

UPSC PRELIMS

MAPPING

109 PYQs

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Rivers, Dams & Lakes

15. The Narmada river flows to the west, while most other large peninsular rivers flow to the east. Why?

1. It occupies a linear rift valley.
2. It flows between the Vindhyas and the Satpuras.
3. The land slopes to the west from Central India.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3
(d) None

36. Consider the following rivers :

1. Vamsadhara
2. Indravati
3. Pranahita
4. Pennar

Which of the above are tributaries of Godavari?

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

45. Consider the following rivers :

1. Barak
2. Lohit
3. Subansiri

Which of the above flows/flow through Arunachal Pradesh?

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

28. Which of the following is/are tributary/tributaries of Brahmaputra?

1. Dibang
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

46. Consider the following pairs :

Wetlands	Confluence of rivers
1. Harike Wetlands	: Confluence of Beas and Satluj/Sutlej
2. Keoladeo Ghana National Park	: Confluence of Banas and Chambal
3. Kolleru Lake	: Confluence of Musi and Krishna

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

85. Recently, linking of which of the following rivers was undertaken?

- (a) Cauvery and Tungabhadra
(b) Godavari and Krishna
(c) Mahanadi and Sone
(d) Narmada and Tapi

30. With reference to river Teesta, consider the following statements :

1. The source of river Teesta is the same as that of Brahmaputra but it flows through Sikkim.
2. River Rangeet originates in Sikkim and it is a tributary of river Teesta.
3. River Teesta flows into Bay of Bengal on the border of India and Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

68. Consider the following pairs :

River	Flows into
1. Mekong	— Andaman Sea
2. Thames	— Irish Sea
3. Volga	— Caspian Sea
4. Zambezi	— Indian Ocean

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched ?

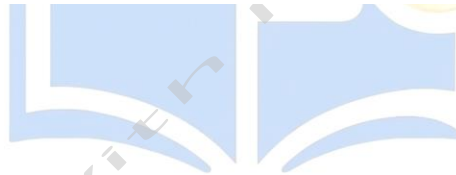
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 4 only

23. Consider the following pairs :

Famous place	River
1. Pandharpur	: Chandrabhaga
2. Tiruchirappalli	: Cauvery
3. Hampi	: Malaprabha

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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



73. Which of the following Protected Areas are located in Cauvery basin ?

1. Nagarhole National Park
2. Papikonda National Park
3. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
4. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

29. Consider the following pairs :

Wildlife	Naturally found in
1. Blue-finned Mahseer	: Cauvery River
2. Irrawaddy Dolphin	: Chambal River
3. Rusty-spotted Cat	: Eastern Ghats

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

38. Consider the following pairs :

Glacier	River
1. Bandarpunch	: Yamuna
2. Bara Shigri	: Chenab
3. Milam	: Mandakini
4. Siachen	: Nubra
5. Zemu	: Manas

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

55. Consider the following rivers :

1. Brahmani
2. Nagavali
3. Subarnarekha
4. Vamsadhara

Which of the above rise from the Eastern Ghats?

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

54. With reference to India, Didwana, Kuchaman, Sargol and Khatu are the names of

- (a) glaciers
- (b) mangrove areas
- (c) Ramsar sites
- (d) saline lakes

53. With reference to the Indus river system, of the following four rivers, three of them pour into one of them which joins the Indus direct. Among the following, which one is such river that joins the Indus direct?

- (a) Chenab
- (b) Jhelum
- (c) Ravi
- (d) Sutlej

49. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Ajanta Caves lie in the gorge of Waghora river.
- (b) Sanchi Stupa lies in the gorge of Chambal river.
- (c) Pandu-lena Cave Shrines lie in the gorge of Narmada river.
- (d) Amaravati Stupa lies in the gorge of Godavari river.

