UPSC PRELIMS

MAPPING

109 PYQs

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Rivers, Dams & Lakes

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

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

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

36. Consider the following rivers :

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

Which of the above are tributaries of Godavari?

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

45. Consider the following rivers :

1. Barak (✗ Sikkim, ✗ Arunachal)
2. Lohit
3. Subansiri

Which of the above flows/flow through Arunachal Pradesh?

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

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

1. Dibang
2. Kameng
3. Lohit

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

46. Consider the following pairs :

Wetlands		Confluence of rivers
1. Harike Wetlands	:	Confluence of Beas and Satluj/Sutlej
2. Keoladeo Ghana National Park	:	Confluence of Banas and Chambal (Chambhir ∧ Banganga)
3. Kolleru Lake	:	Confluence of Musi and Krishna (b/w Krishna ∧ Godavari river deltas)

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

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

(a) Cauvery and Tungabhadra
(b) Godavari and Krishna ✓
(c) Mahanadi and Sone
(d) Narmada and Tapti

30. With reference to river Teesta, consider the following statements : → Pauhunri/Zemu
   1. The source of river Teesta is the same as that of Brahmaputra, but it flows through Sikkim. ↳ Angsi/chemayungdung
   2. River Rangeet originates in Sikkim and it is a tributary of river Teesta.
   3. River Teesta flows into Bay of Bengal on the border of India and Bangladesh.

   Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
   (a) 1 and 3 only
   (b) 2 only ✓
   (c) 2 and 3 only
   (d) 1, 2 and 3

23. Consider the following pairs :

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

   Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
   (a) 1 and 2 only ✓
   (b) 2 and 3 only
   (c) 1 and 3 only
   (d) 1, 2 and 3

29. Consider the following pairs :

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

   Irrawaddy, Mekong, Mahakam (Myanmar) (Cambodia) (Indo)

   Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

68. Consider the following pairs :

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

   Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched ?
   (a) 1 and 2 only
   (b) 3 only
   (c) 3 and 4 only ✓
   (d) 1, 2 and 4 only

73. Which of the following Protected Areas are located in Cauvery basin ?
   1. Nagarhole National Park
   2. ✗ Papikonda National Park Godavari
   3. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
   4. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary
   Select the correct answer using the code given below :
   (a) 1 and 2 only
   (b) 3 and 4 only
   (c) 1, 3 and 4 only ✓
   (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

38. Consider the following pairs :

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

   Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
   (a) 1, 2 and 4 ✓
   (b) 1, 3 and 4
   (c) 2 and 5
   (d) 3 and 5

55. Consider the following rivers :

1. Brahmani   CNP (Jharkhand)
2. Nagavali
3. Subarnarekha   CNP (Jharkhand)
4. Vamsadhara

Which of the above rise from the Eastern Ghats?

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 and 4 ✓

(c) 3 and 4

(d) 1 and 3

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

(a) Chenab   J+C+B → S → Indus

(b) Jhelum

(c) Ravi

(d) Sutlej ✓

49. Which one of the following statements is correct?

(a) Ajanta Caves lie in the gorge of Waghora river. ✓

(b) Sanchi Stupa lies in the gorge of Chambal river. Betwa nearby

(c) Pandu-lena Cave Shrines lie in the gorge of Narmada river. Near gomai river

(d) Amaravati Stupa lies in the gorge of Godavari river. near Krishna river

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

(a) glaciers

(b) mangrove areas

(c) Ramsar sites

(d) saline lakes ✓

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

(a) Cauvery

(b) Manjira

(c) Pennar ✓

(d) Tungabhadra

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

(a) Lake Victoria (Africa's largest, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya)

(b) Lake Faguibine (Mali) ✓

(c) Lake Oguta   Nigeria · Finger lake · Njaba river

(d) Lake Volta   ghana · largest artificial by area.

