

APSC Prelims Mock Test, 2026

Test Booklet No. 00

Answers & Explanation

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1. Consider the following statements regarding the proposed India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement:
1. Negotiations for the India-EU FTA began in 2007 and were relaunched in 2022 after being suspended in 2013.
 2. India became the European Union's 22nd FTA partner after the announcement at the 16th India-EU Summit.
 3. The EU has offered India preferential access across 97% of tariff lines covering 99.5% of trade value.
 4. The India-EU FTA negotiations have completely excluded labour-intensive sectors such as textiles and leather from immediate tariff concessions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
B. 1 and 4 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
India-EU FTA negotiations originally started in **2007**. However, due to disagreements over market access and regulatory issues, talks were suspended in **2013** and later relaunched in **2022**. This is an important timeline fact for UPSC.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The FTA announcement was made during the **16th India-EU Summit** held in India, making the EU India's **22nd FTA partner**.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Under the agreement, India gains preferential access to European markets across **97% of tariff lines**, covering **99.5% of trade value**. This is expected to significantly improve Indian exports to Europe.

- **Statement 4 – Incorrect:**

In fact, labour-intensive sectors are among the major beneficiaries of the FTA. Sectors such as **textiles, apparel, leather, footwear, marine products and chemicals** are expected to receive immediate duty elimination or major tariff reductions, thereby improving India's competitiveness in EU markets.

Hence, only statements **1, 2 and 3** are correct.

2. Consider the following statements regarding the proposed Census 2027 in India:

1. House listing operations, constituting the first phase of Census 2027, are scheduled between April and September 2026.
2. Population Enumeration for the entire country will be conducted uniformly in February 2027.
3. Census 2027 will be India's first fully digital Census with enumerators primarily using mobile applications for data collection.
4. The Census will include nationwide caste enumeration for all communities for the first time since 1931.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1, 3 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

The first phase of Census 2027, known as House Listing Operations, is scheduled to take place between **April and September 2026** across all States and Union Territories.

- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**

Population Enumeration is generally scheduled for **February 2027**, but certain snow-bound and non-synchronous regions such as **Ladakh, parts of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand** will conduct enumeration earlier in **September 2026** due to climatic conditions.

- **Statement 3 – Correct:**

Census 2027 is proposed to be India's **first digital Census**. Enumerators will primarily use mobile applications instead of traditional paper-based methods, improving speed, accuracy and data management.

- **Statement 4 – Correct:**

The Census proposes the **first nationwide caste enumeration since 1931** covering all communities, and not just Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). This makes it a historically significant exercise.

Hence, statements **1, 3 and 4** are correct.

3. Consider the following statements regarding the Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS), 2026:

1. The scheme aims to provide a cost-effective and non-adversarial grievance redress mechanism for customers of RBI-regulated entities.
2. RBI Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman can be appointed only from among retired High Court judges.
3. The scheme will come into effect from July 1, 2026.
4. The Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre (CRPC) will be established for receiving and processing complaints.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1, 3 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

The primary objective of RB-IOS 2026 is to provide a **cost-effective, expeditious and non-adversarial alternate grievance redress mechanism** for customers facing deficiencies in services provided by RBI-regulated entities. This includes banks, NBFCs and other financial institutions regulated by the RBI.

- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**

The scheme states that the RBI may appoint **one or more of its own officers** as RBI Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman, generally for a period of three years. They are not required to be retired judges.

- **Statement 3 – Correct:**

RB-IOS 2026 is scheduled to come into effect from **July 1, 2026**.

- **Statement 4 – Correct:**

The scheme proposes establishment of a **Centralised Receipt and Processing**

Centre (CRPC) to receive and process complaints in a streamlined digital manner.

Hence, statements **1, 3 and 4** are correct.

4. Consider the following statements regarding rice production and export:

1. India has surpassed China to become the world's largest rice producer.
2. India was the world's largest rice exporter in 2024-25, exporting more than 20 million metric tonnes of rice.
3. Among Indian states, Uttar Pradesh accounted for the highest share of rice production in 2024-25.
4. Benin and Iraq are among the major export destinations for Indian rice.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- D. 1 and 4 only

Correct Answer: C. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
India has become the **world's largest rice producer**, overtaking China with an estimated production of about **150 million tonnes**.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
India also remains the **largest rice exporter globally**, exporting around **20.1 million metric tonnes** during 2024-25. Rice exports are important for India's agricultural trade surplus.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Uttar Pradesh contributed the highest share to India's rice production in 2024-25 with around **13.8%**, followed by Telangana and West Bengal.
- **Statement 4 – Correct:**
Major destinations for Indian rice exports include **Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Benin and the UAE**.

Hence, all four statements are correct.

5. Consider the following statements regarding the cultivation conditions of rice:

1. Rice can be cultivated from sea level up to about 2,500 metres altitude in India.
2. Rice grows best only in neutral soils and cannot tolerate acidic or alkaline soils.
3. Paddy is considered a semi-aquatic plant requiring standing water during much of its growing period.
4. Rice grows best in soils having a pH range between 5.5 and 6.5.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1, 3 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Rice cultivation in India is highly adaptable and occurs from **8°N to 30°N latitude** and from sea level up to around **2,500 metres altitude**.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
Rice can tolerate both **acidic and alkaline soils**. It is cultivated in different soil types such as silts, loams and gravels.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Paddy is a **semi-aquatic crop** and requires standing water of around **10-15 cm** during nearly three-fourths of its growing season.
- **Statement 4 – Correct:**
Rice performs best in impermeable subsoil with a pH range between **5.5 and 6.5**, which supports nutrient availability and root growth.

