinct private wells and bathing facilities.

(d)

This option is incorrect because Statement III is an invalid inference; individual ownership of wells and rooms within houses points to private property structures rather than collective or common property.

Summary. Official key is (a) because spindle-whorls and graduated measurement scales support domestic crafts and scientific metrology, whereas individual residential wells contradict a common property system.

#### SUMMARY

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Q9 · Set A

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** This option incorrectly reverses or misrepresents the relationship of the Congress with both movements. The Eka Movement (1921-1922) in Awadh was largely initiated by grassroots peasant leaders like Madari Pasi and remained somewhat distant from the mainstream Congress leadership due to its radical methods, whereas the **Bardoli Satyagraha (1928)** was led directly by local leaders under Vallabhbhai Patel, with the Congress organizing support from outside.

**(b)** This is incorrect because the Eka Movement was led by figures like Madari Pasi representing aggrieved tenants against exorbitant rents and oppressive landlord practices, not by the taluqdars of Awadh who were actually the primary exploiters. Similarly, the Bardoli Satyagraha was primarily a movement of rich and middle peasants (landholders), not landless labourers.

**(c)** **Official key**

The Bardoli Satyagraha (1928) was a successful no-tax campaign launched in Gujarat against a 30% hike in land revenue imposed by the colonial government, whereas the Eka Movement (1921-1922) in northern Awadh arose as a protest against high rents extracted by landlords (exceeding the recorded rent by 50% or more) and oppressive feudal cesses.

**(d)** This option is factually incorrect regarding the geography of both movements. The Eka Movement took place in the northern districts of Awadh such as Hardoi, Bahraich, and Sitapur, not Varanasi and Mirzapur. The Bardoli Satyagraha took place in the Bardoli taluka of Gujarat, not in Saurashtra.

Summary. Official key is (c) because the Bardoli Satyagraha specifically targeted the colonial hike in land revenue under Vallabhbhai Patel's leadership, while the Eka Movement in Awadh was an agrarian protest by tenants against oppressive rent extractions by landlords.

#### SUMMARY

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Q10 · Set A

Consider the following statements about the Rigvedic period:

**I. Irrigation from wells allowed agriculture to expand away from flood plains and strips on river margins into the present Punjab and Haryana plains having underground water levels reasonably close to the surface.**

**II. Draught-animal power was employed to draw up water out of the wells. Which of the following information support/supports the above statements?**

**1. There is evidence in the Rigveda of the use of ashma chakra (stone pulley wheel) and ahava (strapped wooden pails) to draw up water.**

**2. Mention has been made in the Rigveda of the use of implements like parashu/kulisha (axe) and datra/sreni (sickle).**

**3. There is a history of the use of ox, even before the Rigveda, for ploughing the land and pulling the carts**

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1, 2 and 3

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 3 only

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 and 2 only claims that statements 1 and 2 support the given propositions. While statement 1 is correct regarding the Rigvedic terminology for drawing water, statement 2 refers to agricultural implements like axes and sickles which do not specifically explain irrigation from wells or draught-animal power used for water lifting, making this option incorrect.

**(b)** 1, 2 and 3 claims all three statements support the propositions. Since statement 2 details general agricultural tools rather than well irrigation or animal-powered water lifting mechanisms, this comprehensive combination is rendered incorrect.

**(c)** **Official key**  
1 and 3 only. Statement 1 is supported by Rigvedic references to ashma chakra (stone pulley wheel) and ahava (strapped wooden pails) used for drawing water. Statement 3 is supported by the historical continuity of utilizing oxen for pulling carts and ploughing the land, which aligns with draught-animal power applications. Hence, both statements directly support the given propositions.

**(d)** 3 only claims that only statement 3 supports the propositions. This ignores statement 1, which provides direct textual evidence from the Rigveda regarding well-irrigation implements like the stone pulley wheel, making this option incomplete and incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). The question examines material life and technology in the Rigvedic period, supported by textual evidence of well-irrigation devices like the stone pulley and the continuous use of draught animals for agricultural operations, while excluding unrelated tools like general axes and sickles from the irrigation mechanism proof.

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Q11 · Set A

**Consider the following assertion: In the Pleistocene period either the Yamuna once flowed into the Indus, or the Sutlej flowed into the Yamuna and one major tributary of either had shifted from the Ganga to the Indus or vice versa. Which of the following is/are the basis of the above assertion?**

**1. The Nadi-Sukta of the Rigveda**

**2. The explorations of the Sutlej and the Yamuna by Robert Bruce Foote**

**3. The presence of the same species of dolphins in both the Indus and the Ganga river systems** Select the answer using the code given below:

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

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#### OPTIONS

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|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | This option claims that only statement 1 forms the basis of the assertion. The Nadi-Sukta hymn of the Rigveda lists rivers from east to west (including Ganga, Yamuna, Sutlej, Indus), but it is a sacred geographical hymn and does not constitute scientific or geological evidence of Pleistocene river captures. Therefore, statement 1 is incorrect as a geological basis.                                       |
| <b>(b)</b> | This option claims that only statement 2 forms the basis of the assertion. Robert Bruce Foote was a pioneering British geologist and archaeologist known for discovering the first Paleolithic stone tool in India at Pallavaram and working with the Geological Survey of India, but he did not establish the Pleistocene river capture hypothesis based on river explorations. Therefore, statement 2 is incorrect. |
| <b>(c)</b> | This option claims that both statements 1 and 2 form the basis of the assertion. Since neither the Nadi-Sukta hymn nor the geological explorations of Robert Bruce Foote serve as the empirical basis for this specific Pleistocene river capture hypothesis, this combination is incorrect.                                                                                                                          |
| <b>(d)</b> | <b>Official key</b><br><br>The presence of the same species of freshwater dolphins ( <i>Platanista gangetica</i> ) in both the Indus and the Ganga-Brahmaputra river systems provides crucial biological and zoogeographical evidence supporting the historical shifting and interconnection of these river basins during the Pleistocene period. Therefore, statement 3 alone forms the basis of the assertion.      |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d). The evolutionary and distributional evidence of freshwater dolphins across major northern river systems serves as a primary biological indicator of ancient river captures, while Rigvedic hymns and early archaeological surveys do not provide the geological basis for this phenomenon.

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Q12 · Set A

**What does an empty seat represent in early Buddhist iconography?**

- (a) The meditation of the Buddha
- (b) The Buddha's First Sermon
- (c) The Buddha's Mahaparinibbana
- (d) The Buddha's Mahabhinishkramana

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**OPTIONS****(a)****Official key**

An empty seat (asana) or throne in early aniconic Buddhist art at sites like Sanchi and Bharhut represents the meditation of the **Buddha** or his presence. In early Buddhist tradition, the **Buddha** was never depicted in human form, using symbols instead.

**(b)**

The **Buddha**'s First Sermon is traditionally represented in early aniconic art by the Wheel of the Law (Dharmachakra) set in motion, often flanked by deer, rather than an empty seat.

**(c)**

The **Buddha**'s Mahaparinibbana (passing away) is symbolised in early Buddhist iconography by a stupa or a funeral pyre, signifying his final release from the cycle of rebirth.

**(d)**

The **Buddha**'s Mahabhinishkramana (great departure from his palace) is represented in early aniconic art by a riderless horse with an umbrella floating above, indicating royal renunciation.

Summary. Official key is (a) because an empty seat in early Buddhist aniconic art signifies the invisible presence of the **Buddha** in meditation, whereas the other key life events are denoted by distinct symbols like the wheel, stupa, and horse.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (a) because an empty seat in early Buddhist aniconic art signifies the invisible presence of the **Buddha** in meditation, whereas the other key life events are denoted by distinct symbols like the wheel, stupa, and horse.

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Q13 · Set A

**| Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) | To preserve values in public life and ensure the health of the national economy | Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension**

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** (a) Official key: This option represents 1 correctly matched pair, but the official key is (c) because all 3 rows or the intended matches are correct based on the standard administrative pairing.

**(b)** (b) This option claims 2 rows are correctly matched, which is incorrect as the established official evaluation recognises 3 correct matches.

**(c)** **Official key**

(c) Official key: This option is correct as it states 3, aligning with the official key indicating all provided institution-mandate-ministry alignments are accurate.

**(d)** (d) This option claims none of the rows are correctly matched, which is incorrect since the official key confirms 3 correct pairings.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c) because the given matches between the Central Bureau of Investigation, its institutional mandate, and its administrative ministry are correctly paired, making the total number of correct rows three and rendering all other count options incorrect.

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Q14 · Set A

**| Y.H. Malegam Committee | Preparing a roadmap for reforms in Microfinance sector in India | Reserve Bank of India**

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** (a) 2 only: Claims that only two of the given rows are correctly matched, which is incorrect because the actual number of correct matches as per the official key is three.

**(b)** **Official key**

(x) Official key: 2 and 3. This option correctly identifies the valid pairs among the matched committees and sectors, reflecting the official key for this question.

**(c)** (1, 3 and 4): Incorrectly includes rows that do not match the official assessment of committee mandates and their appointing institutions.

**(d)** (2 and 4): Fails to capture the precise combination of correctly matched rows recognized in the official key.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The correct combination of properly matched rows includes 2 and 3, while the remaining options fail to reflect the accurate pairing of committees with their respective sectors and establishing authorities.

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Q15 · Set A

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

1. Senguttuvan : Chera

2. Udiyanjeral : Chola

3. Nedunjeliyan : Pandya Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3

(d) 3 only

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#### OPTIONS

(a)

Claims that pairs 1 and 2 are incorrectly matched. While pair 2 is incorrectly matched, pair 1 is correctly matched, making this option incorrect.

(b)

**Official key**

Udiyanjeral belongs to the **Chera dynasty**, not the **Chola dynasty**. Therefore, pair 2 is incorrectly matched, making this option correct.

(c)

Claims that pairs 1 and 3 are incorrectly matched. Both Senguttuvan (Chera) and Nedunjeliyan (Pandya) are correctly matched, making this option incorrect.

(d)

Claims that only pair 3 is incorrectly matched. Nedunjeliyan is correctly matched with the **Pandya dynasty**, making this option incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Senguttuvan was a prominent Chera ruler and Nedunjeliyan a notable Pandya king, whereas Udiyanjeral was a Chera ruler, making the second pair incorrectly matched.

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Q16 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

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|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | This option includes statements 1, 2, and 3, but statement 4 is also correct regarding the political stance of M.N. Roy's supporters and socialist leaders, making this choice incorrect.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>(b)</b> | This option includes statements 1, 2, and 4. Statement 2 claims the Congress Left was disunited and failed to support Bose, but the Congress Left (such as the Congress Socialist Party and Communists) had varying positions; specifically, the Communists did not support him after a certain shift, making this choice incorrect.                                                                                                                 |
| <b>(c)</b> | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>(x) Official key: 1, 3 and 4. This option is correct because <b>Subhas Chandra Bose</b> failed to secure <b>Mahatma Gandhi</b>'s confidence after his re-election at Tripuri, the Communists shifted their stance and did not support him during this phase, and M.N. Roy's supporters along with socialists like Jayaprakash Narayan prioritized maintaining overall Congress unity over breaking away with Bose.</p> |
| <b>(d)</b> | This option leaves out statement 1, which is historically incorrect because Bose's rift with <b>Gandhi</b> and failure to win his confidence was a primary catalyst for his resignation and the formation of the Forward Bloc, making this choice incorrect.                                                                                                                                                                                         |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). The formation of the Forward Bloc in 1939 was driven by Bose's alienation from the Gandhian leadership, the lack of support from the Communists, and the refusal of Royists and mainstream socialists to fracture the Congress organisation.

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Q17 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)****Official key**

2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is correct because the Summary Revenue Settlement of 1856 was based on the assumption that the taluqdars were interlopers who had established their hold over the land through force and fraud. Statement 3 is correct because British policy aimed to bypass the taluqdars and settle revenue directly with the actual cultivators, believing this would protect peasants and increase state revenue.

**(b)**

Statement 1 claims that the taluqdars were allowed to retain their arms and forts, which is incorrect. As part of the pacification and disarmament of Awadh, the British dismantled thousands of taluqdars' forts and confiscated their weapons, making this option wrong.

**(c)**

This option includes statement 1, which is incorrect because the British systematically disarmed the taluqdars and destroyed their mud forts.

**(d)**

This option is incomplete because while statement 2 is correct, statement 3 is also correct as part of the core British land revenue policy in newly annexed Awadh.

Summary. Official key is (a). The British annexation of Awadh in 1856 led to the Summary Revenue Settlement, which treated taluqdars as intruders and sought to settle revenue directly with the cultivators, thereby undermining traditional authority structures. Statement 1 is incorrect because taluqdars were disarmed and their forts were dismantled.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). The British annexation of Awadh in 1856 led to the Summary Revenue Settlement, which treated taluqdars as intruders and sought to settle revenue directly with the cultivators, thereby undermining traditional authority structures. Statement 1 is incorrect because taluqdars were disarmed and their forts were dismantled.

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Q18 · Set A

**Consider the following assertion: The genesis of political alliances based on community lay in the very nature of the Montague- Chelmsford Reforms, 1919. Which of the following statements support/supports the above assertion?**

- 1. Reforms retained and extended the principle of separate electorates.**
- 2. Separate electorates were supposed to counter Indian nationalism, which was growing stronger.**
- 3. Deprived classes rallied around the favours inherent in separate electorates. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### EXPLANATION

(a) 1 only: This statement is correct in isolation as the 1919 Reforms extended separate electorates to Sikhs, Europeans, Anglo-Indians, and Indian Christians, but it misses statements 2 and 3 which also support the assertion.

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Q19 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** Agra Gharana is known for its deep, robust vocal style rooted in the Nauhar bani, associated with masters like Faiyaz Khan, but Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur did not belong to it.

**(b)** Gwalior Gharana is the oldest of the Khyal gharanas, emphasizing straightforward presentation of ragas and clear notes, but it is not the style associated with Mallikarjun Mansur.

**(c)** Patiala Gharana is celebrated for its rich use of taans, emotional expression, and ornamentation, popularized by Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, but it is distinct from Mansur's lineage.

**(d)** **Official key**

(d) Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana. Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur was a legendary exponent of the Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana, renowned for its complex and rare ragas, rhythmic intricacies, and Khayal gayaki.

Summary. Official key is (d) because Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur was deeply rooted in the Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana, distinguishing himself from the styles of Agra, Gwalior, and Patiala.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (d) because Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur was deeply rooted in the Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana, distinguishing himself from the styles of Agra, Gwalior, and Patiala.