30. Consider the following pairs :

Wetland / Lake	Location
1. Hokera Wetland	— Punjab ✗ *J&K*
2. Renuka Wetland	— Himachal Pradesh ✓
3. Rudrasagar Lake	— Tripura ✓
4. Sasthamkotta Lake	— Tamil Nadu ✗ *Kerala*

How many pairs given above are correctly matched ?

(a)   Only one pair

(b)   Only two pairs ✓

(c)   Only three pairs

(d)   All four pairs

1. Consider the following statements :

1. Jhelum River passes through Wular Lake. ✓

2. Krishna River directly feeds Kolleru Lake. ✗ *Budameru & Tammileru Rivers*

3. Meandering of Gandak River ✗ formed Kanwar Lake.
   Formed in depression b/w Burhi Gandak & Bagmati.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(a)   Only one ✓

(b)   Only two

(c)   All three

(d)   None

70. Consider the following pairs :

Reservoirs	States
1. Ghataprabha	— Telangana ✗ *Karnataka*
2. Gandhi Sagar	— Madhya Pradesh ✗
3. Indira Sagar	— Andhra Pradesh ✗ *MP*
4. Maithon	— Chhattisgarh ✗ *Jharkhand*

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

(a)   Only one pair

(b)   Only two pairs

(c)   Only three pairs ✓

(d)   All four pairs

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

(a)   Bhitarkanika Mangroves

(b)   Marakkanam Salt Pans

(c)   Naupada Swamp

(d)   Rann of Kutch ✓

9. Consider the following information :

	Waterfall	Region	River
1.	Dhuandhar ✗	Malwa ✗ Amarkantak	Narmada ✓
2.	Hundru ✓	Chota Nagpur	Subarnarekha
3.	Gersoppa ✗ (Jog Falls)	Western Ghats ✓	Netravati ✗ Sharavathi

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

(a) ✓ Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

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

(a) Ghaghara – Gomati – Gandak – Kosi

(b) ✓ Gomati – Ghaghara – Gandak – Kosi

(c) Ghaghara – Gomati – Kosi – Gandak

(d) Gomati – Ghaghara – Kosi – Gandak

23. Consider the following water bodies :

I.   Lake Tanganyika — 2nd largest freshwater lake by volume & 2nd deepest. 1st: Baikal in both. Burundi - Zambia - Tanzania.

II. Lake Tonlé Sap — SE Asia's largest freshwater → Cambodia.

III. Patos Lagoon — Brazil, coastal Lagoon.

Through how many of them does the equator pass?

(a) Only one   (b) Only two

(c) All the three   (d) ✓ None

Hills and Ranges

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

Geographical Feature	Region
(a) Abyssinian Plateau	: Arabia *✗ Ethiopia Africa*
(b) Atlas Mountains	: North-Western Africa
(c) Guiana Highlands	: South-Western Africa *North of Amazon, South America*
(d) Okavango Basin	: Patagonia *S/W Africa : Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe*

15. Consider the following pairs :

Place of Pilgrimage	Location
1. Srisailam *Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna temple.*	: Nallamala Hills (AP)
2. Omkareshwar	: Satmala Hills *✗ Mandhata Hills (MP)*
3. Pushkar *(Brahma Temple)*	: Mahadeo Hills *✗ Ajmer Rajasthan*

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

58. Consider the following statements :

1. In India, the Himalayas are spread over five States only. *✗ Far too many*
2. Western Ghats are spread over five *6* States only. *Kerala, TN, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra & Gujarat*
3. Pulicat Lake is spread over two States only. *AP & TN*

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

48. Consider the following pairs :

Hills	Region
✗ 1. Cardamom Hills *(Anamudi Peak)*	: Coromandel Coast *b/w Ker & TN → E.TN.*
✗ 2. Kaimur Hills *(Vindhya)*	: Konkan Coast ✗ MP *Goa, MH, kar*
3. Mahadeo Hills	: Central India MP
4. Mikir Hills *(Kaziranga)*	: North-East India Assam

