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Prelims Reflections – IAS Exam 2026



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Which of the following geographical features or phenomena is/are associated with the Peninsular Block of India ?

1. Submergence of parts of the western coast due to tectonic activity
2. Presence of residual mountain ranges such as the Veliconda hills and Mahendragiri hills
3. Deep, V-shaped river valleys formed by fast-flowing rivers

Mastery Test 2 – Geography 2026

58. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. The peninsular India has not undergone marine submergence since Archaean times.
2. The Aravalli mountains were one of the oldest geosynclines of the world
3. Dharwad system is rich in minerals
4. The peninsular block of India is regarded as an earth quake-free zone.

12. With respect to the Western Hoolock Gibbons, which of the following statements is/are correct ?

1. A Sanctuary in North-east India is home to this ape species listed as Endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.
2. They have specialized brachiation and can easily swing between trees.
- ✶ 3. They possess a strong and heavy build like gorillas, yet are remarkably agile tree climbers.

Mastery Test 5 – Environment 2026

49. Which of the following ape is only ape naturally found in India?

- (a) Gibbon
- (b) Gorilla
- (c) Chimpanzee
- (d) Orangutan

13. Which of the following best explain(s) the rationale for protecting mangrove ecosystems in the context of climate resilience ?

1. Mangroves reduce tidal energy and store freshwater, making them ideal sites for paddy cultivation in saline estuarine belts.
2. Their salt-sensitive roots filter seawater, making mangroves key to converting coastal land into freshwater aquaculture zones.
3. By withstanding tidal surges and offering biomass resources, mangroves function both as natural bio-shields and livelihood bases for rural communities.

Foundation Test 5 – Environment 2026

44. Mangrove ecosystems are particularly important for coastal areas because they:

- (a) Increase ocean salinity
- (b) Promote desert formation
- (c) Reduce atmospheric temperature
- (d) Protect coastlines from erosion & storms

15. Identify the river of the Indian sub-continent on the basis of the following information :
1. It has an antecedent drainage system.
 2. It flows through three countries.
 3. It originates in the Tibetan Plateau and is an important river for irrigation.
 4. It does not form distributaries.

Select the answer from the following :

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60. With reference to the Brahmaputra River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates in Tibet.
2. It is known as Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet.
3. It flows only through India.

Correct statement(s)

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

Current Affairs Sept 2025

4. Flood in Punjab

Link: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2163906>

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/why-punjab-needs-to-do-more-to-maintain-its-dhussi-bands-10232975/>

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/why-punjab-keeps-flooding-10232974/>

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/flood-proofing-year-round-exercise-punjab-10256204/>

Simulation 3 - 2026

16. Which of the following with reference to Indian States is/are **not** correct ?

1. Uttar Pradesh shares its boundary with the highest number of other Indian States.
2. Rajasthan shares the longest international border among all Indian States.
3. Sikkim is the only State that shares its boundary with just one other Indian State.

50. Consider the following states:

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Mizoram
3. Nagaland
4. Tripura

The state of Manipur shares borders with:

20. Ships from which of the following countries have to cross the Strait of Hormuz to reach out to the Indian Ocean ?

1. Bahrain
2. Syria
3. Qatar
4. Egypt

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- Nuclear Sites



Advanced Test 1 – History 2026

22. What does an empty seat represent in early Buddhist iconography ?

- (a) The meditation of the Buddha
- (b) The Buddha's First Sermon
- (c) The Buddha's *Mahaparinibbana*
- (d) The Buddha's *Mahabhinishkramana*

12. In the Gandhara sculptures the preaching Mudra associated with the Buddha's First Sermon at Sarnath is

- (a) Abhaya
- (b) Dharmachakra
- (c) Dhyana
- (d) Bhumisparsa

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23. Which of the following pairs of ancient and modern names of rivers is/are correctly matched ?

1. Vitasta : Chenab
2. Asikni : Jhelum
3. Parushni : Ravi
4. Yavyavati : Beas

Select the answer using the code given below :

Class Notes on Ancient History

24. Which of the following statements on the Amaravati Stupa and its relief sculpture is/are correct ?

1. It was located in the lower Krishna valley.
2. In India, it was next only to the Sanchi Stupa in size.
3. The Amaravati school of sculpture made a lasting impact on the later South Indian sculpture, and its products were carried to Sri Lanka and South-east Asia.

