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"The significant problems we face can not be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." - Albert Einstein

ANALYSIS / APPROACH / SOURCE / STRATEGY: GENERAL STUDIES PRE 2016 PAPER

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- The analysis is based on premise that UPSC wants to identify aspirants with **certain skills and aptitude** required to function as a good administrator. UPSC does not explicitly describe these skills so we infer them from Syllabus, Question Paper and feedback of experts and students.
- This analysis is an attempt to quantify the subjective understanding and make explicit the implicit.
- We have inferred some conclusions from these stats but you are **free to infer differently**. Moreover independent/impartial thinking is one of the qualities expected in administrators.

Observations on CSP 2016

- The Paper portrayed a departure from the trend of last 4 years. Although, in 2015 the number of current affairs questions increased but in 2016 UPSC has drastically shifted their focus on Current Affairs.
- There were traditional questions from non-traditional sources eg. Question on Keshab Chandra Sen and Agrahattas.
- Paper was more factual compared to papers of CSAT era.
- In the current affairs section, instead of linking the current affairs questions to concepts it was more on factual side.
- Proportion of unapproachable questions has increased than previous year.
- Polity has moved towards traditional concepts compared to last year trend and is moving towards governance and public administration type questions eg- Chief Secretary, Gram Nyayalayas.

- Economy questions were largely drawn from Current Affairs eg- . Ease of Doing Business, Amber Box, Blue Box Subsidies, MCLR, etc.
- Deceptive presentation is a common method to segregate deep knowledge with superficial knowledge or hunch. This technique was used in many
 questions. i.e. some questions could be solved through eliminating one statement e.g. GIAHS, National Ganga River Basin Authority etc.
- Some questions were too easy (e.g. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, UDAY, etc). This does not mean that we should not have proper knowledge of topic because some questions like Atal Pension Yojana required complete knowledge of the topic).
- Pointers for most of the questions could be traced to The Hindu but as recommended earlier, in the age of internet, complete knowledge of topic is expected (Gram Nyayalayas, The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity).

Recommendations:

- Read Basic/standard books, one Good News Paper (like The Hindu) and use internet extensively as almost 80% questions could be attempted with this combination.
- Have keen perception about things going around you and assume less and less. After reading newspaper always clarify key terms from internet or books or teachers.
- Read one good book on each traditional subjects this will help in prelims, mains and interview i.e. all stages of examination. This will also help in making some unapproachable question approachable.
- This year with the inclusion of factual questions and state civil service/State Services type one liners, it is advisable to be ready for analytical and factual questions at the same time. It is expected that UPSC will not ask irrelevant facts (Date on which someone died type asked in state civil service) but important facts should not be ignored.
- Do not ignore your strong areas to do research in weak areas. You should be able to answer most of the questions from your strong areas.
- Nearly 60% of the questions were can be answered by reading elementary books and newspapers. Strategy should be to avoid negative marking in tough questions and maximize your score by first finding the easy ones and completing them.
- Read questions carefully and use elimination technique wherever possible.

EM = Essential material like basic books etc.

- RM = Reference material
- EN = Essential News/Current Affairs
- RR = Random Read like random website etc.
- E : Easy , M : Medium , D : Difficult

Nature of Question F: Fundamental, Conventional and conceptual question which is easily available in commonly recommended books. If a current affairs source is mentioned then it indicate that you had one more reason to prepare this FA: Fundamental Applied question is an analytical question which require information + application of mind. Answer to these question are from commonly recommended books but not so obvious to find.

CA: Current affair question which can be answered almost completely using given source alone.

CAA(Current affair Applied): Current affair question which needs information from more than one source to answer AND/OR application of mind(common sense and overall understanding) of aspirant. This is why source for these question may not be answering question completely.

FCA (Fundamental + Current affair): This is a F or FA question supplemented with current affairs or a current affairs question that needs background information for complete answer. Source to these question might not answer question in entirety.

U (unconventional question): unconventional question means the question that is distantly related to syllabus provided by UPSC. It is neither present in even reference sources(in addition to recommended books) nor prominently in news.

Q.N.	Section	Question	A n s w e r	L e v e l	Natu re	Source	Sou rce Typ e	Explanation	Motivation	Vision IAS
1	Current Affairs	Regarding 'Atal Pension Yojana', which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. It is a minimum guaranteed pension scheme mainly targeted at unorganized sector workers. 2. Only one member of a family can join the scheme. 3. Same amount of pension is guaranteed for the spouse for life after subscriber's death. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	C	M	CAA	http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=138244 http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=116208	EN	Statements 1 and 3 are correct: To address the longevity risks among the workers in unorganised sector and to encourage the workers in unorganised sector to voluntarily save for their retirement, APY was launched. Statement 2 is not correct: Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is open to all bank account holders who are not members of any statutory social security scheme. It doesn't bar the number of family members from a family.	Financial inclusion schemes like APY, Suraksha Yojana,Jeev an Jyoti yojana, Jan Dhan, etc. have remained in news regularly.	Covered in PT 365 material - Social schemes. Asked in PT365 Test - Test 2102 Consider the following statements with respect to Atal Pension Yojana 1. Any Indian citizen having a savings bank account between the age of 18 to 45 years can subscribe to this pension scheme. 2. There is a provision of voluntary exit before the age of 60 years. 3. This scheme will replace existing Swavalamban scheme. Which of statements given above is/are not correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
2	Current Affairs	The term 'Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership' often appears in the news in the' context of the affairs of a group of countries known as (a) G2O (b) ASEAN (c) SCO (d) SAARC	B	E	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/india-warned- against-pitfalls-in- asean-trade- agreement/article8 729070.ece	EN	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement among ASEAN + Six FTA Partners (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand): Based on the Declaration of the Leaders during the ASEAN Summit in November 2012, negotiations for a comprehensive economic partnership between the 10 ASEAN member states and its six FTA partners commenced in May 2013. Ten rounds of	Trade negotiations like TTP, TTIP, RCEP have remained regularly in news.	Covered in both All India Test serie s twice and PT 365 material Tests - 1722, 1770, 1895 The 'Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership', recently in the news, is related to the affairs of: (a) ASEAN (b) BRICS (c) OECD (d) SAARC Test - 1723, 1774, 1891 Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement is proposed among ASEAN + six FTA

							negotiations have so far been held. The 10th round was held from 8 to16 October 2015 in Busan, Korea. The negotiations cover a number of areas like trade in goods, services, investment, intellectual property, economic and technical cooperation, competition, e- commerce and legal and institutional issues. Papua New Guinea is not a member of ASEAN.		partners. Which among the following are members of RCEP? 1. New Zealand 2. China 3. Japan 4. Papua New Guinea 5. Russia 6. India Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2, 3 and 6 only (b) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only (c) 2, 4 and 6 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6
3	Current Affairs	On which of the following can you find the Bureau of Energy Efficiency Star Label? 1. Ceiling fans 2. Electric geysers 3. Tubular fluorescent lamps Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	D	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/features/h omes-and- gardens/conservin g-power-holds-key- to- future/article8625 361.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=137917 https://beeindia.go v.in/content/star- labelled-appliances	RR	The Bureau initiated the Standards & Labeling programme for equipment and appliances in 2006 to provide the consumer an informed choice about the energy saving and thereby the cost saving potential of the relevant marketed product. The scheme is invoked for 21 equipment/appliances, i.e. Room Air Conditioners, Tubular Fluorescent Tube Lights, Frost Free Refrigerators, Distribution Transformers, Induction Motors, Direct Cool Refrigerator, electric storage type geyser, Ceiling fans, Color TVs, Agricultural pump sets, LPG stoves, Washing machine, Laptops, ballast, floor standing ACs, office automation products, Diesel Generating sets & Diesel pumpsets.	Energy efficiency has remained continuously in news.	

4	Science and Technology	India is an important member of the 'International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor'. If this experiment succeeds, what is the immediate advantage for India? (a) It can use thorium in	D	E	САА	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/bl ogs/blogs-the- copernican/article 5685659.ece	EN	ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) is an international nuclear fusion research and engineering megaproject, which will be the world's largest magnetic confinement plasma physics experiment.	In News	Covered in PT 365 material
		place of uranium for power generation (b) It attain a global role in satellite-navigation (c) It can drastically improve the efficiency of its fission reactors in power generation (d) It can build fusion reactors for power generation								
5	Ancient History	In the context of the history of India, consider the following pairs: Term Description 1. Eripatti : Land, revenue from which was set apart for the maintenance of the village tank 2. Taniyurs : Villages donated to a single Brahmin or a group of Brahmins 3. Ghatikas : Colleges generally attached to the temples Which of the pairs given above correctly matched? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 only (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3	D	D	FA	The Penguin History of Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300 - Romila Thapar	RR	Taniyur, is a large village under Chola administrative division. Eripatti was a special category of land known in South india. This land was donated by individuals, revenue from which was set apart for the maintenance of the village tank. Land grants and generous donations were given to educational institutions like Ghatikas and Mathas. Mathas were residential schools for early education in Pallava kingdoms.	to test the knowledge of ancient history in Depth	



6	Current	Consider the following	Α	Μ	CA	http://www.thehin	EN	India and France have	was	Tests- 1722, 1770, 1895, 2060
	Affairs	statements:				du.com/sci-		launched an International	constantly in	With reference to International
		1. The International Solar				tech/energy-and-		Solar Alliance to boost solar	news.	Solar Alliance (ISA), consider the
		Alliance was launched at the				environment/modi		energy in developing		following statements:
		United Nations Climate				-launches-		countries.		1. It was launched by India and
		Change Conference in 2015.				international-solar-		The initiative was launched at		France.
		2. The Alliance includes all				alliance/article793		the UN Climate Change		2. It invites countries which are
		the member countries of the				4560.ece		Conference in Paris. It will be		located between Tropic of Cancer
		United Nations.						a common platform for		and Tropic of Capricorn.
		Which of the statements						cooperation among solar		3. It will work under International
		given above is/are correct?						resource rich countries lying		Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).
		(a) 1 only						fully or practically between		Which of the statements given
		(b) 2 only						the Tropics of Cancer and		above is/are correct?
		(c) Both 1 and 2						Capricorn.		(a) 1 only
		(d) Neither 1 nor 2						It will not duplicate or		(b) 1 and 2 only
								replicate the efforts that		(c) 2 and 3 only
								others (like International		(d) 1, 2 and 3
								Renewable Energy Agency		
								(IRENA), Renewable Energy		
								and Energy Efficiency		
								Partnership (REEEP),		
								International Energy Agency		
								(IEA), Renewable Energy		
								Policy Network for the 21st		
								Century (REN21), United		
								Nations bodies, bilateral		
								organizations etc.) are		
								currently engaged in, but will		
								establish networks and		
								develop synergies with them.		
7	Current	'European Stability	В	Е	CA	http://www.thehin	EN	The European Stability	was in news	
	Affairs	Mechanism', sometimes				du.com/news/inter		Mechanism is a European	constantly	
		seen in the' news, is an				national/eu-		Union agency that provides	due to	
		(a) agency created by EU to				begins-disbursal-		financial assistance, in the	Greece	
		deal with the impact of				of-greece-bailout-		form of loans, to eurozone	bailout.	
		millions of refugees arriving				money/article8756		countries or as new capital to		
		from Middle East				<u>190.ece</u>		banks in difficulty.		
		(b) agency of EU that								
		provides financial assistance								
		to eurozone countries								
		(c) agency of EU to deal with								

		all the bilateral and multilateral agreements on trade (d) agency of EU to deal with the conflicts arising among the member countries								
8	Economy	Which of the following is/are the advantage/advantages of practicing drip irrigation? 1. Reduction in weed 2. Reduction in soil salinity 3. Reduction' in-soil erosion Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) None of the above is an advantage of practising drip irrigation	C	M	FA	http://www.agriinf o.in/default.aspx?p age=topic&superid =8&topicid=2243	RR	Advantages of Drip Irrigation: 1. Maximum use of available water. 2. No water being available to weeds. 3. Maximum crop yield. 4. High efficiency in the use of fertilizers. 5. Less weed growth and restricts population of potential hosts. 6. Low labour and relatively low operation cost. 7. No soil erosion. 8. Improved infiltration in soil of low intake. 9. Ready adjustment to sophisticated automatic control. 10. No runoff of fertilizers into ground water. 11. Less evaporation losses of water as compared to surface irrigation. 12. Improves seed germination. 13. Decreased to tillage operations. Disadvantages of Drip Irrigation i In spite of the fact that drip irrigation has so many potential benefits , they're a certain limitation also, there are as follow:	Due to "Per Drop More Crop" component under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchyee Yojana (PMKSY), Drip irrigation remained regularly in news. Also mentioned in Eco Survey	

9	Current	Regarding 'DigiLocker',	C E	СА	http://pib.nic.in/ne	EN	 Sensitivity to clogging Moisture distribution problem 3. Salinity hazards High cost compared to furrow. High skill is required for design, install and operation. Digital Locker is one of the key 	Have	Test – 2084 (PT365) Which of the
9	Affairs	 Regarding Digitocker, sometimes seen in the news, which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. It is a digital locker system offered by the Government under Digital India Programme. 2. It allows you to access your e-documents irrespective of your physical location. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 			http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=142414 http://www.thehin du.com/todays- paper/tp- national/sc- dismisses-pil-on- digital- locker/article7700 119.ece	EN	initiatives under the Digital India Programme. Digital Locker is aimed at minimising the usage of physical documents and enable sharing of e- documents across agencies.	remained in news regularly.	following statements regarding digital locker under Digital India program is/are correct? 1. It serves as a Uniform Resource Identifier of e-documents issued by Government agencies. 2. Users can upload their e- documents only with digital signatures. 3. It is mandatory to link individual's digital locker with Aadhar number to upload documents. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
10	Current Affairs	Recently, linking of which of the following rivers was undertaken? (a) Cauvery and Tungabhadra (b) Godavari and Krishna (c) Mahanadi and Son (d) Narmada and Tapti	B E	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/andhra- pradesh/interlinkin g-godavari-krishna- my-most- satisfying- exercise/article805 1320.ece http://indianexpre ss.com/article/expl ained/godavari- and-krishna-rivers- interlink-when- two-rivers-meet/	EN	The plan is to eventually divert water from the Polavaram dam, since the dam is still under construction and will take at least 4 to 5 years to be ready, the Chandrababu Naidu government decided to divert Godavari water from the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme. This plan kicked off on September 16, 2015.	Remained continuously in news.	Asked in All India Test series 1718, 1769, 2066 The Polavaram Reservoir being built to interlink Godavari and Krishna extends to which of the following states? 1. Andhra Pradesh 2. Telangana 3. Odisha 4. Chhattisgarh Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only (c) 1, 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

