

QUESTION 1

With reference to the BrahMos missile, consider the following statements:

1. The BrahMos missile has been operationalised in all three defence services.
2. It is a hypersonic cruise.
3. Indonesia is the first country to procure the weapon system from India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

QUESTION 2

Consider the following countries:

1. Italy
2. Mexico
3. Nepal
4. Chile

Which of the countries listed above criminalises femicide and has a law that recognises it?

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

QUESTION 3

With reference to the Indian Statistical Institute, consider the following statements:

1. It was set up by eminent statistician PC Mahalanobis in 1931.
2. The institute is located in Bengaluru.
3. In 1959, it was declared an institution of national importance through an Act of Parliament, giving it the power to grant degrees and making it eligible for Central grants and audits.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

QUESTION 4

Recently, the Indian Navy commissioned an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC). Consider the following statements:

1. The ship is capable of undertaking ASW operations in coastal waters, along with advanced mine-laying capabilities.
2. The ship takes her name from the historic coastal town on the Malabar Coast.
3. The ship's crest features the Urumi, the flexible sword of Kalaripayattu, rising from stylised blue waves — a symbol of agility, precision, and lethal grace.

The above mentioned statements refer to:

- (a) INS Mahe
- (b) INS Kannur
- (c) INS Kozhikode
- (d) INS Thalassery

QUESTION 5

With reference to the Lakshmana Temple, located in Sirpur, consider the following statements:

1. It is one of India's finest brick temples.
2. It was built around the 7th Century.
3. It has multiple shrines in the panchayatana style.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

QUESTION 6

The Higher Education Commission of India Bill 2025, to be introduced in the Winter Session of Parliament, seeks to merge the functions of:

1. University Grants Commission (UGC)
2. National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
3. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

QUESTION 7

With reference to the moss, consider the following statements:

1. It is a small plant usually found in damp and shady spots.
2. It is among the earliest land plants and has colonised some of the harshest environments on the planet.
3. It is not found in Antarctica.
4. Mosses reproduce via spores and are important for

soil health.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

QUESTION 8

Currently, which of the Union Territories are under the provisions of Article 240 of the Indian Constitution?

1. Lakshadweep
2. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
3. Puducherry
4. Chandigarh
5. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 3 and 5 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3, 4 and 5

QUESTION 9

The 'non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) absorption' method is used to measure which of the following pollutants for air quality index (AQI) readings?

- (a) PM 2.5
- (b) Sulphur dioxide
- (c) Ozone
- (d) Carbon monoxide

QUESTION 10

Which of the following are the effects of a decline in crude oil prices?

1. improves the current account deficit
2. keeps inflation under control

3. reduces subsidy on LPG and kerosene

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

QUESTION 11

In its annual staff report for India for 2025, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) retained its C-grade for India's national account statistics. What does this mean?

- (a) The essential elements of good-quality national accounts are absent; major reforms are required.
- (b) Data provided to the Fund have some shortcomings that somewhat hamper surveillance.
- (c) Most requirements are met, but there are some shortcomings in methods, coverage, or data sources.
- (d) The national accounts follow international standards, use sound methods, and data quality is considered high.

QUESTION 12

According to a recent study, compared to western and southern cities — such as Chennai, Chandigarh, Visakhapatnam, Mumbai, and Bengaluru — northern cities — like Delhi, Lucknow, and Varanasi — experience worse air quality levels, especially during winters. What can be the possible reason/s?

- 1. Northern cities are landlocked, as the Indo-Gangetic Plain is surrounded by the Himalayas.
 - 2. Cities in western and southern India witness winter inversion more effectively than cities in northern India.
- (a) Only 1
 - (b) Only 2
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

QUESTION 13

With reference to Nellie massacre seen in news, which of the following statements is/are true:

- (a) The massacre occurred during the Assam Agitation, which demanded detection, removal from voter rolls, and deportation of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.
- (b) The incident was a direct result of a long-standing water-sharing conflict between Assam and neighboring states
- (c) The massacre occurred because the central government refused to provide flood-relief funds, which escalated into ethnic hostility.
- (d) The violence erupted mainly due to a dispute over forest land rights between tribal communities and commercial logging companies.

