

# WEEKLY QUIZ

**DATE : (29<sup>th</sup> Sept- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct )**

- 1) Which of the following is a recent measure by the Reserve Bank of India to promote the internationalisation of the Indian Rupee?
- Permitting only central government to hold Special Rupee Vostro Accounts
  - Allowing authorized dealer banks to lend in Indian Rupees to non-residents in neighbouring countries
  - Restricting investment in corporate bonds by foreign banks
  - Mandating all trade settlements to be conducted in US dollars
- 2) Vande Mataram, the national song of India, was originally written in Sanskrit by:
- Rabindranath Tagore
  - Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
  - Subramania Bharati
  - Sarojini Naidu
- 3) Consider the following statements regarding key regulatory distinctions and governance mechanisms for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India:
- Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) are permitted to accept demand deposits and issue cheques drawn on themselves.
  - A Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for NBFCs must ensure that no single entity holds 10% or more of its paid-up share capital.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- I only
- II only
- Both I and II
- Neither I nor II

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Permanent Establishment (PE) in India:

- The concept of Significant Economic Presence (SEP) has been introduced to tax digital businesses with no physical presence in India.
- Issues with PE rules include ambiguity in definitions, leading to tax risks and compliance burdens.
- The Income Tax Act, 1961, contains exhaustive definitions of Permanent Establishment for all non-resident entities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- II only
- I and III only
- I and II only
- II and III only

- 5) Consider the following statements regarding the internationalisation of the Indian Rupee:

- Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) allow surplus balances to be invested in both corporate bonds and central government securities.
- The RBI currently publishes reference rates for the U.S. dollar, euro, Japanese yen, and Australian dollar.
- Internationalisation of the rupee reduces the need for large foreign exchange reserves and provides protection against global liquidity pressures.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- I, II and III
- II only
- I and III only
- II and III only

- 6) Consider the following statements with reference to stablecoins:

- Stablecoins cannot be used for cross-border transactions.
- Stablecoins are cryptocurrencies pegged only to precious metals for stability.
- Stablecoins are designed to minimize volatility, unlike regular cryptocurrencies.
- Stablecoins can pose significant run risks if many investors redeem their holdings at once.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- I, II and III only

- b) I, II and IV only
- c) II, III and IV only
- d) III and IV only

7) Consider the following statements about mud volcanoes:

1. Mud volcanoes are generally encountered in areas where natural gas is present.
2. Mud volcanoes erupt a combination of mud, water, and gases, but not molten lava.
3. The eruption of mud volcanoes can be triggered by tectonic forces or hydrocarbon gas accumulation.
4. India's only known mud volcano is on Baratang Island, Andaman & Nicobar.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) I, II, III and IV
- b) I, II and III only
- c) II and III only
- d) II, III and IV only

8) Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Dextromethorphan is recommended for use as a cough suppressant in children below 5 years.

Reason (R): Diethylene Glycol and Ethylene Glycol are highly toxic industrial chemicals which may be present as contaminants in cough syrups.

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

9) Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): India's recent expansion in social security coverage was recognized at the World Social Security Forum 2025.

Reason (R): The increase in coverage was facilitated by simplification of legislations and building digital, financial, and insurance infrastructure.

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

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

10) Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Eruptions of mud volcanoes are caused by pressure from Earth's tectonic forces or by the accumulation of hydrocarbon gases.

Reason (R): Mud volcanoes are generally encountered in areas where natural gas is present.

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

11) What is the primary function of the proposed Risk-Based Premium Framework for Deposit Insurance?

- a) To provide mandatory insurance for all types of bank deposits
- b) To incentivize sound risk management by linking premiums to banks' risk profiles
- c) To restrict deposit insurance only to public sector banks
- d) To increase the insurance cover for all depositors uniformly

12) Under the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, which of the following online games are prohibited?

- a) Both e-sports and online social games are prohibited
- b) Only online social games are prohibited
- c) All e-sports tournaments are prohibited
- d) All forms of online money games are prohibited

13) Which of the following correctly describes the shareholding structure of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)?