11	Environment	In the cities of our country, which among the following atmospheric gases are normally considered in calculating the value of Air Quality Index? 1. Carbon dioxide 2. Carbon monoxide 3. Nitrogen dioxide 4. Sulfur dioxide 5. Methane Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	B	Μ	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/e ditorial/air- pollution-in-india- clean-air-agenda- for-the- cities/article82725 73.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=110654	EN	National Air Quality Index: There are six AQI categories, namely Good, Satisfactory, Moderately polluted, Poor, Very Poor, and Severe. The AQI considers eight pollutants (PM10, PM2.5, NO2, SO2, CO, O3, NH3, and Pb) for which short-term (up to 24-hourly averaging period) National Ambient Air Quality Standards are prescribed.	Important initiative of Minister for Environmen t, Forests & Climate Change. Also remained in news due to high Particulate matters in many cities.	Asked in All India Test series Tests - 1725, 1776 Which of the following air pollutants is/are included in the National Air Quality Index? 1. Sulphur dioxide 2. Ozone 3. Carbon dioxide 4. Lead 5. Ammonia Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only (c) 2, 3 and 5 only (d) 1, 3 and 4 only
12	Science and Technology	With reference to 'Astrosat',' the astronomical observatory launched by India, which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. Other than USA and Russia, India is the only country to have launched a similar observatory into space. 2. Astrosat is a 2000 kg satellite placed in an orbit at 1650 km above the surface of the Earth. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2	D	D	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/sci- tech/science/isro- launches-astrosat- first-space- observatory/article 7697707.ece http://www.isro.go v.in/Spacecraft/ast rosat	EN	ASTROSAT is India's first dedicated multi wavelength space observatory. ASTROSAT will observe universe in the optical, Ultraviolet, Iow and high energy X-ray regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. India's observatory will be the fourth in space, after the Hubble(USA), Russia's Spektr R and Suzaku of Japan. ASTROSAT with a lift-off mass of about 1513 kg was launched into a 650 km orbit inclined at an angle of 6 deg to the equator by PSLV-C30. ASTROSAT will observe universe in the optical, Ultraviolet, Iow and high energy X-ray regions of the electromagnetic spectrum, whereas most other scientific satellites are capable of	was constantly in news	Asked twice in All India Test series Test - 1719,1767,2058,2061,2064,2067 With reference to ASTROSAT mission, consider the following statements: 1. It is India's first dedicated space observatory. 2. It will enable simultaneous multi-wavelength observations with a single satellite. 3. It is placed in geosynchronous orbit to make communication effective on earth. 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 Tests - 1778. 1896 Which of the following is/are space observatory? 1. Astrosat

							observing a narrow range of wavelength band.		 2. Hubble 3. Spektr 4. Suzaku Select the correct answer from code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
13	Medieval History	With reference to the economic history of medieval India, the term 'Araghatta' refers to (a) bonded labour (b) land grant made to military officers (c) waterwheel used in the irrigation of land (d) wasteland converted to cultivated land	C	D F	Early Medieval Indian Society - R.S. Sharma A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India - Upinder Singh	RR	The 'ara-ghatta' originates from the blend of the words "ara" which means talked and "ghatta" which means pot. There is confirmation to contend that this arrangement of lifting water from open wells was presumably designed in the India of the past.	Knowledge of History in Depth	
14	Ancient History	With reference to the cultural history of India, the memorizing of chronicles, dynastic histories and epic tales was the profession of who of the following? (a) Shramana (b) Parivraajaka (c) Agrahaarika (d) Maagadha	D	D F	Ancient Indian Social History: Some Interpretations - Romila Thapar	RR	During Gupta period, the memorizing of chronicles, dynastic histories or epic tales was the work of a different group of people, the sutas and magadhas.	Knowledge of History in Depth	
15	Current Affairs	Recently, for the first time in our country, which of the following States has declared a particular butterfly as 'State Butterfly'? (a) Arunachal Pradesh, (b) Himachal Pradesh (c) Karnataka (d) Maharashtra	D	M CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/other- states/maharashtr a-gets-state- butterfly/article73 42955.ece	EN	The Blue Mormon is a large, swallowtail butterfly found primarily in Sri Lanka and India, mainly restricted to the Western Ghats of Maharashtra, South India and coastal belts. It may occasionally be spotted in the Maharashtrian mainland between Vidarbha and Western Maharashtra.	was in news	Asked in All India Test series - 1716 Consider the following statements about Blue Mormon, a species of Butterfly, which was recently in news: 1. It is endemic to India. 2. It is listed as an endangered species by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) 3. It has been declared as 'State

						It is reportedly the second largest butterfly found in India, just smaller than the southern birdwing. Not uncommon. Not thought to be threatened. Occurs throughout the year but more common in the monsoon and immediately after it. Maharashtra has become the first State in the country to have a 'State butterfly.' Thus all statements are wrong.		butterfly' of Karnataka. Which of the statements given above is/are not correct? (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
16	Science and Technology	Consider the following statements: The Mangalyaan launched by ISRO 1. is also called the Mars Orbiter Mission 2. made India the second country to have a spacecraft orbit the Mars after USA 3. made India the only country to be successful in making its spacecraft orbit the Mars in its very first attempt Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/sci- tech/science/articl e6434096.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=117336 http://isro.gov.in/p slv-c25-mars- orbiter- mission/mars- orbiter-mission- profile	EN	Statements 1 and 3 are correct. The Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) has various achievements to its credit after it was inserted into Mars orbit on September 24, 2014. The details of significant achievements of MOM include i. First interplanetary mission realized by India and first Indian spacecraft to incorporate full scale on- board autonomy to overcome the long distances and the communication gaps due to non-visibility periods. ii. First Indian spacecraft to successfully survive Van Allen belt crossing 39 times. iii. First Indian spacecraft to escape the Sphere Of Influence of Earth and orbit Sun. iv. First Mars mission in the world to succeed Mars Orbit Insertion in first attempt.	It has remained regularly in news	Covered in PT 365

17	Modern History	What was the main reason for the split in the Indian National Congress at Surat in 1907? (a) Introduction of communalism into Indian politics b Lord Minto (b) Extremists' lack of faith in the capacity of the moderates to negotiate with the British Government (c) Foundation of Muslim League (d) Aurobindo Ghosh's inability to the elected as the President of the Indian National Congress The plan of Sir Stafford	В	E	F	NCERT, Bipin Chandra, Spectrum	EM	v. Most economical interplanetary mission in the world and paved way for cost- effective access to deep space. The launch vehicle, Spacecraft and Ground Segment have been realised with a budget of Rs 450 Cr. Statement 2 is not correct. Since the first successful flyby in 1965, four entities have successfully made it to Mars: NASA, the Soviet Union, the European Space Agency and the Indian Space Research Organization, while others, including Japan and China, have tried. Surat Split refers to the splitting of the Congress party into 'Moderates' and 'Extremists' after a clash at the session. The extremists were led by Lokmanya Tilak, Lajpat Rai and Sri Aurobindo and the moderates were led by Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Pherozeshah Mehta and Surendranath Banerjee. The divided Congress re-united in the crucial Lucknow session of congress in 1916.	Basic question of modern indian history	Asked in All India Test series
18	Modern History	The plan of Sir Stafford Cripps envisaged that after the Second World War (a) India should be granted complete independence (b) India should be	D	E	F	NCERT, Bipin Chandra, Spectrum	EM	Cripps Mission was sent to India under the president ship of Stafford Cripps in march 1942. The intention was to get Indian support for Britishers in the ongoing World War II. It	basic question of modern indian history	Asked in All India Test series Tests- 1721,1772,1894,2062 With reference to dominion status, consider the following statements: 1. Nehru Report demanded

		partitioned into two before granting independence (c) India should be made a republic with the condition that she will join the Commonwealth (d) India should be given Dominion status						proposed: An Indian Dominion that will be free to decide its relations with the commonwealth and United Nations A constituent assembly to be convened to frame a new constitution. Any province not willing to join the Union could have a separate constitution and form a separate. Other points in the proposal were- Acceptance of Indian constitution by British government would be subject to condition that any province would have the right to have separate union and a treaty to be negotiated to effect the power transfer to safeguard racial and religious minorities		dominion status. 2. Cripps Mission proposed dominion status. 3. India became a dominion before gaining independence. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
19	Geography	Consider the following pairs: Famous Place Region 1. Bodhgaya : Baghelkhand 2. Khajuraho : Bundelkhand 3. Shirdi : Vidarbha 4. Nasik (Nashik) : Malwa 5. Tirupati : Rayalaseema Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched? (a) 1, 2 and 4 (b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 (c) 2 and 5 only (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5	C	D	FA	ATLAS, NCERT Geography books	EM	Defense of India to remain in British hands. Bagelkhand or Baghelkhand is a region and also a mountain range in central India that covers the northeastern regions of Madhya Pradesh and a small area of western Uttar Pradesh. Bodhgaya is in Bihar. The Khajuraho group of monuments was built during the rule of the Rajput Chandela dynasty. The building activity started almost immediately after the rise of their power, throughout their kingdom to be later known as Bundelkhand.	All the places are famous for pilgrimages and to promote tourism government has recently focused on developing religious circuits.	

								Vidarbha is the eastern region of the Indian state of Maharashtra, comprising Nagpur Division and Amravati Division. Shirdi is a town and falls under Ahmednagar District in Maharashtra. It is not in Vidarbha region. Tirupati lies in the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh.	
20	Polity and Governance	The Parliament of India acquires the power to legislate on any item in the State List in the national interest if a resolution to that effect is passed by the (a) Lok Sabha by a simple majority of its total membership (b) Lok Sabha by a majority of not less than two-thirds of its total membership (c) Rajya Sabha by a simple majority of its total membership (d) Rajya Sabha by a majority of not less than two-thirds of its members present and voting	D	E	F	Laxmikanth	EM	If Rajya Sabha passes a resolution by a majority of not less than two-thirds of members present and voting saying that it is "necessary or expedient in the national interest" that Parliament should make a law on a matter enumerated in the State List, Parliament becomes empowered to make a law on the subject specified in the resolution, for the whole or any part of the territory of India. Such a resolution remains in force for a maximum period of one year but this period can be extended by one year at a time by passing a similar resolution further.	Basic question of Polity
21	Current Affairs	Recently, which of the following States has explored the possibility of constructing an artificial inland port to be connected to sea by a long navigational channel? (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Karnataka (d) Rajasthan	D	D	CA	http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=125015	EN	Government of Rajasthan is planning to develop Inland Shipping Port at Jalore which would be connected to the Arabian Sea by developing a channel along the Kutch Creek.	

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22	Environment	With reference to the Agreement at the UNFCCC Meeting in Paris in 2015, which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. The Agreement was signed by all the member countries of the UN and it will go into effect in 2017. 2. The Agreement aims to limit the greenhouse gas emissions so that the rise in average global temperature by the end of this century does not exceed 2°C or even 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. 3. Developed countries acknowledged their historical responsibility in global warming and committed to donate \$ 1000 billion a year from 2020 to help developing countries to cope with climate change. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	BM	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/inter national/cop-21- historic-paris- climate-pact- adopted/article798 1450.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=138511	EN	21st Conference of Parties (COP21) also known as Paris Agreement successfully concluded in Paris under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The agreement is scheduled to go into effect from 2020. (Statement 1 is not correct). One of the main focus of the agreement is to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre- industrial level and on driving efforts to limit it even further to 1.5°C. It covers all the crucial areas identified as essential for a comprehensive and balanced agreement, including mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, finance, technology development and transparency of action and support. A marked departure from the past is the Agreement's bottom-up approach, allowing each nation to submit its own national plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, rather than trying to repeat a top-down approach advocated by the Kyoto Protocol, giving each country an emission reduction target. Statement 3 is not correct.	was constantly in news	Tests - 1779, 1784, 2070, 2087 (PT365) With reference to the Paris Agreement, consider the following statements: 1. It was convened under the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). 2. This Universal Agreement will succeed the Nagoya Protocol. 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 Which of the following statements regarding Green Climate Funds is/are correct? 1. It was formally established by a UNFCCC decision in Paris at the COP 21. 2. It is meant to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions in both developed and developing countries. 3. It aims to jointly mobilize USD 100 billion per year by 2020 Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 3 only (c) 2, 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 only
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23	Environment	Consider the following statements: 1. The Sustainable Development Goals were first proposed in 1972 by a global think tank called the 'Club of Rome'. 2. The Sustainable Development Goals have to be achieved by 2030. 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	B	M	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/inter national/un- officially-adopts- ambitious-new- set-of-global- goals/article76897 26.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=136880	EN	Statement 1 is not correct: The 'Club of Rome' is a global think tank is a global think tank which in its 1972 book "Limits to Growth" talked about sustainability; however they didn't propose Sustainable Development Goals. As per the resolution of UN General Assembly in September, 2015 the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been adopted by 193 member nations. Statement 2 is correct: These developmental schemes are mostly addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are targeted to be achieved by 2030.	was constantly in news	Asked twice in Test series: Test: 1713,2060 Which of the followings are the differences between Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)? 1. MDG were in effect from 2000 to 2015 while SDG will remain in effect from 2015 to 2030. 2. MDG consisted of 18 targets, while SDG consists of 169 targets. 3. There are specific targets in SDGs called "Urban Goals" which were not included under the MDGs. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Test: 1719,1767,2058,2061,2067 Which of the following statements is/are correct about New Sustainable Development Agenda (SDG) adopted by United Nations? 1. There are 169 Sustainable Development Goal as part of the Agenda. 2. The goals are non-binding to the participatory nations. 3. It covers climate related targets which are covered under UNFCC. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
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24	Current Affairs	A recent movie titled The Man Who Knew Infinity is based on the biography of (a) S. Ramanujan (b) S. Chandhrashekhar (c) S. N. Bose (d) C. V. Raman	A	Μ	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/features/ci nema/cinema- reviews/the-man- who-knew-infinity- review-a- misunderstood- mind/article85345 74.ece http://www.pib.nic .in/newsite/mbErel .aspx?relid=131773	EN	'The Man Who Knew Infinity', movie is based on a book by the same name written by Robert Kanigel on the life and times of Ramanujan. The 46th IFFI opened with the film	In news	
25	Polity and Governance	Consider the following statements: 1. The minimum age prescribed for any person to be a member of Panchayat is 25 years. 2. A Panchayat reconstituted after premature dessolution continues only for the remainder period. 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	В	М	FA	LAXMIKANTH	EM	The minimum age for contesting elections to panchayats is 21 years. In case of dissolution of Panchayats before expiry of its term, it is mandatory to hold elections within 6 months of its dissolution. Every Panchayat shall continue for full term of 5 years. However, a Panchayat reconstituted after premature dissolution shall continue for only the reminder of the period. If the period is less than 6 months then it is not mandatory to held the elections.	Basic question of Polity	Asked in All India Test series Tests - 1714, 1763, 1765 With reference to elections to Panchayats, consider the following statements: 1. The minimum age for contesting elections to panchayats is 25 years. 2. Elections to panchayats are conducted as per the electoral rolls prepared for the most recent state election. 3. The chairpersons of panchayats at all three levels must be elected indirectly by and from amongst the elected members. Which of the statements given above is/are not correct? (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 With reference to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), consider the following statements: 1. In case of dissolution of panchayats before expiry of its term, it is mandatory to hold elections within 6 months of its

										 dissolution. 2. A panchayat reconstituted after premature dissolution shall continue for full 5 years. 3. All persons who have attained minimum 25 years are eligible for elections in panchayats. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) None
26	Polity and Governance	Which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. A Bill pending in the Lok Sabha lapses on its prorogation. 2. A Bill pending in the Rajya Sabha, which was not been passed by the Lok Sabha, shall not lapse on dosslution of the Lok Sabha. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2	B	Μ	FA	LAXMIKANTH	EM	When the Lok Sabha is dissolved, all business including bills, motions, resolutions, notices, petitions and so on pending before it or its committees lapse. They (to be pursued further) must be reintroduced in the newly- constituted Lok Sabha. However, some pending bills and all pending assurances that are to be examined by the Committee on Government Assurances do not lapse on the dissolution of the Lok Sabha. The position with respect to lapsing of bills is as follows: A bill pending in the Lok Sabha lapses (whether originating in the Lok Sabha or transmitted to it by the Rajya Sabha). A bill passed by the Lok Sabha but pending in the Rajya Sabha lapses. A bill not passed by the two Houses due to disagreement	basic concept of polity	Asked in Test- 1785 Which of the following bills lapse after dissolution of Lok Sabha? 1. A bill introduced in the Lok Sabha and pending in Lok Sabha. 2. A bill passed by the Lok Sabha but pending in the Rajya Sabha but not passed by the Lok Sabha. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

								and if the president has notified the holding of a joint sitting before the dissolution of Lok Sabha, does not lapse. A bill pending in the Rajya Sabha but not passed by the Lok Sabha does not lapse. A bill passed by both Houses but pending assent of the president does not lapse. A bill passed by both Houses but returned by the president for reconsideration of Houses does not lapse.		
27	Current Affairs	Which of the following is/are the indicator/ indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report? 1. Undernourishment 2. Child stunting 3. Child mortality Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3 only	C	M	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/india-is- home-to-194- million-hungry- people- un/article7255937. ece https://www.ifpri. org/topic/global- hunger-index	EN	The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger globally and by country and region. Calculated each year by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the GHI highlights successes and failures in hunger reduction and provides insights into the drivers of hunger. By raising awareness and understanding of regional and country differences in hunger, the GHI aims to trigger actions to reduce hunger. To reflect the multidimensional nature of hunger, the GHI combines the following four component indicators into one index: Undernourishment: the proportion of undernourished people as a percentage of the population (reflecting the share of the population	India ranks improved in Global hunger index 2015 to 55 from 63	Test – 2086 (PT365) Which of the following statements regarding the Global Hunger Index is/are correct? 1. It is prepared annually by the Food and Agricultural Organization. 2. It gives equal weightage to child undernourishment, undernutrition and mortality. 3. As per the latest GHI report India has moved up to 55th position from 63 which shows increasing hunger population. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) 1, 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