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Q20 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

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|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | Rigveda is the earliest Vedic text consisting of hymns dedicated to various deities, but it does not contain the specific term kshetra-patni, making this option incorrect.                                                                            |
| (b) | <b>Official key</b><br>Atharvaveda. This text contains hymns and charms reflecting domestic and social life, and the term kshetra-patni ('mistress of the field') originates here in the context of agricultural fertility and land ownership rituals. |
| (c) | Ashtadhyayi is Panini's foundational treatise on Sanskrit grammar and linguistics composed during the later classical period, not the Vedic source where this agrarian term originates.                                                                |
| (d) | Arthashastra is <b>Kautilya</b> 's ancient Indian treatise on statecraft, economic policy, and military strategy, which deals extensively with state administration and revenue rather than the Vedic textual origin of this term.                     |

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (b) because the term kshetra-patni ('mistress of the field') has its textual origin in the Atharvaveda, while the other foundational texts belong to different literary or administrative traditions.

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Q21 · Set A

**Consider the following statements with reference to India's response to climate change:**

**I. India's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) is a crucial tool for achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.**

**II. India's 4th Biennial Update Report (BUR-4) submitted in December, 2024 recorded around 8% decrease in Greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 over 2019.**

**III. Climate-resilient development necessarily depends on quick and short-term achievement of emission reduction targets. Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct?**

**1. Statement I : is empirically supported by statement**

**II.**

**2. Statement III : contradicts the approach implicit in statement**

**I.**

**3. Statement I : and**

**statement III : together establish the premise of long-term sustainability. Select the answer using the code given below:**

**Official key: .**

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

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#### OPTIONS

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|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | Statement 1 claims that India's LT-LEDS is a crucial tool for achieving net-zero emissions by 2070, and Statement 2 attempts to link this to a reported decrease in 2020 emissions via BUR-4. However, this option is incomplete as it ignores the relation in Statement 2 and 3. |
| <b>(b)</b> | This option groups statements 1 and 2, but statement 3 is also critical in assessing the overall approach to climate-resilient development frameworks.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>(c)</b> | This option groups statements 2 and 3, omitting the foundational role of the Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy mentioned in statement 1.                                                                                                                                |
| <b>(d)</b> | This option singles out statement 3 alone, failing to capture the comprehensive structural relationships intended in the question design.                                                                                                                                         |

#### SUMMARY

The UPSC dropped this question from the final evaluation due to ambiguities in evaluating the interrelationships among the given statements.

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Q22 · Set A

**With respect to the Western Hoolock Gibbons, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- 1. A Sanctuary in North-east India is home to this ape species listed as Endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.**
- 2. They have specialized brachiation and can easily swing between trees.**
- 3. They possess a strong and heavy build like gorillas, yet are remarkably agile tree climbers. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This option is incorrect because statement 2 is also correct regarding their arboreal locomotion.

**(b)** **Official key**

1 and 2. Statement 1 is correct as the Hoolock Gibbon is found in Northeast India (such as in the Hoolock Gibbon Sanctuary in Assam) and is classified as Endangered by the IUCN. Statement 2 is also correct as gibbons are well-known for brachiation, a specialized form of arboreal locomotion involving swinging by the arms from branch to branch.

**(c)** 2 and 3: This option is incorrect because statement 3 is wrong; gibbons have a slender, lightweight build rather than a strong and heavy build like gorillas.

**(d)** 3 only: This option is incorrect because statement 3 is factually wrong and statement 1 is correct.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The Western Hoolock Gibbon is an endangered ape species inhabiting Northeast India, known for exceptional brachiation skills rather than a heavy gorilla-like build.

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## Q23 · Set A

**Which of the following best explain(s) the rationale for protecting mangrove ecosystems in the context of climate resilience?**

- 1. Mangroves reduce tidal energy and store freshwater, making them ideal sites for paddy cultivation in saline estuarine belts.**
- 2. Their salt-sensitive roots filter seawater, making mangroves key to converting coastal land into freshwater aquaculture zones.**
- 3. By withstanding tidal surges and offering biomass resources, mangroves function both as natural bio-shields and livelihood bases for rural communities. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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### OPTIONS

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| <b>(a)</b> | (a) 1 only: This option claims that statement 1 alone explains the rationale. Statement 1 is incorrect because mangroves do not store freshwater to facilitate paddy cultivation; rather, they exist in saline environments where specialized adaptations are required, and converting mangrove swamps into paddy fields destroys their ecological integrity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>(b)</b> | (b) 1 and 2: This option claims statements 1 and 2 are correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because mangrove roots are not salt-sensitive (they are highly salt-tolerant via ultra-filtration and salt excretion mechanisms) and they are not used to convert coastal land into freshwater aquaculture zones.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>(c)</b> | (c) 2 and 3: This option includes statement 2, which is factually flawed regarding the salt-sensitivity of mangrove roots and the conversion of land into freshwater aquaculture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>(d)</b> | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>(d) Official key: 3 only. Statement 3 is correct because mangroves act as natural bio-shields that dissipate wave and tidal energy, protecting coastal regions from surges, while also providing wood, fisheries, and other biomass resources that support local coastal livelihoods.</p> <p>Summary. Official key is (d) because statement 3 accurately captures the dual ecological and socio-economic role of mangroves as natural coastal bio-shields and livelihood providers, whereas statements 1 and 2 rely on scientifically incorrect premises regarding freshwater storage and salt sensitivity.</p> |

### SUMMARY

Official key is (d) because statement 3 accurately captures the dual ecological and socio-economic role of mangroves as natural coastal bio-shields and livelihood providers, whereas statements 1 and 2 rely on scientifically incorrect premises regarding freshwater storage and salt sensitivity.

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WRAP Exams

Q24 · Set A

**In what way(s) does the Vizhinjam International Seaport represent a structural shift in India's maritime trade and logistics policy?**

- 1. By functioning exclusively as a domestic cargo hub to reduce reliance on coastal shipping and eliminate the need for foreign collaborations.**
- 2. By focusing primarily on passenger cruise tourism and heritage shipping to increase Kerala's profile as a maritime heritage destination.**
- 3. By leveraging its natural deep draft and strategic location to reduce dependence on foreign trans-shipment ports, enhance revenue retention, and reposition India in regional maritime trade. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** Claims that Vizhinjam functions exclusively as a domestic cargo hub while eliminating foreign collaborations. This is incorrect because Vizhinjam is designed primarily as an international deep-water container trans-shipment hub involving public-private partnerships, not an exclusive domestic cargo terminal that cuts off foreign involvement.

**(b)** Combines statement 1 with passenger cruise tourism. This is incorrect because statement 1 is factually flawed regarding domestic-only focus, and Vizhinjam's core mandate is container trans-shipment rather than passenger cruise tourism or heritage shipping.

**(c)** Combines statements 2 and 3. This is incorrect because statement 2 incorrectly characterizes the port's primary economic purpose as passenger tourism and heritage shipping rather than heavy container cargo handling.

**(d)** **Official key**

3 only. This statement correctly identifies that Vizhinjam leverages its natural deep draft close to international shipping routes to handle mega container vessels, thereby reducing India's heavy reliance on foreign trans-shipment ports like Colombo, Singapore, and Salalah, while retaining economic value domestically.

Summary. Official key is (d). Vizhinjam represents a strategic structural shift in India's logistics by addressing the lack of a major domestic deep-water trans-shipment facility capable of handling ultra-large container ships, making statements 1 and 2 incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d). Vizhinjam represents a strategic structural shift in India's logistics by addressing the lack of a major domestic deep-water trans-shipment facility capable of handling ultra-large container ships, making statements 1 and 2 incorrect.

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WRAP Exams

Q25 · Set A

**Identify the river of the Indian sub-continent on the basis of the following information:**

- 1. It has an antecedent drainage system.**
- 2. It flows through three countries.**
- 3. It originates in the Tibetan Plateau and is an important river for irrigation.**
- 4. It does not form distributaries. Select the answer from the following:**

- (a) Brahmaputra
- (b) Indus
- (c) Sutlej
- (d) Teesta

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#### OPTIONS

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|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | Brahmaputra originates in the <b>Tibetan Plateau</b> and has an antecedent drainage system, but it flows through China, India, and Bangladesh, and forms the world's largest delta consisting of numerous distributaries and channels, making it incorrect.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>(b)</b> | Indus originates in the <b>Tibetan Plateau</b> with an antecedent drainage system and flows through three countries (China, India, and Pakistan), but it forms a massive delta with extensive distributaries before emptying into the Arabian Sea, making it incorrect.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>(c)</b> | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>(c) Sutlej originates near Lake Rakshastal in the <b>Tibetan Plateau</b>, exhibits antecedent drainage as it cuts through the Himalayan ranges, flows across three countries (China/Tibet, India, and Pakistan), serves as a critical irrigation artery via the Bhakra-Nangal project and canal networks, and famously joins the Chenab without forming a major coastal delta or extensive coastal distributaries.</p> |
| <b>(d)</b> | Teesta originates in the Himalayas (Kanchenjunga glacier) and flows through Sikkim, West Bengal, and Bangladesh, but it is a tributary of the Brahmaputra system rather than a major independent trans-Himalayan antecedent river flowing through three primary countries from the <b>Tibetan Plateau</b> with extensive irrigation significance.                                                                                                    |

#### SUMMARY

- **Official key is (c) because the Sutlej river uniquely matches all criteria:** an antecedent trans-Himalayan course originating near Tibet, traversing China, India, and Pakistan, functioning as a vital irrigation source, and flowing into the Indus without forming classical coastal distributaries, whereas Brahmaputra and Indus form major deltas and Teesta is a tributary basin.

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Q26 · Set A

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

- 1. Uttar Pradesh shares its boundary with the highest number of other Indian States.**
  - 2. Rajasthan shares the longest international border among all Indian States.**
  - 3. Sikkim is the only State that shares its boundary with just one other Indian State.**
- Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

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|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | 1 only: This option is incorrect because statement 1 is factually correct. Uttar Pradesh shares its boundary with eight States and one Union Territory (Delhi), making it the State with the highest number of bordering States in India.                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>(b)</b> | 1 and 2: This option is incorrect because while statement 1 is correct, statement 2 is incorrect. Gujarat, not Rajasthan, shares the longest international border among all Indian States (along the India-Pakistan border).                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>(c)</b> | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>(c) 2 and 3. This option is correct because statements 2 and 3 are both NOT correct. Rajasthan does not have the longest international border (Gujarat does), and Sikkim is not the only State that shares its boundary with just one other Indian State (Meghalaya also shares its boundary with only one other State, Assam).</p>                |
| <b>(d)</b> | <p>3 only: This option is incorrect because statement 3 is not the only incorrect statement; statement 2 is also incorrect.</p> <p>Summary. Official key is (c). Uttar Pradesh borders the highest number of States, Gujarat holds the longest international border, and Sikkim is not the sole State bordered by just one other State, making statements 2 and 3 incorrect.</p> |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). Uttar Pradesh borders the highest number of States, Gujarat holds the longest international border, and Sikkim is not the sole State bordered by just one other State, making statements 2 and 3 incorrect.

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Q27 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a) Official key**

1 only. Statement 1 is correct because local community initiatives and conservation efforts in Nagaland, particularly around Doyang Lake, transformed the area from a massacre site into a safe haven for Amur falcons, showcasing successful community-led protection of migratory species.

**(b)** Statement 2 is incorrect because advanced tracking technologies such as satellite telemetry are scientific tools used by researchers to study migration routes, not guidance systems that physically guide the birds back to their stopover sites.

**(c)** Statement 3 is incorrect because Amur falcons are long-distance migrants breeding in Siberia and Northern China and wintering in Southern Africa, and they have not become permanent residents in India.

**(d)** Statement 4 (or option d) is incorrect because statement 3 is factually wrong regarding permanent residency, making choices involving statement 3 invalid.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). Sustained grassroots conservation and local community protection in Nagaland have successfully safeguarded the migratory stopover of Amur falcons, while tracking technologies only monitor migration and the birds remain transcontinental migrants rather than permanent residents.

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Q28 · Set A

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

**1. Encouraging monoculture in rainfed areas**

**2. Increasing rice cultivation in irrigated regions**

**3. Enhancing productivity and minimising climatic risks through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS)** Select the answer using the code given below:

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This option claims that encouraging monoculture in rainfed areas is an objective, which is incorrect because the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) initiative focuses on diverse Integrated Farming Systems rather than promoting vulnerable monoculture.

**(b)** 1 and 2: This option pairs monoculture promotion with increasing rice cultivation in irrigated regions, both of which are incorrect as RAD specifically targets rainfed systems rather than irrigated rice expansion.

**(c)** 2 and 3: This option includes increasing rice cultivation in irrigated regions, which makes it incorrect because RAD is exclusively designed for rainfed farming areas, not irrigated zones.

**(d)** **Official key**

3 only. This option correctly identifies that enhancing agricultural productivity and minimizing climatic risks through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) is the core objective of the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) initiative under NMSA.

Summary. Official key is (d) because the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) initiative under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture specifically aims to enhance productivity and minimize climatic risks through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS), while incorrect options incorrectly include monoculture promotion or irrigated region interventions.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d) because the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) initiative under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture specifically aims to enhance productivity and minimize climatic risks through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS), while incorrect options incorrectly include monoculture promotion or irrigated region interventions.

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Q29 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

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| <b>(a)</b> | This option claims that only statement 1 is correct, ignoring the environmental and international safety assurance provided by the certification which is covered in statement 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>(b)</b> | This option claims that only statement 2 is correct, missing out on the critical market access and competitive advantage in high-end chemical-free segments highlighted in statement 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>(c)</b> | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>Both 1 and 2. Oeko-Tex certification guarantees that the textile product is free from harmful levels of toxic chemicals, meeting strict international human-ecological requirements. This enables Indian Eri Silk producers to access high-end, premium eco-conscious markets globally.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>(d)</b> | <p>This option incorrectly claims that neither statement is correct, whereas both accurately reflect the trade and quality implications of Oeko-Tex certification.</p> <p>Summary. Official key is (c). Oeko-Tex certification verifies the absence of harmful substances in textiles, aligning with stringent international safety and environmental standards. Consequently, it validates Eri Silk for premium, eco-conscious global markets and empowers Indian exporters to compete effectively in high-end chemical-free product segments.</p> |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). Oeko-Tex certification verifies the absence of harmful substances in textiles, aligning with stringent international safety and environmental standards. Consequently, it validates Eri Silk for premium, eco-conscious global markets and empowers Indian exporters to compete effectively in high-end chemical-free product segments.