- a) 51% by Government of India, 49% by State Government
- b) 33% each by Government of India, State Government, and sponsoring bank
- c) 100% by the sponsoring public sector bank
- d) 50% by Government of India, 15% by State Government, 35% by sponsoring bank

14) The conservation status of the Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*) under the IUCN Red List is:

- a) Vulnerable
- b) Endangered
- c) Critically Endangered
- d) Near Threatened

15) Which of the following statements best describes the 'flying rivers' of the Amazon?

- a) Artificial irrigation systems created for agriculture in the Amazon
- b) Natural phenomenon of aerial moisture transport and recycling across the Amazon basin
- c) Underground water channels connecting the Amazon and Andes regions
- d) Seasonal rivers formed by melting glaciers in the Andes

16) Consider the following statements regarding the regulatory framework and sponsorship structure of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India:

1. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are required to allocate at least 75% of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit or Credit Equivalent of Off-Balance Sheet Exposure, whichever is higher, to priority sector lending.
2. All the public sector banks sponsor at least one RRB.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

**17)** Consider the following statements regarding the recent reforms in India's banking sector:

1. Under the revised Basel III capital adequacy norms, the new framework will introduce lower risk weights for sectors such as MSMEs and home loans, which is expected to reduce overall capital requirements for banks.
2. The Expected Credit Loss (ECL) provisioning framework will apply to all Scheduled Commercial Banks, including Small Finance Banks, Payment Banks, and Regional Rural Banks, from April 2027.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

**18)** Consider the following statements regarding biostimulants:

1. Biostimulants are officially classified as a type of fertiliser.
2. Biostimulants improve plant growth by stimulating natural physiological processes.
3. Humic acids, seaweed extracts, and beneficial bacteria can function as biostimulants.
4. All biostimulants are derived exclusively from animal protein sources.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) II and III only
- b) II and IV only
- c) II, III and IV only
- d) I only

**19)** Consider the following statements regarding Exercise Pacific Reach 2025 (XPR-25):

1. India participated in Exercise Pacific Reach 2025.
2. XPR-25 is held annually and involves only countries from Asia.
3. The 2025 edition of XPR was hosted by Singapore.
4. XPR-25 is a multinational submarine rescue exercise.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I, III and IV only
- b) I and III only
- c) I, II and III only
- d) I and IV only

**20)** Consider the following statements:

- Assertion (A): The introduction of a risk-based premium framework for deposit insurance encourages sound risk management in banks.  
Reason (R): Better-rated banks pay lower deposit insurance premiums under a risk-based system.

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

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- d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

**21)** Who serves as the ex officio Chairperson of the Payments Regulatory Board as per the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007?

- a) Deputy Governor of RBI in-charge of payment systems
- b) Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- c) Principal Legal Adviser of RBI
- d) Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

**22)** Which of the following best describes the main concern associated with ocean fertilisation projects as a geoengineering method in polar regions?

- a) Uncertainties in food chain dynamics and potential for harmful algal blooms
- b) Excessive deposition of atmospheric dust leading to global cooling
- c) Large-scale melting of polar ice due to chemical reactions
- d) Generation of toxic gases harmful to terrestrial plants

**23)** Consider the following statements regarding the India-EFTA (European Free Trade Association) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA):

1. The recent India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) includes a binding commitment of \$100 billion investment and the creation of 1 million direct jobs over the next 15 years.
2. Among EFTA nations, Norway is India's largest trading partner, followed by Switzerland.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

**24)** Consider the following statements regarding geoengineering approaches for polar regions:

1. Ocean Fertilisation always guarantees the stability of local food chains in polar oceans.
2. Basal Water Removal is a low-emission intervention that does not require continuous monitoring.
3. Sea Curtains may disrupt marine ecosystems by interfering with the movement of marine mammals.
4. Stratospheric Aerosol Injection is ineffective in polar winters due to the absence of sunlight.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I, II and IV only
- b) III and IV only
- c) I and IV only
- d) II and III only

