

**Daily MCQ: 22.08.2026**

1) Identify the river of the Indian sub-continent on the basis of the following information:

1. It originates in the Brahmagiri Hills of Karnataka.
2. It flows mainly through Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
3. It forms a delta before entering the Bay of Bengal.
4. Its basin extends into parts of Kerala and Puducherry.
5. Its important tributaries include Kabini, Bhavani, Amaravati and Hemavati.

Select the correct answer from the following:

- (a) Krishna
- (b) Cauvery
- (c) Mahanadi
- (d) Pennar

2) Consider the following statements with reference to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB):

1. PNGRB is an executive body functioning under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
2. The Board functions with the powers of a Civil Court and is empowered to receive complaints and conduct inquiries.
3. It aims to regulate petroleum and natural gas activities, including crude oil production.

In how many of the above statements is the information correct?

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

3) Consider the following statements regarding Noise Pollution in India:

1. Noise limits differ for each zones
2. The daytime noise limit for residential areas is higher than that for commercial areas.
3. The nighttime noise limit for silence zones is lower than that for residential areas.
4. The Central Pollution Control Board monitors ambient noise levels in India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

4) Match the Following: Major Ports of India

Major Ports	State
1. Deendayal Port	A. Goa
2. Mormugao Port	B. Gujarath
3. New Mangalore Port	C. Odisha
4. Paradip Port	D. Karnataka



Codes:

- (a) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
- (b) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- (c) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B
- (d) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A

5) Consider the following statements regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI):

- 1. It is a statutory body under the Competition Act, 2002.
- 2. It prevents anti-competitive practices and abuse of dominant position.
- 3. It examines certain mergers and acquisitions that may affect competition.
- 4. It can initiate suo motu inquiries into competition-related violations.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one statement is correct
- (b) Only two statements are correct
- (c) Three statements are correct
- (d) All four statements are correct

6) Consider the following statements regarding a multilateral financial institution:

- 1. It provides loans, grants, technical assistance and equity investments to support development projects in its member countries.
- 2. India is its fourth-largest shareholder and one of its major country borrowers.
- 3. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.

Which one of the following institutions is described above?

- (a) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- (b) New Development Bank (NDB)
- (c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- (d) African Development Bank (AfDB)

Explanation

1) Answer: (B)

- **Origin:** The Cauvery River originates from the **Brahmagiri Hills** in the Coorg (Kodagu) district of Karnataka in the Western Ghats.
- **Course & Basin:** It flows southeastward through Karnataka and Tamil Nadu before emptying into the Bay of Bengal, forming a fertile delta known as the "Granary of South India." Its drainage basin also extends into parts of Kerala and the Union Territory of Puducherry (Karaikal region).
- **Tributaries:** Its major tributaries include the **Kabini, Bhavani, Amaravati, and Hemavati** (along with others like the Harangi, Arkavathy, and Noyyal), which conclusively point to the **Cauvery**.
- **Uses of cauvery river:**
 - **Agriculture:** Primary source for extensive paddy and sugarcane irrigation via major dams like Krishnarajasagara (KRS) and Mettur.
 - **Hydroelectric Power:** Generates clean energy through stations such as Shivanasamudra.
 - **Drinking Water:** Supplies municipal water to major urban centers like Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Tiruchirappalli.
 - **Industry & Ecology:** Supports local manufacturing industries and sustains regional riverine ecosystems and mangrove wetlands.



- Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

2) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1** – Incorrect: PNGRB is a statutory regulatory body constituted under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006, and not an executive body functioning under the Ministry.
- **Statement 2** – Correct: PNGRB has certain powers of a Civil Court and can receive complaints and conduct inquiries/investigations regarding contraventions of specified obligations and provisions relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas. These functions also support the protection of consumer interests.
- **Statement 3** – Incorrect: PNGRB regulates the midstream and downstream activities of the petroleum and natural gas sector. Upstream activities, such as the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas, remain under the direct control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Hence, including crude oil production makes the statement incorrect.
- Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

3) Answer: (A)

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** Under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, permissible noise limits are prescribed separately for different zones—industrial, commercial, residential and silence zones—and vary between daytime and nighttime.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** The daytime noise limit for residential areas is lower than that for commercial areas. The prescribed limit is 55 dB(A) Leq for residential areas and 65 dB(A) Leq for commercial areas.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** The nighttime noise limit for silence zones is lower than that for residential areas. It is 40 dB(A) Leq for silence zones compared with 45 dB(A) Leq for residential areas.
- **Statement 4 – Correct:** The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is responsible for monitoring and assessing ambient noise levels in India through its noise-monitoring network and implementation-related activities.
- Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

4) Answer: (A)

- **Deendayal Port – Gujarat** → **Correct: Deendayal Port**, formerly known as Kandla Port, is a major port located in **Kandla, Gujarat**, on the Gulf of Kutch.
- **Mormugao Port – Goa** → **Correct: Mormugao Port** is a major port located in **Goa** on the western coast of India. It is an important port for the handling and export of **iron ore and other commodities**.
- **New Mangalore Port – Karnataka** → **Correct: New Mangalore Port** is located in **Karnataka** and serves as an important maritime gateway for the coastal and hinterland regions of the state.
- **Paradip Port – Odisha** → **Correct: Paradip Port** is located in **Odisha**, on the eastern coast along the Bay of Bengal. It is an important port for handling **bulk cargo, particularly coal and iron ore**.
- Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

5) Answer: (D)



- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** is a **statutory body** established under the **Competition Act, 2002** (operationalized fully to replace the older MRTP Act). It functions as a **corporate regulator** under the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**. **Hence Statement 1 is correct.**
- Under **Section 3** and **Section 4** of the Act, the CCI is mandated to eliminate anti-competitive agreements (such as cartels and price-fixing) and prohibit the abuse of a dominant position by enterprises in the market. **Hence Statement 2 is correct.**
- Under **Sections 5 and 6** of the Act, the CCI regulates "**combinations**" by examining and scrutinizing **mergers, acquisitions, and amalgamations** that cause or are likely to cause an Appreciable Adverse Effect on Competition (AAEC) within India. **Hence Statement 3 is correct.**
- Under **Section 19** of the Competition Act, the CCI is empowered to initiate inquiries **suo motu** (on its own knowledge or motion) into any suspected competition violations, in addition to acting upon information filed by parties or references from the government. **Hence Statement 4 is correct.**
- **Therefore, Option D is the correct answer.**

6) Answer: (C)

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** provides various forms of development assistance, including **loans, grants, technical assistance and equity investments**, to support development projects in its member countries.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** **India is one of the major shareholders and borrowers of the ADB**, and has a significant role in its operations and development financing.
- **Key Shareholders:** Five shareholders are Japan and the USA (each with 15.6% of total shares), China (6.4%), India (6.3%), and Australia (5.8%)
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** The **headquarters of the Asian Development Bank is located in Manila, Philippines.**
- Therefore, all three statements correctly describe the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.
- **Hence, option C is the correct answer.**