



Daily MCQ: 18.08.2026

1) Consider the following statements about Edible Oils in India:

- I. India imports around 55–60% of its edible oil consumption, making it highly dependent on imports.
- II. Palm oil accounts for the largest share of India's edible oil imports.
- III. Rajasthan is the leading producer of groundnut, an important domestic oilseed crop.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

2) Consider the following statements regarding the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD):

1. Ebola virus disease is a severe, often fatal illness in humans caused by a virus belonging to the Filoviridae family.
2. Fruit bats are considered to be the natural hosts of the Ebola virus.
3. Airborne transmission is the primary route of human-to-human spread of the Ebola virus in community settings.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements with reference to the National Testing Agency (NTA):

1. The NTA was established by the Government of India to conduct entrance examinations for higher educational institutions.
2. NTA was established as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act.
3. The NTA determines the admission criteria and seat allocation of all institutions for which it conducts examinations.

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

- (a) All three statements are correct.
- (b) There is no correct statement.
- (c) There are two correct statements.
- (d) There is only one correct statement.

4) Consider the following statements regarding Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs):

1. REITs enable investors to pool their funds and invest in income-generating real estate. .
2. REITs may own properties such as office buildings, hotels and shopping malls. .
3. REITs function like mutual funds for real estate investments.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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



5) Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The Green India Mission seeks to protect, restore and enhance forest and tree cover and improve forest ecosystem quality.

Statement II: CAMPA manages and utilises funds for compensatory afforestation and related activities.

Statement III: CAMPA mandates the prior informed consent of Gram Panchayats before using community forests

Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the above statements?

1. Statement I suggests that the Green India Mission focuses on both increasing forest cover and improving forest ecosystem quality.
2. Statement II suggests that CAMPA funds are used for compensatory afforestation and related activities.
3. Statement III suggests that Gram Panchayats have a statutory right to give or withhold prior informed consent for all such CAMPA-funded activities.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- (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 I is correct:** India meets more than half of its domestic edible oil demand through imports (hovering around 55% to 60%), making it one of the world's largest importers of edible oils.
- **Statement II is correct:** Palm oil (primarily crude palm oil) constitutes the major portion of India's total edible oil import basket, followed by soybean oil and sunflower oil.
- **Statement III is Incorrect:** While Rajasthan is a major producer of groundnut (ranking second), the **leading producer** of groundnut in India is **Gujarat**, which accounts for nearly half of the country's total groundnut output.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Ebola virus disease (EVD) is a severe, often fatal illness in humans caused by virus species belonging to the **Filoviridae** family (genus *Ebolavirus*).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Fruit bats (family *Pteropodidae*) are considered to be the natural reservoir hosts of the Ebola virus.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Ebola virus is **not an airborne disease**. Human-to-human transmission occurs primarily through direct contact (via broken skin or mucous membranes) with blood, secretions, organs, or other bodily fluids (such as sweat, urine, saliva, vomit, or semen) of infected people or contaminated surfaces/materials.
- **Therefore, option A is the correct answer.**

3) Answer: (C)



- **Statement 1 is CORRECT:** The National Testing Agency (NTA) was established in November 2017 by the Ministry of Education (formerly Ministry of Human Resource Development), Government of India, to conduct entrance examinations for admission/fellowship in higher educational institutions.
- **Statement 2 is CORRECT:** The NTA was registered as an autonomous, self-sustained premier testing organization under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860**.
- **Statement 3 is INCORRECT:** The role of the NTA is strictly limited to conducting examinations and declaring scores/merit ranks. It **does not** determine admission criteria, eligibility norms, or handle seat allocations. The admission process, counselling, and seat allocation are conducted separately by specific designated authorities (e.g., Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA), or individual universities and state bodies).
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

4) Answer: (D)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** REITs allow individual and institutional investors to pool their capital to purchase and manage income-generating real estate assets without having to buy or manage physical property directly.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** REITs invest in a wide range of commercial real estate portfolios, including office spaces, retail shopping centers, hotels, residential apartments, warehouses, and health care facilities.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** REITs operate on a structure similar to mutual funds—investors buy shares of the REIT, and in turn, earn a proportion of the income generated through rent, capital gains, or dividends.

5) Answer: (A)

- **Inference 1 is correct:** The **Green India Mission (GIM)** seeks to **protect, restore and enhance forest/tree cover** and improve the quality of forest ecosystems. Thus, it focuses not merely on increasing forest cover but also on improving **ecosystem services and forest quality**. The Mission was **formally approved as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in February 2014**.
- **Inference 2 is correct:** **CAMPA** is associated with the **management and utilisation of compensatory afforestation funds**. The **Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016** provides for funds received from user agencies towards compensatory afforestation and related payments, and their utilisation for **plantations, assisted natural regeneration, forest protection, forest infrastructure, the Green India Programme, wildlife protection and other related activities**.
- **Inference 3 is incorrect:** The **CAMPA framework does not mandate blanket prior informed consent of Gram Panchayats** before using community forests. The **Forest Rights Act, 2006** recognises forest rights and gives the **Gram Sabha** an important role in matters concerning forest-dwelling communities. However, this cannot be converted into a general statutory requirement that **Gram Panchayats must give prior informed consent for all CAMPA-funded activities**.
- Therefore, **only inferences 1 and 2 can be drawn. Hence option (A) is the correct answer.**