

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation

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CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ BY FORUMIAS.*

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Geography

Q.1) Pensilungpa Glacier was sometime seen in news. It is located in which of the following State/UT?

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Ladakh

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

According to a recent study by Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Pensilungpa Glacier (PG) located in Ladakh's Zaskar Valley is retreating.

Key Findings of the Study:

- **Pensilungpa Glacier (PG)** located in Zaskar, Ladakh is retreating. The study has attributed the retreat to an **increase in the temperature and decrease in precipitation during winters.**
- **The study also points** to the significant influence of debris cover on the mass balance and retreat of the glacier's endpoint, especially in summer.
- **It is also possible** that the **precipitation of summer periods at higher altitudes will change from snow to rain**, and that may influence the summer and winter patterns.

Read more: [Increasing Temperature and Low Winter Precipitation are Causing Retreat of Glaciers in Zaskar Valley, Ladakh](#)

Q.2) Parechu river is the tributary of which of the following rivers?

- a) Spiti
- b) Shyok
- c) Tons
- d) Pabbar

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- Parechu river is a left bank tributary of the Spiti river.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC):

1. It carries warm surface waters from the tropics towards the Equator.
2. Melting of glaciers weakens this circulation.
3. It is distributed to all ocean basins via the Antarctic circumpolar current.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** AMOC carries warm surface waters from the tropics towards the Northern Hemisphere, where it cools and sinks. It then returns to the tropics and then to the South Atlantic as a bottom current. From there it is distributed to all ocean basins via the Antarctic circumpolar current.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Researchers have found that a part of the Arctic's ice called the "Last Ice Area" has also melted. The freshwater from the melting ice reduces the salinity and density of the water. Now, the water is unable to sink as it used to and weakens the AMOC flow.
- **Statement 3 is correct**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) Euboea or Evia Island was recently seen in the news. In which of the following country the island is located?

- a) Egypt
- b) Spain
- c) Indonaesia
- d) Greece

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

Wildfires are continuing to rip through the Greek island of Evia with strong winds driving flames towards villages. Greece is experiencing its most severe heatwave in 30 years in which temperatures have spiked to 45C.

About Euboea:

Euboea or Evia is the second-largest Greek island in area and population, after Crete.

It is separated from Boeotia in mainland Greece by the narrow Euripus Strait.

Euboea was believed to have originally formed part of the mainland, and to have been separated from it by an earthquake. This is fairly probable, because it lies in the neighbourhood of a fault line.

Source: [All India Radio](#)

Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding landslide:

1. It occurs either in cold climates or in high altitudes where the mass of the saturated rock waste moves down the slope.
2. It is caused by natural as well as anthropogenic factors
3. Earthquake & Rainfall are some of the triggers for the landslides

Which of the following is/are correct?

- a) 1 & 2
- b) 2 & 3
- c) 2 only
- d) 1, 2, 3

Correct Answer B

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect: That is the definition of solifluction

Source: [The Hindu](#)

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Environment

Q.1) Which of the following country has banned sunscreen to protect its corals?

- Singapore
- Thailand
- Indonesia
- India

Correct Answer B

Explanation: Statement b is correct: Recently, Thailand banned the use of sunscreen to protect its corals from their adverse impacts. Palau and Hawaii have also imposed similar restrictions in the past.

Source: [DowntoEarth](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding IPCC (Inter government panel of Climate Change)

- It was established by the UNEP and WMO.
- It does not conduct its own research

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer C

Explanation: Both the statements are correct

- It is the international body for assessing the science related to climate change.
- It was set up in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to provide policymakers with regular assessments of the scientific basis of climate change, its impacts and future risks, and options for adaptation and mitigation.
- Like the UNFCCC, the IPCC has nearly 200 countries as members, representing almost all of the mankind. While it does not conduct its own scientific research, it assesses and synthesizes scientific output from around the world

Source: [DTE](#)

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA)

- The project aims to enhance the resilience of Indian agriculture to climate change and climate vulnerability through strategic research and technology demonstration.
- It is a network project of the ministry of environment forest and climate change

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has informed Rajya Sabha about National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture(NICRA)

About NICRA:

- **National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA)** is a network project of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched in February 2011.
- **Aim:** The project aims to enhance the resilience of Indian agriculture to climate change and climate vulnerability through strategic research and technology demonstration.
- **The research on adaptation** and mitigation covers crops, livestock, fisheries and natural resource management.

Source: [National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture\(NICRA\)](#)

Q.4) Consider the following pairs regarding Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Working group - Concerned Climate research

1. Working Group-I - Deals with the likely impacts, vulnerabilities, and adaptation issues
2. Working Group-II - Deals with the scientific basis for climate change
3. Working Group-III - Deals with actions that can be taken to combat climate change.

