



Daily MCQ: 02.09.2026

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY):

Statement I:

PM-DDKY seeks to address regional disparities in agricultural performance through a district-focused approach rather than providing a uniform benefit across all districts.

Statement II:

The districts covered under the scheme are identified using indicators relating to agricultural productivity.

Statement III:

The scheme creates an entirely new set of centrally sponsored schemes with dedicated funds transferred directly to farmers in the identified districts.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
 - (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
 - (c) Only one of Statement II and Statement III is correct and that explains Statement I
 - (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct
- 2) Identify the invasive species on the basis of the following information:
- 1. It is a free-floating aquatic plant with broad, glossy leaves.
 - 2. It can form dense mats on the surface of water bodies.
 - 3. It spreads rapidly and can obstruct navigation and reduce dissolved oxygen in water.
 - 4. It is commonly associated with freshwater bodies and is considered a major invasive aquatic weed.

Select the correct answer from the following:

- (a) Water hyacinth
 - (b) Prosopis juliflora
 - (c) Lantana camara
 - (d) Parthenium hysterophorus
- 3) Consider the following statements with regard to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):
- 1. The 26th SCO Summit was held under the Chairship of Kyrgyzstan in Bishkek.
 - 2. The theme of the 26th SCO Summit was “25 Years of the SCO: Together Towards Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity.”
 - 3. The Summit adopted the Bishkek Declaration, while the 6th World Nomad Games opened in Bishkek.



4. Belarus became a full member of the SCO in 2024.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4) Consider the following statements regarding the strategic aim of the Scheme for Enhancement of Construction and Infrastructure Equipment (CIE):

- 1. It seeks to build a self-reliant domestic ecosystem by incentivizing local industries to design and manufacture niche, technologically advanced construction machinery.
- 2. It provides direct demand-side financial subsidies to infrastructure developers to accelerate the procurement and leasing of specialized foreign earthmoving equipment.

Which of the statements given above is correct ?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

5) Consider the following situation:

A policyholder has insurance policies with multiple insurers and faces difficulty tracking policy details, claims and unclaimed benefits. At the same time, insurers lack interoperable access to verified information held across the insurance ecosystem.

Which of the following would most directly address these problems through the proposed Public Insurance Registry?

- 1. Creating an interoperable layer through which verified insurance information can be accessed across participating entities.
- 2. Allowing insurers to access relevant policy and claims information, thereby improving underwriting and reducing information asymmetry.
- 3. Replacing individual insurers by making the Registry the sole entity responsible for issuing and servicing insurance policies.
- 4. Enabling policyholders to obtain a consolidated view of their insurance relationships and facilitate easier access to unclaimed amounts.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Explanation



1) Answer: (C)

- **Statement I is correct** because PM-DDKY explicitly focuses on backward or low-performing districts through targeted interventions instead of distributing uniform benefits indiscriminately across the country.
- **Statement II is correct and explains Statement I** because the core mechanism for targeting these regional disparities relies on specific distress indicators, namely low agricultural productivity, low cropping intensity, and low credit disbursement, combined with state representation.
- **Statement III is incorrect** because PM-DDKY does not create an entirely new set of schemes or direct income transfers; instead, it strategically converges and merges 36 existing schemes from 11 different Union Ministries into a unified, synchronized support system under district-level planning.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

2) Answer: (A)

(a) Water hyacinth – Correct: It is a **free-floating invasive aquatic plant** that grows rapidly and forms dense mats on the surface of freshwater bodies. These mats can obstruct navigation, reduce light penetration and lower dissolved oxygen, adversely affecting aquatic ecosystems.

(b) Prosopis juliflora – Incorrect: It is an invasive **terrestrial shrub/tree**, commonly found in dry and semi-arid regions, and does not form floating mats on water bodies.

(c) Lantana camara – Incorrect: It is an invasive **terrestrial shrub** that can invade forests, grasslands and other terrestrial habitats.

(d) Parthenium hysterophorus – Incorrect: It is an invasive **terrestrial herb**, commonly known as Congress grass, which affects agricultural fields and natural ecosystems.

Therefore, option (a) Water hyacinth is the correct answer.

3) Answer: (D)

- The **26th meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (the SCO Summit 2026)** was held in **Bishkek** under the rotating chairship of **Kyrgyzstan**. Hence **Statement 1 is correct**.
- The official theme of the summit was **“25 Years of the SCO: Together Towards Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity,”** commemorating the 25th anniversary of the organisation's founding. Hence **Statement 2 is correct**.
- The summit concluded with the adoption of the **Bishkek Declaration**, and its timeline coincided with the grand opening of the **6th World Nomad**



Games in Bishkek, which was attended by leaders of SCO member nations.
Hence Statement 3 is correct.

- **Belarus** officially became the tenth full member state of the SCO at the Astana summit in **2024**. **Hence Statement 4 is correct.**
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

4) Answer: (A)

Statement 1 is correct because the scheme is a supply-side capacity-building initiative meant to make the country a manufacturing hub for heavy machinery.

Statement 2 is incorrect because the scheme explicitly aims to reduce import dependence, not subsidize builders to buy foreign equipment.

5) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 — Correct:** The proposed **Public Insurance Registry (PIR)** is intended to provide an **interoperable digital infrastructure** for sharing verified insurance-related information across participating entities. This can reduce fragmentation of insurance data.
- **Statement 2 — Correct:** By facilitating access to relevant and verified information, the PIR can help insurers **reduce information asymmetry**, improve underwriting and enable more efficient insurance services.
- **Statement 3 — Incorrect:** The PIR is **not intended to replace insurers** or become an entity that issues and services insurance policies. It is a **digital infrastructure/platform**, while insurance activities remain with regulated insurers.
- **Statement 4 — Correct:** A consolidated digital view of insurance relationships can help policyholders **track their policies, claims and benefits**, including facilitating access to **unclaimed insurance amounts**.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**