KAS Prelims 2026 · Paper I · Solved

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1. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect about the Coorg state?

(a) The British captured Coorg in 1834 CE.

(b) The last ruler of the Coorg state was Chikaveera Rajendra.

(c) A separate Commissioner was appointed to supervise the Coorg state.

(d) Lord William Bentinck was the Governor-General of India when Coorg was annexed in the British rule.

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

Answer: (3) (c) only

Coorg was annexed in 1834 under Bentinck after deposing Chikkaveera Rajendra; it was placed under the Commissioner of Mysore, with no separate Commissioner. So only (c) is incorrect.

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic on Governors-General — Karnataka link
"Bentinck's government took Mysore under direct Commission rule in 1831 and annexed Kodagu in 1834"

KAS HITLIST · History Solutions 16x9 · History Part 3 Solutions, Q66 (Chronology)
"Decode: Anchor 1824 and 1857; Kodagu must be annexed (1834) before its"

2. Consider the following statements regarding Non-Cooperation Movement:

(a) Boycott of foreign cloth and encouraged the use of Khadi.

(b) No difference between Congress leaders over boycott of elections.

(c) The Prince of Wales was welcomed with empty streets.

(d) Schools and colleges were boycotted.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (1) (a), (c) and (d)

Foreign cloth, schools and colleges were boycotted and the Prince of Wales met a hartal in 1921. Congress leaders did differ over council boycott (C.R. Das opposed it at first), so (b) is wrong.

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 41 · Khilafat and Non-Cooperation; Swarajists — timeline point 3
"1921: students left colleges, lawyers such as C.R. Das and Motilal Nehru gave up practice, foreign cloth burned, and the Tilak Swaraj Fund"

KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 41 — timeline point 4
"Nov–Dec 1921: a hartal met the Prince of Wales; the Ahmedabad session gave Gandhi sole authority, and arrests ran into tens of thousands."

3. Consider the following statements regarding the Palaeolithic Age in Karnataka:

(a) Lingadahalli, Kadur and Kibbanahalli are the important Palaeolithic sites in Karnataka.

(b) The stone tools found here are hand axes and cleavers.

(c) The age flourished from 2,00,000 BC to 10,000 BC years before now.

(d) At Hunasagi, Dr. K. Paddayya conducted the excavations.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

Answer: (4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

Lingadahalli, Kadur and Kibbanahalli are Old Stone Age sites yielding hand axes and cleavers; K. Paddayya excavated Hunasagi; the State account dates the age to about 2,00,000-10,000 BC.

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 3 Student Workbook · Topic 1 detail note (Karnataka prehistory)
"Paddayya, from the 1970s, surveyed whole valleys at Hunsgi and"

KAS HITLIST · History Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 1 (Karnataka prehistory) — True or False, statement 1
"Acheulian hand-axes and cleavers belong to the Lower Palaeolithic. ✓"

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4. Which of the following pairs are correct regarding Kadamba Administration?

(a) Manevargade – Steward of the Royal Household

(b) Tantrapala – Minister of External Affairs

(c) Pradhana – Chancellor of Exchequer

(d) Sabha Karya Sachiva – The Secretary of Council

(1) (a), (b) and (c) only

(2) (b) and (d) only

(3) (b), (c) and (d) only

(4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

Answer: (4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

Manevergade was steward of the royal household and Sabhakarya Sachiva the secretary of the council; with both (a) and (d) correct, only the all-four option fits.

5. What are the key features of the Anti-Defection Law under the 91st Amendment?

(a) The anti-defection law does not apply to the merger of parties.

(b) The decision of the presiding officers of the legislatures regarding the disqualification of the members is final.

(c) The anti-defection law applies to the merger of parties.

(d) Under this legislation, the presiding officers of the legislative bodies have authority to disqualify members.

(1) (a), (b) and (d)

(2) (a) and (d)

(3) (b) and (d)

(4) (a) and (c)

Answer: (2) (a) and (d)

The 91st Amendment dropped the 'split' exemption but kept the merger exemption, and the presiding officer decides disqualification. That decision is open to judicial review (Kihoto Hollohan, 1992), so (b) is wrong.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 19 · Speaker and the anti-defection law — True or False, statement 3

"The presiding officer's decision on defection is final and cannot be reviewed by any court. ✗ — Kihoto Hollohan (1992) allowed"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 19 — how it works, point 4

"The presiding officer decides, acting as a tribunal; Kihoto Hollohan (1992) made the order open to judicial review on limited grounds."

6. Arrange the following treaties which took place during Ranjith Singh period in chronological order.

(a) Treaty of Amritsar

(b) Treaty of Firozpur

(c) Treaty of Bhairowal

(d) Treaty of Lahore with General Barlow

(1) (a), (c), (b), (d)

(2) (d), (a), (b), (c)

(3) (b), (c), (d), (a)

(4) (c), (b), (a), (d)

Answer: (2) (d), (a), (b), (c)

Treaty of Lahore (1806) - Treaty of Amritsar (1809) - Firozpur/Tripartite arrangement (1838) - Treaty of Bhairowal (1846).

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Governors-General topic — Don't confuse: Minto I vs Minto II

"the Treaty of Amritsar (1809) with Ranjit Singh; the"

7. Identify the incorrect statement regarding Mahendravarma I:

(a) He wrote Mathavilasa Prahasana.

(b) Kudumiyanmalai inscription mentioned the rise and development of carnatic music.

(c) He built Mamallapuram.

(d) He had the title 'Chithakarapuli'.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Answer: (3) (c) only

Mahendravarman I wrote Mattavilasa Prahasana, bore the title Chitrakarapuli and is linked with the Kudumiyanmalai music inscription. Mamallapuram was built by his son Narasimhavarman I (Mamalla).

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KAS DIKSOOCHI TEST · KAS Diksoochi Test1 Part 2 · Q27 (Pallava architecture), statement 2
"Narasimhavarman I is associated with the monuments at Mamallapuram."

KAS HITLIST · History Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 12 — True or False, statement 3
"The Shore Temple at Mamallapuram was built under Mahendravarman I. ✗ — under Rajasimha (Narasimhavarman II)."

8. Match the following: List-I (Dating Materials) with List-II (Used on)

(a) Carbon-14
(b) Thermoluminescence
(c) Amino Acid Analysis
(d) Dendrochronology

(i) Organic material
(ii) Inorganic material
(iii) Timber
(iv) Bone

(1) a-iv, b-ii, c-iii, d-i
(2) a-ii, b-i, c-iii, d-iv
(3) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv
(4) a-i, b-ii, c-iv, d-iii

Answer: (4) a-i, b-ii, c-iv, d-iii

Carbon-14 dates organic material, thermoluminescence dates inorganic material such as pottery, amino acid analysis (racemisation) is used on bone, and dendrochronology on timber.

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KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Science Technology Explanations 9x16 · Radioactivity explainer — uses of isotopes
"These properties decide uses and hazards. Carbon-14 dates once-living"

9. The Mysore Newspaper Act III enacted in 1908 was modeled on which of the following?

(1) Vernacular Press Act
(2) Morley Ordinance
(3) Press and Registration of Book Act
(4) Adam's Press Ordinance

Answer: (4) Adam's Press Ordinance

The 1908 Mysore regulation allowed no newspaper without the Government's written permission, the same licensing principle as Adam's Press Ordinance of 1823.

10. Consider the following statements related to Brihadeshwara Temple at Thanjavur:

Statement I: This temple was constructed by using large granite blocks.

Statement II: Granite stone was available in plenty in this area.

(1) Both Statements I and II are correct
(2) Both Statements I and II are incorrect
(3) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect
(4) Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct

Answer: (3) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect

The temple is built of huge granite blocks, but there is no granite source around Thanjavur; the stone was hauled from about 50-60 km away.

11. Identify the pair of two drainage systems given in the pictures: [picture (a): streams converging to a centre; picture (b): parallel streams with short right-angled tributaries]

(1) (a) Dendritic pattern, (b) Trellis pattern
(2) (a) Trellis pattern, (b) Annular pattern
(3) (a) Annular pattern, (b) Radial centripetal pattern
(4) (a) Radial centripetal pattern, (b) Trellis pattern

Answer: (4) (a) Radial centripetal pattern, (b) Trellis pattern

Streams flowing inward to a common centre form a centripetal (radial inward) pattern; parallel main streams joined by short right-angled tributaries form a trellis pattern.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 1 Student Workbook · Topic 07 · Fluvial landforms and drainage patterns — detail note
"Trellis patterns, with parallel main streams and tributaries meeting"

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 1 Student Workbook · Topic 07 — detail note
"Narmada and Son do from Amarkantak; centripetal streams"

12. Identify the correct pair from the following symbols and wind description according to Beaufort scale: [wind-barb symbols]

(a) circle with dot – Hurricane
(b) one barb – Light air
(c) three barbs – Strong breeze
(d) six barbs – Calm

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

Answer: (2) (b) and (c)

On the Beaufort notation calm is a plain circle and hurricane carries the most feathers, so (a) and (d) are swapped; one barb is light air and three full barbs a strong breeze.

13. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Auroras' and choose the correct answer:

Statement-I: Auroras are said to be related to earth's magnetism.

Statement-II: Auroras are found in Ionosphere.

Statement-III: The northern polar light is called Aurora Australis and the southern polar light is called Aurora Borealis.

(1) Statement-I, Statement-II and Statement-III are correct
(2) Statement-I, Statement-II and Statement-III are incorrect
(3) Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-III is incorrect
(4) Statement-I and Statement-II are incorrect but Statement-III is correct

Answer: (3) Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-III is incorrect

Auroras are caused by charged particles guided by Earth's magnetic field and occur in the ionosphere. The names are reversed: northern lights are Aurora Borealis, southern lights Aurora Australis.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Atmosphere layers table — Thermosphere row
"Thermosphere Above ~80 km; ionosphere 80–400 km Rises sharply Ionised layers reflect radio waves; auroras"

KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Science Technology Explanations 9x16 · Sun, solar storms and Aditya-L1 explainer
"magnetic field it can drive a geomagnetic storm, bringing auroras, GPS errors, power-grid surges and extra drag on satellites."

