

**MCQ 21.09.2020 TO 26.09.2020**

1. With reference to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), consider the following statements.

1. The UNHCR was established due to the mass migration post Second World War in Europe.
2. Their work is mainly governed under the 1951 Refugee Convention.

**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 UNHCR was established in **1950** in the wake of the **mass displacements caused due to the Second World War in Europe.**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The **chief legal document** that governs the work of the UNHCR is the **1951 Refugee Convention.**
- **India is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol** and does not have a national refugee protection framework. However, it continues to grant asylum to a large number of refugees from neighbouring States and respects UNHCR's mandate for other nationals, mainly from Afghanistan and Myanmar.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/great-power-little-responsibility/article32655126.ece>

2. “Trami”, an ancient tradition that was recently in news is practiced in?

- A. Odisha
- B. Kashmir
- C. Assam
- D. Maharashtra

Answer: B

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## Explanation:

- The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, which is wreaking havoc the world over, has hit the **Kashmir** Valley's centuries-old culinary tradition of 'trami' — **eating together** from one plate during weddings.
- In 'trami', four guests join in simultaneously to have their portion of food from around a circular 2X2 ft decorated copper plate.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/pandemic-puts-on-hold-kashmiri-wedding-tradition-of-eating-together-from-one-plate/article32655494.ece>

### 3. With reference to World Bank, consider the following statements?

1. The World Bank Group consists of five development institutions.
2. It also works with the private sector.
3. India joined the World Bank immediately post-independence.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

Answer: **D**

## Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct: The World Bank Group consists of five development institutions.**
  - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) provides loans, credits, and grants.
  - International Development Association (IDA) provides low- or no-interest loans to low-income countries.
  - The International Finance Corporation (IFC) provides investment, advice, and asset management to companies and governments.

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- The Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA) insures lenders and investors against political risk such as war.
- The International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) settles investment-disputes between investors and countries.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Bank Group works with country governments, **the private sector**, civil society organizations, regional development banks, think tanks, and other international institutions on issues ranging from climate change, conflict, and food security to education, agriculture, finance, and trade.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect: India was one of the forty-four original signatories** to the agreements reached at Bretton Woods that established the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/no-preference-for-make-in-india-in-world-bank-project-to-curb-covid/article32655167.ece>

**4. With reference to Financial Intelligence Unit- India, consider the following statements.**

1. It comes under the Finance Ministry
2. It aims to safeguard the country from money laundering, terrorism financing and other economic offences

**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:** FIU-IND is **an independent body** reporting **directly** to **the Economic Intelligence Council (EIC) headed by the Finance Minister.**

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- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is responsible for coordinating and strengthening efforts of national and international intelligence, investigation and enforcement agencies in pursuing the global efforts against money laundering and related crimes.

It aims to provide quality financial intelligence for safeguarding the financial system from the abuses of **money laundering, terrorism financing and other economic offences**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/fincen-files-swiss-leaks-panama-papers-now-sars-bank-reports-that-alert-law-enforcement-agencies-6603949/>

5. **To which dynasty does Ganapati Deva belong to?**

- A. Kakatiya
- B. Chola
- C. Gupta
- D. Nanda

Answer: **A**

**Explanation:** The **Kakatiya** dynasty was a South Indian dynasty whose capital was Orugallu, now known as Warangal. It was eventually conquered by the Delhi Sultanate.

- The Malkapuram inscription of Visvesvara Sivacharya, the preceptor of Kakatiya rulers **Ganapati-deva** and Rudrama-devi, also connects the Kakatiyas to the solar dynasty (Sūryavaṃśa).
- He significantly expanded Kakatiya lands during the 1230s when he launched a series of attacks outside the dynasty's traditional Telangana region and thus brought under Kakatiya control the Telugu-speaking lowland delta areas around the Godavari and Krishna rivers. The outcome in the case of all three dynasties, says historian Richard Eaton, was that they "catalysed processes of supralocal identity formation and community building.
- Ganapati was keen to bolster the dynasty's economy. He encouraged merchants to trade abroad, abolishing all taxes except for a fixed duty and supporting those who risked their lives to travel afar. He created **the man-made Pakhal Lake**.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/an-ancient-temple-transition-over-years-of-neglect/article32654651.ece>

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6. Consider the following statements.

