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How to use this book

One quiz a sitting. Attempt all the questions with a pen before you look — each day's answer key and explanations follow its questions. When the month is done, finish with the **Exam Ready** set.

208

MCQs with answers

21

daily quizzes

10

topics covered

7 min

per quiz, timed

1
Attempt

All the day's questions, timed, before you look at any answer.

2
Check

The answer key and explanations follow each day. Read every explanation.

3
Log

Score in the tracker; note the question numbers you missed.

4
Retake

Your misses on day 3 and day 7, then the Exam Ready set.

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Where the month's questions came from. The long bars are what examiners had the most to ask about.

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QUIZ 1 OF 21

1 March 2025

10 questions · Economy 3 · Sci & Env 2 · Banking 2 · International 1

Q1

When is the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) expected to conclude?

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027
- E. 2028

Q2

What is the major concern for India regarding the EU's trade policies?

- A. High tariffs on Indian textiles
- B. Restrictions on Indian IT services
- C. EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- D. Ban on Indian pharmaceutical exports
- E. EU's higher customs duty on Indian steel

Q3

Which country has been pressuring Ukraine to negotiate with Russia?

- A. China
- B. Germany
- C. India
- D. United States
- E. Japan

Q4

What was China's response to the U.S. imposing a 10% tariff on Chinese imports?

- A. Imposed a trade ban on U.S. companies
- B. Vowed to take "all necessary measures"
- C. Increased tariffs on Indian goods
- D. Strengthened economic ties with Russia
- E. Banned U.S. investments in China

Q5

What significant discovery was made by Aditya L1's Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT)?

- A. New exoplanet near Jupiter
- B. First-ever Near Ultraviolet (NUV) observation of a solar flare
- C. Evidence of water on the Moon
- D. Discovery of a new asteroid belt
- E. Detection of a black hole merger

Q6

How many Ramsar Sites are designated in India for wetland conservation?

- A. 50
- B. 62
- C. 75
- D. 80
- E. 100

Q7

What measure might India take to manage rising wheat prices due to heatwaves?

- A. Increase wheat export quotas
- B. Reduce wheat import duty
- C. Implement a new farm subsidy
- D. Introduce price controls on wheat
- E. Ban wheat imports

Q8

What is the main goal of SEBI's 'Bond Central' initiative?

- A. Increase corporate taxation
- B. Provide a centralized database for corporate bonds
- C. Regulate cryptocurrency exchanges
- D. Restrict foreign investment in Indian bonds
- E. Implement digital banking regulations

Q9

What is India's expected GDP growth rate for Q3 FY25?

- A. 5.5%
- B. 6.2%
- C. 7.1%
- D. 8.0%
- E. 4.8%

Q10

What percentage of GDP is India's digital economy expected to contribute by 2029?

- A. 10%
- B. 15%
- C. 20%
- D. 25%
- E. 30%

ANSWERS — 1 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 C	Q3 D	Q4 B	Q5 B
Q6 C	Q7 B	Q8 B	Q9 B	Q10 C

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Q1. When is the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) expected to conclude?**Answer** B) 2025

The India-EU FTA negotiations are expected to conclude by 2025, with the next EU-India Summit scheduled the same year. The discussions focus on trade, investment, green growth, security, and mobility.

Q2. What is the major concern for India regarding the EU's trade policies?**Answer** C) EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

India is concerned about the EU's CBAM, which imposes carbon tariffs on imported goods based on their carbon footprint. This could impact Indian exports, particularly in sectors like steel and aluminum.

Q3. Which country has been pressuring Ukraine to negotiate with Russia?**Answer** D) United States

Reports suggest that the U.S. is pressuring Ukraine to engage in diplomatic negotiations with Russia, signaling a strategic shift in its support for Ukraine in the ongoing war.

Q4. What was China's response to the U.S. imposing a 10% tariff on Chinese imports?**Answer** B) Vowed to take "all necessary measures"

After the U.S. imposed a 10% tariff on Chinese imports, China reacted strongly, stating that it would take all necessary steps to counteract the move, leading to a decline in Chinese stocks.

Q5. What significant discovery was made by Aditya L1's Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT)?**Answer** B) First-ever Near Ultraviolet (NUV) observation of a solar flare

Aditya L1 captured an X6.3 class solar flare in the Near Ultraviolet spectrum, providing crucial insights into energy distribution and temperature evolution in the solar atmosphere.

Q6. How many Ramsar Sites are designated in India for wetland conservation?**Answer** C) 75

India has 75 Ramsar Sites covering approximately 1.33 million hectares. These wetlands play a crucial role in biodiversity conservation and climate regulation.

Q7. What measure might India take to manage rising wheat prices due to heatwaves?**Answer** B) Reduce wheat import duty

Due to consecutive years of poor wheat yields, India may reduce or remove its 40% wheat import duty to stabilize domestic supply and prices.

Q8. What is the main goal of SEBI's 'Bond Central' initiative?**Answer** B) Provide a centralized database for corporate bonds

SEBI launched 'Bond Central' to enhance transparency and efficiency in the corporate bond market, allowing better investor access to data.

Q9. What is India's expected GDP growth rate for Q3 FY25?**Answer** B) 6.2%

India's GDP growth for Q3 FY25 is projected at 6.2%, driven by exports and government consumption but hindered by slow investment growth.

Q10. What percentage of GDP is India's digital economy expected to contribute by 2029?**Answer** C) 20%

India's digital economy is growing rapidly and is expected to contribute around 20% of the country's GDP by 2029, despite challenges in user adoption.

QUIZ 2 OF 21

4 March 2025

10 questions · Economy 4 · Banking 2 · Sci & Env 1 · Schemes 1

Q1

What is the key focus area of the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)?

- A. Defense and Cybersecurity
- B. Clean Energy, Education, Agribusiness, and Tourism
- C. Artificial Intelligence and Space Exploration
- D. Railway Infrastructure and Urban Development
- E. Financial Technology and Cryptocurrency

Q2

What is the main concern regarding the protection of Orans (sacred groves) in Rajasthan?

- A. Loss of biodiversity due to overpopulation
- B. Formal classification may limit local governance
- C. Illegal mining in forest reserves
- D. Encroachment by real estate developers
- E. Increased pollution affecting wildlife

Q3

Which organization is responsible for insuring bank deposits in India?

- A. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)
- D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- E. Ministry of Finance

Q4

What is India's projected GDP in FY25, making it the 4th largest economy?

- A. \$3.8 trillion
- B. \$4.2 trillion
- C. \$4.5 trillion
- D. \$5 trillion
- E. \$3.5 trillion

Q5

What is a major reason for the decline in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) in India?

- A. Increased SEBI regulations
- B. Market volatility and political uncertainty
- C. Lack of investor interest in equity markets
- D. Increased focus on cryptocurrencies
- E. RBI's high interest rate policies

Q6

What is the primary significance of the Bose Metal state discovered in Niobium Diselenide (NbSe₂)?

- A. It is a perfect superconductor with zero resistance
- B. It challenges existing superconductivity theories
- C. It is used exclusively in semiconductor chips
- D. It has the highest electrical conductivity at room temperature
- E. It is a newly found element in the periodic table

Q7

What is the primary objective of the Cities Coalition for Circularity (C-3) initiative in India?

- A. Promoting financial inclusion in urban areas
- B. Implementing smart city technologies
- C. Encouraging sustainable urban development through circular economy principles
- D. Improving digital governance infrastructure
- E. Developing public transport systems in metro cities

Q8

What major technological advancement is expected to improve the accuracy of Gangetic Dolphin population surveys?

- A. AI-based facial recognition
- B. Underwater drones
- C. Acoustic Hydrophones
- D. Advanced satellite imaging
- E. Genetic mapping technology

Q9

How has India's Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) performed in February?

- A. Fell to 56.3, its weakest in 14 months
- B. Surpassed 60, indicating rapid expansion
- C. Dropped below 50, signaling contraction
- D. Remained unchanged at 57.5
- E. Increased to 59.2 due to rising exports

Q10

Why is the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) important for India-Australia trade relations?

- A. It focuses solely on defense and space collaboration
- B. It is expected to replace ECTA with a more comprehensive trade framework
- C. It allows visa-free travel between India and Australia
- D. It promotes digital payment infrastructure between the two nations
- E. It exclusively benefits Australian exports to India

ANSWERS — 4 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 B	Q3 C	Q4 B	Q5 B
Q6 B	Q7 C	Q8 C	Q9 A	Q10 B

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Q1. What is the key focus area of the India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)?

Answer B) Clean Energy, Education, Agribusiness, and Tourism

The ECTA between India and Australia has led to a 66% increase in trade and focuses on Clean Energy, Education & Skills, Agribusiness, and Tourism while also increasing investments in defense, space, and health.

Q2. What is the main concern regarding the protection of Orans (sacred groves) in Rajasthan?

Answer B) Formal classification may limit local governance

The Supreme Court ruled that Orans (sacred groves) must be protected, but formal classification under laws like Forest Conservation Act or Wildlife Protection Act might undermine community-led governance.

Q3. Which organization is responsible for insuring bank deposits in India?

Answer C) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)

DICGC insures bank deposits in India. The government plans to increase deposit insurance from ₹5 lakh to ₹15 lakh, but currently, only 43.1% of total deposits are covered.

Q4. What is India's projected GDP in FY25, making it the 4th largest economy?

Answer B) \$4.2 trillion

India is expected to surpass Japan's \$4 trillion economy and reach \$4.2 trillion in FY25, driven by 6.5% economic growth, policy support, and infrastructure investments.

Q5. What is a major reason for the decline in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) in India?

Answer B) Market volatility and political uncertainty

Only 14 IPO filings were recorded in February due to market volatility, political uncertainty, and regulatory concerns, leading to weaker earnings for brokerage stocks.

Q6. What is the primary significance of the Bose Metal state discovered in Niobium Diselenide (NbSe₂)?

Answer B) It challenges existing superconductivity theories

Bose Metal is a new state where electricity flows efficiently but never reaches zero resistance, unlike superconductors. This discovery could lead to breakthroughs in quantum materials research.

Q7. What is the primary objective of the Cities Coalition for Circularity (C-3) initiative in India?

Answer C) Encouraging sustainable urban development through circular economy principles

The C-3 initiative focuses on the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle model and aims to promote sustainable urban development. Under CITIIS 2.0, agreements worth ₹1,800 crore have been signed to benefit 18 cities across 14 states.

Q8. What major technological advancement is expected to improve the accuracy of Gangetic Dolphin population surveys?

Answer C) Acoustic Hydrophones

Acoustic Hydrophones will help improve accuracy in counting Gangetic Dolphins by detecting their echolocation sounds, aiding conservation efforts to protect their habitats and prevent entanglement in fishing nets.

Q9. How has India's Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) performed in February?

Answer A) Fell to 56.3, its weakest in 14 months

India's Manufacturing PMI declined to 56.3 in February, indicating slower growth due to higher input costs, though employment and demand remained strong. A PMI above 50 still indicates expansion.

Q10. Why is the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) important for India-Australia trade relations?

Answer B) It is expected to replace ECTA with a more comprehensive trade framework

CECA aims to expand the benefits of ECTA by covering broader trade and investment aspects, further strengthening India-Australia economic ties beyond current trade agreements.

QUIZ 3 OF 21

5 March 2025

10 questions · Banking 6 · Economy 2 · Agri & Rural 1 · Schemes 1

Q1

What is the primary objective of a Multi-Asset Allocation Fund (MAAF)?

- A. To invest only in equity and fixed deposits
- B. To maximize returns by focusing on a single asset class
- C. To diversify across multiple asset classes and reduce risk
- D. To provide short-term high-yield returns through speculation
- E. To invest only in government securities

Q2

What is the key concern regarding SEBI's consultation paper on market regulations?

- A. It bans trading in Nifty Bank stocks
- B. It proposes changes that might reduce market manipulation risks
- C. It increases speculative trading opportunities
- D. It aims to remove all non-benchmark indices from trading
- E. It mandates investors to hold only blue-chip stocks

Q3

What is the purpose of SEBI's Mitraa platform?

- A. To allow real-time stock trading
- B. To assist investors in recovering lost or dormant mutual fund investments
- C. To provide higher interest rates on mutual fund investments
- D. To regulate private investment funds
- E. To track high-frequency trading transactions

Q4

How have India's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) impacted customs revenue?

- A. They have increased customs duty collection
- B. They have led to a revenue loss of ₹94,172 crore in FY25
- C. They have prevented imports from ASEAN countries
- D. They have reduced domestic market competition
- E. They have increased import restrictions

Q5

What concern did the IMF highlight in its Financial System Stability Assessment of India?

- A. The excessive growth of fintech startups
- B. The high exposure of NBFCs to power and infrastructure sectors
- C. The decline in India's GDP growth rate
- D. The need for stricter capital controls
- E. The collapse of the Indian stock market

Q6**Why is the RBI expected to cut the repo rate?**

- A. To increase liquidity in the banking system
- B. To reduce inflationary pressures
- C. To encourage foreign direct investment
- D. To regulate stock market fluctuations
- E. To strengthen the Indian Rupee

Q7**What is the primary reason behind Trump's reciprocal tariff threat against India?**

- A. India's reluctance to sign a new trade deal
- B. India's high tariff rates on imported goods
- C. India's excessive exports to the U.S.
- D. India's refusal to allow U.S. companies in domestic markets
- E. The U.S.'s desire to dominate the Indian market

Q8**What is a major regulatory concern if the U.S. government creates a strategic cryptocurrency reserve?**

- A. Increased centralization contradicts blockchain's decentralized nature
- B. Bitcoin will become the official U.S. currency
- C. The Federal Reserve will lose control over monetary policy
- D. Cryptocurrencies will no longer be used for international trade
- E. The U.S. will ban all cryptocurrencies except its own digital dollar

Q9**How might the establishment of a U.S. cryptocurrency reserve affect global financial systems?**

- A. It will increase demand for physical cash
- B. It may trigger international competition in digital currencies
- C. It will reduce interest in Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)
- D. It will eliminate cryptocurrency mining globally
- E. It will cause the U.S. stock market to crash

Q10**What potential long-term impact could the U.S. cryptocurrency reserve have on financial markets?**

- A. A decline in institutional confidence in cryptocurrencies
- B. A ban on decentralized finance (DeFi) platforms
- C. Increased mainstream acceptance of Bitcoin and other digital assets
- D. A permanent price drop in Bitcoin and Ethereum
- E. The replacement of the U.S. dollar with Bitcoin

ANSWERS — 5 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 B	Q3 B	Q4 B	Q5 B
Q6 A	Q7 B	Q8 A	Q9 B	Q10 C

"A revised fact is worth two new ones."