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

25. Consider the following pairs :

Peak	Mountains
1. Namcha Barwa	✗ Garhwal Himalaya *→ NE*
2. Nanda Devi	— Kumaon Himalaya
3. Nokrek	✗— Sikkim Himalaya *West Garo Hills, Meghalaya*

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

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

9. Consider the following statements :

1. Amarkantak Hills are at the confluence of Vindhya and Satyadri Ranges. *Satpura-Vindhya*
2. Biligirirangan Hills constitute the easternmost part of Satpura Range. *(Karnataka) W&EH*
3. Seshachalam Hills constitute the southernmost part of Western Ghats. *Eastern (Andhra)*

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

10. Consider the following information :

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

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

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) Only three

(d) All four

22. Consider the following countries :

   I.   Bolivia   II.   Brazil

   III. Colombia   IV. Ecuador

   V.   Paraguay   VI. Venezuela

Andes mountains pass through how many of the above countries?

(a) Only two   (b) Only three

(c) Only four   (d) Only five

7 countries : Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina

Resources

63. Consider the following statements :

1. Natural gas occurs in the Gondwana beds. *[coal fields]*
2. Mica occurs in abundance in Kodarma.
3. Dharwars are famous for petroleum. *[Iron, manganese]*

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 only ✓

(c) 2 and 3

(d) None

69. Consider the following pairs :

Region	Well-known for the production of
1. Kinnaur *(MP) Apples*	: Areca nut *(Kar,TN, Ker)*
2. Mewat *(Haryana) agro-products*	: Mango *(MH, lui)*
3. Coromandel *(TN) Rice/Pulses/cane*	: Soya bean *(MH/MP)*

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 1, 2 and 3

(d) None ✓

74. In which of the following regions of India are shale gas resources found?

1. Cambay Basin
2. Cauvery Basin
3. Krishna-Godavari Basin

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3 ✓

84. Consider the following statements :

1. ~~Gujarat~~ has the largest solar park in India. *Rajasthan.*
2. Kerala has a fully solar powered International Airport. *(Kochi)*
3. ~~Goa~~ has the largest floating solar photovoltaic project in India. *Andhra.*

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 only ✓

(c) 1 and 3

(d) 3 only

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

(a) Argentina

(b) Botswana

(c) the Democratic Republic of the Congo ✓

(d) Kazakhstan

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

(a) Recently discovered uranium deposits

(b) Tropical rain forests

(c) Underground cave systems

(d) Water reservoirs ✓

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

(a)   Algeria and Morocco

(b)   Botswana and Namibia

(c)   Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana

(d)   Madagascar and Mozambique

62. Consider the following States :

1.   Andhra Pradesh

2.   Kerala

3.   Himachal Pradesh

4.   Tripura

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

(a)   Only one State

(b)   Only two States

(c)   Only three States

(d)   All four States

86. Consider the following statements :

Statement–I :
    Switzerland is one of the leading exporters of gold in terms of value.

Statement–II :
    Switzerland has the second largest gold reserves in the world. ✗ US>Germany> Italy.

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

(a)   Both Statement–I and Statement–II are correct and Statement–II is the correct explanation for Statement–I

(b)   Both Statement–I and Statement–II are correct and Statement–II is not the correct explanation for Statement–I

(c)   Statement–I is correct but Statement–II is incorrect

(d)   Statement–I is incorrect but Statement–II is correct

79. Consider the following pairs :

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

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

(a)   Only one

(b)   Only two

(c)   All the three

(d)   None

Islands, Oceans and Seas

3. Which one of the following pairs of islands is separated from each other by the 'Ten Degree Channel'?

(a) Andaman and Nicobar ✓

(b) Nicobar and Sumatra *(grand/great 6°N)* ✓

(c) Maldives and Lakshadweep *8°*

(d) Sumatra and Java *Sunda Strait*

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

1. Aral Sea *Kazak, Uzbek, Turk, Tajik, Kyrg, Afgnaz, Iran.*

2. Black Sea *Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia.*

3. Lake Baikal *Russia.*

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

(a) 1 only ✓

(b) 2 and 3

(c) 2 only

(d) 1 and 3

51. Turkey is located between

(a) Black Sea and Caspian Sea *Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, S. Russia.*