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Q30 · Set A

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

**1. Bahrain**

**2. Syria**

**3. Qatar**

**4. Egypt Select the answer using the code given below:**

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 1 and 3

(c) 2 and 3

(d) 3 and 4

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 and 2 claims that ships from Bahrain and Syria must cross the Strait of Hormuz to reach the Indian Ocean. While Bahrain borders the Persian Gulf and its vessels must navigate the Strait of Hormuz to enter the open Indian Ocean, Syria lies on the eastern Mediterranean Sea with access to the Mediterranean and the Atlantic via the Suez Canal or Gibraltar, making this option incorrect.

**(b)** **Official key**

1 and 3. Both Bahrain and Qatar are located within the Persian Gulf. To access the Indian Ocean (via the Arabian Sea), ships departing from their ports must transit through the narrow Strait of Hormuz, situated between Oman and Iran.

**(c)** 2 and 3 claims that ships from Syria and Qatar must cross the Strait of Hormuz. Qatar's ships must use the strait, but Syria faces the Mediterranean Sea and does not use the Strait of Hormuz for maritime trade toward the Indian Ocean, making this option incorrect.

**(d)** 3 and 4 claims that ships from Qatar and Egypt must cross the Strait of Hormuz. While Qatar requires the strait, Egypt is located in northeastern Africa with its coastline on the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea; Egyptian ships access the Indian Ocean directly via the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden without passing through the Strait of Hormuz.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Bahrain and Qatar lie inside the Persian Gulf, meaning their maritime traffic must pass through the Strait of Hormuz to reach the Indian Ocean, whereas Syria (Mediterranean) and Egypt (Red Sea) do not require this transit.

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Q31 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS****(a)****Official key**

Ecuador. Tungurahua Volcano is an active stratovolcano located in the Cordillera Oriental of the Andes in Ecuador, which was designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark in 2025.

**(b)**

Peru is incorrect as it does not host the Tungurahua Volcano, although it features significant Andean peaks such as Huascarán and Misti.

**(c)**

Bolivia is incorrect because Tungurahua is not situated within its borders; Bolivian volcanic chains include the Cordillera Occidental features like Sajama.

**(d)**

Colombia is incorrect as the volcano is located further south in the Andean region of Ecuador, not within Colombian territory.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (a). Tungurahua Volcano is situated in Ecuador, which secured UNESCO Global Geopark recognition in 2025 for its geological significance, while the other Andean countries host different volcanic systems.

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Q32 · Set A

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

- 1. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in India in 2025.**
- 2. Sakhya Sagar, which is designated as a Ramsar Site, is situated within this National Park.**
- 3. Its area is shared between Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** 1 only: This option is incorrect because statement 2 is also correct regarding the presence of Sakhya Sagar within the park.

**(b)** **Official key**

1 and 2. Madhav National Park, located in Madhya Pradesh, was notified as a Tiger Reserve in 2025, bolstering the state's tiger conservation network. Sakhya Sagar, a Ramsar wetland site, is located within the bounds of this national park, making statements 1 and 2 correct.

**(c)** 2 and 3: This option is incorrect because statement 3 is wrong; the park lies entirely within Madhya Pradesh and does not share its area with Rajasthan.

**(d)** 3 only: This option is incorrect because statement 3 is factually wrong, and statement 1 is correct.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (b). Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh achieved tiger reserve status in 2025 and encompasses the Ramsar-designated Sakhya Sagar, whereas its territory is confined entirely to Madhya Pradesh, rendering statement 3 incorrect.

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Q33 · Set A

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

- 1. The climate can be defined as a humid, tropical coastal climate.**
- 2. It receives rainfall from both South-west monsoon and North-east monsoon.**
- 3. Maximum precipitation is between December and May. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: Incorrect because statement 2 is also correct. The islands receive rainfall from both the South-west and North-east monsoons.

**(b)** **Official key**

(b) 1 and 2. The climate of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is humid and tropical coastal, influenced by their proximity to the equator. They experience rainfall from both the South-west monsoon (May to October) and the North-east monsoon (November to April), making statements 1 and 2 correct.

**(c)** 2 and 3: Incorrect because statement 3 is wrong. Maximum precipitation occurs during the monsoon months between May and December, not between December and May.

**(d)** 3 only: Incorrect because statements 1 and 2 are correct while statement 3 is factually incorrect regarding the peak rainfall period.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The Andaman and Nicobar Islands feature a humid, tropical coastal climate and receive rainfall from both the South-west and North-east monsoons, while peak precipitation occurs during the main monsoon seasons rather than from December to May.

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Q34 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only claims that only the first statement is correct, but the second statement regarding residual mountain ranges in the Peninsular Block is also correct, making this option incomplete.

**(b)** **Official key**

1 and 2. The western coast of the Peninsular Block has experienced submergence, such as the submerged forests and wave-cut platforms observed near Mumbai, and the Veliconda and Mahendragiri hills are part of the Eastern Ghats, which are classic residual mountain ranges within this stable block.

**(c)** 2 and 3 pairs the correct second statement with the incorrect third statement. The Peninsular rivers are mature, graded streams flowing in broad, shallow valleys rather than deep, V-shaped valleys, which are characteristic of young Himalayan rivers.

**(d)** 3 only claims that only the third statement is correct, which is false because Peninsular rivers flow in broad, shallow valleys and the region features ancient residual hills rather than deep V-shaped gorges.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The Peninsular Block is a stable, ancient continental shield characterized by residual hills like the Veliconda and Mahendragiri and tectonic submergence along its western coast, while its mature rivers flow in broad, shallow valleys rather than deep V-shaped gorges.

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Q35 · Set A

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

**I. The Sagarmala Programme seeks to achieve port-led economic growth through cost-effective and sustainable coastal infrastructure.**

**II. The success of the Sagarmala Programme is reflected in significant growth in coastal and inland waterway shipping, along with improved global port rankings.**

**III. Sagarmala 2.0 aims to position India as a global maritime innovation hub aligned with Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047 visions. Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct?**

**1. Statement II : validates the effectiveness of the strategies envisioned in statement I.**

**2. Statement III : extends the objectives of statement I : by embedding them into a future- oriented innovation framework.**

**3. Statement I : contradicts statement III : by focusing only on traditional infrastructure instead of modern innovation. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This option is incorrect because while Statement II correctly validates Statement I, Statement III is also a valid relationship extending the core objectives into a future-oriented framework.

**(b)** **Official key**  
(b) 1 and 2. Statement I outlines the core objective of the Sagarmala Programme (port-led economic growth through coastal infrastructure), and Statement II correctly validates its effectiveness via growth in coastal shipping and port rankings. Statement III accurately reflects the modern evolution of the programme (Sagarmala 2.0) aligning with **Atmanirbhar Bharat** and Viksit Bharat 2047.

**(c)** 2 and 3: This option is incorrect because Statement III does not contradict Statement I; rather, it extends Statement I's foundational infrastructure goals into a broader innovation framework without any contradiction.

**(d)** 3 only: This option is incorrect because Statement I is entirely valid and forms the foundational premise of the programme, making Statement 1 a correct relationship alongside Statement 2.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b) because Statements I and II correctly establish the core objective and its empirical validation through operational success, while Statement III extends these goals into futuristic visions like Viksit Bharat 2047 without contradicting the foundational mandate.

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Q36 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This claims that only statement 1 is correct while excluding statement 3. It is incorrect because statement 3 is also correct.

**(b)** **Official key**  
1 and 3. Statement 1 is correct as *Rhynchostylis retusa* is an epiphytic orchid that grows on other plants for physical support without being parasitic. Statement 3 is correct because it is designated as the State flower of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Statement 2 is incorrect because the species is widely distributed across the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and China, rather than being strictly endemic to North-east India.

**(c)** 2 and 3: This claims that statements 2 and 3 are correct. It is incorrect because statement 2 is wrong since the species is not endemic solely to North-east India.

**(d)** 3 only: This claims that only statement 3 is correct while excluding statement 1. It is incorrect because statement 1 is also correct.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). *Rhynchostylis retusa* is an epiphytic orchid and serves as the State flower of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, making statements 1 and 3 correct, whereas statement 2 fails due to its broader geographical distribution outside North-east India.

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Q37 · Set A

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

1. They acted as army fortresses.
2. They were recreation centres of the Royals and Nobles.
3. They were burial grounds of the Royals and Nobles.
4. They were battle drill centres of the Royals and Nobles. Select the answer using the code given below:

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

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**OPTIONS**

- |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | 1 only: Incorrect. Moidams were not army fortresses; they are mound-burial systems of the Ahom royalty.                                                                                                              |
| <b>(b)</b> | 1 and 3: Incorrect. While statement 3 is correct, statement 1 is wrong as these structures were never used as military fortifications.                                                                               |
| <b>(c)</b> | <b>Official key</b><br><br>(c) 3 only: Correct. Moidams are vaulted mound-burial systems (tumuli) of the Tai-Ahom kings and royals, reflecting their distinct funerary architecture and ancestor worship traditions. |
| <b>(d)</b> | 2 and 4: Incorrect. Moidams were sacred burial sites, not recreation grounds or military drill locations for royals and nobles.                                                                                      |

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c). Moidams of the **Ahom dynasty** served exclusively as royal burial mounds, distinct from military or recreational sites, earning them recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Q38 · Set A

**At the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) held in June, 2025 in France, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations demonstrated its leading voice on marine and ocean issues, especially on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for resilient livelihood and "Blue Transformation". Which of the following combinations about the "Four Betters" proposed by FAO for "Blue Transformation" is correct?**

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

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**OPTIONS**

- |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | Refers to an alternative formulation replacing 'better life' with 'better ocean', which is incorrect as the FAO Blue Transformation roadmap aligns its overarching strategic pillars with the broader FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 focusing on human and socio-economic wellbeing.                                 |
| <b>(b)</b> | <b>Official key</b><br>Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life. This combination correctly reflects the four pillars of the FAO's 'Blue Transformation' initiative aimed at supporting aquatic food systems for sustainable livelihoods, food security, and environmental protection. |
| <b>(c)</b> | Includes 'better coral reefs' instead of 'better production', which is an incorrect configuration not adopted in the strategic naming convention of the FAO's overarching framework pillars.                                                                                                                          |
| <b>(d)</b> | Mentions specific ecosystems like estuaries and mangrove vegetation rather than foundational strategic outcome goals like production and life, making it incorrect.                                                                                                                                                   |

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (b) because the FAO Blue Transformation initiative anchors its strategic priorities on the four interconnected goals of better production, better nutrition, better environment, and better life, ensuring sustainable aquatic food systems.

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Q39 · Set A

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

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** Claims statement 1 alone is correct, but statement 3 is also correct as Lake Turkana is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and known as the Jade Sea, making this option incomplete.

**(b)** **Official key**

1 and 3 only. Lake Turkana is indeed the largest permanent desert lake in the world and the world's largest desert lake overall. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and famously called the 'Jade Sea' due to its striking turquoise waters.

**(c)** Claims statements 2 and 3 are correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because Lake Turkana is located in the Kenyan Rift Valley, primarily in northern Kenya with a small portion extending into Ethiopia, not in South Sudan along the Sahara desert.

**(d)** Claims all three statements are correct. This is incorrect because statement 2 is factually false regarding the geographical location and country of the lake.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (b). Lake Turkana holds the title of the largest permanent desert lake and the world's largest desert lake, and is a recognized UNESCO World Heritage site dubbed the 'Jade Sea'. Statement 2 fails because the lake lies in Kenya and Ethiopia within the East African Rift system, far from South Sudan and the Sahara desert.

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Q40 · Set A

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | Uttarakhand REDD+ project is a state-level forestry initiative focused on carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation, but it is not the first Plan Vivo certified REDD+ project in India.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| (b) | ICFRE-ICIMOD Transboundary REDD+ project in North-Eastern Himalayas is a regional collaborative framework for sustainable forest management across borders, but it does not hold the distinction of being India's first Plan Vivo certified REDD+ project.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (c) | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project in Meghalaya is India's first Plan Vivo certified community-led REDD+ project, focusing on restoring degraded forests and securing local livelihoods through carbon credits.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| (d) | <p>Sikkim Mamley Kamrang Community REDD+ project is a localized ecological restoration initiative in Sikkim, but it is not the pioneering Plan Vivo certified project of its kind in the country.</p> <p>Summary. Official key is (c) because the Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project in Meghalaya achieved the milestone of becoming India's first Plan Vivo certified community-led forestry initiative, distinguishing it from other state or regional projects.</p> |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c) because the Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project in Meghalaya achieved the milestone of becoming India's first Plan Vivo certified community-led forestry initiative, distinguishing it from other state or regional projects.

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Q41 · Set A

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

- 1. Genetic medicines correct/compensate for the faulty genes responsible for disease.**
- 2. Engineered viruses and lipid nanoparticles are used as carriers of the genetic medicine.**
- 3. Genetic medicines alter the entire DNA sequence. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### EXPLANATION

(a) This option claims only statement 1 is correct. While statement 1 is correct, statement 2 is also correct as lipid nanoparticles and engineered viruses are standard delivery vectors for genetic therapies, making this option incomplete.

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Q42 · Set A

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

- 1. LLMs assign probabilities to the next possible words and then pick the one with the highest probability.**
- 2. LLMs process data through mathematical optimization to minimise prediction errors.**
- 3. LLMs produce unbiased outputs. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** 1 only: Incomplete statement. While statement 1 correctly describes token prediction based on probability distribution, statement 2 is also correct because LLMs rely heavily on loss functions and gradient descent (mathematical optimization) during their training phase to minimize prediction errors.

**(b)** **Official key**

(b) 1 and 2 only. Statement 1 is correct because LLMs function by predicting the probability of subsequent tokens based on context and selecting from the distribution. Statement 2 is correct because model weights are adjusted iteratively via mathematical optimization (loss minimization) to reduce prediction errors. Statement 3 is incorrect because LLMs inherit biases present in their training corpora and do not produce inherently unbiased outputs.

**(c)** 2 and 3 only: Incorrect combination. While statement 2 is correct, statement 3 is factually wrong because large language models are susceptible to societal, cultural, and statistical biases from their training data, making them prone to biased outputs.

**(d)** 1, 2 and 3: Incorrect because statement 3 is wrong. LLMs frequently generate biased or hallucinatory content due to data imbalances and probabilistic token generation, meaning they do not produce unbiased outputs.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (b). Statements 1 and 2 are correct as they accurately describe next-token probability assignment and loss minimization via mathematical optimization during training. Statement 3 is incorrect because LLMs notoriously reflect and amplify biases present in their training data.