24. Gandikota canyon of South India was created by which one of the following rivers ?

- (a) Cauvery
- (b) Manjira
- (c) Pennar
- (d) Tungabhadra

23. Which one of the following lakes of West Africa has become dry and turned into a desert ?

- (a) Lake Victoria
- (b) Lake Faguibine
- (c) Lake Oguta
- (d) Lake Volta

30. Consider the following pairs :

<i>Wetland / Lake</i>	<i>Location</i>
1. Hokera Wetland	— Punjab
2. Renuka Wetland	— Himachal Pradesh
3. Rudrasagar Lake	— Tripura
4. Sasthamkotta Lake	— Tamil Nadu

How many pairs given above are correctly matched ?

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

1. Consider the following statements :

- 1. Jhelum River passes through Wular Lake.
- 2. Krishna River directly feeds Kolleru Lake.
- 3. Meandering of Gandak River formed Kanwar Lake.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

70. Consider the following pairs :

<i>Reservoirs</i>	<i>States</i>
1. Ghataprabha	— Telangana
2. Gandhi Sagar	— Madhya Pradesh
3. Indira Sagar	— Andhra Pradesh
4. Maithon	— Chhattisgarh

How many pairs given above are **not** correctly matched ?

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

5. Which one of the following is the best example of repeated falls in sea level, giving rise to present-day extensive marshland?

- (a) Bhitarkanika Mangroves
- (b) Marakkanam Salt Pans
- (c) Naupada Swamp
- (d) Rann of Kutch

9. Consider the following information :

	Waterfall	Region	River
1.	Dhuandhar	Malwa	Narmada
2.	Hundru	Chota Nagpur	Subarnarekha
3.	Gersoppa	Western Ghats	Netravati

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched ?

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

6. With reference to the Himalayan rivers joining the Ganga downstream of Prayagraj from West to East, which one of the following sequences is correct ?

- (a) Ghaghara – Gomati – Gandak – Kosi
- (b) Gomati – Ghaghara – Gandak – Kosi
- (c) Ghaghara – Gomati – Kosi – Gandak
- (d) Gomati – Ghaghara – Kosi – Gandak

23. Consider the following water bodies :

- I. Lake Tanganyika
- II. Lake Tonlé Sap
- III. Patos Lagoon

Through how many of them does the equator pass?

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



Hills and Ranges

3. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched?

Geographical Feature	Region
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(a) Abyssinian Plateau : Arabia

(b) Atlas Mountains : North-Western Africa

(c) Guiana Highlands : South-Western Africa

(d) Okavango Basin : Patagonia

48. Consider the following pairs :

Hills	Region
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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Cardamom Hills | : Coromandel Coast |
| 2. Kaimur Hills | : Konkan Coast |
| 3. Mahadeo Hills | : Central India |
| 4. Mikir Hills | : North-East India |

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

15. Consider the following pairs :

Place of Pilgrimage	Location
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1. Srisailam : Nallamala Hills

2. Omkareshwar : Satmala Hills

3. Pushkar : Mahadeo Hills

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

25. Consider the following pairs :

Peak	Mountains
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1. Namcha Barwa — Garhwal Himalaya

2. Nanda Devi — Kumaon Himalaya

3. Nokrek — Sikkim Himalaya

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched ?

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

58. Consider the following statements :

1. In India, the Himalayas are spread over five States only.
2. Western Ghats are spread over five States only.
3. Pulicat Lake is spread over two States only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

9. Consider the following statements :

1. Amarkantak Hills are at the confluence of Vindhya and Sahyadri Ranges.
2. Biligirirangan Hills constitute the easternmost part of Satpura Range.
3. Seshachalam Hills constitute the southernmost part of Western Ghats.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

10. Consider the following information :

	Region	Name of the mountain range	Type of mountain
1.	Central Asia	Vosges	Fold mountain
2.	Europe	Alps	Block mountain
3.	North America	Appalachians	Fold mountain
4.	South America	Andes	Fold mountain

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched ?