(b) Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea *Turkey* ✓

(c) Gulf of Suez and Mediterranean Sea *Egypt*

(d) Gulf of Aqaba and Dead Sea *Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi.*

98. Which of the following is geographically closest to Great Nicobar ?

(a) Sumatra ✓

(b) Borneo

(c) Java

(d) Sri Lanka

54. Mediterranean Sea is a border of which of the following countries ?   *22 countries + Gibraltar*

1. Jordan ✗

2. Iraq ✗

3. Lebanon

4. Syria

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 3 and 4 only ✓

(d) 1, 3 and 4 only

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

(a) Syria

(b) Jordan ✓

(c) Lebanon

(d) Israel

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

    (a) Bhavnagar

    (b) Bheemunipatnam

    (c) Chandipur ✓

    (d) Nagapattinam

36. Consider the following pairs :

Sea		Bordering country
1. Adriatic Sea *Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, BH, Montenegro, Albania*	:	Albania
2. Black Sea *PTO*	:	Croatia
3. Caspian Sea *Russia, Kazak. Turk, Iran, Azerbaijan*	:	Kazakhstan
4. Mediterranean Sea *(22+1)*	:	Morocco
5. Red Sea *Egypt, Sudan, Eritria, Djibouti, Saudi, Yemen, Jordan, Israel.*	:	Syria

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

    (a) 1, 2 and 4 only

    (b) 1, 3 and 4 only ✓

    (c) 2 and 5 only

    (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

85. Consider the following statements :

    1. The Barren Island volcano is an active volcano located in the Indian territory.

    2. Barren Island lies about 140 km east of ~~Great Nicobar~~. *Port blair in andaman sea.*

    3. The last time the Barren Island volcano erupted was in 1991 and it has remained inactive since then. *(2017)*

    Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

    (a) 1 only ✓

    (b) 2 and 3

    (c) 3 only

    (d) 1 and 3

8. Consider the following countries :

    1. Finland ✗

    2. Germany ✓

    3. Norway ✓

    4. Russia ✗

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

    (a) Only one

    (b) Only two ✓   *UK, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Netherland, Belgium, France.*

    (c) Only three

    (d) All four

89. Consider the following statements :

    1. The Red Sea receives very little precipitation in any form.

    2. No water enters the Red Sea from rivers.

    Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

    (a) 1 only

    (b) 2 only

    (c) Both 1 and 2 ✓

    (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Wildlife Sanctuaries, Parks and Reserves

17. Consider the following pairs :

1. Nokrek Bio-sphere Reserve : Garo Hills *(Meghalaya)*
2. Logtak (Loktak) Lake *(Manipur)* : Barail Range *(Assam)*
3. Namdapha *Patkai Hills* National Park : Dafla Hills *(Arunachal)*   *Arunachal*   ↑ by Nyishi Tribes.

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

32. Consider the following pairs :

National Park	River flowing through the Park
1. Corbett National Park :	Ganga *Ramganga*
2. Kaziranga National Park :	Manas *Brahmaputra, Diphu, Mora diphlu, mora dhansiri*
3. Silent Valley National Park :	Kaveri *Kunthi puzha* *(Nilgiri)*

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

9. Consider the following pairs :

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

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

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

(a) Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve *(TN)* ✓
(b) Nallamala Forest *(AP)*
(c) Nagarhole National Park *(Kar)*
(d) Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve *(AP)*