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Q1. What is the primary objective of a Multi-Asset Allocation Fund (MAAF)?

Answer C) To diversify across multiple asset classes and reduce risk

Multi-Asset Allocation Funds (MAAFs) invest in equity, debt, gold, real estate, and other assets to reduce risk and provide stable returns, particularly during market volatility.

Q2. What is the key concern regarding SEBI's consultation paper on market regulations?

Answer B) It proposes changes that might reduce market manipulation risks

SEBI's proposed shift to delta-based open interest calculation and stricter regulations for non-benchmark indices aim to prevent market manipulation but raised concerns about possible impacts on trading volume.

Q3. What is the purpose of SEBI's Mitraa platform?

Answer B) To assist investors in recovering lost or dormant mutual fund investments

The Mitraa platform helps investors trace mutual fund units, especially those from pre-2006 that lack PAN linkage, using multiple identifiers such as PAN, phone numbers, and bank details.

Q4. How have India's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) impacted customs revenue?

Answer B) They have led to a revenue loss of ₹94,172 crore in FY25

FTAs with ASEAN, Japan, and the UAE have reduced tariff barriers, leading to significant customs revenue loss. Future FTAs with the US, EU, and UK may further impact revenue collection.

Q5. What concern did the IMF highlight in its Financial System Stability Assessment of India?

Answer B) The high exposure of NBFCs to power and infrastructure sectors

The IMF raised concerns over NBFCs' high exposure to power and infrastructure, along with their strong linkages to banks and financial markets, which could pose systemic risks.

Q6. Why is the RBI expected to cut the repo rate?

Answer A) To increase liquidity in the banking system

With slowing GDP growth and easing inflation, the RBI is likely to cut the repo rate to stimulate borrowing and spending. However, tight liquidity conditions could limit its effectiveness.

Q7. What is the primary reason behind Trump's reciprocal tariff threat against India?

Answer B) India's high tariff rates on imported goods

India imposes high tariffs on manufactured (13.4%) and agricultural goods (40%), making its trade system costly and complex. Trump's threat aims to counterbalance these trade barriers.

Q8. What is a major regulatory concern if the U.S. government creates a strategic cryptocurrency reserve?

Answer A) Increased centralization contradicts blockchain's decentralized nature

A U.S. government-controlled crypto reserve challenges the fundamental principle of decentralization that underpins blockchain technology, leading to concerns over government overreach.

Q9. How might the establishment of a U.S. cryptocurrency reserve affect global financial systems?

Answer B) It may trigger international competition in digital currencies

Countries like China and the EU may accelerate their adoption of CBDCs and digital asset policies to counterbalance the influence of a U.S.-held cryptocurrency reserve.

Q10. What potential long-term impact could the U.S. cryptocurrency reserve have on financial markets?

Answer C) Increased mainstream acceptance of Bitcoin and other digital assets

The U.S. government holding cryptocurrency reserves could boost institutional confidence, leading to greater adoption of digital assets in mainstream finance.

QUIZ 4 OF 21

6 March 2025

10 questions · Banking 3 · Misc GA 2 · Sci & Env 2 · Schemes 1

Q1

What did former U.S. President Donald Trump propose regarding tariffs?

- A. Reducing tariffs on Indian goods
- B. Increasing subsidies for American exporters
- C. Imposing reciprocal tariffs from April 2
- D. Eliminating all tariffs on Chinese imports
- E. Strengthening the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Q2

Why has space debris become a growing concern?

- A. It disrupts satellite communication
- B. Recent incidents like a 500 kg metal object falling in Kenya
- C. It increases the risk of space missions failing
- D. It violates the Outer Space Treaty
- E. All of the above

Q3

Where was the largest Buddha head recently discovered in India?

- A. Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Nalanda, Bihar
- C. Ratnagiri, Odisha
- D. Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh
- E. Ajanta, Maharashtra

Q4

What was the Supreme Court's recent ruling on domicile-based medical reservations?

- A. Upheld them as necessary for regional development
- B. Struck them down as unconstitutional under Article 14
- C. Extended them to undergraduate medical admissions
- D. Allowed states to decide their own policies
- E. Recommended a 50% quota for local students

Q5

What regulatory concerns did the Supreme Court raise regarding digital humor?

- A. Vulgarity in digital content
- B. Censorship of political satire
- C. Need for stricter defamation laws
- D. Banning offensive memes
- E. Licensing of content creators

Q6

Why is quantum computing considered a national security threat?

- A. It can manipulate weather patterns
- B. It can break encryption systems
- C. It can disrupt global trade routes
- D. It can replace traditional banking systems
- E. It makes AI more powerful than governments

Q7

What measure has the RBI taken to inject liquidity into the banking system?

- A. Reduced the repo rate to 3%
- B. Announced ₹1.9 trillion injection via OMOs and forex swaps
- C. Increased cash reserve ratio (CRR) to 8%
- D. Allowed unlimited foreign currency withdrawals
- E. Introduced a new ₹5,000 denomination currency note

Q8

What is a major concern regarding India's push for simplified trade norms with the EU?

- A. Rising inflation in European markets
- B. Stricter labor laws in India
- C. Increased customs barriers and Quality Control Orders (QCOs)
- D. China's opposition to EU-India trade talks
- E. Declining FDI in Indian startups

Q9

According to the World Bank, what GDP growth rate does India need to achieve high-income status?

- A. 5.5%
- B. 6.2%
- C. 7.8%
- D. 8.5%
- E. 10.0%

Q10

What is the primary objective of India's second National Gene Bank?

- A. Promote GM crops for higher yield
- B. Preserve 1 million germplasm lines for agricultural biodiversity
- C. Improve pesticide resistance in staple crops
- D. Reduce India's dependence on imported fertilizers
- E. Establish India's dominance in global wheat production

ANSWERS — 6 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 E	Q3 C	Q4 B	Q5 A
Q6 B	Q7 B	Q8 C	Q9 C	Q10 B

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Q1. What did former U.S. President Donald Trump propose regarding tariffs?

Answer C) Imposing reciprocal tariffs from April 2
Explanation: Trump criticized high tariffs imposed by India, China, and others and announced plans to impose reciprocal tariffs, particularly targeting India's high automobile tariffs.

Q2. Why has space debris become a growing concern?

Answer E) All of the above
Explanation: Space debris is a serious issue, causing disruptions in satellite operations, risks to human safety, and challenges in enforcement due to weak international treaties.

Q3. Where was the largest Buddha head recently discovered in India?

Answer C) Ratnagiri, Odisha
Explanation: Archaeologists discovered a large Buddha head and other artifacts in Ratnagiri, indicating its historical importance as a Vajrayana Buddhist pilgrimage site.

Q4. What was the Supreme Court's recent ruling on domicile-based medical reservations?

Answer B) Struck them down as unconstitutional under Article 14
Explanation: The Supreme Court ruled that domicile-based quotas in PG medical admissions violated the right to equality, impacting local specialist retention and state investments in medical education.

Q5. What regulatory concerns did the Supreme Court raise regarding digital humor?

Answer A) Vulgarity in digital content
Explanation: The Supreme Court recommended regulatory measures to prevent vulgarity in digital humor while balancing freedom of speech under Article 19.

Q6. Why is quantum computing considered a national security threat?

Answer B) It can break encryption systems
Explanation: Quantum computing threatens national security by potentially breaking encryption protocols, disrupting financial markets, and exposing sensitive data.

Q7. What measure has the RBI taken to inject liquidity into the banking system?

Answer B) Announced ₹1.9 trillion injection via OMOs and forex swaps
Explanation: The RBI is injecting ₹1.9 lakh crore through open market operations and forex swaps to ensure liquidity and financial stability.

Q8. What is a major concern regarding India's push for simplified trade norms with the EU?

Answer C) Increased customs barriers and Quality Control Orders (QCOs)
Explanation: EU companies are demanding simpler trade processes in India, citing challenges like high customs barriers and QCOs.

Q9. According to the World Bank, what GDP growth rate does India need to achieve high-income status?

Answer C) 7.8%
Explanation: The World Bank suggests India needs a sustained 7.8% GDP growth rate over 20 years to achieve high-income status, requiring structural reforms.

Q10. What is the primary objective of India's second National Gene Bank?

Answer B) Preserve 1 million germplasm lines for agricultural biodiversity
Explanation: India's second National Gene Bank aims to conserve genetic material crucial for food security, biodiversity, and climate resilience.

QUIZ 5 OF 21

7 March 2025

10 questions · Sci & Env 3 · Economy 2 · Banking 2 · Reports 2

Q1

What was the primary focus of CDS General Anil Chauhan's visit to Australia?

- A. Strengthening trade relations
- B. Discussing nuclear energy cooperation
- C. Enhancing defence ties and interoperability
- D. Finalizing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
- E. Discussing student exchange programs

Q2

What is a key objective of COP-30 to be held in Brazil in 2025?

- A. Achieving net-zero emissions by 2026
- B. Phasing out nuclear energy completely
- C. Scaling up climate finance to \$1.3 trillion annually
- D. Banning all forms of fossil fuel usage globally
- E. Restricting industrial growth in developing nations

Q3

Why is the Delimitation debate in India a concern for southern states?

- A. They want to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats
- B. They fear losing representation due to lower population growth
- C. They oppose the inclusion of more reserved constituencies
- D. They demand separate electoral laws
- E. They seek to merge with northern states for better representation

Q4

What is the significance of INSV Tarini's Navika Sagar Parikrama-II mission?

- A. It aims to break the global sailing speed record
- B. It is the first all-women global circumnavigation mission
- C. It delivers humanitarian aid across the oceans
- D. It promotes naval trade agreements with multiple nations
- E. It is a part of QUAD military exercises

Q5

What is the primary purpose of India's AI Kosha initiative?

- A. Providing AI-based job opportunities
- B. Regulating AI-generated content in social media
- C. Creating a repository of non-personal datasets for AI research
- D. Monitoring artificial intelligence threats to cybersecurity
- E. Launching AI-based financial services for MSMEs

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Q6

Why did SEBI issue a warning against property transactions with Sunshine Global Agro?

- A. The company is involved in real estate scams
- B. It was banned for running an unauthorized CIS in 2014
- C. It is suspected of money laundering activities
- D. The government took over its assets for public development
- E. It failed to pay property taxes for a decade

Q7

How does RBI's ₹1.87 trillion liquidity injection benefit the economy?

- A. Increases deposit rates for account holders
- B. Encourages higher interest rates on government loans
- C. Improves policy transmission and stabilizes the bond market
- D. Reduces the need for foreign investments in India
- E. Strengthens the Indian rupee against the US dollar

Q8

What is the main advantage of the Digital Footprint-Based Credit Model for MSMEs?

- A. It eliminates the need for credit checks
- B. It ensures automatic loan approval within 24 hours
- C. It reduces reliance on external credit rating agencies
- D. It provides interest-free loans to small businesses
- E. It offers tax incentives for MSME loans

Q9

How does the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) Phase 2 benefit India's tech industry?

- A. It establishes semiconductor fabrication plants in all states
- B. It promotes local production of energy-efficient semiconductor products
- C. It offers subsidies to multinational semiconductor companies
- D. It bans imports of foreign-made semiconductor chips
- E. It collaborates with QUAD nations to build semiconductor labs

Q10

What is the projected GDP growth for India in FY26 as per the Crisil report?

- A. 4.2%
- B. 5.0%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 7.8%
- E. 9.0%

ANSWERS — 7 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 C	Q3 B	Q4 B	Q5 C
Q6 B	Q7 C	Q8 C	Q9 B	Q10 C

Q1. What was the primary focus of CDS General Anil Chauhan's visit to Australia?

Answer C) Enhancing defence ties and interoperability

General Anil Chauhan's visit aimed at boosting India-Australia defence cooperation, with a focus on maritime security, reciprocal deployments, and joint military exercises.

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Q2. What is a key objective of COP-30 to be held in Brazil in 2025?

Answer C) Scaling up climate finance to \$1.3 trillion annually

COP-30 focuses on the Global Ethical Stocktake (GST), transitioning from fossil fuels, tripling renewable energy, and ensuring sufficient climate finance.

Q3. Why is the Delimitation debate in India a concern for southern states?

Answer B) They fear losing representation due to lower population growth

If Lok Sabha seats are allocated solely based on population, southern states with lower growth rates may lose representation, prompting demands to freeze seat allocation until 2056.

Q4. What is the significance of INSV Tarini's Navika Sagar Parikrama-II mission?

Answer B) It is the first all-women global circumnavigation mission

Lt. Cdr Roopa A. & Lt. Cdr Dilna K. are leading an all-women global sailing mission, showcasing India's maritime strength and promoting gender inclusivity in naval forces.

Q5. What is the primary purpose of India's AI Kosha initiative?

Answer C) Creating a repository of non-personal datasets for AI research

AI Kosha is a government initiative aimed at providing 316 datasets related to health, satellite imagery, and census data, helping in training AI models and reducing dependency on foreign AI solutions.

Q6. Why did SEBI issue a warning against property transactions with Sunshine Global Agro?

Answer B) It was banned for running an unauthorized CIS in 2014

SEBI took action against Sunshine Global Agro in 2014 for running an illegal Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) and warned against property dealings due to illegal encroachments.

Q7. How does RBI's ₹1.87 trillion liquidity injection benefit the economy?

Answer C) Improves policy transmission and stabilizes the bond market

RBI's liquidity infusion through Open Market Operations (OMO) and forex swaps helps reduce deposit rates and stabilizes the bond market, ensuring smooth financial operations.

Q8. What is the main advantage of the Digital Footprint-Based Credit Model for MSMEs?