Which of the following pairs is/are matched correctly?

Select the answer from the codes given below

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The IPCC reports are created by **three working groups of scientists**.

Working Group	Concerned climate research
Working Group-I	Deals with the scientific basis for climate change
Working Group-II	Deals with the likely impacts, vulnerabilities, and adaptation issues
Working Group-III	Deals with actions that can be taken to combat climate change.

Read more: [IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report: Findings and Suggestions - Explained, pointwise](#)

Q.5) Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which of the following states?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Haryana
- c) Gujarat
- d) Rajasthan

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: About Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary:

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- **Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary** is located in the Jhajjar district of Haryana. In 2009, it was declared as a bird sanctuary by the Indian Government.
- **The sanctuary is an important part** of the ecological corridor along the route of Sahibi River which traverses from Aravalli hills in Rajasthan to the Yamuna. The sanctuary is located just 1.5 km from Khaparwas Wildlife Sanctuary.
- **The sanctuary** is an important wetland that provides a safe habitat to numerous animals and plants.
- **A total of 265 species of birds** have been reported from the site. More than 30,000 migratory birds belonging to over 250 species visit Bhindawas throughout the year.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding Bioremediation:

1. Bioremediation is the technology that uses microorganisms to break down hazardous substances into less toxic or non-toxic substances.
2. Bioventing, bioleaching, biosparging are the example of ex-situ bioremediation

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Bioventing, bioleaching, biosparging are the example of **in-situ bioremediation**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding Asian Elephants

1. More than 60% of the world's elephant population is in India.
2. Asian elephants are listed as "Critically endangered" on the IUCN Red List of threatened species.
3. Elephant is the Natural Heritage Animal of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

On World Elephant Day, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has announced that population estimation of elephants and tigers will be done together in 2022.

Elephant Census:

- **The Elephant Census** is conducted once in five years.
- **Method:** It largely relies on States directly counting the number of elephants. In recent years, techniques such as analysing dung samples have also been deployed to estimate birth rates and population trends in elephants.

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- **According to the last count in 2017**, there were 29,964 elephants in India.

Asian Elephants:

- IUCN Red List: Endangered
- CITES: Appendix I.
- Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I.

Read more: [Common survey to count elephants and tigers](#)

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding All India Tiger Census:

1. It has been conducted once in four years
2. Madhya Pradesh recorded maximum number of tigers followed by Karnataka and Uttarakhand
3. It is conducted by national Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in collaboration with state departments

Which of the following is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer D

Explanation:

All the statements are correct

Source: [Article](#)

Q.9) Consider the following statements regarding Greater Adjutant Storks:

1. They are critically endangered according to the IUCN Red list
2. They are included under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act 1992

Which of the following is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

Both the statements are incorrect

Greater Adjutant storks are Endangered as per IUCN red list.

They are protected under schedule 4 of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

Source: [Article](#)

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Governance: Judiciary and Tribunal

Q.1) B.N Srikrishna committee seen in news is related to

- To regulate digital lending platform in India
- To see Feasibility of Variable Capital Companies in International Financial Services Centres
- To review institutionalization of arbitration mechanism in India
- To formulate policy on disinvestment

Correct Answer C

Explanation:

B.N Srikrishna committee

Dispute management: -

- **Creation of IMC (inter-ministerial committee) with official from Min of finance, external affairs and law.**
- Hiring of external lawyers with expertise in BITs, Designated fund to fight BITs
- Creating post of "International law advisor" to the govt of India as a single authority to deal with all BITs

Dispute resolution-

- Establishment of BIT appellate mechanism and multilateral investment court.
- Focus on ISDS (investor state dispute resolution) mechanism as given in India's model BIT as an appellate mechanism to settle BIT disputes.

Source [IndianExpress](#)

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Modern History

Q.1) Consider the following statement regarding Abanindranath Tagore:

1. He was associated with Indian Society of Oriental Art
2. His work was majorly inspired from Western models of Art
3. He was the creator of the iconic “Bharat Mata” painting

Which of the following is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer C

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: He laid the foundation of ‘Indian Society of Oriental Art’ and later went on to establish the Bengal school of art.

Statement 2 is incorrect: He was the first major supporter of Swadeshi values in Indian art. To counter the western influence of art, he modernized Mughal & Rajput styles to give rise to modern Indian painting.

Statement 3 is correct: His other famous paintings include The Passing of Shah Jahan (1900), My Mother (1912–13), Fairyland illustration (1913), and Journey’s End (circa 1913).