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

22. Consider the following countries :

- I. Bolivia II. Brazil
- III. Colombia IV. Ecuador
- V. Paraguay VI. Venezuela

Andes mountains pass through how many of the above countries?

- (a) Only two (b) Only three
- (c) Only four (d) Only five



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Resources

63. Consider the following statements :

1. Natural gas occurs in the Gondwana beds.
2. Mica occurs in abundance in Kodarma.
3. Dharwars are famous for petroleum.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) None

84. Consider the following statements :

1. Gujarat has the largest solar park in India.
2. Kerala has a fully solar powered International Airport.
3. Goa has the largest floating solar photovoltaic project in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

69. Consider the following pairs :

Region	Well-known for the production of
1. Kinnaur	: Areca nut
2. Mewat	: Mango
3. Coromandel	: Soya bean

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None

74. 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

7. About three-fourths of world's cobalt, a metal required for the manufacture of batteries for electric motor vehicles, is produced by

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Botswana
- (c) the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- (d) Kazakhstan

42. What is common to the places known as Aliyar, Isapur and Kangsabati?

- (a) Recently discovered uranium deposits
- (b) Tropical rain forests
- (c) Underground cave systems
- (d) Water reservoirs

5. Which of the following countries are well known as the two largest cocoa producers in the world ?

- (a) Algeria and Morocco
- (b) Botswana and Namibia
- (c) Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana
- (d) Madagascar and Mozambique

62. Consider the following States :

- 1. Andhra Pradesh
- 2. Kerala
- 3. Himachal Pradesh
- 4. Tripura

How many of the above are generally known as tea-producing States ?

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

79. Consider the following pairs :

Country	Resource-rich in
I. Botswana	: Diamond
II. Chile	: Lithium
III. Indonesia	: Nickel

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

86. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

Switzerland is one of the leading exporters of gold in terms of value.

Statement-II :

Switzerland has the second largest gold reserves in the world.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Islands, Oceans and Seas

13. Which of the following has/have shrunk immensely/dried up in the recent past due to human activities ?

1. Aral Sea
2. Black Sea
3. Lake Baikal

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

8. Consider the following countries :

1. Finland
2. Germany
3. Norway
4. Russia

How many of the above countries have a border with the North Sea ?

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

54. Mediterranean Sea is a border of which of the following countries ?

1. Jordan
2. Iraq
3. Lebanon
4. Syria

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

Which one of the following countries of South-West Asia does **not** open out to the Mediterranean Sea?

- (a) Syria
- (b) Jordan
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) Israel

85. Consider the following statements :

1. The Barren Island volcano is an active volcano located in the Indian territory.
2. Barren Island lies about 140 km east of Great Nicobar.
3. The last time the Barren Island volcano erupted was in 1991 and it has remained inactive since then.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- 1 only
- 2 and 3
- 3 only
- 1 and 3

Which of the following is geographically closest to Great Nicobar ?

- (a) Sumatra
- (b) Borneo
- (c) Java
- (d) Sri Lanka

19. At one of the places in India, if you stand on the seashore and watch the sea, you will find that the sea water recedes from the shore line a few kilometres and comes back to the shore, twice a day, and you can actually walk on the sea floor when the water recedes. This unique phenomenon is seen at

(a) Bhavnagar
(b) Bheemunipatnam
(c) Chandipur
(d) Nagapattinam

36. Consider the following pairs :

Sea		Bordering country
1. Adriatic Sea	:	Albania
2. Black Sea	:	Croatia
3. Caspian Sea	:	Kazakhstan
4. Mediterranean Sea	:	Morocco
5. Red Sea	:	Syria