Answer C) It reduces reliance on external credit rating agencies

The model utilizes digital transaction records to assess creditworthiness, speeding up loan approvals and promoting financial inclusion for MSMEs.

Q9. How does the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) Phase 2 benefit India's tech industry?

Answer B) It promotes local production of energy-efficient semiconductor products

The CDIL-Infineon partnership under ISM Phase 2 aims to strengthen semiconductor innovation and reduce India's dependency on imported chips.

Q10. What is the projected GDP growth for India in FY26 as per the Crisil report?

Answer C) 6.5%

Crisil forecasts India's GDP growth at 6.5% in FY26, driven by strong domestic demand, manufacturing expansion, and economic resilience.

QUIZ 6 OF 21

8 March 2025

10 questions · Misc GA 3 · Banking 3 · International 2 · Economy 2

Q1

What was the key message of Chinese FM Wang Yi regarding India-China relations?

- A. India and China should remain military rivals
- B. India and China should avoid diplomatic relations
- C. India and China should support each other like a "ballet between the elephant and the dragon"
- D. India and China should form a military alliance
- E. India should distance itself from China

Q2

Why did Iran reject negotiations with the U.S. on nuclear weapons?

- A. Iran seeks military expansion in the Middle East
- B. The U.S. abandoned the 2015 JCPOA, leading to distrust
- C. Iran agreed to talks but wants UN mediation
- D. Iran has no nuclear ambitions
- E. Iran has already signed a deal with Russia

Q3

What is the main goal of the proposed U.S.-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?

- A. To increase U.S. tariffs on Indian products
- B. To replace the India-U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreement
- C. To boost India's access to U.S. markets and ease trade barriers
- D. To create a common currency for both nations
- E. To make India dependent on U.S. imports

Q4

What step has the Election Commission taken to resolve duplicate voter ID issues?

- A. Banning online voter registration
- B. Assigning unique EPIC numbers to all voters
- C. Allowing multiple IDs for a single voter
- D. Removing all voters suspected of duplication
- E. Increasing the voter registration age

Q5

Why is the deciphering of the Indus Valley script significant?

- A. It proves that the script was purely pictorial
- B. It supports the Aryan Migration Theory
- C. It suggests the script was Sanskrit-based and linked to Brahmi
- D. It confirms the Indus Valley Civilization used the Latin alphabet
- E. It proves the Indus Valley people spoke Persian

Q6

What major defense agreement did India sign with Russia?

- A. Purchase of S-500 missile defense systems
- B. A \$248M deal for 1,000 HP engines to upgrade T-72 tanks
- C. Leasing of Russian nuclear submarines
- D. Joint production of fighter jets
- E. Acquisition of Russian aircraft carriers

Q7

Why has SEBI's new chairperson emphasized "optimum regulation"?

- A. To increase penalties on businesses
- B. To promote excessive market restrictions
- C. To remove outdated regulations and ensure market efficiency
- D. To limit foreign investments in India
- E. To make stock trading more complex

Q8

Why is India increasing its gold reserves?

- A. To boost public gold savings
- B. To hedge against economic uncertainty and reduce dependence on the U.S. dollar
- C. To launch a gold-backed cryptocurrency
- D. To counter China's economy
- E. To fund government projects directly

Q9

What does RBI's recent VRR auction trend indicate?

- A. Increased banking liquidity and possible future rate cuts
- B. Severe liquidity shortage in banks
- C. High inflationary pressure in India
- D. A rise in bank loan defaults
- E. Declining confidence in RBI policies

Q10

How does the government's subsidized loan scheme benefit sugar mills?

- A. Allows sugar mills to invest in cryptocurrency
- B. Supports ethanol production from grains and corn, reducing reliance on sugarcane
- C. Bans sugar exports to control domestic prices
- D. Encourages sugar mills to shut down unprofitable operations
- E. Increases taxation on sugar mills

ANSWERS — 8 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 B	Q3 C	Q4 B	Q5 C
Q6 B	Q7 C	Q8 B	Q9 A	Q10 B

Q1. What was the key message of Chinese FM Wang Yi regarding India-China relations?

Answer C) India and China should support each other like a "ballet between the elephant and the dragon"

Chinese FM Wang Yi emphasized mutual cooperation between the two nations and highlighted their relationship metaphorically as a ballet between the elephant (India) and the dragon (China), urging peaceful coexistence.

Q2. Why did Iran reject negotiations with the U.S. on nuclear weapons?

Answer B) The U.S. abandoned the 2015 JCPOA, leading to distrust

Iran refuses to negotiate under U.S. pressure, citing the failure of the 2015 JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action), which the U.S. withdrew from, leading to increased tensions.

Q3. What is the main goal of the proposed U.S.-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?

Answer C) To boost India's access to U.S. markets and ease trade barriers

The proposed FTA aims to enhance trade cooperation by reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers, increasing market access, and improving economic ties between India and the U.S.

Q4. What step has the Election Commission taken to resolve duplicate voter ID issues?

Answer B) Assigning unique EPIC numbers to all voters

The Election Commission acknowledged voter ID duplication and is working to resolve it by assigning unique EPIC (Electors Photo Identity Card) numbers to prevent errors and fraud.

Q5. Why is the deciphering of the Indus Valley script significant?

Answer C) It suggests the script was Sanskrit-based and linked to Brahmi

Cryptographer Yajnaddevam's findings challenge the Aryan Migration Theory by suggesting the script is linked to Sanskrit and Brahmi, indicating an unbroken linguistic tradition.

Q6. What major defense agreement did India sign with Russia?

Answer B) A \$248M deal for 1,000 HP engines to upgrade T-72 tanks

India signed a \$248M defense deal with Russia to upgrade its T-72 tanks with 1,000 HP engines, improving their battlefield performance.

Q7. Why has SEBI's new chairperson emphasized "optimum regulation"?

Answer C) To remove outdated regulations and ensure market efficiency

SEBI's new chairperson, Tuhin Kanta Pandey, aims to balance regulatory oversight by eliminating unnecessary rules while maintaining market transparency and efficiency.

Q8. Why is India increasing its gold reserves?

Answer B) To hedge against economic uncertainty and reduce dependence on the U.S. dollar

India has been increasing its gold reserves to strengthen financial stability, support trade independence, and hedge against global economic uncertainties.

Q9. What does RBI's recent VRR auction trend indicate?

Answer A) Increased banking liquidity and possible future rate cuts

The reduced demand for RBI's repo auctions signals better liquidity in banks, suggesting that RBI may adopt more balanced monetary policies, potentially leading to interest rate cuts.

Q10. How does the government's subsidized loan scheme benefit sugar mills?

Answer B) Supports ethanol production from grains and corn, reducing reliance on sugarcane

The government's scheme provides 50% interest subvention to cooperative sugar mills, allowing them to expand ethanol production beyond sugarcane, helping meet biofuel targets and reducing energy dependence.

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9 & 10 March 2025

10 questions · Banking 3 · Schemes 3 · Sci & Env 2 · International 1

Q1

What is the primary objective of the Geo Mapping of Rubber Plantations in Kerala?

- A. Increase rubber production
- B. Ensure traceability and compliance with the iSNR framework
- C. Reduce labor dependency in rubber farming
- D. Promote artificial rubber alternatives
- E. Encourage intercropping with rubber

Q2

Under the 100-Day Intensified TB Elimination Campaign, how many individuals were screened?

- A. 1 crore
- B. 5 crore
- C. 10 crore
- D. 15 crore
- E. 20 crore

Q3

Which river dolphin conservation initiative was launched in India in 2020?

- A. Ganges Dolphin Conservation Plan
- B. Project Dolphin
- C. Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary
- D. National Aquatic Life Protection Scheme
- E. River Biodiversity Action Plan

Q4

What is a key component of the IndiaAI Mission?

- A. AI Kosha
- B. BharatNet 2.0
- C. Digital India Stack
- D. Pradhan Mantri AI Yojana
- E. Startup India AI Grant

Q5

What is the main funding model of the Centre's Special Assistance Scheme for States?

- A. Grants for agricultural reforms
- B. Interest-free 50-year loans for capital investments and reforms
- C. Direct GST revenue sharing
- D. FDI-backed investment
- E. World Bank funding

Q6

India's first indigenous semiconductor chip is expected to be produced in which year?

- A. 2023
- B. 2024
- C. 2025
- D. 2026
- E. 2027

Q7

What is a major challenge faced by women entrepreneurs in India?

- A. Limited consumer base
- B. Higher taxation policies
- C. Less funding and credit access
- D. High labor turnover rates
- E. Excessive regulatory compliance

Q8

Which country was the most targeted by hacktivist attacks in 2024?

- A. United States
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. India
- E. Germany

Q9

What is the key difference between futures and options contracts?

- A. Futures contracts give the right, but not the obligation, to buy/sell an asset
- B. Options contracts require mandatory execution
- C. Futures involve an obligation to buy/sell at a fixed price in the future
- D. Options contracts carry unlimited risk
- E. Futures contracts are always cheaper than options contracts

Q10

Which company recently banned intraday short-selling for non-F&O stocks?

- A. Zerodha
- B. Angel One
- C. Motilal Oswal
- D. HDFC Securities
- E. ICICI Direct

ANSWERS — 9 & 10 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 C	Q3 B	Q4 A	Q5 B
Q6 C	Q7 C	Q8 D	Q9 C	Q10 C

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Q1. What is the primary objective of the Geo Mapping of Rubber Plantations in Kerala?

Answer B) Ensure traceability and compliance with the iSNR framework

The geo-mapping initiative aims to improve market access and ensure compliance with the Indian Sustainable Natural Rubber (iSNR) framework and the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), enhancing sustainability and global competitiveness.

Q2. Under the 100-Day Intensified TB Elimination Campaign, how many individuals were screened?

Answer C) 10 crore

The campaign aimed to detect symptomatic and asymptomatic TB cases in high-risk groups, screening 10 crore individuals, out of which 3.8 lakh underwent chest X-rays. However, infrastructure challenges limited its overall effectiveness.

Q3. Which river dolphin conservation initiative was launched in India in 2020?

Answer B) Project Dolphin

Project Dolphin, launched in 2020, focuses on habitat conservation and protection of river dolphins, especially in the Ganges and Brahmaputra river systems.

Q4. What is a key component of the IndiaAI Mission?

Answer A) AI Kosha

AI Kosha is a national dataset platform to support AI research and indigenous AI development under the IndiaAI Mission, which has a budget of ₹10,371.92 crore.

Q5. What is the main funding model of the Centre's Special Assistance Scheme for States?

Answer B) Interest-free 50-year loans for capital investments and reforms

The scheme provides ₹1.25 trillion, including ₹95,000 crore linked to reforms and ₹55,000 crore based on states' share of central taxes, facilitating infrastructure development.

Q6. India's first indigenous semiconductor chip is expected to be produced in which year?

Answer C) 2025

India aims to roll out its first indigenous semiconductor chip by 2025, supported by the Semicon India Programme (2021) and Tata's semiconductor projects in Morigaon and Dholera.

Q7. What is a major challenge faced by women entrepreneurs in India?

Answer C) Less funding and credit access

Women-led startups receive significantly less funding, and access to credit remains a challenge, despite initiatives like PM Jan Dhan Yojana, Mudra Yojana, and Lakhpati Didi Scheme.

Q8. Which country was the most targeted by hacktivist attacks in 2024?

Answer D) India

India experienced 13% of global hacktivist attacks in 2024, targeting government, military, education, and finance sectors, highlighting cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

Q9. What is the key difference between futures and options contracts?

Answer C) Futures involve an obligation to buy/sell at a fixed price in the future

Futures contracts require the buyer and seller to execute the trade at a pre-determined price, while options contracts give the buyer the right but not the obligation to buy or sell.

Q10. Which company recently banned intraday short-selling for non-F&O stocks?

Answer C) Motilal Oswal

Motilal Oswal recently banned intraday short-selling for non-F&O stocks to mitigate excessive risk in volatile market conditions.

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11 March 2025

10 questions · Economy 4 · Banking 3 · Agri & Rural 1 · International 1

Q1

Which of the following is NOT a factor contributing to China's deflation crisis?

- A. Low consumer demand
- B. Oversupply of goods
- C. High wage growth
- D. Economic slowdown
- E. External trade pressures

Q2

Why is India cautious about tariff reductions in trade negotiations with the U.S.?

- A. India has a trade surplus with the U.S.
- B. India wants to protect strategic sectors like dairy
- C. The WTO has banned tariff reductions for developing nations
- D. The U.S. has imposed new tariffs on Indian exports
- E. The Indian government opposes all trade liberalization

Q3

Which of the following statements about U.S. economic trends under Trump's second term is TRUE?

- A. The U.S. economy is growing at a record pace
- B. The Federal Reserve has increased interest rates aggressively
- C. Bond yields indicate an economic slowdown
- D. The New York Fed's Recession Probability Gauge is at an all-time low
- E. The IT sector in India has benefited significantly

Q4

What is the proposed threshold turnover for businesses that may be subject to MDR on UPI transactions?

- A. ₹10 lakh
- B. ₹20 lakh
- C. ₹30 lakh
- D. ₹40 lakh
- E. ₹50 lakh

Q5

What is a key reason for slow CASA (Current Account Savings Account) growth in Indian banks?

- A. Customers prefer higher-interest term deposits
- B. RBI has capped CASA deposits
- C. Digital transactions have reduced deposit inflows
- D. Foreign banks are offering better interest rates
- E. Banks have stopped offering CASA accounts

Q6
Which country became the second-largest arms exporter in the world, surpassing Russia?

- A. China
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. Israel
- E. India

Q7
What is one of the key objectives of AI-driven models in inflation forecasting?

- A. Reducing bank deposit rates
- B. Increasing market speculation
- C. Analyzing real-time data for better predictions
- D. Replacing central banks with AI-based decision-making
- E. Eliminating inflation completely

Q8
Why has India's arms imports declined by 9.3% between 2020 and 2024?

- A. Increased domestic defense production
- B. India has reduced defense spending
- C. The U.S. has imposed arms sanctions on India
- D. India has shifted to importing only from Russia
- E. Global arms trade has declined due to peace agreements

Q9
How does the rupee's depreciation to 87.34 per USD impact India?