14. Choose the correct statements among the following:

(a) Daksha Barai and C. Naganna have delineated the drought-prone areas of Karnataka in 1979.

(b) According to Koppen's classification, entire south and south-eastern parts of Karnataka come under tropical Savanna type of climatic conditions.

(c) In Karnataka, drought-prone areas come under less than 25 cm of annual mean rainfall.

(d) July is the rainiest month of Karnataka.

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

Answer: (3) (a), (b) and (d)

No part of Karnataka averages under 25 cm of rain a year (the driest tracts get about 45-50 cm), so (c) is wrong; the other three statements stand.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Climate regions / Köppen — Karnataka link
"Karnataka spans at least two Köppen types: Amw on the coast, where rain is heavy and the dry season short, and Aw over most of"

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Karnataka agro-climatic zones — must-know facts
"UAS Bengaluru rainfall bands: Central Dry Zone 450–715 mm,"

15. Identify the vegetation types marked on the world map given below with the help of Index: [world map with three shadings (a), (b), (c)]

(1) (a) Deciduous Forest (b) Rainforest (c) Coniferous Forest
(2) (a) Deciduous Forest (b) Coniferous Forest (c) Rainforest
(3) (a) Rainforest (b) Coniferous Forest (c) Deciduous Forest
(4) (a) Rainforest (b) Deciduous Forest (c) Coniferous Forest

Answer: (4) (a) Rainforest (b) Deciduous Forest (c) Coniferous Forest

(a) covers the Amazon, Congo and South-East Asia: rainforest. (b) covers eastern USA, Europe and eastern China: deciduous forest. (c) is the broad belt across Canada and Siberia: coniferous forest.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · World biomes explainer
"temperate grassland, Mediterranean scrub, taiga (the northern coniferous forest) and tundra (treeless land over frozen subsoil)."

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 1 Topic Explainers · World biomes — topic explainer
"come coniferous taiga and treeless tundra on permafrost."

16. Consider the following statements with respect to Europe's rivers:

(a) Both the Danube and the Rhone originate near the border between Germany and Switzerland.

(b) The Danube flows east and joins Black Sea.

(c) The Rhone flows north and joins North Sea.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

(1) (a) only
(2) (a) and (b)
(3) (b) only
(4) (b) and (c)

Answer: (3) (b) only

The Danube rises in Germany's Black Forest and flows east to the Black Sea. The Rhone rises in the Swiss Alps (Rhone Glacier) and flows south to the Mediterranean, so (a) and (c) are wrong.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Europe / Black Sea topic — Exam lens statement 5
"The Danube reaches the Black Sea through a delta on the Romania–Ukraine border."

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Student Workbook · Europe / Black Sea topic — CORE
"The Danube rises in Germany's Black Forest and"

17. Match the following with reference to the natural disaster occurred in 2025: List-I (Place/Name) with List-II (Events)

(a) Kunan
(b) Lewotobi
(c) Dikeledi
(d) Rasuwa

(i) Flash flood
(ii) Cyclone
(iii) Volcano
(iv) Earthquake

(1) a-iv, b-i, c-ii, d-iii
(2) a-iv, b-iii, c-i, d-ii
(3) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii
(4) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i

Answer: (4) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i

Kunar (Afghanistan) - earthquake, Aug 2025; Lewotobi (Indonesia) - volcano; Dikeledi - cyclone, Jan 2025; Rasuwa (Nepal) - flash flood, July 2025.

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KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Geography Explanations 9x16 · Earthquakes in the news — must-know facts
"Kunar (Afghanistan), 31 Aug 2025: Mw 6.0, 8 km deep, shallow"

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Places in news — Going deeper
"the Red Sea and Arabian Sea to reach north-west India on 24 Nov; Lewotobi Laki-laki on Flores erupted in July 2025."

18. Consider the following statements with reference to Hayli Gubbi Volcano:

(a) It was last erupted in 1824.
(b) It is 12 kilometers from Ethiopia's most active volcano.
(c) Erta Ale was erupted in July 2025.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

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

Answer: (3) (b) and (c)

Hayli Gubbi had no recorded eruption before November 2025, so 1824 is wrong. It lies about 12 km from Erta Ale, which itself erupted in July 2025.

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KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Geography Explanations 9x16 · 03 Volcanoes in the news: Hayli Gubbi to Tungurahua — must-know facts
"GVP lists no Holocene eruption of Hayli Gubbi before 2025; the '12,000 years' line is media rounding."

KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Geography Explanations 9x16 · 03 Volcanoes in the news: Hayli Gubbi to Tungurahua — must-know facts
"Hayli Gubbi: 493 m shield volcano in the Afar Rift, the southernmost volcano of the Erta Ale Range, Ethiopia."

19. Match List-I (National Park / Sanctuary) with List-II (State):

(a) Pench
(b) Dampha
(c) Intanki (Ntangki)
(d) Buxa

(i) West Bengal
(ii) Nagaland
(iii) Mizoram
(iv) Madhya Pradesh

(1) a-iv, b-ii, c-iii, d-i
(2) a-iii, b-iv, c-ii, d-i
(3) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i
(4) a-i, b-iii, c-ii, d-iv

Answer: (3) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i

Pench - Madhya Pradesh; Dampa - Mizoram; Intanki - Nagaland; Buxa - West Bengal.

20. Khadins and Johads are rainwater harvesting structures built in which of the following states?

(1) Meghalaya
(2) Keralam
(3) Rajasthan
(4) Tamil Nadu

Answer: (3) Rajasthan

Khadins (Jaisalmer) and johads (Alwar) are traditional rainwater harvesting structures of Rajasthan.

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21. Arrange the following geographical features of the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago from North to South:

(a) Barren Island
(b) Ten Degree Channel
(c) Narcondam Island
(d) Mt. Harriet
(e) Duncan Passage

(1) (c), (a), (d), (e), (b)
(2) (c), (d), (a), (e), (b)
(3) (a), (c), (d), (b), (e)
(4) (a), (d), (c), (e), (b)

Answer: (1) (c), (a), (d), (e), (b)

Narcondam (13.4°N) lies north of Barren Island (12.3°N); then Mt. Harriet near Port Blair (11.7°N), Duncan Passage (about 11°N) and Ten Degree Channel (10°N).

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KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Geography Explanations 9x16 · 03 Volcanoes in the news — must-know facts
"Narcondam, ~140 km NNE of Barren, is dormant."

KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Geography Explanations 9x16 · 03 Volcanoes in the news — must-know facts
"Barren: ~138 km NE of Port Blair, 8.34 km², 353 m high; first"

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22. Consider the following statements regarding the Bandipur National Park:

(a) It is located at the tri-junction of Karnataka, Keralam and Andhra Pradesh.
(b) It is flanked by the Kabini river in the north and the Moyer river in the south.
(c) It merges with the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(1) (a) and (b)
(2) (b) and (c)
(3) (a) and (c)
(4) Only (c)

Answer: (2) (b) and (c)

Bandipur sits at the Karnataka–Kerala–Tamil Nadu tri-junction, so (a) fails on Andhra Pradesh. Kabini lies to its north, Moyar to its south; it is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · 63 · Map-based India: extremes, tri-junctions and places in news — Karnataka link
"Its tri-junction with Kerala and Tamil Nadu is the Bandipur–Mudumalai–Wayanad forest block of the"

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Karnataka forests and wildlife — tiger reserves
"Bandipur and Nagarahole sit in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve landscape, which continues into Mudumalai and Wayanad"

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23. Identify the correctly matched pairs from the following: Agro-Climatic Zone – Taluks

(a) North-Eastern Transition Zone – Bhalki
(b) Northern Dry Zone – Indi
(c) Central Dry Zone – Madhugiri
(d) Southern Dry Zone – Kaduru

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

Answer: (4) (a), (b) and (c)

Bhalki is in the North-Eastern Transition Zone, Indi in the Northern Dry Zone, Madhugiri in the Central Dry Zone. Kaduru also belongs to the Central Dry Zone, so (d) is wrong.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 85 · Soils and the ten agro-climatic zones — Self-test 2
"Bidar lies in the North Eastern Dry Zone. ✗ — Bidar anchors the North Eastern Transition Zone."

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 85 · Going deeper
"Anchor districts make the map memorable: Bidar for the North Eastern Transition Zone, Kalaburagi and Raichur for the North Eastern Dry Zone, Chitradurga for the Central Dry Zone"

24. The following harbours are developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) method. Identify the correct option.

(a) Manki, Honnavar, Belikeri
(b) Tadadi, Keni, Malpe
(c) New Mangalore, Bhatkal, Kundapura
(d) Karwar, Tadri, New Mangalore

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

Answer: (2) (a) and (b) are correct

Manki, Honnavar, Belikeri, Tadadi, Keni and Malpe are State minor ports taken up under PPP. New Mangalore is a Central major port, so (c) and (d) fail.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 92 · Transport, logistics, ports and corridors in Karnataka
"Keni near Ankola is planned as a greenfield non-major port under a PPP awarded to JSW Infrastructure (Nov 2023), and fishers protested against it in 2025."

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 92 · How it works, step 5
"The Karnataka Maritime Board (2018) runs the non-major ports, among them Karwar, Belekeri, Tadri, Honnavar, Malpe and Old Mangaluru."

25. NH 150A connects which of the following places?

(a) Jewargi
(b) Chamarajanagara
(c) Mysuru
(d) Nagamangala
(e) Ballari
(f) Shivamogga

(1) Only (a), (e) and (f)
(2) Only (e) and (f)
(3) (a), (b), (c) and (d)
(4) (a), (b), (e) and (f)

Answer: (3) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

NH 150A runs Jewargi–Ballari–Hiriyur–Nagamangala–Srirangapatna–Mysuru–Chamarajanagara. Shivamogga is not on it, so every option containing (f) fails.

26. Consider the following statements with regard to Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC):

(a) Dedicated Freight Corridors are specially designed for transportation of goods.

(b) These networks run parallel with passenger services of Indian rail.

(c) The Western Dedicated Freight Corridor connects Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Maharashtra near Gurugram, Haryana.

(d) Dedicated Freight Corridors promote energy-efficient rail transport and reduce dependence on roadways.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

(1) Only one statement is correct
(2) Only two statements are correct
(3) Only three statements are correct
(4) All the four statements are correct

Answer: (3) Only three statements are correct

DFCs are freight-only lines running alongside the existing passenger routes and shift cargo from road to energy-efficient rail. The Western DFC runs from JNPT to Dadri in Uttar Pradesh, not Gurugram, so (c) is wrong.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Logistics topic · Going deeper
"rail carries about 27% of freight, and the National Rail Plan aims for 45% by 2030, helped by the Western (Dadri–JNPT) and Eastern (Ludhiana–Sonnagar) Dedicated Freight Corridors."

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Transport topic · Key terms
"Dedicated Freight Corridor: a railway line reserved for goods trains, separating freight from passenger traffic"

27. Which of the following economists made use of a combination of census of output and census of income method for estimating India's national income in the British period?

(1) Dadabhai Naoroji
(2) Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao
(3) William Digby
(4) R.C. Desai

Answer: (2) Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao

Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao estimated national income for 1931-32 by combining the census of output method (agriculture, industry) with the census of income method (services).

28. Which of the following Ministries are involved in the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme?

(a) Women and Child Development
(b) Health and Family Welfare
(c) Education
(d) Social Justice and Empowerment

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

Answer: (3) (a), (b) and (c)

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was launched in 2015 as a tri-ministerial effort of Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, and Education (then HRD). Social Justice is not a partner.

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KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · Mission Shakti card (Central scheme)
"Sambal (safety): One Stop Centres, Women Helpline 181, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Nari Adalat."

KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · Mission Shakti card (Central scheme), header line
"Launched: 2022 (guidelines for 2021-22 to 2025-26) Ministry: Women & Child Development"

29. Keeping in view India's vision of becoming 'Atmanirbhar', Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes for 14 key sectors was announced to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and exports. Which of the following sectors is/are not included in the above (PLI) Schemes?

(a) Pharmaceutical Drugs

(b) Automobiles and Auto components

(c) Banking and Insurance

(d) Food Products

(1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) sectors are included

(2) Only (a) and (b) sectors are not included

(3) Only (c) sector is not included

(4) Only (b) and (d) sectors are not included

Answer: (3) Only (c) sector is not included

The 14 PLI sectors are all manufacturing sectors, including pharmaceuticals, automobiles and auto components, and food products. Banking and insurance is a service and is not covered.

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KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · Central Schemes — Manufacturing, MSMEs & Startups: Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes card

"Sectors include mobiles, IT hardware, pharma, APIs, medical devices, auto & components, ACC batteries, solar modules, textiles (MMF), food processing, white goods, specialty steel, telecom, drones."

KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Question Bank 280Q · Q125 key/explanation

"I is correct — PLI rewards incremental sales, usually for five years. II is wrong — the 14 PLI schemes have an outlay of Rs.1.97 lakh crore"

30. Consider the following statements about Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS): There is a realization that PACS can be useful vehicles for facilitating the convergence of various schemes intended for farmers' welfare, improving their effectiveness and reach through better participation of the small and marginal farmers in development programmes.

(a) PACS will function as Janaushadhi Kendra and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendra, including drone entrepreneurs.

(b) PACS will be eligible as 'Paani Samiti'.

(c) PACS will be responsible for setting up centralized solar power plants at the Panchayat level.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(1) (a) and (b)

(2) (b) and (c)

(3) (a) and (c)

(4) (a), (b) and (c)

Answer: (1) (a) and (b)

PACS can run Janaushadhi Kendras and PM Kisan Samriddhi Kendras, act as drone entrepreneurs and serve as Paani Samitis. Under PM-KUSUM they take up decentralised solar pumps and panels, not centralised panchayat plants.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 24 · Co-operatives and rural credit institutions (NABARD, PACS, Ministry of Cooperation)

"Since 2021 the Union Ministry of Cooperation has pushed computerised, multi-purpose PACS that also run storage, input shops and common service centres."

31. Which among the following states topped the 'Fiscal Health Index, 2025' released by NITI Aayog?

(1) Telangana

(2) Odisha

(3) Andhra Pradesh

(4) Tamil Nadu

Answer: (2) Odisha

Odisha ranked first in NITI Aayog's Fiscal Health Index 2025 with a score of 67.8, ahead of Chhattisgarh and Goa.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 99 · Karnataka in national rankings and indices — table

"Fiscal Health Index 2026 NITI Aayog (FY24 data) 9th of 18 major States; score Odisha 1st, Punjab last"

KAS MOCK TEST · Paper II · Key & Synopsis · Mock Paper II, Q13 — statement 1

"1 ✓ — score 41.7, 9th of 18; Odisha topped"

32. Consider the following Assertion (A) and Reason (R):

Assertion (A): Procurement prices are fixed at a higher level as compared to the minimum support price.

Reason (R): It is done essentially for the purchase of quantities needed by the Government for maintaining the public distribution system and for building up buffer stocks.

(1) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)

(2) Both (A) and (R) are correct but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)

(3) (A) is correct but (R) is incorrect

(4) Both (A) and (R) are incorrect

Answer: (1) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)

Procurement price is what the Government pays to buy grain for the PDS and buffer stock, so it is set above the MSP, a mere floor guarantee. R gives the purpose that explains A.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 64 · Agriculture: production, MSP, procurement — Start here

"A minimum support price (MSP) works the same way: it is a floor at which the government stands ready to buy a crop."

KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Subsidies topic · Start here

"The Food Corporation of India pays farmers the minimum support price, then meets the cost of storage, transport and handling; the total is the economic cost."

33. Which of the following statement/statements is/are correct regarding the Mahalanobis Model?

(a) It was a trade model.

(b) It was initially a single sector model. Then it was developed into two-sector and four-sector models.

(c) It assumes total shiftability of capital goods once installed in any of the sectors.

(1) Only (a)

(2) (a) and (b)

(3) Only (b)

(4) (a), (b) and (c)

Answer: (3) Only (b)

The Mahalanobis model assumes a closed economy, so it is not a trade model. It began as a single-sector model (1952), then two-sector (1953) and four-sector (1955). It assumes capital is non-shiftable once installed.

34. Which of the following is/are the most practical and economical approach to achieve sizable increases in agricultural productivity?

(a) Additional quantities of existing inputs.

(b) Improvement in quality of inputs.

(c) Application of modern technology.

(d) Replacing workers with machines.

(1) (a), (b) and (c)

(2) (b) and (c)

(3) (b), (c) and (d)

(4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

Answer: (2) (b) and (c)

Sizable productivity gains come most practically and cheaply from better-quality inputs and modern technology. Merely adding more of the existing inputs gives diminishing returns, and replacing workers with machines raises labour productivity, not yield.

35. Expand BIFR.

(1) Board for Industrial and Financial Recovery

(2) Bureau of Industrial and Financial Research

(3) Bureau for International Financial Reconstruction

(4) Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction

Answer: (4) Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction

BIFR stands for Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, set up in 1987 under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

36. Which of the following statements are incorrect about 'Operation Twist' by RBI?

(a) It was undertaken in 2019 to incentivise long-term investment by lowering long-term interest rates.

(b) This was undertaken through Open Market Operations by selling short-term securities to buy long-term securities.

(c) It aimed at increasing the interest rates on long-term government bonds.

(d) This was undertaken through Open Market Operations by selling long-term securities to buy short-term securities.

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

Answer: (3) Only (c) and (d)

Operation Twist (December 2019) meant RBI selling short-term securities and buying long-term ones to pull long-term rates down. So (c) raising long-term rates and (d) the reverse swap are the incorrect statements.

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37. Which of the following statements are correct with regard to High Level Committee on Regional Imbalances headed by M. Govinda Rao?

(a) Recommended the abolition of Malnad Development Board and Bayaluseeme Development Board.

(b) Recommended developing Bidar as a centre of Heritage Tourism and Industrial Hub.

(c) Recommended to upgrade 22 existing medical colleges into super-speciality hospitals.

(d) Recommended for the establishment of 1484 Karnataka Public Schools.

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

Answer: (4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

The Govinda Rao Committee asked for abolition of the Malnad and Bayaluseeme boards, a heritage-tourism and industrial role for Bidar, upgrading of 22 medical colleges and 1,484 Karnataka Public Schools.

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KAS MOCK TEST · Paper II · Q21, statement 4
"The Budget gave in-principle approval to the Govinda Rao Committee's recommendations on backward areas and announced a ₹5,000 crore action plan for the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board."

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 96 · Regions and regional imbalance
"Mar 2026: Budget 2026–27 approved in principle what the Govinda Rao Committee recommended and announced a ₹5,000 crore KKRDB"

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38. Capability approach with respect to Human Development was first propounded by

(1) Jagadish Bhagwati and Amartya Sen
(2) Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum
(3) Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo
(4) Daron Acemoglu

Answer: (2) Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum

The capability approach was propounded by Amartya Sen in the 1980s and developed further by Martha Nussbaum; it underlies the Human Development Index.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Human development topic, START HERE - THE BASICS
"Human development, an idea built on Amartya Sen's capability approach and popularised by Mahbub ul"

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39. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Gandhian economy?

(a) Gandhian School of Thought was based on the spiritual and socio-economic principles.

(b) Gandhi found that western economic systems were sustainable and beneficial to the human spirits as they were based on the multiplication of needs.

(c) Gandhi's campaign of Swadeshi and Non-cooperation was centred on the principles of economic self-sufficiency.

(d) Gandhiji worked to develop ways to fight India's extreme poverty, backwardness and socio-economic challenges.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: (3) (a), (c) and (d)

Gandhian economics rests on spiritual and socio-economic principles, Swadeshi self-sufficiency and the fight against poverty. Gandhi rejected Western systems built on multiplication of wants, so (b) is wrong.

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 40 · Gandhi's early satyagrahas and Gandhian methods, Going Deeper
"'Hind Swaraj', written on the voyage from London to South Africa, attacked modern civilisation, railways, lawyers and doctors"

KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 40, key terms
"Hind Swaraj: Gandhi's 1909 book criticising modern civilisation and"

40. The criteria for identifying Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are

(a) Pre-agricultural level of technology

(b) Low level of literacy

(c) Economic backwardness

(d) A declining or stagnant population.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: (3) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

The four PVTG criteria are pre-agricultural level of technology, low literacy, economic backwardness, and a declining or stagnant population.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 4 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Key terms - PVTG
"PVTG: a tribe marked by pre-agricultural technology, low literacy, economic backwardness and a stagnant or declining population"

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Tribes topic, India: places, data and programmes
"PVTGs (75) are identified by four markers: pre-agricultural"

41. Which of the following statements regarding the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 are correct?

(a) The Act prohibits discrimination in education and employment

(b) Every establishment shall designate a complaint officer.

(c) Every transgender person has the right to reside in the household.

(d) The Act permits discrimination in healthcare under special circumstances.

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

Answer: (4) (a), (b) and (c)

The Act bars discrimination in education, employment and healthcare, mandates a complaint officer in every establishment and gives the right to reside in the household. No healthcare exception exists, so (d) is wrong.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 42 · Rights-based laws: RTI, DPDP, disability and transgender rights
"the Transgender Persons Act 2019 gave statutory form to NALSA (2014), the judgment that recognised a third gender."

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 42, Going Deeper
"The 2026 amendment to the Transgender Persons Act swapped self-perceived identity"

42. The PESA is applicable to the states of

(a) Assam, Meghalaya and Odisha

(b) Odisha, Tripura and Sikkim

(c) Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana

(1) Only (a)
(2) (a) and (b)
(3) (a) and (c)
(4) Only (c)

Answer: (4) Only (c)

PESA covers only the ten Fifth Schedule states, which include Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Odisha. Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura are Sixth Schedule states; Sikkim is not covered.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 53 · Tribes and human geography of India
"Fifth Schedule covers Scheduled Areas in ten States, where PESA (1996) gives Gram Sabhas strong powers; the Sixth Schedule gives autonomous district councils to tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram."

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Topic Explainers · Topic 31 · Special provisions: Art 371J, Fifth and Sixth Schedules — Exam Lens (True or False)
"PESA 1996 extends panchayat provisions to Fifth Schedule areas. ✓"

43. A Bill seeking to amend which of the following provisions of the Constitution requires only simple majority and such a Bill is not deemed to be a Constitution Amendment Bill under Article 368 of the Constitution?

(a) Creation or abolition of the legislative councils in states.

(b) Alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing states.

(c) Administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

(d) Representation of states in Parliament.

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

Answer: (3) (a), (b) and (c)

Articles 169, 4 and Para 21 of the Sixth Schedule allow change by simple majority, outside Article 368. Representation of states in Parliament needs special majority plus ratification by half the states.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Student · Topic 09 · Amending the Constitution (Art 368) — 129th, 130th, 131st
"Simple majority outside Art 368: Arts 2, 3, 4, 169, Fifth and"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 02 · Preamble, basic structure and amendment (Art 368)
"changes, such as creating a new State or a Legislative Council, are made by an ordinary simple majority and are not counted as amendments at all."

44. Which of the following statements regarding the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 is/are correct?

Statement-I: The Bill sought to operationalise the 33% women's reservation before the 2029 general elections by linking delimitation to the 2011 Census.

Statement-II: The Bill failed in the Lok Sabha on April 17, 2026 because it could not secure two-thirds (2/3) majority of Members present and voting required under Article 368 of the Constitution.

(1) Only Statement-I is correct
(2) Only Statement-II is correct
(3) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct
(4) Neither Statement-I nor Statement-II is correct

Answer: (3) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct

The Bill aimed to bring women's reservation into force by 2029 using delimitation on 2011 Census figures. On 17 April 2026 it got 298 of 528 votes, short of the two-thirds (352) needed.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 24 · Delimitation, Census 2027, women's quota and ONOE
"The 131st Bill proposed 850 seats on the 2011 Census; its 298 votes were a majority of the House's total membership but fell short of two-thirds of the 528 members present and voting, as Art 368 requires."

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Topic Explainers · Topic 24 · Delimitation, Census 2027, women's quota and ONOE
"On 17 April 2026 the Lok Sabha defeated the 131st Amendment Bill, which would have brought delimitation and women's reservation forward."

45. On 27th September 2013, the Supreme Court of India pronounced a landmark judgment that the citizens of India have the Right to Negative vote by exercising the 'None Of The Above' (NOTA) option in EVMs and ballot papers. The judgment was passed based on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by which of the following organisations?

(1) Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)
(2) People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL)
(3) People's Union for Democratic Rights (PUDR)
(4) Foundation for Democratic Reforms (FDR)

Answer: (2) People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL)

The NOTA judgment of 27 September 2013 is People's Union for Civil Liberties v. Union of India.

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EXAMINER'S CODE · Part 2 News Picks the Topic · Exhibit 20 (Q20) · SC: NOTA in uncontested polls? — The Static Link
"NOTA came from PUCL v. Union of India (2013) for"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 39 · Election law, parties and electoral finance
"Courts have shaped the machinery: NOTA (PUCL, 2013), VVPAT (Subramanian Swamy, 2013) and, in April 2024, a refusal"

46. Which among the following statement/statements regarding Private Member Bills is/are correct?

(a) It can be introduced by any private Member of the House, who is not a minister.

(b) The introduction of this Bill requires an advance one month's notice.

(c) It can only be introduced and discussed on Mondays.

(1) Only (a)
(2) (a) and (b)
(3) (b) and (c)
(4) (a), (b) and (c)

Answer: (2) (a) and (b)

Any member who is not a minister can introduce it and one month's notice is needed. Private members' business is taken up on Fridays, not Mondays.

47. The recommendations of which Commission led to the Constitution of the First Inter-State Council in 1990?

(1) R.D. Pradhan Commission
(2) Sarkaria Commission
(3) M.M. Punchhi Commission
(4) Rajamannar Commission

Answer: (2) Sarkaria Commission

The Sarkaria Commission recommended a permanent Inter-State Council under Article 263; it was set up by Presidential Order on 28 May 1990.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 30 · Inter-State relations and water disputes
"allows the President to set up an Inter-State Council to inquire into and advise on disputes and common interests; it was created in 1990 on the Sarkaria Commission's advice."

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Topic Explainers · Topic 30 · Inter-State relations and water disputes
"For broader cooperation, Art 263 allows an Inter-State Council, set up in 1990 on the Sarkaria Commission's"

48. Which among the following are valid conditions that can give recognition to any political party as National Party in India?

(a) Party has won more than two percent of total seats in Lok Sabha from at least three states at the last General Elections.
(b) Party is recognized as state party in four or more states.
(c) In the last General Elections to the Lok Sabha, the party should have won at least one seat for every 25 seats allotted in any one state.

(1) (a) and (c)
(2) Only (a)
(3) (a) and (b)
(4) (b) and (c)

Answer: (3) (a) and (b)

Winning 2% of Lok Sabha seats from at least three states, or being a state party in four states, gives national status. One seat per 25 seats in a state is a state-party condition.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Student · Topic 42 · Political parties: registration and recognition
"National party: 2% LS seats from ≥3 States; or 6% votes in 4"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Topic Explainers · Topic 39 · Election law, parties and electoral finance
"A party recognised as a State party in four States qualifies as a national party ✓"

49. Match the following landmark Supreme Court judgments (List-I) regarding reservations with their core legal rulings (List-II):

(a) Indra Sawhney case
(b) M. Nagaraj case
(c) Janki Prasad Parimoo case
(d) Ashoka Kumar Thakur case

(i) Upheld the 93rd Constitutional Amendment
(ii) Ruled 50% creamy layer
(iii) Promotional reservations
(iv) Occupation and poverty-based backwardness

(1) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i
(2) a-i, b-iv, c-ii, d-iii
(3) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i
(4) a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii

Answer: (1) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i

Indra Sawhney: 50% ceiling and creamy layer. Nagaraj: reservation in promotions. Janki Prasad Parimoo: occupation and poverty as tests of backwardness. Ashoka Kumar Thakur: upheld the 93rd Amendment.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 06 · Equality, reservation and sub-classification
"Indra Sawhney (1992), a nine-judge bench, upheld 27% OBC reservation in central posts but set three markers: a 50% ceiling save in extraordinary situations, exclusion of the OBC creamy layer, and no reservation in promotions."

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Topic Explainers · Topic 06 · Equality, reservation and sub-classification
"Indra Sawhney (1992) — 50% ceiling save extraordinary cases; creamy layer for OBCs"

50. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

(a) If somebody is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for 3 years, he/she cannot contest elections in India.

(b) Prisoners and persons under lawful custody of the police in India do not have the right to vote.

(1) Only (a) is correct
(2) Only (b) is correct
(3) Both (a) and (b) are correct
(4) Both (a) and (b) are incorrect

Answer: (3) Both (a) and (b) are correct

Section 8(3) RPA 1951 disqualifies anyone sentenced to two years or more, so three years bars contesting. Section 62(5) denies the vote to prisoners and persons in lawful police custody.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Going Deeper – Representation of the People Act 1951 / disqualification
"Section 8 disqualifies a person convicted and sentenced to two years or more, for the sentence"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Topic Explainers · Key provisions and cases – disqualification of legislators
"RPA 1951 Sec 8(3) — conviction with two years' sentence"

51. Under the Districts as Export Hubs (DEH) initiative, bamboo craft, forest produce and vegetables have been identified as key export products across districts of which one of the following states?

(1) Madhya Pradesh
(2) Chhattisgarh
(3) Jharkhand
(4) Karnataka

Answer: (3) Jharkhand

Under the Districts as Export Hubs initiative, Jharkhand's districts feature bamboo craft, forest produce and vegetables.

52. With reference to the tax incentives announced in the Union Budget 2026-27 for promoting data centre services in India, which of the following statements is incorrect?

(1) The Union Budget 2026-27 proposes to provide a tax holiday till 2047 to foreign companies providing cloud services to customers globally by using data centre services from India.

(2) To avail the tax holiday, such a foreign company must provide services to Indian customers through an Indian reseller entity.

(3) The Budget proposes a safe harbour of 15% on cost where the company providing data centre services from India is a related entity.

(4) The tax holiday is available to all companies operating data centres in India, irrespective of whether they are domestic or foreign companies.

Answer: (4) The tax holiday is available to all companies operating data centres in India, irrespective of whether they are domestic or foreign companies.

The tax holiday till 2047 is only for foreign companies offering global cloud services through Indian data centres, with Indian customers served via an Indian reseller. Domestic companies are not covered.

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KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · Union Budget table, row 'IT services tax' (Industry chapter)
"tax holiday till 2047 for foreign companies providing cloud services to global customers through Indian data centres"

KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Question Bank 280Q · Q130, Statement I
"Statement I: The Union Budget 2026-27 offers a tax holiday till 2047 to foreign companies providing cloud services to global customers through data centres located in India."

53. In July 2026, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has granted marketing authorisation for which of the following Dengue Tetravalent vaccine manufactured by Takeda GmBH, Germany?

(1) Denga 4R
(2) Qdenga
(3) Rdenga
(4) DengaB

Answer: (2) Qdenga

Takeda's tetravalent dengue vaccine is Qdenga (TAK-003), India's first approved dengue vaccine, cleared by CDSCO in July 2026.

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KAS HITLIST · ScienceTech Part 1 Student Workbook · Quick-revision table – Dengue vaccine
"Qdenga (Takeda) is India's first approved dengue vaccine (DCGI, Jul 2026; two doses, ages 4–60)"

KAS HITLIST · ScienceTech Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 19 (vector-borne diseases) – Going Deeper
"whereas Qdenga, a live-attenuated tetravalent vaccine, can be given without a prior blood test, as two doses"

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54. During the US-Iran conflict, the Strait of Hormuz came to the news headlines several times. Regarding the Strait of Hormuz, consider the following statements:

(a) It links the Persian Gulf with Gulf of Aden.
(b) It is a canal constructed by Iran and Oman.
(c) It was also blocked by Iran during 1980-1988 Iraq-Iran War.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

(1) All the statements are correct
(2) None of the statements is correct
(3) Only (a) and (c) are correct
(4) Only (a) is correct

Answer: (2) None of the statements is correct

Hormuz links the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman, not the Gulf of Aden. It is a natural strait, not a canal. Iran never closed it during the 1980-88 war.

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KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Topic Explainers · Chokepoints topic – Key provisions and cases
"Hormuz: Persian Gulf ↔ Gulf of Oman; Iran (north),"

KAS HITLIST · Geography Part 3 Topic Explainers · Chokepoints topic – The Basics
"A strait is a narrow natural waterway between two seas; a"

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55. According to the Sustainable Development Report, 2026 released by the 'UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)', India ranked _____ out of 169 countries in the 2026 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) index.

(1) 85th
(2) 87th
(3) 90th
(4) 94th

Answer: (4) 94th

India ranked 94th out of 169 countries in the SDG Index 2026, its highest rank so far.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Indices table – SDG Index 2026
"SDG Index 2026 UN SDSN 94th of 167 99th in 2025"

KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 2 Topic Explainers · Reports and indices – key facts
"Gender Gap 2026: 131st of 145; SDG Index 2026: 94th of"

56. According to the Union Budget 2026-27, which of the following schemes received the highest allocation?

(1) VB-G RAM G
(2) Jal Jeevan Mission
(3) National Health Mission
(4) PM-KISAN

Answer: (1) VB-G RAM G

VB-G RAM G got Rs 95,692 crore, ahead of Jal Jeevan Mission (Rs 67,670 crore), PM-KISAN (Rs 63,500 crore) and National Health Mission (about Rs 39,000 crore).

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KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Question Bank 280Q · Q81, statement 2 (VB-G RAM G Act)
"The Budget Estimate of Rs.95,692 crore for 2026-27 is the highest ever allocation for a rural employment programme."

KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · Current Affairs table, 24 Jun 2026 row — PM-KISAN 23rd instalment
"Rs.4.46 lakh cr; Budget 2026-27 allocation Rs.60,000 cr."

57. Match the following sports personalities with their respective sports:

(a) Anahat Singh
(b) Rishikant Singh
(c) Preeti Pawar
(d) Neeraj Chopra
(i) Boxing
(ii) Javelin throw
(iii) Squash
(iv) Weightlifting

(1) a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii
(2) a-i, b-iii, c-iv, d-ii
(3) a-iv, b-i, c-ii, d-iii
(4) a-ii, b-iv, c-iii, d-i

Answer: (1) a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii

Anahat Singh - squash; Rishikanta Singh - weightlifting (CWG 2026 silver, 60 kg); Preeti Pawar - boxing; Neeraj Chopra - javelin throw.

58. How many of the following statement/statements regarding 2026 Commonwealth Games gold medalist Mirabai Chanu is/are correct?

(a) She earned gold medal in 2014 Commonwealth Games at Glasgow.
(b) She earned silver medal in 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
(c) She was awarded with Padma Shri in 2018.
(d) She has not got any medals in any World Weightlifting Championships.

(1) Only one statement is correct
(2) Only two statements are correct
(3) Only three statements are correct
(4) All the four statements are correct

Answer: (2) Only two statements are correct

(b) and (c) are correct. She won silver, not gold, at Glasgow 2014, and she has World Championship medals including gold in 2017.

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DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 7 Sports 2026 · Day 7 — Sports 2026, fact 4 (Commonwealth Games 2026, Glasgow)
"medals incl. record 7 golds; Mirabai Chanu first Indian with"

DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 7 Sports 2026 · Day 7 — Sports 2026, fact 4 (next line)
"three consecutive CWG golds; Neeraj Chopra silver (85.83 m)."

59. Arrange the following solar initiatives chronologically from earliest to latest:

(a) PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana launched.

(b) The Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission launched.

(c) India's Solar target revised to 100 GW under Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission.

(d) PM-Surya Sarovar Yojana approved.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Answer: (2) (b), (c), (a), (d)

National Solar Mission launched 2010; target revised to 100 GW in 2015; PM Surya Ghar launched February 2024; PM-Surya Sarovar Yojana approved by Cabinet on 31 July 2026.

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KAS HITLIST · ScienceTech Part 2 Student Workbook · Renewables topic, 2025–26 update column
"PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (Feb 2024) has ₹75,021"

KAS HITLIST · Environment Part 2 Student · Renewable energy topic, CORE column
"Solar parks; PM-KUSUM (farm solar); PM Surya Ghar"

60. How many of the following statement / statements are correct?

(a) The CM-302 is a supersonic antiship and land-attack cruise missile.

(b) It was developed by China in 2026.

(c) Its range is 290 km.

(d) It was developed by India in 2026.

(1) Only one statement is correct
(2) Only two statements are correct
(3) Only three statements are correct
(4) None of the statements is correct

Answer: (2) Only two statements are correct

CM-302 is China's supersonic anti-ship missile that can also hit land targets, with a 290 km range. It is the export YJ-12, unveiled in 2016, so both '2026' statements are wrong.

61. Consider the following pairs related to Padma Shri – 2026 awardees in the field of sports:

(a) Savita Punia – Hockey

(b) Harmanpreet Kaur – Cricket

(c) Praveen Kumar – Football

(d) Bhagwandas Raikar – Chess

How many of the above pair/pairs is/are correctly matched?

(1) One only
(2) Two only
(3) Three only
(4) All the four

Answer: (2) Two only

Savita Punia (hockey) and Harmanpreet Kaur (cricket) are right. Praveen Kumar is a para high jumper, not a footballer; Bhagwandas Raikwar is a traditional Bundeli martial-arts trainer, not a chess player.

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DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 1 National awards and honours · Day 1 — National awards and honours, fact 1
"Padma Awards 2026 (announced 25 Jan 2026): 131"

DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 7 Sports 2026 · Day 7 — Sports 2026, fact 18 (ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025)
"Harmanpreet Kaur; Player of the Match Shafali Verma; Player of the"

62. Who won the Stockholm Water Prize, 2025 and which country is he/she from?

(1) Sunita Narain, India
(2) Roger Falconer, UK
(3) Peter Gleick, USA
(4) Gunter Bloschl, Austria

Answer: (4) Gunter Bloschl, Austria

The 2025 Stockholm Water Prize went to hydrologist Professor Günter Blöschl of Austria for his work on flood risk.

63. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Nobel Peace Prize?

(a) The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway, while the other Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden.

(b) Mahatma Gandhi was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize five times but never received it.

(c) The nominations and deliberations of the Norwegian Nobel Committee remain confidential for 50 years.

(d) The 2014 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded jointly to Kailash Satyarthi and Nihon Hidankyo.

(e) The 2026 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Navi Pillay of South Africa.

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

Answer: (2) (a), (b), (c) and (e) only

(a), (b), (c) are standard facts; Navi Pillay of South Africa won in 2026, so (e) is right. (d) is wrong: 2014 went to Satyarthi and Malala; Nihon Hidankyo won in 2024.

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DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 11 Awards Rajyotsava 2026 global · Nobel 2026 recap
"(Canada); Peace — Navi Pillay (South Africa, Indian-Tamil"

EXAMINER'S CODE · Part 2 News Picks the Topic · Exhibit 6 / Q6 — Machado wins Peace Nobel > Nobel Peace Prize – Oslo (static link)
"Committee and presented in Oslo; the other prizes"

64. Consider the following statements regarding "Vande Mataram" and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act, 2026:

(a) Vande Mataram was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and incorporated in his novel 'Anandamath'.

(b) The composition consists of six stanzas and was first sung at the 1896 Indian National Congress Session.

(c) In 1950, 'Vande Mataram' was accorded status equal to 'Jana Gana Mana'.

(d) The original 1971 Act provided statutory protection to Vande Mataram.

(e) The 2026 Amendment extended Section 3 protection to the National Song.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (2) (a), (b), (c) and (e)

(a), (b), (c) are correct. The 1971 Act covered only the Flag, Constitution and Anthem, so (d) is wrong. The 2026 amendment replaced Section 3 to cover the National Song too, so (e) is correct.

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EXAMINER'S CODE · Part 4 Predictions · Prediction H6 – Vande Mataram at 150, Answer/WHY
"All four are correct. The 2026 amendment extended the 1971 Act – earlier limited to the flag, the Constitution and the national anthem – to Vande Mataram."

KAS HITLIST · KAS Explainer Scripts 6 Burning Issues · 150 years of Vande Mataram — and a new law, 1 · The News (Hook)
"This year Parliament also amended the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, so that preventing or disrupting the singing of Vande Mataram is now an offence, as it already was for the national anthem."

65. Consider the following statements regarding India's performance at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games:

(a) India secured 4th place with 39 medals.

(b) India won more silver medals than gold medals.

(c) Boxing was India's leading gold-medal winning sport with 7 gold medals.

(d) India won 7 medals in para-sports, its best-ever Commonwealth Games performance in the discipline.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

India finished 4th with 39 medals: 13 gold, 17 silver, 9 bronze. Boxing gave 7 golds, the most of any sport. Para-sport brought 7 medals, India's best ever. All four hold.

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DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 7 Sports 2026 · Sports factsheet item 4 – Commonwealth Games 2026, Glasgow
"4th, 39 medals (13 gold, 17 silver, 9 bronze); boxing 10"

DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 7 Sports 2026 · Sports factsheet item 4 – Commonwealth Games 2026, Glasgow
"medals incl. record 7 golds; Mirabai Chanu first Indian with"

66. Match the items in List-I with the items in List-II regarding the Kartavyas of the Union Budget 2026-27 and choose the correct answer:

(a) The First Kartavya

(b) The Second Kartavya

(c) The Third Kartavya

(i) Fulfills aspirations of people and builds their capacity

(ii) Aligned with the vision of Sab ka Sath, Sab ka Vikas

(iii) Accelerates and sustains economic growth

(1) a-i, b-ii, c-iii

(2) a-ii, b-iii, c-i

(3) a-iii, b-i, c-ii

(4) a-iii, b-ii, c-i

Answer: (3) a-iii, b-i, c-ii

First Kartavya: accelerate and sustain economic growth. Second: fulfil aspirations of people and build their capacity. Third: aligned with Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Union Budget 2026–27 topic, '2025–26 data and developments' (1 Feb 2026: three duties (Kartavyas))

"faster growth, building people's capacity, and access for all."

67. Insurance coverage with reduced premium for small exporters introduced by 'Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India' is _____

(1) NIPUN

(2) RoDTEP

(3) NIRVIK

(4) EPCG

Answer: (3) NIRVIK

NIRVIK (Niryat Rin Vikas Yojana) is ECGC's export credit insurance scheme with higher cover and reduced premium for small exporters. RoDTEP and EPCG are duty schemes.

68. Consider the following statements about India-UK 'Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement' (CETA), officially established from 15.07.2026:

(a) It eliminates or reduces tariffs on 99% of Indian exports to the UK.

(b) India reduces tariffs on 90% of its tariff lines for UK products.

(c) Aims to double bilateral trade to $ 100 billions by 2035.

Which of the above statement/statements is/are correct?

(1) Only (a) is correct

(2) Only (b) is correct

(3) Only (c) is correct

(4) (a) and (b) are correct

Answer: (4) (a) and (b) are correct

99% of Indian exports get duty-free access to the UK, and India cuts tariffs on about 90% of its tariff lines. The trade target is doubling by 2030, not $100 billion by 2035.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Trade agreements topic – signature feature of each recent agreement

"The UK CETA makes 99% of UK tariff lines duty-free for Indian goods and cuts India's whisky duty from 150% to 40% by year ten"

KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Trade agreements topic – '2025–26 data and developments'

"15 Jul 2026: the UK CETA entered into force almost a year"

69. Which of the following statements regarding the International Booker Prize 2026 is/are correct?

Statement-I: The novel 'Taiwan Travelogue' by Yang Shuang-Zi (Translated by Lin King) won the International Booker Prize, 2026.

Statement-II: It is the second time that a book originally written in Mandarin Chinese to win the Booker Prize.

(1) Only Statement-I is correct
(2) Only Statement-II is correct
(3) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct
(4) Neither Statement-I nor Statement-II is correct

Answer: (1) Only Statement-I is correct

Taiwan Travelogue by Yang Shuang-zi, translated by Lin King, won the International Booker Prize 2026. It is the first winner originally written in Mandarin Chinese, not the second.

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DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 5 International Nobel 2026 persons and places in news · Day 5 factsheet item 7 – International Booker 2026
"7★ International Booker 2026: Taiwan Travelogue by Yáng"

DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 5 International Nobel 2026 persons and places in news · Day 5 factsheet item 7 – International Booker 2026
"Shuāng-zǐ (Taiwan), translated by Lin King. Booker Prize"

70. Match the famous books written by Indian authors published in 2025 given in List-I with their author's name given in List-II.

(a) Mother Mary Comes to Me
(b) Learning From Silence
(c) How to Forget
(d) Called by the Hill: A Home in the Himalaya
(i) Meera Ganapathi
(ii) Arundhati Roy
(iii) Anuradha Roy
(iv) Pico Iyer

(1) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i
(2) a-iv, b-i, c-ii, d-iii
(3) a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii
(4) a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii

Answer: (3) a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii

Mother Mary Comes to Me – Arundhati Roy; Learning from Silence – Pico Iyer; How to Forget – Meera Ganapathi; Called by the Hills – Anuradha Roy.

71. With which of the following countries, the USA signed civil nuclear deal for 30 years in July, 2026?

(1) Oman
(2) India
(3) Saudi Arabia
(4) Venezuela

Answer: (3) Saudi Arabia

In July 2026 the USA and Saudi Arabia signed a 30-year civil nuclear cooperation agreement.

72. With which of the following countries, India, in May 2026, committed to strengthen economic ties and set a target of increasing bilateral annual trade to 20 billion euros by 2029?

(1) France
(2) Italy
(3) Germany
(4) United Kingdom

Answer: (2) Italy

During PM Modi's visit to Rome in May 2026, India and Italy upgraded ties and set a bilateral trade target of 20 billion euros by 2029.

73. Measures taken by the Government for the development and promotion of MSMEs are:

(a) ASPIRE

(b) MSEFC

(c) MSE-CDP

(d) UAM

(1) (a) and (b)

(2) (a), (b) and (c)

(3) (b) and (c)

(4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

Answer: (4) (a), (b), (c) and (d)

All four are MSME measures: ASPIRE (rural enterprise and incubation), MSEFC (facilitation councils for delayed payments), MSE-CDP (cluster development) and UAM (Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum, simplified registration).

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 18 · MSME finance: TReDS, CGTMSE and the new MSME definitions — Going Deeper
"Disputes go to State-level Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils."

KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 18 · MSME finance — India's policies, data and institutions
"register on the Udyam portal, now about 9.78 crore"

74. Match List-I (Karnataka State Government Schemes) with List-II (Objectives of the Schemes) and choose the correct answer:

(a) Chiguru

(b) Dhanashree

(c) SAG

(d) NIRAMAYA

(i) Empowerment scheme for adolescent girls

(ii) Management of acute malnutrition in children below six years of age

(iii) Health insurance for persons with intellectual and mental disability of BPL families

(iv) Income generating activity for HIV infected women

(1) a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii

(2) a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii

(3) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv

(4) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i

Answer: (1) a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii

Chiguru – managing acute malnutrition in young children; Dhanashree – income generation for HIV-infected women; SAG – Scheme for Adolescent Girls; Niramaya – health insurance for persons with intellectual and related disabilities.

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KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · Karnataka Budget 2026-27 table, row 'Women & children' (Social Welfare chapter)
"Rs.5 cr for children of former Devadasis; livelihood grants (Chetana, Dhanashree); de-addiction centres for children"

75. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The 8th Central Pay Commission was constituted by the Government of India in November 2025.

Statement-II: The Central Pay Commission is constituted by the Government of India every five years for recommending changes in the pay structures of federal employees, both civilian and defence.

(1) Both Statements (I) and (II) are correct

(2) Both Statements (I) and (II) are incorrect

(3) Statement (I) is correct, but Statement (II) is incorrect

(4) Statement (I) is incorrect, but Statement (II) is correct

Answer: (3) Statement (I) is correct, but Statement (II) is incorrect

The 8th Central Pay Commission was constituted by Gazette resolution on 3 November 2025, so Statement I is correct. Pay Commissions come roughly every ten years, not five, so Statement II is incorrect.

76. Consider the following statements:

(a) Indian Railways has prepared a National Rail Plan (NRP) to create a 'future-ready' railway system by 2028.

(b) The 'Kavach' is an automatic train protection system developed in collaboration with Germany.

(c) 'Kavach' system consists of RFID tags fitted on the track in the station section.

Which of the statements given above are INCORRECT?

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

Answer: (1) (a) and (b)

The National Rail Plan targets a future-ready railway by 2030, not 2028. Kavach is indigenous, developed by RDSO with Indian firms, not with Germany. RFID tags on the track are a real Kavach component.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 68 · Infrastructure, logistics and ports — Self-test, statement 4
"4. Kavach was developed in collaboration with Germany. ✗ — it is an indigenous system."

KAS HITLIST · ScienceTech Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Kavach topic (KAS Aug24 Q3 linkage) — Going Deeper
"RFID tags on the track and links locomotive and station units by radio; if the loco pilot overspeeds or nears a red signal, it applies the brakes"

77. In June, 2026, Bangladesh signed an MoU with China to develop a Special Economic Zone near which of the following ports?

(1) Matarbari Port
(2) Chattogram Port
(3) Payra Port
(4) Mongla Port

Answer: (4) Mongla Port

In June 2026 BEZA signed an MoU with China's CCECC to develop the China–Bangladesh economic zone near Mongla Port, on the site earlier earmarked for India.

78. Consider the following statements with reference to Consumer Price Index (CPI):

Statement-I: CPI takes into consideration two homogeneous groups: rural households and urban households.

Statement-II: CPI food index is computed on monthly basis with same base year as used in the calculation of CPI.

Which of the following is correct with respect to the above statements?

(1) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are incorrect
(2) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct
(3) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
(4) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

Answer: (2) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct

CPI is compiled separately for rural and urban households and then combined. The Consumer Food Price Index is released monthly on the same base year as CPI. Both statements hold.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 03 · Measuring inflation — Compare: India's main price indices
"CPI (Rural, Urban, Combined) 2024 NSO, MoSPI Retail goods and services; inflation-target anchor"

KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 03 · Measuring inflation — Key terms
"CFPI: Consumer Food Price Index: the food sub-index of the CPI"

79. Which of the following is/are correct regarding agricultural and rural transformation initiatives under Union Budget 2026-27?

(a) Bharat-VISTAAR Agri Stack : To enable precision agriculture.

(b) SHE-Marts : To strengthen SHG-led rural enterprises.

(1) Only (a)
(2) Both (a) and (b)
(3) Only (b)
(4) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: (2) Both (a) and (b)

Bharat-VISTAAR is the AI tool linking AgriStack and ICAR practices to give farmers customised advisories; SHE-Marts are community-owned retail outlets for SHG women's enterprises. Both pairs match.

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KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · DAY-NRLM scheme card (Rural Development chapter)
"Union Budget 2026-27: SHE Marts — community-owned retail outlets within cluster-level federations."

KAS HITLIST · ES Budget Student Workbook 6 Parts · Scheme card: Digital Agriculture Mission, AgriStack & Bharat-VISTAAR
"Bharat-VISTAAR — multilingual AI advisory combining AgriStack and ICAR packages."

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80. BRICS is an inter-governmental organization and presently India holds the Chairmanship. Regarding BRICS, consider the following statements:

(a) BRICS operates as a counter balance to the western-dominated international institutions and to reduce dependency on dollar.

(b) Presently BRICS has 11 member nations.

(c) South Africa is a member of BRICS since its inception.

(1) (a), (b) and (c) are correct
(2) (a), (b) and (c) are incorrect
(3) Only (a) and (b) are correct
(4) Only (a) and (c) are correct

Answer: (3) Only (a) and (b) are correct

BRICS counters Western-dominated institutions and pushes de-dollarisation, and has 11 members after Indonesia joined in 2025. South Africa joined in 2010; the founding group of 2006–09 was BRIC.

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DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 10 National developments states Census summits space and · Day 10, item 5★ India chaired BRICS 2026 (two-column layout: static-link column reads 'BRIC first summit Yekaterinburg 2009; South Africa joined 2010; expanded 2024–25 (Egypt, …')
"BRIC first summit Yekaterinburg 2009; South Sep 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; theme Africa joined 2010; expanded 2024–25 (Egypt,"

KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 50 · Global economy 2026, groupings — India's policies, data and institutions
"India holds the BRICS chair in 2026 and hosted the 18th"

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81. Consider the following statements related to Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 [works covered]:

(a) Water security through water-related works

(b) Core rural infrastructure

(c) Energy-security related infrastructure development works

(d) Works for the mitigation of extreme weather events

(e) Defence infrastructure related works

How many of the above statements are correct?

(1) All of them
(2) Only four of them
(3) Only three of them
(4) Only two of them

Answer: (3) Only three of them

The Act groups works under four domains: water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood-related infrastructure, and works to mitigate extreme weather events. Energy-security and defence works are not listed, so three items are right.

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KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 3 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 73 · Rural development: VB-G RAM G Act — How it works, step 2
"Gram panchayats prepare Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans, integrated with PM GatiShakti, so that wage works add up to durable local"

KAS HITLIST · Economy Part 3 Student Workbook · Topic 73 · Rural development — Core
"VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 replaces MGNREGA, 2005:"

82. Consider the following statements related to Zero FIR (First Information Report):

(a) The Zero FIR system is incorporated in Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(b) It is an FIR that can be registered in any police station irrespective of the jurisdiction.

(c) It can be registered for both cognizable and non-cognizable offences.

(d) The FIR is assigned zero serial number and transferred to the concerned police station.

(e) e-Zero FIR is filed to convert complaints of financial cyber crimes to a First Information Report (FIR).

How many of the above statements are correct?

(1) All of them
(2) Only four of them
(3) Only three of them
(4) Only two of them

Answer: (2) Only four of them

Zero FIR is in Section 173 BNSS, is registered at any station, carries a zero number and is transferred; e-Zero FIR covers financial cybercrime. It applies to cognizable offences only, so (c) fails.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic on new criminal laws (BNS/BNSS/BSA) — explanation paragraph
"the written record of a complaint about a cognizable offence, one for which police may arrest without a warrant. A Zero FIR is an FIR registered at whichever station the victim approaches, carrying no local number"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Same topic — step 2 of the procedure list
"If the offence occurred elsewhere, the station must still register it as a Zero FIR and forward it to the police station that has jurisdiction."

83. Which of the following correctly describes the legal basis for the Election Commission of India (ECI) conducting a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls?

(1) Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.
(2) Article 326 of the Constitution and Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.
(3) Article 325 of the Constitution and Section 21(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.
(4) Article 327 of the Constitution and Section 21(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

Answer: (1) Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

ECI orders SIR under its Article 324 power of superintendence over electoral rolls, read with Section 21(3) of the RP Act, 1950, which allows a special revision at any time.

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KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Citizenship/verification of electors topic — 2025–26 developments (27 May 2026 SC ruling)
"the ECI's power to Art 324 and Sec 21(3) of the RP Act"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Same topic — Self-test, item 3
"The Supreme Court's 2026 SIR ruling traced the ECI's power to Art 324 and the RP Act 1950."

84. Consider the following statements regarding India-Bangladesh relations:

(a) The 100th Constitutional Amendment Act of India facilitated the exchange of enclaves under the Land Boundary Agreement.

(b) The 'Maitri Setu' is a bridge built over the Feni river, connecting Sabroom in India to Ramgarh in Bangladesh.

(c) Bangladesh shares its longest international land border with China.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (4) (a) and (b)

The 100th Amendment (2015) gave effect to the Land Boundary Agreement; Maitri Setu spans the Feni between Sabroom and Ramgarh. Bangladesh's longest border is with India and it has no border with China.

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KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Geography Explanations 9x16 · Neighbourhood connectivity topic — Traps to avoid
"'Maitri Setu links Ramgarh in India with Sabroom in Bangladesh' ✗ — ends reversed: Sabroom is in Tripura, Ramgarh in Bangladesh"

KAS HITLIST · Polity Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Union and its territory topic — Self-test, item 5
"The 100th Amendment gave effect to a land boundary agreement with Pakistan. ✗ — it implemented the India–Bangladesh"

85. MAHASAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) vision of India is towards which of its neighbouring country?

(1) Sri Lanka
(2) Bhutan
(3) Bangladesh
(4) Nepal

Answer: (1) Sri Lanka

MAHASAGAR is India's Indian Ocean vision for maritime neighbours and the Global South; of the four countries listed only Sri Lanka is a maritime neighbour and is named under it.

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86. Consider the following statements regarding the Dadasaheb Phalke Award:

(a) It was instituted in 1969 to commemorate Dadasaheb Phalke's contribution to Indian cinema.
(b) Devika Rani was the first recipient of the award.
(c) The award is presented for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema.
(d) The award is given exclusively to those who have completed 50 years in the film industry.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (2) (a), (b) and (c)

The award was instituted in 1969, Devika Rani was its first recipient, and it honours outstanding contribution to the growth of Indian cinema. No 50-year service condition exists.

