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UPSC CSE Pre 2024 Current affairs analysis

How many questions were asked GS and in which subject?

- Ancient and Medieval History, Art, Culture and Literature - 8
- Geography - 18
- Indian Polity - 18
- Indian Economy - 14
- General Science & Technology - 10
- Environment, Wildlife and Biodiversity - 13
- Current Affairs - 19

Total Exam Level - 100

How many Delimitation Commissions have been constituted by the Government of India till December 2023 ?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/understanding-the-delimitation-on-exercise-explained/article67819203.ece>

2. The Constitution (71st Amendment) Act, 1992 amends the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution to include which of the following languages ?

1. Konkani
2. Manipuri
3. Nepali
4. Maithili

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

10. Which of the following statements about the Ethics Committee in the Lok Sabha are correct ?

1. Initially it was an *ad-hoc* Committee.
2. Only a Member of the Lok Sabha can make a complaint relating to unethical conduct of a member of the Lok Sabha.
3. This Committee cannot take up any matter which is sub-judice.

Select the answer using the code given below :

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

8. Operations undertaken by the Army towards upliftment of the local population in remote areas to include addressing of their basic needs is called :

- (a) Operation Sankalp
- (b) Operation Maitri
- (c) Operation Sadbhavana
- (d) Operation Madad

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OPERATION SADBHAVANA IN LADAKH

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As part of 'Operation SADBHAVANA', Indian Army is undertaking multiple welfare activities such as running of Army Goodwill Schools, Infrastructure Development Projects and Education Tours etc. for the children living in remote areas of Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh. To improve the standard of education and to provide the quality education, Indian Army is presently running seven (07) Army Goodwill Schools (AGS) under 'Operation SADBHAVANA' in Ladakh Region. More than 1000 Students are currently studying in these schools.

In addition, a total of Rs 8.82 crore of 'Operation SADBHAVANA' funds have been allotted for the Union Territory of Ladakh during the current financial year 2022-23. The funds are being utilised for various activities like Human Resource/Skill Development, Sports, Healthcare, National Integration, Infrastructure Development, Environment and Education.

Following assistance has been provided in the field of Health and Sanitation, Community Development and Infrastructure development:

- As a step towards Healthy Nation for prosperous Ladakh, medical camps, veterinary camps, provision of medical equipment, upgradation of

15. Consider the following properties included in the World Heritage List released by UNESCO :

1. Shantiniketan
2. Rani-ki-Vav
3. Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas
4. Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodhgaya

How many of the above properties were included in 2023 ?

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

17. 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

21. Consider the following statements regarding 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' :

1. Provisions will come into effect from the 18th Lok Sabha.
2. This will be in force for 15 years after becoming an Act.
3. There are provisions for the reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes Women within the quota reserved for the Scheduled Castes.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

22. Which of the following statements about 'Exercise Mitra Shakti-2023' are correct ?

1. This was a joint military exercise between India and Bangladesh.
2. It commenced in Aundh (Pune).
3. Joint response during counter-terrorism operations was a goal of this operation.
4. Indian Air Force was a part of this exercise.

Select the answer using the code given below :

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

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INDIA - SRI LANKA JOINT EXERCISE MITRA SHAKTI – 2023 COMMENCED TODAY

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The ninth edition of Joint Military exercise “Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023” commenced today in Aundh (Pune). The exercise is being conducted from 16th to 29th November 2023. The Indian contingent, of 120 personnel, is being represented mainly by troops from the MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY Regiment. The Sri Lankan side is being represented by personnel from 53 Infantry Division. 15 personnel from Indian Air Force and five personnel from Sri Lankan Air Force are also participating in the exercise.

The aim of the exercise is to jointly rehearse conduct of Sub Conventional operations under Chapter VII of United Nations Charter. The Scope of the exercise includes synergising joint responses during counter-terrorist operations. Both sides will practice tactical actions such as raid, search and destroy missions, heliborne operations, etc.

25. With reference to Union Budget, consider the following statements :

1. The Union Finance Minister on behalf of the Prime Minister lays the Annual Financial Statement before both the Houses of Parliament.
2. At the Union level, no demand for a grant can be made except on the recommendation of the President of India.