QUESTION 14

Consider the following statements:

- 1. K.M. Nanavati v State of Maharashtra was the last case of jury trials all over India.
- 2. Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, removed the provision for jury trials entirely from the Indian criminal justice system.

Which of the above given statements is/are true?

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

QUESTION 15

South Africa will hand over the rotating G20 presidency to which country in December 2025?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Japan
- (c) Britain
- (d) US

QUESTION 16

With reference to the G20 summit 2025, consider the following statements:

1. The theme of this year's G20 has been 'Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet'.
2. The African Union had become a member of the G20 during India's presidency of the Summit held in New Delhi in 2021.
3. This year's summit will be the fourth consecutive G20 Summit being held in the Global South.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

QUESTION 17

Curacao, an island nation, became the smallest ever nation to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The island is located in:

- (a) Gulf of Mexico
- (b) Tyrrhenian Sea
- (c) North Sea
- (d) Southern Caribbean Sea

QUESTION 18

Consider the following statements:

1. It is a 4.5-generation fighter aircraft designed and built by India's HAL.
2. The fighter jet is capable of handling offensive air support, close combat and ground attack missions while also capable of performing ground and maritime operations.
3. It has a single-seat fighter variant for the Air Force and the Navy, besides a twin-seat trainer version for each service.

The above mentioned statements refer to:

- (a) Sukhoi

- (b) Tejas

- (c) Surya

- (d) Rafale

QUESTION 19

Which of the following central paramilitary forces has been designated as the new safety regulator for about 250 facilities across all minor and major Indian seaports along the country's maritime borders?

- (a) Central Industrial Security Force
- (b) Border Security Force
- (c) Central Reserve Police Force
- (d) Sashastra Seema Bal

QUESTION 20

Consider the following statements about the Asiatic black bear:

1. They inhabit forests at heights ranging from 1,200 metres to 3,300 metres.
2. The Asiatic black bear is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.
3. The movements of the bears are influenced by the changes in quality, quantity and distribution of food.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

QUESTION 21

The Sangai Festival, which takes its name from the Sangai – the rare brow-antlered deer, is celebrated in:

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Manipur

QUESTION 22

The Indian Space Research Organisation has developed CE-20 powers the upper stage of the LVM3. The CE-20 refers to:

- (a) A cryogenic rocket engine
- (b) A solid-fuel booster stage used in PSLV missions
- (c) An electric propulsion system for low-Earth orbit satellites
- (d) A reusable engine designed for the RLV technology demonstrator

QUESTION 23

Which of the following countries are members of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)?

- 1. India
- 2. Maldives
- 3. Bangladesh
- 4. Myanmar
- 5. Seychelles
- 6. Fiji

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (b) 1, 3, 4 and 5
- (c) 2, 3, 4 and 6
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 5

QUESTION 24

With reference to 'Article 200 of the Constitution of India', consider the following statements:

- 1. It outlines the process for a Governor to give assent to a Bill passed by the state legislature.
- 2. The Supreme Court ruled that there is no option to "withhold assent simpliciter" — the Governor cannot simply refuse to sign a Bill and keep it pending; if they withhold assent, they must return the Bill to the House.

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

QUESTION 25

With reference to the interstellar objects, consider the following statements:

- 1. These are celestial bodies that originate outside the solar system.
- 2. These objects are gravitationally bound to a star.
- 3. The trajectory of interstellar objects moves in an open-ended hyperbolic orbit.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

QUESTION 26

Recently, the Supreme Court of India struck down its 'Vanashakti judgment'. This judgement was related to:

- (a) It prohibited the diversion of notified forest land for linear projects such as roads and transmission lines.
- (b) It stayed the grant of post-facto environmental clearances.
- (c) It mandated compulsory relocation of villages situated inside critical tiger habitats.
- (d) It suspended all new approvals for mining activities within elephant reserve landscapes.