- A. It makes imports cheaper
- B. It boosts foreign exchange reserves
- C. It reduces RBI's need for intervention
- D. It increases import costs, leading to inflation
- E. It strengthens the Indian economy

Q10
What is the proposed "health tax" mentioned in the Economic Survey 2025?

- A. A tax on sugary beverages
- B. A tax on high-fat dairy products
- C. A tax on ultra-processed foods (UPFs)
- D. A tax on pharmaceutical products
- E. A tax on gym memberships

ANSWERS — 11 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 B	Q3 C	Q4 D	Q5 A
Q6 C	Q7 C	Q8 A	Q9 D	Q10 C

Q1. Which of the following is NOT a factor contributing to China's deflation crisis?

Answer C) High wage growth

China's deflation crisis is caused by low consumer demand, oversupply of goods, economic slowdown, and external trade pressures such as U.S. tariffs. High wage growth is not a contributing factor to deflation; instead, low wages may reduce consumer spending, worsening deflation.

Q2. Why is India cautious about tariff reductions in trade negotiations with the U.S.?

Answer B) India wants to protect strategic sectors like dairy

While India may selectively lower tariffs (e.g., on nuts), it is cautious about reducing tariffs in strategic sectors like dairy to protect domestic producers. The WTO does not ban tariff reductions but requires compliance with MFN principles.

Q3. Which of the following statements about U.S. economic trends under Trump's second term is TRUE?

Answer C) Bond yields indicate an economic slowdown

Bond yields reflect economic trends, and a decline suggests slower growth and higher recession risks. The New York Fed's Recession Probability Gauge indicates rising concerns, and the Indian IT sector faces challenges due to U.S. economic uncertainty.

Q4. What is the proposed threshold turnover for businesses that may be subject to MDR on UPI transactions?

Answer D) ₹40 lakh

The government is considering reintroducing MDR for large merchants with a turnover above ₹40 lakh. This move aims to help banks sustain the UPI payment infrastructure.

Q5. What is a key reason for slow CASA (Current Account Savings Account) growth in Indian banks?

Answer A) Customers prefer higher-interest term deposits

Due to rising interest rates, customers are shifting funds from low-interest CASA accounts to higher-yielding term deposits, leading to slower CASA growth in banks.

Q6. Which country became the second-largest arms exporter in the world, surpassing Russia?

Answer C) France

According to the SIPRI report, France surpassed Russia to become the second-largest arms exporter after the U.S., as Russia's arms exports declined by 64%.

Q7. What is one of the key objectives of AI-driven models in inflation forecasting?

Answer C) Analyzing real-time data for better predictions

AI-driven models, including Large Language Models (LLMs), improve inflation forecasting by analyzing real-time data, leading to more accurate predictions and policy decisions.

Q8. Why has India's arms imports declined by 9.3% between 2020 and 2024?

Answer A) Increased domestic defense production

India has focused on strengthening its domestic defense manufacturing, reducing dependence on foreign arms imports, which led to a 9.3% decline in arms imports.

Q9. How does the rupee's depreciation to 87.34 per USD impact India?

Answer D) It increases import costs, leading to inflation

A weaker rupee makes imports (such as crude oil) more expensive, contributing to inflation. The RBI may intervene to stabilize volatility, but foreign investor outflows limit appreciation.

Q10. What is the proposed "health tax" mentioned in the Economic Survey 2025?

Answer C) A tax on ultra-processed foods (UPFs)

The Economic Survey 2025 suggests imposing a health tax on ultra-processed foods (UPFs) to tackle rising obesity and diabetes in India, inspired by models like Chile's "high-in" warning labels.

QUIZ 9 OF 21

12 March 2025

10 questions · Economy 3 · Sci & Env 2 · Agri & Rural 2 · Banking 1

Q1

What is the ideal Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio for a bank to maintain liquidity while ensuring credit growth?

- A. 45%-55%
- B. 55%-65%
- C. 65%-75%
- D. 75%-85%
- E. 85%-95%

Q2

Which country hosted the COP-30 Climate Summit, focusing on climate finance and land restoration?

- A. India
- B. Canada
- C. Germany
- D. Brazil
- E. France

Q3

Why does WHO discourage naming diseases after locations?

- A. It increases public awareness
- B. It helps in better treatment
- C. It avoids stigma and misinformation
- D. It makes diseases sound more scientific
- E. It helps governments take action

Q4

What is the primary concern of over-reliance on foreign aid?

- A. Increased diplomatic relations
- B. Strengthening the economy
- C. Hindering local development and self-sufficiency
- D. Better infrastructure development
- E. Increased foreign investments

Q5

What is a key focus of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)?

- A. Dairy farming development
- B. Digitalization and value chain enhancements in fisheries
- C. Rural road connectivity
- D. Organic vegetable farming
- E. Agro-forestry expansion

Q6

Which country recently honored PM Modi with the highest civilian award, GCSK?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Nepal
- C. Mauritius
- D. France
- E. UAE

Q7

What is one of the main objectives of India's new Export Promotion Mission?

- A. Increase foreign aid
- B. Strengthen USMCA trade agreements
- C. Counter US tariffs with alternative financing and collateral-free loans
- D. Reduce agricultural imports
- E. Increase dependence on foreign investment

Q8

What is a significant advantage of urine-based fertilizer innovation?

- A. Reduces greenhouse gases
- B. Provides a new food source
- C. Enhances soil salinity
- D. Improves global trade relations
- E. Increases fossil fuel dependency

Q9

Why did Canada impose tariffs on U.S. goods in response to Trump's trade policies?

- A. To reduce U.S. exports
- B. In retaliation to U.S. tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum
- C. To promote local businesses
- D. To increase GDP growth
- E. To meet WTO regulations

Q10

What innovation in foreign aid delivery is expected to enhance transparency and efficiency?

- A. Increase in cash transactions
- B. AI-driven health interventions and blockchain transparency
- C. Greater reliance on informal networks
- D. Manual record-keeping
- E. Dependency on intermediary organizations

ANSWERS — 12 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 D	Q3 C	Q4 C	Q5 B
Q6 C	Q7 C	Q8 A	Q9 B	Q10 B

Q1. What is the ideal Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio for a bank to maintain liquidity while ensuring credit growth?

Answer C) 65%–75%

The ideal CD ratio for banks is between 65%–75%. A lower ratio indicates conservative lending, while a higher ratio may lead to liquidity risks. RBI monitors this ratio to ensure financial stability.

Q2. Which country hosted the COP-30 Climate Summit, focusing on climate finance and land restoration?

Answer D) Brazil

Brazil will host COP-30 in Belem, focusing on climate finance, biodiversity integration, and land restoration, aiming to mobilize \$1.3 trillion annually by 2035.

Q3. Why does WHO discourage naming diseases after locations?

Answer C) It avoids stigma and misinformation

WHO discourages naming diseases after locations (e.g., Spanish flu, Madura foot) to prevent stigma and discrimination. A neutral naming approach ensures scientific clarity.

Q4. What is the primary concern of over-reliance on foreign aid?

Answer C) Hindering local development and self-sufficiency

Excessive dependence on foreign aid can create long-term reliance, preventing countries from developing their own economic and governance structures.

Q5. What is a key focus of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)?

Answer B) Digitalization and value chain enhancements in fisheries

PM-MKSSY is a ₹6,000 crore scheme focused on supporting India's fisheries sector through digitalization, aquaculture insurance, and value chain improvements.

Q6. Which country recently honored PM Modi with the highest civilian award, GCSK?

Answer C) Mauritius

Mauritius awarded PM Modi the Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GCSK), recognizing India-Mauritius cultural and strategic ties.

Q7. What is one of the main objectives of India's new Export Promotion Mission?

Answer C) Counter US tariffs with alternative financing and collateral-free loans

The ₹2,250 crore Export Promotion Mission aims to mitigate the impact of US tariffs by offering collateral-free loans, compliance support, and alternative financing options to Indian exporters.

Q8. What is a significant advantage of urine-based fertilizer innovation?

Answer A) Reduces greenhouse gases

Scientists have developed a method to extract nitrogen from urine, creating a sustainable fertilizer that reduces dependence on synthetic fertilizers and lowers greenhouse gas emissions.

Q9. Why did Canada impose tariffs on U.S. goods in response to Trump's trade policies?

Answer B) In retaliation to U.S. tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum

Canada imposed tariffs after Trump levied duties on Canadian steel and aluminum. The trade war disrupted USMCA agreements and raised costs for U.S. industries.

Q10. What innovation in foreign aid delivery is expected to enhance transparency and efficiency?

Answer B) AI-driven health interventions and blockchain transparency

Future foreign aid strategies involve digital financial transfers, AI-driven health solutions, and blockchain technology to improve transparency and reduce corruption.

QUIZ 10 OF 21

13 March 2025

10 questions · Economy 3 · Misc GA 2 · Agri & Rural 2 · Banking 2

Q1**What is the primary objective of India's security cooperation with Mauritius?**

- A. Promote cultural exchange programs
- B. Strengthen Mauritius' maritime security and counter piracy
- C. Establish free trade agreements with Mauritius
- D. Support China's Belt and Road Initiative
- E. Expand India's tourism industry

Q2**How does the Jio-Starlink partnership benefit India?**

- A. Increases rural connectivity and improves digital infrastructure
- B. Reduces competition in India's telecom sector
- C. Eliminates the need for fiber-optic networks
- D. Strengthens India's steel manufacturing industry
- E. Limits foreign investments in telecom

Q3**What is the impact of the US's 25% tariff on steel and aluminum imports for India?**

- A. No impact as India does not export steel to the US
- B. Severe impact on all Indian steel producers
- C. Affects MSMEs exporting stainless and industrial-use steel while carbon steel producers face minimal impact
- D. Leads to a complete ban on Indian steel exports
- E. Strengthens India's steel industry

Q4**What is the main concern of Sri Lanka regarding the Palk Bay fisheries dispute?**

- A. Indian fishermen stealing their fishing boats
- B. Illegal bottom trawling by Indian fishermen affecting marine ecology
- C. Increased trade restrictions between India and Sri Lanka
- D. Lack of skilled Sri Lankan fishermen
- E. Decline in international fishing agreements

Q5**How is Indian Railways contributing to Mission Amrit Sarovar?**

- A. Constructing dams to conserve rainwater
- B. Recycling soil from railway excavation for pond creation
- C. Installing water purifiers in railway stations
- D. Reducing ticket prices for areas with water shortages
- E. Stopping railway expansion to protect natural water bodies

Q6

Why is the APAAR ID facing controversy?

- A. It provides inaccurate academic records
- B. It is mandatory despite claims of being voluntary
- C. It increases student loan interest rates
- D. It replaces Aadhaar as the only identification system
- E. It is not recognized by Indian universities

Q7

Why were LIC, GIC Re, and New India Assurance retained as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs)?

- A. Their high market share makes them essential for economic stability
- B. They offer the highest interest rates in India
- C. They have the lowest claim settlement ratio
- D. They are private-sector leaders in insurance
- E. They are the only insurance companies in India

Q8

What is the significance of India's digital economy growth?

- A. India is the world's largest digital economy
- B. Digital adoption is still lagging despite rapid economic growth
- C. Internet penetration in India is higher than the global median
- D. Smartphone penetration in India is above 90%
- E. Digital payments are banned in rural India

Q9

What is a key challenge to India maintaining 6.5%+ GDP growth?

- A. Excessive government savings
- B. Weak private consumption and fiscal constraints
- C. Overinvestment in public sector projects
- D. Falling global demand for Indian software services
- E. Rapid inflation

Q10

What is a key solution to tackling global tax evasion?

- A. Encouraging tax havens for economic development
- B. Implementing stronger tax transparency laws and international cooperation
- C. Reducing tax rates for multinational corporations
- D. Increasing corporate anonymity in financial transactions
- E. Eliminating tax collection altogether

ANSWERS — 13 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 A	Q3 C	Q4 B	Q5 B
Q6 B	Q7 A	Q8 B	Q9 B	Q10 B

Q1. What is the primary objective of India's security cooperation with Mauritius?

Answer B) Strengthen Mauritius' maritime security and counter piracy

India is enhancing Mauritius' security infrastructure by supporting the establishment of a Police Academy and a Maritime Information Sharing Centre to counter piracy and boost maritime security, as part of its Indian Ocean strategy.

Q2. How does the Jio-Starlink partnership benefit India?

Answer A) Increases rural connectivity and improves digital infrastructure

The Jio-Starlink partnership aims to enhance India's digital infrastructure, particularly in remote areas, by providing satellite-based internet services. This will complement JioFiber and JioAirFiber, improving connectivity nationwide.

Q3. What is the impact of the US's 25% tariff on steel and aluminum imports for India?

Answer C) Affects MSMEs exporting stainless and industrial-use steel while carbon steel producers face minimal impact

While MSMEs relying on steel exports to the US will suffer, India imports more raw steel from the US than it exports, reducing the overall impact.

Q4. What is the main concern of Sri Lanka regarding the Palk Bay fisheries dispute?

Answer B) Illegal bottom trawling by Indian fishermen affecting marine ecology

Sri Lanka has raised concerns over Indian fishermen using bottom trawling, which damages marine biodiversity and creates economic disparity between Indian and Sri Lankan fishermen.

Q5. How is Indian Railways contributing to Mission Amrit Sarovar?

Answer B) Recycling soil from railway excavation for pond creation

Indian Railways is utilizing excavation soil from infrastructure projects to develop ponds under Mission Amrit Sarovar, aiming to improve groundwater levels and support rural livelihoods.

Q6. Why is the APAAR ID facing controversy?

Answer B) It is mandatory despite claims of being voluntary

Though APAAR ID is officially voluntary, schools are reportedly enforcing mandatory registration, raising concerns over privacy, Aadhaar dependency, and legal conflicts.

Q7. Why were LIC, GIC Re, and New India Assurance retained as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs)?

Answer A) Their high market share makes them essential for economic stability

D-SIIs are entities whose failure could disrupt the financial system, requiring enhanced regulatory oversight due to their market importance.

Q8. What is the significance of India's digital economy growth?