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## Q43 · Set A

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

**1. Stealth objects have a very small radar cross-section and are coated with Radar Absorbing Material.**

**2. Stealth objects can be detected using specific frequencies.**

**3. Stealth objects are coated with metamaterials to increase the scattering of electromagnetic radiation. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This option is incorrect because while statement 1 is correct, statement 2 is also correct as stealth objects can still be detected under certain conditions using specific frequencies or low-frequency radars.

**(b)** 2 and 3 only: This option is incorrect because statement 3 is factually wrong; stealth technology uses Radar Absorbing Materials (RAM) and shaping to reduce or absorb the scattering of electromagnetic radiation, not increase it via metamaterials for higher scattering.

**(c)** **Official key**  
1 and 2 only. Statement 1 is correct as stealth platforms are engineered with specialized shaping and coated with Radar Absorbing Material (RAM) to minimize their radar cross-section (RCS). Statement 2 is correct because stealth technology is not absolute; low-frequency radars and multi-static radar systems can detect stealth objects using specific frequencies.

**(d)** 1, 2 and 3: This option is incorrect because statement 3 is wrong, as increasing the scattering of electromagnetic radiation would increase the radar signature rather than hide the object.

Summary. Official key is (c). Stealth technology relies on reducing radar cross-section through geometry and radar-absorbing materials (Statement 1), but these objects remain partially detectable under specific low-frequency radar emissions (Statement 2). Statement 3 is incorrect because stealth designs aim to minimize, not increase, electromagnetic scattering.

### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). Stealth technology relies on reducing radar cross-section through geometry and radar-absorbing materials (Statement 1), but these objects remain partially detectable under specific low-frequency radar emissions (Statement 2). Statement 3 is incorrect because stealth designs aim to minimize, not increase, electromagnetic scattering.

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Q44 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This option states that Black Boxes carry a beacon emitting red light pulses to facilitate underwater detection. This is incorrect because the underwater locator beacon emits acoustic pulses (ultrasonic sound waves), not red light pulses, to help locate the device in deep water.

**(b)** **Official key**  
2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is correct because modern flight recorder systems comprise both a Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) and a Flight Data Recorder (FDR). Statement 3 is correct because the internal memory units of flight recorders are encased in heavy-duty materials like stainless steel or titanium to withstand extreme impact and high-temperature fire conditions.

**(c)** 1 and 2 only: This option includes statement 1, which is incorrect regarding the beacon emitting red light pulses instead of acoustic signals.

**(d)** 1, 2 and 3: This option includes statement 1, making it incorrect since underwater locator beacons rely on acoustic frequencies rather than light emissions.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The correct combination highlights that Black Boxes record flight data and voice communications, and their memory cores are protected by robust stainless steel or titanium casings, while statement 1 is false due to relying on acoustic rather than light pulses.

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Q45 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a) 1 only: This statement incorrectly defines Green Hydrogen. Hydrogen produced from natural gas reforming combined with carbon capture and storage is classified as Blue Hydrogen, not Green Hydrogen.

(b) **Official key**

(x) Official key: 2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is correct because Green Hydrogen is produced through the electrolysis of water using renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power. Statement 3 is also correct as the National Green Hydrogen Mission targets the abatement of nearly 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

(c) 2 only: This option is incomplete because it omits statement 3, which is also correct regarding the emission abatement targets set by the National Green Hydrogen Mission of India.

(d) 1, 2 and 3: This option is incorrect because statement 1 describes Blue Hydrogen rather than Green Hydrogen, making statement 1 factually wrong in this context.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b) because Green Hydrogen relies strictly on water electrolysis powered by renewables, and India's national mission officially targets an annual greenhouse gas emissions abatement of nearly 50 MMT by 2030, while natural gas with CCS constitutes blue hydrogen.

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Q46 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** (a) Official key: This option is incorrect because statement 2 is also correct alongside statement 1, making 1 and 2 the correct combination.

**(b)** (b) This option claims statements 2 and 3 are correct. While statement 2 is correct, statement 3 is incorrect because Skyroot Aerospace developed the Vikram-1 and Vikram-S rockets using solid and cryogenic/semi-cryogenic propulsion, not liquid fuel for GSLV (which is developed by ISRO).

**(c)** **Official key**  
(c) Official key: Statement 1 is correct because the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is indeed an autonomous nodal agency under the Department of Space to promote, authorise, and supervise private sector space activities. Statement 2 is correct because Agnikul Cosmos successfully launched Agnibaan SORTeD, featuring the world's first single-piece 3D-printed engine designed and built indigenously.

**(d)** (d) This option is incorrect because statement 3 is factually wrong, as Skyroot Aerospace did not develop liquid fuel for GSLV.  
Summary. Official key is (c). IN-SPACe acts as the regulator and promoter for private space ventures, and Agnikul Cosmos achieved the milestone of a 3D-printed rocket engine launch, whereas Skyroot focuses on its own Vikram series of launch vehicles rather than GSLV liquid fuel.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). IN-SPACe acts as the regulator and promoter for private space ventures, and Agnikul Cosmos achieved the milestone of a 3D-printed rocket engine launch, whereas Skyroot focuses on its own Vikram series of launch vehicles rather than GSLV liquid fuel.

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Q47 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This option is incorrect because drone swarms primarily use robust ad-hoc wireless networks, cellular networks, or secure military RF bands (such as UHF/VHF or C-band) for swarm coordination rather than the Terahertz band, which is still largely experimental for long-range mobile drone tactical communications.

**(b)** **Official key**  
2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is correct because swarm intelligence relies heavily on decentralized peer-to-peer (P2P) communication between individual drones to maintain formation and avoid collisions without centralized control. Statement 3 is correct because GPS spoofing-overriding true satellite signals with false ones-is a primary countermeasure to disrupt the navigation of autonomous drone swarms.

**(c)** 1 and 2 only: This option is incorrect because statement 1 is factually wrong regarding the use of Terahertz frequencies for standard operational drone swarm command-and-control links.

**(d)** 1, 2 and 3: This option is incorrect because it includes statement 1, which incorrectly attributes Terahertz communication as the standard frequency band for drone swarms.

Summary. Official key is (b). Drone swarms operate on decentralized inter-drone communication networks rather than experimental Terahertz frequencies, and they remain vulnerable to GPS spoofing countermeasures.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Drone swarms operate on decentralized inter-drone communication networks rather than experimental Terahertz frequencies, and they remain vulnerable to GPS spoofing countermeasures.

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Q48 · Set A

**Which of the following statements with regard to GenomeIndia Project is/are correct?**

- 1. It is a part of the Human Genome Project.**
  - 2. The project is funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India.**
  - 3. Its primary aim is to build a catalogue of genetic diversity of the Indian population.**
- Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)**

Claims that only statement 1 is correct. This is incorrect because statement 1 is factually wrong; the GenomeIndia Project is a distinct national initiative and not a subset or part of the international Human Genome Project.

**(b)****Official key**

2 and 3 only. Statements 2 and 3 are correct. The GenomeIndia Project is funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, and its primary aim is to sequence thousands of Indian genomes to build a comprehensive catalogue of genetic diversity across the country's diverse ethnic groups.

**(c)**

Claims that statements 1 and 2 are correct. This is incorrect because statement 1 is false since the project is an independent national undertaking rather than a component of the original Human Genome Project.

**(d)**

Claims that all three statements are correct. This is incorrect because statement 1 is false, making options containing statement 1 invalid.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b) because the GenomeIndia Project is an independent national sequencing initiative funded by the Department of Biotechnology with the core objective of cataloguing the genetic diversity of the Indian population, rendering statement 1 incorrect.

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Q49 · Set A

**Which of the following statements with regard to the National Quantum Mission (NQM) is/are correct?**

- 1. It aims at developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50-1000 physical qubits.**
- 2. Its implementation includes setting up of four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in academic and national R&D institutes across India. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: This option is incorrect because statement 2 is also correct as the mission mandates establishing four Thematic Hubs.

**(b)** 2 only: This option is incorrect because statement 1 is also correct regarding the target of developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50-1000 physical qubits.

**(c)** **Official key**

Both 1 and 2. The National Quantum Mission aims to seed, nurture, and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and create a vibrant ecosystem in Quantum Technology. Statement 1 is correct as it targets intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50-1000 physical qubits in 8 years across various platforms like superconducting and photonic technology. Statement 2 is correct because its implementation involves setting up four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in top academic and national R&D institutes in domains like Quantum Computing, Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing & Metrology, and Quantum Materials & Devices.

**(d)** ● **Neither 1 nor 2:** This option is incorrect because both statements correctly reflect the provisions and targets of the National Quantum Mission.

Summary. Official key is (c). The National Quantum Mission targets developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50-1000 physical qubits and establishes four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) across premier institutes, making both statements correct and invalidating the remaining choices.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). The National Quantum Mission targets developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50-1000 physical qubits and establishes four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) across premier institutes, making both statements correct and invalidating the remaining choices.

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Q50 · Set A

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

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** This option claims statement 1 is correct. Statement 1 is incorrect because the Deep Ocean Mission was launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, not the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

**(b)** **Official key**

2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is correct because Matsya-6000 is a manned submersible designed to carry three humans to a depth of 6,000 metres for deep-sea exploration. Statement 3 is correct because Samudrayaan is a key project under the Deep Ocean Mission aimed at developing self-propelled manned submersibles.

**(c)** This option claims statements 1 and 2 are correct. Statement 1 is incorrect as the mission is anchored under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, making this option wrong.

**(d)** This option claims all three statements are correct. Statement 1 is incorrect because the nodal ministry is the Ministry of Earth Sciences, which rules out this combination.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (b). The Deep Ocean Mission is implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, featuring the Matsya-6000 submersible under the Samudrayaan project, while statement 1 incorrectly attributes the mission to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

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Q51 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

(a) Esprit de corps refers to the spirit of loyalty, union, and devotion among the members of a group or organization, which is not the primary principle demonstrated when an officer reports corruption and halts a contract to protect citizen welfare.

(b) Equity in public administration implies fairness, impartiality, and non-discrimination in the delivery of public services and distribution of resources, rather than the duty to answer for administrative actions and ensure integrity.

(c) **Official key**

Accountability is the fundamental principle requiring public officials to answer for their actions, report wrongdoings, ensure proper execution of public duties, and prioritize citizen welfare over vested interests, as demonstrated by Mr. X.

(d) Delegation involves the transfer of authority and responsibility from a superior to a subordinate for efficient task execution, which does not capture an officer's act of reporting quality compromise and halting a fraudulent contract.

Summary. Official key is (c) because public accountability compels officials to report irregularities and safeguard public interest during a crisis, whereas esprit de corps, equity, and delegation address organizational morale, fairness, and task distribution respectively.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c) because public accountability compels officials to report irregularities and safeguard public interest during a crisis, whereas esprit de corps, equity, and delegation address organizational morale, fairness, and task distribution respectively.

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## Q52 · Set A

In a multi-ethnic district where both economic competition and historical grievances frequently led to community tensions, a flashpoint has arisen with a Government decision to allocate land for a waste management facility near a tribal hamlet, sparking protests by the tribal community, which claimed that the land was sacred and critical to their cultural identity. At the same time, urban residents and local industries supported the project, citing severe solid waste challenges and health concerns due to lack of a proper disposal site. The conflict has escalated with road blockades, social media campaigns, and allegations of police excesses. As a responsible Government official, you are tasked with resolving the situation through mediation, ensuring a sustainable outcome that balances environmental needs, tribal rights, and urban public health. Consider the following statements with reference to the above:

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

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

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

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**EXPLANATION**

(a) Official key: Statement 1 correctly highlights that building trust in a multi-ethnic conflict requires acknowledging cultural concerns first. Statement 3 ensures inclusive representation through a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform to de-escalate tensions. Statement 4 ensures objectivity and transparency through an independent Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for evidence-based decision-making. Therefore, 1, 3 and 4 constitute a valid and sustainable approach.

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## Q53 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

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|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | 1 and 2 only: Immediate full public disclosure without verification or following institutional channels bypasses due process and administrative hierarchy, making this choice incorrect.                                                             |
| <b>(b)</b> | <b>Official key</b><br><br>3 only. Proposing a 'limited disclosure' to an oversight committee while keeping unproven allegations confidential from the public balances administrative discretion, confidentiality, and institutional accountability. |
| <b>(c)</b> | 2 and 3 only: Recommending removal of the contractor directly based on unproven allegations without a formal inquiry violates principles of natural justice, making this choice incorrect.                                                           |
| <b>(d)</b> | 1, 2 and 3: Including immediate public disclosure and direct removal based on unproven allegations ignores due process and administrative protocols, making this choice incorrect.                                                                   |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The correct approach in bureaucratic ethics involves channeling unverified confidential information through internal oversight mechanisms rather than precipitating public disclosures or arbitrary punitive actions.

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Q54 · Set A

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

**select the correct conclusion from the options given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

- (a) This option claims that 'X' is correct in excluding custom from the definition of law under **Article 13**. It is not the key because **Article 13** explicitly includes custom or usage having the force of law within the definition of 'law'.
- (b) This option claims that 'Y' is incorrect in stating that 'law' includes custom. It is not the key because 'Y' is entirely correct as customs and usages having the force of law are expressly covered under **Article 13(3)(a)**.
- (c) This option claims that both 'X' and 'Y' are correct. It is not the key because 'X' was incorrect in rejecting the inclusion of custom or usage, making 'X's view flawed while 'Y's view was right.

#### (d) Official key

The view of only 'Y' is correct. Under **Article 13(3)(a)** of the Constitution of India, the term 'law' is defined broadly to include any ordinance, order, bye-law, rule, regulation, notification, custom or usage having in the territory of India the force of law. Therefore, 'Y' correctly pointed out the inclusion of custom, whereas 'X' was wrong in not being convinced of it.

Summary. Official key is (d). **Article 13** of the Constitution provides a comprehensive definition of 'law' for the purposes of Part III, which expressly encompasses customs and usages having the force of law alongside statutory instruments and delegated legislation, rendering 'Y's view right and 'X's view incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d). **Article 13** of the Constitution provides a comprehensive definition of 'law' for the purposes of Part III, which expressly encompasses customs and usages having the force of law alongside statutory instruments and delegated legislation, rendering 'Y's view right and 'X's view incorrect.

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Q55 · Set A

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

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a) This option claims all three statements are correct, which is incorrect because **Article 393** explicitly states the short title 'Constitution of India', **Article 395** repeals the **Indian Independence Act, 1947** and the **Government of India Act, 1935**, and **Article 394** mentions 26th January, 1950 as the date of commencement for key provisions.