Therefore, statements **1, 3 and 4** are correct.

- 6.** Consider the following statements regarding Glacial Lakes and Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs):
1. A glacial lake is formed primarily due to the melting of glacial ice.
 2. GLOF refers to the gradual seasonal overflow of rivers originating from glaciers.
 3. Moraine-dammed and Ice-dammed lakes are among the categories of glacial lakes.
 4. GLOFs can originate from lakes located beneath or on the surface of glaciers.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1, 3 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
A glacial lake is a body of water formed mainly by the melting of glacial ice. These lakes generally occupy depressions or basins carved out by glacier movement.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
GLOF is not a gradual overflow. It refers to the **sudden release of water** from a glacial lake due to dam failure or breach, causing destructive flooding downstream.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Based on their formation process, glacial lakes are classified into categories such as **Moraine-dammed, Ice-dammed, Erosion lakes and Others.**
- **Statement 4 – Correct:**
GLOFs may occur from lakes formed at the side, in front of, within, beneath or even on the surface of glaciers, making them highly dynamic natural hazards.

Hence, statements **1, 3 and 4** are correct.

- 7.** Consider the following statements regarding the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0):
1. The term “Fourth Industrial Revolution” was popularized by Klaus Schwab in 2016.
 2. IR 4.0 refers to the convergence of digital, physical and biological technologies.
 3. Quantum computing and the Internet of Things (IoT) are associated with IR 4.0 technologies.
 4. The newly announced IR 4.0 Centre in Andhra Pradesh will be India’s first such centre.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A, 1, 2 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
The term “Fourth Industrial Revolution” was coined/popularized by Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum (WEF), in 2016. The concept became globally influential through WEF discussions and reports.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
IR 4.0 describes the integration and convergence of digital, physical and biological systems, unlike earlier industrial revolutions which mainly focused on mechanization or electrification.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics, Internet of Things (IoT), biotechnology and quantum computing are considered major components of IR 4.0.
- **Statement 4 – Incorrect:**
The proposed Andhra Pradesh centre will be India’s **third** IR 4.0 Centre after existing centres in **Mumbai and Telangana**.

Hence, statements **1, 2 and 3** are correct.

8. Consider the following statements regarding the Bagurumba dance:

1. Bagurumba is a traditional folk dance of the Bodo community of Assam.
2. The dance is inspired by nature and symbolizes blooming flowers.
3. Traditionally, the dance is performed only by men of the Bodo community.
4. Bagurumba is closely associated with festivals such as Bwisagu and Domasi.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A, 1, 2 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Bagurumba is a well-known traditional folk dance of the Bodo community of Assam and represents an important aspect of Bodo cultural heritage.

- **Statement 2 – Correct:**

The dance is inspired by nature and symbolises blooming flowers, expressing harmony between humans and the natural world. Its graceful hand and body movements imitate natural elements such as butterflies, birds and flowers.

- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**

Traditionally, Bagurumba is mainly performed by young Bodo women, while men generally accompany them as musicians playing traditional instruments.

- **Statement 4 – Correct:**

The dance is closely associated with important Bodo festivals such as **Bwisagu** (Bodo New Year festival) and **Domasi**, where it symbolizes joy, fertility, peace and collective harmony.

Hence, statements **1, 2 and 4** are correct.

9. Consider the following statements regarding the Strait of Hormuz:

1. The Strait of Hormuz lies between Iran and Oman.
2. It connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
3. Nearly one-third of global crude oil trade passes through the Strait of Hormuz.
4. The Strait of Hormuz is significant only for crude oil transport.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

The Strait of Hormuz is strategically located between **Iran and Oman**, making it one of the world's most important maritime chokepoints.

- **Statement 2 – Correct:**

The Strait connects the **Persian Gulf** with the **Gulf of Oman** and further to the **Arabian Sea**, enabling energy exports from Gulf countries to global markets.

- **Statement 3 – Correct:**

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), nearly **15 million barrels of crude oil per day** pass through the Strait, accounting for roughly **34% of global crude oil trade**.

- **Statement 4 – Incorrect:**

The Strait is also critically important for **global LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) trade**, handling approximately one-fifth of global LNG flows along with liquid petroleum transport.

Hence, statements **1, 2 and 3** are correct.

10. Which one of the following Iranian nuclear facilities is especially known for being built deep underground inside a mountain?