28	Economy	There has been a persistent deficit budget year after year. Which action/actions of the following can be taken by the Government to reduce the deficit? 1. Reducing revenue expenditure 2. Introducing new welfare schemes 3. Rationalizing subsidies 4. Reducing import duty Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4	C	M	FA	UPSC 2015 previous question http://www.thehin du.com/business/E conomy/subsidies- to-be-rationalised- joint-session-on- insurance-arun- jaitley/article6811 966.ece	EM	 whose caloric intake is insufficient; Child wasting: the proportion of children under the age of five who suffer from wasting (that is, low weight for their height, reflecting acute undernutrition); Child stunting: the proportion of children under the age of five who suffer from stunting (that is, low height for their age, reflecting chronic undernutrition); and Child mortality: the mortality rate of children under the age of five (partially reflecting the fatal synergy of inadequate nutrition and unhealthy environments). Budget deficit is used to define a status of financial health in which expenditures exceed revenue. Reducing the revenue expenditure will certainly help in bridging the gap. Subsidies are a part of expenditure and rationalizing them would reduce the deficit. Introducing new welfare schemes will most likely result in increasing expenditure and so will expanding industries which would require capital infusion. 	Current economic situation and problem of growing fiscal deficit. It is also a repeated question from last year.	
29	Economy	The establishment of 'Payment Banks' is being allowed in India to promote financial inclusion. Which of	В	М	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/a ll-you-need-to- know-about-	EN	In August 2015, Reserve Bank of India granted 'in-principle' approval to 11 applicants to start payments banks. These	Last year RBI granted 'in principle' approval for	Covered in Vision Ias PT 365(Economy) Tests -1718, 1766, 1890, 2060 With reference to payment banks,

		the following statements is/are correct in this context? 1. Mobile telephone companies and supermarket chains that are owned and controlled by residents are eligible to be promoters of Payment Banks. 2. Payment Banks can issue both credit cards and debit cards. 3. Payment Banks cannot undertake lending activities. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3			payment- banks/article75613 53.ece https://rbi.org.in/s cripts/BS_PressRel easeDisplay.aspx?p rid=32615		include Reliance Industries, Airtel M Commerce Services, Tech Mahindra, Vodafone m- pesa, Aditya Birla Nuvo, Department of Posts, Cholamandalam Distribution Services, Fino PayTech, PayTm, National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) and Sun Pharma. They can issue debit cards but not credit cards.FDI of 74% is allowed in these banks.	payment banks to 11 entities, including big names like Reliance Industries, Aditya Birla Nuvo and Tech Mahindra, as also Airtel and Vodafone.	 consider the following statements: 1. Payment banks may take deposits and remittances, internet banking and other specified services but they cannot undertake lending services. 2. They can issue credit cards but not debit cards. 3. An FDI of 100% is allowed in these banks. 4. The Department of Posts has been granted 'in-principle' approval by the RBI to start such banks. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
30	Science and Technology	With reference to 'LiFi', recently in the news, which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. It uses light as the medium for high-speed data transmission. 2. It is a wireless technology and is several times faster than 'WiFi'. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2	CN	1 CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/todays- paper/tp- international/lifi- data-transmission- through- light/article621889 2.ece	EN	Using light to deliver wireless internet will also allow connectivity in environments that do not currently readily support Wi-Fi, such as aircraft cabins, hospitals and hazardous environments. Light is already used for data transmission in fibre-optic cables and for point to point links, but Li-Fi is a special and novel combination of technologies that allow it to be universally adopted for mobile ultra high speed internet communications. Using the visible light spectrum, Li-Fi technology can transmit data and unlock capacity which is 10,000 times greater than that available within the radio spectrum.	Path- breaking technology of Li-Fi uses light to carry data and it draws lot of attention all over the world.	Covered in PT365 Asked in All India Test series - 1721,1769,1895,2059,2067 What is the difference between Li- Fi and Wi-Fi technology? 1. Li-Fi uses visible light while Wi-Fi runs on radio waves. 2. Li-Fi is easier to hack compared with Wi-Fi 3. Li-Fi transmits data at a higher speed as compared to Wi-Fi. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

31	Environment	The term 'Intended	В	Ε	CAA	http://www.thehin	EN	Intended Nationally	Recently	Covered in PT365(Environment)
		Nationally Determined				du.com/news/nati		Determined Contributions	India along	Asked in All India Test series Test
		Contributions' is sometimes				onal/india-sets-		(INDCs) is a term used under	with other	1725, 1776
		seen in the news in the				ambitious-goals-to-		the United Nations	countries	Which of the following are
		context of				tackle-climate-		Framework Convention on	submitted	objectives of India's Intended
		(a) pledges made by the				change/article7715		Climate Change (UNFCCC) for	its its	Nationally Determined
		European countries to				<u>679.ece</u>		reductions in greenhouse gas	Intended	Contributions (INDCs)?
		rehabilitate refugees from						emissions that all countries	Nationally	1. Increase the forest cover to
		the war-affected Middle East				Economic survey		that signed the UNFCCC were	Determined	33%.
		(b) plan of action outlined by						asked to publish in the lead up	Contribution	2. Install 175 GW of solar, wind
		the countries of the world to				http://unfccc.int/f		to the 2015 United Nations	s (INDCs) to	and biomass electricity by 2022.
		combat climate change				ocus/indc_portal/it		Climate Change Conference	the UN	3. Reducing emission intensity by
		(c) capital contributed by the				<u>ems/8766.php</u>		held in Paris, France in	Framework	1/3rd by 2030.
		member countries in the						December 2015.	Convention	4. create additional carbon sink of
		establishment of Asian				http://indianexpre		The INDCs, which lay out the	on Climate	around 3 billion by 2030.
		Infrastructure Investment				ss.com/article/indi		blueprint for tackling climate	Change	Select the correct answer using the
		Bank				<u>a/india-news-</u>		change, emphasised eight key	(UNFCCC).	code given below.
		(d) plan of action outlined by				india/here-are-		goals — sustainable lifestyles,		(a) 1 and 2 only
		the countries of the world				<u>indias-indc-</u>		cleaner economic		(b) 2, 3 and 4 only
		regarding Sustainable				objectives-and-		development, reducing		(c) 3 and 4 only
		Development Goals				<u>how-much-it-will-</u>		emission intensity of GDP,		(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
						<u>cost/</u>		increasing the share of non-		
								fossil fuel based electricity,		
								enhancing carbon sink,		
								adaptation and mobilising		
								finance, technology transfer		
								and capacity building.		
32	Economy	Which one of the following is	D	E	FCA	Economic survey	EN	The Union Cabinet had given	Recently	Asked in Open Test conducted by
		a purpose of 'UDAY', a						its approval to a new scheme	Union	Vision IAS - Test 1789
		scheme of the Government?				http://www.thehin		moved by the Ministry of	cabinet had	Which of the following statements
		(a) Providing technical and				du.com/business/I		Power - Ujwal DISCOM	given its	is/are correct about recently
		financial assistance to start-				<u>ndustry/governme</u>		Assurance Yojna or UDAY.	approval.	launched Ujwal DISCOM Assurance
		up entrepreneurs in the field				nts-uday-scheme-		UDAY provides for the	It is one of	Yojna (UDAY) by Union
		of renewable sources of				<u>may-light-up-</u>		financial turnaround and	the	government?
		energy				power-		revival of Power Distribution	important	1. It has been launched by Union
		(b) Providing electricity to				distribution-		companies (DISCOMs), and	scheme of	Ministry of Power for financial
		every household in the				<u>companies-</u>		importantly also ensures a	Union	restructuring of debt of power
		countries by 2018				crisil/article809881		sustainable permanent	government	distribution companies.
		(c) Replacing the coal-based				<u>8.ece</u>		solution to the problem.	to	2. It seeks to make DISCOMs
		power plants with natural						Under UDAY, state	accelerates	financially healthy with an
		gas, nuclear, solar, wind and				http://pib.nic.in/ne		governments will take over 75	the process	ambition of meeting target of

33	Current	tidal power plants over a period of time (d) Providing for financial turnaround and revival of power distribution companies With reference to 'IFC	C	M	САА	wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=130261 http://pib.nic.in/ne	EN	per cent of the debt held by their discoms as of September 30, 2015. Half the debt will be taken over in 2015-16 and 25 per cent in 2016-17. The balance 25 per cent of the debt is to be serviced through state government-guaranteed bonds issued by the discoms. Bonds are instruments of debt	of reform across the entire power sector. In 2015, IFC	100% Village electrification. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Asked twice in all India test series
33	Affairs	 With reference to TrC Masala Bonds', sometimes seen in the news, which of the statements given below is/are correct? 1. The International Finance Corporation, which offers these bonds, is an arm of the World Bank. 2. They are the rupee-denominated bonds and are a source of debt financing for the public and private sector, Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 				http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=139028 http://www.thehin du.com/business/I ndustry/masala- bonds-the-flavour- of-the- moment/article79 30287.ece	ΕΝ	- typically used by corporates to raise money from investors. Masala bonds have to be explained in the context of Indian corporates raising money from overseas investors. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank, issued a Rs. 1,000 crore bond in November last year. The purpose of the issue was to fund infrastructure projects in India. Companies including NTPC, Neyveli Lignite Corporation, Power Finance Corporation, Power Trading Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation are likely to launch these Masala Bonds totalling \$1 billion in the next three or four months in the UK to gauge the investor appetite. The tenor of these bonds is likely to be limited to a band of five to seven years and these are going to be in smaller denominations ranging from \$150-250	in 2015, IFC issued the first Masala bond listed on the London Stock Exchange. A number of Indian firms are gearing up to raise funds from issuing what are known as 'masala bonds.' Coinciding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the UK	Asked twice in all india test series Tests - 1720,1768, 2059, 2067 Masala Bonds recently been in news, refers to: (a) Group of international spice industries whose members can issue bonds to each other. (b) Offshore rupee denominated bonds issued by Indian corporates to overseas buyers. (c) Illegal bonds purchased by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs). (d) Inflation indexed bonds. Test 1785 Which of the following correctly defines 'Masala bonds'? (a) They are rupee-denominated instruments sold only to offshore investors by Indian corporates to raise money from overseas. (b) They are dollar-denominated instruments sold only to offshore investors by Indian corporates to raise money from overseas. (c) They are rupee-denominated instruments sold only to Indian investors by offshore corporates to raise money from India. (d) They are dollar-denominated instruments sold only to Indian investors by offshore corporates to

								million. These will be subject to decisions made by the Boards of the PSU energy companies.	raise money from India.
34	Medieval History	Regarding the taxation system of Krishna Deva, the ruler of Vijayanagar, consider the following statements: 1. The tax rate on land was fixed depending on the quality of the land. 2. Private owners of workshops paid an industries tax. 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	C	D	F	http://shodhganga .inflibnet.ac.in/bits tream/10603/2560 0/7/07_chapter%2 02.pdf	RR	Vijayanagara rulers followed an oppressive taxation policy. The prosperity of the empire can be explained through their taxation principles in the following lines. They collected variety of taxes ranging on the nature of lands. The villages were classified into eight types for tax purpose. They were: 1)The brahmadeya villages 2) The devadana villages 3) The mathapura villages 4) The sarvamanya villages 5) The kodagi lands 6) Rakta-kodagal lands 7) Guttagi lands 8) The rest of the villages or lands. The first four types prevailed prior to the Vijayanagar times. Private owners also paid industries taxes . Merchant guilds were empowered to levy taxes on goods manufactured, sold or transported	Depth Knowledge about history
35	Culture	 Which one of the following books of ancient India has the love story of the son of the founder of Sunga dynasty? (a) Swapnavasavadatta (b) Malavikagnimitra (c) Meghadoota 	В	D	F	http://ccrtindia.go v.in/literaryarts.ph p	EM	Kalidasa is the most distinguished dramatist and his treatment of the rasa of love in all its possible manifestations in the three plays Malavikagnimitra (Malavika and Agnimitra), Vikramorvasiya (Vikram and	Knowledge about literary history

36	(d) Ratnavali	A	Ξ CAA	Economic Survey	EM	Urvasi) and Abhigyana Shakuntala (the recognition of Shakuntala) is unparalleled. He is the poet of love and beauty, and believes in the affirmation of life, the joy of which lies in pure, sacred and ever-widening love In WTO terminology,	The WTO	Cover in PT 365
30	the following do you sometimes find the terms 'amber box, blue box and green box' in the news? (a) WTO affairs (b) SAARC affairs (c) UNFCCC affairs (d) India-EU negotiations on FTA			http://indianexpre ss.com/article/indi a/india- others/govt-works- to-finetune-farm- subsidy-as-per- wto/ http://www.thehin dubusinessline.co m/economy/eu- canada-redflag- indias-crop-cover- scheme-at- wto/article838187 9.ece		subsidies in general are identified by "Boxes" which are given the colours of traffic lights: green (permitted), amber (slow down — i.e. be reduced), red (forbidden). In agriculture, things are, as usual, more complicated. The Agriculture Agreement has no Red Box, although domestic support exceeding the reduction commitment levels in the Amber Box is prohibited; and there is a Blue Box for subsidies that are tied to programmes that limit production. The 'amber box': For agriculture, all domestic support measures considered to distort production and trade (with some exceptions) fall into the amber box. The 'green box': In order to qualify for the "green box", a subsidy must not distort trade, or at most cause minimal distortion. These subsidies have to be government-funded (not by charging consumers higher prices) and must not involve	members are thrashing out a work programme for the 10th Ministerial to be held in Nairobi in December 2015	All India Test series 1723, 1774, 1891, 2063, 2064 Also covered in Open Test 1763 With reference to WTO terminology subsidies are identified by "Boxes" of different colors. Match the Colour Boxes in List I with their relevance in List II. List I List II 1. Blue Box : A. Minimum disruption of trade balance 2. Amber Box : B. Subsidies that limit production 3. Green Box : C. Distort trade balance because they encourage excessive production. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C (b) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B (c) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A (d) None