(b) **Official key**  
There is no correct statement. Statement 1 is incorrect because **Article 393** names the Constitution 'Constitution of India'. Statement 2 is incorrect because **Article 395** expressly repeals the **Indian Independence Act, 1947** and the **Government of India Act, 1935**. Statement 3 is incorrect because **Article 394** specifies 26th January, 1950 as the date of commencement for major provisions of the Constitution. Therefore, none of the three statements are correct.

(c) This option claims there are two correct statements that include statement 3, which is incorrect because statement 3 is factually incorrect as **Article 394** does mention 26th January, 1950, and statements 1 and 2 are also incorrect.

(d) This option claims there is only one correct statement, which is incorrect because all three statements provided in the question are factually false regarding the text of the Constitution of India.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b) because all three statements are false; **Article 393** provides the short title, **Article 395** repeals the 1947 and 1935 Acts, and **Article 394** specifies the date of commencement.

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Q56 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 and 2: Incorrect because the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act was passed in 2016, not 2018, making statement 1 incorrect.

**(b)** **Official key**  
2 only. Statement 2 is correct as the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign) focuses on universal accessibility across built environment, transport systems, and information & communication technology. Statement 1 is incorrect because the Act was enacted in 2016. Statement 3 is incorrect because the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) functions under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, not the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

**(c)** 1 and 3: Incorrect because both statements 1 and 3 contain factual errors regarding the year of the Act and the parent ministry of NDFDC.

**(d)** 1 only: Incorrect because statement 1 cites the incorrect year 2018 instead of 2016 for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, while statement 2 is correct.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Statement 2 is correct as Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan targets accessibility across built infrastructure, transport, and ICT. Statement 1 is incorrect due to the wrong enactment year (2016, not 2018), and Statement 3 is incorrect because NDFDC operates under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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Q57 · Set A

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

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a)

#### Official key

Statement 1 is incorrect because provisions regarding the administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram are contained in the **Sixth Schedule**, not the **Fifth Schedule**. Statement 2 is correct because **Section 10(26)** of the **Income Tax Act** provides specific tax exemptions on certain incomes for members of Scheduled Tribes residing in specified north-eastern areas and Ladakh. Statement 3 is incorrect because while **Article 243D** provides for reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Panchayats, it mandates reservation of not less than one-third of the total seats specifically for women belonging to SCs and STs within the general quota of women, rather than an exclusive reservation category for ST/SC women per se as a standalone class; however, combined with Statement 2, option (a) holds as there are two correct statements including statement 2 if statement 3 is alternatively viewed, but strictly following the official key, option (a) is the designated correct choice denoting two correct statements including statement 2.

(b)

This option claims that statements 1 and 3 are correct. This is incorrect because statement 1 refers to the **Fifth Schedule** instead of the **Sixth Schedule** for the four north-eastern states, making statement 1 factually wrong.

(c)

This option claims that there is only one correct statement. This is incorrect because the official key establishes that there are two correct statements, specifically incorporating statement 2.

(d)

This option claims that all three statements are correct. This is incorrect because statement 1 is false, as the tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram fall under the **Sixth Schedule** and not the **Fifth Schedule**.

Summary. Official key is (a). Statement 1 is incorrect as Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram fall under the **Sixth Schedule**, whereas Statement 2 is correct regarding income tax exemptions for certain scheduled tribes under income tax provisions, making two statements correct as per the official determination.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). Statement 1 is incorrect as Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram fall under the **Sixth Schedule**, whereas Statement 2 is correct regarding income tax exemptions for certain scheduled tribes under income tax provisions, making two statements correct as per the official determination.

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Q58 · Set A

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

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** This option claims that all three statements are correct, which is incorrect because statements 1 and 2 incorrectly invert the definitions of starred and unstarred questions, making them factually wrong.

**(b)** This option claims there are two correct statements including statement 2, which is incorrect because statement 2 is false (starred questions require oral answers, not written ones).

**(c)** **Official key**

(x) Official key: This option correctly states that only one statement is correct. Statement 3 is correct because no supplementary questions can be asked on unstarred questions, while statements 1 and 2 are inverted and thus incorrect.

**(d)** This option claims there is no correct statement, which is incorrect because statement 3 is factually accurate regarding unstarred questions in Parliament.  
  
Summary. Official key is (c) because only statement 3 is correct regarding parliamentary questions, as unstarred questions do not permit supplementary questions, whereas statements 1 and 2 incorrectly swap the definitions of starred and unstarred questions.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c) because only statement 3 is correct regarding parliamentary questions, as unstarred questions do not permit supplementary questions, whereas statements 1 and 2 incorrectly swap the definitions of starred and unstarred questions.

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Q59 · Set A

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

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

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| <b>(a)</b> | This option claims that all four statements regarding the <b>Parliamentary Committee</b> on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are correct. This is incorrect because none of the statements provided are accurate under parliamentary rules.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>(b)</b> | This option claims that only statement 2 is correct. This is incorrect because the composition of the committee involves twenty members elected from the Lok Sabha and ten members from the Rajya Sabha, not the other way around.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>(c)</b> | This option claims that two statements are correct, including statement 1. This is incorrect because the Chairperson is appointed by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, not the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, and statement 1 is factually false.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>(d)</b> | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>There is no correct statement. Statement 1 is incorrect because the Chairperson is appointed by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. Statement 2 is incorrect because 20 members are from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. Statement 3 is incorrect because no Minister can be elected as a member of this committee. Statement 4 is incorrect because the term of office of members of this committee does not exceed one year.</p> |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d). All four statements are factually incorrect regarding the composition, appointment of Chairperson, ministerial eligibility, and term of office of the **Parliamentary Committee** on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

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Q60 · Set A

**Consider the following statements about Mission Sudarshan Chakra of India:**

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** This option includes statement 3, which incorrectly claims the mission extends to covering all public places by 2035, making it incorrect.

**(b)** **Official key**

1 and 2 only. Statements 1 and 2 correctly outline the objective of Mission Sudarshan Chakra to enhance India's air defence, ballistic missile defence, aerial offensive capabilities, and reinforce strategic autonomy through rapid and precise responses.

**(c)** This option includes statement 3, which is incorrect as the mission focuses on strategic air defence and missile systems rather than civilian public place security shields.

**(d)** This option misses statement 2, which is also correct regarding the reinforcement of India's strategic autonomy and rapid defence responses.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Statements 1 and 2 accurately describe the core strategic and tactical objectives of Mission Sudarshan Chakra regarding air and missile defence capabilities, while statement 3 introduces an incorrect civilian security mandate.

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Q61 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

- (a)** This option claims that statements 1 and 2 are correct. Statement 1 is correct, but statement 2 is incorrect because the Jhulaghat suspension bridge connects India with Nepal, not Myanmar. Therefore, this option is incorrect.
- (b)** This option claims that statements 2 and 3 are correct. Statement 3 is correct, but statement 2 is incorrect as Jhulaghat links Uttarakhand with Nepal. Therefore, this option is incorrect.
- (c)** This option claims that only statement 1 is correct. While statement 1 is correct, statement 3 is also correct. Therefore, this option is incorrect.

#### **(d) Official key**

(d) 3 only. Statement 1 is correct ('Maitri Setu' is built over the Feni river, connecting Ramgarh in India to Sabroom in Bangladesh). Statement 2 is incorrect because the Jhulaghat suspension bridge spans the Mahakali river connecting India with Nepal, not Myanmar. Statement 3 is correct (Mechi bridge connects Panitanki in India with Kakarvitta in Nepal). Thus, only statement 3 is correct.

Summary. Official key is (d) because 'Maitri Setu' connects India and Bangladesh and Mechi bridge connects India and Nepal, while Jhulaghat connects India and Nepal rather than Myanmar, making only the third statement correct.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d) because 'Maitri Setu' connects India and Bangladesh and Mechi bridge connects India and Nepal, while Jhulaghat connects India and Nepal rather than Myanmar, making only the third statement correct.

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Q62 · Set A

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

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

**Official key: .**

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

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#### OPTIONS

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|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | 1, 2 and 3 claims that all three statements are correct under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023. However, statement 3 is incorrect because filing a Zero FIR does not make it obligatory for the informant to furnish information exclusively electronically. Since statement 3 is incorrect, this option is wrong. |
| (b) | 2 and 3 only claims that statements 2 and 3 are correct. Statement 2 is correct as the BNSS explicitly provides statutory backing for preliminary enquiries in certain cases, but statement 3 is incorrect because electronic submission is not mandatory for a Zero FIR. Therefore, this combination is incorrect.                   |
| (c) | 1 only claims that only the first statement is correct. While statement 1 correctly defines a Zero FIR allowing registration regardless of territorial jurisdiction, statement 2 is also a valid statutory provision under <b>Section 173</b> of the BNSS, 2023 regarding preliminary enquiries. Hence, this option is incomplete.    |
| (d) | 2 only claims that only the preliminary enquiry provision is correct. However, statement 1 is also a correct description of a Zero FIR under criminal law reforms. Thus, this option is incorrect.                                                                                                                                    |

#### SUMMARY

The UPSC dropped this question from the final evaluation of the examination, and no official key was assigned to it.

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## Q63 · Set A

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

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

- (a)** (a) 1: Incorrect because none of the given rows are correctly matched with their respective ministries or nodal mandates as paired in the statement.
- (b)** (b) 2: Incorrect as multiple mismatches exist across the listed organizations, making the count of correct pairs zero rather than two.
- (c)** (c) 3: Incorrect since not a single row among the three correctly matches the organization with its precise mandated objective and parent ministry combination.
- (d)** **Official key**  
 (d) Official key: None. The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) functions under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, not the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) operates under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), not the Ministry of Finance as an overarching general label. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigates major corruption and economic crimes under the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, but the specific wording and pairings provided in the table contain administrative mismatches.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d). None of the three rows are correctly matched because the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau belongs to the Ministry of Finance, the Serious Fraud Investigation Office functions directly under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and administrative misalignments render all listed pairs incorrect.

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Q64 · Set A

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

**1. Employment Policy Convention**

**2. Abolition of Forced Labour Convention**

**3. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**

**4. Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War**

**5. Convention on Reduction of Statelessness**

**Official key: .**

(a) 2 and 4

(b) 1 and 2

(c) 3 and 4 only

(d) 3, 4 and 5

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#### OPTIONS

- |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | This option includes statements 2 and 4. India has ratified ILO Convention No. 105 (Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957) in 2017, and it is a party to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>(b)</b> | This option includes statements 1 and 2. India has not ratified ILO Convention No. 122 (Employment Policy Convention, 1964), but it has ratified the Abolition of Forced Labour Convention.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>(c)</b> | This option includes statements 3 and 4 only. While India has not ratified the International Convention on the <b>Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (1990)</b> , the <b>Union Public Service Commission</b> withdrew this question from the final evaluation as multiple combinations created ambiguity regarding India's treaty ratification statuses. |
| <b>(d)</b> | This option includes statements 3, 4 and 5. India has neither ratified the Migrant Workers Convention nor the Convention on the <b>Reduction of Statelessness (1961)</b> , but due to overlapping ratification statuses and conflicting data in standard administrative manuals, the question was dropped by the examination authority.                                                             |
|            | Summary. The <b>Union Public Service Commission</b> withdrew this question from evaluation because of discrepancies in the official ratification records of certain international conventions by India.                                                                                                                                                                                             |

#### SUMMARY

The **Union Public Service Commission** withdrew this question from evaluation because of discrepancies in the official ratification records of certain international conventions by India.

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Q65 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | Claims all three statements are correct, but statements 1 and 2 contain factual errors regarding the summit's framework and preamble, making this option incorrect.                                                                                                                          |
| (b) | Claims statements 1 and 2 are correct. However, statement 1 misstates the foundational Sutras (the actual intellectual framework used different terms), and statement 2 incorrectly characterizes the Charter for Democratic Diffusion as a binding framework, making this option incorrect. |
| (c) | Claims statements 2 and 3 are correct. Since statement 2 is incorrect regarding the binding nature of the charter, this option is incorrect.                                                                                                                                                 |
| (d) | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>(d) 3 only. Statement 3 is correct because the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact was indeed structured around seven Access Chakras (Pillars), which included Access for Social Empowerment, AI for Science, and Secure and Trusted AI.</p>                    |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (d) because only statement 3 accurately reflects the structural details of the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact, while statements 1 and 2 contain incorrect details regarding the summit's foundational frameworks and documents.

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Q66 · Set A

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

**1. Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project**

**2. IMT Trilateral Highway**

**3. Agartala-Akhaura Rail Line** Select the answer using the code given below:

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)**

**Official key**

1 and 2. The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project connects India with Myanmar (an ASEAN member), and the India-Myanmar-Thailand (IMT) Trilateral Highway connects India with Myanmar and Thailand, both being key connectivity initiatives between India and ASEAN nations.

**(b)**

This option includes statement 3, which refers to the Agartala-Akhaura Rail Line. The Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link connects India with Bangladesh, not an ASEAN member country, making this option incorrect.

**(c)**

This option includes statement 3 (Agartala-Akhaura Rail Line), which links India to Bangladesh. Since Bangladesh is not a member of ASEAN, this combination is incorrect.

**(d)**

This option misses statement 1 (Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project), which is also a vital connectivity project between India and an ASEAN member country (Myanmar).

Summary. Official key is (a). Statements 1 and 2 correctly identify connectivity projects linking India with ASEAN members Myanmar and Thailand, whereas statement 3 pertains to Bangladesh, a non-ASEAN neighbour.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). Statements 1 and 2 correctly identify connectivity projects linking India with ASEAN members Myanmar and Thailand, whereas statement 3 pertains to Bangladesh, a non-ASEAN neighbour.

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Q67 · Set A

**Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:**  
**List I (INTERPOL Notice) - List II (Description)**  
**A. Silver Notice - 1. To seek information on unidentified bodies**

| List I · INTERPOL Notice | List II · Description                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>B. Blue Notice -</b>  | <b>2. To collect additional information about a person's identity, location, or activities in relation to a criminal investigation</b>     |
| <b>C. Black Notice -</b> | <b>3. To provide warning about a person's criminal activities, where the person is considered to be a possible threat to public safety</b> |
| <b>D. Green Notice -</b> | <b>4. To identify and trace criminal assets</b><br><b>Code: A B C D</b>                                                                    |

(a) 3 1 2 4

(b) 3 2 1 4

(c) 4 2 1 3

(d) 4 1 2 3

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** This option pairs Silver Notice with 3, Blue Notice with 1, Black Notice with 2, and Green Notice with 4, which does not match the correct pairing of INTERPOL notices and their descriptions. Therefore, this option is incorrect.

**(b)** This option pairs Silver Notice with 3, Blue Notice with 2, Black Notice with 1, and Green Notice with 4, which incorrectly maps the Silver and Black notices. Therefore, this option is incorrect.

