

MCQ 01.09.2020 TO 05.09.2020

1. With reference to the Jal Jeevan Mission, consider the following statements.

1. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) envisages supply of 100 litres of water per person per day to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) by 2024.
2. Jal Jeevan Mission looks to create a jan andolan for water.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) envisages supply of 55 litres of water per person per day to every rural household through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) by 2024.

**Statement 2 is correct:** JJM looks to create a jan andolan for water, thereby making it everyone's priority.



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- The Mission was announced in August 2019. The chief objective of the Mission is to provide piped water supply (Har Ghar Jal) to all rural households by 2024.
- It aims to create local infrastructure for rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household waste water for reuse in agriculture.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission is set to be based on various water conservation efforts like point recharge, desilting of minor irrigation tanks, use of greywater for agriculture and source sustainability.
- The Jal Jeevan Mission will converge with other Central and State Government Schemes to achieve its objectives of sustainable water supply management across the country.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1649990>

#### 2. Which of the following temple is found in Hampi?

- A. Prasanna Virupaksha temple
- B. Jagannath Temple
- C. Lingaraja Temple
- D. Brihadeeshvara Temple

Answer: A

#### Explanation:

- **Option A is correct:** This famous temple can be found in the UNESCO World Heritage temple town of Hampi in Karnataka. The temple is dedicated to Lord Virupaksha, an avatar of Lord Shiva, and dates to the 7th century. One of its most significant elements is its nine-storey gopuram which is nearly 165 feet in height. Steeped in a legacy of tradition and surrounded by relics from ancient times, this temple is the jewel in one of India's most significant historical crowns.
- **Jagannath temple, Puri-** One of the oldest temples on this list, Jagannath Puri dates to the 12th century and is a temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Apart from being a spectacular architectural edifice and one of the char dhams of Hindu religion, it is also famous for the elaborate rath yatra it hosts every year.

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- **Lingaraja Temple-** Lingaraja Temple is one of the oldest temples in Bhubaneswar and one of the most sizeable temples in town too. The temple's main tower is 180 feet tall, and the origins of this ancient Indian temple date back to the 700th century.
- **Brihadeeshvara Temple, Thanjavur-** Another temple that's located in the south India state of Tamil Nadu, Brihadeeshvara is an icon of the Chola Dynasty. This temple is ancient too, built way back in the period spanning 1003-1010 AD. You will also find one of the largest Shiva lingas in India within this temple.

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### 3. With reference to GDP of India, consider the following statements?

1. The base year is 2011-12.
2. In India, GDP is calculated at factor cost.
3. Indian economy saw the steepest quarterly fall in GDP first time in four decades, post Covid outbreak.
4. The Central Statistical Organisation calculates the GDP data in India.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 1, 3 and 4 only

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** In January 2015, the government moved to a new base year of 2011-12 from the earlier base year of 2004-05
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** In 2015, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) did away with GDP at factor cost and adopted the international practice of GDP at market price and the Gross Value Addition (GVA) measure to better estimate economic activity.

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- **Statement 3 is correct:** As India gradually becomes the global hotspot for COVID-19, the gross domestic product for the first quarter ended June of FY 2020-21, released on Monday, 31 August, dropped 23.9%, revealing the extent of damage the pandemic has caused to the country's economy.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** India's Central Statistical Office calculates the nation's gross domestic product (GDP).

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/indias-gdp-contracts-by-record-239-in-q1/article32489345.ece>

#### 4. With reference to National Recruitment Agency, consider the following statements.

1. National Recruitment Agency is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
2. The validity of scores will be for a three-year period.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

#### **Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to set up a National Recruitment Agency (NRA). The proposed NRA will conduct a common preliminary examination for various recruitments in the central government.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** National Recruitment Agency will be a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Scores after the exam will be generated quickly, delivered online and be valid for a three-year period.
- Students can write the test multiple times as long as they are within the eligible age limit, with their best score being taken into account.