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

28. 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

26. Who of the following is the author of the books "*The India Way*" and "*Why Bharat Matters*" ?

- (a) Bhupender Yadav
- (b) Nalin Mehta
- (c) Shashi Tharoor
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

- 29.** 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
- 30.** According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which one of the following is the largest source of sulphur dioxide emissions ?
- (a) Locomotives using fossil fuels
 - (b) Ships using fossil fuels
 - (c) Extraction of metals from ores
 - (d) Power plants using fossil fuels

27. Consider the following pairs :

	<i>Country</i>	<i>Reason for being in the news</i>
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

33. Consider the following statements in respect of the digital rupee :

1. It is a sovereign currency issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in alignment with its monetary policy.
2. It appears as a liability on the RBI's balance sheet.
3. It is insured against inflation by its very design.
4. It is freely convertible against commercial bank money and cash.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

39. Consider the following statements :

1. India is a member of the International Grains Council.
2. A country needs to be a member of the International Grains Council for exporting or importing rice and wheat.

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

41. 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
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- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

40. Which one of the following was the latest inclusion in the Intangible Cultural Heritage List of UNESCO ?

- (a) Chhau dance
- (b) Durga puja
- (c) Garba dance
- (d) Kumbh mela

46. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

The European Parliament approved The Net-Zero Industry Act recently.

Statement-II :

The European Union intends to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040 and therefore aims to develop all of its own clean technology by that time.

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

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European Union policymakers have agreed new rules to promote local production of clean tech equipment such as solar panels and fuel cells to try to help EU industry compete with Chinese and US rivals.

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47. 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 ?

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- (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
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49. With reference to the 'Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan', consider the following statements :

1. This scheme guarantees a minimum package of antenatal care services to women in their second and third trimesters of pregnancy and six months post-delivery health care service in any government health facility.
2. Under this scheme, private sector health care providers of certain specialities can volunteer to provide services at nearby government health facilities.

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

50. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) Yojana, consider the following statements :

1. The entry age group for enrolment in the scheme is 21 to 40 years.
2. Age specific contribution shall be made by the beneficiary.
3. Each subscriber under the scheme shall receive a minimum pension of ₹ 3,000 per month after attaining the age of 60 years.
4. Family pension is applicable to the spouse and unmarried daughters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

48. With reference to the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme, consider the following statements :

1. To implement the scheme, the Central Government provides 100% funding.
2. Under the Scheme, Cadastral Maps are digitised.
3. An initiative has been undertaken to transliterate the Records of Rights from local language to any of the languages recognized by the Constitution of India.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

58. 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



66. Which one of the following is the correct description of "100 Million Farmers"?

- (a) It is a platform for accelerating the transition towards food and water systems that are net-zero (carbon), nature-positive and that aims to increase farmer resilience.
- (b) It is an international alliance and a network of individuals and farming organisations interested in supporting and strengthening the development of the organic animal husbandry.
- (c) It is a digital platform fully integrated with service providers and built on blockchain that lets buyers, sellers and third parties trade fertilizers quickly and securely.
- (d) It is a platform with the mission of encouraging the farmers to form Farmer Product Organisations or Agribusiness Consortia, thus facilitating the access to global open markets to sell their products.



Reports

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100 Million Farmers: Breakthrough Models for Financing a Sustainability Transition

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This report describes a breakthrough model for financing and collaboration to support farmers and accelerate the transition to sustainable food production.



71. 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

98. Recently, the term "pumped-storage hydropower" is actually and appropriately discussed in the context of which one of the following?

- (a) Irrigation of terraced crop fields
- (b) Lift irrigation of cereal crops
- (c) Long duration energy storage
- (d) Rainwater harvesting system



Prime Minister's Office

PM inaugurates first greenfield airport 'Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar' in Arunachal Pradesh

Dedicates 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station to the nation

"The launch of Donyi Polo Airport is a resounding reply to the critics who tried to term the foundation stone of the airport as an election gimmick"

"Our government worked by considering the villages in the border areas as the first village of the country"

"Be it tourism or trade, telecom or textiles, North East gets top priority"

"This is a new era of expectations and aspirations and today's programme is a perfect example of the new approach of India"