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

(a) Bhitarkanika National Park *Odisha, Unesco site*
(b) Keibul Lamjao National Park *Loktak, manipur* ✓
(c) Keoladeo Ghana National Park *Bharatpur, rajasthan*
(d) Sultanpur National Park *gurgaon, Haryana*

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

(a) Manas National Park   *Assam*

(b) Namdapha National Park   *Arunachal*

(c) Neora Valley National Park   *Darjeeling, WB*

✓ (d) Valley of Flowers National Park *(UK)*

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

✓ (a) Arunachal Pradesh

(b) Manipur

(c) Meghalaya

(d) Nagaland

27. Which of the following are in Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve?   *Unesco , WL, Kerala-TN*

✓ (a) Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve

(b) Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam and Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Silent Valley National Park

(c) Kaundinya, Gundla Brahme-swaram and Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Mukurthi National Park

(d) Kawal and Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve

Place in Conflict

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

    (a) Egypt

    (b) Lebanon

    (c) Syria

    (d) Tunisia ✓

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

    — borders Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan.

    (a) Central Asia

    (b) Middle East ✓

    (c) South-East Asia

    (d) Central Africa

19. Consider the following pairs :

Community sometimes mentioned in the news		In the affairs of
1. Kurd	α :	Bangladesh *Syria, Turkey*
2. Madhesi	:	Nepal
3. Rohingya	:	Myanmar

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

    (a) 1 and 2

    (b) 2 only

    (c) 2 and 3 ✓

    (d) 3 only

35. Consider the following countries :

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

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

    (a) 1, 2 and 3   *Canada, US, Denmark,*

    (b) 2, 3 and 4   *Russia, Finland, Iceland,*

    (c) 1, 4 and 5   *Norway, Sweden*

    (d) 1, 3 and 5 ✓

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

    (a) Angola and Zambia

    (b) Morocco and Tunisia

    (c) Venezuela and Colombia

    (d) Yemen and South Sudan ✓

36. Consider the following pairs :

Region often in news		Country
1. Chechnya	:	Russian Federation
2. Darfur	:	Mali *Sudan*
3. Swat Valley	:	Iraq *Pak*

    Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

    (a) 1 only ✓

    (b) 2 and 3 only

    (c) 1 and 3 only

    (d) 1, 2 and 3

96. Siachen Glacier is situated to the

    (a) East of Aksai Chin

    (b) East of Leh

    (c) North of Gilgit

    (d) North of Nubra Valley ✓

    In eastern Karakoram range N/E of NJ9842.

27. Consider the following countries :

1. Azerbaijan *(Pak, Iran, Turk, Uzbek, Tajik, China (wakhan), India (PoK))*
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Tajikistan
4. Turkmenistan
5. Uzbekistan

Which of the above have borders with Afghanistan ?

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

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

   (a) ✓ Region along the eastern Mediterranean shores *(Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Palestine) (Turkey/Cyprus also considered)*
   (b) Region along North African shores stretching from Egypt to Morocco
   (c) Region along Persian Gulf and Horn of Africa
   (d) The entire coastal areas of Mediterranean Sea

37. Consider the following pairs :

Towns sometimes mentioned in news		Country
1. Aleppo	—	Syria
2. Kirkuk *Iraq*	—	Yemen
3. Mosul *Iraq*	—	Palestine
4. Mazar-i-sharif	—	Afghanistan

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

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

82. Consider the following statements :

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

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

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

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

93. Consider the following pairs :

Regions often mentioned in news	Reason for being in news
1. North Kivu and Ituri *DRC*	: War between Armenia and Azerbaijan
2. Nagorno-Karabakh	: Insurgency in Mozambique
3. Kherson and Zaporizhzhia *Ukraine*	: Dispute between Israel and Lebanon

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

87. Consider the following pairs :

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

How many pairs given above are correctly matched ?