1. Minimum Support Price(MSP) is fixed on the recommendation of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)
2. MSP is used to counter price volatility

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:** The MSP is fixed on the **recommendations** of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) of the Union government takes a final decision on the level of MSPs and other recommendations made by the CACP.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** MSP is used to counter price volatility of agricultural commodities due to the factors like variation in their supply, lack of market integration and information asymmetry.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/govt-announces-26-hike-for-wheat-msp-amid-farmers-protests/article32663652.ece>

7. “The two state solution”, which originated in the 1940’s, is related to

- A. India- Pakistan
- B. Israel- Palestine
- C. Iraq-Syria
- D. Sudan-South Sudan

Answer: **B**

**Explanation:**

- The “two state solution” is based on a **UN resolution of 1947** which proposed two states - one would be a state where Zionist **Jews** constituted a majority, the other where the **Palestinian Arabs** would be a majority of the population. The idea was however rejected by the Arabs.
- The two-state solution to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict envisages an independent State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel, west of the Jordan River.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/india-and-the-abraham-accords/article32662790.ece>

8. **Kavkaz 2020, recently seen in news is a military exercise of**

- A. Russia
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Kazakhstan

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

- **Kavkaz-2020 Exercise-** It is a strategic command-post exercise, and also known as **Caucasus-2020**.
- The tri-service exercise is part of a four-year exercise cycle of the **Russian army**. Previous editions of the exercise were held in 2012 and 2016. Member countries of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and Central Asian countries would be participating.
- India has withdrawn its participation from Kavkaz 2020, a multinational tri-services exercise in Russia, citing Covid-19 as the official reason.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/with-china-as-backdrop-new-delhis-moscow-watch/article32663538.ece>

9. **Consider the following statements about No- Confidence Motion**

1. There is no mention of a No-Confidence Motion in the Constitution of India.
2. If a “Motion of Thanks “fails in the Lok Sabha, it is considered as the defeat of the government.

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:** There is no mention of a No-Confidence Motion in the Constitution of India. **The procedure is laid down under Rule 198 of Rules of Procedure and conduct of the Lok Sabha**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The address of the president, is discussed in both the Houses of Parliament on a motion called the ‘Motion of Thanks’. **The Motion of Thanks must be passed in the Lok Sabha** . It is one of the ways through which the Lok Sabha can also express a lack of confidence in the government.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rajya-sabha-suspends-8-opposition-mps/article32657429.ece>

10. Who is known as the Indian Machiavelli

- A. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- B. Subhas Chandra Bose
- C. Kautilya
- D. Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Answer: C

**Explanation:**

- **The great Mauryan scholar**, philosopher and politician **Chanakya** (a.k.a Kautilya) is called the ‘**Indian Machiavelli**’.
- Chanakya, also called Kautilya or Vishnugupta, (flourished 300 BCE), Hindu statesman and philosopher who wrote a classic treatise on polity, Artha-shastra (“The Science of Material Gain”),

a compilation of almost everything that had been written in India up to his time regarding artha (property, economics, or material success).

- Niccolò Machiavelli was an Italian diplomat, statesman, historian, philosopher, writer, dramatist and poet of the Renaissance period. He's most notably known for his magnum opus treatise "The Prince" which establishes fundamentals for young princes to become effective leaders, statesman and kings their lives, a guidebook on how to be a influential king; crudely speaking. He is also often dubbed as the "King Maker"

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/interpreting-the-india-china-conversations/article32663536.ece>

11. With reference to the Air Quality Index(AQI), consider the following statements.

1. Carbon Dioxide is a pollutant under AQI
2. Airborne particles are one of the most dangerous pollutants for health

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: Carbon Dioxide is not considered as a pollutant.** It is a green house gas. The calculated pollutants are
  - Ground-level ozone,
  - PM10,
  - PM2.5,
  - Carbon monoxide,
  - Sulfur dioxide,
  - Nitrogen dioxide,

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- Ammonia
- **Statement 2 is correct: Ground-level ozone and airborne particles** are the two pollutants that pose the greatest threat to human health in this country.
- The Air Quality Index (AQI) is used for reporting daily air quality. It tells you how clean or polluted your air is, and what associated health effects might be a concern for you. The AQI focuses on health effects you may experience within a few hours or days after breathing polluted air.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/epca-chief-asks-punjab-haryana-to-act-against-stubble-burning/article32672708.ece>

12. **With reference to the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), consider the following statements.**

1. It is an executive body
2. The UIDAI is mandated to assign a 10-digit unique identification (UID) number
3. UIDAI is under the Finance Ministry