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5. Which of the following is the world's highest salt water lake

- A. Mirpal Tso
- B. Lake Rakshatal
- C. Pangong Lake
- D. Galwan Lake

Answer: C

**Explanation**

Situated at an altitude of almost 4,350m above sea level Pangong Lake is the world's highest saltwater lake. Pangong Tso or Pangong Lake is an endorheic lake in the Himalayas situated at an elevation of 4,225 m (13,862 ft). It is 134 km (83 mi) long and extends from Ladakh, India to the Tibetan Autonomous Region, China. Approximately 60% of the length of the lake lies within the Tibetan Autonomous Region. The lake is 5 km (3.1 mi) wide at its broadest point. All together it covers 604 km<sup>2</sup>. During winter the lake freezes completely, despite being saline water. It is not a part of the Indus River basin area and geographically a separate landlocked river basin.

The lake is in the process of being identified under the Ramsar Convention as a wetland of international importance. This will be the first trans-boundary wetland in South Asia under the convention.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/thwarted-aggressive-moves-at-pangong-tso-by-china-army/article32484526.ece>

6. With reference to the Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM) in electricity, consider the following statements.

- 1. Sellers will be getting access state wise
- 2. Ministry of Power is the nodal Agency

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** GTAM will benefit buyers of Renewable Energy through competitive prices and transparent and flexible procurement.
- Sellers will also be benefitted by getting access to **Pan India Market**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** is the implementing Ministry
- The Government of India's target of 175 GW RE Capacity by 2022 is driving accelerated renewable penetration pan-India. Green Term Ahead Market contracts will allow additional avenues to the RE generators for sale of renewable energy; enable Obligated entities to procure renewable power at competitive prices to meet their Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPO); and provide a platform to environmentally conscious open access consumers and utilities to buy green power.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1650384>

7. **With reference to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), consider the following statements.**

1. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is a part of SCO
2. India and Pakistan became members in 2015.
3. It's an Asian political, economic and military organisation aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

Answer: **A**

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### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**

- Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
  1. Heads of State Council – The supreme SCO body which decides its internal functioning and its interaction with other States & international organisations, and considers international issues.
  2. Heads of Government Council – Approves the budget, considers and decides upon issues related economic spheres of interaction within SCO.
  3. Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs – Considers issues related to day-to-day activities.
  4. **Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)** – Established to combat terrorism, separatism and extremism.
  5. SCO Secretariat – Based in Beijing to provide informational, analytical & organisational support.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** India and Pakistan became **members in 2017**.

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It's a **Eurasian** political, economic and military organisation aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region.

- SCO is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation created in 2001
- Prior to the creation of SCO in 2001, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan were members of the **Shanghai Five**.
- Shanghai Five (1996) emerged from a series of border demarcation and demilitarization talks which the four former Soviet republics held with China to ensure stability along the borders.
- Following the accession of Uzbekistan to the organisation in 2001, the Shanghai Five was renamed the SCO.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rajnath-singh-leaves-for-russia-to-attend-sco-meet/article32502008.ece>

8. **Which of the following is India's first Multi-Wavelength Space Observatory?**

- A. AstroSat
- B. CartoSat
- C. AGILE

D. Chandra X-ray Observatory

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

- **AstroSat is the first dedicated Indian astronomy mission** aimed at studying celestial sources in X-ray, optical and UV spectral bands simultaneously. The payloads cover the energy bands of Ultraviolet (Near and Far), limited optical and X-ray regime (0.3 keV to 100keV). One of the unique features of AstroSat mission is that it enables the simultaneous multi-wavelength observations of various astronomical objects with a single satellite.
- AstroSat with a lift-off mass of 1515 kg was launched on September 28, 2015 into a 650 km orbit inclined at an angle of 6 deg to the equator by PSLV-C30 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The minimum useful life of the AstroSat mission is expected to be 5 years.
- As a landmark achievement in Space missions, Indian Astronomers have discovered one of the **farthest Star galaxies** in the universe.
- India's first Multi-Wavelength Space Observatory "AstroSat" has detected extreme-UV light from a galaxy located 9.3 billion light-years away from Earth. **The galaxy called AUDFs01** was discovered by a team of Astronomers led by Dr Kanak Saha from the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics(IUCAA) Pune.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1650396>

9. **The term Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR), sometimes seen in the news, is related to?**

- A. Recollected NPA's
- B. Mining Industry
- C. Telecom Industry
- D. Aviation Industry