								price support. The 'blue box': The blue box is an exemption from the general rule that all subsidies linked to production must be reduced or kept within defined minimal ("de minimis") levels. It covers payments directly linked to acreage or animal numbers, but under schemes which also limit production by imposing production quotas or requiring farmers to set aside part of their land. Countries using these subsidies - and there are only a handful - say they distort trade less than alternative amber box subsidies. Currently, the only members notifying the WTO that they are using or have used the blue box are: the EU, Iceland, Norway, Japan, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, and the US (now no longer using the box).		
37	Economy	 Which of the following is/are included in the capital budget of the Government of India? 1. Expenditure on acquisition of assets like roads, buildings, machinery, etc. 2. Loans received from foreign governments 3. Loans and advances granted to the States and Union Territories Select the correct answer 	D	Μ	FA	NCERT Book For Class XII : Economics - Macroeconomics Chapter 5 Page 63	EM	The Capital Budget is an account of the assets as well as liabilities of the central government, which takes into consideration changes in capital. It consists of capital receipts and capital expenditure of the government. This shows the capital requirements of the government and the pattern of their financing The main items of capital receipts are	Basic economic and government budgeting concept	Vision las All India tesr series: 1787 Which of the following are recognized as Capital expenditures in the Union Budget? 1. Loans to state governments 2. Expenditure on the acquisition of land or a building 3. Investment in shares 4. Interest payments on debts Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3						loans raised by the government from the public which are called market borrowings, borrowing by the government from the Reserve Bank and commercial banks and other financial institutions through the sale of treasury bills, loans received from foreign governments and international organisations, and recoveries of loans granted by the central government. Capital Expenditure: There are expenditures of the government which result in creation of physical or financial assets or reduction in financial liabilities. This includes expenditure on the acquisition of land, building, machinery, equipment, investment in shares, and loans and advances by the central government to state and union territory governments, PSUs and other narties		(b) 1, 2 and 4 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 3 and 4 only
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	 North Africa regions, and its Secretariat facilitates the allocation of major portion of financial resources to these regions. 3. It is committed to bottom- up approach, encouraging the participation of local people in combating the desertification. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only 			o.org/mab/doc/ek ocd/chapter14.ht ml		development to sustainable land management. The Convention addresses specifically the arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands, where some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and peoples can be found. The Convention's 195 parties work together to improve the living conditions for people in drylands, to maintain and restore land and soil productivity, and to mitigate	nearly 30 per cent per cent of the country's total geographical area is undergoing degradation.	desertification. (c) It was established in accordance to the recommendations of 1992 Rio Earth Summit. (d) India is a signatory to the convention. Test - 1725,1776,1895,2070 With reference to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), consider the following statements: 1. It addresses the issue of drought in arid and semi-arid areas. 2. It is a legally binding
	(d) 1, 2 and 3					the effects of drought. The UNCCD is particularly committed to a bottom-up approach, encouraging the participation of local people in combating desertification and land degradation. The UNCCD secretariat facilitates cooperation between developed and developing countries, particularly around knowledge and technology transfer for sustainable land management.		international agreement. 3. India is not a signatory to the convention. 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
39 Current Affairs	Recently, which one of the following currencies has been proposed to be added to the basket of IMF's SDR? (a) Rouble (b) Rand (c) Indian Rupee (d) Renminbi	D E	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/E conomy/imf- names-chinese- renminbi-yuan- global-reserve- currency/article79 33846.ece	EN	The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund decided to include the Chinese currency, the renminbi (yuan), into its basket of currencies that make up the IMF's Special Drawing Right (SDR). The decision was taken during the IMF's five-yearly review of the basket of currencies.	Recently chineese currency Renminbi included into	Tests - 1721,1769, 2067, 2093 (PT365) Which of the following currencies form the part of special drawing right (SDR) of IMF? 1. Chinese Renminbi 2. Japanese Yen 3. British Pound 4. Russian Rouble Select the correct answer using the code given below.

						SDRs are artificial currency created to augment international liquidity. It is neither a currency nor a claim on IMF rather it supplements the existing reserves of member countries of IMF. To be included as SDR a currency must be freely usable, widely used and widely traded. U.S. dollar, the euro, British pound and the Japanese yen form the SDR basket. IMF has decided to include Yuan in the SDR basket with effect from October 1, 2016. The respective weights of the U.S. dollar, euro, Chinese renminbi, Japanese yen, and pound sterling are 41.73 percent, 30.93 percent, 10.92 percent, 8.33 percent.	 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Which of the following is not correct regarding SDRs? (a) IMF decided to include Chinese renminbi (RMB) in the basket of currencies that make up Special Drawing Right (SDR) with effect from October 1, 2016. (b) It is an international currency created by the IMF in 1969. (c) SDRs can be exchanged for freely usable currencies. (d) It was created in response to concerns about the limitations of gold and dollars as the sole means of settling international accounts.
40 Economy	With reference to the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), consider the following statements:C1. IMFC discusses matters of concern affecting the global economy, and advises the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on the direction of its work.Image: Common the direction of the	M	FCA	http://www.thehin dubusinessline.co m/economy/indian -economy-clearly- on-recovery-path- jaitley/article7118 986.ece http://www.imf.or g/external/np/exr/ facts/groups.htm	RR	The IMFC advises and reports to the IMF Board of Governors on the supervision and management of the international monetary and financial system, including on responses to unfolding events that may disrupt the system although the IMFC has no formal decision-making powers, in practice, it has become a key instrument for providing strategic direction to the work and policies of the IMF. A number of international institutions, including the World Bank, participate as observers in the IMFC's meetings.	



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41	Polity and	'Rashtriya Garima Abhiyaan'	C M	CAA	http://pib.nic.in/ne	EN	Campaign has started in 2001	Socio-
	Governance	is a national campaign to		0.00	wsite/mbErel.aspx	2.14	known as 'Rashtriya Garima	Economic
	Covernance	(a) rehabilitate the homeless			?relid=126057		Abhiyan', (National Campaign	Caste
		and destitute persons and					for Dignity and Elimination of	Census data
		provide them with suitable			http://www.thehin		Manual Scavenging) has	released on
		sources of livelihood			dubusinessline.co		proven to be a very innovative	July 3
		(b) release the sex workers			m/news/variety/fig		and effective program to	reveals that
		from their practice and			hting-for-		eliminate manual scavenging	1, 80, 657
		provide them with			dignity/article7342		practice. Campaign has	households
		alternative sources of			<u>754.ece</u>		liberated 11,000 women	are engaged
		livelihood			<u>/////////////////////////////////////</u>		manual scavengers in various	in practice
		(c) eradicate the practice of					parts of India and urged them	of manual
		manual scavenging and					to give up this caste-based,	scavenging.
		rehabilitate the manual					unconstitutional practice. In	
		scavengers					its efforts campaign attain to	
		(d) release the bonded					social, economic, political and	
		labourers from their					cultural rehabilitation of	
		bondage and rehabilitate					Manual Scavenger.	
		them					5	
42	Medieval	With reference to the	C D	F	NCERT Themes in	EM	The twelfth century witnessed	to check in -
	History	cultural history of medieval			Indian history part		the emergence of a new	depth
		India, consider the following			-2(page no147)		movement in Karnataka, led	knowledge
		statements:					by a Brahmana named	of history
		1. Siddhas (Sittars) of Tamil			NCERT our past 2-		Basavanna (1106-68) who was	
		region were monotheistic			Bhakti movements		initially a Jaina and a minister	
		and condemned idolatry.					in the court of a Chalukya	
		2. Lingayats of Kannada					king. His followers were	
		region questioned the theory					known as Virashaivas (heroes	
		of rebirth and rejected the					of Shiva) or Lingayats	
		caste hierarchy.					(wearers of the linga).The	
		Which of the statements					Lingayats challenged the idea	
		given above is/are correct?					of caste and the "pollution"	
		(a) 1 only					attributed to certain groups	
		(b) 2 only					by Brahmanas. They also	
		(c) Both 1 and 2					questioned the theory of	
		(d) Neither 1 nor 2					rebirth. These won them	
							followers amongst those who	
							were marginalised within the	
							Brahmanical social order.	
							Siddhas (Sittars) Saiva school	
1							in Tamil Nadu which held the	

								monotheistic puritan creed and roundly condemned idolatry, there history are not known they seem to be known as most active during 16th and 17th century.		
43	Economy	 Which of the following best describes the term 'import cover', sometimes seen in the news? (a) It is the ratio of value of imports to the Gross Domestic Product of a country (b) It is the total value of imports of a country in a year (c) It is the ratio between the value of exports and that of imports between two countries (d) It is the number of months of imports that could be paid for by a country's international reserves 	D	М	FA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/E conomy/import- cover-increases-to- 98-months-says- rbi/article8093212. ece	EN	Import cover is an important indicator of the stability of the currency. It measures the number of months of money available in the national bank to cover the cost of imports or the stock of foreign exchange reserves in terms of months of retained imports of goods as at end of year. During the currency crisis of 2013, when foreign exchange reserves fell to around \$275 billion, import cover dipped to around seven months.	Recently government official data shows that India imports cover increae to 10.9 months which signifies that Indian foreign currency reserves had increased in recent past.	
44	Current Affairs	Consider the following pairs: Community sometimes mentioned in the news In the affairs of 1. Kurd : Bangladesh 2. Madhesi : Nepal 3. Rohingya : Myanmar Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 only	C	М	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/inter national/india- courts-radical- madhesis-from- nepal/article81639 11.ece http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/o p-ed/turkeys-war- on-the- kurds/article80653 03.ece	EN	The Madhesi also referred to as Teraibasi Nepali are an indigenous ethnic group of Nepalese people who are natives of the Madhesh plains of Southern Nepal in Terai belt of South Asia. Between 25 and 35 million Kurds inhabit a mountainous region straddling the borders of Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Iran and Armenia. They make up the fourth-largest ethnic group in the Middle East, but they have never obtained a permanent nation state.	All the three community are in news for recent past, Like kurds in Iraq and Syria are in news for their massacre by ISIS terrorists. Madhesi peoples are in news	

					du.com, onal/rej spotligh status-o rohingy 19725.e	o <u>f</u> as/article82 oce		The Rohingya are an ethnic Muslim minority in the majority Buddhist Myanmar. Many of their enemies refuse to acknowledge that the Rohingya are an ethnically distinct group. They claim instead that the Rohingya are Bengali and that their presence in Myanmar is the result of illegal immigration (more on that later). The Rohingya, for their part, claim to be pre-colonial residents of Myanmar's Rakhine state, the Middle East Institute explains, with the earliest known appearance of the term Rohingya in 1799	because of consitutiona l deadlock and conflict between them and Nepali government Rohingya muslims in myanmar are in news for their conflict with Myanmar majority buddhist population and thousands of ethnic Rohingya are fleeing persecution.	
45	Current Affairs	With reference to 'Organiation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)', consider the following statements: 1. It is an organization of European Union in working relation with NATO and WHO. 2. It monitors chemical industry to prevent new weapons from emerging. 3. It provides assistance and protection to States (Parties) against chemical weapons threats. Which of the statements	B	M FC	du.com, national cw-is-up nobels-	vww.thehin /news/inter I/world/op bholding- rticle52249	EN	OPCW is the Hague-based autonomous body, which works within the framework of the United Nations, was established in 1997 by the Chemical Weapons Convention to carry out its mandate. OBJECTIVES: OPCW Member States share the collective goal of preventing chemistry from ever again being used for warfare, thereby strengthening international security. To this end, the Convention contains four key	It was in news due to reports of Chemical weapons used by ISIS as well as Assad regime in Syria. It was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013 for its extensive efforts to eliminate	Tests - 1715 and 1767 With reference to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons consider the following statements: 1. OPCW is an intergovernmental organisation, headquatered in Hague, Netherlands. 2. It is the implementing body of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) 3. It was awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 2013. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only

		given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3					provisions: destroying all existing chemical weapons under international verification by the OPCW monitoring chemical industry to prevent new weapons from re-emerging; providing assistance and protection to States Parties against chemical threats; and fostering international cooperation to strengthen implementation of the Convention and promote the peaceful use of chemistry.	chemical weapons.	(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
46	Current Affairs	With referene to 'PradhanBMantri Fasal Bima Yojana', consider the following statements:I1. Under this scheme, farmers will have to pay a uniform premium of two percent for any crop they cultivate in any reason of the year.I2. This scheme covers post- harvest losses arising out of cyclones and unseasonal rains.IWhich of the statements given above is/are correct?I(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2I	M	CA	http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=134432 http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/govt- approves-new- crop-insurance- plan-for- farmers/article810 2137.ece	EN	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is the new crop damage insurance scheme that has been approved by the Union Cabinet in January 2016. It will replace the existing two crop insurance schemes National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and Modified NAIS. The new scheme will come into force from the Kharif season starting in June this year. One of the highlights included there will be a uniform premium of only 2% to be paid by farmers for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops. In case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, the premium to be paid by farmers will be only 5%. Also POST-HARVEST LOSSES includes (individual farm basis): Coverage is available	Recently it was launched by central government to enhance insurance coverage to more crop area to protect farmers from vagaries of monsoon and this schemes is radically departure from earlier crop in surance schemes.	Asked in All India Test series Tests - 1723,1771,1894,2069 With reference to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, consider the following statements: 1. It covers localized calamities including hailstorms, unseasonal rains, landslides and inundation. 2. It does not cover nuclear risks and fields destroyed by domestic or wild animals. 3. It proposes mandatory use of remote sensing, smart phones and drones for quick estimation of crop loss. 4. Post-harvest losses coverage is included under this scheme. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

							upto a maximum period of 14 days from harvesting for those crops which are kept in "cut & spread" condition to dry in the field after harvesting, against specific perils of cyclone / cyclonic rains, unseasonal rains throughout the country. Hence only statement 2 is correct.
47	Environment	In which of the following D regions of India are you most likely to come across the 'Great Indian Hornbill' in its natural habitat? (a) Sand deserts of northwet India (b) Higher Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir (c) Salt marshes of western Gujarat (d) Western Ghats	M	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/citie s/Coimbatore/gro wing-threat-to- great-indian- hornbills/article71 37163.ece	EN	The great hornbill, a magnificent bird reaching a length of three-and-a-half feet, is distinguished by a big yellow beak with a casque and striking tail feathers the magnificent birds which were a common sight in the Western Ghats are rarely seen, due to deforestation. habitat loss threatens its future, and hunting has depleted populations. It is protected at the highest level under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, but that can do little to save the habitat.
48	Current Affairs	Which of the following are the key features of 'National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA)?A1. River basin is the unit of planning and management. 2. It spearheads the river conservation efforts at the national level. 3. One of the Chief Ministers of the States through which the Ganga flows becoms theA	M	FCA	http://nmcg.nic.in/ ngrbaread.aspx http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=137894	EN	The Central Government setNationalup the 'National Ganga RiverMission forBasin Authority' (NGRBA) inClean Ganga2009 and mandated it to take(NMCG) isup regulatory andthedevelopmental functions withimplementasustainability needs fortion wing ofeffective abatement ofNationalpollution and conservation ofGanga Riverthe river Ganga by adopting aBasinriver basin approach forAuthoritycomprehensive planning and(NGRBA).