- A. Bushehr
- B. Natanz
- C. Fordow
- D. Arak

Correct Answer: C. Fordow

Detailed Explanation:

Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant is an underground uranium enrichment facility located near Qom in Iran. It is constructed deep within a mountain and heavily fortified, making it difficult to target through conventional airstrikes. The facility has been internationally scrutinized because of its uranium enrichment activities and strategic role in Iran's nuclear programme

11. Consider the following statements regarding the RELIEF initiative under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM):

1. RELIEF stands for "Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation".
2. The scheme aims to support exporters affected by disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia maritime corridor.
3. The scheme primarily focuses on promoting agricultural exports to Europe.
4. One of the objectives of the scheme is to prevent order cancellations and safeguard employment in export-linked sectors.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A, 1, 2 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
RELIEF stands for **Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation**.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The scheme was approved to support Indian exporters facing difficulties due to freight escalation, insurance premia and war-related export risks in the Gulf and wider West Asia maritime corridor.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
The scheme is not specifically aimed at agricultural exports to Europe. It focuses on exporters impacted by disruptions in the West Asia region.
- **Statement 4 – Correct:**
The scheme seeks to mitigate logistics disruptions, maintain exporter confidence, prevent cancellation of export orders and protect employment linked to exports.

Hence, statements **1, 2 and 4** are correct.

12. Consider the following statements regarding Speaker of Lok Sabha:

1. Speaker continues in office even after dissolution of Lok Sabha till first meeting of new House.
2. Speaker can vote in first instance during removal proceedings.
3. Speaker is elected by Rajya Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: B

Detailed Explanation:

Statement 1 – Correct:

The Speaker of the Lok Sabha does not vacate office immediately upon the dissolution of the Lok Sabha. According to **Article 94 of the Constitution**, the Speaker continues in office until **immediately before the first meeting of the newly constituted Lok Sabha**.

Statement 2 – Correct:

During proceedings for the removal of the Speaker, the Speaker:

- cannot preside over the sitting of the House under **Article 96**, but
- is entitled to participate in the proceedings.

Importantly:

- The Speaker can vote in the **first instance** like an ordinary member because he/she is still a member of the House.
- However, the Speaker does **not have a casting vote** in such proceedings.

Normally, the Speaker votes only in case of a tie (casting vote). But during removal proceedings, since the Speaker is not presiding, he/she can exercise an ordinary vote in the first instance.

13. National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) aims to:

- A. Digitize legislative functioning
- B. Conduct online elections
- C. Digitize judicial records
- D. Implement e-governance in Panchayats

Correct Answer: A

Detailed Explanation:

NeVA aims to create paperless and digital functioning of State/UT legislatures under the vision of “One Nation–One Application”. Nagaland became the first Legislative Assembly to implement NeVA.

14. With reference to the Chief Justice of India (CJI), consider the following statements:

1. Constitution explicitly provides the procedure for appointment of the CJI.
2. Conventionally, the senior-most Supreme Court judge is appointed as CJI.
3. The President appoints the CJI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only

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

Correct Answer: B

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:**
The Constitution under Article 124 provides that the President appoints Supreme Court judges, but it does not clearly mention a detailed procedure specifically for appointing the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
By convention, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court is appointed as the CJI. This convention is followed to maintain judicial independence and seniority.
- **Statement 3 is correct:**
The CJI is formally appointed by the President of India under Article 124 of the Constitution.

Hence, statements **2 and 3** are correct.

15. With reference to Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs), consider the following statements:

1. They are registered with Election Commission but not recognized as State or National parties.
2. They get permanent reserved election symbols.
3. Election Commission can take action against inactive RUPPs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**
Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs) are parties registered with the Election Commission of India (ECI) under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, but they do not fulfill the conditions required to become a recognized State or National party.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**
RUPPs do not get permanent reserved election symbols. Only recognized State and National parties receive reserved symbols. RUPPs are allotted free symbols from the list of available symbols during elections.
- **Statement 3 is correct:**
The Election Commission can take action against inactive RUPPs, especially if they fail to contest elections or do not comply with required guidelines and financial disclosure norms.

Hence, statements **1 and 3** are correct.

16. Consider the following statements regarding Special Intensive Revision (SIR):

1. It is related to revision of electoral rolls.
2. It is conducted by Election Commission.
3. It aims to remove duplicate or ineligible voters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**
Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is related to the revision and updating of electoral rolls. It is conducted to ensure that voter lists remain accurate and updated before elections.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
The Special Intensive Revision is conducted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) through electoral registration officers and booth-level officials.
- **Statement 3 is correct:**
One of the major objectives of SIR is to identify and remove:
 - duplicate voters,
 - shifted voters,
 - deceased voters, and
 - other ineligible entries from electoral rolls.

SIR helps in maintaining a clean and authentic voter database, which is essential for conducting free and fair elections. Hence, all three statements are correct.

17. With reference to Assam during British rule, consider the following statements:

1. Assam was initially annexed by the British after the Treaty of Yandabo in 1826.
2. The introduction of tea plantations in Assam led to large-scale migration of labourers from central India.
3. The Inner Line Regulation of 1873 was introduced to encourage free movement of outsiders into tribal areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Assam came under British control after the **Treaty of Yandabo**, which ended the First Anglo-Burmese War.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The British developed **tea plantations** in Assam and brought labourers from regions like Chotanagpur, Bihar, and Odisha, leading to demographic changes.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
The **Inner Line Regulation (1873)** was introduced **to restrict the entry of outsiders** into tribal areas, not encourage it. Its aim was to protect indigenous communities. Therefore, only **statements 1 and 2 are correct**.