Answer B) Digital adoption is still lagging despite rapid economic growth

Despite being the world's third-largest digital economy, India has lower internet access (58%) and e-commerce adoption (28%) compared to global standards, requiring policy support to enhance digital literacy and connectivity.

Q9. What is a key challenge to India maintaining 6.5%+ GDP growth?

Answer B) Weak private consumption and fiscal constraints

Despite positive GDP growth, weak consumer demand and government budget limitations are challenges India must address to sustain long-term economic momentum.

Q10. What is a key solution to tackling global tax evasion?

Answer B) Implementing stronger tax transparency laws and international cooperation

MNCs and high-net-worth individuals use tax havens to evade taxes, reducing government revenues. Strengthening global tax regulations and cooperation can mitigate this issue.

QUIZ 11 OF 21

14 March 2025

10 questions · Agri & Rural 3 · Banking 3 · Economy 1 · Sci & Env 1

Q1**What is the main reason for the rising cases of kidney disease among young Indians?**

- A. Genetic disorders
- B. Increased consumption of fast food and supplements
- C. Lack of access to hospitals
- D. Overhydration
- E. Excessive salt intake

Q2**What is the significance of India's first-ever auction for critical minerals?**

- A. It will allow India to dominate the global gold market
- B. It will boost private sector investments in mining
- C. It will increase the price of critical minerals
- D. It will reduce India's dependence on coal
- E. It will promote illegal mining activities

Q3**Which organization successfully undocked satellites in the SpaDeX mission?**

- A. NASA
- B. ESA
- C. ISRO
- D. SpaceX
- E. Roscosmos

Q4**What is the main objective of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS)?**

- A. To provide free education to underprivileged students
- B. To generate 1 crore internships in top 500 companies
- C. To train government employees
- D. To offer grants for research and development
- E. To promote international internships for students

Q5**How is hantavirus transmitted to humans?**

- A. Through contaminated water
- B. Mosquito bites
- C. Contact with rodent droppings or inhalation of virus particles
- D. Direct human-to-human transmission
- E. Consumption of undercooked meat

Q6

Why is Starlink entering the Indian market through Bharti Airtel & Reliance Jio?

- A. To provide high-speed satellite internet to rural areas
- B. To replace existing broadband services
- C. To offer free internet to Indian citizens
- D. To promote e-commerce growth
- E. To help ISRO develop new space technology

Q7

What is the main objective of RBI's climate risk disclosure norms?

- A. To track carbon emissions of financial institutions
- B. To guide regulated entities on stress testing and green finance
- C. To reduce foreign investments in the Indian banking sector
- D. To promote cryptocurrency investments
- E. To limit bank lending to industries

Q8

What is SEBI's new regulation on Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI)?

- A. Only stock market transactions are considered UPSI
- B. UPSI now includes fundraising, corporate restructuring, and bank settlements
- C. UPSI is only applicable to mutual funds
- D. Insider trading is no longer a violation
- E. SEBI has banned all trading activities during UPSI leaks

Q9

Why is the RBI cautious about further rate cuts despite a drop in inflation?

- A. Inflation is expected to rise again
- B. Liquidity remains in deficit, limiting monetary policy transmission
- C. The stock market crash is affecting banking policies
- D. Banks are facing a severe credit crunch
- E. There is political pressure to maintain current rates

Q10

Why is India experiencing a decline in food inflation?

- A. Government-imposed price controls
- B. Increased agricultural output and stable crop production
- C. Reduced demand for food items
- D. Import of cheaper food products
- E. Increase in minimum support price (MSP) for farmers

ANSWERS — 14 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 B	Q3 C	Q4 B	Q5 C
Q6 A	Q7 B	Q8 B	Q9 B	Q10 B

Q1. What is the main reason for the rising cases of kidney disease among young Indians?

Answer B) Increased consumption of fast food and supplements

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) cases are rising due to poor lifestyle habits, such as obesity, fast food consumption, excessive protein supplements, and painkiller use. Other contributing factors include diabetes, hypertension, and environmental pollutants.

Q2. What is the significance of India's first-ever auction for critical minerals?

Answer B) It will boost private sector investments in mining

The auction of 13 critical mineral exploration blocks, including rare earth elements, zinc, diamonds, and copper, aims to strengthen India's self-sufficiency in key minerals used in electronics, renewable energy, and defense industries.

Q3. Which organization successfully undocked satellites in the SpaDeX mission?

Answer C) ISRO

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully undocked satellites SDX01 and SDX02 as part of the SpaDeX mission, demonstrating India's capabilities in autonomous space docking, crucial for future space missions.

Q4. What is the main objective of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS)?

Answer B) To generate 1 crore internships in top 500 companies

The PMIS aims to provide internship opportunities to youth in India, making applications easier through the PMIS app and enhancing employment prospects.

Q5. How is hantavirus transmitted to humans?

Answer C) Contact with rodent droppings or inhalation of virus particles

Hantavirus spreads through inhaling rodent droppings or direct contact with infected rodents. It can cause severe respiratory and kidney complications, with no specific cure available.

Q6. Why is Starlink entering the Indian market through Bharti Airtel & Reliance Jio?

Answer A) To provide high-speed satellite internet to rural areas

Starlink is collaborating with Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio to bring satellite-based internet to rural areas, overcoming connectivity challenges where traditional broadband services are unavailable.

Q7. What is the main objective of RBI's climate risk disclosure norms?

Answer B) To guide regulated entities on stress testing and green finance

The RBI is finalizing disclosure frameworks for financial entities to assess climate risks, encourage green finance, and ensure a sustainable financial system.

Q8. What is SEBI's new regulation on Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI)?

Answer B) UPSI now includes fundraising, corporate restructuring, and bank settlements

SEBI expanded the scope of UPSI to include key financial activities such as fundraising, management agreements, and corporate restructuring to prevent insider trading.

Q9. Why is the RBI cautious about further rate cuts despite a drop in inflation?

Answer B) Liquidity remains in deficit, limiting monetary policy transmission

Although inflation has dropped to 3.61%, the RBI is cautious due to liquidity deficits, global economic conditions, and the need for gradual monetary policy adjustments.

Q10. Why is India experiencing a decline in food inflation?

Answer B) Increased agricultural output and stable crop production

Food inflation has declined due to a 7.9% rise in kharif crop production and a 6% increase in rabi crops, ensuring stable food supplies and lower prices.

QUIZ 12 OF 21

15 March 2025

10 questions · Banking 4 · Economy 3 · Schemes 2 · International 1

Q1**Which three countries have urged the U.S. to lift sanctions on Iran's nuclear program?**

- A. India, Russia, and China
- B. China, Russia, and Iran
- C. USA, France, and Germany
- D. Iran, UAE, and Saudi Arabia
- E. Brazil, South Africa, and China

Q2**What major financial strategy is BRICS considering to reduce reliance on the U.S. dollar?**

- A. Launching a cryptocurrency
- B. Developing a gold-backed currency
- C. Establishing a unified trade agreement
- D. Creating a currency exchange system
- E. Introducing a common tariff policy

Q3**What key issue is the Parliamentary Committee highlighting about MGNREGS wages?**

- A. Need for complete abolition of the scheme
- B. Demand for a universal basic income
- C. Rising living costs and delayed payments
- D. Introducing a performance-based wage system
- E. Replacing wages with food and essential commodities

Q4**Why is India's Real-Money Gaming (RMG) sector facing challenges?**

- A. The government has banned all online games
- B. It faces a high 28% GST burden and lacks regulation
- C. There is a shortage of skilled developers
- D. Most RMG platforms are owned by foreign companies
- E. A sudden decline in user engagement

Q5**What was the breakthrough discovery of India's Aditya-L1 Mission?**

- A. The first photograph of a black hole
- B. Detection of an asteroid heading toward Earth
- C. Observation of a flareless coronal mass ejection (CME)
- D. Discovery of a new planet orbiting the Sun
- E. Identification of an unknown radiation belt

Q6**What concern has been raised regarding the implementation of APAAR ID?**

- A. It violates international education policies
- B. Schools are pressuring students to register despite claims of voluntary enrollment
- C. It provides financial benefits only to private schools
- D. It is only applicable to urban students
- E. It does not store student records digitally

Q7**What is the key demand of India's microfinance sector regarding refinancing?**

- A. Merging MUDRA Bank with the RBI
- B. Converting MUDRA Bank into a dedicated refinancing institution
- C. Reducing the interest rate on microfinance loans to 0%
- D. Allowing foreign banks to control the microfinance sector
- E. Abolishing the need for collateral in microfinance loans

Q8**Why are MSME exporters demanding reforms in e-commerce export regulations?**

- A. Rising customs duties and import restrictions
- B. Manual reconciliation, high compliance costs, and excessive documentation
- C. Ban on exports through e-commerce channels
- D. Inability to sell digital goods abroad
- E. Lack of consumer demand for MSME products

Q9**What is the reason behind the recent surge in gold prices above \$3,000 per ounce?**

- A. Increasing gold production in China
- B. Central bank gold buying, trade tensions, and expected Fed rate cuts
- C. The discovery of large gold reserves in India
- D. Declining demand for digital assets like Bitcoin
- E. Increase in gold import duties in the U.S.

Q10**What is the key reform introduced in the Block Assessment Scheme for Income Tax search cases?**

- A. A single tax return covering six years plus part-year under investigation
- B. A complete waiver of tax penalties for discovered unreported income
- C. Mandatory audits for all income tax searches
- D. Exemption of income tax for small businesses
- E. A limit of three years for reopening tax cases

ANSWERS — 15 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 D	Q3 C	Q4 B	Q5 C
Q6 B	Q7 B	Q8 B	Q9 B	Q10 A

Q1. Which three countries have urged the U.S. to lift sanctions on Iran's nuclear program?

Answer B) China, Russia, and Iran

These three countries have demanded that the U.S. remove sanctions related to Iran's nuclear program, which was imposed during Donald Trump's presidency. Iran has refused negotiations under pressure.

Q2. What major financial strategy is BRICS considering to reduce reliance on the U.S. dollar?

Answer D) Creating a currency exchange system

BRICS nations are exploring a mechanism to facilitate trade without relying on the U.S. dollar, thereby reducing their dependence on Western financial institutions.

Q3. What key issue is the Parliamentary Committee highlighting about MGNREGS wages?

Answer C) Rising living costs and delayed payments

The committee has suggested revising MGNREGS wages due to increasing living costs and recommended a uniform wage structure across states. It also noted significant delays in wage payments, especially in West Bengal.

Q4. Why is India's Real-Money Gaming (RMG) sector facing challenges?

Answer B) It faces a high 28% GST burden and lacks regulation

The Indian RMG sector is struggling due to high taxation and an absence of clear regulations. Offshore gambling sites, which do not adhere to Indian laws, are growing, while domestic firms face heavy taxation.

Q5. What was the breakthrough discovery of India's Aditya-L1 Mission?

Answer C) Observation of a flareless coronal mass ejection (CME)

Aditya-L1's observation of a CME without an accompanying solar flare has provided new insights into solar activity, improving our understanding of space weather.

Q6. What concern has been raised regarding the implementation of APAAR ID?

Answer B) Schools are pressuring students to register despite claims of voluntary enrollment

While the government claims APAAR ID is voluntary, reports indicate that schools are coercing students to register, raising privacy and legal concerns.

Q7. What is the key demand of India's microfinance sector regarding refinancing?

Answer B) Converting MUDRA Bank into a dedicated refinancing institution

The microfinance industry has proposed converting MUDRA Bank into a dedicated refinancing body to support financial stability and loan distribution among MFIs.

Q8. Why are MSME exporters demanding reforms in e-commerce export regulations?

Answer B) Manual reconciliation, high compliance costs, and excessive documentation

MSMEs face difficulties in managing remittances, excessive paperwork, and regulatory complexities, prompting calls for AI-driven reconciliation and standardization of fees.

Q9. What is the reason behind the recent surge in gold prices above \$3,000 per ounce?

Answer B) Central bank gold buying, trade tensions, and expected Fed rate cuts

Market uncertainty due to the U.S.-China trade war, central banks (especially China) increasing gold purchases, and potential interest rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve have driven gold prices higher.

Q10. What is the key reform introduced in the Block Assessment Scheme for Income Tax search cases?

Answer A) A single tax return covering six years plus part-year under investigation

The new Block Assessment Scheme aims to streamline tax administration by consolidating multiple-year tax filings into one return, reducing compliance burden and speeding up case resolution.

QUIZ 13 OF 21

16 & 17 March 2025

10 questions · Misc GA 3 · Sci & Env 2 · Banking 2 · Economy 1

Q1

Which country recently resumed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with India after a decade-long hiatus?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. Canada
- D. United Kingdom
- E. South Africa

Q2

What is the primary objective of India's recent defense deals with France, including the procurement of Rafale-M fighter jets and Scorpene-class submarines?

- A. Enhancing air superiority over neighboring countries
- B. Strengthening naval capabilities in the Indian Ocean
- C. Modernizing the army's artillery systems
- D. Developing indigenous missile defense systems
- E. Expanding cyber warfare capabilities

Q3

Which former president was recently arrested following an International Criminal Court (ICC) warrant related to the war on drugs?

- A. Nicolas Maduro
- B. Rodrigo Duterte
- C. Omar al-Bashir
- D. Jacob Zuma
- E. Robert Mugabe

Q4

Baidu's Ernie X1 AI is designed to compete with which global AI leader's model?

- A. Google's Bard
- B. Microsoft's Cortana
- C. OpenAI's GPT-4
- D. Amazon's Alexa
- E. IBM's Watson

Q5

Which Indian national park was recently declared the country's 58th tiger reserve?

- A. Sundarbans National Park
- B. Madhav National Park
- C. Bandipur National Park
- D. Kanha National Park
- E. Periyar National Park

Q6

Which disease, caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, has been identified as an emerging health concern in India?

- A. Leptospirosis
- B. Melioidosis
- C. Brucellosis
- D. Q fever
- E. Tularemia

Q7

Researchers from which Indian institute discovered that the HIV/AIDS drug Efavirenz could be effective in treating Chikungunya?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Roorkee
- D. IIT Madras
- E. IIT Kharagpur

Q8

What recent trend has been observed in India's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) program?