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) is the usage and licensing fee that **telecom operators** are charged by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

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- As per DoT, the charges are calculated based on all revenues earned by a telco – including non-telecom related sources such as deposit interests and asset sales. Telcos, on their part, insist that AGR should comprise only the revenues generated from telecom services.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/agr-dues-have-to-be-paid-in-totalsc/article32500549.ece>

#### 10. “Indra” is a bilateral exercise between

- A. India and USA
- B. India and France
- C. India and Nepal
- D. India and Russia

Answer: **D**

#### Explanation:

- Exercise **INDRA** , a joint, **tri services exercise between India and Russia**
- INDRA series of exercise began in 2003. It was conducted as a single service exercise alternately between the two countries. However, the first joint Tri Services Exercise was conducted in 2017.
- Amid high operational alert by the Indian Navy in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) due to the ongoing standoff with China in Ladakh, India and Russia are scheduled to hold the bilateral naval exercise, Indra 2020, in the Andaman Sea, close to the strategic Strait of Malacca later this week.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-russia-to-hold-naval-drills-in-andaman-sea/article32496756.ece>

#### 11. Consider the following statements about Question Hour

- A starred question is distinguished by an asterisk and needs a written answer.
- Question Hour is not mentioned in the rules of procedure.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

- The first hour of every parliamentary sitting is slotted for this. During this time, the members ask questions and the ministers usually give answers. The questions are of three kinds, namely, starred, unstarred and short notice.
- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** A starred question (distinguished by an asterisk) requires an **oral answer** and hence supplementary questions can follow.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** **Question Hour is mentioned** in the rules of procedure unlike Zero Hour  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/lok-sabha-secretariat-releases-schedule-for-parliaments-monsoon-session/article32502425.ece>

12. Consider the following statements about The Merchandise Exports From India Scheme (MEIS).

1. MEIS schemes are applicable to SEZ units.
2. The rewards are given by way of duty credit scrips to exporters

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: **C**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** SEIS and MEIS schemes are applicable to SEZ units.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The MEIS was launched as an incentive scheme for the export of goods. The rewards are given by way of duty credit scrips to exporters.

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- MEIS was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) for the period 2015-2020.
- The MEIS is notified by the DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) and implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- MEIS replaced the various export incentive schemes which gave different types of duty credit scrips namely, Focus Market Scheme (FMS), Focus Product Scheme (FPS), Vishesh Krishi Gramin Udyog Yojana (VKGUY), Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS) and Agri Infrastructure incentive scheme  
<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/capping-meis-benefits-will-seriously-affect-traders-fieo/article32508182.ece>

### 13. Persian Gulf is surrounded by which of the following countries?

1. Bahrain
2. Iraq
3. UAE
4. Oman
5. Iran

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

Answer: **D**

#### Explanation:

Persian Gulf: The countries that surround the Persian Gulf are: **Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.**

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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/saudi-arabia-grants-approval-for-uae-israel-flights-to-use-its-airspace/article32505485.ece>

## 14. Which among the following is/are correct regarding Mission Karmayogi

1. MHRD be the apex body to direct the reforms.
2. All central and state government employees will be covered in this.
3. Functional and behavioural competencies are also considered in training
4. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be created under the Mission to provide all kinds of technological support for the training programmes

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 3 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: **B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Prime Minister's Public Human Resource Council will be set up as the apex body to direct the reforms.

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- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The scheme will cover 46 lakh, Central government employees, at all levels, and involve an outlay of ₹510 crores over a five-year period, according to an official statement.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Apart from domain knowledge training, the scheme will focus on “functional and behavioural competencies” as well, and also includes a monitoring framework for performance evaluations.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be created under the Mission to provide all kinds of technological support for the training programmes. The aim is to provide set of skills to civil servants to serve in the direction to ensure ease of living life for people in general and also ease of doing business in the country.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1650633>

#### 15. Global Innovation Index is released by

- A. World Bank
- B. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- C. World Intellectual Property Organization
- D. IMF

Answer: C

#### Explanation:

- The GII rankings are published every year by Cornell University, INSEAD and the UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and GII Knowledge Partners.
- It is based on 80 indicators ranging from intellectual property filing rates to mobile-application creation, education spending and scientific and technical publications.
- The GII is commonly used by corporate and government officials to compare countries by their level of innovation.
- It analyses the medical innovation landscape of the next decade, looking at how technological and non-technological medical innovation will transform the delivery of healthcare worldwide.