18. With reference to fiscal deficit in India, consider the following statements:

1. Fiscal deficit occurs when the total expenditure of the government exceeds its total receipts excluding borrowings.
2. A high fiscal deficit necessarily leads to hyperinflation in every economy.
3. Borrowings by the government are used to finance fiscal deficit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Fiscal deficit represents the gap between total government expenditure and total receipts excluding borrowings. It indicates the borrowing requirement of the government.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
A high fiscal deficit may contribute to inflationary pressures, but it does not necessarily cause hyperinflation in every case. The impact depends on factors such as economic growth, productivity, and monetary management.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Governments finance fiscal deficits mainly through market borrowings, treasury bills and other debt instruments. Hence, only statements **1 and 3** are correct.

19. Consider the following statements regarding *Euthalia zubeengargi*:

1. It is a butterfly species discovered in Arunachal Pradesh.
2. It has been named after Assamese singer Zubeen Garg.
3. The species is commonly found in alpine forests above 3000 metres elevation.
4. Only two individuals of the species have been recorded so far.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
The butterfly was discovered in the Basar region of Leparada district in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The species was named after Assamese music icon Zubeen Garg in recognition of his cultural contribution.

- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**

The butterfly is found in semi-evergreen forests at elevations around 600–700 metres, not alpine forests above 3000 metres.

- **Statement 4 – Correct:**

The material mentions that only two individuals have been recorded, making the species extremely rare and difficult to study.

20. Consider the following statements regarding the Model Code of Conduct (MCC):

1. The MCC comes into force immediately after announcement of election dates.
2. The MCC has statutory backing under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
3. The Election Commission of India enforces the MCC.
4. Certain MCC violations may attract provisions of IPC and other laws.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: B. 1, 3 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**

The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) comes into force immediately after the Election Commission of India announces the election schedule.

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:**

MCC does not have statutory or legal backing under the Representation of the People Act, 1951. It is a non-statutory code based mainly on consensus among political parties and enforced by the Election Commission.

- **Statement 3 is correct:**

The Election Commission of India (ECI) is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the MCC during elections to ensure free and fair polling.

- **Statement 4 is correct:**

Although MCC itself is non-statutory, certain violations such as hate speech, bribery, intimidation, misuse of government machinery, etc. may attract provisions under:

- Indian Penal Code (IPC),
- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS),
- Representation of the People Act, 1951, and

- other relevant laws.

Hence, statements **1, 3 and 4** are correct.

21. Consider the following statements regarding postal ballots in India:

1. Members of the Armed Forces are eligible for postal ballots.
2. All government employees are automatically eligible for postal voting.
3. Persons above 85 years may vote through postal ballot as absentee voters.
4. Postal ballots are counted separately and not along with EVM votes.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 3 and 4 only

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Service voters including Armed Forces and CAPF personnel are eligible for postal ballots.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
Only specified categories such as service voters, election duty staff and certain absentee voters qualify. All government employees are not automatically eligible.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Senior citizens above 85 years are classified as absentee voters and may avail postal ballot facilities.
- **Statement 4 – Incorrect:**
Postal ballots are securely counted along with EVM votes during counting.

22. Consider the following statements regarding Pink Booths:

1. Pink Booths are polling stations managed entirely by women staff.
2. Their objective includes promoting women's participation in elections.
3. Such booths are constitutionally mandated under Article 324.

4. Some Pink Booths may provide childcare and feeding facilities.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 3 and 4 only

Correct Answer: B. 1, 2 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Pink Booths are fully managed by women officials including presiding officers and polling staff.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
They aim to create a safe, inclusive and women-friendly voting environment.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
Pink Booths are administrative innovations by ECI and not constitutional mandates.

Statement 4 – Correct:

Some Pink Booths include facilities such as childcare spaces and separate queues for women voters.

23. With reference to the Swadeshi Movement, consider the following statements:

1. The movement began as a reaction to the partition of Bengal in 1905.
2. Boycott of foreign goods and promotion of indigenous industries formed important features of the movement.
3. The Indian National Congress officially demanded complete independence during the Swadeshi Movement itself.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
The Swadeshi Movement emerged in response to the **Partition of Bengal** carried out by **Lord Curzon**.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The movement promoted the boycott of British goods and encouraged the use of indigenous products, national education and Indian industries.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
The demand for **Purna Swaraj (Complete Independence)** was officially adopted by the Indian National Congress later in 1929 at the Lahore Session under **Jawaharlal Nehru**, not during the Swadeshi Movement.

Hence, only statements **1 and 2** are correct.

24. With reference to Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. Fundamental Rights are borrowed primarily from the Constitution of the United States.
2. Fundamental Rights are enforceable by courts.
3. Parliament can amend Fundamental Rights.

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:**
The concept of Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution was inspired mainly from the **Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
Fundamental Rights are **justiciable**, meaning they can be enforced by courts. Citizens can approach:
 - the Supreme Court under **Article 32**, and
 - High Courts under **Article 226**

for protection of their Fundamental Rights.

- **Statement 3 is correct:**

Parliament can amend Fundamental Rights under **Article 368**. However, according to the **Kesavananda Bharati Case (1973)**, Parliament cannot alter or destroy the **Basic Structure** of the Constitution.