Source: [TheHindu](#)

Q.2) Quit India Movement was launched in response to

- a) Cabinet Mission plan
- b) Cripps Proposal
- c) Simon Commission Report
- d) Wavell Plan

Correct Answer B

Explanation: British government sent a delegation to India under Sir Stafford Cripps to negotiate with the INC, a deal to obtain total cooperation during the war.in return of progressive devolution and distribution of power from the crown and the Viceroy to an elected Indian legislature. The talks failed, as they did not address the key demand of self-government and only making an offer of limited dominion status which was unacceptable to the Indian movement

Source: [PIB](#)

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding **International Solar Alliance**

1. The membership of ISA is limited to countries partially or entirely located within the tropics.
2. The ISA is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- Membership to the ISA was earlier limited to 121 countries, which were partially or entirely located within the tropics. This didn't allow major solar energy economies such as Germany to join the alliance that is being increasingly seen as a foreign policy tool. So, on 8th January 2021, The ISA opened its Membership to all Member States of the United Nations.
- Recently, Germany became the 5th country to sign International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement after amendments to it entered into force.
- The ISA is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana.

Source: [All India Radio](#)

Q.2) Uniting for Consensus group includes which of the following countries?

1. China
2. Pakistan
3. Argentina

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- Uniting for Consensus (UfC) is a movement, nicknamed the **Coffee Club**, that developed in the 1990s in opposition to the possible expansion of the United Nations Security Council.
- **UFC group – Pakistan, South Korea, Italy and Argentina**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) The Carbon Border Tax is sometime seen in news is associated with which of the following organization?

- a) European Union
- b) G20
- c) G7
- d) ASEAN

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) Consider the following statement regarding Information Fusion Centre (IFC)

1. It links all the coastal radar chains to generate a seamless real-time picture of the India's coastline.
2. Only the countries having white shipping agreements with India are IFC partners.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Both statements are correct.

About IFC-IOR:

- The IFC-IOR has been established at the Indian Navy's Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) in Gurugram, Haryana.
- It is the single point center linking all the coastal radar chains to generate a seamless real-time picture of the nearly 7,500-km coastline.
- It has been established with the vision of strengthening maritime security in the region and beyond by building a common coherent maritime situation picture and acting as a maritime information hub for the region.
- The IFC will share White Shipping Information with the countries. White shipping refers to commercial shipping information about the movement of cargo ships.
- All Countries that have signed the white shipping information agreement with India are IFC partners.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) Consider the following statements about UNSC:

1. It has 5 permanent & 15 non-permanent members
2. India has become a non-permanent member for the first time since independence
3. UNSC non-permanent members are selected for a two-year period.

Which of the following is/are not correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The council has 15 members: the five permanent members and 10 non-permanent members elected for two-year terms.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India, for the eighth time, has entered the UNSC as a non-permanent member recently. It will stay on the council for two years i.e., 2021-22
- **Statement 3 is correct**

Recently, India assumed the presidency of UNSC for the month of August 2021

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Source: The [Hindu](#)

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding UNCLOS (United Nation Convention on the Law of Sea)

1. It is an international treaty which was adopted and signed at Rio conference
2. It replaced the four Geneva Conventions concerned with territorial sea, contiguous zone etc
3. International Sea Bed Authority is created under the convention

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: About UNCLOS:

- The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is an international treaty which was adopted and signed in 1982.
- It lays down a comprehensive regime of law and order in the world's oceans and seas establishing rules governing all uses of the oceans and their resources
- It replaced the four Geneva Conventions of April, 1958, which respectively concerned the territorial sea and the contiguous zone, the continental shelf, the high seas, fishing and conservation of living resources on the high seas.
- The Convention has created three new institutions on the international scene: the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the International Seabed Authority, the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Source: [Article](#)

Q.7) Zayed Talwar is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which other country?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) UAE
- c) Qatar
- d) Oman

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Source: [Article](#)

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding The Internet Governance Forum (IGF):

1. This mode of engagement is referred to as the multi-stakeholder model of Internet Governance.
2. Funding of Internet Governance forum is managed by the UN Secretariat.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** IGF is financed through the extra-budgetary Trust Fund Account managed by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

Source: [Article](#)

Q.9) Consider the following statements about UNCLOS

1. It is the only international convention which provides framework for state jurisdiction in maritime spaces.
2. India is not the member of UNCLOS

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct

Statement 2 is incorrect: India became a signatory to the UNCLOS in 1982

Source: [TheHindu](#)