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

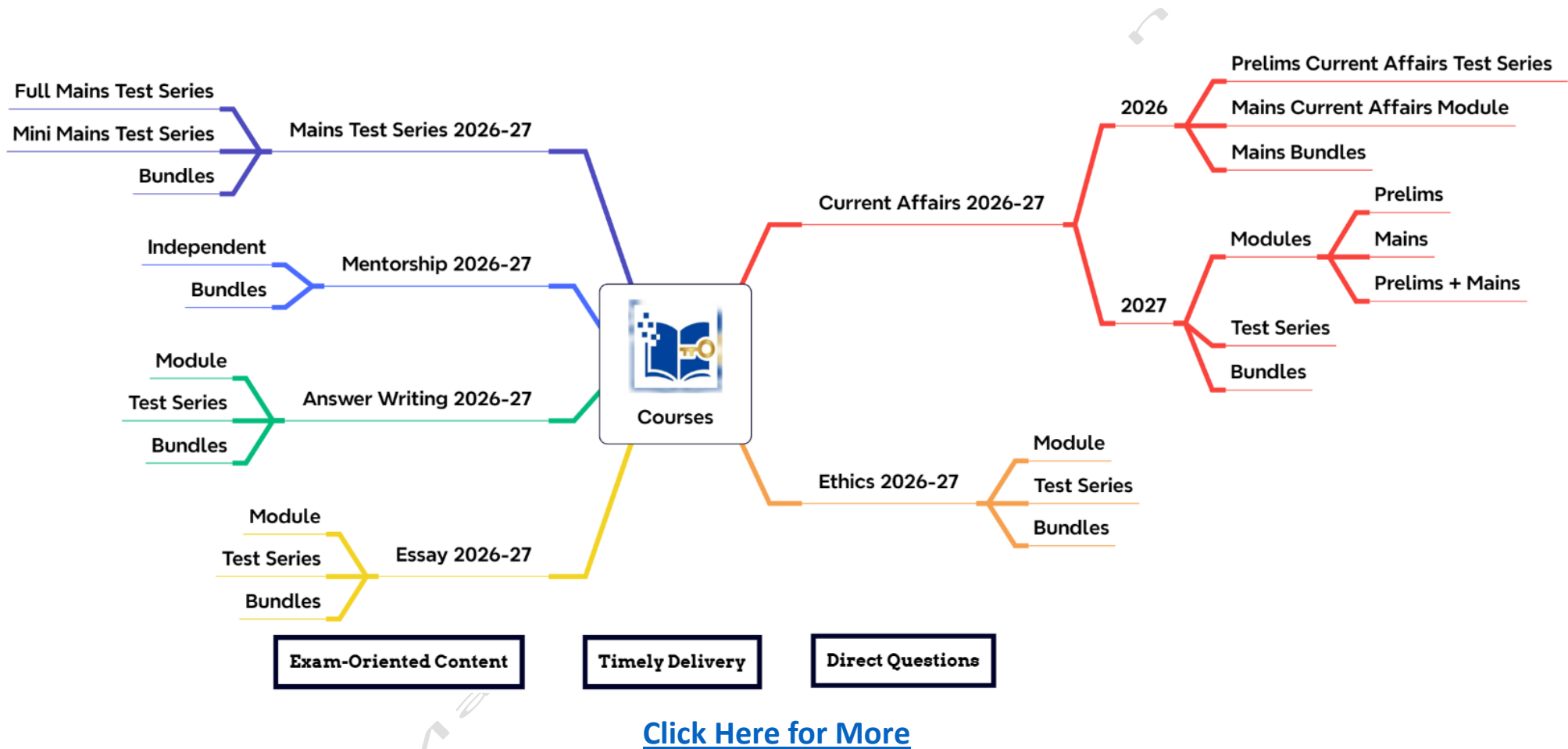
89. Consider the following statements :

1. The Red Sea receives very little precipitation in any form.
2. No water enters the Red Sea from rivers.

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

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Wildlife Sanctuaries, Parks and Reserves

17. Consider the following pairs :

1. Nokrek Bio-sphere Reserve : Garo Hills
2. Logtak (Loktak) Lake : Barail Range
3. Namdapha National Park : Dafla Hills

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None

32. Consider the following pairs :

- | <i>National Park</i> | <i>River flowing through the Park</i> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Corbett National Park | : Ganga |
| 2. Kaziranga National Park | : Manas |
| 3. Silent Valley National Park | : Kaveri |

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) None

9. Consider the following pairs :

1. Dampa Tiger Reserve : Mizoram
2. Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary : Sikkim
3. Saramati Peak : Nagaland

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

4. From the ecological point of view, which one of the following assumes importance in being a good link between the Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats ?