Additional Point:

- Fundamental Rights are contained in **Part III (Articles 12-35)** of the Constitution.

Hence, all three statements are correct.

25. With reference to suspension of Fundamental Rights during Emergency, consider the following statements:

1. Article 19 is automatically suspended during every type of National Emergency.
2. Articles 20 and 21 cannot be suspended even during Emergency.
3. Article 359 empowers the President to suspend enforcement of certain Fundamental Rights.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:**

Article 19 is automatically suspended only when a National Emergency is declared on the grounds of:

- war, or
- external aggression

under Article 358. It is not automatically suspended when Emergency is declared due to **armed rebellion**.

- **Statement 2 is correct:**

After the **44th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978**, the rights guaranteed under:

- Article 20 (Protection in respect of conviction for offences), and
- Article 21 (Protection of life and personal liberty)

cannot be suspended even during a National Emergency.

- **Statement 3 is correct:**

Under **Article 359**, the President can suspend the right to move courts for enforcement of certain Fundamental Rights during Emergency.

Additional Point:

- The 44th Amendment was enacted after the 1975 Emergency to strengthen civil liberties and prevent misuse of Emergency provisions.

Hence, statements **2 and 3** are correct.

26. Consider the following statements:

1. Convection involves transfer of heat through actual movement of fluids.
2. Radiation requires a material medium for heat transfer.
3. Water is commonly used as a coolant due to its high specific heat capacity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

Convection occurs in liquids and gases where heated fluid particles move physically from one place to another, carrying heat with them. Car radiators and atmospheric circulation are common examples.

- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**

Radiation does not require any material medium. Heat from the Sun reaches Earth through the vacuum of space by electromagnetic radiation.

- **Statement 3 – Correct:**

Water has a very high specific heat capacity, meaning it can absorb large amounts of heat without a large rise in temperature. Hence, it is widely used in cooling systems such as car radiators and industrial plants.

27. Consider the following statements regarding nanotechnology-based water treatment:

1. Silver nanoparticles possess antimicrobial properties.
2. Nanofiltration can remove divalent ions and heavy metals.
3. Magnetic nanocomposites remove pollutants using ultraviolet radiation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Silver nanoparticles can kill or inactivate microbes and are therefore widely used in advanced water filters and purification systems.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
Nanofiltration membranes selectively remove divalent ions, heavy metals and organic molecules while allowing some dissolved salts to pass through.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
Magnetic nanocomposites bind pollutants and are then separated using external magnetic fields. They do not primarily use UV radiation for pollutant removal.

28. With reference to electromagnetic radiation, consider the following statements:

1. Energy of electromagnetic radiation increases with frequency.
2. Infrared radiation is widely used in thermal imaging.
3. Ultraviolet-C radiation naturally reaches Earth's surface in large quantities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

In the electromagnetic spectrum, energy is directly proportional to frequency. Hence, gamma rays possess the highest energy while radio waves possess the lowest. The sequence is:

Radio → Microwave → Infrared → Visible → UV → X-rays → Gamma rays.

- **Statement 2 – Correct:**

Infrared (IR) radiation is emitted by hot bodies and is extensively used in thermal imaging cameras, night-vision devices, industrial temperature monitoring and satellite imaging.

- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**

Ultraviolet-C (UVC) radiation is the most energetic and harmful form of UV radiation. However, it is almost completely absorbed by the ozone layer and therefore does not naturally reach Earth's surface in significant amounts.

29. Consider the following statements:

1. Sodium vapour lamps emit nearly monochromatic light.
2. LED lamps produce light through electron-hole recombination in semiconductors.
3. OLED displays require a backlight for illumination.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

Sodium vapour lamps emit near-monochromatic yellow light and are highly energy efficient. Because of this property, they are commonly used in street lighting and perform well during foggy conditions.

- **Statement 2 – Correct:**

LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) produce light when electrons recombine with holes

inside a semiconductor material. Since no filament heating is involved, LEDs are highly energy-efficient and durable.

- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**

OLEDs (Organic Light Emitting Diodes) are self-emissive displays, meaning each pixel emits its own light. Therefore, OLEDs do not require a separate backlight unlike LCD or QLED displays.

30. Consider the following statements:

1. Viruses contain either DNA or RNA as genetic material, but not both.
2. Bacteriophages specifically infect bacteria.
3. Viruses possess independent metabolic machinery for replication outside host cells.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

Viruses contain only one type of nucleic acid—either DNA or RNA—enclosed within a protein coat called a capsid. They never possess both DNA and RNA simultaneously.

- **Statement 2 – Correct:**

Bacteriophages, or phages, are specialised viruses that infect bacteria. They are highly host-specific and are being explored for treating antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections.

- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**

Viruses lack independent metabolism and cellular machinery such as ribosomes and organelles. Hence, they cannot reproduce outside living host cells and are called *obligate intracellular parasites*.

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Fiscal Deficit for 2026-27 (BE) is estimated at 4.3% of GDP.
2. Revenue Deficit for 2026-27 (BE) is estimated at 1.5% of GDP.

3. Debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to increase in 2026–27 compared to 2025–26 (RE).
4. Primary Deficit for 2026–27 (BE) is estimated at 0.3% of GDP.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

The “Deficit Trends” chart provides several important fiscal indicators:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Fiscal Deficit for 2026–27 (Budget Estimates) is projected at **4.3% of GDP**. Fiscal deficit represents the gap between total government expenditure and total receipts excluding borrowings.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
Revenue Deficit is estimated at **1.5% of GDP**. Revenue deficit occurs when revenue expenditure exceeds revenue receipts.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
The debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to decline from **56.1% in 2025–26 (RE)** to **55.6% in 2026–27 (BE)**. Hence, fiscal consolidation is being attempted.
- **Statement 4 – Correct:**
Primary Deficit is projected at **0.3% of GDP**. Primary deficit equals fiscal deficit minus interest payments and indicates current borrowing requirements excluding past debt burden.

32. Consider the following statements regarding Biopharma SHAKTI:

1. It aims to develop India as a global biopharma manufacturing hub.
2. It has an outlay of ₹10,000 crore over five years.
3. It focuses exclusively on vaccine production.

4. It proposes establishment of three new National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: B. 1, 2 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Biopharma SHAKTI (Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology & Innovation) aims to establish India as a global hub for biopharmaceutical manufacturing.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The scheme will be launched with an outlay of **₹10,000 crore over the next 5 years**, showing the government's long-term commitment to healthcare manufacturing.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**
The scheme is not limited to vaccines. It broadly supports domestic production of **biologics and biosimilars**, development of research ecosystems and clinical trial infrastructure.
- **Statement 4 – Correct:**
The scheme proposes establishing **3 new NIPERs** and upgrading 7 existing institutions to strengthen pharmaceutical education and research.

33. Consider the following statements regarding ISM 2.0:

1. ISM 2.0 focuses on production of semiconductor equipment and materials.
2. It aims to strengthen supply chains.
3. ISM 1.0 primarily focused on sector capabilities.
4. ISM 2.0 seeks to reduce emphasis on indigenous intellectual property design.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: B. 1, 2 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
ISM 2.0 shifts focus from only manufacturing chips to producing semiconductor equipment, materials and advanced ecosystem components.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The mission also seeks to fortify semiconductor supply chains, which is strategically important due to global chip shortages and geopolitical tensions.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
According to the document, ISM 1.0 mainly focused on building basic sector capabilities and attracting investments.

Statement 4 – Incorrect:

ISM 2.0 actually promotes creation of “full-stack Indian IP”, meaning greater emphasis on indigenous intellectual property and design capability.

34. Consider the following statements regarding the Indus Valley Civilisation:

1. Dholavira was the only Harappan city divided into three distinct parts.
2. Chanhudaro had a fortified citadel like Harappa and Mohenjo-daro.
3. Kalibangan has yielded evidence of ploughed agricultural fields.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Dholavira, located in present-day Gujarat, was unique among Harappan cities because it was divided into **three major divisions** – the Citadel, Middle Town

and Lower Town. Most Harappan cities usually had only two divisions: Citadel and Lower Town. Dholavira also had sophisticated reservoirs, channels and rainwater harvesting systems, showing advanced urban planning.

- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**

Chanhudaro differed from major Harappan cities because it **did not possess a citadel**. It was mainly an industrial and craft-production centre famous for bead-making, shell-cutting and seal manufacturing. UPSC often asks such exceptional features of sites.

- **Statement 3 – Correct:**

Kalibangan in Rajasthan has yielded evidence of a **ploughed agricultural field**, considered among the earliest such evidence in the world. Furrow marks indicate systematic cultivation practices and early agricultural planning.

35. Consider the following statements:

1. Sabha and Samiti were important assemblies during the Early Vedic Period.
2. Iron technology became prominent during the Later Vedic Period.
3. The Rigvedic economy was predominantly urban and trade-oriented.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**

Sabha and Samiti were important tribal assemblies during the Early Vedic period. Sabha consisted mainly of elders and elite members, while Samiti functioned as a broader tribal assembly. These institutions limited the powers of the king.

- **Statement 2 – Correct:**

In the Later Vedic period, iron technology (*Krishna Ayas*) became prominent. Iron tools helped in clearing forests in the Ganga plains and expanding agriculture, which contributed to the rise of territorial states and Mahajanapadas.

- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:**

Rigvedic society was largely pastoral and rural. Wealth was measured mainly in cattle. Urbanisation and large-scale trade were largely absent during the Early Vedic period.

36. Consider the following statements regarding Buddhism:

1. The First Buddhist Council was held at Rajagriha.
2. The Second Buddhist Council was held at Vaishali.
3. Mahayana Buddhism emphasized idol worship and Bodhisattva ideals.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Correct Answer: C. 1, 2 and 3

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
The First Buddhist Council was held at Rajagriha under the patronage of Ajatashatru shortly after Buddha's death. It aimed to compile Buddha's teachings.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:**
The Second Buddhist Council was held at Vaishali approximately 100 years later to resolve disputes regarding monastic discipline.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Mahayana Buddhism introduced image worship of Buddha and promoted the Bodhisattva ideal, where enlightened beings postpone Nirvana to help others attain salvation.

