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Daily MCQs: 09-12-2025

- 1) Consider the following statements based on 23rd India–Russia Annual Summit (2025).
1. India and Russia agreed to enhance investments in each other's petroleum and natural gas sectors.
 2. The summit discussed increasing trade via the Northern Sea Route (NSR).
 3. Both sides signed an agreement to establish an India–Russia Free Trade Area.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 2) With reference to the recent revision of fatigue and rest norms by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), consider the following statements:

1. The norms expand the definition of night duty to restrict flying during biologically unsuitable hours.
2. It reduces the maximum number of permitted night landings for pilots.
3. It mandates longer weekly rest periods for pilots.
4. The primary objective of these changes is to increase flight frequency and optimise airline profitability.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 3) Consider the following statement regarding University Grant Commission?

1. Based on the 1944 Sargeant Report, which recommended a University Grants Committee.
2. First formed in 1945 on the recommendation of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
3. Comprises a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and 10 other members appointed by the President of India.
4. It is Constitutional body.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None of the above

- 4) With reference to the removal of a High Court Judge in India, consider the following statements:

1. A motion for removal can be initiated in either House of Parliament.
2. The motion must be passed in each House by a special majority.
3. The President can remove the judge only after receiving the motion passed by Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only

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

5) Consider the following pairs:

Grassland Type	Region
1. Veld	Africa
2. Llanos	Australia
3. Puszta	Hungary
4. Prairie	North America

Which of the pairs are correctly matched?

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

Explanation:

1) **Answer: (D)**

Statement 1 is correct.

During the summit, both sides emphasized deeper cooperation in the energy sector, including oil, natural gas, petrochemicals, and related infrastructure. They also encouraged greater participation of companies from both countries in each other's energy markets.

Statement 2 is correct.

The official joint statement highlighted transport and connectivity as priority areas. The Northern Sea Route was specifically mentioned as a corridor both countries aim to strengthen for future trade and shipping linkages.

Statement 3 is incorrect.

The summit did not announce the signing of any free trade agreement. Instead, both sides agreed to **continue discussions** and **accelerate efforts** towards the possibility of a future free trade arrangement, particularly in the context of broader regional economic frameworks. No immediate FTA was concluded.

2) **Answer: (B)**

Statement 1 is correct:

The norms have expanded the definition of night duty to include a longer period (from midnight to 6 AM instead of 5 AM), which restricts flying during biologically unsuitable hours, aligning better with the Window of Circadian Low (WOCL) and reducing risks associated with fatigue.

Statement 2 is correct:

The maximum number of permitted night landings for pilots has been reduced from six to two per week, as part of efforts to reduce fatigue and improve safety.

Statement 3 is correct:

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The weekly rest period for pilots has been increased from 36 hours to 48 hours, ensuring more recovery time and addressing cumulative fatigue.

Statement 4 is incorrect:

The primary objective of these changes is to enhance flight safety by reducing pilot fatigue, not to increase flight frequency or optimize airline profitability.

3) Answer: (A)

Statement 1 is correct: Initiated based on the 1944 Sargeant Report, which recommended a University Grants Committee.

Statement 2 is incorrect: First formed in 1945, expanded in 1947, restructured in 1948 under Dr. S. Radhakrishnan's recommendation. Became a statutory body in 1956, formally inaugurated in 1953 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Comprises a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and 10 other members appointed by the Central Government. Assess and allocate grants for universities. Recommend improvements in higher education. Assist in the implementation of reforms.

Statement 4 is incorrect: The University Grant Commission (UGC), is a **Statutory Body of Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education**, constituted under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), vested with two responsibilities: that of providing funds and that of coordination, determination and maintenance of standards in institutions of higher education **not Constitutional body**.

4) Answer: (D)

Statement 1 is correct: A removal motion for a High Court judge can be introduced in either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha.

Statement 2 is correct: Both Houses must pass it with a **special majority**:

- Majority of the total membership, and
- Two-thirds of members present and voting.

Statement 3 is correct: Removal becomes official only when the **President** orders it after receiving the motion passed by **both Houses**.

5) Answer: (A)

Veld (1) - Africa: Correctly matched, as veld grasslands are primarily found in southern Africa, especially South Africa.

Llanos (2) - Australia: Incorrectly matched; Llanos are tropical savanna grasslands located in South America, mainly in Venezuela and Colombia.

Puszta (3) - Hungary: Correctly matched, referring to the temperate grassland biome of the Great Hungarian Plain in eastern Hungary.

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Prairie (4) - North America: Correctly matched, as prairies are the vast temperate grasslands spanning central North America, including the Great Plains