**(c)** **Official key**

(c) Official key: This option correctly pairs Silver Notice (4 - to identify and trace criminal assets), Blue Notice (2 - to collect additional information about a person's identity, location, or activities in relation to a criminal investigation), Black Notice (1 - to seek information on unidentified bodies), and Green Notice (3 - to provide warning about a person's criminal activities, where the person is considered to be a possible threat to public safety).

**(d)** This option pairs Silver Notice with 4, Blue Notice with 1, Black Notice with 2, and Green Notice with 3, which swaps the descriptions for Blue and Black notices. Therefore, this option is incorrect.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c). The correct matching pairs INTERPOL's color-coded notices with their precise international investigative functions, whereas the incorrect combinations misalign the specific administrative and security purposes of the Silver, Blue, Black, and Green notices.

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WRAP Exams

Q68 · Set A

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

**1. Su-30 MKI Fighter Jets**

**2. T-90 MK-III Tanks**

**3. Akula Class Submarine Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)**

##### Official key

1 and 2. Su-30 MKI fighter jets are manufactured under license in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and T-90 (Bhishma) main battle tanks are assembled locally at the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF) in Avadi, making statements 1 and 2 correct.

**(b)**

Statement 3 claims Akula class submarines are manufactured in India. Akula class nuclear-powered attack submarines are of Russian design and built in Russia. India previously leased Nerpa (renamed INS Chakra) from Russia, but they are not manufactured domestically.

**(c)**

Statement 3 is also correct alongside statement 1 as T-90 tanks are manufactured in India, rendering '1 only' incomplete and incorrect.

**(d)**

Statement 1 is correct because Su-30 MKI aircraft are produced domestically by HAL, making '2 only' incorrect as it misses the first statement.

Summary. Official key is (a). Su-30 MKI jets and T-90 tanks are successfully manufactured and assembled within India under defense production partnerships, whereas Akula class submarines are procured externally, keeping options 2 and 3 mutually exclusive for domestic production.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). Su-30 MKI jets and T-90 tanks are successfully manufactured and assembled within India under defense production partnerships, whereas Akula class submarines are procured externally, keeping options 2 and 3 mutually exclusive for domestic production.

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Q69 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

- |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | 1, 2 and 3 claims that all three statements are correct. This is incorrect because statement 1 is factually wrong; the Colombo Process is a non-binding consultative process, not a body that takes binding decisions.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>(b)</b> | 1 and 3 only includes statement 1, which is incorrect. The Colombo Process does not take binding decisions by consensus, making any option that includes statement 1 invalid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>(c)</b> | <p><b>Official key</b></p> <p>2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is correct because the Abu Dhabi Dialogue is a voluntary, non-binding forum for Asian labour-origin and destination countries to manage contractual mobility. Statement 3 is correct as the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) was proposed by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and operates as a voluntary, non-binding state-led platform.</p> |
| <b>(d)</b> | 2 only misses statement 3, which is also correct. The GFMD is indeed a voluntary and non-binding forum established following a UN proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). The Colombo Process relies on non-binding dialogue rather than binding decisions, whereas both the Abu Dhabi Dialogue and the Global Forum on Migration and Development operate as voluntary, non-binding consultative platforms for international migration and labour mobility.

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Q70 · Set A

Consider the following UN organisations/agencies:

1. World Food Programme
2. United Nations Children's Fund
3. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
4. International Labour Organisation

How many of the above has/have been awarded the Nobel Prize twice?

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a)

Official key

World Food Programme has not been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize twice; it received it once in 2020 for its efforts to combat hunger and improve conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas. Only one organisation listed here has won it twice.

(b)

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) received the Nobel Peace Prize once, in 1965, for its work in promoting international solidarity and children's welfare. It has not won it twice.

(c)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has indeed been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize twice-first in 1954 and again in 1981-for its international relief work assisting European refugees and later displaced persons globally. However, the question asks for how many of the above agencies have won it twice, and only UNHCR fits this, making the count 1.

(d)

International Labour Organisation (ILO) received the Nobel Peace Prize once, in 1969, on its 50th anniversary for improving labour standards and social justice. Since only one agency on this list (UNHCR) achieved it twice, this count is incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). Only the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) among the listed agencies has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize twice (1954 and 1981), while WFP, UNICEF, and ILO have each received it only once.

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Q71 · Set A

**Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:**  
**List I (Project Supported by India) - List II (Country)** A. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project - 1. Maldives

| List I · Project Supported by India                    | List II · Country          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| B. Restoration of Stor Palace -                        | 2. Afghanistan             |
| C. District Hospital at Dickoya -                      | 3. Bhutan                  |
| D. Institute of Security and Law Enforcement Studies - | 4. Sri Lanka Code: A B C D |

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 4 2 3 pairs Mangdechhu with Maldives, which is incorrect as Mangdechhu is in Bhutan.

**(b)** **Official key**

3 2 4 1. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project is located in Bhutan (3), Restoration of Stor Palace is in Afghanistan (2), District Hospital at Dickoya is in Sri Lanka (4), and the Institute of Security and Law Enforcement Studies is in the Maldives (1). This exact pairing matches all India-supported infrastructure and developmental projects with their correct partner nations.

**(c)** 3 4 2 1 swaps the locations for Dickoya hospital and the Maldives institute, incorrectly placing Dickoya in Afghanistan and the law institute in Sri Lanka.

**(d)** 1 2 4 3 incorrectly assigns the Mangdechhu project to the Maldives and the law institute to Bhutan.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). India's developmental assistance abroad covers key regional projects like the Mangdechhu hydroelectric plant in Bhutan, the Stor Palace in Kabul, the Dickoya hospital in Sri Lanka, and security infrastructure in the Maldives.

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Q72 · Set A

**Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:**  
**List I (UN Peacekeeping Operation) - List II (Period of Operation) A. UNMIL - 1.**  
**2007-2010**

| List I · UN Peacekeeping Operation | List II · Period of Operation |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| B. MINURCAT -                      | 2. 2002-2005                  |
| C. MINUSTAH -                      | 3. 2003-2018                  |
| D. UNMISSET -                      | 4. 2004-2017 Code: A B C D    |

(a) 3 4 1 2

(b) 3 1 4 2

(c) 2 1 4 3

(d) 2 4 1 3

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### OPTIONS

**(a)** UNMIL (United Nations Mission in Liberia) operated from 2003 to 2018, MINURCAT (United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad) from 2007 to 2010, MINUSTAH (United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti) from 2004 to 2017, and UNMISSET (United Nations Mission in Support of East Timor) from 2002 to 2005. This sequence corresponds to 3, 4, 1, 2, which does not match the official key.

**(b)** **Official key**

UNMIL operated from 2003 to 2018 (A-3), MINURCAT operated from 2007 to 2010 (B-1), MINUSTAH operated from 2004 to 2017 (C-4), and UNMISSET operated from 2002 to 2005 (D-2). This pairs the UN peacekeeping missions correctly with their respective operational periods as 3, 1, 4, 2.

**(c)** UNMIL matched to 2 (2002-2005) is incorrect because UNMIL's mandate began in 2003. MINURCAT matched to 1 (2007-2010) is correct, but the remaining pairings do not align with the established timelines of MINUSTAH and UNMISSET.

**(d)** UNMIL matched to 2 and MINURCAT matched to 4 places incorrect operational windows for both missions, rendering this combination factually inaccurate against UN peacekeeping archives.

### SUMMARY

Official key is (b) because the chronological mandates of UNMIL (2003-2018), MINURCAT (2007-2010), MINUSTAH (2004-2017), and UNMISSET (2002-2005) align precisely with the code 3-1-4-2.

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Q73 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

- |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | 3 Corps is headquartered at Dimapur, Nagaland, and is responsible for operations in the eastern sector. This pair is correctly matched and therefore not the answer.                                                                   |
| <b>(b)</b> | 4 Corps is headquartered at Tezpur, Assam, and looks after parts of the northeastern border. This pair is correctly matched and therefore not the answer.                                                                              |
| <b>(c)</b> | 14 Corps, also known as the Fire and Fury Corps, is headquartered at Leh and guards the <b>Line of Actual Control</b> in Ladakh. This pair is correctly matched and therefore not the answer.                                          |
| <b>(d)</b> | <b>Official key</b><br>33 Corps is headquartered at Sukna, West Bengal, not Srinagar. Srinagar is the headquarters of the 15 Corps (Chinar Corps). Since this pair is incorrectly matched, it is the correct choice for this question. |

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (d) because the 33 Corps is headquartered at Sukna in West Bengal, not Srinagar, which houses the 15 Corps, while the other three corps-headquarters pairs are correctly matched.

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Q74 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 and 2: Statement 1 is incorrect because the implementation period of the Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) approved for continuation runs from 2022-23 to 2025-26, not starting from 1st April, 2021.

**(b)** **Official key**  
2 only. Statement 2 is correct because the primary objective of the Revamped RGSA is to develop and strengthen the governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Statement 1 is incorrect as the scheme's approved implementation period spans from FY 2022-23 to 2025-26. Statement 3 is incorrect because central funding is not 100% for all states; funding is shared between the Centre and the States in specified ratios (such as 60:40 for general states and 90:10 for North Eastern/Hilly states, with 100% for Union Territories without legislature).

**(c)** 1 and 3: Statement 1 is incorrect regarding the timeline, and statement 3 is incorrect because central funding is not 100% universal across all states.

**(d)** 2 and 3: Statement 3 is incorrect because the Centre does not fund 100% of the scheme for all States, making this combination wrong.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Statement 2 correctly captures the core mandate of the Revamped RGSA focused on building local governance capacities for SDGs, while statement 1 errs on the implementation timeline and statement 3 incorrectly claims universal 100% central funding across all states.

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Q75 · Set A

**Which of the following countries are members of the European Union?****1. Belarus****2. Poland****3. Germany****4. Switzerland** Select the answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 2 and 4

(b) 1 and 4 only

(c) 2 and 3

(d) 2 and 4 only

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** This option includes Belarus, Poland, and Switzerland. It is incorrect because Belarus and Switzerland are not members of the European Union.

**(b)** This option claims Belarus and Switzerland are members. It is incorrect because both countries remain outside the European Union.

**(c)** **Official key**

Poland and Germany are member states of the European Union, making this the correct combination among the given choices.

**(d)** This option includes Poland and Switzerland. It is incorrect because Switzerland is not a member of the European Union.

Summary. Official key is (c) because Poland and Germany belong to the European Union, whereas Belarus and Switzerland are non-members.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c) because Poland and Germany belong to the European Union, whereas Belarus and Switzerland are non-members.

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Q76 · Set A

**Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:**  
**List I (BIMSTEC Centre/Establishment) - List II (Location)**  
**A. BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory - 1. NOIDA**

| List I · BIMSTEC Centre/Establishment              | List II · Location              |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B. BIMSTEC Energy Centre -</b>                  | <b>2. Bengaluru</b>             |
| <b>C. BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate -</b> | <b>3. Colombo</b>               |
| <b>D. BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility -</b>   | <b>4. Thimphu Code: A B C D</b> |

(a) 3 2 1 4

(b) 3 1 2 4

(c) 4 2 1 3

(d) 4 1 2 3

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** 3 2 1 4: Incorrect as it misplaces the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory and other centres.

**(b)** 3 1 2 4: Incorrect as it pairs the centres with wrong locations.

**(c)** **Official key**

4 2 1 3. BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory is located in Thimphu (4), BIMSTEC Energy Centre is located in Bengaluru (2), BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate is located in NOIDA (1), and BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility is located in Colombo (3).

**(d)** 4 1 2 3: Incorrect because it interchanges the locations of the Energy Centre and Weather and Climate centre.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c). The correct matching places the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory in Thimphu, Energy Centre in Bengaluru, Centre for Weather and Climate in NOIDA, and Technology Transfer Facility in Colombo, rendering the other combinations incorrect.

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Q77 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1, 2 and 3 states that all three statements are correct, but statement 2 is incorrect as the lead institute for Research and Management of Ecosystem Service is not the Central Zoo Authority.

**(b)** **Official key**

1 and 3 only. Statement 1 is correct because Ecosystem Survey and Analysis is a vertical under NIRANTAR with the Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata, as its lead institute. Statement 3 is correct because Capacity Development Support is a vertical under this platform with the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, as its lead institute.

**(c)** 2 only states that only statement 2 is correct, but statement 2 is incorrect. The lead institute for Research and Management of Ecosystem Service under NIRANTAR is assigned differently, making this option wrong.

**(d)** 3 only misses statement 1, which is also correct alongside statement 3, making this option incomplete.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Statements 1 and 3 correctly identify the verticals and their respective lead institutes under the NIRANTAR platform of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, while statement 2 incorrectly attributes the lead institute for its vertical.

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Q78 · Set A

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

- 1. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the All India Institute of Ayurveda and the University of Hamburg**
  - 2. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Youth Hockey Development between Hockey India and the German Hockey Federation**
  - 3. Establishment of a bilateral dialogue mechanism on the Indo-Pacific**
  - 4. Opening of an Honorary Consul of Germany in Lucknow**
- Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

- |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | Claims that statements 2 and 3 are not correct. However, statement 2 regarding Youth Hockey Development and statement 3 regarding the Indo-Pacific bilateral dialogue mechanism were part of the official visit outcomes, making this option incorrect. |
| <b>(b)</b> | <b>Official key</b><br>Claims that statements 1 and 4 are not correct. These specific MoUs or openings were not among the actual signed outcomes of the January 2026 visit, making this combination the correct answer for what is NOT correct.         |
| <b>(c)</b> | Claims that statements 3 and 4 are not correct. Statement 3 was indeed part of the bilateral outcomes, making this option invalid.                                                                                                                      |
| <b>(d)</b> | Claims that only statement 1 is not correct. Since statement 4 is also incorrect regarding the visit outcomes, this option is incomplete.                                                                                                               |

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The question tests specific bilateral agreements and diplomatic outcomes from the German Chancellor's visit to India in January 2026, where statements 1 and 4 were not part of the actual outcomes.

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Q79 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** Claims that only statement 1 is correct. This is incorrect because statement 2 is also correct as DHRUV64 is indeed India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor.

**(b)** Claims that only statement 2 is correct. This is incorrect because statement 1 is also correct as DHRUV64 is the third chip fabricated under the **Digital India** RISC-V (DIR-V) Programme.

**(c)** **Official key**

(x) Official key: Both 1 and 2. DHRUV64 is the third chip fabricated under the DIR-V Programme aimed at enabling indigenous microprocessor creation for India, and it serves as India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor.

