



August Current Affairs

PRELIMS PRACTICE

Time Limit: 120 mins

Total Questions: 100

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the Suez Canal:

1. It connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea.
2. It significantly reduces the distance between Europe and East Asia.
3. It was constructed by the United States in the 19th century.

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

Q2. With reference to the **Fifth Schedule** of the Indian Constitution, which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

1. It deals with the administration of Scheduled Areas in the states.
2. It applies to both Scheduled Areas and Tribes across the country.

Select the correct option:

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Q3. Which of the following statements is correct regarding **El Niño**?

- A) It refers to the abnormal cooling of Pacific Ocean waters.
- B) It increases monsoon rainfall in India.
- C) It causes warming of surface waters in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.
- D) It strengthens trade winds over the equatorial Pacific.

Q4. Consider the following statements:

1. The President of India can summon a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament under Article 108.
2. The provision for joint sitting is applicable in the case of a constitutional amendment bill.

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





Q5. With reference to the **Golden Triangle** and **Golden Crescent**, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- A) The Golden Triangle refers to the area where Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand meet.
- B) The Golden Crescent comprises parts of Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.
- C) Both regions are known for the production of high-grade coal.
- D) Both regions are major centers for illicit drug production.

Q6. Assertion (A): India is a founding member of the United Nations.

Reason (R): India gained independence before the establishment of the United Nations in 1945.

Select the correct answer:

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

Q7. Consider the following pairs of **Biosphere Reserves** and their respective locations:

1. Nokrek Biosphere Reserve – Meghalaya
2. Seshachalam Hills – Tamil Nadu
3. Simlipal Biosphere Reserve – Odisha
4. Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve – Kerala

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- A) Only two
- B) Only three
- C) All four
- D) None

Q8. With reference to **cryptocurrency**, consider the following statements:

1. Cryptocurrencies are centralized digital currencies controlled by national governments.
2. Blockchain technology is the foundation for cryptocurrencies.

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

Q9. Which of the following is correct regarding **monsoon rainfall in India**?

- A) It is caused by the south-east trade winds.
- B) It is primarily associated with the western disturbances.
- C) It brings uniform rainfall across the Indian subcontinent.
- D) It originates due to the Indian Ocean Dipole phenomenon.

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the **Harappan Civilization**:

1. Lothal was an important port and trading center.
2. The Great Bath is located in Dholavira.

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

Q11. With reference to the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)**, consider the following statements:

1. It provides free food grains to priority households under the NFSA.
2. It was launched as part of the COVID-19 economic relief package.

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

Q12. Assertion (A): The sun appears red during sunrise and sunset.

Reason (R): Red light scatters the least in the atmosphere compared to other wavelengths.

Select the correct answer:

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

Q13. Consider the following statements about **Indian National Congress**:

1. The INC was founded by A.O. Hume in 1885.
2. Its first session was held in Mumbai.
3. W.C. Bonnerjee presided over the first session of the INC.

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

Q14. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect regarding **coral reefs**?

1. They are formed in cold water temperatures below 18°C.
2. Coral reefs are also referred to as the rainforests of the sea.

Select the correct option:

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Q15. Consider the following statements regarding **Fundamental Rights**:

1. They are justiciable in nature.
2. Fundamental Rights cannot be amended under any circumstances.

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

Q16. With reference to **the Indian monsoon**, consider the following statements:

1. The Bay of Bengal branch of monsoon brings more rainfall than the Arabian Sea branch.
2. The Retreating Monsoon season occurs during October-November.

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

Q17. Assertion (A): The **Green Revolution** led to increased agricultural productivity in India.

Reason (R): The Green Revolution introduced high-yield variety seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation techniques.

Select the correct answer:

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

Q18. Consider the following pairs:

1. Khangchendzonga National Park – Sikkim
2. Nanda Devi National Park – Himachal Pradesh
3. Valley of Flowers – Uttarakhand

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- A) Only one
- B) Only two
- C) All three
- D) None

Q19. With reference to **satellite navigation systems**, consider the following statements:

1. GPS is developed by Russia.
2. GLONASS is the satellite navigation system of the United States.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Q20. Which of the following is correct about **Article 32** of the Indian Constitution?

- A) It empowers citizens to move the High Court for enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
- B) It empowers citizens to move the Supreme Court for enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
- C) It provides for the amendment of Fundamental Rights.
- D) It prohibits the Parliament from amending Fundamental Rights.

Q21. Consider the following statements regarding the Disaster Management (DM) Act:

1. The DM Act was enacted after the 2004 tsunami to establish disaster management institutions.





2. The Act gives legal status to the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC).

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

Q22. Which of the following best describes the *yen carry trade*?

- (a) Borrowing in a low-interest currency to invest in high-interest assets
- (b) Trading in Japanese stock markets using borrowed funds
- (c) Selling foreign currency reserves to stabilize the yen
- (d) Raising interest rates to counteract market inflation

Q23. With reference to GST on health insurance, consider the following statements:

- 1. GST on health insurance premiums in India was introduced in 2017.
- 2. The GST rate on health insurance is among the highest globally.