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19. With reference to the discovery and preservation of Sanchi and Amaravati, which of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Both sites were preserved in situ due to early archaeological awareness
- (b) Amaravati survived because its sculptures were removed to museums
- (c) Sanchi survived largely due to early decisions favouring in situ preservation
- (d) Amaravati declined because it lacked sculptural richness

25. Which of the following pairs of the king and his dynasty in early historical Tamilakam is/are *not* correctly matched ?

1. Senguttuvan : Chera
2. Udiyanjeral : Chola
3. Nedunjeliyan : Pandya

Class Notes History 2026

5. Consider the following statements with reference to the Sagarmala Programme of the Government of India:

- I. The Sagarmala Programme seeks to achieve port-led economic growth through cost-effective and sustainable coastal infrastructure.
- II. The success of the Sagarmala Programme is reflected in significant growth in coastal and inland waterway shipping, along with improved global port rankings.
- III. Sagarmala 2.0 aims to position India as a global maritime innovation hub aligned with Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047 visions.

Model Exam 5 - 2025

43. Consider the following statements about Sagarmala Scheme:

1. It aims to harness India's 7,500 km coastline and 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways for port-led development.
2. The scheme is implemented under five pillars, including port modernization and coastal community development.
3. 100% central funding is provided for all infrastructure projects under the scheme.

Correct statements

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34. Which of the following temples has/have a *Nagara-style shikhara* ?

1. Malegitti Shivalaya, Badami
2. Huchimalligudi Temple, Aihole
3. Dashavatara Temple, Deogarh
4. Virupaksha Temple, Pattadakal

61. The Nagara style of temples reached its climax in north India between 10th and 13th century AD. Which one of the following classical temples is NOT found in Khajuraho?

- (a) Parsvanath Temple
- (b) Visvanatha Temple
- (c) Kandariya Mahadeo Temple
- (d) Lingaraja Temple

Simulation 2 - 2026

35. Among the four main forms of existence of life recognized in Jainism, which one of the following is *not* included ?

- (a) *Deva* (gods)
- (b) *Yaksha* (demi-gods)
- (c) *Manushya* (humans)
- (d) *Tiryancha* (animals and plants)

14. Consider the following

1. Jains do not believe in reincarnation and seek to attain ultimate liberation
2. Liberation is achieved by eliminating all karma from the soul.
3. Jains believe that animals and plants, and human beings, contain living souls which is considered of equal value and should be treated with respect and compassion.

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33. Consider the following statements :

- I. Pali texts contain the first definite references to coins, e.g., *kahapana*, *nikkha*, *kamsa*, and *kakanika*.
- II. The literary evidence from Pali texts is corroborated by archaeological evidence of punch-marked coins from many sites, most of them made of silver.

8. Consider the following

1. Punched mark coins were the earliest evidence of silver in India
2. Megalith people were the first to use iron in India

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Q6. Consider the following

1. Punch-marked coins made of silver and copper
2. Punch-marked coins were the first coins to bear the names and images of rulers

With reference to Madhav National Park, which of the following statements is/are correct ?

1. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in India in 2025.
2. Sakhya Sagar, which is designated as a Ramsar Site, is situated within this National Park.
3. Its area is shared between Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Select the answer using the code given below :

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61. Consider the following statements regarding the Madhav National Park:

1. It has been declared as India's 58th tiger reserve
2. The park is part of the Chambal region located in Madhya Pradesh.
3. It is the ninth tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh, following successful tiger reintroduction efforts.
4. The declaration aligns with India's commitment under the Global Tiger Recovery Program (GTRP) to double tiger populations by 2022.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

38. Consider the following statements about the archaeological findings in Harappan towns :
- I. There is wide occurrence of spindle-whorls in the houses but absence of spinning wheels.
 - II. Weights and measurement scales, complete with graduations have been discovered.
 - III. There are houses built in large part with baked bricks, around relatively spacious courtyards, with their own wells, bathing platforms, and large rooms.

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41. Which of the following statements regarding the features of blockchain technology are correct ?

1. Records stored in the database may be made visible to relevant stakeholders without risk of alteration.
2. Copies of the entire database are stored on multiple computers on a network, syncing within seconds.
3. Consortium blockchain is a blend of public and private blockchains allowing selective data access.
4. Mathematical algorithms make it impossible to change or delete any data once recorded and accepted.