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. None of the above

Answer: **D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 and 3 are incorrect:**
- The Unique Identification Authority of India is a **statutory authority** established under the provisions of Aadhaar act 2016 by the Govt. of India **under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The UIDAI is mandated to assign a **12-digit** unique identification (UID) number (Aadhaar) to all the residents of India.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/making-the-language-of-the-law-comprehensible/article32672083.ece>

13. In which region is the language Dogri mostly spoken?

- A. Assam
- B. Jammu
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Rajasthan

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Dogri** is a **Northern Indo-Aryan language** spoken by about five million people in India, chiefly in the **Jammu region of Jammu and Kashmir**. It is also spoken in the state of **Himachal Pradesh, and in northern Punjab region**, other parts of Jammu and Kashmir, and elsewhere. Dogri is one of the 22 official languages of India

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/lok-sabha-passes-the-jk-official-languages-bill-2020/article32671667.ece>

14. With reference to Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), consider the following statements.

1. It comes under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
2. It deals with domestic drugs only.

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:** The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) is under Directorate General of Health Services, **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**, Government of India

**Statement 2 is incorrect:** Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, CDSCO is responsible for approval of New Drugs, Conduct of Clinical Trials, laying down the standards for Drugs, control over the **quality of imported Drugs** in the country and coordination of the activities of State Drug Control Organizations by providing expert advice with a view to bring about the uniformity in the enforcement of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/covid-19-vaccine-at-least-50-per-cent-efficacy-dgci-issues-new-guidelines/story-tff80MhcJNB8ANmRiaB3ZN.html>

15. **“Stress Testing”, a term recently seen in news refers to**

- A. A technique used to test the resilience of financial institutions
- B. A method used to identify a certain strand of virus
- C. A method used to find new oil wells
- D. A technique used in mineral extraction in tough surfaces.

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

- Stress testing is a **computer-simulated** technique to **analyze how banks and investment portfolios fare in drastic economic scenarios.**
- Stress testing helps gauge investment risk and the adequacy of assets, as well as to help evaluate internal processes and controls.
- Regulations require banks to carry out various stress-test scenarios and report on their internal procedures for managing capital and risk.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/sebi-mulls-stress-tests-swing-pricing-for-mfs/article32672116.ece>

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16. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana, consider the following statements.

1. It will help in building and growing new businesses
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

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 and 2 is correct**
- Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojana (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan) is a centrally sponsored Scheme on **entrepreneurship education and training** being implemented by the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India.**
- The Scheme aims at creating an enabling ecosystem for Entrepreneurship development through Entrepreneurship education and training; Advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship support network and Promoting social enterprises for inclusive growth.
- Specific objectives and deliverables
  - Educate and equip potential and early stage entrepreneurs
  - Connect entrepreneurs in enabling networks of peers, mentors, funds and business services
  - Support entrepreneurs through Entrepreneurship Hubs (E - Hubs)
  - Catalyze a culture shift to encourage entrepreneurship

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1658106>

17. Consider the following statements regarding Paris Agreement.

1. US has decided to withdraw from it.
2. The agreement reaffirms the obligations of developing countries

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:** Currently, 195 UNFCCC members have signed it. However, US President Donald Trump has announced his intention to **withdraw from the agreement by November 2020.**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** In accordance with the principle of “common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities” set out in the Convention, developed country Parties are to provide financial resources to assist developing country Parties in implementing the objectives of the UNFCCC. **The Paris Agreement reaffirms the obligations of developed countries, while for the first time also encouraging voluntary contributions by other Parties.** Developed country Parties should also continue to take the lead in mobilizing climate finance from a wide variety of sources, instruments and channels, noting the significant role of public funds, through a variety of actions, including supporting country-driven strategies, and taking into account the needs and priorities of developing country Parties. Such mobilization of climate finance should represent a progression beyond previous efforts.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/china-vows-to-go-carbon-neutral-by-2060/article32680241.ece>

**18. Which of the following ministry has launched the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)?**

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- D. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer: A

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#### Explanation:

- At the request of the **Ministry of WCD** the Harvard Chan School of Public Health through its India Research Center and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will document and evaluate promising regional dietary practices and the messaging around them and develop a food atlas on regional agro-food systems.
- Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (B.P.K.K.), a web portal having information of India's crop diversity across all districts – for both current and historical crops has been developed. It aims to provide data informed agro ecological contexts required to produce traditional and locally available nutrition-rich crops. The B.P.K.K. is designed to indicate the nutritional value of all major food crops, vegetables and fruits grown in all states and UTs of India down up to a district level. The information is aimed to be useful for all age groups. There is a special focus on dietary charts for pregnant women based on regional preferences