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- It also explores the role and dynamics of medical innovation as it shapes the future of healthcare, and the potential influence this may have on economic growth.
- India has climbed 4 spots and has been ranked 48th by the World Intellectual Property Organization in the Global Innovation Index 2020 rankings.
- The WIPO had also accepted India as one of the leading innovation achievers of 2019 in the central and southern Asian region, as it has shown a consistent improvement in its innovation ranking for the last 5 years.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1650835>

#### 16. FASTag is valid for

- A. 5 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 3 years
- D. 2 years

Answer: A

#### Explanation:

- The FASTag is a reloadable tag that allows automatic deduction of toll without having to stop for carrying out the cash transaction. The tag uses radio frequency identification (RFID) technology and is fixed on the windscreen of the vehicle once active.
- The tag is valid for **five years** and comes in **seven different colours** — violet, orange, yellow, green, pink, blue, black. Each colour is assigned to a particular category of vehicles.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1651054>

#### 17. With regard to Election Commission, consider the following statements.

1. Election Commissioners have a fixed tenure of five years, or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
2. Chief Election Commissioner shall be removed on grounds of 'Proven misbehaviour or incapacity'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: **B**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** They have a fixed tenure of **six years**, or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court, Chief Election Commissioner, Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) may be Removed from office through a motion adopted by Parliament on grounds of ‘Proven misbehaviour or incapacity’.

. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1651088>

18. Which of the following countries is a part of QUAD grouping?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. Australia
- D. Pakistan

Answer: **C**

**Explanation:**

- Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) is **the informal strategic dialogue between India, USA, Japan and Australia** with a shared objective to ensure and support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region.
- The idea of Quad was first mooted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007. However, the idea couldn’t move ahead with Australia pulling out of it, apparently due to Chinese pressure.
- The group is seen as a regional counterweight to China and has only met at the Joint or Assistant Secretary level since 2017. The latest meeting is seen as an upgrade by at least three levels.

- The Ministers met to discuss cooperation on counter-terrorism, mentoring, assistance in disaster relief, airtime security, cooperation, development, finance and cybersecurity efforts etc.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/gen-rawat-pushes-for-quad/article32519002.ece>

19. Mediterranean Sea is connected to the Atlantic Ocean by the

- A. Strait of Gibraltar
- B. Davis strait
- C. Dover strait
- D. Bering strait

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

- The Mediterranean Sea is a sea connected to the Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by the Mediterranean Basin and almost completely enclosed by land: on the north by Southern Europe and Anatolia, on the south by North Africa, and on the east by the Levant.
- The **Strait of Gibraltar** is a narrow strait that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea and separates Gibraltar and Peninsular Spain in Europe from Morocco in Africa.
- The countries surrounding the Mediterranean in clockwise order are Spain, France, Monaco, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco; Malta and Cyprus are island countries in the sea. In addition, the Gaza Strip and the British Overseas Territories of Gibraltar and Akrotiri and Dhekelia have coastlines on the sea.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-international/russia-will-hold-drills-in-mediterranean-turkey/article32518927.ece>

20. Consider the following statements regarding Competition Commission of India

1. The commission is a quasi-judicial body which gives opinions to statutory authorities and also deals with other cases.

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2. Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) is the adjudicating authority in case of further disputes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Commission consists of one Chairperson and six Members as per the Competition Act who shall be appointed by the Central Government.
- **The commission is a quasi-judicial body** which gives opinions to statutory authorities and also deals with other cases. The Chairperson and other Members shall be whole-time Members.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect: The Competition Act** was passed in 2002 and has been amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007. It follows the philosophy of modern competition laws. The Act prohibits anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position by enterprises and regulates combinations (acquisition, acquiring of control and M&A), which causes or likely to cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition within India. **Government replaced Competition Appellate Tribunal (COMPAT) with the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) in 2017.**