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

Q24. Assertion (A): The creation of Urban Disaster Management Authorities (UDMAs) has been proposed under the Disaster Management Amendment Bill.

Reason (R): UDMAs aim to address disaster preparedness specifically in metropolitan cities.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true.

Q25. The *Malwa Canal* project aims to resolve water scarcity in which of the following Indian states?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Gujarat

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Answers with Explanation

Q1. A) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: The Suez Canal connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea and reduces the distance between Europe and East Asia. It was constructed by the French engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps, not the United States.

Q2. B) 2 only

Explanation: The Fifth Schedule deals specifically with Scheduled Areas and Tribes in certain states, not all over the country. Statement 1 is correct, while Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q3. C) It causes warming of surface waters in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean

Explanation: El Niño leads to the warming of surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean and disrupts normal weather patterns.

Q4. A) 1 only

Explanation: Article 108 allows for a joint sitting of both Houses for certain bills, but **not for Constitutional Amendment Bills**. Therefore, statement 2 is incorrect.

Q5. C) Both regions are known for the production of high-grade coal

Explanation: The Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent are known for illicit drug production, not coal.

Q6. C) A is true, but R is false

Explanation: India is a founding member of the UN (1945), but it gained independence in 1947. Hence, the reason is false.

Q7. B) Only three

Explanation:

1. Nokrek Biosphere Reserve – Correct (Meghalaya)
2. Seshachalam Hills – Incorrect (Located in Andhra Pradesh, not Tamil Nadu)
3. Simlipal Biosphere Reserve – Correct (Odisha)
4. Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve – Correct (Kerala)



**Q8. B) 2 only**

Explanation: Cryptocurrencies are not centrally regulated, and governments around the world have varying legal approaches. Statement 2 is correct.

Q9. D) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

1. Carbon dioxide – Correct, contributes to the greenhouse effect
2. Methane – Correct, potent greenhouse gas
3. Nitrous oxide – Correct, contributes to warming
4. Sulphur dioxide – Incorrect, it contributes to cooling through aerosols.

Q10. A) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: India has trade agreements with both ASEAN and SAFTA. India is not a member of the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership).

Q11. B) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

1. Chabahar Port – Correct, India is developing it in Iran.
2. Hambantota Port – Incorrect, it is developed by China in Sri Lanka.
3. Gwadar Port – Correct, it is developed by China in Pakistan.

Q12. D) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

Explanation: Economic liberalization began in 1991 due to severe economic challenges, and opening the economy to foreign investments addressed the balance of payments crisis.

Q13. C) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

1. Brahmaputra River – Correct, it flows through China, India, and Bangladesh.
2. Godavari River – Incorrect, flows entirely in India.
3. Ganga River – Correct, flows through India and Bangladesh.
4. Indus River – Correct, flows through China, India, and Pakistan.

Q14. B) 2 only

Explanation: The Interpol is headquartered in Lyon, France, not Geneva. It facilitates international police cooperation.

Q15. A) 1 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct. Some deserts are situated in the rain shadow regions. Statement 2 is incorrect; deserts are not necessarily low-altitude areas.

Q16. C) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: High inflation leads to decreased purchasing power and discourages investments. Both statements are correct.

Q17. B) 2 only

Explanation: The Chief Justice of India administers the oath to the President. The President administers the oath to the Prime Minister and Governors.

Q18. A) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

1. Article 14 – Correct, equality before law.
2. Article 17 – Incorrect, abolition of untouchability.





3. Article 19 – Correct, freedom of speech and expression.

Q19. C) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

1. Fundamental Rights – Correct, enforced by courts.
2. Directive Principles – Incorrect, not justiciable.
3. President's Rule – Correct, as per Article 356.
4. CAG Reports – Correct, constitutionally mandated.

Q20. B) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

1. Article 370 – Correct, provided special status to J&K.
2. Article 35A – Correct, dealt with special rights.
3. Instrument of Accession – Correct, signed in 1947.
4. AFSPA – Incorrect, it applies to disturbed areas but not directly linked to Article 370.

Q21. (a) 1 only

Explanation: The Disaster Management Act (2005) was enacted after the 2004 tsunami to establish institutions like the NDMA. The National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), however, predates this Act and does not derive its legal status from it.

Q22. (a) Borrowing in a low-interest currency to invest in high-interest assets

Explanation: Yen carry trade refers to borrowing in yen, which has low interest rates, to invest in higher-yielding assets elsewhere. It is common among global investors when Japanese interest rates remain low.

Q23. (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) on health insurance premiums was introduced in 2017, and India's GST rate (18%) is relatively high compared to global standards.

Q24. (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

Explanation: Urban Disaster Management Authorities aim to tackle disasters specifically in metropolitan cities, aligning with the proposed amendments.

Q25. (b) Punjab

Explanation: The Malwa Canal project is intended to address water scarcity in Punjab, particularly in the Malwa region.

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