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1658298>

19. Which of the following portals have been made recently to track missing and found children in India?

- A. ChildFind
- B. TrackKids
- C. FindChild
- D. TrackChild

Answer: D

#### Explanation:

- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has developed a **web portal “TrackChild”** to track the missing and found children. The TrackChild Portal is implemented with the help of various stakeholders including Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Railways, State Governments/UT Administrations, Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards, National Legal Services Authority, etc. National Informatics Centre organises regular training programmes on Trackchild portal as per the requirement of the States/UTs.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1658312>

20. With reference to the Consolidated Fund of India, consider the following statements.

1. National Investment Fund is parked here
2. Government can take money out of it without parliamentary approval during emergencies.

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: National Investment Fund** (money earned from disinvestment) is deposited in **Public Account of India**
- Besides the normal receipts and expenditure of Government which relate to the Consolidated Fund, certain other transactions enter Government Accounts, in respect of which Government acts more as a banker. Transactions relating to provident funds, small savings, other deposits, etc., are a few examples. The public monies thus received are kept in the Public Account set up under Article 266(2) of the Constitution and the connected disbursements are also made there from.
- Similarly, Receipt and disbursement in respect of certain transactions such as small savings, provident funds, reserve funds, deposits, suspense, remittances etc which do not form part of the Consolidated Fund of the state, are kept in the Public Account are not subject to vote by the State Legislature.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect: The government needs parliamentary approval** to withdraw money from Consolidated fund. Contingency Fund of India helps govt meet emergency expenses

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/centre-retained-11-lakh-cr-of-cess-receipts/article32680256.ece>

21. With reference to Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana(DDU-GKY)consider the following statements.

1. The scheme is not applicable in Left Wing Extremist(LWE) areas due to security concerns.
2. There is mandatory coverage for socially disadvantaged section

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 are covered. Greater emphasis on projects for poor rural youth in Jammu and Kashmir (HIMAYAT), The North-East region and 27 **Left-Wing Extremist (LWE) districts** (ROSHINI)
- **Statement 2 is correct:** There is **Mandatory** coverage of **socially disadvantaged groups (SC/ST 50%; Minority 15%; Women 33%**
- DDU-GKY follows a 3-tier implementation model. The DDU-GKY National Unit at MoRD functions as the policy-making, technical support and facilitation agency. The DDU-GKY State Missions provide implementation support; and the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) implement the programme through skilling and placement projects.
- The Vision of DDU-GKY is to “Transform rural poor youth into an economically independent and globally relevant workforce”
- It aims to target youth, in the age group of 15–35 years.
- DDU-GKY is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), tasked with the dual objectives of adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families and cater to the career aspirations of rural youth.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1658854>

22. Which of the following is the RBI's approach to enhance cyber security of Urban Cooperative Banks?

- A. GUARD
- B. THREAT
- C. SAFE
- D. PROTECT

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has come out with a document to enhance cybersecurity of urban co-operative banks (UCBs).
- It plans to achieve its objective through a **five-pillared strategic approach GUARD**, viz. Governance Oversight, Utile Technology Investment, Appropriate Regulation and Supervision, Robust Collaboration and Developing necessary IT, cybersecurity skill sets.
- With concerted efforts and involvement of all stake holders, the vision document, with its 12 specific action points, aspires to involve more board oversight over cybersecurity; enable UCBs to better manage and secure IT assets; implement an offsite supervisory mechanism framework for UCBs on cybersecurity-related controls; develop a forum for UCBs so that they can share best practices and discuss practical issues and challenges; and implement a framework for providing awareness/training for all UCBs

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/rbi-releases-document-on-ucbs-cybersecurity/article32689275.ece>

23. "Uighur Muslims", recently seen in news belong to which country?