**(d)** Claims that neither statement is correct. This is incorrect because both statements accurately describe the specifications and background of the DHRUV64 microprocessor.

Summary. Official key is (c) because DHRUV64 fulfills both milestones by being the third chip under the DIR-V Programme and India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor, making both given statements correct.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c) because DHRUV64 fulfills both milestones by being the third chip under the DIR-V Programme and India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor, making both given statements correct.

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Q80 · Set A

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

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** This option claims that all three statements are correct, which is incorrect because the third statement regarding collaboration with a foreign institute is factually wrong.

**(b)** This option includes statement 3, which is incorrect as the standard was developed natively by Indian scientific agencies without the specific foreign collaboration mentioned.

**(c)** **Official key**  
1 and 2 only. Statement 1 is correct as the Bureau of Indian Standards introduced the national standard for bomb disposal systems designated as IS 19445 : 2025. Statement 2 is correct as this standard aims to ensure uniformity, quality, and interoperability of bomb disposal equipment across different security and law enforcement agencies.

**(d)** This option is incorrect because it misses statement 2, which is also a valid feature of the newly introduced standard regarding equipment interoperability across agencies.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c) because statements 1 and 2 correctly identify the newly introduced BIS standard designation IS 19445 : 2025 and its objective of enhancing inter-agency equipment interoperability, while statement 3 is incorrect regarding its development origin.

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Q81 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

- |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(a)</b> | Michel H. Devoret is a French-American physicist known for his pioneering work in superconducting circuits and quantum information, but he is not the individual identified in this context.                                                               |
| <b>(b)</b> | Richard Robson is a British-born Australian chemist renowned for his work in coordination polymers and metal-organic frameworks, but he did not receive this specific recognition.                                                                         |
| <b>(c)</b> | <b>Official key</b><br>John Clarke. Born in the UK and serving as a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2025 for his contributions to macroscopic quantum coherence and Josephson junctions. |
| <b>(d)</b> | Joel Mokyr is a prominent British-American economic historian known for his research on the Industrial Revolution and technological progress, not a laureate of this prize.                                                                                |

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c). John Clarke, a UK-born professor at an American university, was conferred the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2025, while the distractors represent other prominent contemporary scientists or historians.

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Q82 · Set A

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

**1. The tournaments have a shared governance structure establishing the partnership among the four Grand Slam tournaments.**

**2. They are open for entry to all internationally ranked tennis players above the age of**

**14. 3. There is a limitation on the number of 'Wild Cards' a player may receive to compete in a Grand Slam Tournament. Select the answer using the code given below:**

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)**

This option claims statements 1 and 2 are correct. Statement 2 is incorrect because Grand Slam tournaments have strict entry cut-offs based on professional rankings and qualifying rounds, and are not open to all internationally ranked players above 14 years of age. Hence, this option is wrong.

**(b)**

This option claims statements 2 and 3 are correct. Both statements 2 and 3 are incorrect in this combination; statement 2 incorrectly assumes open entry for all players above 14, making this option invalid.

**(c)**

**Official key**

1 only. Statement 1 is correct because the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and US Open established the Grand Slam Board to coordinate governance, scheduling, and officiating matters. Statement 2 is incorrect because entry is governed by professional rankings and direct acceptance lists, not a blanket rule for all players over 14. Statement 3 is incorrect because Grand Slam rules regulate how many wild cards tournament organizers can grant, but players themselves do not have a career or tournament-wide limitation on receiving wild cards governed in this manner.

**(d)**

This option claims all three statements are correct. Statements 2 and 3 are factually incorrect regarding entry criteria and wild card limits, rendering this option incorrect.

Summary. Official key is (c). Statement 1 is correct as the four majors share a coordinating governance structure through the Grand Slam Board, while statements 2 and 3 fail due to incorrect player entry rules and wild card regulations.

#### SUMMARY

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Q83 · Set A

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** CG Power and Industrial Solutions Pvt. Ltd., in partnership with Renesas Electronics and STARS Microelectronics, is establishing its outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat. This pair is correctly matched.

**(b)** Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt. Ltd. (TSAT) is setting up a major semiconductor unit in Jagiroad, Assam. This pair is correctly matched.

**(c)** **Official key**

HCL-Foxconn Joint Venture India Chip Ltd. is establishing its outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) plant in Uttar Pradesh (specifically near Noida/Yamuna Expressway), not in Madhya Pradesh. This pair is NOT correctly matched and makes this option the correct choice for the question.

**(d)** SicSem Pvt. Ltd. is setting up a compound semiconductor facility in Odisha. This pair is correctly matched.

Summary. Official key is (c) because the HCL-Foxconn joint venture facility is located in Uttar Pradesh rather than Madhya Pradesh, while the plants in Gujarat, Assam, and Odisha are correctly matched to their respective locations under India's semiconductor mission.

#### SUMMARY

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Q84 · Set A

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

**1. Its objective is to generate forecasts at the Panchayats cluster level.**

**2. It was developed by IIT Delhi. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** Official key

Statement 1 is correct because the Bharat Forecast System is designed to generate localized weather forecasts down to the Panchayat cluster level to aid rural planning and agriculture.

**(b)** Statement 2 is incorrect because the model was developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, and the National Centre for **Medium Range** Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), rather than IIT Delhi.

**(c)** This option is incorrect because while the first statement is correct, the second statement regarding its development by IIT Delhi is factually incorrect.

**(d)** This option is incorrect because the first statement is accurate, making 'Neither 1 nor 2' wrong.

Summary. Official key is (a) because the indigenous Bharat Forecast System targets high-resolution predictions at the Panchayat cluster level, but it was developed by IITM and NCMRWF, not IIT Delhi.

#### SUMMARY

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Q85 · Set A

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

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

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** Official key

Statement 1 is correct because the Manipuri film 'Boong' won the prestigious BAFTA Award in the Children's and Family Film category. Statement 2 is correct as the feature film is directed by debutant filmmaker Lakshmipriya Devi. Statement 3 is correct because 'Boong' is indeed the first Indian film to achieve this milestone by winning a BAFTA in this specific category, marking a historic moment for regional Indian cinema.

**(b)** This option is incorrect because it excludes statement 1, which is factually correct regarding the film winning the BAFTA Award in the Children's and Family Film category.

**(c)** This option is incorrect because it excludes statement 3, ignoring the historic milestone that 'Boong' is the first Indian film to win a BAFTA award in this category.

**(d)** This option is incorrect because it excludes statements 1 and 2, both of which are accurate factual details concerning the film's recognition and its director.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). The Manipuri film 'Boong', directed by Lakshmipriya Devi, made history by winning the BAFTA Award in the Children's and Family Film category, becoming the first Indian film to do so, thus making all three statements correct.

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Q86 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** This option claims that statements 1 and 3 are correct. However, statement 3 incorrectly defines a consortium blockchain in this context or is excluded from the correct set because statement 2 is also an essential valid characteristic of distributed ledger technology tested by UPSC here. Thus, this option is incorrect.

**(b)** This option claims that statements 2 and 4 are correct while omitting statement 1. Statement 1 is indeed correct as blockchain records visibility can be granted securely to stakeholders without alteration risk. Thus, this option is incorrect.

**(c)** **Official key**  
 (c) 1, 2 and 4. Statement 1 is correct because data stored in a blockchain can be shared transparently with authorized stakeholders with cryptographic guarantees against tampering. Statement 2 is correct as decentralized networks maintain synchronized copies of the ledger across multiple nodes. Statement 4 is correct because once data is validated and added to a block, cryptographic hashing and consensus mechanisms render historical data immutable. Therefore, options 1, 2, and 4 form the correct combination.

**(d)** This option claims that statements 1 and 4 are correct. It incorrectly omits statement 2, which accurately describes the decentralized multi-node architecture and rapid synchronization of blockchains. Thus, this option is incorrect.

Summary. Official key is (c). Blockchain technology relies on decentralization, cryptographic immutability, and controlled transparency, making statements 1, 2, and 4 correct while other combinations fail.

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WRAP Exams

Q87 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS****(a) Official key**

Dropshipping Model. This is a retail fulfillment method where the store doesn't keep the products it sells in stock. Instead, when a store sells a product, it purchases the item from a third party and has it shipped directly to the customer, retaining control over the final retail price.

**(b)**

Affiliate Revenue Model. This involves a business directing traffic or sales to an external website in exchange for a commission on the resulting transactions, rather than fulfilling orders or managing inventory itself.

**(c)**

Transaction Fee Revenue Model. This model involves a company charging a fee for enabling or executing a transaction between two other parties, such as payment gateways or digital marketplaces acting as intermediaries.

**(d)**

Agency Revenue Model. In this model, an agent or intermediary acts on behalf of a principal to facilitate a transaction, typically earning a commission or percentage of the sale while the principal retains ownership and pricing control.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (a). The dropshipping model precisely defines a retail setup where the seller controls pricing without holding physical inventory, relying instead on a third-party supplier for direct shipment. The other options describe different digital business models-such as commissions for referrals, transaction fees for facilitation, or agency commissions-none of which match this specific inventory-less fulfillment arrangement.

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Q88 · Set A

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** ● **Credit access, Insurance depth, and Pension coverage:** This option lists sector-specific financial metrics. While important for financial sector assessments, these are not the structural sub-indices used by the RBI for the FI-Index.

**(b)** ● **Banking access, GDP contribution, and Financial literacy:** GDP contribution is a macro-economic metric and not a sub-index of the RBI's financial inclusion framework. This option incorrectly mixes national income accounting with inclusion parameters.

**(c)** **Official key**  
Access, Usage, and Quality. The Reserve Bank of India's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) is constructed with these three broad parameters, comprising 97 indicators in total to capture the extent of financial inclusion comprehensively across the country.

**(d)** ● **Access, Affordability, and Transparency:** Affordability and transparency are critical consumer protection and pricing dimensions, but the official RBI methodology categorizes its core sub-indices strictly as Access, Usage, and Quality.

Summary. Official key is (c). The RBI's Financial Inclusion Index uniquely captures financial penetration through Access, Usage, and Quality parameters, making option (c) the correct choice while the other options misstate the official sub-indices.

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Q89 · Set A

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** This option claims ONDC establishes government control over digital commerce, which is incorrect as ONDC is a facilitator of open networks and not a state-controlled marketplace.

**(b)** This option suggests ONDC aims to replace private e-commerce players, which is false since it provides an open infrastructure for both small and large private enterprises to participate.

**(c)** **Official key**

To break the dominance of large e-commerce platforms by enabling interoperability across networks. ONDC is an initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to democratize digital commerce and enable buyers and sellers to transact regardless of the platform or application they use.

**(d)** This option states ONDC mandates UPI-based payments for all online transactions, which is incorrect because while it integrates various payment methods, it is an open network for commerce protocols rather than a payment mandate.

Summary. Official key is (c). ONDC leverages open protocols based on open-source specifications to enable buyers and sellers to connect and transact regardless of the specific app or platform they use, thereby promoting competition and reducing market concentration of major e-commerce monopolies.

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Q90 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

- (a)** UPI is a real-time payment system developed by NPCI that facilitates immediate inter-bank fund transfers, whereas the Digital Rupee (₹) is the central bank digital currency issued by the RBI as a legal tender akin to sovereign paper currency. This statement is correct and thus not the key.
- (b)** In UPI transactions, settlement happens via the underlying bank accounts where money is debited or credited instantly. In contrast, Digital Rupee transactions represent a direct transfer of digital token value from one wallet to another without requiring traditional bank account settlement per transaction. This statement is correct and thus not the key.
- (c)** UPI transactions route through commercial banks and are explicitly reflected in individual bank passbooks or statements. Digital Rupee transactions occur within digital wallets managed by participating banks without individual transaction details clogging traditional bank statements. This statement is correct and thus not the key.
- (d)** **Official key**  
(d) In the case of UPI, the liability rests with the commercial banks holding the deposits. However, for the Central Bank Digital Currency (Digital Rupee), the liability is directly that of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as it is a sovereign liability, not the commercial bank's. Therefore, claiming liability lies with users and their respective banks in both cases is incorrect.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (d) because the Digital Rupee is a direct liability of the RBI as sovereign currency, unlike UPI where funds and liabilities remain with commercial banks.

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Q91 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a) Official key**

This option claims that statements 1, 2, and 3 are all correct. Tokenization successfully converts physical assets like real estate or gold into digital tokens on a blockchain, enabling fractional ownership. Operating on distributed ledger networks, tokenized assets facilitate round-the-clock trading and settlements, thereby boosting market liquidity and financial inclusion. Furthermore, by lowering investment thresholds, it opens up high-growth asset classes to retail investors in India and globally, making all three statements correct.

**(b)** This option is incorrect because it misses statement 1. Statement 1 accurately defines the core mechanism of RWA tokenization using blockchain technology, which is essential for the entire process.

**(c)** This option is incorrect because it misses statement 3. Tokenization lowers entry barriers, enabling retail investors in India to access high-value, high-growth investment opportunities that were previously restricted to institutional investors.

**(d)** This option is incorrect because it misses statement 2. Tokenized assets leverage blockchain networks to operate 24x7 without traditional banking hour limitations, directly enhancing liquidity and financial inclusion.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). Real-World Asset tokenization uses blockchain to convert physical assets into digital tokens, enabling fractional ownership, round-the-clock market access, and wider retail participation in high-growth investments across India, making all three statements correct.

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Q92 · Set A

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

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

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**OPTIONS**

**(a)** ● **Green Bond:** A fixed-income instrument specifically earmarked to raise money for climate and environmental projects only, making it incorrect here since the question specifies a combination of both environmental and social projects.

**(b)** ● **Social Bond:** A bond whose proceeds are exclusively applied to finance or refinance social projects, such as affordable housing or basic infrastructure, which fails to cover the environmental component required by the question.

**(c)** **Official key**

Sustainability Bond. This bond type finances or refinances a combination of both green (environmental) and social projects, perfectly matching the definition given in the stem.

**(d)** ● **Sovereign Bond:** A debt security issued by a national government in foreign or local currency to fund general government spending, rather than being restricted to specific environmental and social projects.

**SUMMARY**

Official key is (c). Sustainability bonds uniquely bridge environmental and social domains, whereas green bonds target solely environmental goals, social bonds focus exclusively on social objectives, and sovereign bonds represent general government debt without thematic project restrictions.

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Q93 · Set A

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

- 1. M1xchange provides collateral based loans to MSMEs.**
- 2. M1xchange facilitates discounting of invoices and Bills of Exchange for MSMEs.**
- 3. M1xchange functions as a credit rating agency for MSMEs. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1, 2 and 3: This option claims all three statements are correct, but M1xchange does not provide collateral-based loans or act as a credit rating agency.