(a) Only one pair

(b) Only two pairs

(c) Only three pairs ✓

(d) All four pairs

61. Consider the following countries :

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

Belarus, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia

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

(a) Only two ✓

(b) Only three

(c) Only four

(d) Only five

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

(a) Angola

(b) Costa Rica

(c) Ecuador

(d) Somalia ✓

97. Consider the following pairs :

Area of conflict mentioned in news	Country where it is located
1. Donbas *(Donetsk + Luhansk)* :	Syria ✗ *Ukraine*
2. Kachin :	Ethiopia ✗ *(Myanmar)*
3. Tigray :	North Yemen ✗ *Ethiopia.*

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None ✓

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

(a) Discovery of rich deposits of rare earth elements

(b) Establishment of Chinese military bases

(c) Southward expansion of Sahara Desert

(d) Successful coups ✓

87. Consider the following pairs :

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

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

(a) Only one pair

(b) Only two pairs ✓

(c) All three pairs

(d) None of the pairs

32.

88. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

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

Egypt.

Statement-II :

Sumed pipeline connects the Red Sea with the Mediterranean Sea.

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

(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I ✓

(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I

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

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

91. Consider the following statements :

Statement-I :

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

Statement-II :

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

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

(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I ✓

(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does **not** explain Statement-I

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

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

Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Sudan, Eritrea (Sometime Ethiopia)

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

(a) India to Central Asia to Europe via Iran ✓

(b) India to Central Asia via China

(c) India to South-East Asia through Bangladesh and Myanmar

(d) India to Europe through Azerbaijan

Chabahar.

Random Cities/Towns/Countries

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

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

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) 4–2–1–3

(b) 3–2–4–1

(c) 3–4–1–2 ✓

(d) 4–3–2–1

90. Consider the following pairs :

Regions sometimes mentioned in news		Country
1. Catalonia	—	Spain
2. Crimea	—	Hungary 〉 Ukraine/Russia
3. Mindanao	—	Philippines
4. Oromia	—	Nigeria Ethiopia

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched ?

(a) 1, 2 and 3

(b) 3 and 4 only

(c) 1 and 3 only ✓

(d) 2 and 4 only

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

(a) Assam and Rajasthan

(b) Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan

(c) Assam and Gujarat

(d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat ✓

8. Which one of the following is a part of the Congo Basin? *Angola, Gabon, Burundi, Cameroon, central african republic, DRC, congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia*

(a) Cameroon ✓

(b) Nigeria

(c) South Sudan

(d) Uganda

67. Consider the following countries :

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

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

(a) 1, 2 and 4 ✓

(b) 1, 3 and 5

(c) 2 and 4 only

(d) 3 and 5 only

49. If you travel by road from Kohima to Kottayam, what is the minimum number of States within India through which you can travel, including the origin and the destination ? *Nagaland, Assam, WB, Odisha, AP, TN, Kerala.*

(a) 6

(b) 7 ✓

(c) 8

(d) 9

88. Consider the following pairs :

Region often mentioned in the news		Country
1. Anatolia	—	Turkey
2. Amhara	—	Ethiopia
3. Cabo Delgado	—	Spain *mozambique*
4. Catalonia	—	Italy

How many pairs given above are correctly matched ?

(a) Only one pair

(b) Only two pairs ✓

(c) Only three pairs

(d) All four pairs

67. Consider the following statements :

1. Vietnam has been one of the fastest growing economies in the world in the recent years.

2. Vietnam is led by a multi-party political system.

3. Vietnam's economic growth is linked to its integration with global supply chains and focus on exports.

4. For a long time Vietnam's low labour costs and stable exchange rates have attracted global manufacturers.

5. Vietnam has the most productive e-service sector in the Indo-Pacific region.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

(a) 2 and 4

(b) 3 and 5

(c) ✓ 1, 3 and 4

(d) 1 and 2

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97. Consider the following statements :

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

Statement-II :
Venezuela has the world's largest oil reserves.