Q.10) Consider the following statements regarding the non-refoulement principle:

1. Principle applies regardless of whether a person flees from a country that enjoys peace or a country involved in an armed conflict.
2. Non-refoulement is also enshrined under the Convention against Torture.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Both statements are correct

- The principle of *non-refoulement* is codified in **Article 33 of the Refugee Convention** and in regional refugee law instruments.
- Over the past decades, however, the principle has also been included in human rights treaties, such as
 - the ***Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment*** (Article 3),
 - the ***International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance*** (Article 16)
- The principle of *non-refoulement* **applies** regardless of whether a person flees from a country that enjoys peace or a country involved in an armed conflict. if there are substantial grounds for believing that the individual in question would be in danger of

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being subjected to violations of certain fundamental rights, the person cannot be returned. This would be the case, for instance, for a leader of an opposition group who would in all likelihood be tortured or summarily executed upon return.

- The principle of *non-refoulement* **prohibits** not only the direct forcible return of persons in the above-described situations, but also indirect measures that have the same effect.
- Principle of non-refoulement applies not only to recognized refugees, but also to those who have not had their status formally declared.
- The non-refoulement obligation under Article 33 of the 1951 Convention is **binding on all organs of a State party to the 1951 Convention and/or the 1967 Protocol.**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.11) Exercise Al-Mohed Al-Hindi is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which of the following country?

- a) Iran
- b) Turkey
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Azerbaijan

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Exercise Al-Mohed Al-Hindi** is a bilateral naval exercise between India and Saudi Arabia.
- **Purpose:** The exercise will showcase the reflection of growing defence and military cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.
- **Features:** The exercise comprises a number of shore and sea-based drills between the two navies. From the Indian side, INS Kochi participated in the exercise.

Source: [PIB](#)

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Government schemes/initiatives - SCHEMES AND OTHERS

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):

1. The CDS will be a four-star General/Officer who will act as the Principal Military Advisor to the Prime Minister on all tri-services matter
2. Its creation was recommended by a Group of Ministers (GoM) tasked with studying the Kargil Review Committee (1999) report.
3. The CDS will be the permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC).

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The CDS will be a four-star General/Officer who will act as the Principal Military Advisor to the **Defence Minister**

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER)

1. It is India's oldest and largest independent, non-profit, economic policy research institute.
2. It undertakes grant-funded research and commissioned studies for governments and industry.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Even as the national skill mission failed to expand vocational education in schools, the Union education ministry has recently tied up with the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) will help CBSE schools to expand vocational education & to make skilling programmes more effective in schools

About the NCAER:

- It was established in 1956. It is India's oldest and largest independent, non-profit, economic policy research institute.
- Furthermore, it undertakes grant-funded research and commissioned studies for governments and industry, and is one of the few think tanks globally that also collect primary data.

Read more: [Centre ropes in NCAER to help expand vocational education in CBSE schools](#)

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Q.3) NK Vishwanathan committee sometimes seen in news is related to?

- Reforms in arbitration and reconciliation process.
- Assess regulatory measures taken by RBI for UCBs.
- Strengthening securities market in India.
- Tackling the problem of NPAs with PSBs.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

NK Vishwanathan committee

- The expert committee on primary (urban) co-operative banks, headed by former RBI deputy governor N S Vishwanathan, is expected to submit its report within a fortnight.
- Its mandate is to take stock of the regulatory measures taken by the RBI and other authorities for UCBs and assess their impact over the past five years.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding PM-DAKSH portal:

- The portal has been developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in collaboration with NIC.
- It also includes an entrepreneurship development program.
- It has been launched by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- Statement 1 and 3 are incorrect**
- Statement 2 is correct**

About PM-DAKSH Portal:

- PM-DAKSH** stands for Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi Yojana.
- Nodal Ministry:** It was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E) in 2020-21.
- Purpose:** It is a National Action Plan for skilling marginalized persons covering SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, Sanitation workers including waste pickers.
- Developed by:** The Portal has been developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in collaboration with National e-Governance Division (NeGD).
- Features:** Under this Programme, eligible target groups are being provided with skill development training programmes on
 - Up-skilling/Reskilling
 - Short Term Training programme
 - Long Term Training Programme
 - Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP).