- A. Decreased participation due to urban migration
- B. Increased demand indicating rural economic distress
- C. Stable participation rates over the years
- D. Shift towards urban employment schemes
- E. Reduction in allocated budget

Q9

Which factor has contributed to mutual funds outpacing bank deposits in India?

- A. Higher interest rates offered by banks
- B. Increased taxation on mutual fund returns
- C. Product innovation and customization in mutual funds
- D. Limited digital access to mutual fund platforms
- E. Stricter regulations on equity markets

Q10

Which key initiative has been proposed to improve India's digital debt collection process in microfinance?

- A. Mandatory in-person debt recovery visits
- B. AI-driven risk scoring and automated reminders
- C. Increasing loan interest rates for better collection
- D. Introduction of stricter defaulter penalties
- E. Expansion of physical collection offices across rural India

ANSWERS — 16 & 17 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 B	Q3 B	Q4 C	Q5 B
Q6 B	Q7 C	Q8 B	Q9 C	Q10 B

Q1. Which country recently resumed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with India after a decade-long hiatus?

Answer B. New Zealand

India and New Zealand officially resumed negotiations for a mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in March 2025, following a meeting between Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay.

Q2. What is the primary objective of India's recent defense deals with France, including the procurement of Rafale-M fighter jets and Scorpene-class submarines?

Answer B. Strengthening naval capabilities in the Indian Ocean

The defense deals with France, including the procurement of Rafale-M fighter jets and Scorpene-class submarines, aim to bolster India's naval strength in the Indian Ocean region.

Q3. Which former president was recently arrested following an International Criminal Court (ICC) warrant related to the war on drugs?

Answer B. Rodrigo Duterte

Former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte was arrested following an ICC warrant concerning alleged crimes against humanity during his administration's war on drugs.

Q4. Baidu's Ernie X1 AI is designed to compete with which global AI leader's model?

Answer C. OpenAI's GPT-4

Baidu's Ernie X1 AI is positioned to compete with OpenAI's GPT-4 in the global AI landscape.

Q5. Which Indian national park was recently declared the country's 58th tiger reserve?

Answer B. Madhav National Park

Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh was recently declared India's 58th tiger reserve, enhancing conservation efforts for the species.

Q6. Which disease, caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, has been identified as an emerging health concern in India?

Answer B. Melioidosis

Melioidosis, caused by *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, has been identified as an emerging health concern in India, particularly in regions like Odisha.

Q7. Researchers from which Indian institute discovered that the HIV/AIDS drug Efavirenz could be effective in treating Chikungunya?

Answer C. IIT Roorkee

Researchers from IIT Roorkee found that the HIV/AIDS drug Efavirenz shows potential in treating Chikungunya infections.

Q8. What recent trend has been observed in India's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) program?

Answer B. Increased demand indicating rural economic distress

The rising demand for MGNREGA work suggests underlying rural economic challenges and distress.

Q9. Which factor has contributed to mutual funds outpacing bank deposits in India?

Answer C. Product innovation and customization in mutual funds

Mutual funds have grown in popularity due to product innovations, better customization for investors, and improved accessibility through digital platforms.

Q10. Which key initiative has been proposed to improve India's digital debt collection process in microfinance?

Answer B. AI-driven risk scoring and automated reminders

Digital debt collection in microfinance is being enhanced through AI-driven risk scoring, automated reminders, and mobile-based collections to improve efficiency and recovery rates.

QUIZ 14 OF 21

18 March 2025

8 questions · Misc GA 3 · Schemes 2 · International 1 · Economy 1

Q1**Which countries are part of the Five Eyes intelligence-sharing alliance that India is strengthening defense ties with?**

- A. US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand
- B. US, UK, France, Germany, Australia
- C. US, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia
- D. US, UK, India, Japan, Australia
- E. US, UK, Germany, Italy, Australia

Q2**What is the primary goal of India's 'Mission 500' in trade talks with the US?**

- A. Achieving \$500 billion in bilateral trade by 2030
- B. Reducing tariffs on 500 products
- C. Increasing exports by 500%
- D. Creating 500 new trade agreements
- E. Investing \$500 billion in infrastructure

Q3**Why did the US withdraw from the Ukraine War Crimes Prosecution Group?**

- A. Disagreement over legal procedures
- B. Concerns about impartiality
- C. Focus on domestic issues
- D. To avoid setting a precedent for prosecuting its own officials
- E. Budget constraints

Q4**What is the purpose of India's Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme (PMIS) Mobile App?**

- A. To provide online education
- B. To facilitate internships for students
- C. To offer job placements
- D. To conduct virtual job fairs
- E. To track employment statistics

Q5**What challenge has been identified in the implementation of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY)?**

- A. Lack of public interest
- B. Insufficient funding
- C. Technical issues with solar panels
- D. Delayed installations
- E. Complex application process

Q6

What recent health concern has been reported in India as of March 18, 2025?

- A. Rise in seasonal influenza cases
- B. Outbreak of dengue fever
- C. Increase in malaria cases
- D. Spread of a new coronavirus variant
- E. Surge in tuberculosis cases

Q7

What is the primary focus of the recent study on early lung cancer relapse?

- A. Environmental factors
- B. Genetic causes
- C. Lifestyle choices
- D. Treatment methods
- E. Diagnostic errors

Q8

What is the Futures Industry Association's (FIA) stance on SEBI's proposal regarding open interest limits?

- A. Full support
- B. Partial agreement
- C. Opposition due to potential market impact
- D. No official stance
- E. Request for more information

ANSWERS — 18 MARCH 2025

Q1 A	Q2 A	Q3 D	Q4 B	Q5 D
Q6 A	Q7 B	Q8 C		

Q1. Which countries are part of the Five Eyes intelligence-sharing alliance that India is strengthening defense ties with?**Answer** A. US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand

The Five Eyes alliance consists of the US, UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. India is enhancing defense cooperation with the US, New Zealand, and Australia, all members of this alliance.

Q2. What is the primary goal of India's 'Mission 500' in trade talks with the US?**Answer** A. Achieving \$500 billion in bilateral trade by 2030

'Mission 500' aims to boost India-US bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030.

Q3. Why did the US withdraw from the Ukraine War Crimes Prosecution Group?**Answer** D. To avoid setting a precedent for prosecuting its own officials

The US withdrew to prevent setting a precedent that could lead to the prosecution of its own officials in the future.

Q4. What is the purpose of India's Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme (PMIS) Mobile App?

Answer B. To facilitate internships for students

The PMIS Mobile App aims to connect students with internship opportunities, enhancing their practical skills and employability.

Q5. What challenge has been identified in the implementation of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY)?

Answer D. Delayed installations

The PMSGMBY has faced challenges due to delays in the installation of solar panels, affecting its performance.

Q6. What recent health concern has been reported in India as of March 18, 2025?

Answer A. Rise in seasonal influenza cases

India has observed a significant increase in seasonal influenza cases, prompting public health advisories.

Q7. What is the primary focus of the recent study on early lung cancer relapse?

Answer B. Genetic causes

The study investigates genetic factors contributing to early relapse in lung cancer patients.

Q8. What is the Futures Industry Association's (FIA) stance on SEBI's proposal regarding open interest limits?

Answer C. Opposition due to potential market impact

The FIA opposes SEBI's proposal, expressing concerns about its potential negative impact on market dynamics.

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19 March 2025

10 questions · Sci & Env 3 · Banking 2 · Misc GA 2 · Schemes 1

Q1

What was the primary reason behind Israel's recent airstrikes on Gaza on March 19, 2025?

- A. To counter a cyber-attack from Hamas
- B. Retaliation against rocket attacks from Gaza militants
- C. To support a military coup in the region
- D. To dismantle underground tunnels used for smuggling
- E. In response to a UN resolution

Q2

Which two NASA astronauts returned to Earth on March 19, 2025, after a 286-day space mission?

- A. Scott Kelly & Peggy Whitson
- B. Butch Wilmore & Sunita Williams
- C. Chris Hadfield & Jessica Meir
- D. Michael Collins & Buzz Aldrin
- E. Terry Virts & Samantha Cristoforetti

Q3

What is the name of the proposed unified currency for BRICS nations?

- A. BRICoin
- B. The Unit
- C. Digital Ruble
- D. Gold Reserve Dollar
- E. BRICS Token

Q4

Which alternative global trade currency is China promoting to replace the US dollar in energy transactions?

- A. Digital Yuan
- B. PetroYuan
- C. BRICS Coin
- D. Gold-Backed Renminbi
- E. Yuan-Bit

Q5

According to India's Supreme Court, which office should fall under the jurisdiction of the Lokpal?

- A. Prime Minister's Office
- B. Governors of states
- C. Private corporations
- D. Local Panchayats
- E. Media organizations

Q6

In the "Future of Free Speech Global Survey," where does India rank in terms of free speech among surveyed countries?

- A. 5th
- B. 10th
- C. 15th
- D. 20th
- E. 25th

Q7

What major discovery did Chandrayaan-3 make on the Moon?

- A. Presence of liquid water
- B. Existence of alien bacteria
- C. Water molecules in lunar soil
- D. Underground lava tunnels
- E. Evidence of past atmospheric conditions

Q8

What recent action did India's Election Commission take regarding voter identification?

- A. Made biometric verification mandatory
- B. Linked Aadhaar with voter ID cards
- C. Introduced blockchain-based voting
- D. Launched AI-powered voter assistance
- E. Announced online voting for NRIs

Q9

Which country recently announced it would stop using the US dollar in trade with China?

- A. Brazil
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Russia
- D. South Africa
- E. India

Q10

What is India's latest initiative in the renewable energy sector?

- A. Launch of a solar-powered train network
- B. Development of a 500 GW offshore wind farm
- C. Introduction of hydrogen-powered public transport
- D. Expansion of the PM-KUSUM scheme
- E. Setting up the world's largest biofuel refinery

ANSWERS — 19 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 B	Q3 B	Q4 B	Q5 A
Q6 D	Q7 C	Q8 B	Q9 B	Q10 D

Q1. What was the primary reason behind Israel's recent airstrikes on Gaza on March 19, 2025?

Answer B. Retaliation against rocket attacks from Gaza militants

Israel carried out airstrikes on Gaza in response to rocket attacks from militants, marking a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict.

Q2. Which two NASA astronauts returned to Earth on March 19, 2025, after a 286-day space mission?

Answer B. Butch Wilmore & Sunita Williams

NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams returned to Earth after spending 286 days aboard the International Space Station.

Q3. What is the name of the proposed unified currency for BRICS nations?

Answer B. The Unit

The BRICS nations are considering introducing a unified currency named "The Unit" to facilitate trade and reduce reliance on the U.S. dollar.

Q4. Which alternative global trade currency is China promoting to replace the US dollar in energy transactions?

Answer B. PetroYuan

China is advancing the use of the PetroYuan, encouraging oil transactions in yuan rather than U.S. dollars to strengthen its financial influence.

Q5. According to India's Supreme Court, which office should fall under the jurisdiction of the Lokpal?

Answer A. Prime Minister's Office

The Supreme Court of India ruled that the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) should be under the jurisdiction of the Lokpal to ensure transparency in governance.

Q6. In the "Future of Free Speech Global Survey," where does India rank in terms of free speech among surveyed countries?

Answer D. 20th

India was ranked 20th in the Future of Free Speech Global Survey, reflecting concerns over press freedom, digital regulations, and public discourse.

Q7. What major discovery did Chandrayaan-3 make on the Moon?

Answer C. Water molecules in lunar soil

Chandrayaan-3 confirmed the presence of water molecules in the lunar soil, supporting future exploration and potential colonization efforts.

Q8. What recent action did India's Election Commission take regarding voter identification?

Answer B. Linked Aadhaar with voter ID cards

The Election Commission of India initiated the linking of Aadhaar with voter ID cards to reduce duplicate voter registrations and improve electoral transparency.

Q9. Which country recently announced it would stop using the US dollar in trade with China?

Answer B. Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia announced that it would no longer use the U.S. dollar for trade with China, signaling a shift toward using the PetroYuan for energy transactions.

Q10. What is India's latest initiative in the renewable energy sector?

Answer D. Expansion of the PM-KUSUM scheme

India is expanding the PM-KUSUM scheme, which promotes solar energy adoption in the agricultural sector to reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

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21 March 2025

10 questions · Appointments 2 · Sci & Env 2 · Banking 2 · Schemes 2

Q1**What is the theme of the International Day of Forests 2025?**

- A. Forests and Biodiversity
- B. Forests and Climate Change
- C. Forests and Food
- D. Forests and Sustainable Cities
- E. Forests and Water

Q2**Which Indian city will host the Miss World 2025 pageant?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad
- E. Chennai

Q3**Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the UK House of Commons in March 2025?**

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Rajinikanth
- C. Chiranjeevi
- D. Mammooty
- E. Shah Rukh Khan

Q4**Which Indian wildlife sanctuary is located in Maharashtra?**

- A. Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Kaziranga National Park
- C. Gir National Park
- D. Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary
- E. Sundarbans National Park

Q5**Which Indian bank raised ₹14,750 crore via Certificates of Deposit (CDs) in March 2025?**

- A. State Bank of India
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. IndusInd Bank
- E. Axis Bank

Q6**What is the name of the AI-based cloud solution launched for weather forecasting in India?**

- A. Meghdoot
- B. Vayu
- C. Pavan
- D. Anil
- E. Jal

Q7**Which pharmaceutical company launched the drug Mounjaro (Tirzepatide) in India for diabetes and obesity treatment?**

- A. Pfizer
- B. Novartis
- C. Eli Lilly
- D. GlaxoSmithKline
- E. Sanofi

Q8**What is the objective of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in India?**

- A. Promote foreign tourism
- B. Develop theme-based tourist circuits
- C. Provide financial assistance to travelers
- D. Offer subsidies for hotel construction
- E. Train tour guides

Q9**Which organization proposed raising the Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) disclosure threshold to ₹50,000 crore in India?**

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D. National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- E. NITI Aayog

Q10**Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of India (CJI) in March 2025?**

- A. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul
- B. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- C. Justice P.S. Narasimha
- D. Justice B.V. Nagarathna
- E. Justice Vikram Nath

ANSWERS — 21 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 D	Q3 C	Q4 D	Q5 D
Q6 B	Q7 C	Q8 B	Q9 C	Q10 D

Q1. What is the theme of the International Day of Forests 2025?