Current Affairs Notes Oct - 2026

45.CBDC

Date: October 16th

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/business/rbi-governor-malhotra-urges-central-banks-promote-cbdcs-stablecoins-10309697/>

45. Which one of the following statements about Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Central Bank Digital Currency (Digital Rupee) is *not* correct ?
- (a) UPI is a real-time payment system but Digital Rupee is akin to sovereign paper currency.
 - (b) In case of UPI, settlement for end users happens instantly as the money gets immediately debited or credited but in case of Digital Rupee, there is no settlement as the wallet balance gets transferred to another wallet.
 - (c) UPI transactions are recorded by banks and reflected in bank statements but in case of Digital Rupee, no data is captured in bank statements as transactions are from one wallet to another.
 - (d) In both the cases (UPI and Digital Rupee), the liability lies with the users and their respective banks.

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CBDC

According to the RBI, CBDC is the legal tender issued by a central bank in a digital form.

It is the same as a fiat currency and is exchangeable one-to-one with the fiat currency.

Only its form is different.

The digital fiat currency or CBDC can be transacted using wallets backed by blockchain.

Mastery Test 4 - Economy 2026

A bond whose proceeds are used only to finance or refinance a combination of both environmental and social projects is called :

- (a) Green Bond
- (b) Social Bond
- (c) Sustainability Bond
- (d) Sovereign Bond

95. Consider the following

1. Bond is a paper bearing the promise of a stream of future monetary returns over a specified period of time.
2. Bond is issued by firms or governments for borrowing money from the public.

Correct statement(s)

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

Simulation 6 - 2026

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82. The financial instruments that generate proceeds for investment in environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects are called as:

- (a) Green Bonds
- (b) Carbon Bonds
- (c) Climate Credit Bonds
- (d) Social Impact Bonds

Which one of the following best describes the 'Crowding Out Effect' in the context of fiscal policy ?

- (a) A situation where private investment increases due to increased Government spending
- (b) A situation where Government borrowing leads to higher interest rates, which reduces private investment
- (c) A situation where an increase in taxes leads to increased private sector investment
- (d) A situation where Government spending has no impact on aggregate demand

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71. The contraction of private investment spending due to deficit spending by the Government is called

- (a) crowding out
- (b) crowding in
- (c) pump priming
- (d) dumping

Which of the following statements about Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and Critical Minerals is/are correct ?

1. Modern technological innovations including Artificial Intelligence, robotics and space exploration extensively utilise Rare Earth Elements (REEs).
2. China has the highest share in mining of REEs followed by India.
3. The Government of India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in 2025 to establish a robust framework for self-reliance in the critical mineral sector.
4. Rare Earth Elements are a set of 13 metallic elements.

Simulation 3 - 2026

55. With reference to the rare earth elements (REEs), consider the following statements:

1. Nearly all REEs are more abundant on average in the Earth's crust than silver and gold.
2. The mining process of REEs results in significant environmental damage.
3. These elements can harm human health and contaminate water sources.

Which of the statements given above is/are

Consider the following statements about the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India :

1. NBFCs cannot accept demand deposits.
2. All the NBFCs operating in India have to be registered with the RBI.
3. NBFCs form part of the payment and settlement system and can issue cheque drawn on itself.
4. Deposit insurance facility of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is not available to the depositors of deposit taking NBFCs.

Current Affairs Apr 2026

18. RBI Cancels Paytm Payments Bank Licence

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/rbi-cancels-banking-licence-of-paytm-payments-bank/article70902129.ece>

Date: 24th April, 2026

News: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the banking licence of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL), owing to persistent non-compliance and management practices deemed detrimental to public interest and violated the core conditions of its Payments Bank license.

Consider the following statements about Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) :

1. MPI is calculated using Alkire-Foster methodology.
2. MPI calculated by NITI Aayog has a total of twelve indicators.
3. Maternal Health and Bank Account are common indicators in the MPI of NITI Aayog and MPI of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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78. Which one of the following indicators is included in the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)?

- (a) Years of schooling
- (b) Literacy rate
- (c) Life expectancy
- (d) Per capita income

Foundation Test 4 Economy - 2026

46. Which of the following best reflects the concept of 'Multidimensional Poverty Index' (MPI) used by UNDP?

- (a) Income-based poverty and caloric intake
- (b) Expenditure on food, health and shelter
- (c) Deprivation in health, education, and standard of living
- (d) Consumption-based poverty and unemployment levels

Which of the following statements with regard to genetic medicine is/are correct ?