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- **Implementation:** The training programs are being implemented through Government Training Institutes, Sector Skill Councils constituted by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and other credible institutions.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding National Legal Services Authority (NALSA):

1. One of the functions of NALSA is to organize Lok Adalats.
2. Free legal aid under its provisions is available to any member of SC, ST and OBC community.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** There is no provision of free legal aid for OBCs
- Read more [here](#)

Source: [Article](#)

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding Seekho aur kamao scheme:

1. It is being implemented by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
2. One of its provisions is to improve the employability of existing workers.
3. It ensures placements of trainees in both organized and unorganized sector.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is being implemented by Ministry of Minority Affairs
- **Statement 2 is correct**
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It ensures a placement of 75% of trainees (minimum) and out of that at least 50% are placed in organized sector.

About Seekho aur Kamao Scheme:

- **Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)** is a scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- **Purpose:** It is a Skill development scheme for the youth of the 14 – 35 years age group. It aims at providing employment and employment opportunities, improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.
- **Implementation:** The scheme is implemented through selected expert Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs).

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- **The scheme ensures** placements of a minimum of 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in the organized sector.
- **Moreover**, Post-placement support of Rs. 2000/- per month is provided to placed trainees under the scheme for two months as placement assistance.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.7) Which of the following statement is true about PM-KISAN Yojna

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
2. Amount of 6000 per year is directly transferred into bank account of all landholding farmers

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Both statements are correct

PM Kisan Yojna: It is a Central Sector scheme launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in 2019.

- Its objective is to augment the income of the farmers by providing income support to all landholding farmers' families across the country and to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs.
- The Scheme initially provided income support to all small and Marginal Farmers' families across the country, holding cultivable land up to 2 hectares. Its ambit was later expanded to cover all farmer families in the country irrespective of the size of their land holdings

Source [IndianExpress](#)

Q.8) Consider the following statement regarding e-Rupi

1. It is a cashless and contactless method for Digital Payment
2. e-Rupi doesn't require any internet connection
3. It has been developed by National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI)

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

All the statements are correct

About e-Rupi

- This pre-paid voucher is **provided directly to beneficiaries via a QR code or SMS**.
- It **doesn't require an internet connection**, a smartphone, or an app, and, most importantly, is person and purpose dependent.

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- The service provider gets paid in a **timely manner** but only after providing the service such as medical care, medicines, nutritional support, books, subsidies, etc.
- It is done by redeeming the e-voucher that's been paid for by the sponsor, such as the government, a philanthropic foundation, or a private- sector Corporate Social Responsibility initiative.

Source [LiveMint](#)

Q.9) Consider the following statements regarding Parliamentary Committee on Official Language

1. Committee's mandate is to review the progress made in the use of Hindi for the Official purposes of the Union.
2. It comprises of members from Lok Sabha only.
3. As a convention, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha is elected as Chairman of the Committee from time to time.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct
- Statement 2 is incorrect
- Statement 3 is incorrect

About Parliamentary Committee on Official Language:

- **The Parliamentary Committee on Official Language** was set up in 1976 under section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963.
- **Mandate:** The Committee shall review the progress made in the use of Hindi for the Official purposes of the Union and submit a report to the President making recommendations. The President shall then lay the report before each House of Parliament and send it to all the State Governments.
- **Composition:** The Committee comprises 30 members of Parliament, 20 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha.
- **Chairman:** The Chairman of the Committee is elected by the members of the Committee. As a convention, the Union Home Minister has been elected as Chairman of the Committee from time to time.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.10) Consider the following statements regarding Purchasing Manufacturer's Index (PMI):

1. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of business activity in the manufacturing sector only
2. It is published by FICCI in association with Quality Council of India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

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- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

About Purchasing manager's Index:

- PMI or Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of business activity both in the manufacturing and **services sectors**. It indicates the economic health and investor's sentiments about the manufacturing and services sectors of the country.
- **Publisher:** PMI data is compiled by Markit Economics and **published by the Japanese firm Nikkei**. PMI is calculated separately for both Manufacturing (Manufacturing PMI) and Services sectors (Services PMI) and then a composite index is published.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.11) Consider the following statement with respect to Quality of life for elderly index

1. It has been launched by Ministry of social justice
2. Rajasthan leads the ranking in the aged state category

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

Source: [Article](#)

Q.12) Which of the following is the objective of "Ujjwala", a scheme of government

- a) To provide electricity to every household in the country by 2022
- b) To provide LPG connections to women from Below Poverty Line
- c) To provide financial assistance to start-up entrepreneurs in field of Renewable energy
- d) For the construction of smart cities across the country

Correct Answer B

Explanation: About Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in 2018.

Aim: To replace the unclean cooking fuels mostly used in rural India with the clean and more efficient LPG(Liquefied Petroleum Gas).

Under the scheme, an adult woman member of a below poverty line family identified through the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) was given a deposit-free LPG connection with the financial assistance of Rs 1,600 per connection by the Centre.