- (a) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- (b) Nallamala Forest
- (c) Nagarhole National Park
- (d) Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve

9. Which of the following National Parks is unique in being a swamp with floating vegetation that supports a rich biodiversity?

- (a) Bhitarkanika National Park
- (b) Keibul Lamjao National Park
- (c) Keoladeo Ghana National Park
- (d) Sultanpur National Park

18. Which one of the following National Parks lies *completely* in the temperate alpine zone?

- (a) Manas National Park
- (b) Namdapha National Park
- (c) Neora Valley National Park
- (d) Valley of Flowers National Park

27. Which of the following are in Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve?

- (a) Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve
- (b) Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam and Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Silent Valley National Park
- (c) Kaundinya, Gundla Brahmeswaram and Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Mukurthi National Park
- (d) Kawal and Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve

94. In which one of the following States is Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary located ?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Manipur
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Nagaland

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Place in Conflict

34. Recently, a series of uprisings of people referred to as 'Arab Spring' originally started from

- (a) Egypt
- (b) Lebanon
- (c) Syria
- (d) Tunisia

33. The area known as 'Golan Heights' sometimes appears in the news in the context of the events related to

- (a) Central Asia
- (b) Middle East
- (c) South-East Asia
- (d) Central Africa

19. Consider the following pairs :

Community sometimes mentioned in the news	In the affairs of
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| 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

35. Consider the following countries :

- 1. Denmark
- 2. Japan
- 3. Russian Federation
- 4. United Kingdom
- 5. United States of America

Which of the above are the members of the 'Arctic Council'?

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

18. Very recently, in which of the following countries have lakhs of people either suffered from severe famine/acute malnutrition or died due to starvation caused by war/ethnic conflicts?

- (a) Angola and Zambia
- (b) Morocco and Tunisia
- (c) Venezuela and Colombia
- (d) Yemen and South Sudan

36. Consider the following pairs :

- | Region often in news | Country |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Chechnya | : Russian Federation |
| 2. Darfur | : Mali |
| 3. Swat Valley | : Iraq |

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

96. Siachen Glacier is situated to the

- (a) East of Aksai Chin
- (b) East of Leh
- (c) North of Gilgit
- (d) North of Nubra Valley

27. Consider the following countries :

1. Azerbaijan
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Tajikistan
4. Turkmenistan
5. Uzbekistan

Which of the above have borders with Afghanistan ?

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

37. Consider the following pairs :

Towns sometimes mentioned in news *Country*

1. Aleppo — Syria
2. Kirkuk — Yemen
3. Mosul — Palestine
4. Mazar-i-sharif — Afghanistan

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

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

86. Which one of the following statements best reflects the issue with Senkaku Islands, sometimes mentioned in the news ?

- (a) It is generally believed that they are artificial islands made by a country around South China Sea.
- (b) China and Japan engage in maritime disputes over these islands in East China Sea.
- (c) A permanent American military base has been set up there to help Taiwan to increase its defence capabilities.
- (d) Though International Court of Justice declared them as no man's land, some South-East Asian countries claim them.