QUESTION 27

'Birs-101' recently seen in the news is related to:

- (a) A low-Earth orbit satellite named after tribal leader Birs Munda

- (b) A newly developed unique agricultural seed variety by Birsa Agricultural University
- (c) An indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease
- (d) A mobile app for tribal welfare and health awareness across Jharkhand and Odisha

QUESTION 28

Recently, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) telescope in Earth's orbit has been gradually descending. To mitigate this risk and prolong the mission, NASA has enlisted a startup to carry out a rescue effort. In this context, which of the following statements is/are true?

1. The startup is building a spacecraft called LINK, which is intended to reposition the telescope into a more stable orbit.
2. The Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory (often referred to simply as "Swift") currently descending from its orbit due to atmospheric drag and lacks an onboard propulsion system to correct it.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

QUESTION 29

Ousted former Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina was recently sentenced to death by the International Crimes Tribunal (Bangladesh). Why was it originally established?

- (a) to serve as a special political court for prosecuting current or former Bangladeshi political leaders.
- (b) to try foreign war criminals from neighboring countries for crimes committed in recent protests.
- (c) to prosecute suspects for the genocide committed by the Pakistan Army and their local collaborators during the Bangladesh Liberation War.
- (d) None of the above

QUESTION 30

With reference to the National Green Tribunal, consider the following statements:

1. It was established for the effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests.
2. It functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
3. Decisions of the National Green Tribunal cannot be challenged before any court in India.
4. The Tribunal is bound by procedure under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 or the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

QUESTION 31

With reference to the Tier II bonds, consider the following statements:

1. These are debt instruments issued by banks to boost their capital base and support business operations.
2. These bonds have to be issued for a minimum period of one year.
3. These bonds help banks strengthen their capital adequacy ratios (CAR) under Basel III norms, and provide an additional cushion for future credit growth.
4. Tier II issuances tend to occur when local debt markets provide opportunities at competitive costs relative to term deposits.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

QUESTION 32

With reference to the Global TB Report 2025, consider the following statements:

1. The Global TB Report 2025 shows that India has achieved only a 21% reduction in new cases and a 28% reduction in deaths between 2015 and 2024.
2. The Global TB Report shows significant improvement in India's treatment coverage.
3. In TB cases reduction, India is far below the global average.
4. The report is published by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

QUESTION 33

With reference to the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP), consider the following statements:

1. FRP of sugarcane is fixed at the end of the harvesting of the Sugar Season.
2. It is decided on recommendations of the Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP) in consultations with the State Government and other stakeholders.
3. The FRP for the season 2025-26 has been fixed at Rs 355, and it has consistently increased from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

QUESTION 34

The Quality Control Orders (QCOs) are:

- (a) Mandatory standards issued by the government to regulate the quality of specified goods
- (b) Voluntary guidelines issued by private companies for quality product testing
- (c) International trade agreements related to tariff control reduction
- (d) Environmental permits issued for hazardous industries

QUESTION 35

The Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial & Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum has been built in:

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

QUESTION 36

Adenine (A), Thymine (T), Cytosine (C) and Guanine (G) are:

- (a) Carbohydrate molecules present in nucleotides
- (b) Enzymes required for DNA replication
- (c) Types of amino acids used in protein synthesis
- (d) Nitrogenous bases found in DNA

QUESTION 37

Which of the countries is facing the worst drought in around six decades, with major dams in the country at critically low levels?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Turkey
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Thailand

QUESTION 38

With reference to the Parole and furlough, consider the following statements:

1. These are provisions of the penal system, where prisoners can seek to be released from jail for a specific time before returning to serve the remaining sentence.
2. Furlough is granted in case of a specific emergency, like the death or ill health of a prisoner's family member, whereas parole can be granted without a specific reason.

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

QUESTION 39

Consider the following statements with reference to Global Carbon Project:

1. China registered the greatest increase of carbon emissions in 2025 over 2024, followed by India, US and the EU.
2. It points out that emissions from India and China increased much more slowly in 2025 compared to 2024, largely because of the large-scale deployment of renewable energy.