**(b)** **Official key**

2 only. M1xchange is an RBI-approved Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform that facilitates the discounting of invoices and Bills of Exchange for MSMEs to improve their cash flow without adding formal debt.

**(c)** 2 and 3 only: This option incorrectly includes statement 3; M1xchange is a TReDS platform provider and electronic marketplace, not a statutory credit rating agency.

**(d)** 1 only: This option claims M1xchange provides collateral-based loans, which is incorrect as it operates purely on receivables financing rather than direct lending or collateral loans.

Summary. Official key is (b). M1xchange operates strictly as a TReDS platform focusing on invoice and bill discounting for MSMEs, rendering statements 1 and 3 incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). M1xchange operates strictly as a TReDS platform focusing on invoice and bill discounting for MSMEs, rendering statements 1 and 3 incorrect.

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Q94 · Set A

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a) This option describes the opposite phenomenon, often called crowding-in, where higher government expenditure stimulates economic activity and encourages private investment rather than reducing it.

(b) **Official key**

A situation where Government borrowing leads to higher interest rates, which reduces private investment. When the government borrows heavily to finance its fiscal deficit, the increased demand for loanable funds drives up interest rates, making it costlier for private firms to borrow and invest.

(c) This option incorrectly suggests a positive link between higher taxation and private investment, whereas increased taxes typically reduce disposable incomes and corporate profits, dampening private investment.

(d) This option describes a situation contrary to standard Keynesian and classical economic models, which recognize that government spending directly affects aggregate demand either through multiplier effects or through crowding out.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). The crowding out effect occurs when increased government borrowing pushes up interest rates, thereby suppressing private sector investment.

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Q95 · Set A

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

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a)

**Official key**

1 and 3 only. Statement 1 is correct because REEs are essential for modern high-tech applications like AI, robotics, and space technology due to their unique magnetic, phosphorescent, and luminescent properties. Statement 3 is correct as the Government of India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) to secure domestic supply chains and achieve self-reliance in critical minerals.

(b)

This option is incorrect because while Statement 3 is correct, Statement 1 is also correct. REEs are vital for high-tech innovations and are not restricted to just a single sector covered by statement 3.

(c)

This option is incorrect because Statement 4 is factually wrong. Rare Earth Elements comprise a set of 17 metallic elements (15 lanthanides plus scandium and yttrium), not 13.

(d)

This option is incorrect because Statement 2 is wrong. China leads in REE mining and processing, but India does not hold the second-highest share globally; countries like the US, Australia, and Myanmar have higher production volumes.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a). Statements 1 and 3 are correct because REEs are critical for cutting-edge technologies and the National Critical Mineral Mission was indeed established to secure India's mineral supply chains. Statement 2 is incorrect because India is not the second-highest miner of REEs, and Statement 4 is incorrect because REEs consist of 17 metallic elements, not 13.

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Q96 · Set A

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

1. 'Aviation Hull Insurance' covers the physical aircraft, including the body, engine, and on- board equipment.

2. Under the Montreal Convention, adopted in 1999 by over 130 countries, including India, airlines are strictly liable to pay compensation to the family/nominee of every deceased passenger without requiring the family to prove fault. Select the answer using the code given below:

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** 1 only: Incorrect because statement 2 is also correct as the Montreal Convention 1999 establishes strict liability for airlines in passenger fatalities.

**(b)** 2 only: Incorrect because statement 1 is also correct as Aviation Hull Insurance covers physical damage to the aircraft body, engines, and equipment.

**(c)** **Official key**

Both 1 and 2. Statement 1 correctly defines Aviation Hull Insurance, which protects against physical damage to the aircraft itself. Statement 2 correctly outlines the Montreal Convention of 1999, to which India is a party, imposing strict liability on international carriers to pay compensation for passenger death or injury without proof of airline fault.

**(d)** ● **Neither 1 nor 2:** Incorrect because both statements accurately reflect aviation insurance principles and international convention rules.

Summary. Official key is (c). Statement 1 correctly identifies the scope of hull insurance covering physical aircraft assets, and statement 2 accurately details the strict liability provisions of the Montreal Convention ratified by India, making both statements correct.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). Statement 1 correctly identifies the scope of hull insurance covering physical aircraft assets, and statement 2 accurately details the strict liability provisions of the Montreal Convention ratified by India, making both statements correct.

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Q97 · Set A

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

**1. Crowdfunding is solicitation of funds (small amount) from multiple investors through a web-based platform or social networking site for a specific project.**

**2. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are able to raise funds at lower cost of capital without undergoing rigorous procedures. Select the answer using the code given below:**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)** Statement 1 defines crowdfunding correctly as raising small amounts of capital from multiple individuals or investors via web-based platforms or social networks for specific projects or ventures. Because statement 2 is also correct, this option is incomplete and thus incorrect.

**(b)** Statement 2 correctly highlights that SMEs leverage crowdfunding to access capital at a lower cost and with fewer regulatory hurdles compared to traditional public issues or bank financing. Because statement 1 is also correct, this option is incomplete and thus incorrect.

**(c)** **Official key**  
Both statements are correct. Crowdfunding relies on web-based platforms to aggregate small ticket sizes from numerous investors, offering SMEs a viable alternative financing channel to raise capital efficiently without heavy intermediaries.

**(d)** This option claims neither statement is correct. Since both statements accurately describe the definition and utility of crowdfunding, this option is incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (c). Crowdfunding enables project creators and SMEs to raise small amounts of capital from diverse investors through web platforms, bypassing rigorous traditional procedures and lowering the overall cost of capital.

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Q98 · Set A

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

1. R.N. Malhotra Committee - Comprehensive reforms of Insurance sector in India - Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

2. L.C. Gupta Committee - Preparing a roadmap for the introduction of derivatives trading in India - Securities and Exchange Board of India.

3. Urjit R. Patel Committee - Preparing a roadmap for reforming bank lending to the Housing sector - Reserve Bank of India.

4. Y.H. Malegam Committee - Preparing a roadmap for reforms in Microfinance sector in India - Reserve Bank of India.

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

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a) (a) 2 only: This option claims that only two rows are correctly matched, which overlooks the accuracy of row 3 alongside rows 2 and 4, making it incorrect.

(b) **Official key**  
 (b) Official key: 2 and 3. Rows 2 and 3 are correctly matched. L.C. **Gupta Committee** recommended the introduction of derivatives trading in India under SEBI, and Urjit R. **Patel Committee** reviewed and recommended a roadmap for strengthening the monetary policy framework and housing/bank lending architecture under RBI. (Note: Rows 1 and 4 have cross-matched institutional/committee contexts in standard UPSC distractor frames, rendering the count as 2 correct rows).

(c) (c) 1, 3 and 4: This option incorrectly includes rows that are misattributed in the set details, leading to an incorrect count.

(d) (d) 2 and 4: This option misses row 3 which is correctly matched alongside row 2, making this selection incomplete.

Summary. Official key is (b). Rows 2 and 3 are correctly matched regarding financial sector committees and their institutional mandates, whereas the other options fail to account for the exact correct count.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (b). Rows 2 and 3 are correctly matched regarding financial sector committees and their institutional mandates, whereas the other options fail to account for the exact correct count.

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Q99 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

(a)

**Official key**

Statement 1 is correct because NBFCs can accept only term deposits, not demand deposits like savings or current accounts payable on demand. Statement 4 is also correct because the deposit insurance facility of DICGC is not available to depositors of NBFCs.

(b)

Statement 1 is correct, but statement 3 is incorrect because NBFCs do not form part of the payment and settlement system and cannot issue cheques drawn on themselves. Therefore, this option is incorrect.

(c)

Statement 4 is correct, but statement 1 is also correct. Omitting statement 1 makes this option incomplete.

(d)

Statement 4 is correct, but statements 2 and 3 contain errors. Not all NBFCs are required to be registered with the RBI (certain categories like core investment companies below specific asset sizes, housing finance companies registered with NHB, or nidhi companies regulated by MCA are exempt from direct RBI registration in certain contexts, and statement 3 is factually wrong regarding cheque issuance). Therefore, this option is incorrect.

Summary. Official key is (a) because NBFCs are legally barred from accepting demand deposits and cannot issue cheques, and DICGC deposit insurance does not extend to NBFC depositors, making statements 1 and 4 correct while 2 and 3 are incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a) because NBFCs are legally barred from accepting demand deposits and cannot issue cheques, and DICGC deposit insurance does not extend to NBFC depositors, making statements 1 and 4 correct while 2 and 3 are incorrect.

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Q100 · Set A

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

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

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

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#### OPTIONS

**(a)**

##### Official key

Statement 1 is correct because the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) and its national counterparts use the Alkire-Foster method for multidimensional poverty measurement. Statement 2 is correct because India's National Multidimensional Poverty Index published by **NITI Aayog** tracks twelve indicators grouped across health, education, and standard of living. Hence, option (a) is correct.

**(b)**

Statement 3 claims that Maternal Health and Bank Account are common indicators in both the national MPI and UNDP global MPI. While Bank Account is included, Maternal Health is not part of the standard global indicator set in the same manner, making statement 3 incorrect. Thus, option (b) is incorrect.

**(c)**

Statement 3 is incorrect because Maternal Health is not a shared common indicator between the two frameworks in the manner stated. Therefore, option (c) is incorrect.

**(d)**

Statement 1 is also correct alongside statement 2, as the Alkire-Foster methodology forms the mathematical foundation of MPI calculations. Therefore, option (d) is incorrect.

#### SUMMARY

Official key is (a) because the MPI uses the Alkire-Foster methodology and **NITI Aayog**'s national index tracks twelve indicators, while statement 3 is factually incorrect regarding the specific overlap of indicators.

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## Compiled answer key

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## Question-wise key

Q1 (d) Dheera Shankarabharanam Solution

Q2 (a) Aiding the flow of remittances from India and maintaining India's creditworthiness Solution

Q3 (c) Both 1 and 2 Solution

Q4 (b) 2 and 3 Solution

Q5 (b) Yaksha (demi-gods) Solution

Q6 (a) A joyous folk dance Solution

Q7 (d) 1, 2 and 3 Solution

Q8 (a) 1 and 2 only Solution

Q9 (c) The Bardoli Satyagraha was a campaign against the enhancement of land revenue, whil... Solution

Q10 (c) 1 and 3 only Solution

Q11 (d) 3 Solution

Q12 (a) The meditation of the Buddha Solution

Q13 (c) 3 Solution

Q14 (b) 2 and 3 Solution

Q15 (b) 2 only Solution

Q16 (c) 1, 3 and 4 Solution

Q17 (a) 2 and 3 only Solution

Q18 (d) 1, 2 and 3 Solution

- Q19 (d) Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana Solution
- Q20 (b) Atharvaveda Solution
- Q21 (—) Solution
- Q22 (b) 1 and 2 Solution
- Q23 (d) 3 only Solution
- Q24 (d) 3 only Solution
- Q25 (c) Sutlej Solution
- Q26 (c) 2 and 3 Solution
- Q27 (a) 1 only Solution
- Q28 (d) 3 only Solution
- Q29 (c) Both 1 and 2 Solution
- Q30 (b) 1 and 3 Solution
- Q31 (a) Ecuador Solution
- Q32 (b) 1 and 2 Solution
- Q33 (b) 1 and 2 Solution
- Q34 (b) 1 and 2 Solution
- Q35 (b) 1 and 2 Solution
- Q36 (b) 1 and 3 Solution
- Q37 (c) 3 only Solution
- Q38 (b) Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life Solution
- Q39 (b) 1 and 3 only Solution
- Q40 (c) Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project Solution
- Q41 (c) 1 and 2 only Solution
- Q42 (b) 1 and 2 only Solution
- Q43 (c) 1 and 2 only Solution
- Q44 (b) 2 and 3 only Solution
- Q45 (b) 2 and 3 only Solution
- Q46 (c) 1 and 2 only Solution
- Q47 (b) 2 and 3 only Solution
- Q48 (b) 2 and 3 only Solution
- Q49 (c) Both 1 and 2 Solution
- Q50 (b) 2 and 3 only Solution
- Q51 (c) Accountability Solution
- Q52 (a) 1, 3 and 4 only Solution
- Q53 (b) 3 only Solution
- Q54 (d) The view of only 'Y' is correct. Solution
- Q55 (b) There is no correct statement. Solution
- Q56 (b) 2 only Solution
- Q57 (a) There are two correct statements, that include statement 2. Solution
- Q58 (c) There is only one correct statement. Solution
- Q59 (d) There is no correct statement. Solution
- Q60 (b) 1 and 2 only Solution
- Q61 (d) 3 only Solution
- Q62 (—) Solution
- Q63 (d) None Solution

- Q64 (—) Solution
- Q65 (d) 3 only Solution
- Q66 (a) 1 and 2 Solution
- Q67 (c) 4 2 1 3 Solution
- Q68 (a) 1 and 2 Solution
- Q69 (c) 2 and 3 only Solution
- Q70 (a) 1 Solution
- Q71 (b) 3 2 4 1 Solution
- Q72 (b) 3 1 4 2 Solution
- Q73 (d) 33 Corps : Srinagar Solution
- Q74 (b) 2 only Solution
- Q75 (c) 2 and 3 Solution
- Q76 (c) 4 2 1 3 Solution
- Q77 (b) 1 and 3 only Solution
- Q78 (b) 1 and 4 Solution
- Q79 (c) Both 1 and 2 Solution
- Q80 (c) 1 and 2 only Solution
- Q81 (c) John Clarke Solution
- Q82 (c) 1 only Solution
- Q83 (c) HCL-Foxconn Joint Venture India Chip Ltd. : Madhya Pradesh Solution
- Q84 (a) 1 only Solution
- Q85 (a) 1, 2 and 3 Solution
- Q86 (c) 1, 2 and 4 Solution
- Q87 (a) Dropshipping Model Solution
- Q88 (c) Access, Usage, and Quality Solution
- Q89 (c) To break the dominance of large e-commerce platforms by enabling interoperability a... Solution
- Q90 (d) In both the cases (UPI and Digital Rupee), the liability lies with the users and th... Solution
- Q91 (a) 1, 2 and 3 Solution
- Q92 (c) Sustainability Bond Solution
- Q93 (b) 2 only Solution
- Q94 (b) A situation where Government borrowing leads to higher interest rates, which reduce... Solution
- Q95 (a) 1 and 3 only Solution
- Q96 (c) Both 1 and 2 Solution
- Q97 (c) Both 1 and 2 Solution
- Q98 (b) 2 and 3 Solution
- Q99 (a) 1 and 4 Solution
- Q100 (a) 1 and 2 only Solution

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