1. Genetic medicines correct/compensate for the faulty genes responsible for disease.
2. Engineered viruses and lipid nanoparticles are used as carriers of the genetic medicine.
3. Genetic medicines alter the entire DNA sequence.

Current Affairs Nov 2025

50. Desi gene editing

Date: November 20th

Gene editing

Genome editing is the process of making specific, targeted changes to an organism's DNA at precise locations.

These changes can involve adding, removing, or altering genetic material, unlike earlier genetic engineering that inserted DNA randomly.

CRISPR-associated Cas9 and Cas12a Proteins

CRISPR-associated (Cas) proteins, such as Cas9 and Cas12a (also known as Cpf1), function as "molecular scissors" in genome editing.

They use a guide RNA (gRNA) to target a specific DNA sequence and induce a double-strand break.

Which of the following statements with regard to stealth technology is/are correct ?

1. Stealth objects have a very small radar cross-section and are coated with Radar Absorbing Material.
2. Stealth objects can be detected using specific frequencies.
3. Stealth objects are coated with metamaterials to increase the scattering of electromagnetic radiation.

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Which of the following statements with regard to Green Hydrogen is/are correct ?

1. It is decarbonized hydrogen obtained from natural gas reforming combined with carbon capture and storage (CCS).
2. It is produced using electrolysis of water with electricity generated by renewable energy.
3. National Green Hydrogen Mission of India aims for abatement of nearly 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

51. Consider the following statements regarding India's National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM):

1. The mission aims to produce 5 million metric tons (MMT) of Green Hydrogen annually by 2030.
2. Under the mission, India has already awarded 4,12,000 tonnes per annum (TPA) of Green Hydrogen production capacity.
3. The mission targets installing 125 GW of electrolyser capacity by 2030.
4. The first hydrogen-powered truck trials in India are being conducted on the Faridabad–Delhi NCR and Ahmedabad–Surat–Vadodara routes.

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Test – Sep 2025

61. Green hydrogen used in hydrogen trains is produced through:
- (a) Natural gas reforming with carbon capture
 - (b) Water electrolysis powered by renewable energy
 - (c) Thermal splitting of methane
 - (d) Hydrogen extraction from biomass combustion

Consider the following statements with regard to involvement of private entities in India's space programme :

1. The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is an autonomous agency formed to facilitate participation of private entities.
2. Agnikul Cosmos launched the world's first flight using 3D-printed rocket engine.
3. Skyroot Aerospace has developed liquid fuel for GSLV.

Current Affairs Dec 2025

50. With reference to the Vikram-I launch vehicle unveiled by Skyroot Aerospace, consider the following statements:

1. Vikram-I is an orbital-class launch vehicle developed by a private Indian company and named after Vikram Sarabhai.
 2. It uses solid fuel in all its stages to maximise thrust and reduce complexity.
 3. The upper stage of Vikram-I employs hypergolic engines that ignite on contact between fuel and oxidiser.
 4. Vikram-I is designed primarily to cater to the small-satellite market, including deployment into Low Earth Orbit and Sun-Synchronous Orbit.
- Which of the statements given above are

Which of the following statements with regard to GenomeIndia Project is/are correct ?

1. It is a part of the Human Genome Project.
2. The project is funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India.
3. Its primary aim is to build a catalogue of genetic diversity of the Indian population.

Select the answer using the code given below :

Current Affairs Dec 2025

65. Consider the following statements about GenomeIndia Project:

1. The project sequenced the genomes of both tribal and non-tribal populations across India.
2. Over 180 million genetic variants were found, some of which are unique to India and even to specific communities.
3. The data from the project is stored in the Indian Biological Data Centre in Hyderabad.
4. The findings are expected to contribute to the development of low-cost diagnostic kits and personalized medicine in India.

Current Affairs Apr 2026

Which of the following statements with regard to the National Quantum Mission (NQM) is/are correct ?

1. It aims at developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50 – 1000 physical qubits.
2. Its implementation includes setting up of four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in academic and national R&D institutes across India.