Chairman of NGRBA on	management.
rotation basis.	The Ministry of Water
Select the correct answer	Resources, River Development
using the code given below.	and Ganga Rejuvenation
(a) 1 and 2 only	(MoWR, RD & GR) is the nodal
(b) 2 and 3 only	Ministry for the NGRBA. The
(c) 1 and 3 only	authority is chaired by the
(d) 1, 2 and 3	Prime Minister and has as its
	members the Union Ministers
	concerned, the Chief
	Ministers of the States
	through which Ganga flows,
	viz., Uttarakhand, Uttar
	Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and
	West Bengal, among others.
	This initiative is expected to
	rejuvenate the collective
	efforts of the Centre and the
	States for cleaning the river.
	NGRBA functions include
	development of a Ganga River
	Basin Management Plan,
	regulation of activities aimed
	at prevention, control and
	abatement of pollution, to
	maintain water quality and to
	take measures relevant to the
	river ecology in the Ganga
	basin states. It is mandated to
	ensure the maintenance of
	minimum ecological flows in
	the river Ganga and abate
	pollution through planning,
	financing and execution of
	programmes including that of
	1) Augmentation of Sewerage
	Infrastructure
	2) Catchment Area Treatment
	3) Protection of Flood Plains
	4) Creating Public Awareness

Affairs	of India promote the use of 'Neem-coated Urea' in agriculture? (a) Release of Neem oil in the soil increases nitrogen fixation by the soil microorganisms (b) Neem coating slows down the rate of dissolution of urea in the soil (c) Nitrous oxide, which is a greenhouse gas, is not at all released into atmosphere by crop fields (d) It is a combination of a weedicide and a fertilizer for particular crops				(2015-16)		of nitrogen, which is necessary for the development of plants. But only 30-40 per cent of nitrogen present in the urea is utilised by crops. The rest gets degraded. When ordinary urea is applied, it gets converted to ammonium carbamate. Some of this gets converted to ammonia gas in what is called ammonia volatilisation. About 8-10 per cent nitrogen is lost during volatilization. The rest of the ammonium carbamate undergoes chemical transformation and nitrates are formed. Some of these are absorbed by the plants. The rest are either leached into the underground water or are denitrified to gaseous nitrogen and nitrous oxide under anaerobic conditions (absence of oxygen). Neem has properties that check nitrogen loss at each stage. It slows down the process of nitrate formation and hence excess nitrate is not available for denitrification. When farmers use this urea, the slow release of nitrogen	promoted neem coted urea to prevent the problem of uncontrolled use of chemical fertilizer and it was emphasise in Economic survey.	Which of the following best explains the advantage of neem- coated urea over normal urea? (a) Neem checks the loss of nitrogen by slowing nitrate formation. (b) Neem coated urea enhances the rate of absorption of nitrogen. (c) Neem coated urea increases soil's capacity to retain nitrogen. (d) Presence of neem increases the life span of plants.
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50	Polity and Governance	Consider the following statements: 1. The Chief Secretary in a State is appointed by the Governor of that State. 2. The Chief Secretary in a State has a fixed tenure. 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	D	D	FA	Indian Public Administration(thir d edition) Ramesh k Arora and Rajni Goyal Chapter 18(The Chief Secretary and State Secretariat) Page no335-336 Supreme Court of India E. P. Royappa vs State Of Tamil Nadu & Anr on 23 Nevember 1972	RR	check diversion of urea for industrial use. Neem coated urea also works as insecticide. The incumbent to the post of Chief Secretary is chosen by and appointed by the Chief Minister and the Ministers of the State. The trend is that the Chief Minister consults the Union Government regarding the appointment of the Chief Secretary but, this consultation is not obligatory. There is no fixed tenure for the post of Chief Secretary. Administrative reform commission in 1969 had recommended that a Chief secretary should have a	To check the deep understandi ngs of the concept of Polity.	
51	Current Affairs	 With reference to 'Stand Up India Scheme', which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. Its purpose is to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women entrepreneurs. 2. It provides for refinance through SIDBI. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 	С	M	CA	November, 1973 <u>http://www.thehin</u> <u>du.com/news/nati</u> <u>onal/modi-to-</u> <u>launch-stand-up-</u> <u>india-scheme-</u> <u>tomorrow/article8</u> <u>430358.ece</u> <u>http://pib.nic.in/ne</u> <u>wsite/PrintRelease.</u> <u>aspx?relid=138523</u>	EN	minimum tenure of three to four years. "Stand Up India Scheme" was initiated to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes and Women. The scheme will provide financial aid through the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with an initial amount of Rs 10,000 crore. The system will personally guide each entrepreneur through the pre-loan and operational phases. The scheme will also familiarise the entrepreneurs with factoring services, e- market places and registration with online platforms and other aspects of web entrepreneurship.	Constantly in news	Tests- 1724,1775,1891,2063 "Stand up India Scheme" was launched under the broader theme of "Start Up India, Stand Up India" to promote entrepreneurship among: 1. Scheduled Castes 2. Scheduled Tribes 3. Differently-abled 4. Women 5. Minorities Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 3 and 5 only (c) 2, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

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52	Environment	The FAO accords the status	В	Μ	FCA	http://www.thehin	EN	Statement 1 is incorrect.		Test- 2139(Open Test 5)
		of 'Globally Important				du.com/sci-		GIAHS aims to protect		This region is a delta region of
		Agricultural Heritage System				tech/ecofriendly-		traditional agricultural		about 900 sq. km situated in the
		(GIAHS)' to traditional				technologies-fetch-		systems. It will not provide		west coast of Kerala State, India.
		agricultural systems. What is				better-results-in-		any modern technology and		The farming System practiced here
		the overall goal of this				rice-		training.		is unique as it is the only system in
		initiative?				production/article		Statement 2 is correct. GIAHS		India that practices rice cultivation
		1. To provide modern				7154833.ece		aims to identify and safeguard		below sea level. It is one of the
		technology, training in						eco-friendly traditional farm		Globally Important Agricultural
		modern farming methods				http://www.fao.or		practices and their associated		Heritage Systems (GIAHS) sites in
		and financial support to local				g/giahs/giahs/giahs		landscapes, agricultural		India." The above passage
		communities of identified				-about/en/		biodiversity and knowledge		describes which of the following
		GIAHS so as to greatly						systems of the local		places?
		enhance their agricultural						communities.		(a) Koratpur
		productivity.						Statement 3 is also incorrect.		(b) Pampore
		2. To identify and safeguard						There is no such provision.		(c) Kuttanad
		eco-friendly traditional farm								(d) Munnar
		practices and their								
		associated landscapes,								
		agricultural biodiversity and								
		knowledge systems of the								
		local communities								
		3. The provide Geographical								
		Indication status to all the								
		varieties of agricultural								
		produce in such identifies								
		GIAHS								
		Select the correct answer								
		using the code given below.								
		(a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only								
		(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3								
53	Geography	Which of the following is/are	D	Μ	F	NCERT 11, India	EM	All the given rivers Dibang,	Concept of	
		tributary/ tributaries of				physical		Kameng and Lohit are the	Geography	
		Brahmaputra?				environment, page		tributaries of Brahmaputra.		
		1. Dibang				26				
		2. Kameng								
		3. Lohit								
		Select the correct answer								
		using the code given below.								
		(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only								
		(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3								

54	Economy	The term 'Core Banking	Α	Μ	FCA	http://www.thehin	EN	Only statement 1 is correct.	India post's	
		Solution' is sometimes seen				du.com/news/nati		Core banking solution enables	IT	
		in the news. Which of the				onal/tamil-		customers to operate their	modernisati	
		following statements best				nadu/post-offices-		accounts, and avail banking	on project	
		describes/describe this				in-south-migrating-		services from any branch of	0.1. p. 0 je o c	
		term?				to-core-banking-		the bank on CBS network,		
		1. It is a networking of a				solutions/article82		regardless of where they oepn		
		bank's branches which				21039.ece		and maintain their account.		
		enables customers to				<u></u>				
		operate their accounts from								
		any branch of the bank on its								
		network regardless of where								
		they open their accounts.								
		2. It is an effort to increase								
		RBI's control over								
		commercial banks through								
		computerization.								
		3. It is a detailed procedure								
		by which a bank with huge								
		non-performing assets is								
		taken over by another bank.								
		Select the correct answer								
		using the code given below.								
		(a) 1 only								
		(b) 2 and 3 only								
		(c) 1 and 3 only								
		(d) 1, 2 and 3								
55	Environment	Consider the following pairs:	С	E	F	Economic survey	EM	The Clean Development	Climate	Test – 1784
		Terms sometimes seen in				, (2015-16) Vol 2 pg.		Mechanism (CDM), created	change	Consider the following statements
		the news Their origin				187		multilaterally under the	negotiations	regarding the Clean Development
		1. Annex-I Countries :				http://unfccc.int/k		UNFCCC is one of the		Mechanism (CDM):
		Cartagena Protocol				voto protocol/mec		mitigation instruments under		1. It is one of mitigation centric
		2. Certified Emissions				hanisms/clean dev		the Kyoto Protocol.		instruments created under the
		Reductions : Nagoya Protocol				elopment mechani		The Clean Development		UNFCCC.
		3. Clean Development				sm/items/2718.ph		Mechanism (CDM), defined in		2. Certified emission reduction
		Mechanisms : Kyoto Protocol				<u>p</u>		Article 12 of the Protocol,		(CER) credits earned under it can
		Which of the pairs given						allows a country with an		be counted towards meeting Kyoto
		above is/are correctly						emission-reduction or		targets.
		matched?						emission-limitation		Which of the statements given
		(a) 1 and 2 only						commitment under the Kyoto		above is/are correct?
		(b) 2 and 3 only						Protocol (Annex B Party) to		(a) 1 only

		(c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3						implement an emission- reduction project in developing countries. Such projects can earn saleable certified emission reduction (CER) credits, each equivalent to one tonne of CO2, which can be counted towards meeting Kyoto targets. Annex-I countries are parties to Kyoto protocol.		 (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Test – 1726, 1777, 2069 With reference to Nagoya Protocol, consider the following statements: 1. It saves source countries from all forms of foreign bioprospecting. 2. It is a legally binding treaty. 3. It covers traditional knowledge (TK) associated with genetic resources. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only
56	Science and Technology	In the context of the developments in Bioinformatics, the term 'transcriptome', sometimes seen in the news, refers to (a) a range of enzymes used in genome editing (b) the full range of mRNA molecules expressed by an organism (c) the description of the mechanism of gene expression (d) a mechanism of genetic mutations taking place in cells	В	D	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/karnataka/ge nome-of-the-asian- elephant- sequenced-for-the- first-time-in- india/article80060 26.ece	EN	Bioinformatics refers to the application of computer technology to the management of biological information. Transcriptome refers to the full range of messenger RNA (mRNA) molecules expressed from the genes of an organism.	Recent developmen ts in technology	
57	Current Affairs	'Mission Indradhanush' launched by the Government of India pertains to (a) immunization of children	A	E	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/kerala/missio n-	EN	Mission Indradhanush: It was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 25th Dec 2014. The objective	was constantly in news	Covered in PT365 material - Social schemes Tests - 1724,1775, 1891, 2065 Which of the following diseases

		and pregnant women (b) construction of smart cities across the country (c) India's own search for the Earth-like planets in outer space (d) New Educational Policy				indradhanush/artic le7732816.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=138342		is to ensure that all children under the age of two years as well as pregnant women are fully immunized with seven vaccine preventable diseases. By 2020, provide vaccination to all children who are either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated against: Diptheria, Pertussis (Whooping cough) Tetanus, Tuberculosis, Polio, Measles and Hepatitis B The aim is to reach atleast 90% vaccination. At present the immunisation is around 65%.		are parts of 'Mission Indradhanush'? 1. Diptheria 2. Pertussis 3. Polio 4. Tuberculosis 5. Chicken Pox 6. Dengue Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 4, 5 and 6 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
58	Environment	Which of the following best describes/ describe the aim of 'Green India Mission' of the Government of India? 1. Incorporating environmental benefits and costs into the Union and State Budgets thereby implementing the 'green accounting' 2. Launching the second green revolution to enhance agricultural output so as to ensure food security to one and all in the future 3. Restoring and enhancing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures	С	М	FCA	http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=128649 http://www.envfor .nic.in/major- initiatives/national -mission-green- india-gim	EN	The National Mission for Green India (GIM) is one of the eight Missions outlined under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). It aims at protecting; restoring and enhancing India's diminishing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures. It envisages a holistic view of greening and focuses on multiple ecosystem services, especially, biodiversity, water, biomass, preserving mangroves, wetlands, critical habitats etc. along with carbon sequestration as a co-	was constantly in news	Covered in PT365 material – Environment Tests - 1725, 1776 With reference to the National Mission for Green India (GIM), consider the following statements: 1. It is a mission under the National Action Plan on Climatic Change (NAPCC). 2. It will be implemented on both public and private lands. 3. It has been merged with MGNREGA to improve the country's forest cover. 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

		Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3						benefit. Statements 1 and 2 are not the aims of Green India Mission.		ANSWER – D Which of the following statements related to the Green India Mission (GIM) is/are correct? 1. It is a part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change. 2. The approval for alternate energy devices using LPG are given under GIM. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 ANSWER - C
59	Science and Technology	With reference to pre- packaged items in India, it is mandatory to the manufacturer to put which of the following information on the main label, as per the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011? 1. List of ingredients including additives 2. Nutrition information 3. Recommendation, if any, made by the medical profession about the possibility of any allergic reactions 4. Vegetarian/non- vegetarian Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 1 and 4 only	C	М	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/o p-ed/labelling-to- take-the-pinch- out-of- salt/article8801650 .ece http://www.fssai.g ov.in/Portals/0/Pdf /covering%20letter %20for%20draft%2 Oregulation.pdf	EN	Every pre-packaged items in India the following information on the label: 1. Name of the food 2. list of ingredients 3. declaration of food additives 4. Net quantity or net weight 5. Batch identification 6. Name and address of the manufacturer 7. Date Marking 8. Veg/ Non veg declaration	was in news in relation to Maggi issue and cancer causing chemicals in bread	

60	Current	'Project Loon', sometimes seen in the news, is related to (a) waste management technology (b) wireless communication technology (c) solar power production technology (d) water conservation technology	B	E	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/o p-ed/its-a-bird-its- a-plane-its-the- loon/article800865 2.ece	EN	Project Loon is a research and development project being developed by Google X with the mission of providing Internet access to rural and remote areas. The project uses high-altitude balloons placed in the stratosphere at an altitude of about 18 km (11 mi) to create an aerial wireless network with up to 4G-LTE speeds. By partnering with Telecommunications companies to share cellular spectrum Google is trying to enable people to connect to the balloon network directly from their phones and other LTE-enabled devices. Microsoft is planning to use unused TV spectrum to provide internet access in remote areas.	was constantly in news	Covered in PT365 material - Science and Technology Tests - 1763, 1785 With reference to 'Project Loon' consider the following statements: 1. It proposes to provide internet connectivity to remote areas using balloons floating in troposphere. 2. It aims to tap unused TV spectrum to provide internet access. 3. The project is being implemented by Google Inc. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 3 only ANSWER – D Which of the following projects is/are related to providing last mile internet connectivity? 1. Project Loon 2. Aquila 3. White Fi Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 ANSWER – D
01	Affairs	seen in the news in the context of promoting the (a) production and use of solar energy by the households/consumers (b) use of piped natural gas in the kitchens of houeholds	A	IVI	CA	http://www.thenin du.com/business/l ndustry/metering- policy-hindering- rooftop-solar- sector-cleanmaxs- jain- says/article854209	EIN	the surplus solar power where meters measure the solar power exported to the grid; the consumer is given credit for the exported power, lightening the bill.	India's Green initiatives/e nvironment friendly strategies	

		(c) installation of CNG kits in motor-cars(d) installation of water meters in urban households			<u>6.ece</u>				
62	Economy	India's ranking in the 'Ease of Doing Business Index' is sometimes seen in the news. Which of the following has declared that ranking? (a) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (b) World Economic Forum (c) World Bank (d) World Trade Organization (WTO)	C E	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/india-moves- up-in-world-bank- doing-business- 2016- ranking/article781 1248.ece	EN	World bank's Ease of doing business report, India's position has improved from 142 to 130. This is on account of ease of starting a business, dealing with construction permit and getting electricity permits. Now, companies can get connected to the grid and get on with their business, 14 days sooner than before. The number of days it takes to start a new business has gone up marginally from last year, from 28.4 to 29 Credit is one area where India performs poorly and needs to improve. Access to credit and ease of paying taxes has worsened, according to the World Bank's Doing Business Report 2016.	was constantly in news	Tests - 1779, 2069 India has improved performance in 'Ease of doing business' index owing to improvement in which of the following indicators? 1. Starting a business 2. Getting credit 3. Dealing with construction permit 4. Getting electricity Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 3 and 4 (b) 1, 2 and 4 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
63	Medieval History	Banjaras during the medieval period of Indian history were generally (a) agriculturists (b) warriors (c) weavers (d) traders	D M	F	NCERT Class VII- Ch -6 and 7th: TOWNS, TRADERS AND CRAFTSPERSONS	EM	There were many kinds of traders in medieval period these included the Banjaras .They were the most important trader nomads. Their caravan was called tanda. Sultan Alauddin Khalji used the Banjaras to transport grain to the city markets. Emperor Jahangir wrote in his memoirs that the Banjaras carried grain on their bullocks from different areas and sold it in towns.	to check basic /fundament al knowledge	