Target: Initially the target was the installation of 5 crores LPG connections by 2019. But the target was revised to 8 crores which was achieved in August 2019.

Source: [PIB](#)

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Q.13) Consider the following statements regarding MGNREGA

1. It is a guaranteed wage employment scheme applicable in both rural and urban areas
2. It provides provision for 1/3 reservation for women
3. Gram Sabha has the power for issuing of job cards

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect: MGNREGA guarantees 100 days of work a year to every rural household with an aim to enhance the livelihood security of people.

Statement 2 is correct

Statement 3 is correct

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Q.14) Consider the following statements regarding Central Sector Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation (CSISAC) scheme

1. The scheme is implemented through the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
2. The government also provides a Guarantee for procurement operations of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The Minister of State for Cooperation has informed Rajya Sabha about the Central Sector Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation (CSISAC) scheme.

About Central Sector Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation (CSISAC) scheme:

- **CSISAC scheme** is the result of a merger of two erstwhile schemes of 11th Five-Year Plan viz;
 - a. Restructured Central Sector Scheme for Assistance to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) Programmes for Development of Cooperatives and
 - b. Central Sector Scheme for Education & Training.
- **Objective:** To provide financial assistance for improving the economic conditions of cooperatives, remove regional imbalances, and speed up cooperative development in agricultural and allied sectors.
- **Implementing Agency:** Assistance is provided under the scheme through the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)

Key features of the scheme

- **Financial assistance** is provided under the scheme for marketing, storage, and processing of agricultural produce, besides the supply of agricultural inputs.

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- **The government also provides** a Guarantee for procurement operations of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).

Source: [Increasing Cooperative Activities in Agriculture Sector](#)

Q.15) Consider the following statements regarding Samagra Shiksha scheme?

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Human Resource and Development
2. Its aim is to improve the quality of college education in India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct

Statement 2 is incorrect:

Samagra Shiksha is an Integrated Scheme for School Education. It has been launched throughout the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19.

Merged Schemes: The scheme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), and Teacher Education (TE).

Aim: To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

Coverage: It is an overarching programme for the school education sector, extending from pre-school to class XII.

Source [PIB](#)

Q.16) Consider the following statements regarding PM Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY):

1. It covers Food crops , Commercial Crops and horticulture crops only
2. It provides premium of 1.5% for Kharif crops, 2% for Rabi cops & 5% for horticulture.
3. The scheme was launched under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Warfare

Which of the following is/are incorrect?

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

Correct Answer A

Explanation:

PMFBY

Aim: To provide comprehensive insurance cover against failure of the crop thus helping in stabilizing the income of the farmers.

Statement 1 is incorrect: It covers a) food crops b) oilseed crops and c) annual commercial/horticultural crops.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The prescribed premium is a) 2% for Kharif crops b) 1.5% for Rabi crops and c) 5% for commercial and horticultural crops. Balance of actuarial premium is shared equally between State and Central government

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Statement 3 is correct

Source: [DTE](#)

Q.17) Operation Blue Freedom sometimes seen in news is related to?

- a) India's attempt to ensure freedom in Indian Ocean
- b) It is the code name of military operation carried out in 1984
- c) To train team of disabled people to scale Siachen Glacier
- d) To increase the production of Fisheries in India?

Correct Answer C

Explanation:

Operation Blue Freedom

- It is an attempt to create world record by team of disabled people to scale Siachen Glacier-Worlds highest battlefield.
- The expedition will take place till Kumar post
- The team of disabled people is trained by "Team CLAW—a team of Armed Force Veterans".
- This operation shall place India on the global stage as a leader in empowering Divyangjan & will set benchmark for other nations also.
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will flag off this operation on the Independence Day

Source: [The Hindu](#)

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POLITY

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP):

1. It functions under Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. ITBP personnel have also been deployed abroad in UN peacekeeping missions.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

Both statements are correct

About ITBP:

- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBPF)** is a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) functioning under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Origin:** ITBP was **initially raised in 1962 under the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Act, 1949** in the backdrop of **1962 during the India-China War**
- However, in 1992, parliament enacted the **ITBPF Act** and the rules were framed in 1994.
- **Mandate:** ITBP is India's primary border patrol organization for its border with China's Tibet Autonomous Region. It is also deployed for **Anti Naxal Operations** and other **internal security duties**.
- **Moreover**, ITBP personnel have also been deployed abroad in UN peacekeeping missions.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) In the Indian Parliament, purpose of adjournment Sine Die is

- a) To allow discussion on definite matter of urgent public importance
- b) To suspend the sitting of house for a particular period
- c) To terminate the sitting of Parliament for an indefinite period
- d) To postpone proceedings to check inappropriate behavior on part of some members

Correct Answer C

Explanation:

Adjournment Sine Die:

It means terminating the sitting of Parliament for an indefinite period. . The power of this lies in with the presiding officer of the house.