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1651042>

21. Which of the following countries are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- 1. Montenegro
- 2. Albania
- 3. Norway
- 4. Turkey

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5. North Macedonia

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- B. 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- C. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), also called the North Atlantic Alliance, the Atlantic Alliance or the Western Alliance, is an international organisation for collective security established in 1949, in support of the North Atlantic Treaty signed in Washington, DC, on 4 April 1949. Its headquarters are located in Brussels, Belgium.
- At present, NATO has **30 members**. In 1949, there were 12 founding members of the Alliance: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States. The other member countries are: Greece and Turkey (1952), Germany (1955), Spain (1982), the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland (1999), Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia (2004), Albania and Croatia (2009), Montenegro (2017) and North Macedonia (2020).

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/turkey-greece-start-talks-to-reduce-risk-of-conflict-says-nato-chief/article32524657.ece>

22. With reference to river Gangetic Dolphins , consider the following statements:

1. The Gangetic river dolphins can only live in freshwater
2. Dolphins have been included in Schedule I of the Indian Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972
3. The Gangetic river dolphins were officially discovered in 1801

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Gangetic river dolphins can **only live in freshwater**, are **blind** and catch their prey in a unique manner, using ultrasonic sound waves.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Dolphins have been included in **Schedule I** of the Indian Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), in Appendix II of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and categorised as 'Endangered' on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The Gangetic river dolphins were **officially discovered in 1801** and are one of the oldest creatures in the world along with some species of turtles, crocodiles and sharks, according to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-to-offer-covid-19-vaccine-to-bangladesh-on-priority-basis/article32395700.ece>

23. **Which of the following recoveries depict a quick recoup of lost ground and gets back to the normal growth trend-line.**

A. U shaped recovery

B. L shaped recovery

C. W Shaped recovery

D. V shaped recovery

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

- Economic recovery can take many forms, which is depicted using alphabetic notations. For example, a Z-shaped recovery, V-shaped recovery, U-shaped recovery, elongated U-shaped recovery, W-shaped recovery and L-shaped recovery.

- **V-shaped recovery:** It is the next-best scenario after Z-shaped recovery in which the economy quickly recoups lost ground and gets back to the normal growth trend-line.
- **U-shaped recovery:** It is a scenario in which the economy, after falling, struggles around a low growth rate for some time, before rising gradually to usual levels.
- **W-shaped recovery:** A W-shaped recovery is a dangerous creature. In this, growth falls and rises, but falls again before recovering, thus forming a W-like chart.
- **L-shaped recovery:** In this, the economy fails to regain the level of GDP even after years go by.
- **Z-shaped recovery:** The Z-shaped recovery is the most-optimistic scenario in which the economy quickly rises like a phoenix after a crash. It more than makes up for lost ground (think revenge-buying after the lockdowns are lifted) before settling back to the normal trend-line, thus forming a Z-shaped chart.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/economy-witnessing-sharp-v-shaped-recovery-need-to-re-orient-policy-matrix-dea/articleshow/77932797.cms>

24. Consider the following statements about Force Majeure

1. The term "Force Majeure" arose from the French law which was called Code Napoleon
2. An earthquake is an "Act of God".

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The term "Force Majeure" arose from the French law which was called **Code Napoleon** and now the Code Civil. Such law provides that if the debtor is prevented from performing his obligations as a result of force majeure, then there is no place for any damages.

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- **Statement 2 is correct:** An act of God describes an event outside of human control or activity. It's usually a natural disaster, such as a flood or an **earthquake**.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/piped-gas-suppliers-may-gain-from-norms-on-force-majeure/article32526528.ece>

25. **Which of the following national parks has one of the highest numbers of one horned rhinos?**

- A. Periyar National Park
- B. Kaziranga National Park
- C. Anshi National Park
- D. Jim Corbett National Park

Answer: **B**

#### **Explanation:**

- It is the home of the **world's most one-horned rhinos**.
- It was declared a UNESCO **World Heritage Site** in 1985.
- It is recognized as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.
- Much of the focus of conservation efforts in Kaziranga are focused on the 'big four' species—rhino, elephant, Royal Bengal tiger and Asiatic water buffalo.
- The 2018 census had yielded 2,413 rhinos

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