64	Ancient History	 Who of the following had first deciphered the edicts of Emperor Ashoka? (a) Georg Buhler (b) James Prinsep (c) Max Muller (d) William Jones 	B	М	F	NCERT 12 - Themes in Indian history, page 28	EM	It was James Prinsep in 1837 who succeeded in deciphering an ancient inscription on a large stone pillar in Delhi which was the edict of Emperor Ashoka.	to check basic fundamenta I knowledge	
65	Polity and Governance	 With reference to the 'Gram Nyayalaya Act', which of the following statements is/are corect? 1. As per the Act, Gram Nyayalayas can hear only civil cases and not criminal cases. 2. The Act allows local social activists as mediators/reconciliators. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 	B	M	F	India year book, chapter 20, Law and Justice <u>http://www.downt</u> <u>oearth.org.in/cove</u> <u>rage/where-are-</u> <u>rural-courts-44754</u>	EM	Gram Nyayalayas are mobile village courts in India established under Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008 for speedy and easy access to justice system in the rural areas. 1st statement is not correct. Gram Nyayalaya exercises the powers of both Criminal and Civil Courts. The Gram Nyayalaya are supposed to try to settle the disputes as far as possible by bringing about conciliation between the parties and for this purpose, it can make use of the conciliators such social activists/mediators.	Gram nyayalayas were setup at many locations recently.	Covered in tests 1714, 1765, 1789 With reference to Gram Nyayalayas, consider the following statements: 1. It has jurisdiction over both civil and criminal cases. 2. The appeals against its decisions lie directly in High Courts. 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
66	Current Affairs	 With reference to the 'Trans-Pacific Partnership', consider the following statements: 1. It is an agreement among all the Pacific Rim countries except China and Russia. 2. It is a strategic alliance for the purpose of maritime security only. 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 	D	Ε	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/1 2-nations-sign- transpacific- partnership-trade- deal/article819199 2.ece	EN	The Trans-Pacific Partnership was signed by only 12 member nations of Pacific rim, not all the Pacific Rim countries except China and Russia. The members are: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam. It is not a strategic alliance. It is a trade alliance.	Constantly in news	Covered in PT365 material - International Relations Asked Twice in All India Test series Test- 1779, 2082, 1720 The 12 Pacific Rim nations have signed the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) Agreement which is considered to be a game changer for the global economy. Which of the following could be the reasons for India having stayed out of the agreement? 1. Trade diversion 2. Loss of competitiveness of Indian exports

67	Current Affairs	Consider the following statements: The India-Africa Summit 1. held in 2015 was the third such Summit 2. was actually initiated by Jawaharlal Nehru in 1951 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	A M	СА	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/e ditorial/indiaafrica- forum-summit- reaching-out-to- africa/article78238 07.ece	EN	The 3rd India-Africa summit was held in New Delhi in October 2015. The previous two gatherings were held in 2008 in New Delhi and in 2011 in Addis Ababa.	was constantly in news	 3. Investment diversion Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Test - 1724,1772,1891,1894,2070 Which of the following countries is/are part of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement? 1. Mexico 2. Australia 3. Vietnam 4. Japan 5. China 6. Indonesia Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (b) 2, 3 and 6 only (c) 1, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Covered in PT365 material - International Relations.
68	Economy	What is/are the purpose/purposes of the 'Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR)' announced by RBI? 1. These guidelines help improve the transparency in	C M	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/E conomy/rbi-links- lending-rates-to- loan- tenor/article80010 20.ece	EN	To ensure better transmission and transparency of rates, the RBI introduced the MCLR framework, under which banks have to calculate their cost of funds based on the latest rates offered on	was constantly in news	Covered in PT365 material – Economics Covered in tests twice Test - 2057, 2139 Consider the following statements regarding Marginal Cost of funds based Lending rate (MCLR): 1. It refers to the minimum

		the methodology followed by banks for determining the interest rates on advances. 2. These guidelines help ensure availability of bank credit at interest rates which are fair to the borrowers as well as the banks. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2				https://rbi.org.in/S CRIPTs/BS_PressRe leaseDisplay.aspx? prid=35749		deposits or borrowings. This was to ensure that changes in deposit rates were immediately reflected on banks' cost of funds. Apart from helping improve the transmission of policy rates into the lending rates of banks, these measures are expected to improve transparency in the methodology followed by banks for determining interest rates on advances. The guidelines are also expected to ensure availability of bank credit at interest rates which are fair to the borrowers as well as the banks. Further, marginal cost pricing of loans will help the banks become more competitive and enhance their long run value and contribution to economic growth.		interest rate for loans that is determined by a bank. 2. It is not sensitive to changes in the policy rates thereby improving monetary transmission. 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 Open test 4 – 2057 Consider the following differences between Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR) and Base Rate: 1. Unlike base rate calculation, Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) cost is considered in the calculation of MLCR. 2. Unlike base rate calculation, Repo rate is mandatory in the calculation of MCLR. 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
69	Environment	 What is/are unique about 'Kharai camel', a breed found in India? 1. It is capable of swimming up to three kilometres in seawater. 2. It survives by grazing on mangroves. 3. It lives in the wild and cannot be domesticated. Select the correct answer using the code given below. 	A	D	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/o p-ed/the-sinking- ship-of-the- desert/article7671 220.ece http://www.downt oearth.org.in/cove rage/the-sinking- ship-40705	EN	The Kharai camel grazes on mangroves and is tolerant to saline water. It is found only in Gujarat's coastal areas. It is capable of swimming up to three kilometers into the sea in search of mangroves. 3rd statement is incorrect. It can be domesticed. Given the breed's ability to survive both on land and sea, the Kharai camel is one of the most	was in news	Covered in tests of 1717, 1768, 2066 A dry land and coastal ecosystem is the natural habitat of an Indian animal species. The animal has no predators in that area but its existence is threatened due to the destruction of its habitat. Which one of the following could be that animal? (a) Saltwater crocodile (b) Dugong

		 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 						preferred choices of graziers in the arid coastal region of Kachchh. People consume its milk, while male calves are sold for economic returns.		(c) Kharai camel (d) Wild water buffalo
70	Current Affairs	Recently, our scientists have discovered a new and distinct species of banana plant which attains a height of about 11 metres and has orange-coloured fruit pulp. In which part of India has it been discovered? (a) Andaman Islands (b) Anaimalai Forests (c) Maikala Hills (d) Tropical rain forests of northeast	A	Μ	СА	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/other- states/andamans- yield-a-sweet- banana-with- orange- pulp/article775031 6.ece	EN	Scientists at the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) discovered the new species of banana from a remote tropical rain forest on the Little Andaman islands. The new species has orange- coloured fruit pulp and is about 11 metres high, whereas as the usual banana species is about three to four metres high.	was in news	
71	Current Affairs	 Which one of the following is the best description of 'INS Astradharini', that was in the news recently? (a) Amphibious warfare ship (b) Nuclear-powered submarine (c) Torpedo launch and recovery vessel (d) Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier 	C	Μ	СА	http://www.thehin du.com/todays- paper/tp- national/ins- astradharini- commissioned/arti cle7731983.ece	EN	INS Astradharini is India's first totally indigenously designed (95%) and built torpedo launch and recovery vessel (TLRV).	was in news	Covered in PT365 material - Science and Technology
72	Current Affairs	What is 'Greased Lightning- 10 (GL-10)', recently in the news?(a) Electric plane tested by NASA(b) Solar-powered two- seater aircraft designed by Japan (c) Space observatory launched by China (d) Reusable rocket designed by ISRO	A	D	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/sci- tech/science/nasas -10engine-electric- plane-completes- flight- test/article717046 8.ece	EN	The Greased Lightning or GL- 10 is the electric plane with 10 engines tested by NASA that can take off and land like a helicopter and fly efficiently like an aircraft.	recent developmen ts in science and technology	

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73	Current Affairs	 With reference to 'Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intestive Millets Promotion', which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. This initiative aims to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies, and to demonstrate value addition techniques, in an integrated manner, with cluster approach. 2. Poor, small, marginal and tribal farmers have larger stake in this scheme. 3. An important objective of the scheme isto encourage farmers of commercial crops to shift to millet cultivation by offering them free kits of critical inputs of nutrients and microirrigation equipment. Select the the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 	C	D	CA	http://agricoop.nic .in/Admin_Agricoo p/Uploaded_File/I NSIMP.pdf	RR	The statement 1 is correct. The Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion aims to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies in an integrated manner with cluster approach. Statement 2 is also correct. Millets are mainly grown in regions of low annual rainfall and poor arid soil. It is poor, small, marginal and tribal farmers, who cannot afford costly irrigation practices, depend on cultivation of millets. Hence these farmers benefit from the scheme and have a larger stake in this scheme. Statement 3 is not correct. There is no such provision of encouraging farmers of commercial crops to shift to millet cultivation.	initiatives of the government to promote food security	
74	Modern History	The 'Swadeshi' and 'Boycott' were adopted as methods of struggle for the first time during the (a) agitation against the Partition of Bengal (b) Home Rule Movement (c) Non-Cooperation Movement (d) visit of the Simon	A	E	F	NCERT 12 - Modern India by Bipin Chandra, page 195	EM	The Swadeshi and Boycott were adopted as methods of struggle for the first time during the agitation against the Partition of Bengal in Swadeshi movement.	to check fundamenta l/basic knowledge	Asked in Test – 1786 Which of the following factors was/were responsible for the decline of the Swadeshi movement? 1. Repression by the government 2. Split in the Congress 3. Lack of effective organization 4. Inability of mass movement to be sustained for long periods.

		Commission to India							Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
75	Culture	With reference to the religious history of India, consider the following statements:1. The concept of Bodhisattva is central to Hinayana sect of Buddhism.2. Bodhisattva is a compassionate one on his way to enlightenment.3. Bodhisattva delays achieving his own salvation to help all sentinent beings on their path to it. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	B D	F	Themes in Indian History - I (NCERT Class XII) <u>https://www.brita</u> <u>nnica.com/topic/b</u> <u>odhisattva</u>	EM	Bodhisattva in Buddhism is one who seeks awakening or enlightment. This concept is central to Mahayana sect of Buddhism. In Mahayana Buddhism, bodhisattva refers to a human being committed to the attainment of enlightenment for the sake of others. A Bodhisattva may delay achieving his own salvation to help all sentinent beings on their path to it.	to check basic/funda mental knowledge in Indian philosophy/ culture	 Asked in Open Test - 3 Test -1893 With reference to sects of Buddhism, consider the following statements: The idea of transference of merit is integral to the teachings of Hinayana. Achievement of status of 'Arhant' was integral to Mahayana. Vajrayana sect represents permeation of magic and mysticism in Buddhism. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? 1 and 2 only 2 and 3 only 1, 2 and 3
76	Current Affairs	'Doctors Without Borders (Medecins Sans Frontieres)', often in the news, is (a) a division of World Health Organization (b) a non-governmental international organization (c) an inter-governmental agency sponsored by European Union (d) a specialized agency of the United Nations	B E	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/sci- tech/health/mdeci ns-sans-frontires- on-indias-role-in- the-rcep- meet/article87286 09.ece	EN	Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) or Doctors without Borders, an international NGO has warned India that it will no more remain 'the pharmacy of the developing world' if the proposed proposals in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement are adopted.	was in news in relation to RCEP proposals; also in news when an US military air strike hit a hospital run by Doctors Without Borders in Afghanistan to oust Talibani insurgents	PT-365 material (May-June)

77	Environment	With reference to an initiative called 'The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)', which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. It is an initiative hosted by UNEP, IMF and World Economic Forum. 2. It is a global initiative that focuses on drawing attention to the economic benefits of biodiversity. 3. It presents an approach that can help decision- makers recognize, demonstrate and capture the value of ecosystems and biodiversity. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	CI) CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/books/liter ary-review/review- of-green-signals- ecology-growth- and-democracy-in- india/article74075 56.ece http://www.thehin dubusinessline.co m/opinion/how- green-is-my- balance- sheet/article84474 19.ece	EN	The initiative on 'The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity' (TEEB) is an important partner in implementing the CBD programme of work on incentive measures, and in particular its work on valuation. This major international initiative, funded by the European Commission, Germany, United Kingdom, Norway, the Netherlands and Sweden, and managed by the United Nations Environment Programme as part of its Green Economy Initiative (GEI), seeks to draw attention to the global economic benefits of biodiversity, to highlight the growing costs of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, and to draw together expertise from the fields of science, economics and policy to enable practical actions moving forward. Members of the TEEB Advisory Board include the Executive Director of UNEP, the Executive Secretary of the	initiative to implement CBD programme/ climate change	
							CBD and the Director General of IUCN, amongst others.		
78	Environment	With reference to 'Red Sanders', sometimes seen in the news, consider the following statements: 1. It is a tree species found in a part of South India. 2. It is one of the most	A I	Л FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/andhra- pradesh/red- sanders-govt- steps-up-vigil-in- seshachalam-	EN	Red Sanders, botanical name Pterocarpus santalinus, is a non-fragrant variety of sandalwood that mostly grows in rocky, hilly regions. Saplings reach 8 to 10 m in 3- 4 years, but growth slows	was in news in relation to smuggling of Red Sanders	Tests - 1725, 1776 With reference to Red Sanders or Red Sandalwood, a tree species often in news, consider the following statements: 1. It is an endangered species found in the Palakonda and

		important trees in the			hills/article866171		down after that. The trunks		Seshachalam hills of the Eastern
		tropical rain forest areas of			8.ece		are slender, and it takes at		Ghats.
		South India.					least 20-25 years for the		2. It is highly valued in the
		Which of the statements			http://indianexpre		, tree's beautiful, deep red		international market for its rich
		given above is/are correct?			ss.com/article/expl		wood to be of use.		fragrance.
		(a) 1 only			ained/explained-		It is found in the thorny		3. It is found extensively in the
		(b) 2 only			logs-of-blood/		scrub/dry deciduous forests of		tropical wet evergreen forests of
		(c) Both 1 and 2					the central Deccan, between		India.
		(d) Neither 1 nor 2					500 ft and 3000 ft. only in a		Which of the statements given
							small pocket roughly 5,200 sq		above is/are correct?
							km in the Palakonda and		(a) 1 only
							Seshachalam hills in the		(b) 1 and 2 only
							districts of Kadapa and		(c) 2 and 3 only
							Chittoor, in some contiguous		(d) 1, 2 and 3
							areas of Anantapur district, in		
							the Nallamalla forests in		
							Kurnool and Prakasam, and in		
							parts of Nellore district. Some		
							contiguous patches in Tamil		
							Nadu and Karnataka see some		
							wild growth.		
							Red Sanders is a protected		
							species under the Convention		
							on International Trade in		
							Endangered Species (CITES) of		
							Wild Fauna and Flora.		
79	Environment	Which of the following	D N	1 FA	http://www.thehin	EN	Reducing Emissions from	it was	
		statements is/are correct?			du.com/news/inter		Deforestation and Forest	discussed in	
		Proper design and effective			national/wonderin		Degradation (REDD) attempts	UNFCCC	
		implementation of UN-			g-whats-cop21-		to create financial value for	summit in	
		REDD+ Programme can			adp-heres-a-		the carbon stored in forests,	Paris(COP-	
		significantly contribute to			glossary-for-un-		offering incentives for	21)	
		1. protection of biodiversity			<u>climate-</u>		developing countries to		
		2. resilience of forest			talks/article792994		reduce emissions from		
		ecosystems			<u>8.ece</u>		forested lands and invest in		
		3. poverty reduction					low-carbon paths to		
		Select the correct answer			http://www.unep.		sustainable development.		
		using the code given below.			org/climatechange		REDD+ goes beyond		
		(a) 1 and 2 only			/reddplus/Introduc		deforestation and forest		
		(b) 3 only			tion/tabid/29525/		degradation, and includes the		
	1	(c) 2 and 3 only	1		Default.aspx		role of conservation,	1	