26. The term "Levant" often heard in the news roughly corresponds to which of the following regions ?

- (a) Region along the eastern Mediterranean shores
- (b) Region along North African shores stretching from Egypt to Morocco
- (c) Region along Persian Gulf and Horn of Africa
- (d) The entire coastal areas of Mediterranean Sea

82. Consider the following statements :

1. Bidibidi is a large refugee settlement in north-western Kenya.
2. Some people who fled from South Sudan civil war live in Bidibidi.
3. Some people who fled from civil war in Somalia live in Dadaab refugee complex in Kenya.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

93. Consider the following pairs :

Regions often mentioned in news *Reason for being in news*

1. North Kivu and Ituri : War between Armenia and Azerbaijan
2. Nagorno-Karabakh : Insurgency in Mozambique
3. Kherson and Zaporizhzhia : Dispute between Israel and Lebanon

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

87. Consider the following pairs :

Country	Important reason for being in the news recently
1. Chad	— Setting up of permanent military base by China
2. Guinea	— Suspension of Constitution and Government by military
3. Lebanon	— Severe and prolonged economic depression
4. Tunisia	— Suspension of Parliament by President

How many pairs given above are correctly matched ?

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

97. Consider the following pairs :

Area of conflict mentioned in news	Country where it is located
1. Donbas	: Syria
2. Kachin	: Ethiopia
3. Tigray	: North Yemen

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

61. Consider the following countries :

1. Bulgaria
2. Czech Republic
3. Hungary
4. Latvia
5. Lithuania
6. Romania

How many of the above-mentioned countries share a land border with Ukraine?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) Only five

98. In the recent years Chad, Guinea, Mali and Sudan caught the international attention for which one of the following reasons common to all of them?

- (a) Discovery of rich deposits of rare earth elements
- (b) Establishment of Chinese military bases
- (c) Southward expansion of Sahara Desert
- (d) Successful coups

78. Which one of the following countries has been suffering from decades of civil strife and food shortages and was in news in the recent past for its very severe famine?

- (a) Angola
- (b) Costa Rica
- (c) Ecuador
- (d) Somalia

87. Consider the following pairs :

	Country	Reason for being in the news
1.	Argentina	Worst economic crisis
2.	Sudan	War between the country's regular army and paramilitary forces
3.	Turkey	Rescinded its membership of NATO

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) All three pairs
- (d) None of the pairs

88. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

Sumed pipeline is a strategic route for Persian Gulf oil and natural gas shipments to Europe.

Statement-II :

Sumed pipeline connects the Red Sea with the Mediterranean Sea.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

91. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

There is instability and worsening security situation in the Sahel region.

Statement-II :

There have been military takeovers/coups d'état in several countries of the Sahel region in the recent past.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

62. India is one of the founding members of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), a multimodal transportation corridor, which will connect

- (a) India to Central Asia to Europe via Iran
- (b) India to Central Asia via China
- (c) India to South-East Asia through Bangladesh and Myanmar
- (d) India to Europe through Azerbaijan

Random Cities/Towns/Countries

52. What is the correct sequence of occurrence of the following cities in South-East Asia as one proceeds from south to north?

1. Bangkok
2. Hanoi
3. Jakarta
4. Singapore

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 4-2-1-3
(b) 3-2-4-1
(c) 3-4-1-2
(d) 4-3-2-1

6. Which one of the following pairs of States of India indicates the easternmost and westernmost State?

- (a) Assam and Rajasthan
(b) Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan
(c) Assam and Gujarat
(d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat

8. Which one of the following is a part of the Congo Basin?

- (a) Cameroon
(b) Nigeria
(c) South Sudan
(d) Uganda

49. If you travel by road from Kohima to Kottayam, what is the minimum number of States within India through which you can travel, including the origin and the destination?

- (a) 6
(b) 7
(c) 8
(d) 9

88. Consider the following pairs :

<i>Region often mentioned in the news</i>		<i>Country</i>
1. Anatolia	—	Turkey
2. Amhara	—	Ethiopia
3. Cabo Delgado	—	Spain
4. Catalonia	—	Italy

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

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90. Consider the following pairs :

	<i>Regions sometimes mentioned in news</i>		<i>Country</i>
1.	Catalonia	—	Spain
2.	Crimea	—	Hungary
3.	Mindanao	—	Philippines
4.	Oromia	—	Nigeria

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

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

67. Consider the following countries :

- 1. Italy
- 2. Japan
- 3. Nigeria
- 4. South Korea
- 5. South Africa

Which of the above countries are frequently mentioned in the media for their low birth rates, or ageing population or declining population ?