Source: [TOI](#)

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding Parliamentary Committees

1. It works under the direction of Speaker/ Chairman
2. It has a secretariat provided by the President of India
3. Recommendations of these committees are of binding in nature
4. It presents its report to the house or to the Speaker/Chairman

Which of the following is/ are correct?

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- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2 & 4
- c) 1 & 4
- d) 2, 3, 4

Correct Answer C

Explanation:

Statements 1 & 4 are correct

Statement 2 is incorrect: It has a secretariat provided by Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha

Statement 3 is incorrect: Parliament is not bound by recommendations of these committees. However, they hold a lot of weight.

Source [The Hindu](#)

Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya yojana (PMJAY):

1. PMJAY will provide insurance up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for in-patient secondary and tertiary treatment
2. Under the scheme the states are responsible for empaneling the hospitals

Which of the following is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Both the statements are correct

Source: [Article](#)

Also read: [PMJAY](#)

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding Graphene:

1. Graphene oxide can be used to increase the shelf-life of perishable commodities like fruits.
2. It is world's thinnest and most conductive material.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Both statements are correct

Indian Scientists have developed a composite paper made of carbon (graphene oxide) loaded with preservatives that can be used as wrappers to help extend shelf life of fruits.

About Graphene:

- Graphene is a **single layer (monolayer) of carbon atoms** arranged in a honeycomb-like pattern.
- **Graphene is considered** to be the world's thinnest, strongest and most conductive material – of both electricity and heat.
- **Uses:** It can be used in applications ranging from miniaturised **electronics to biomedical devices** like computers, solar panels, batteries, sensors and other devices.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) Jezero crater sometimes in news is located on which of the following?

- a) Moon
- b) Jupiter
- c) Mars
- d) Saturn

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: NASA's Perseverance rover is exploring the Jezero Crater on Mars and attempting to collect its first rock samples. However, no rock samples were collected during the first attempt.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding Marburg hemorrhagic fever:

1. It is a zoonotic disease.
2. There is no approved vaccine or treatment for this disease.
3. The virus belongs to same family as Ebola virus.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Correct Answer: D

All statements are correct

About Marburg Virus:

- **Marburg virus disease(MVD)** was formerly known as Marburg hemorrhagic fever.
- **The virus causes** hemorrhagic fever and belongs to the same family (Filoviridae family) as the Ebola virus.
- **First Case:** The virus was initially detected in 1967 after simultaneous outbreaks in Marburg and Frankfurt in Germany; and in Belgrade, Serbia.
- **Symptoms:** The common symptoms of a virus are fever, headache, fatigue, abdominal pain and gingival haemorrhage.
- **Transmission:** Marburg is transmitted to people from fruit bats. The virus spreads among humans through **direct contact with the bodily fluids** of the patient, surfaces and materials
- **Fatality Rate:** The case fatality rate is around 50%. Case fatality rates have varied from 24% to 88% in past outbreaks, depending on virus strain and case management.
- **Treatment:** There are **no approved vaccines or antiviral treatments** for the virus yet. Early supportive care with rehydration and symptomatic treatment improves survival.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.4) DABUS sometimes seen in news is related to?

- Nano-technology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Space warfare
- Blockchain

Correct Answer: b

Explanation:

DABUS stands for **device for the autonomous bootstrapping of unified sentience**, created by **Stephen Thaler**, a pioneer in the field of AI and programming.

The system mimics human brainstorming and creates new inventions. DABUS is a particular type of AI, often referred to as **“creativity machines”** because they are capable of independent and complex functioning.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding EOS-03 mission:

1. It was launched by ISRO in collaboration with European space agency.
2. It aims to study the influence of climate change on the Arctic region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

Source: [Article](#)

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Q.6) Which of the following is/are a species of an oil-cleaning bacteria?