Answer C. Forests and Food

The United Nations celebrates the International Day of Forests on March 21 each year. The theme for 2025 is "Forests and Food," emphasizing the role of forests in ensuring food security and sustainable agriculture.

Q2. Which Indian city will host the Miss World 2025 pageant?

Answer D. Hyderabad

Hyderabad has been chosen to host the Miss World 2025 pageant, bringing global recognition to the city's hospitality and infrastructure.

Q3. Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the UK House of Commons in March 2025?

Answer C. Chiranjeevi

Indian film actor Chiranjeevi was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the UK House of Commons for his contributions to cinema and philanthropy.

Q4. Which Indian wildlife sanctuary is located in Maharashtra?

Answer D. Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area in Maharashtra, India, known for its rich biodiversity and conservation efforts.

Q5. Which Indian bank raised ₹14,750 crore via Certificates of Deposit (CDs) in March 2025?

Answer D. IndusInd Bank

IndusInd Bank raised ₹14,750 crore through Certificates of Deposit (CDs) to strengthen its financial position and support lending operations.

Q6. What is the name of the AI-based cloud solution launched for weather forecasting in India?

Answer B. Vayu

"Vayu" is an AI-powered cloud-based weather forecasting solution launched in India to improve climate predictions and disaster preparedness.

Q7. Which pharmaceutical company launched the drug Mounjaro (Tirzepatide) in India for diabetes and obesity treatment?

Answer C. Eli Lilly

Eli Lilly introduced Mounjaro (Tirzepatide) in India, a breakthrough drug for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes and obesity.

Q8. What is the objective of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in India?

Answer B. Develop theme-based tourist circuits

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme is an initiative by the Indian government to develop thematic tourist circuits across the country, promoting sustainable tourism.

Q9. Which organization proposed raising the Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) disclosure threshold to ₹50,000 crore in India?

Answer C. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

SEBI has proposed increasing the FPI disclosure threshold to ₹50,000 crore to enhance transparency in foreign investments and prevent market manipulation.

Q10. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of India (CJI) in March 2025?

Answer D. Justice B.V. Nagarathna

Justice B.V. Nagarathna has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of India in March 2025, making history as the first female Chief Justice of India.

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22 March 2025

10 questions · International 3 · Sports & Days 2 · Sci & Env 2 · Misc GA 2

Q1

What is the theme for World Water Day 2025, celebrated on March 22?

- A. Water and Climate Change
- B. Valuing Water
- C. Glacier Preservation
- D. Water and Sustainable Development
- E. Clean Water for All

Q2

Which organization inaugurated a 3.2 MW AC floating solar power plant at the Kochi Refinery in March 2025?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation
- B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- C. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- D. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- E. Reliance Industries

Q3

Which university agreed to implement changes demanded by the Trump administration to restore \$400 million in federal funding in March 2025?

- A. Harvard University
- B. Yale University
- C. Columbia University
- D. Stanford University
- E. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Q4

Which two conferences were held concurrently in New York in March 2025, highlighting contrasting views on women's rights?

- A. UN Climate Summit and World Economic Forum
- B. Conference on the State of Women and Family (CSWF) and UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- C. Global Health Summit and International Education Conference
- D. World Trade Organization Meeting and G7 Summit
- E. NATO Summit and ASEAN Conference

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Q5

Which civil society groups have urged the Indian government to refrain from weakening the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005?

- A. Over 30 civil society organizations☒
- B. International human rights organizations☒
- C. Political parties☒
- D. Trade unions☒
- E. Student associations

Q6

What significant event occurred in Balochistan, Pakistan, in March 2025, leading to public protests?

- A. Natural disaster☒
- B. Political election☒
- C. Train hijacking☒
- D. Economic summit☒
- E. Sports tournament☒

Q7

Who is the chief of the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) leading protests in Balochistan in March 2025?

- A. Mahrang Baloch☒
- B. Denise Moutenay☒
- C. Sarada Muraleedharan
- D. Shahid Rind☒
- E. Bebarg Baloch☒

Q8

What is the theme for World Water Day 2025, celebrated on March 22?

- A. Water and Climate Change☒
- B. Valuing Water☒
- C. Glacier Preservation☒
- D. Water and Sustainable Development☒
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- C. Sarada Muraleedharan
- D. Shahid Rind
- E. Bebag Baloch

ANSWERS — 22 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 B	Q3 C	Q4 B	Q5 A
Q6 C	Q7 A	Q8 C	Q9 B	Q10 A

Q1. What is the theme for World Water Day 2025, celebrated on March 22?

Answer C. Glacier Preservation

World Water Day 2025 focuses on "Glacier Preservation," highlighting the importance of protecting glaciers as vital freshwater resources.

Q2. Which organization inaugurated a 3.2 MW AC floating solar power plant at the Kochi Refinery in March 2025?

Answer B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

BPCL inaugurated a 3.2 MW AC floating solar power plant at the Kochi Refinery, marking a significant step towards sustainable energy.

Q3. Which university agreed to implement changes demanded by the Trump administration to restore \$400 million in federal funding in March 2025?

Answer C. Columbia University

Columbia University agreed to several changes, including increased political oversight of Middle East scholars, to restore \$400 million in federal funding cut due to allegations of tolerating antisemitism. The Guardian

Q4. Which two conferences were held concurrently in New York in March 2025, highlighting contrasting views on women's rights?

Answer B. Conference on the State of Women and Family (CSWF) and UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

The CSWF promoted conservative values opposing abortion and LGBTQ rights, while the CSW focused on advancing women's rights and gender equality. The Guardian

Q5. Which civil society groups have urged the Indian government to refrain from weakening the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005?

Answer A. Over 30 civil society organizations

These organizations have called on the government to reverse the 2023 amendment to restore public interest disclosures under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

Q6. What significant event occurred in Balochistan, Pakistan, in March 2025, leading to public protests?

Answer C. Train hijacking

The 2025 Jaffar Express hijacking led to public protests in Balochistan, with families attempting to identify victims and clashing with police forces. Wikipedia

Q7. Who is the chief of the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) leading protests in Balochistan in March 2025?

Answer A. Mahrang Baloch

Mahrang Baloch led protests in Balochistan following the Jaffar Express hijacking incident, advocating for the rights of the Baloch community. Wikipedia

Q8. What is the theme for World Water Day 2025, celebrated on March 22?

Answer C. Glacier Preservation

World Water Day 2025 focuses on "Glacier Preservation," highlighting the importance of protecting glaciers as vital freshwater resources. Guidely

Q9. Which organization inaugurated a 3.2 MW AC floating solar power plant at the Kochi Refinery in March 2025?

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Q10. Who is the chief of the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) leading protests in Balochistan in March 2025?

Answer A. Mahrang Baloch

Mahrang Baloch led protests in Balochistan following the Jaffar Express hijacking incident, advocating for the rights of the Baloch community. Wikipedia

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23 & 24 March 2025

10 questions · Sci & Env 3 · Misc GA 3 · International 1 · Economy 1

Q1

Which country imposed anti-dumping duties on five Chinese goods in March 2025? A) United States

- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Australia
- E. Germany

Q2

What is the primary objective of India's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes?

- A. To increase foreign direct investment
- B. To boost domestic manufacturing
- C. To promote exports exclusively
- D. To reduce import tariffs
- E. To enhance service sector growth

Q3

Which two countries participated in the naval exercise 'Varuna 2024'?

- A. India and Japan
- B. India and France
- C. India and Australia
- D. India and United Kingdom
- E. India and United States

Q4

Which Indian state launched the 'Look East' tourism campaign in March 2025?

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha
- E. Tamil Nadu

Q5

What significant environmental event is Brazil set to host, as mentioned in March 2025?

- A. G20 Summit
- B. COP30
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. UN Biodiversity Conference
- E. BRICS Summit

Q6
Which bank appointed Grant Thornton for a forensic audit in March 2025?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. IndusInd Bank
- D. Axis Bank
- E. Yes Bank

Q7
Which sector experienced a surge in influenza cases in Delhi-NCR during March 2025?

- A. Pediatric
- B. Geriatric
- C. General population
- D. Healthcare workers
- E. School children

Q8
What is the focus of the study that challenges previous assumptions about infant memory, as reported in March 2025?

- A. Infant language acquisition
- B. Infantile amnesia
- C. Early motor development
- D. Parent-infant bonding
- E. Sleep patterns in infants

Q9
In March 2025, scientists discovered four new species belonging to which arachnid group?

- A. Spiders
- B. Scorpions
- C. Mites
- D. Ticks
- E. Harvestmen

Q10
What trend was observed in tuberculosis (TB) incidence and mortality in India, as reported in March 2025?

- A. Both incidence and mortality increased
- B. Incidence increased, mortality decreased
- C. Incidence decreased, mortality increased
- D. Both incidence and mortality decreased
- E. No significant change observed

ANSWERS — 23 & 24 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 B	Q3 B	Q4 C	Q5 B
Q6 C	Q7 C	Q8 B	Q9 B	Q10 D

Q1. Which country imposed anti-dumping duties on five Chinese goods in March 2025? A) United States

Answer B) India

In March 2025, India imposed anti-dumping duties on five Chinese goods to protect its domestic industries from unfair trade practices. Anti-dumping duties are tariffs imposed on foreign imports believed to be priced below fair market value.

Q2. What is the primary objective of India's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes?

Answer B) To boost domestic manufacturing

The PLI schemes in India are designed to incentivize domestic manufacturing across various sectors, aiming to make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investment, and enhance export potential.

Q3. Which two countries participated in the naval exercise 'Varuna 2024'?

Answer B) India and France

'Varuna 2024' was a bilateral naval exercise conducted between India and France, focusing on enhancing interoperability and strengthening maritime cooperation between the two navies.

Q4. Which Indian state launched the 'Look East' tourism campaign in March 2025?

Answer C) Kerala

In March 2025, Kerala initiated the 'Look East' tourism campaign aimed at attracting tourists from East Asian countries, diversifying its tourism portfolio, and boosting the state's economy.

Q5. What significant environmental event is Brazil set to host, as mentioned in March 2025?

Answer B) COP30

Brazil is scheduled to host COP30, the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), underscoring its commitment to addressing global environmental challenges.

Q6. Which bank appointed Grant Thornton for a forensic audit in March 2025?

Answer C) IndusInd Bank

IndusInd Bank engaged Grant Thornton in March 2025 to conduct a forensic audit to investigate certain financial discrepancies and ensure transparency in its operations.

Q7. Which sector experienced a surge in influenza cases in Delhi-NCR during March 2025?

Answer C) General population

In March 2025, there was a notable increase in influenza cases across the general population in the Delhi-NCR region, prompting health authorities to issue advisories and recommend vaccinations.

Q8. What is the focus of the study that challenges previous assumptions about infant memory, as reported in March 2025?

Answer B) Infantile amnesia

The study published in March 2025 challenges existing beliefs about infantile amnesia by providing new insights into how and when infants form and retain memories.

Q9. In March 2025, scientists discovered four new species belonging to which arachnid group?

Answer B) Scorpions

Scientists announced the discovery of four new scorpion species in March 2025, contributing to the understanding of biodiversity and the ecological significance of these arachnids.

Q10. What trend was observed in tuberculosis (TB) incidence and mortality in India, as reported in March 2025?

Answer D) Both incidence and mortality decreased

Reports from March 2025 indicated a decline in both the incidence and mortality rates of tuberculosis in India, reflecting the effectiveness of ongoing public health interventions and treatment strategies.

QUIZ 19 OF 21

25 March 2025

10 questions · Schemes 2 · Banking 2 · International 1 · Misc GA 1

Q1

Which former U.S. President proposed a 25% tariff on countries purchasing Venezuelan oil in March 2025?

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Joe Biden
- C. Donald Trump
- D. George W. Bush
- E. Bill Clinton

Q2

What is the primary focus of India's urban development strategy discussed in March 2025?

- A. Enhancing rural connectivity
- B. Implementing a top-down financial model
- C. Promoting sustainable agriculture
- D. Decentralizing urban planning
- E. Increasing foreign direct investment in urban areas

Q3

Which scientific technique was emphasized for its role in identification processes in March 2025?

- A. Carbon dating
- B. DNA fingerprinting
- C. Magnetic resonance imaging
- D. Spectroscopy
- E. Chromatography

Q4

What initiative did India undertake regarding tuberculosis (TB) in March 2025?

- A. Launched a nationwide vaccination program
- B. Introduced a new antibiotic
- C. Conducted genomic sequencing of TB samples
- D. Implemented a public awareness campaign
- E. Established TB-specific hospitals

Q5

Which naval exercise did India announce it would conduct for the first time in March 2025?

- A. Malabar
- B. RIMPAC
- C. Aikeyme
- D. Milan
- E. Varuna

Q6

What governance reform did SEBI propose in March 2025?

- A. Establishment of a High-Level Committee on Conflict of Interest
- B. Introduction of a new stock exchange
- C. Reduction of transaction fees
- D. Implementation of blockchain technology
- E. Merger of small-cap companies

Q7

According to the IMF's Financial Sector Stability Assessment (FSSA) report in March 2025, which area requires stronger practices in India?

- A. Monetary policy implementation
- B. Credit risk management
- C. Foreign exchange reserves management
- D. Inflation targeting
- E. Digital currency regulation

Q8

What revision did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) make to the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) in March 2025?

- A. Increased the lending limit for housing loans
- B. Included renewable energy projects under PSL
- C. Revised targets for lending to weaker sections
- D. Introduced penalties for non-compliance
- E. Allowed lending to large corporate entities

Q9

Which sector's derivatives market in India experienced unprecedented growth, prompting SEBI to implement measures in March 2025?

- A. Commodity derivatives
- B. Currency derivatives
- C. Equity derivatives
- D. Interest rate derivatives
- E. Credit derivatives

Q10

Which country qualified for the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a 3-0 win over New Caledonia, as reported in March 2025?