		(d) 1, 2 and 3			http://theredddesk .org/what-redd		sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. It is predicted that financial flows for greenhouse gas emission reductions from REDD+ could reach up to US\$30 billion a year. This significant north-south flow of funds could reward a meaningful reduction of carbon emissions and support new, pro-poor development , help conserve biodiversity and secure vital ecosystem services.	
80	Environment	What is 'Greenhouse GasAProtocol'?(a) It is an international accounting tool for government and businessaccounting tool for government and businessleaders to understand, quantify and manage greenhouse gas emissions.(b) It is an initiative of the United Nations to offer financial incentives to developing countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adopt eco- friendly technologies (c) It is an inter- governmental agreement ratified by all the member countries of the United Nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to specified levels by the year 2022 (d) It is one of the multilateral REDD+ initiatives hosted by the World Bank	D	CA	http://indianexpre ss.com/article/tech nology/tech-news- technology/apple- iphone-ipad-how- long-will-it-last/	EN	The Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol, developed by World Resources Institute (WRI) and World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD), sets the global standard for how to measure, manage, and report greenhouse gas emissions. Many companies and organizations around the world are using GHG Protocol standards and tools to manage their emissions and become more efficient, resilient, and prosperous organizations.	in news because of reduction in carbon emission

81	Economy	With reference to 'Financial Stability and Development Council', consider the following statements:C1. It is an organ of NITI Aayog2. It is headed by the Union Finance Minister3. It monitors macroprudential supervision of the economy. 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.	M	FCA	http://www.thehin dubusinessline.co m/economy/india- must-be-prepared- to-deal-with- brexit-global- uncertainty- fsdc/article881214 7.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=130256 http://indianexpre ss.com/article/busi ness/banking-and- finance/india-alert- to-global-financial- threats-fsdc-arun- jaitley-raghuram- rajan-2895484/ (July 2016)	EN	The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) under the chairmanship of union Finance Minister was set up by the government as the apex-level forum in December 2010.	FSCDC was constantly in news in relation to the meeting held in July 2016 with respect to rising bad loans with banks and imapct on India global financial threats.	Test 1779 With reference to the Financial Sector, consider the following statements: 1. Forwards Markets Commission (FMC) is the independent regulator for the commodities market. 2. Financial Stability and Development Council is chaired by the Union Finance Minister. 3. Financial Sector Appellate Tribunal (FSAT) is proposed to be set up as an appellate tribunal for all financial regulators. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
82	Environment	With reference to 'AgendaA21', sometimes seen in the news, consider the following statements:A1. It is a global action plan for sustainable development.A2. It originated in the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002.Bohannesburg in 2002.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	м	FA	http://www.ncert. nic.in/ncerts/l/jess 101.pdf http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/co lumns/the- unfinished-agenda- of-the-21st- century/article697 5352.ece http://www.un.org /geninfo/bp/enviro .html	EM	Agenda 21 is a non-binding, voluntarily implemented action plan of the United Nations with regard to sustainable development. It is a product of the Earth Summit (UN Conference on Environment and Development) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.	Agenda 21 was asked in context of news coming with respect to Sustainable Developmen t Goals.	Test 1782 Which of the following owe their origin to the Rio Earth Summit, 1992? 1. Agenda 21 2. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 3. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 4. Convention on Biological Diversity Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 3 and 4 only (b) 1 and 4 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

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83	Modern History	Satya Shodhak Samaj organized (a) a movement for upliftment of tribals in Bihar (b) a temple-entry movement in Gujarat (c) an anti-caste movement in Maharashtra (d) a peasant movement in Punjab	C E	F	Spectrum, Bipin Chandra, Old Ncert	EM	In Poona, Jyotirao Phooley, though a Mali by caste and of comparatively little education started the association called the Satyashodhak Samaj in 1873 for asserting the worth of man irrespective of caste. He demanded representation of all classes of the Hindus in all the local bodies, in services and institutions and also established a primary school for the so-called untouchables in Poona.	to check the basic/funda mental knowledge in modern indian history	
84	Science and Technology	Which of the following statements is/are correct? Viruses can infect 1. bacteria 2. fungi 3. plants Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	D M	F	NCERT XIIth BIOLOGY	EM	Viruses are too small to be seen by the naked eye. They can't multiply on their own, so they have to invade a 'host' cell and take over its machinery in order to be able to make more virus particles.Virus infects all of the given organisms (Bacteria, Fungi and Plant). Mycoviruses are viruses that infect fungi. The majority of mycoviruses have double- stranded RNA (dsRNA) genomes. Many different viruses can infect plants. Certain crops are well known to be affected by virus diseases including geraniums, roses, Easter lilies, dahlias, gladiolus, and tulips. The Virus that Infects Bacteria. Coliphage T4 is a virus that looks like an alien landing pod. With its six legs, the bacteriophage attaches to	Basic biological science question.	

								the surface of the much larger bacteria Escherichia coli (E. coli). Once attached, the bacteriophage injects DNA into the bacterium.		
85	Current Affairs	The term 'Base Erosion and Profit Shifting' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of (a) mining operation by multinational companies in resource-rich but backward areas (b) curbing of the tax evasion by multinational companies (c) exploitation of genetic resources of a country by multinational companies (d) lack of consideration of environmental costs in the planning and implementation of developmental projects.	В	E	CAA	http://www.thehin dubusinessline.co m/opinion/column s/all-you-wanted- to-know-about- beps/article775399 2.ece http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/le ad/black-money- the-hidden-wealth- of- nations/article813 0657.ece http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=138550	EN	The 2015 final reports of the Organisation for Economic Co- operation and Development (OECD)-led project on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) — which refer to the erosion of a nation's tax base due to the accounting tricks of Multinational Enterprises (MNEs) and the legal but abusive shifting out of profits to low-tax jurisdictions respectively — lays out 15 action points to curb abusive tax avoidance by MNEs. As a participant of this project, India is expected to implement at least some of these measures.	was constantly in news	PT 365 Full Length Test - 2102 Which of the following statements regarding Base Erosion Profit Sharing Project (BEPS) are correct? 1. It is an initiative spearheaded by FATF. 2. It aims to stop shifting of corporate profits to low tax countries from where the economic activity takes place. Choose the correct option using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
86	Current Affairs	Recently, India's first 'National Investment and Manufacturing Zone' was proposed to be set up in (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Gujarat (c) Maharashtra (d) Uttar Pradesh	A	M	CA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/andhra- pradesh/nimz- works-gain-pace- in-prakasam- district/article8030 363.ece http://www.newin dianexpress.com/s tates/telangana/Pr otest-against-land- acquisition- spreads/2016/06/0 7/article3470099.e Ce	EN	Andhra Pradesh is set to house India's first national investment and manufacturing zone after the state assured the Centre of availability of 10 sq km of land in one place in Prakasham district. The imminent final approval for the NIMZ, which is expected to give a fillip to Make in India campaign, comes four years after the concept was mooted to boost manufacturing in the country and two years after the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion gave an in- principle nod to Andhra Pradesh in this regard.	was in news in relation to protests by the local population demanding adequate compensati on for their land being taken up by the government to set up NIMZ	

87	Economy	What is/are the	В	Μ	FCA	http://www.thehin	EN	District Mineral Foundation	Setting up of	Tests - 1723, 1774
		purpose/purposes of 'District				dubusinessline.co		(DMF) is a trust set up as a	District	With reference to the District
		Mineral Foundations' in				m/economy/policy		non-profit body, in those	Mineral	Mineral Foundation (DMF)
		India?				/govt-notifies-		districts affected by the	Foundations	established under the Mines and
		1. Promoting mineral				miners-		mining works, to work for the	(DMFs)	Minerals (Development and
		exploration activities in				contribution-to-		interest and benefit of	through the	Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015,
		mineral-rich districts				district-mineral-		persons and areas affected by	Mines and	consider the following statements:
		2. Protecting the interests of				foundation/article		mining related operations. It	Minerals	1. It will be funded from the
		the persons affected by				7662554.ece		is funded through the	(Developme	consolidated fund of the state.
		mining operations						contributions from miners.	nt &	2. The fund will be used for
		3. Authorizing State				http://www.prsind		Its manner of operation	Regulation)	developing the mining fields.
		Governments to issue				ia.org/billtrack/the		comes under the jurisdiction	Amendment	3. It will be set up in all districts
		licenses for mineral				-mines-and-		of the relevant State	Act,	affected by mining activities.
		exploration				minerals-		Government.	(MMDRA)	Which of the statements given
		Select the correct answer				development-and-			2015. On 16	above is/are correct?
		using the code given below.				regulation-			September	(a) 1 and 2 only
		(a) 1 and 2 only				amendment-bill-			2015,	(b) 3 only
		(b) 2 only				2015-3648/			Central	(c) 1, 2 and 3
		(c) 1 and 3 only							Government	(d) None
		(d) 1, 2 and 3							issued a	
									notification	
									directing	
									states to set	
									up DMF.	
88	Current	'SWAYAM', an initiative of	D	М	CAA	http://pib.nic.in/ne	EN	Study Webs of Active-	In news,	Tests – 1775
	Affairs	the Government of India,				wsite/PrintRelease.		Learning for Young Aspiring	because of	Which of the following best
		aims at				aspx?relid=133798		Minds (SWAYAM), is a Web	Massive	describes SWAYAM, an initiative of
		(a) promoting the Self Help						portal where Massive Open	Open Online	Ministry of Human Resouce
		Groups in rural areas				http://www.thehin		On-line Courses (MOOCs) will	Courses	Development?
		(b) providing financial and				du.com/features/e		be available on all kinds of	(MOOC) are	(a) A web portal where Massive
		technical assistance to young				ducation/mooc-		subjects. SWAYAM is the	fast gaining	Open Online Courses will be
		start-up entrepreneurs				advantage/article8		Indian electronic e-education	popularity	available.
		(c) promoting the education				<u>144936.ece</u>		platform which proposes to	among	(b) A web portal for self
		and health of adolescent girls						offer courses from the high	students	certification of Online Vocational
		(d) providing affordable and						school stage to Post-Graduate	and working	Courses.
		quality education to the						stage in an interactive	professional	(c) An online portal for
		citizens for free						electronic platform. The IT	s as they	development of women and girl
								platform for SWAYAM is going	help them	education programme.
								to be built and is expected to	study at	(d) An online platform for foreign
								be operationalized by 31st	their	universities to collaborate with
								March 2016 with a capacity to	convenience	Indian counterparts.

							host nearly 2,000 courses.	and time. Websites such as edX and Coursera enlist free online courses from various institutes across the world.	
89 Modern History	The Montague-Chelmsford Proposals were related to (a) social reforms (b) educational reforms (c) reforms in police administration (d) constitutional reforms	D	E	F	NCERT XIIth std- Bipan Chandra	EM	On 20th August, 1917 Lord Montague, the Secretary of State for India, made the following declaration in British Parliament: "The Policy of His Majesty's government is that of increasing association of Indians in every branch of administration, and the gradual development of self- governing institutions, with a view to the progressive realization of responsible government in India as an integral part of the British empire. Importance of Montagu's Statement- From now onwards, the demand by nationalists for self- government or Home Rule could not be termed as seditious since attainment of self-government for Indians now became a government policy, unlike Morley's statement in 1909 that the reforms were not intended to give self-government to India.	to test the fundamenta I knowledge in modern Indian history	Tests - 1721, 1772, 1894, 2062 With reference to provisions/ outcomes of Montague Declaration, 1917, consider the following statements: 1. It provided for the establishment of a responsible government in India. 2. The demand for self- government could not be termed as seditious. 3. It aimed at increasing association of Indians in every branch of administration. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

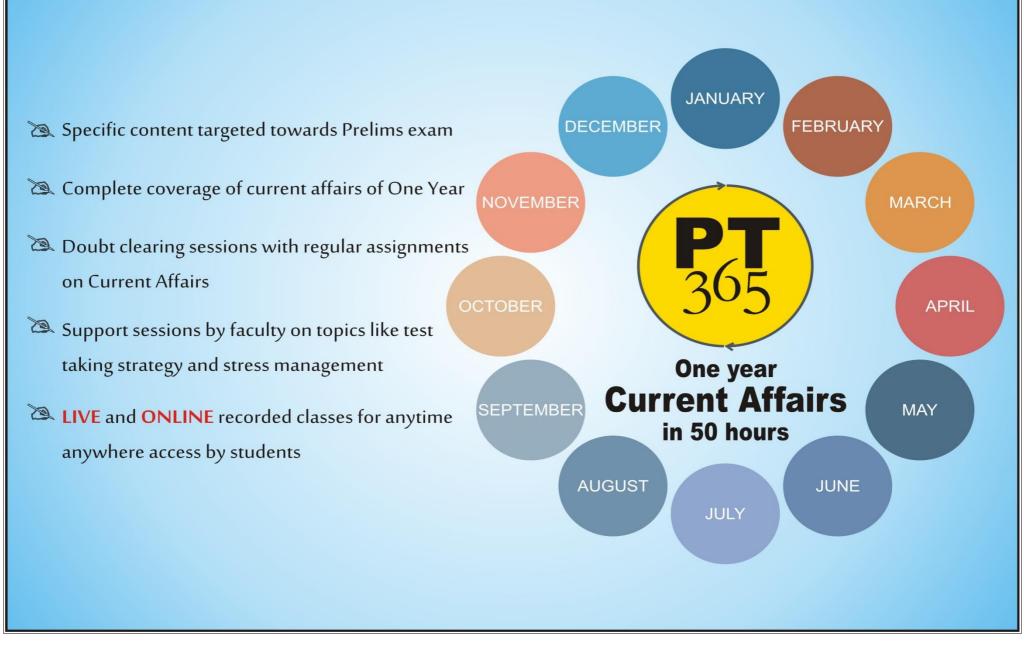
90	Culture	What is/are common to the two historical places known as Ajanta and Mahabalipuram? 1. Both were built in the same period. 2. Both belong to the same religious denomination. 3. Both have rock-cut monuments. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) None of the statements given above is correct	B	D	FA	NCERT- Introduction to Indian Art Part-I	EM	The Ajanta Caves in Maharashtra, a World Heritage Site, are 30 rock-cut cave Buddhist temples carved into the sheer vertical side of a gorge near a waterfall-fed pool located in the hills of the Sahyadri mountains. Guntapalle is a rock-cut cave site near Eluru. The other important site where rock-cut stupas have been excavated is Anakapalle near Vishakhapatanam. The Pallavas were one of the ancient South Indian dynasties that were active in the Andhra region from the second century CE onwards and moved south to settle in Tamil Nadu. Their early buildings, it is generally assumed, were rockcut, while the later ones were structural. The tradition of rock-cut cave continued in the Deccan and they are found not only in Maharashtra but also in Karnataka, mainly at Badami and Aihole, executed under the patronage of the Chalukyas; in Andhra Pradesh in the area of Vijayawada; and in Tamil Nadu, mainly at Mahabalipuram, under the patronage of the Pallavas.	to test the fundamenta l cultural history of India	
91	Economy	With reference to 'Bitcoins', sometimes seen in the news, which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. Bitcoins are tracked by the	В	D	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/a ll-you-need-to- know-about- bitcoin/article8547	EN	Bitcoin is a digital currency that is not tied to a bank or government and allows users to spend money anonymously. The coins are	was in news constantly	Tests - 1786, 1789 (Open Test) With reference to Bitcoins, consider the following statements: 1. It is a digital code mined after solving a complex maths problem.