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

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67. Consider the following statements :

1. Vietnam has been one of the fastest growing economies in the world in the recent years.
2. Vietnam is led by a multi-party political system.
3. Vietnam's economic growth is linked to its integration with global supply chains and focus on exports.
4. For a long time Vietnam's low labour costs and stable exchange rates have attracted global manufacturers.
5. Vietnam has the most productive e-service sector in the Indo-Pacific region.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

97. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

Recently, Venezuela has achieved a rapid recovery from its economic crisis and succeeded in preventing its people from fleeing/emigrating to other countries.

Statement-II :

Venezuela has the world's largest oil reserves.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

79. The longest border between any two countries in the world is between :

- (a) Canada and the United States of America
- (b) Chile and Argentina
- (c) China and India
- (d) Kazakhstan and Russian Federation

80. Consider the following pairs :

	Region		Country
I.	Mallorca	:	Italy
II.	Normandy	:	Spain
III.	Sardinia	:	France

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

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

29. Among the following cities, which one lies on a longitude closest to that of Delhi ?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Nagpur
- (d) Pune

37. Consider the following pairs :

(Historical place) (Well-known for)

- 1. Burzahom : Rock-cut shrines
- 2. Chandra-ketugarh : Terracotta art
- 3. Ganeshwar : Copper artefacts

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

54. Consider the following pairs :

Craft

Heritage of

- 1. Puthukkuli shawls — Tamil Nadu
- 2. Sujni embroidery — Maharashtra
- 3. Uppada Jamdani saris — Karnataka

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct ?

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

76. Consider the following towns of India :

- 1. Bhadrachalam
- 2. Chanderi
- 3. Kancheepuram
- 4. Karnal

Which of the above are famous for the production of traditional sarees/fabric?

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

22. Consider the following pairs :

<i>Tradition</i>	<i>State</i>
1. Chapchar Kut festival	— Mizoram
2. Khongjom Parba ballad	— Manipur
3. Thang-Ta dance	— Sikkim

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct ?

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

89. With reference to Buddhist history, tradition and culture in India, consider the following pairs :

<i>Famous shrine</i>	<i>Location</i>
1. Tabo monastery and temple complex	: Spiti Valley
2. Lhotsava Lhakhang temple, Nako	: Zaskar Valley
3. Alchi temple complex	: Ladakh

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

94. Consider the following pairs :

<i>Famous place</i>	<i>Region</i>
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

82. Consider the following pairs :

- | Site | Well known for |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Besnagar | : Shaivite cave shrine |
| 2. Bhaja | : Buddhist cave shrine |
| 3. Sittanavasal | : Jain cave shrine |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

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Infrastructure

77. Consider the following pairs :

<i>National Highway</i>	<i>Cities connected</i>
1. NH 4	: Chennai and Hyderabad
2. NH 6	: Mumbai and Kolkata
3. NH 15	: Ahmedabad and Jodhpur

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None

11. Consider the following airports :

- 1. Donyi Polo Airport
- 2. Kushinagar International Airport
- 3. Vijayawada International Airport

In the recent past, which of the above have been constructed as Greenfield projects ?

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

2. Consider the following pairs :

<i>Port</i>	<i>Well known as</i>
1. Kamarajar Port	: First major port in India registered as a company
2. Mundra Port	: Largest privately owned port in India
3. Visakhapatnam Port	: Largest container port in India

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) All three pairs
- (d) None of the pairs

10. With reference to India's projects on connectivity, consider the following statements :

- 1. East-West Corridor under Golden Quadrilateral Project connects Dibrugarh and Surat.
- 2. Trilateral Highway connects Moreh in Manipur and Chiang Mai in Thailand via Myanmar.
- 3. Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor connects Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh with Kunming in China.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

