



Daily MCQ: 14.08.2026

1) Consider the following statements:

1. According to the *Elephant Corridors of India 2023* report, West Bengal has the highest number of identified elephant corridors in India.
2. The Indian elephant is accorded the highest level of legal protection under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
3. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 provides specific statutory recognition to elephant corridors as a distinct category of protected area.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

2) Consider the following statements:

1. Article 22(1) of the Constitution requires that an arrested person must be informed of the grounds of arrest.
2. Article 21 requires that any deprivation of personal liberty must follow a procedure that is fair, just and reasonable.
3. Article 22 also provides that an arrested person has the right to consult and be defended by a legal practitioner of his or her choice.

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

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

3) With reference to Mission Mausam, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to improve weather and climate services through better observation, modelling and forecasting.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences in 2024.

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

4) Consider the following applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Geospatial Technology in weather forecasting:

1. Improving the accuracy of rainfall forecasts .
2. Predicting the track and intensity of cyclones
3. Generating hyper-local weather forecasts for specific locations
4. Reducing the need for satellite and radar observations

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

5) Consider the following statements regarding India's external trade:

1. Merchandise exports currently account for a larger share of India's total exports compared to services exports.
2. Petroleum and electronic goods are major drivers of merchandise exports.
3. India runs a structural merchandise trade deficit and a services trade surplus.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Explanation

1) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** According to the *Elephant Corridors of India 2023* report published by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), West Bengal has the highest number of identified elephant corridors in the country, with **26 corridors** accounting for nearly 17% of the national total.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Indian elephant (*Elephas maximus indicus*) is listed under **Schedule I** of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, giving it the highest level of legal protection against hunting, poaching, and illegal trade.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 defines specific statutory categories for Protected Areas—namely National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves, and Community Reserves. While corridors can sometimes be declared as Conservation or Community Reserves, the Act does **not** recognize "elephant corridors" as a distinct legal category of protected area.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** **Article 22(1)** specifically provides that a person who is arrested must be **informed, as soon as possible, of the grounds of arrest**. This is an important safeguard against arbitrary arrest and detention.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Supreme Court has interpreted **Article 21** to mean that no person can be deprived of life or personal liberty except according to a **procedure established by law that is fair, just, and reasonable**. This interpretation was firmly established in **Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India (1978)**.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** **Article 22(1)** also guarantees that an arrested person has the **right to consult and be defended by a legal practitioner of his or her choice**, which is a fundamental procedural protection in criminal justice.
- **Therefore, all the three statements are correct. Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**

3) Answer: (C)



- Mission Mausam aims to improve **weather and climate services** through better **observation, modelling and forecasting**, helping provide more timely and accurate weather information for various sectors. **Hence Statement 1 is Correct.**
- Mission Mausam was launched by the **Ministry of Earth Sciences in 2024**. It is implemented by the **India Meteorological Department (IMD), National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)**. **Hence Statement 2 is Correct.**
- **Therefore , option C is the correct answer.**

4) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** AI can analyse large volumes of historical and real-time weather data to identify patterns and improve the **accuracy of rainfall forecasts**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** AI/ML models can process data from **satellites, radars and weather stations** to improve the prediction of a cyclone's **track and intensity**.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Combining AI with geospatial data enables **hyper-local forecasting**, providing weather information for specific locations rather than broad regions.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** AI and geospatial technologies **do not reduce the need for satellites and radars**. These technologies provide crucial observations and data that AI models use to generate better forecasts.
- **Therefore, statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct, while statement 4 is incorrect.**
- **Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.**

5) Answer: (D)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** India's merchandise exports continue to hold a larger share of the total export basket. For instance, during the period **April-July of FY 2026-27**, merchandise exports stand at **US\$ 173.78 billion**, while services exports are recorded at **US\$ 142.64 billion**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Petroleum products remain a major component of India's export basket, and electronic goods have also shown stellar growth in **FY 2026-27**, emerging as prominent growth drivers alongside engineering goods.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** India consistently maintains a structural merchandise trade deficit (as physical goods imports outpace exports across financial years) which is balanced by a strong surplus in services trade, acting as a crucial buffer for the external sector.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**