- A. Australia
- B. Japan
- C. New Zealand
- D. South Korea
- E. Indonesia

ANSWERS — 25 MARCH 2025

Q1 C	Q2 B	Q3 B	Q4 C	Q5 C
Q6 A	Q7 B	Q8 C	Q9 C	Q10 C

Q1. Which former U.S. President proposed a 25% tariff on countries purchasing Venezuelan oil in March 2025?

Answer C) Donald Trump

In March 2025, former U.S. President Donald Trump announced a plan to impose a 25% tariff on any country purchasing oil and gas from Venezuela. This measure was intended to apply to all trade those countries conduct with the United States, effective from April 2, 2025.✖C4S Courses

Q2. What is the primary focus of India's urban development strategy discussed in March 2025?

Answer B) Implementing a top-down financial model

In March 2025, discussions on India's urban development strategy highlighted the role of the central government in urbanization, emphasizing a top-down financial model aimed at standardizing urban development across various states.✖

Q3. Which scientific technique was emphasized for its role in identification processes in March 2025?

Answer B) DNA fingerprinting

DNA fingerprinting was highlighted in March 2025 for its crucial role in identification processes, utilizing unique patterns in an individual's DNA to assist in forensic investigations, paternity tests, and personal identification.✖

Q4. What initiative did India undertake regarding tuberculosis (TB) in March 2025?

Answer C) Conducted genomic sequencing of TB samples

In March 2025, India initiated a genomic sequencing project for tuberculosis to better understand the genetic makeup of TB strains, aiming to enhance treatment strategies and work towards the national goal of eradicating TB.✖

Q5. Which naval exercise did India announce it would conduct for the first time in March 2025?

Answer C) Aikeyme

India announced the inaugural 'Aikeyme' naval exercise in March 2025, focusing on enhancing maritime security and cooperation in the Indian Ocean region.✖

Q6. What governance reform did SEBI propose in March 2025?

Answer A) Establishment of a High-Level Committee on Conflict of Interest

In March 2025, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) proposed setting up a High-Level Committee on Conflict of Interest to address and manage conflicts within the financial markets, aiming to enhance transparency and investor confidence.✖

Q7. According to the IMF's Financial Sector Stability Assessment (FSSA) report in March 2025, which area requires stronger practices in India?

Answer B) Credit risk management

The IMF's FSSA report released in March 2025 highlighted the need for India to strengthen its credit risk management practices to ensure financial stability and mitigate potential risks in the banking sector.✖

Q8. What revision did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) make to the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) in March 2025?

Answer C) Revised targets for lending to weaker sections

In March 2025, the RBI revised the Priority Sector Lending guidelines, adjusting the targets for Urban Cooperative Banks to increase lending to weaker sections of society, aiming to promote inclusive growth.✕

Q9. Which sector's derivatives market in India experienced unprecedented growth, prompting SEBI to implement measures in March 2025?

Answer C) Equity derivatives

The equity derivatives market in India saw unprecedented growth in March 2025, leading SEBI to implement measures to ensure market stability and protect investor interests.✕

Q10. Which country qualified for the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a 3-0 win over New Caledonia, as reported in March 2025?

Answer C) New Zealand

New Zealand secured qualification for the 2026 FIFA World Cup by defeating New Caledonia 3-0, marking their third appearance in the tournament.

QUIZ 20 OF 21

26 March 2025

10 questions · Banking 4 · Misc GA 2 · Sci & Env 2 · Appointments 1

Q1**What was the primary focus of the 33rd meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India–China Border Affairs held in Beijing?**

- A. Trade agreements between India and China
- B. Resumption of cross-border cooperation and exchanges
- C. Environmental policies in border areas
- D. Cultural exchange programs
- E. Joint military exercises

Q2**Which two countries signed a Letter of Intent for a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor in March 2025?**

- A. India and Japan
- B. India and Singapore
- C. India and Australia
- D. India and Germany
- E. India and South Korea

Q3**What significant agreement did Russia and Ukraine reach concerning the Black Sea in March 2025?**

- A. Establishment of a joint fishing zone
- B. Agreement to cease military activities
- C. Creation of a shared trade route
- D. Joint environmental protection initiative
- E. Mutual naval disarmament

Q4**What is the primary function of the Collegium System in India?**

- A. Electoral college for presidential elections
- B. Appointment and transfer of judges
- C. Selection of civil service candidates
- D. Oversight of parliamentary procedures
- E. Regulation of higher education institutions

Q5**What is the purpose of the SAHYOG Portal launched in India?**

- A. To facilitate agricultural subsidies
- B. To monitor environmental changes
- C. To block malicious and illegal online content
- D. To promote digital literacy
- E. To assist in disaster management

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Q6**Which Indian steel company became the world's most valuable steelmaker by market capitalization in March 2025?**

- A. Tata Steel
- B. JSW Steel
- C. SAIL
- D. Jindal Steel and Power
- E. Essar Steel

Q7**What new theory did astronomers propose about the origins of water in the universe in March 2025?**

- A. Water was formed during the Big Bang
- B. Water originated from intergalactic collisions
- C. Water was created in the cores of first-generation stars
- D. Water molecules were carried by comets from other galaxies
- E. Water formed in the early universe's cold regions

Q8**According to reports in March 2025, how has global warming impacted mountain regions worldwide?**

- A. Increased snowfall leading to higher peaks
- B. Expansion of mountain glaciers
- C. Accelerated glacier melting and ecosystem changes
- D. Stabilization of mountain climates
- E. Decrease in seismic activities

Q9**What change did SEBI implement regarding Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) disclosure thresholds in March 2025?**

- A. Lowered the threshold to ₹10,000 crore
- B. Raised the threshold to ₹50,000 crore
- C. Eliminated the disclosure requirement
- D. Introduced monthly reporting
- E. Applied uniform thresholds across all sectors

Q10**What directive did Paytm issue to merchants regarding third-party payment orchestrators like Juspay in March 2025?**

- A. To integrate more third-party services
- B. To discontinue ties with third-party payment orchestrators
- C. To offer discounts for using third-party services
- D. To report all transactions processed by third parties
- E. To upgrade their payment processing systems

ANSWERS — 26 MARCH 2025

Q1 B	Q2 B	Q3 B	Q4 B	Q5 C
Q6 B	Q7 C	Q8 C	Q9 B	Q10 B

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Q1. What was the primary focus of the 33rd meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China Border Affairs held in Beijing?

Answer B) Resumption of cross-border cooperation and exchanges

The 33rd WMCC meeting focused on the early resumption of cross-border cooperation and exchanges, including discussions on trans-border rivers and the Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra. C4S Courses

Q2. Which two countries signed a Letter of Intent for a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor in March 2025?

Answer B) India and Singapore

India and Singapore signed a Letter of Intent to establish a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor, aiming to enhance maritime cooperation with a focus on sustainability and digitalization. C4S Courses

Q3. What significant agreement did Russia and Ukraine reach concerning the Black Sea in March 2025?

Answer B) Agreement to cease military activities

Russia and Ukraine agreed to cease military activities in the Black Sea, aiming to reduce tensions and promote regional stability. C4S Courses

Q4. What is the primary function of the Collegium System in India?

Answer B) Appointment and transfer of judges

The Collegium System in India is responsible for the appointment and transfer of judges in the higher judiciary, including the Supreme Court and High Courts. C4S Courses

Q5. What is the purpose of the SAHYOG Portal launched in India?

Answer C) To block malicious and illegal online content

The SAHYOG Portal is designed to identify and block malicious and illegal online content, ensuring a safer digital environment.

Q6. Which Indian steel company became the world's most valuable steelmaker by market capitalization in March 2025?

Answer B) JSW Steel

JSW Steel achieved the status of the world's most valuable steelmaker by market capitalization, reflecting its significant growth and market performance.

Q7. What new theory did astronomers propose about the origins of water in the universe in March 2025?

Answer C) Water was created in the cores of first-generation stars

Astronomers proposed that water molecules were synthesized in the cores of the universe's first-generation stars, providing a new perspective on the cosmic origins of water.

Q8. According to reports in March 2025, how has global warming impacted mountain regions worldwide?

Answer C) Accelerated glacier melting and ecosystem changes

Global warming has led to accelerated melting of glaciers and significant changes in mountain ecosystems, affecting biodiversity and water resources.❌

Q9. What change did SEBI implement regarding Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) disclosure thresholds in March 2025?

Answer B) Raised the threshold to ₹50,000 crore

SEBI increased the disclosure threshold for Foreign Portfolio Investors to ₹50,000 crore, aiming to streamline reporting requirements and enhance market transparency.❌

Q10. What directive did Paytm issue to merchants regarding third-party payment orchestrators like Juspay in March 2025?

Answer B) To discontinue ties with third-party payment orchestrators

Paytm instructed merchants to sever connections with third-party payment orchestrators like Juspay, aiming to consolidate payment processing within its own ecosystem.

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Q1

According to the U.S. Intelligence Report released on March 27, 2025, which nation is identified as the primary global threat to U.S. national security?

- A. Russia
- B. North Korea
- C. Iran
- D. China
- E. Syria

Q2

What is the primary objective of the proposed India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) discussed in March 2025?

- A. To enhance military cooperation
- B. To promote cultural exchange programs
- C. To eliminate trade barriers and boost economic ties
- D. To collaborate on environmental initiatives
- E. To establish joint educational institutions

Q3

Which organization's report highlighted concerns about India's social welfare coverage in March 2025?

- A. United Nations
- B. International Labour Organization (ILO)
- C. World Health Organization (WHO)
- D. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- E. World Bank

Q4

What is the primary function of the GSAT-18 satellite discussed in March 2025?

- A. Earth observation
- B. Navigation services
- C. Telecommunication services
- D. Weather forecasting
- E. Space exploration

Q5

Which technological advancement was highlighted in March 2025 for its potential to solve the neutrino mass mystery?

- A. Development of quantum computers
- B. Discovery of Majorana particles
- C. Advances in superconductivity
- D. Innovations in particle accelerators
- E. Enhanced gravitational wave detectors

Q6**What is the primary purpose of the Bedmap3 project discussed in March 2025?**

- A. Mapping the ocean floor
- B. Charting the surface of Mars
- C. Mapping Antarctica's bedrock topography
- D. Surveying the Moon's surface
- E. Creating a global vegetation map

Q7**What initiative did the GST Council propose in March 2025 to simplify compliance for taxpayers?**

- A. Introduction of a single tax rate
- B. Implementation of a simplified return filing system
- C. Exemption for small businesses
- D. Reduction in tax slabs
- E. Extension of filing deadlines

Q8**Which regulatory body's governor advocated for a balanced approach to Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) regulations in March 2025?**

- A. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- D. Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)
- E. Ministry of Finance

Q9**What significant ruling did the Supreme Court make in March 2025 regarding GST compliance?**

- A. Declared GST unconstitutional
- B. Allowed retrospective claims of input tax credit
- C. Extended deadlines for GST filings
- D. Exempted small businesses from GST
- E. Mandated uniform tax rates across states

Q10**Which bill, aimed at amending banking laws, was introduced in March 2025?**

- A. Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025
- B. Financial Institutions Reform Bill, 2025
- C. Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- D. National Banking Authority Bill, 2025
- E. Banking Services Modernization Bill, 2025

ANSWERS — 27 MARCH 2025

Q1 D	Q2 C	Q3 B	Q4 C	Q5 B
Q6 C	Q7 B	Q8 B	Q9 B	Q10 C

Q1. According to the U.S. Intelligence Report released on March 27, 2025, which nation is identified as the primary global threat to U.S. national security?

Answer D) China

The Annual Threat Assessment released on March 27, 2025, identifies China as the top global threat to U.S. national security, highlighting concerns over its growing influence and strategic ambitions. C4S Courses

Q2. What is the primary objective of the proposed India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) discussed in March 2025?

Answer C) To eliminate trade barriers and boost economic ties

The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement aims to eliminate trade barriers, thereby enhancing economic cooperation and increasing trade volume between the two nations. C4S Courses

Q3. Which organization's report highlighted concerns about India's social welfare coverage in March 2025?

Answer B) International Labour Organization (ILO)

In March 2025, the ILO released a report expressing concerns about the extent and effectiveness of India's social welfare coverage, emphasizing the need for broader and more inclusive policies. C4S Courses

Q4. What is the primary function of the GSAT-18 satellite discussed in March 2025?

Answer C) Telecommunication services

GSAT-18 is a communication satellite designed to provide telecommunication services, including television broadcasting and data relay, across India. C4S Courses

Q5. Which technological advancement was highlighted in March 2025 for its potential to solve the neutrino mass mystery?

Answer B) Discovery of Majorana particles

The discovery of Majorana particles was emphasized in March 2025 as a significant step toward understanding the neutrino mass mystery, potentially offering insights into fundamental particle physics. C4S Courses

Q6. What is the primary purpose of the Bedmap3 project discussed in March 2025?

Answer C) Mapping Antarctica's bedrock topography

Bedmap3 is a project aimed at providing a detailed map of Antarctica's bedrock topography, offering critical data for understanding ice sheet dynamics and predicting sea-level changes. C4S Courses

Q7. What initiative did the GST Council propose in March 2025 to simplify compliance for taxpayers?

Answer B) Implementation of a simplified return filing system

In March 2025, the GST Council proposed a simplified return filing system to ease compliance burdens for taxpayers, aiming to make the process more efficient and user-friendly. C4S Courses

Q8. Which regulatory body's governor advocated for a balanced approach to Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) regulations in March 2025?

Answer B) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

The RBI Governor emphasized the need for a balanced approach to AML and CFT regulations in March 2025, highlighting the importance of effective oversight while minimizing compliance burdens on financial institutions.✕

Q9. What significant ruling did the Supreme Court make in March 2025 regarding GST compliance?

Answer B) Allowed retrospective claims of input tax credit

In March 2025, the Supreme Court ruled that businesses could claim input tax credit retrospectively, providing relief to many taxpayers who had faced challenges due to earlier restrictions.✕

Q10. Which bill, aimed at amending banking laws, was introduced in March 2025?

Answer C) Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024

The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was introduced to update and refine existing banking regulations, aiming to enhance the efficiency and stability of the financial sector.

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