37. Consider the following statements regarding Jainism:

1. Mahavira was the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism.
2. Jainism completely rejected the concept of karma and rebirth.
3. Sallekhana refers to voluntary fasting unto death.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 1 only

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:**
Vardhamana Mahavira was the 24th and last Tirthankara in Jain tradition. He systematized and spread Jain teachings.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
Jainism strongly accepts karma and rebirth. According to Jain philosophy, karmic particles bind the soul and prevent liberation.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:**
Sallekhana is a religious practice involving gradual fasting unto death undertaken voluntarily under strict spiritual discipline, usually at the end of life.

38. Consider the following statements regarding Assam's economy:

1. RBI data identified Assam as the fastest-growing state economy over the last five years.
2. Services sector contributes more than 50% of Assam's GSDP.
3. Assam's per capita income increased by more than 50% between 2021-22 and 2024-25.

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

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** RBI data highlighted Assam as one of the fastest-growing state economies in India during FY20-FY25 due to improvement in infrastructure, investment and service sector expansion.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The services sector contributes more than half of Assam's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). Major contributors include trade, tourism, transport and communication services.

- **Statement 3 is correct:** Assam's per capita income increased significantly during the mentioned period, showing improvement in economic conditions and state income generation.

Hence, all three statements are correct.

39. Consider the following statements regarding the Kulsī River–Dorabeel wetland channel:

1. It connects the Dorabeel wetland with the Brahmaputra River.
2. The channel is important for fish migration and Gangetic dolphin movement.
3. Gangetic river dolphin is classified as Vulnerable by the IUCN.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Kulsī–Dorabeel channel provides ecological connectivity between the wetland and the Brahmaputra River system.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The channel supports fish migration, nutrient exchange and movement of the endangered Gangetic river dolphin.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The Gangetic river dolphin is classified as “Endangered” by the IUCN and is also India's National Aquatic Animal.

Hence, statements 1 and 2 are correct.

40. Consider the following statements regarding Majuli:

1. Majuli is situated in the Brahmaputra River.
2. It is regarded as an important centre of Neo–Vaishnavite culture in Assam.
3. Majuli became India's first island district in 2016.

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

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Majuli is a river island located in the Brahmaputra River and is among the largest inhabited river islands in the world.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Majuli is considered the cultural heartland of Assam's Neo-Vaishnavite movement started by Srimanta Sankardeva. Many famous Sattras are located here.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** In 2016, Majuli was officially declared India's first island district.

Hence, all statements are correct.

41. Consider the following statements regarding Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Assam.
2. It has one of the highest densities of one-horned rhinoceros in the world.
3. The sanctuary is situated on the banks of the Subansiri River.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Morigaon district of Assam.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The sanctuary is famous for having one of the highest population densities of the Indian one-horned rhinoceros.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Pobitora is not located on the Subansiri River. It is situated near the floodplains connected to the Brahmaputra ecosystem.

Hence, only statements 1 and 2 are correct.

42. Consider the following statements regarding Dibru-Saikhowa National Park:

1. It is located in Assam.
2. It is known for its population of feral horses.
3. It has been recognized as a Biosphere Reserve.

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

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Dibru-Saikhowa National Park is located in eastern Assam near the Brahmaputra and Lohit rivers.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The park is well known for its feral horses, which attract ecological and tourism interest.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Because of its ecological importance and biodiversity, the region has also been designated as a Biosphere Reserve.

Hence, all three statements are correct.

43. Consider the following statements regarding Orang National Park:

1. Orang National Park lies on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra River.
2. It is popularly known as "Mini Kaziranga".
3. The park is famous only for hoolock gibbons.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Orang National Park is located on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra River in Assam.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** Because of its rhino population and grassland ecosystem similar to Kaziranga, it is often called “Mini Kaziranga.”
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The park is home to many species including rhinoceros, elephants, tigers and birds, not just hoolock gibbons.

Hence, statements 1 and 2 are correct.

44. Consider the following statements regarding the Hoolock Gibbon:

1. It is India’s only ape species.
2. It is found in the forests of Northeast India.
3. It is classified as Critically Endangered by the IUCN.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Hoolock Gibbon is the only ape species found in India.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is distributed in forested regions of Northeast India, especially Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It is classified as “Endangered” by IUCN, not Critically Endangered.

Hence, statements 1 and 2 are correct.

45. Consider the following statements regarding the Babu Asoni Scheme:

1. It is a student welfare initiative announced by the Government of Assam.
2. The scheme provides financial assistance only to male students from economically weaker sections.
3. Students from families having annual income above ₹10 lakh are eligible under the scheme.
4. Financial assistance under the scheme is transferred through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Babu Asoni is a student welfare initiative announced by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to support higher education among economically weaker students.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The scheme specifically targets male students belonging to economically weaker families.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Only students from families with annual income below ₹4 lakh are eligible. Therefore, students from families earning above ₹10 lakh are not eligible.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The scheme follows the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism under which financial assistance is directly transferred to beneficiaries' bank accounts.

Hence, statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.