30. India's 1,000-km Quantum Communication Breakthrough

Link: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2250162®=3&lang=1>

Date: 8th April, 2026

National Quantum Mission (NQM)

The National Quantum Mission (NQM) was approved by the Union Cabinet in April 2023 and launched in October 2024 to position India as a global leader in quantum science and technology.

The mission aims to seed, nurture, and scale up scientific and industrial R&D in quantum technologies. Implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the mission has a total budget outlay of Rs 6,003 crore for a period of eight years (2023-24 to 2030-31).

Key Objectives and Targets

Quantum Computing: Developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50 to 1,000 physical qubits using various platforms like superconducting and photonic technology.

Institutional Framework: To build research infrastructure and execute these goals, the mission has established four dedicated Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in top academic institutions:



Current Affairs Session 2026

Which of the following statements with regard to India's Deep Ocean Mission is/are correct ?

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India.
2. Matsya-6000 has been designed to carry 3 people for deep sea exploration.
3. Samudrayaan is a project under this mission.

CA Session 9

Prelims Mastery – Geography



8. Mineral Exploration in Indian Ocean

- Polymetallic Sulphides are deposits on the ocean floor, rich in strategic and critical metals such as copper, zinc, lead, gold, and silver, along with trace amounts of rare and precious elements.
- PMS deposits are generally found near hydrothermal vents, which are like hot springs on the ocean floor.
- PMS deposits are concentrated near hydrothermal vent systems along mid-ocean ridges, where the seabed is composed of hard, highly complex and uneven rocky terrain at depths of 2,000–5,000 meters.
- Matsya, a deep-sea vehicle under development for the ambitious Samudrayaan mission, will provide an additional boost to India's deep-ocean mineral exploration capacity.

Which of the following statements with regard to the persons with disabilities in India is/are correct ?

1. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, an Act passed by the Parliament of India in 2018, mandates reservation in education and employment, places a legal duty on Governments to ensure accessibility and non-discrimination.
2. The Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan focuses on achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities across three key domains — built infrastructure, transport systems and information and communication technology.

Simulation 1 - 2026

83. With reference to the Persons with Disabilities, consider the following statements:

1. Sections 29 and 42 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 mandate the government to take measures to promote universal access in the information and communication sector.
 2. According to the 2011 Census, the most common disability is a visual impairment.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

Assessment 2

Consider the following statements in respect of questions asked by the Members in the Parliament of India :

1. Unstarred questions are those to which a Member desires an oral answer in the House.
2. Starred questions are those to which a Member desires a written answer.
3. No supplementary question can be asked on an unstarred question.

23. Which of the following statements is NOT correct with respect to the types of questions asked in the Lok Sabha?

- (a) A 'Starred Question' is the one to which only a written answer is given.
- (b) A 'Short Notice Question' is the one which relates to a matter of urgent public importance.
- (c) An 'Unstarred Question' is the one to which an oral answer is not given.
- (d) No supplementary question can be asked on an 'Unstarred Question'.

Consider the following statements with respect to the AI Impact Summit, 2026 held in New Delhi :

1. The Summit's intellectual framework was based on three foundational Sutras : People, Planning, and Progress.
2. The Preamble of the Summit stresses Democratising AI Resources, which acknowledges the Charter for Democratic Diffusion of AI as a binding framework to support locally relevant innovation and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national

**List of Important Topics Issue
No. 241 AI Impact Summit 2026**

Current Affairs Session

Which of the following items of defence hardware is/are manufactured in India ?

1. Su-30 MKI Fighter Jets
2. T-90 MK-III Tanks
3. Akula Class Submarine

Super Sukhoi

- Indian Air Force (IAF) is fast-tracking a massive, comprehensive upgrade program, known as the "Super Sukhoi" project, to modernize its fleet and address a shortfall in squadron strength.
- Su-30MKI is a formidable twin-engine, two-seat, multirole air superiority fighter jet that forms the backbone of the Indian Air Force.
- It was developed jointly by Russia's Sukhoi and is built under license by India's Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), tailored specifically to Indian requirements.
- It has a long range and can carry a wide array of weapons, including the supersonic BrahMos cruise missile.

Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists :

- | <i>List I</i>
(BIMSTEC
Centre / Establishment) | <i>List II</i>
(Location) |
|--|------------------------------|
| A. BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory | 1. NOIDA |
| B. BIMSTEC Energy Centre | 2. Bengaluru |
| C. BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate | 3. Colombo |
| D. BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility | 4. Thimphu |

Simulation 4 - 2026

29. With reference to the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a regional organisation that was established in 1997.
2. The latest members to join the BIMSTEC grouping are Sri Lanka and Thailand in 2004.
3. The 6th BIMSTEC Summit will be hosted by India.

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Which of the following countries are members of the European Union ?

1. Belarus
2. Poland
3. Germany
4. Switzerland

Test Discussions

Sl. No.	Organisation	Function	Controlling Union Ministry
1.	Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB)	To coordinate between various law enforcement agencies	Ministry of Home Affairs
2.	Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)	To investigate complex corporate frauds	Ministry of Finance
3.	Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)	To preserve values in public life and ensure the health of the national economy	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension

Mastery Test 3 Polity - 2026

42. Consider the following about Central Bureau of Investigation

1. It is not a statutory body
2. It is functioning under the administrative capacity of Ministry of Home Affairs
3. Term of office of CBI Chief is fixed to two years and is not eligible for reappointment

Which of the above statements are/is correct?

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'X', born in the UK, was conferred the Nobel Prize in 2025. He was a professor in an American university when this prize was announced. Identify 'X':

- (a) Michel H. Devoret
- (b) Richard Robson
- (c) John Clarke
- (d) Joel Mokyr

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Nobel Prize in Physics 2025

- Discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit.
- They proved quantum mechanics is not restricted to microscopically small particles, laying the groundwork for the future of quantum technology
- Macroscopic Quantum Tunneling: They proved that a collective group of billions of electrons can behave like a single, quantum particle.
- Energy Quantization: They showed that electrical circuits can absorb or release energy in specific "packets" or quanta, just like atoms do.



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Which of the following statements with reference to Lake Turkana is/are correct ?

1. It is the largest desert lake in the world.
2. The lake is situated in South Sudan along the eastern fringe of the Sahara desert.
3. The lake is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is also referred to as the 'Jade Sea'.

List of important topics issue number 60. Lake Turkana

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Which one of the following statements about Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Central Bank Digital Currency (Digital Rupee) is *not* correct ?

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- (b) In case of UPI, settlement for end users happens instantly as the money gets immediately debited or credited, but in case of Digital Rupee, there is no settlement as the wallet balance gets transferred to another wallet.
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Current Affairs Apr 2026

16. 10 Years of the Unified Payments Interface

Link: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2251058®=3&lang=1>

Date: 11th April, 2026

News: India marked the 10th anniversary of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

**List of important topics issue number 211.
10 Years of the Unified Payments Interface**

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Which of the following statements about insurance in aviation sector is/are correct ?

1. 'Aviation Hull Insurance' covers the physical aircraft, including the body, engine, and on-board equipment.
2. Under the Montreal Convention, adopted in 1999 by over 130 countries, including India, airlines are strictly liable to pay compensation to the family/nominee of every deceased passenger without requiring the family to prove fault.

**List of important topics issue number 4.
Institutional Architecture of Aviation
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Which of the following statements about Crowdfunding is/are correct ?

1. Crowdfunding is solicitation of funds (small amount) from multiple investors through a web-based platform or social networking site for a specific project.
2. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are able to raise funds at lower cost of capital without undergoing rigorous procedures.