**25)** Consider the following statements regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls:

1. SIR is conducted to ensure the enrolment of all eligible citizens through house-to-house verification.
2. The Election Commission of India derives its authority for SIR from Article 324 of the Constitution.
3. The Representation of the People Act, 1950, provides legal provisions relevant to SIR.
4. SIR is directly authorized under Article 326 of the Constitution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) II only
- b) I, II and III only
- c) III only
- d) I, II and IV only

**26)** Consider the following statements regarding the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme:

1. RoDTEP covers taxes incurred during both manufacture and distribution of exported products.
2. The scheme aims to reimburse taxes on exported products that are not refunded under any other mechanism.
3. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I, II and III
- b) II only
- c) II and III only
- d) I and II

**27)** Consider the following statements regarding the overnight weighted average call rate (WACR):

1. A rise in WACR indicates that money is becoming easier to obtain in the banking system.
2. The Reserve Bank of India uses the overnight weighted average call rate as the operating target for monetary policy.
3. WACR is the average interest rate at which banks lend and borrow money from each other for a period exceeding one week.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) II only
- b) III only
- c) II and III only
- d) I only

**28)** Consider the following statements regarding infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR) and its vaccine:

1. IBR is characterized by acute inflammation of the upper respiratory tract in animals.
2. IBR is a disease caused by a bacterial pathogen.
3. Raksha-IBR is India's first glycoprotein E (gE) deleted DIVA marker vaccine against IBR.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) II and III only
- b) II only
- c) I and III only
- d) III only

**29)** Consider the following statements regarding the International Health Regulations (IHR):

1. The IHR originated in the 21st century as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The main aim of the IHR is to prevent, protect against, control, and provide public health response to the international spread of diseases, while minimizing unnecessary interference with international traffic and trade.
3. The IHR are a legally binding instrument of the World Health Organization for 196 countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) II only
- b) II and III only
- c) I and II only
- d) I only

- 30)** Consider the following statements about the India-EFTA (European Free Trade Association) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement:  
 Assertion (A): The recent agreement with EFTA (European Free Trade Association) nations is expected to significantly reinforce the 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives.  
 Reason (R): The agreement incorporates a binding commitment specifically linked to investment and job creation.

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

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- d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

- 31)** Which statement best describes the recent trend in crime patterns in India according to the 2023 report?

- a) Both traditional violent crimes and crimes against women have increased sharply
- b) Cybercrimes have surged while traditional violent crimes have declined
- c) Metropolitan cities have witnessed a marginal decrease in reported crimes
- d) Traditional violent crimes and cybercrimes have both declined

- 32)** Which ministry is responsible for implementing the Sahyog Portal for automating legal notices to digital platforms?

- a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- b) Ministry of Communications
- c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- d) Ministry of Law and Justice

- 33)** The Wassenaar Arrangement, to which India became a member in 2017, primarily seeks to:

- a) Monitor global financial flows
- b) Regulate international food trade
- c) Promote the transfer of nuclear weapons
- d) Control the export of conventional arms and dual-use technologies

- 34)** The docu-series "*The Resurrection Quest*," which won the Gold Dolphin at Cannes, is associated with which of the following conservation efforts?

- a) Northern White Rhino IVF
- b) Indian Tiger Rewilding
- c) Amazon Rainforest Restoration
- d) Blue Whale Population Monitoring

- 35)** Which of the following is NOT eligible to cast a vote using a postal ballot in India?