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

(a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I

(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does *not* explain Statement-I

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

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

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

(a) ✓ Canada and the United States of America 8891 km (1st)

(b) Chile and Argentina 5308 km (3rd)

4th : China- Mongolia (4630 km) 5th : India-bang (4096 km)

(c) China and India 3488 km

(d) Kazakhstan and Russian Federation 7644 km (2nd)

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80. Consider the following pairs :

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

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

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All the three

(d) ✓ None

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

(a) ✓ Bengaluru

(b) Hyderabad

(c) Nagpur

(d) Pune

AMAC

37. Consider the following pairs :

(Historical place)		(Well-known for)
1. Burzahom *JK*	:	Rock-cut shrines *Neolithic Arch site*
2. Chandra-ketugarh	:	Terracotta art
3. Ganeshwar	:	Copper artefacts

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

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

54. Consider the following pairs :

Craft		Heritage of
1. Puthukkuli shawls	—	Tamil Nadu
2. Sujni embroidery	—	Maharashtra *(Bihar)*
3. Uppada Jamdani saris	—	Karnataka *(AP)*

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct ?

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

76. Consider the following towns of India :

1. Bhadrachalam   *Pilgrimage.*
2. Chanderi
3. Kancheepuram
4. Karnal   *Rice, Dairy*

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

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

22. Consider the following pairs :

Tradition		State
1. Chapchar Kut festival	—	Mizoram
2. Khongjom Parba ballad	—	Manipur
3. Thang-Ta dance	—	Sikkim ✗ *Manipur*

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct ?

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

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

Famous shrine		Location
1. Tabo monastery and temple complex	:	Spiti Valley
2. Lhotsava Lhakhang temple, Nako	:	Zanskar Valley *Himachal* — *Ladakh*
3. Alchi temple complex	:	Ladakh

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

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

94. Consider the following pairs :

Famous place		Region
α 1. Bodhgaya *Bihar*	:	Baghelkhand *MP/UP*
2. Khajuraho	:	Bundelkhand *MP*
α 3. Shirdi	:	Vidarbha ✗ *Ahmadnagar*
α 4. Nasik (Nashik) ↳ *MH*	:	Malwa *(Raj/MP)*
5. Tirupati	:	Rayalaseema *AP*

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

82. Consider the following pairs :

	Site	Well known for
1.	Besnagar	: Shaivite cave shrine
	vidisha, MP	∝
2.	Bhaja	: Buddhist cave shrine
	Pune, MH	✓
3.	Sittanavasal	: Jain cave shrine
	Pudukottai, TN	✓

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) None

Infrastructure

77. Consider the following pairs :

National Highway	Cities connected
1. NH 4	: Chennai and Hyderabad *16, 44*
Port Blair, Andaman	
2. NH 6	: Mumbai and *53* Kolkata
Meghalaya - Mizo	
3. NH 15	: Ahmedabad and Jodhpur *48*
Assam - Arunachal	

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 only

(c) 1, 2 and 3

(d) ✓ None

11. Consider the following airports :

1. Donyi Polo Airport *(Arunachal)*

2. Kushinagar International Airport *(UP)*

3. Vijayawada International Airport *(AP)*

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

(a) ✓ 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

2. Consider the following pairs :

Port	Well known as
✓ 1. Kamarajar Port	: First major port in India registered as a company
✓ 2. Mundra Port	: Largest privately owned port in India
3. Visakhapatnam Port	: Largest container port in India *(JNPT Nhava Sheva)*

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

(a) Only one pair

(b) ✓ Only two pairs

(c) All three pairs

(d) None of the pairs

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

1. East-West Corridor under Golden Quadrilateral Project connects Dibrugarh and Surat. *Silchar & Porbandar*

2. Trilateral Highway connects Moreh in Manipur and Chiang Mai in Thailand via Myanmar. *Mae Sot*

3. Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor connects ~~Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh~~ with Kunming in China. *Kolkata*

How many of the above statements are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) All three

(d) ✓ None