- A. Iran
- B. Syria
- C. China
- D. Yemen

Answer: C

**Explanation:**

- Uighurs are a Muslim minority community concentrated in the **China's northwestern Xinjiang province.**
- Uighur is a predominantly Turkic-speaking ethnic group.
- According to the United Nations experts and activists, at least 1 million Uighurs and members of other largely Muslim minority groups have been detained in camps in Xinjiang in a crackdown.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/380-detention-camps-in-xinjiang-report/article32688834.ece>

**24. With reference to E-SanjeevaniOPD, consider the following statements.**

1. It is a doctor to doctor telemedicine system
2. It is implemented under Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre (AB-HWCs) programme

**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: E-Sanjeevani, is a doctor to doctor telemedicine system**
- **eSanjeevaniOPD: enables patient-to-doctor tele-consultations.**
- **Statement 2 is correct: It is being implemented under the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre (AB-HWCs) programme.**

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1658674>

**25. The phrase “ Vasudaiva Kutumbakam” has been taken from ?**

- A. Maha Upanishad

B. Shiva Purana

C. Mahabharata

D. Ramayana

Answer: A

**Explanation**

- The **Maha Upanishad** is a Sanskrit text and is one of the minor Upanishads of Hinduism. The text is classified as a Vaishnava Upanishad.
- The Vaishnava Upanishad describes Vishnu as the highest being, and above Brahma. Both groups of texts, however, use reverential words of all Hindu gods, and assert them to be the same Atman-Brahman. The **Upanishad** presents a syncretism of Vaishnava and Vedanta ideas, and is notable for its teaching of "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**", or "**the world is one family**"  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/the-foreign-hand-the-hindu-editorial-on-fcra-amendments/article32689241.ece>

26. Consider the following statements about UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

1. The proceedings are administered by the International Court of Justice if there is any dispute.
2. India is not a member of UNCITRAL

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:** The proceedings are administered by the **Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)**.

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- When problems arise in designating arbitrators for an arbitration under UNCITRAL arbitration rules (e.g. because one of the parties refuses to designate an arbitrator, or when the designated arbitrators are unable to agree on designation of a third arbitrator), the PCA Secretary-General may be requested to serve as an appointing authority.
- The International Court of Justice (ICJ), sometimes known as the World Court, is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations (UN). It settles disputes between states in accordance with international law and gives advisory opinions on international legal issues. The ICJ is the only international court that adjudicates general disputes between countries, with its rulings and opinions serving as primary sources of international law
- **Statement 2 is incorrect: India is a founding member of UNCITRAL.** India is only one of eight countries which have been a member of UNCITRAL since its inception.  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/retrospective-taxation-the-vodafone-case-and-the-hague-court-ruling-6613799/>

#### 27. Consider the following statements about Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay

1. He was a classical vocalist like Pandit Jasraj
2. Government has started Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana strives to provide continuous power supply to rural India to commemorate him.

**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:** He is a **fundamental political thinker**, the key element was humanism in his political thought. Pandit Upadhyay is one of those thinkers in India who exercised on 'Swaraj

of ideas'. Introduced the basic concept of Indian philosophy in political, social and cultural discourses

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana is a Government of India scheme designed to provide continuous power supply **to rural India**

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1659170>

28. “Fridays For Future(FFF)”, a movement recently seen in news is related to

- A. Protection from domestic abuse
- B. Protection of Muslim minority from persecution
- C. Climate Change
- D. Employment for youth

Answer: C

**Explanation:**

- It is a movement that began in Sweden in August 2018 by Greta Thunberg to protest against the lack of action on the climate crisis.
- The hashtags #FridaysForFuture and #Climatestrike became so popular that many students and adults began to protest outside of their Parliaments and local city halls all over the world.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/fridays-for-future-holds-protest-outside-environment-ministry/article32699783.ece>

29. Which among the following is/are correct regarding JIMEX

1. It is between India and Japan
2. It is conducted biennially between the Indian Army and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force

**Select the correct answer using the codes given below**

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

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** JIMEX is a Bilateral Maritime Exercise Between **Japan and India**
- **Statement 2 is incorrect :** It is conducted biennially between the **Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF)**

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1659154>

**30. “Positive Pay System”, a term recently seen in news refers to ?**

- A. Removing Merchant Discount Rate
- B. Reducing cheque fraud
- C. Paying for an article in a later day
- D. Receiving incentives for digital transaction

Answer: **B**

**Explanation:**

- It is a **fraud detection tool adopted by banks to protect customers against forged, altered or counterfeit cheques.**
- It cross verifies all details of the issued cheque before funds are encashed by the beneficiary.
- It ensures that every high-value cheque valued at Rs 50,000 and above is crossed checked with details provided by the issuing party or the individual.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/positive-pay-system-for-cheque-payments-to-come-into-effect-from-january-1-2021-rbi/articleshow/78322892.cms>