- a) Service voters including government servants posted abroad
- b) Persons under preventive detention
- c) Election duty personnel
- d) Members of the Election Commission

- 36)** Consider the following statements regarding the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) mechanism in India:

1. The ABS mechanism is implemented in India through a two-tier system comprising only the National Biodiversity Authority and State Biodiversity Boards.
2. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 was enacted as part of India's commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

- 37)** Consider the following statements regarding the Israel-Gaza conflict and peace efforts:

1. The Yom Kippur War led to Israel returning the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt in 1979.
2. The Camp David Accords in 1978 marked the first time an Arab country recognized Israel as a state.
3. The Balfour Declaration of 1917 was issued by the United States and supported the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I and III only
- b) III only
- c) I and II only
- d) II only

- 38)** Consider the following statements regarding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and India's progress:

1. The concept of sustainable development was first formally defined in the Brundtland Commission Report of 1987.
2. According to recent data, India's net primary enrollment rate for primary education is below 90%.
3. The SDGs were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 and consist of 17 goals with 169 targets.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I, II and III
- b) I only
- c) I and III only
- d) III only

**39)** Consider the following statements about Red Sanders (Red Sandalwood):

1. It is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List and is protected under Schedule IV of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
2. All international trade of Red Sanders is strictly prohibited under CITES Appendix I.
3. Red Sanders is native to the southern Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh and grows in dry deciduous forests.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I and II only
- b) II only
- c) I and III only
- d) III only

**40)** Consider the following statements regarding the livestock and dairy sector in India:

1. Only about 1% of India's livestock is covered under insurance.
2. India ranks fourth in antibiotics use in animals.
3. Livestock sector contributes over 30% to agricultural Gross Value Added (GVA).
4. India ranks first globally in both milk and meat production.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I and II only
- b) I and III only
- c) II and III only
- d) I, II, III and IV

**41)** Which ministry is responsible for implementing the PM E-DRIVE (Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement) scheme?

- a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- c) Ministry of Power
- d) Ministry of Heavy Industries

**42)** India's first fully indigenous 4G (5G-ready) network was developed through the collaboration of which of the following entities?

- a) Wipro, ISRO, and BEL
- b) Reliance Jio, Tata Motors, and C-DAC
- c) DRDO, BHEL, and Infosys
- d) C-DOT, Tejas, and TCS

**43)** Which of the following best describes an oxbow lake?

- a) A deltaic lagoon formed by sediment deposition
- b) A lake formed in volcanic craters due to rainfall accumulation
- c) A crescent-shaped lake formed from a cut-off river meander
- d) A lake formed by the melting of glaciers in mountainous regions

**44)** Consider the following statements:

1. Rani Rashmoni submitted a draft bill against polygamy to the East India Company.
2. Rani Rashmoni was the founder of the Dakshineswar Kali Temple in Bengal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

**45)** Consider the following statements regarding Ramsar wetlands:

1. Every wetland designated as a Ramsar Site must support more than 20,000 water birds.
2. The Ramsar Convention was adopted under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
3. India ratified the Ramsar Convention in 1982.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I and II only
- b) II and III only
- c) I and III only
- d) II only

46) Consider the following statements about AstroSat:

1. The mission aims to study high-energy activities in binary star systems.
2. It was launched into a 650 km orbit by PSLV-C30.
3. AstroSat was designed to operate solely in the radio spectral band.
4. AstroSat is India's first dedicated astronomy mission for simultaneous multi-wavelength observations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I, II and IV only
- b) I, II, III and IV
- c) II, III and IV only
- d) I and IV only

47) Consider the following statements regarding Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS):

1. AVAS emits varying sounds with varying speeds using external speakers to alert pedestrians about the presence of approaching electric vehicles.
2. India's Ministry of Road Transport and Highways plans to mandate AVAS for new EVs from October 2026.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

48) With reference to SODAR (Sound Detection and Ranging), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. SODAR is designed to measure the wind profile and temperature structure in the lower atmosphere.
2. SODAR was developed by the India Meteorological Department, Delhi.
3. SODAR provides information about the height of inversion, height of fog layer, and strength of turbulence.

- a) II and III only
- b) II only
- c) I, II and III
- d) I and III only

49) Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Ways and Means Advances (WMA) are temporary advances extended by the Reserve Bank of India to the Central Government to cover mismatches in receipts and payments.

Reason (R): WMA is a source of financing fiscal deficit for the government.

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

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- d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

50) Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): The Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve is India's first high-altitude cold desert biosphere reserve.

Reason (R): The reserve spans Ladakh and Uttarakhand.

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

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- d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct