

WEEKLY QUIZ

DATE : (15th Sept – 21st Sept)

1) Which of the following statements best describes the High Seas Treaty adopted in 2023?

- a) It is a legally binding agreement under UNCLOS for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction
- b) It is a voluntary agreement under UNESCO for the protection of underwater cultural heritage
- c) It is a regional pact among Pacific nations for the conservation of coastal fisheries
- d) It is a treaty under the International Maritime Organization for the regulation of shipping lanes in territorial waters

2) Which ministry is responsible for the implementation of the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) Scheme?

- a) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- d) Ministry of Textiles

3) Which organization acts as the central coordination authority for combating oil pollution under the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan, 1996?

- a) National Disaster Response Force
- b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- c) Central Pollution Control Board
- d) Indian Coast Guard

4) The Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) is primarily recognized for:

- a) Serving as a central counterparty in the settlement of money and government securities markets
- b) Supervising insurance settlements
- c) Acting as a regulator for payment banks
- d) Administering monetary policy operations

5) Poompuhar, recently in news for an underwater archaeological survey, was:

- a) An ancient Chola port city at the mouth of the Kaveri River in Tamil Nadu
- b) A medieval Buddhist monastery in Kerala
- c) The earliest capital of the Chalukyas
- d) A Mughal-era inland trading hub

6) Consider the following statements regarding Estonia:
The Gulf of Finland forms Estonia's water border to the north, while the Baltic Sea is to its west.
Estonia shares its eastern land border with Russia and its southern land border with Latvia.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

7) With reference to the High Seas Treaty (formally, the Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction – BBNJ), consider the following statements:
I. The establishment of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) is one of the issues addressed by the High Seas Treaty.
II. The BBNJ Agreement addresses the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from marine genetic resources (MGRs).
III. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is the nodal ministry for implementing the High Seas Treaty in India.
Which of the above is/are correct?

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

8) Consider the following statements with reference to marine oil spill disasters and related ecological impacts:
Fish eggs and larvae exposed to oil spills show increased growth rates and resilience.
Benthic organisms are animals living on or attached to the seafloor.
Bioaccumulation refers to the process by which contaminants accumulate in living organisms over time.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9) Consider the following statements regarding the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA):
Section 7 of the Act prohibits transfer of foreign contribution to any other person or organization.

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The nodal ministry for FCRA is the Ministry of External Affairs.

Contributions made by a Non-Resident Indian from personal savings through normal banking channels are not treated as foreign contribution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10) Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Section 7 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 prohibits organizations that receive foreign contributions from transferring such funds to other entities.

Reason (R): Under the Act, contributions made by a Non-Resident Indian from personal savings through normal banking channels are not considered foreign contribution.

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

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

11) Consider the following statements regarding the Advance Authorization Scheme (AAS):

Under AAS, duty-free import is permitted only for capital goods used in export-oriented manufacturing.

AAS is administered by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

Fuel, oil, and catalyst which are consumed in the process of production may also be allowed under AAS.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12) With reference to Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), which of the following statements is/are correct?

According to the IMO, one of the degrees of autonomy for MASS is "Remotely controlled ships without seafarers on board."

MASS can operate independently of human interaction to varying degrees.

The Indian Register of Shipping and Cochin Shipyard Ltd. are collaborating to develop India's first indigenous MASS under Project Swayat.

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

13) Consider the following statements regarding maternal mortality in India:

Puducherry is the first Union Territory to achieve zero maternal mortality.

The Sustainable Development Goal target for the Maternal Mortality Ratio is 70 per 100,000 live births.

Maternal mortality factors in the death of a woman from accidental or incidental causes while pregnant.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

14) Consider the following statements regarding the Food and Agriculture Organization's Blue Ports Initiative and related developments:

The Blue Ports Initiative seeks to make fishing ports into strategic platforms for growth at various levels.

The partnership between India and FAO aims to develop Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbours at Vanakbara, Karaikal, and Jakhau.

The Blue Ports Initiative focuses exclusively on economic sustainability, ignoring environmental concerns.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): The warming climate is causing intensification of the global water cycle, leading to more extreme weather events.

Reason (R): An increase in atmospheric water content due to higher evaporation contributes to both droughts and floods.

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

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

16) Which organization publishes the State of Global Water Resources Report?

- a) United Nations Environment Programme
- b) World Meteorological Organization
- c) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- d) Food and Agriculture Organization

17) Maternal mortality is defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within how many days of termination of pregnancy, not due to accidental or incidental causes?

- a) 30 days
- b) 42 days
- c) 180 days
- d) 90 days

18) The UN80 Initiative is primarily aimed at which of the following?

- a) Increasing the number of United Nations specialized agencies

b) Expanding the United Nations' staff strength
c) Reducing member state contributions to the United Nations
d) Streamlining operations and reaffirming the United Nations' relevance

19) Consider the following statements regarding the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA):
Under the Act, both Protection Officers and Service Providers are responsible for providing legal and medical assistance.
The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act provides every woman in a domestic relationship the right to reside in the shared household.
Which of the statements is/are correct?
a) I only
b) II only
c) Both I and II
d) Neither I nor II

20) Consider the following with reference to the United Arab Emirates (UAE):

1. It is a federation of seven emirates with Abu Dhabi as its capital.
2. The Tropic of Cancer passes through the territory of the UAE.
3. It shares land borders exclusively with Saudi Arabia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) I and II only
b) II and III only
c) I and III only
d) I, II and III

21) Which of the following best describes a Payment Aggregator as per recent Reserve Bank of India guidelines?
a) A company allowed to issue digital currency directly to customers
b) A regulatory authority overseeing merchant accounts in India
c) An entity facilitating the aggregation of payments made by customers to merchants through various channels
d) A government body responsible for setting e-commerce pricing norms

22) According to the Genocide Convention, which of the following is true regarding the definition of genocide?
a) Only acts by state actors are considered under the convention
b) It is limited to acts committed only during international armed conflicts
c) It can take place both in times of war and in times of peace
d) It applies exclusively to acts against religious groups

23) What is the primary feature of a Multidisciplinary Partnership (MDP) firm as proposed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs?
a) A firm rendering multiple services like accounting, auditing, and management under one umbrella
b) A partnership of firms restricted to a single professional field
c) A cooperative society for rural business development
d) An arrangement for cross-border mergers in the legal sector

24) Consider the following statements regarding the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan:
Under the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan, the Adi Vaani App serves as an AI-based language bridge connecting government officers with tribal communities in their native languages.
The Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs aiming to empower tribal citizens through decentralized leadership.
Which of the statements is/are correct?
a) I only
b) II only
c) Both I and II
d) Neither I nor II

25) Consider the following statements regarding the 'Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar' Abhiyan:
The Abhiyan is organized solely by the Ministry of Women & Child Development.
The progress of the Abhiyan is tracked through the SASHAKT portal in real time.
It aims to screen women only for anaemia and diabetes.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) I only
b) II and III only
c) I and II only
d) II only

26) With reference to the Eurasian Economic Union (EEAU), which of the following statements is/are correct?
An Early Harvest Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is a final and comprehensive FTA between two trading partners.
The main objective of the EEAU is to raise the competitiveness of member-state economies.
Armenia and Kyrgyz Republic are members of the EEAU.
a) I and III only
b) I and II only
c) II and III only
d) I, II and III

27) Consider the following statements regarding the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM):
HAM is a public-private partnership model primarily used for road construction.
Under HAM, the private developer bears the revenue risk.
The government finances 60% of the project cost during construction.
Which of the following statements is/are correct?
a) I only
b) II and III only

c) I, II and III
d) I and III only

28) Consider the following statements about Indian Multidisciplinary Partnership (MDP) firms:
MDP firms can strengthen self-reliance in environmental, social, and governance advisory if approved.
MDP firms are limited to providing only accounting and auditing services.
Current regulations in India allow professionals from different fields to form a single partnership firm.
a) III only
b) II and III only
c) I and III only
d) I only

29) Consider the following statements:
Assertion (A): Artificial Intelligence (AI) is projected to reduce the global skill premium by substituting tasks performed by medium- and high-skilled workers.
Reason (R): The skill premium is the wage ratio of high-skilled to low-skilled workers, which is projected to decline globally.
Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

30) Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Himalayan Region:
Assertion (A): The Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) is highly vulnerable to disasters due to its young, fold mountain geology and ongoing tectonic activity.
Reason (R): Community-based preparedness initiatives like the National Disaster Management Authority's Aapda Mitra programme enhance disaster resilience in the IHR.
Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
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d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

31) Which one of the following is an overseas territory of Denmark?
a) Greenland
b) Svalbard
c) Iceland
d) Gotland

32) Which ministry exercises administrative control over the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)?
a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
b) Ministry of Home Affairs
c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
d) Ministry of Law and Justice

33) Consider the following statements:
The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol was adopted to phase out all types of ozone depleting substances including hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).
The Vienna Convention of 1985 was the first global treaty to recognize stratospheric ozone depletion as a problem.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) I only
b) II only
c) Both I and II
d) Neither I nor II

34) Consider the following statements:
The Global Innovation Index is published by the International Monetary Fund.
India ranks first globally in ICT Services Exports as per the Global Innovation Index.
India's rank in the Global Innovation Index improved from 81st in 2015 to 38th in 2025.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) III only
b) II and III only
c) I, II and III
d) II only

35) Consider the following statements:
The Enforcement Directorate is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
The Enforcement Directorate enforces the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, and the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) I only
b) II only
c) Both I and II
d) Neither I nor II

36) Consider the following statements:
The depletion of stratospheric ozone is more pronounced in the Northern Hemisphere (Arctic) than in the Southern Hemisphere (Antarctica).
Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) that release chlorine include halons and methyl bromide.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
a) I only
b) II only
c) Both I and II
d) Neither I nor II

37) Consider the following statements regarding the Moran community of Assam:

Moamoria Rebellion led by them was against the British East India Company.

The Moran language is closely related to the Dimasa language.

The Moran community is primarily found in Upper Assam, notably in Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, and Sivasagar.

The Moran community is an indigenous tribe of Assam.

Which of the above are correct?

a) II, III and IV only

b) I, II and IV only

c) III and IV only

d) IV only

38) With reference to the International Labour Organization (ILO), which of the following statements is/are correct?

The headquarters of the ILO is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

The ILO was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles that ended the First World War.

The ILO received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1969.

a) I, II and III

b) II and III only

c) II only

d) III only

39) With reference to the function of SPIN90 protein in cellular biology, which of the following statements is/are correct?

The actin network in cells does not contribute to cell shape determination.

SPIN90 protein regulates the formation of a new actin mesh necessary for cell protrusions.

Cell protrusions play a key role in immune response and wound healing.

a) I only

b) I and II only

c) III only

d) II and III only

40) Consider the following statements about the Speed Skating World Championships 2025:

Krish Sharma secured a gold medal in the Junior Men's 1000m sprint at the same championship.

Anandkumar Velkumar became India's first world champion in skating by winning gold at this event.

The championship was held in Beidaihe, China.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) I, II and III

b) II and III only

c) III only

d) I and III only

41) Which of the following best describes stablecoins?

a) Cryptocurrencies with values determined solely by supply and demand

b) Cryptocurrencies whose value is pegged to another asset, such as fiat currency or gold

c) Digital tokens used only for in-game purchases

d) Cryptocurrencies that are mined using renewable energy sources exclusively

42) Simlipal Tiger Reserve, recently in news, is located in which Indian state?

a) Chhattisgarh

b) West Bengal

c) Odisha

d) Jharkhand

43) Which ministry is responsible for implementing the Rashtriya Gokul Mission?

a) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

c) Ministry of Rural Development

d) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

44) Section 3(d) of the Indian Patents Act primarily aims to:

a) Promote exclusive marketing rights for multinational companies

b) Prevent evergreening of drug patents without substantial therapeutic improvement

c) Encourage minor modifications to existing drugs

d) Allow patenting of all forms of known substances

45) Which of the following is NOT covered under the scope of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act)?

a) Educational institutions

b) Sports facilities

c) Political parties

d) NGOs

46) India's first bamboo-based bioethanol plant was recently inaugurated in:

a) Mizoram – Kolasib

b) Nagaland – Dimapur

c) Assam – Golaghat

d) Arunachal Pradesh – Pasighat

47) Which one of the following best describes Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in India?

a) Indian startups incubated in special economic zones

b) Offshore centers established by Indian government for export promotion

c) Offshore centers by multinationals for technology, R&D, and service delivery

d) Government-funded research parks in metropolitan cities

48) A "Grey Rhino Event" as seen in the context of the Wayanad landslides refers to:

a) A low-impact, short-duration event

- b) An event caused by deliberate human intervention
- c) A rare, unpredictable disaster with little warning
- d) A highly probable, high-impact disruption with clear warnings, yet neglected

49) Consider the following statements:

Bioethanol can only be produced from food crops such as sugarcane and corn.

Bamboo is considered a suitable feedstock for second-generation bioethanol due to its high lignocellulose content.

Which of the following statements is/are true?

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

50) With reference to Global Capability Centers (GCCs), consider the following statements:

I. GCCs are offshore centers established by multinational companies to deliver innovation, research, and services to their parent organizations.

II. India accounts for nearly 50% of GCCs worldwide, contributing about 1.8% of its GDP.

Which of the following statements is/are true?

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



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