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crowdfunding**

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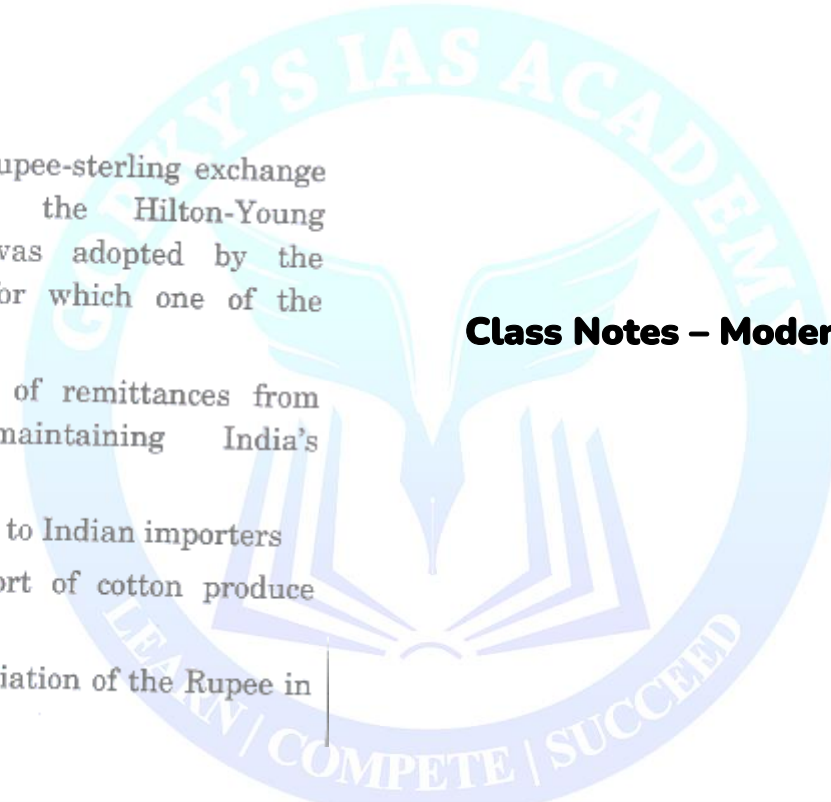
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The artificially fixed rupee-sterling exchange rate prescribed by the Hilton-Young Commission (1926) was adopted by the British Government for which one of the following reasons ?

- (a) Aiding the flow of remittances from India and maintaining India's creditworthiness
- (b) Providing support to Indian importers
- (c) Encouraging export of cotton produce from India
- (d) Preventing depreciation of the Rupee in terms of gold

Class Notes – Modern India - Reforms



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Which one of the following statements about the Eka Movement and Bardoli Satyagraha is correct ?

- (a) The Eka Movement was throughout supported and organized by the Congress while Bardoli Satyagraha was initially independent of Congress influence and was only in the last stages supported by the Congress.
- (b) The Eka Movement was provided leadership by the *taluqdars* of Awadh, whereas the Bardoli Satyagraha was a movement of the landless labourers.
- (c) The Bardoli Satyagraha was a campaign against the enhancement of land revenue, while the Eka Movement was a protest against excessive extraction of rents.
- (d) The Eka Movement was located in the Varanasi and Mirzapur districts of the present-day U.P., while the Bardoli Satyagraha took place in Saurashtra.

Class Notes – Modern India – Freedom Struggle

Which of the following factors contributed to the formation of the Forward Bloc by Subhas Chandra Bose in 1939 ?

1. Bose failed to win the confidence of Mahatma Gandhi.
2. The Congress Left was disunited and failed to support Bose.
3. The Communists did not support Bose in his endeavours.
4. The supporters of M.N. Roy and socialist leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan preferred Congress unity to supporting Bose.

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The genesis of political alliances based on community lay in the very nature of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms, 1919.

Which of the following statements support/supports the above assertion ?

1. Reforms retained and extended the principle of separate electorates.
2. Separate electorates were supposed to counter Indian nationalism, which was growing stronger.
3. Deprived classes rallied around the favours inherent in separate electorates.

Class Notes – Modern India – Constitution Development
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Which among the following is/are the objective(s) of the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) initiative under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) ?

1. Encouraging monoculture in rainfed areas
2. Increasing rice cultivation in irrigated regions
3. Enhancing productivity and minimising climatic risks through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS)

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Consider the following UN organisations/
agencies :

1. World Food Programme
2. United Nations Children's Fund
3. United Nations High Commissioner for
Refugees
4. International Labour Organisation

How many of the above has/have been
awarded the Nobel Prize twice?

37.Nobel Peace Prize

Date: October 10th

'X' was addressing a seminar on the meaning of the term 'law' as provided under Article 13, Part III of the Constitution of India. 'X' explained that the meaning of the term 'law' in the Constitution of India was very comprehensive. It included ordinances, orders and even rules and regulations. 'Y' pointed out that the term 'law' in Article 13 also included custom or usage having in the territory of India the force of law, to which 'X' was not convinced.

Based on the above, select the correct conclusion from the options given below :

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84. Which of the following is NOT included in the definition of law under Article 13 of the Constitution of India?

- (a) Legislation
- (b) Customs
- (c) Usage having no force of law
- (d) Ordinance