1. Alcanivorax borkumensis
2. Natrialba Swarupiae
3. Geobacter bacteria

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Below are some examples of oil-cleaning bacteria:

- **NY3:** The “NY3” has an “extraordinary capacity” to produce rhamnolipids that can help break down oil and then degrade some of its most serious toxic compounds.
- **Geobacter bacteria:** They were the first organisms found to oxidise organic compounds to carbon dioxide. They can convert the organic compounds in oil spills into carbon dioxide.
- **Alcanivorax borkumensis:** This rod-shaped microbe lives in all the world’s oceans with a special preference for oil-polluted areas, as it uses hydrocarbon molecules for food.
- **Oilzapper:** Developed by TERI & partly supported by the DBT (Department of Biotechnology), the Oilzapper is essentially a cocktail of five different bacterial strains that are immobilized and mixed with a carrier material (powdered corncob). The Oilzapper feeds on hydrocarbon compounds present in crude oil and oily sludge (a hazardous hydrocarbon waste generated by oil refineries) and converts them into harmless CO₂ and water.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding NISAR mission:

1. It is a collaboration between NASA and ISRO for a joint earth-observation satellite.
2. It will be launched using GSLV Mk-3 satellite launching vehicle.
3. ISRO will provide radars and the communication system of the satellite

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

Statement 2 is incorrect: NISAR satellite will be launched using GSLV Mk-2

Statement 3 is incorrect: Both radars (L type) and communication system will be provided by NASA. ISRO will provide the spacecraft bus, the second type of radar (called the S-band radar), the launch vehicle and associated launch services

Source: [Article](#)

Read more: [NISAR](#)

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Indian economy: policy and initiatives

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding Insolvency and Bankruptcy code 2016

1. The code replaced all the existing laws and created a uniform procedure to resolve insolvency and bankruptcy disputes
2. The code aims to resolve insolvencies in a strict time-bound manner – the evaluation and viability determination must be completed within 180 days.
3. It has created Information utilities to keep a record of debts given by creditors along with details of repayments/ dishonor of debt.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

About IBC 2016:

- The code replaced all the existing laws and created a uniform procedure to resolve insolvency and bankruptcy disputes.
- It allows creditors to assess the viability of a debtor as a business decision. Further, the creditors can agree with the plan for its revival or suggest for a speedy liquidation.
- The Code creates a **new institutional framework**. This framework facilitated a formal and time-bound insolvency resolution process and liquidation. The framework includes:
 - a. **Insolvency Professionals:** They will **administer** the resolution process. They also manage the assets of the debtor and provide information for creditors to assist them in decision-making.
 - b. **Insolvency Professional Agencies:** The insolvency professionals will be registered with insolvency professional agencies. The agencies would conduct examinations to certify the insolvency professionals and enforce a code of conduct for their performance.
 - c. **Information utilities:** They will keep a record of debts given by creditors along with details of repayments/ dishonor of debt.
 - d. **Adjudicating authorities:** They will give the approval to initiate the resolution process, appoint the insolvency professional, and approve the final decision of creditors.
 - i. **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT):** It is the adjudicating authority for companies and limited liability entities
 - ii. **Debt Recovery Tribunal:** It is the adjudicating authority for individuals and partnership firms.
 - e. **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board:** The Board will **regulate** insolvency professionals, insolvency professional agencies and information utilities set up under the Code.
- The code aims to resolve insolvencies in a strict time-bound manner – the evaluation and viability determination must be completed within 180 days.

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- Moratorium period of 180 days (extendable up to 270 days) for the Company. For startups and small companies, the resolution time period is 90 days which can be extended by 45 days.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding SWIFT:

1. It provides a network that enables financial institutions worldwide to send and receive information about financial transactions.
2. It is a global member-owned cooperative that is headquartered in Belgium.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Both statements are correct

- Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) provides a network that enables financial institutions worldwide to send and receive information about financial transactions in a secure, standardized and reliable environment. In other words, It transports messages from one bank to its intended bank recipient.
- SWIFT is a global member-owned cooperative that is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. It was founded in 1973 by a group of 239 banks from 15 countries. It was formed as a co-operative utility to develop a secure electronic messaging service and common standards to facilitate cross-border payments.

Source: [Article](#)

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding Public Enterprises Survey

1. This is the first time the survey is conducted in India
2. Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) under Ministry of Finance will conduct the survey

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Recently, The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance has released the Annual Public Enterprises Survey 2019-20.

Brief history of the Public Enterprises (PE) survey:

- **The Estimates Committee** in its 73rd Report (2nd Lok Sabha) in Financial Year 1959-60 recommended that there should be a detailed report highlighting the performance of CPSEs.
- **The Bureau of Public Enterprises** under the Ministry of Finance (now Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Finance) drafted the first Public Enterprises Survey in the Financial Year 1960-61.

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Public Enterprises Survey 2019-20

- **The Public Enterprises Survey 2019-20** is the 60th publication in this series. It provides essential statistical data for all CPSEs from various perspectives.
- Source: [DPE brings out 60th annual Public Enterprises Survey 2019-20](#)

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