		Central Banks of the countries. 2. Anyone with a Bitcoin address can send and receive Bitcoins from anyone else with a Bitcoin address. 3. Online payments can be sent without either side knowing the identity of the other. Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3				440.ece http://www.financi alexpress.com/pho tos/business- gallery/247548/bit coin-meaning- bitcoin-price-a- look-at-the-digital- currency-bitcoin- economy/		created by users who "mine" them by lending computing power to verifying other users' transactions. They receive bitcoins in exchange. The coins also can be bought and sold on exchanges with U.S. dollars and other currencies. Bitcoins have become popular because transactions can be made anonymously, making the currency popular with libertarians as well as tech enthusiasts, speculators - and criminals.		 2. It is used as peer to peer transaction without any central bank. 3. RBI has recognized and allowed Bitcoins for daily transactions. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only With reference to Bitcoins, consider the following statements: 1. It is a digitial currency, created and held electronically. 2. It is mined using special softwares to solve mathematical problems. 3. BitMEX is the sole exchange for bitcoin trading. 4. It is not tradeable at the spot market. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
92	Current Affairs	Consider the following statements: 1. New Development Bank has been set up by APEC. 2. The headquarters of New Development Bank is in Shanghai. 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	В	Μ	СА	http://www.thehin du.com/news/inter national/after- forming-new- development- bank-brics-can- leadthe-global- south-chinese- scholar/article8886 978.ece	EN	The New Development Bank (NDB) BRICS group of nations comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa . To begin with, the bank will start operating with \$50 billion in initial capital with the five BRICS contributing \$10 billion each. According to the pact, the capital of the bank will be divided equally among the five participating nations and initially it will focus on infrastructure	NDB was in news constantly	 Tests - 1715,1766, 1890, 2060 Consider the following statements with reference to " New Development Bank BRICS". 1. The first President of NDB is an Indian. 2. It will be headquartered in Shanghai, China. 3. In the New Development Bank each participant country will be assigned vote on the basis of capital share. 4. The Bank shall mobilize resources for infrastructure and

								projects member countries. The headquarters of the bank will be located in Shanghai, China. Eminent banker Kundapur Vaman Kamath was appointed as first President New Development Bank (NDB) of BRICS nations. The Bank shall mobilize resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging economies and developing countries, complementing the existing efforts of multilateral and regional financial institutions for global growth and development Unlike the World Bank, which assigns votes based on capital share, in the New Development Bank each participant country will be assigned one vote, and none of the countries will have veto power.		sustainable development projects in BRICS as well as other countries. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only (c) 1, 2 and 4 only (d) 2, 3 and 4 only
93	Environment	'Gadgil Committee Report' and 'Kasturirangan Committee Report', sometimes seen in the news, are related to (a) constitutional reforms (b) Ganga Action Plan (c) linking of rivers (d) protection of Western Ghats	D	E	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/kerala/fightin g-over-the- western- ghats/article74902 93.ece	EN	The Kasturirangan panel was set up to study the Gadgil committee report on the Western Ghats. The Kasturirangan report seeks to bring just 37% of the Western Ghats under the Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA) zones — down from the 64% suggested by the Gadgil report. Recommended prohibition on development and commercial activities like mining, thermal	Kasturiranga n panel was in news	PT 365 Environment material - Pg 31

94	Modern History	Consider the following: 1. Calcutta Unitarian Committee 2. Tabernacle of New Dispensation 3. Indian Reform Association Keshab Chandra Sen is associated with the establishment of which of the above? (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	В	D	F	http://www.thebra hmosamaj.net/fou nders/keshub.html	RR	power plants, polluting industries and large housing plans in Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA) zones. Raja Ram Mohan Roy along with Dwarka Nath Tagore and William Adam established Calcutta Unitarian committee and 1823. Keshubh Chandra was not associated with it. On 24th January 1868, Keshub laid the foundation stone of his new church, the Brahmo Samaj of India Tabernacle of New Dispensation and the newly constructed chapel was consecrated on 22nd August 1869.		
95	Current Affairs	Which of the following is not a member of 'Gulf Cooperation Council'? (a) Iran (b) Saudi Arabia (c) Oman (d) Kuwait	A	E	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/news/nati onal/swaraj- pushes-for- indiagulf- cooperation- council-free-trade- agreement/article7 710985.ece	EN	The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, originally known as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), is a regional inter governmental political and economic union consisting of all Arab states of the Persian Gulf, except for Iraq. Its member states are Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.	It was in news constantly due to Indian Prime Minister's visit to UAE and Saudi Arabia to give a spur to India and GCC countries; US President attended GCC Summit.	Tests- 1715, 1766, 1890 Which of the following countries are the members of Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf? 1. Bahrain 2. Oman 3. Kuwait 4. Iraq 5. Libya Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
96	Economy	What is/are the purpose/purposes of Government's 'Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme' and 'Gold Monetization Scheme'?	C	Μ	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/co lumns/the-sum-of- three-new-gold- schemes/article78 69915.ece	EN	The government had launched three ambitious schemes to reduce the physical demand for gold and fish out 20,000 tonnes of the precious metal worth \$800	was in news constantly	Tests - 1713, 1765 Which of the following schemes targets to reduce the import for gold? 1. Sovereign gold bonds 2. Gold Monetisation

	 To bring the idle gold lying with Indian households into the economy. To promote FDI in the gold and jewellery sector To reduce India's dependence on gold imports Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 					billion lying idle with households. PM launched the maiden sovereign gold bond, gold monetisation and the Indian gold coin scheme. The main objectives of the schemes is to reduce India's gold imports and bring all the gold lying idle with individuals and households.		 3. Indian Gold Coin scheme Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None of the above
97 Current Affairs	'Belt and Road Initiative' is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of (a) African Union (b) Brazil (c) European Union (d) China	E	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/opinion/o p-ed/chinas-one- belt-one-road- programme/article 8179870.ece	EN	It is a developmental strategy and framework, unveiled by Chinese leader Xi Jinping in September and October 2013 in announcements revealing the SREB (Silk Road Economic Belt) and MSR (Maritime Silk Road), respectively. The "belt and road" run through the continents of Asia, Europe and Africa. It focuses on connectivity and cooperation among countries primarily in Eurasia, which consists of two main components, the land-based SREB and oceangoing MSR and it is known as "One Belt One Road" (OBOR). The "belt and road" would be serviced by a network of roads, high-speed railways, fibre-optic lines, transcontinental submarine optical cable projects, and satellite information passageways.	was constantly in news	Test code: 1893, PT-365(International Relations, pg 37) With reference to 'One Belt One Road' (OBOR) initiative, consider the following statements: 1. It aims to connect Asia, Europe and Africa. 2. Both maritime route and road route are an integral part of the initiative. 3. China-Pakistan economic corridor is a part of OBOR. 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

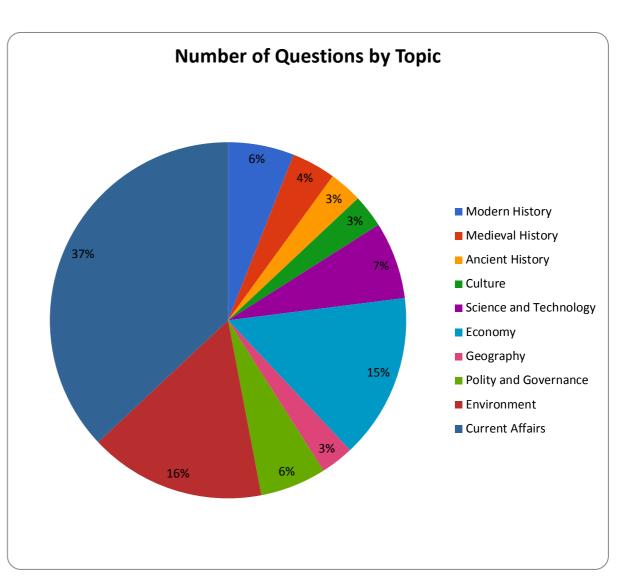


98	Current Affairs	Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana is aimed at (a) bringing the small entrepreneurs into formal financial system (b) providing loans to poor farmers for cultivating particular crops (c) providing pensions to old and destitute persons (d) funding the voluntary organizations involved in the promotion of skill development and employment generation	A	E	CAA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/c abinet-approves- conversion-of- mudra-into- bank/article80728 87.ece	EN	Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana is aimed at bringing sole-proprietors or entrepreneurs of Small & Medium Enterprises into formal financial system.	was in news constantly	Units Develo Agency) Ban statements: 1. The fundi entrepreneu through bot financial ins 2. The bank 50% of the l entrepreneu 3. MUDRA B regulator of Institutions	nce to MUDRA (Micro opment and Refinance ik, consider the following ng to small urs will be disbursed h banks and non-banking titutions (NBFCs). will provide more than oans to SC/ST urs. Bank is both financier and Micro Finance (MFIs). e statements given
99	Geography	In which of the following regions of India are shale gas resources found? 1. Cambay Basin 2. Cauvery Basin 3. Krishna-Godavari Basin Select the correct answer using the code given below. (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3	D	D	FCA	http://pib.nic.in/ne wsite/PrintRelease. aspx?relid=121651 http://www.thehin du.com/todays- paper/tp- business/ongc-to- drill-17- exploratory-wells- for-shale-gas- oil/article8517524. ece	EN	Shale gas is the natural gas that is trapped within shale formations. ONGC sought permission for drilling 11 exploratory wells for shale oil and shale gas in Cambay basin at Mehsana, Ahmedabad and Bharuch districts of Gujarat, one well in Cauvery basin at Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu and five wells in KG Basin at East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh. Other regions in India where shale gas resources are found - Cauvery, Ganga & Assam and Assam - Arakan; Gondwana basin (including Damodar).	It was in news because this is the first time that the ONGC has taken up shale gas exploration in such a big scale. Also, it first time that it has taken up shale gas exploration in the Krishna- Godavari basin.		

securing financial stability.		urrent ffairs	'Global Financial Stability Report' is prepared by the (a) European Central Bank (b) International Monetary Fund (c) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (d) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	B	E	FCA	http://www.thehin du.com/business/E conomy/world- output-faces-risk- of-39-drop-by- 2021/article84722 98.ece	EN	Global Financial Stability Report is published by International Monetary Fund. The financial stability report assesses the risks faced by the global financial system. The latest report released, warns that global output could decline 3.9 per cent by 2021 if action is not taken to address the risks faced by the financial system. The main message of this report is that additional measures are needed to deliver a more balanced and potent policy mix for improving the growth and inflation outlook and	was in news constantly	Tests - 2057 (Open Test) Which among the following organizations releases Global Financial Stability Report? (a) World Bank (b) United Nations Development Programme (c) International Monetary Fund (d) International Labour Organisation
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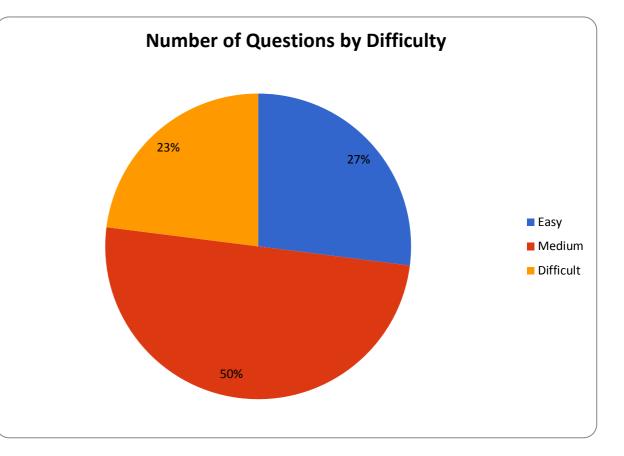
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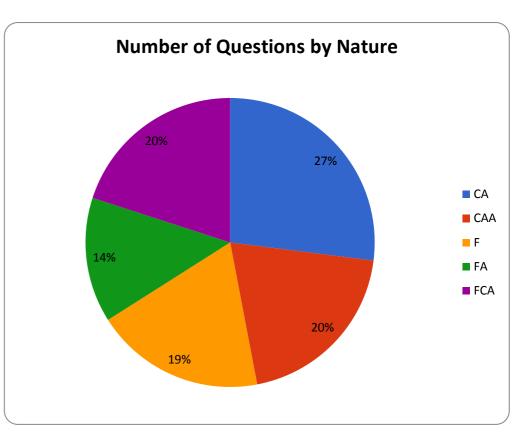
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Difficult	23



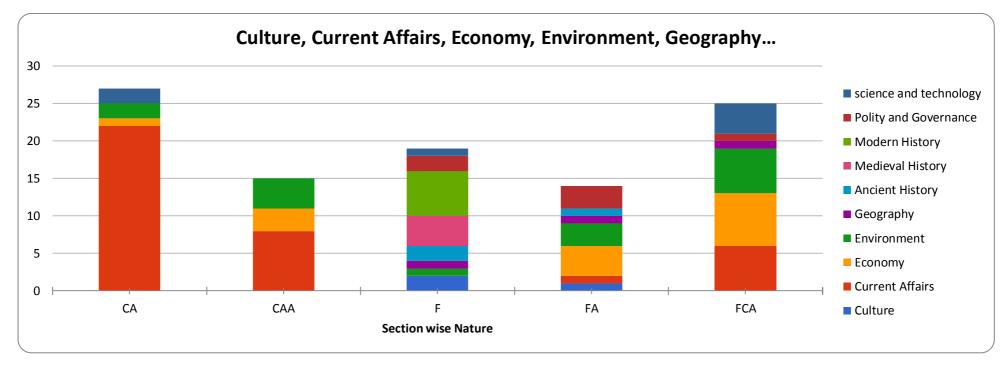
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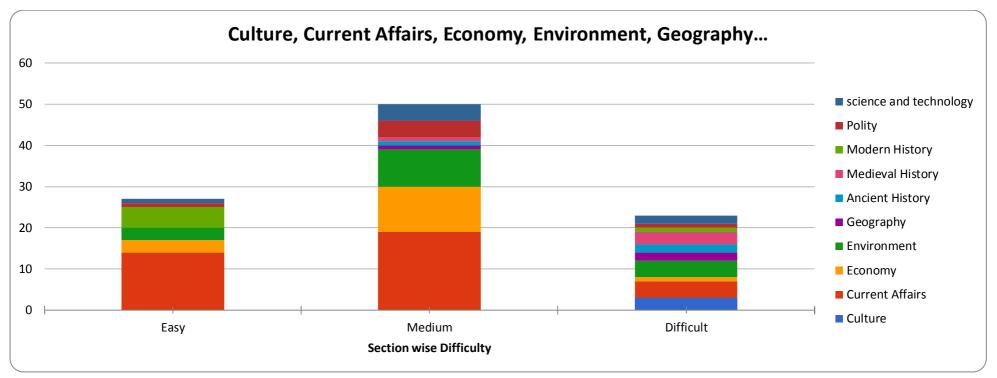
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Culture			2	1		3
Current Affairs	22	8		1	6	37
Economy	1	3		4	7	15
Environment	2	4	1	3	6	16
Geography			1	1	1	3
Ancient History			2	1		3
Medieval History			4			4
Modern History			6			6
Polity and Governance			2	3	1	6
Science and Technology	2		1		4	7
Grand Total						100



SECTIONWISE DIFFICULTY

Section wise Difficulty	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Grand Total
Culture			3	3
Current Affairs	14	19	4	37
Economy	3	11	1	15
Environment	3	9	4	16
Geography		1	2	3
Ancient History		1	2	3
Medieval History		1	3	4
Modern History	5		1	6
Polity	1	4	1	6
Science and Technology	1	4	2	7
Grand Total				100



SOURCE TYPE

Source Type	Number of Questions by Source Type
EM	24
EN	66
RR	10
Grand Total	100