46. Consider the following statements regarding the financial assistance scheme launched for Udasin Bhakats in Assam:

1. The scheme provides financial assistance to Udasin Bhakats associated with Sattras in Assam.
2. Beneficiaries receive ₹1,500 per month under the scheme.
3. The amount is transferred through the Public Distribution System (PDS).
4. Financial assistance is credited on the 10th day of every month.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The scheme has been launched specifically for Udasin Bhakats associated with Assam's Sattras institutions.

- **Statement 2 is correct:** Under the scheme, eligible beneficiaries receive ₹1,500 per month as financial support.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The money is transferred directly through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism, not through PDS.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The financial assistance is credited to beneficiaries' bank accounts on the 10th of every month.

Hence, statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.

47. Consider the following statements regarding the Khudigaon Solar Power Project in Assam:

1. The project has a generation capacity of 70 MW.
2. It is located near Bilasipara in Assam.
3. The project is based on hydroelectric generation technology.
4. The project is expected to reduce carbon emissions by about 1.15 lakh tonnes annually.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Khudigaon project has a capacity of 70 MW and is an important addition to Assam's renewable energy infrastructure.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The project is located at Khudigaon near Bilasipara in Assam.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The project is based on solar photovoltaic (PV) technology, not hydroelectric power generation.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** The plant is expected to avoid around 1.15 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually, contributing to cleaner energy production.

Hence, statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.

48. Consider the following statements regarding the Busu Festival:

1. Busu is a post-harvest festival of the Dimasa community.
2. The festival is celebrated after completion of agricultural activities.

3. It symbolizes gratitude towards nature, prosperity and social unity.
4. Busu is mainly celebrated by the Bodo community of western Assam.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Busu is the traditional post-harvest festival of the Dimasa community, one of the important indigenous communities of Assam.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The festival is celebrated annually after the completion of agricultural activities and harvesting season. It marks the end of hard agricultural labour and the beginning of festivities.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Busu represents gratitude to nature for a successful harvest and symbolizes prosperity, peace and social harmony within the community.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The festival is associated with the Dimasa community, not the Bodo community.

Hence, statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct.

49. Consider the following statements regarding the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II):

1. One of the objectives of the programme is to prevent migration from border villages.
2. The programme includes expansion of mobile and digital connectivity in border regions.
3. Border tourism promotion and local employment generation are part of the programme.
4. The programme focuses only on security infrastructure and excludes social sector development.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: C. 1, 2 and 3 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** One of the three major pillars of VVP-II is achieving “zero migration” from border villages by improving livelihood opportunities and infrastructure.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The programme emphasizes digital inclusion through expansion of mobile connectivity and digital service access in remote border areas.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Livelihood generation and border tourism promotion are important components aimed at improving economic opportunities for local residents.
- **Statement 4 is incorrect:** The programme does not focus only on security. It also includes healthcare, education, roads, drinking water, housing and other social infrastructure development.

Thus, VVP-II combines developmental, social, economic and security-related measures to strengthen border regions and improve quality of life for residents.

Hence, statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct.

50. Consider the following statements regarding Vrindavani Vastra:

1. Vrindavani Vastra is a 16th-century woven silk tapestry associated with Assam’s Vaishnavite heritage.
2. It was created under the guidance of Srimanta Sankardeva.
3. The textile mainly depicts scenes from the Ramayana.
4. It is considered one of the earliest narrative textiles in Asia.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 4 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Vrindavani Vastra is a rare 16th-century silk tapestry closely linked with Assam's Neo-Vaishnavite cultural tradition.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The textile was created under the guidance of Srimanta Sankardeva, the great saint-scholar and founder of Ekasarana Dharma in Assam.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The tapestry depicts scenes from the life of Lord Krishna in Vrindavan, especially episodes from the Bhagavata Purana, not the Ramayana.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Vrindavani Vastra is regarded as one of the earliest narrative textiles in Asia because it visually narrates religious stories through woven art.

Hence, statements 1, 2 and 4 are correct.

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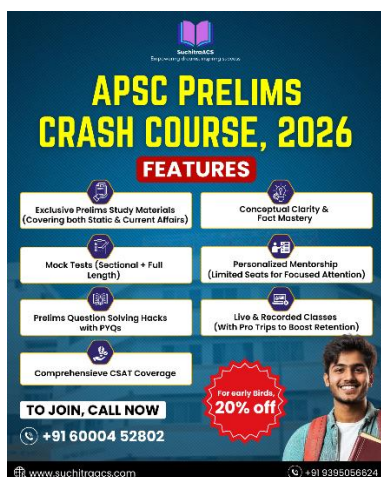
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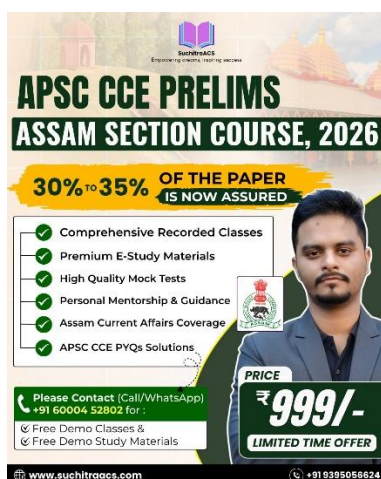
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