Which of the above given statements is/are true?

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

QUESTION 40

Why was Nyoma recently in the news?

- (a) India inaugurated a new high-altitude Nyoma air base capable of supporting fighter aircraft.
- (b) A major cultural festival — the Snow Leopard

Cultural Expo — was held there with support from the Indian Army.

(c) The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducted a disaster-management camp in Nyoma to train locals in earthquake and fire safety.

(d) A new international road linking Nyoma to neighboring countries was inaugurated to increase civilian connectivity.

QUESTION 41

With reference to the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is a France-led global fund to reward tropical countries for protecting and expanding forests.
2. It aims to mobilise around USD 125 billion through public and private investment, using returns to pay nations that conserve forests.
3. India has decided not to join the TFFF initiative.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

QUESTION 42

With reference to the Ramman festival, consider the following statements:

1. It is celebrated once in 12 years in late April during Baisakhi.
2. It is a famous festival of Uttarakhand.
3. The festival involves theatrical performances of the Ramayana and local legends.
4. In 2009, Ramman was inscribed in the list of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

QUESTION 43

Recently, which of the following countries has tested the Burevestnik nuclear-powered cruise missile?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Ukraine
- (c) United States
- (d) North Korea

QUESTION 44

Consider the following statements about the Umngot River:

1. The river flows through the East Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya.
2. The river forms part of the international boundary flowing between India and Myanmar.

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

QUESTION 45

With reference to the System 'DRISHTI', consider the following statements:

1. Indian Railways is planning to install Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based technology to enhance the safety of freight trains.
2. It is a Locking Monitoring System.
3. It will reduce the traditionally manual checks, which are not only time-consuming but also impractical for long-haul rakes under dynamic

conditions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

QUESTION 46

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an agreement for the supply of 113 F404-GE-IN20 engines, which will power the indigenously-built Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk 1A, with which defence firm?

- (a) American defence major General Electric
- (b) French aerospace company Safran
- (c) British defence firm BAE Systems
- (d) Russian aerospace corporation United Aircraft Corporation (UAC)

QUESTION 47

Recently, a brigade HQ at Chushul, Leh and border outposts of Indo-Tibetan at Qazi Langar near Depsang have been approved, which passes through:

1. Changthang Cold Desert Sanctuary
2. Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Dachigam National Park

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

QUESTION 48

Which of the following development projects are related to India-Bhutan?

1. Punatsangchhu-II Hydropower Project

2. Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project
3. Banarhat–Samtse railway link
4. Kokrajhar–Gelephu railway link
5. Jogbani–Biratnagar Integrated Check Post

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 3, 4 and 5
- (d) 1, 3 and 4

QUESTION 49

With reference to emissions, consider the following statements:

1. Net-zero emissions is a situation in which a country's total greenhouse gas emissions being released in the atmosphere are balanced with absorption or capture of these gases.

2. A net-negative situation will arise when the absorptions or capture are lower than emissions.
3. India plans to achieve net-zero by 2050.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

QUESTION 50

The 'Ayni airbase' was recently in the news. It is located in:

- (a) Tajikistan
- (b) Ukraine
- (c) Uzbekistan
- (d) Egypt

Answer Key

1. (a)	2. (b)	3. (b)	4. (a)	5. (d)	6. (d)	7. (c)	8. (d)	9. (d)	10. (d)
11. (b)	12. (a)	13. (a)	14. (b)	15. (d)	16. (c)	17. (d)	18. (b)	19. (a)	20. (c)
21. (d)	22. (a)	23. (d)	24. (c)	25. (b)	26. (b)	27. (c)	28. (c)	29. (c)	30. (a)
31. (c)	32. (b)	33. (b)	34. (a)	35. (c)	36. (d)	37. (a)	38. (a)	39. (b)	40. (a)
41. (a)	42. (c)	43. (a)	44. (d)	45. (c)	46. (a)	47. (a)	48. (d)	49. (a)	50. (a)