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DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 1 National awards and honours · Day 1, item 10 ★ (row text with its side note)
"Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024: Kannada actor Instituted 1969; first recipient Devika"

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87. With reference to Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, consider the following statements:

(a) Jantar Mantar in Delhi was constructed by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II of Jaipur.
(b) It was built in the 18th century primarily for astronomical observations and calculations.
(c) It is one among the five major observatories constructed by Jai Singh II in India.
(d) The observatory was originally built during the reign of Shah Jahan.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: (1) (a), (b) and (c)

Sawai Jai Singh II built the Delhi Jantar Mantar in 1724, one of his five observatories (Delhi, Jaipur, Ujjain, Mathura, Varanasi). It dates to Muhammad Shah's reign, not Shah Jahan's.

88. Consider the following statements regarding the proposed 'Battery Pack Aadhaar System':

(a) The system assigns a 15-digit unique identification number/code to each battery.

(b) The system is applicable only to Electric Vehicle (EV) batteries.

(c) The system aims to ensure end-to-end traceability throughout the battery lifecycle.

(d) The system was proposed by the Ministry of Power.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

(1) All the four
(2) Only 3 of them
(3) Only 2 of them
(4) Only 1 of them

Answer: (4) Only 1 of them

BPAN is a 21-character code, proposed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, and also covers industrial batteries above 2 kWh. Only the lifecycle-traceability aim is right.

89. Consider the following: How many of the above are nuclear powered submarines?

(a) INS Arihant

(b) INS Arighaat

(c) INS Vikrant

(d) INS Amba

(1) All the four
(2) Only 3 of them
(3) Only 2 of them
(4) Only 1 of them

Answer: (3) Only 2 of them

INS Arihant and INS Arighaat are nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines. INS Vikrant is an aircraft carrier and INS Amba is a submarine tender.

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KAS HITLIST · ScienceTech Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Drones, lasers and naval platforms topic — explanation paragraph
"An SSBN is a nuclear-powered submarine carrying ballistic missiles (India's Arihant class); an SSN is"

DAILY FACT SHEET · Day 10 National developments states Census summits space and · Day 10, item 19 ★ (INS Aridhaman) — side note
"Arihant (2016), Arighaat (2024), Aridhaman (2026); K- 4 SLBM by DRDO; INS"

90. Consider the following statements regarding Vikram-1 rocket:

(a) It is India's first privately developed orbital rocket.

(b) It was developed by Skyroot Aerospace.

(c) It is a reusable launch vehicle.

(d) It was launched as part of Mission Atmanirman Bharath.

How many of the above statements are correct?

(1) All the four
(2) Only 3
(3) Only 2
(4) Only 1

Answer: (3) Only 2

Vikram-1 is India's first privately developed orbital rocket, built by Skyroot Aerospace. It is an expendable four-stage vehicle, and its debut mission was named Aagaman.

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KAS HITLIST · MostExpected Science Technology Explanations 9x16 · Topic 02 · Private space sector: Vikram-1, IN-SPACe and space law — Explanation
"On 18 July 2026 Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 rose from Sriharikota and reached low Earth orbit at the first try, making the Hyderabad company"

EXAMINER'S CODE · Part 4 Predictions · Prediction CA3 — model question
"Statement I: Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-I was the first orbital launch by an Indian private company."

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91. Which of the following statements regarding the 'Yelahanka Nadaprabhus' is/are incorrect?

(a) Karanji lake was built by Kempe Gowda II.

(b) Varakandapura Agrahara was built by Kempe Gowda III.

(c) Kempambudhi lake was built by Kempe Gowda I.

(1) (a) only
(2) (c) only
(3) (a) and (c) only
(4) (b) and (c) only

Answer: (1) (a) only

Kempe Gowda I built the Kempambudhi, Dharmambudhi, Sampangi and Karanji lakes, so crediting Karanji lake to Kempe Gowda II is the incorrect statement.

92. During the rule of which of the following Keladi Nayakas, did the British establish a factory at Bhatkal?

(1) Bhadrappa Nayaka
(2) Somashekara Nayaka
(3) Shivappa Nayaka
(4) Basappa Nayaka

Answer: (1) Bhadrappa Nayaka

The English factory at Bhatkal came up in 1637, in the reign of Virabhadra (Bhadrappa) Nayaka, 1629-1645, before Shivappa Nayaka took the throne in 1645.

93. Who was the woman Administrator of Chalukyas of Kalyana known as "Gunada Bedangi, Ekavakye, Ranabyradevi"?

(1) Akkadevi
(2) Mahadevi
(3) Sugala Devi
(4) Avvaladevi

Answer: (1) Akkadevi

Akkadevi, sister of Jayasimha II, governed Kisukadu and other provinces and bore the titles Gunada Bedangi, Ekavakye and Ranabhairavi.

94. The tripartite struggle took place among which of the following in early medieval India?

(a) The Palas of Bengal

(b) The Gurjara Pratiharas

(c) The Chalukyas of Badami

(d) Rashtrakutas

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

Answer: (2) (a), (b) and (d)

The tripartite struggle for Kanauj was fought among the Palas, the Gurjara-Pratiharas and the Rashtrakutas. The Badami Chalukyas had ended by then.

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 12 · Harsha, Pallavas and the Tripartite Struggle

"the contest for Kannauj resumed among three powers: the Palas in the east, the Gurjara-Pratiharas in the west and the Rashtrakutas in the Deccan. Historians call this long three-cornered war the Tripartite Struggle."

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"The Gurjara-Pratiharas, Palas and Rashtrakutas were the principal powers involved in the struggle."

95. Consider the following statements regarding Temple Entry Movement in Kerala:

(a) Sri Narayana Guru led the Guruvayur Temple Entry Movement.

(b) K. Kelappan went on a fast unto death on Guruvayur Temple Entry Movement.

(c) A Jatha led by A.K. Gopalan toured whole Kerala on foot for this cause.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (2) (b) and (c)

K. Kelappan led the Guruvayur Satyagraha (1931-32) and fasted unto death; A.K. Gopalan led the jatha across Kerala. Sri Narayana Guru had died in 1928.

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 34 · Caste, women and reform — Going Deeper

"Guruvayur (1931–32), led by K. Kelappan, sought entry into the temple itself."

96. Consider the following events and arrange them in correct chronological order:

(a) Police Action in Hyderabad

(b) Liberation of Goa

(c) Demise of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee in Srinagar

(d) Kashmir accession to India

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

Answer: (3) (d), (a), (c), (b)

Kashmir's accession (October 1947), Hyderabad police action (September 1948), Syama Prasad Mookerjee's death in Srinagar (June 1953), liberation of Goa (December 1961).

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic on Partition and integration of states — timeline point 6

"Kashmir acceded in Oct 1947, Junagadh joined after a plebiscite (Feb 1948), Hyderabad after Operation Polo"

KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Same topic — practice statement 4

"Hyderabad was integrated through Operation Polo in September 1947. ✗ — September 1948."

97. Identify the correctly matched pairs:

(a) Malik Muhammad Jayasi – Padmavat

(b) Krishnadas – Parsi Prakasha

(c) Surdas – Ganga Lahari

(d) Jagannatha Panditaraja – Rasa Gangadhara

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

Answer: (3) (a), (b) and (d)

Jayasi wrote Padmavat, Krishnadas compiled the Parsi Prakasha in Akbar's time, and Jagannatha Panditaraja wrote Rasa Gangadhara. Ganga Lahari is also by Jagannatha Panditaraja, not Surdas.

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98. Consider the following statements regarding Mughal Paintings:

(a) Humayun brought painters named Mir Sayyid Ali and Abd al-Samad from Persia to India.

(b) During Jahangir, there was a painter named Muhammad Murad.

(c) Mir Sayyid Ali was known as 'Raphel of The East'.

(d) Akbar gave the title 'Shirin Qualam' to Abd al-Samad.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: (1) (a) and (b) only

Humayun brought Mir Sayyid Ali and Abd al-Samad from Persia, and Muhammad Murad painted under Jahangir. 'Raphael of the East' was Bihzad, which rules out every option containing (c).

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 1 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Mughal painting — Going Deeper
"Mughal painting began when Humayun brought Mir Sayyid Ali and Abd al-Samad from the Safavid world."

KAS HITLIST · History Part 1 Student · Mughal Empire topic — Painting line
"Painting: Mir Sayyid Ali and Abdus Samad (Hamzanama)"

99. Identify the marked places of India on map with respect to the peasant movements. [map of India: a = north Bihar, b = east Bengal, c = Malabar/Kerala, d = Gujarat]

(1) a – Pabna, b – Champaran, c – Moplah, d – Bardoli
(2) a – Champaran, b – Pabna, c – Moplah, d – Bardoli
(3) a – Moplah, b – Pabna, c – Bardoli, d – Champaran
(4) a – Moplah, b – Bardoli, c – Champaran, d – Pabna

Answer: (2) a – Champaran, b – Pabna, c – Moplah, d – Bardoli

Champaran is in north Bihar, Pabna in east Bengal, the Moplah rising in Malabar and Bardoli in Gujarat.

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KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Gandhi's early campaigns table — Champaran row
"Champaran, Bihar (1917) European indigo End of forced indigo growing and illegal"

KAS HITLIST · History Part 2 Explainers Basic to Advanced · Topic 32 peasant movements table — Bardoli row
"Bardoli Surat district, Gujarat; 1928 Vallabhbhai Patel Government's revenue enhancement"

100. Consider the following statements and choose the correct answer:

Statement-I: "Pleasure-seeking Govinda neglected his state affairs and handed over the sovereignty of Rashtrakuta completely to his brother Dhruva" – Subrahmanya Iyer.

Statement-II: "Brother Banuvarma accepted the feudatoryship of Uchchangi and assigned the Rashtrakuta kingship to Dhruva" – Dr. Hulph

(1) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
(2) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct
(3) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are incorrect
(4) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

Answer: (1) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect

K.V. Subrahmanya Aiyar held that Govinda II, given to pleasure, willingly passed power to Dhruva. Bhanuvarma and Uchchangi belong to Kadamba history, not the Rashtrakuta succession, so Statement-II fails.