

UPSC MCQs with Detailed Explanations (5 July 2025 Current Affairs)

1. With reference to the PM-POSHAN Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched to replace the National Food Security Act.
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme with 60:40 cost sharing between Centre and States.
3. It covers students from Classes 1 to 12 in all government and government-aided schools.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

✓ **Answer: B. 2 only**

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** PM-POSHAN replaced the **Midday Meal Scheme**, not the National Food Security Act.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** It is a **centrally sponsored scheme** with **60:40 Centre-State cost sharing**.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:** It covers only **Classes 1 to 8**, not up to Class 12.

2. Consider the following initiatives under the PM-POSHAN scheme:

1. Nutrition gardens
2. IT-based monitoring
3. Social audit mechanisms
4. Inclusion of millets in tribal regions

Which of the above are officially encouraged under the scheme?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

✓ **Answer: D. 1, 2, 3 and 4**

Explanation:

- **All four** are promoted in the scheme.
 - **Nutrition gardens** ensure access to fresh vegetables.
 - **IT-based monitoring** improves transparency.
 - **Social audits** increase community involvement.
 - **Inclusion of millets** is encouraged in local dietary planning, e.g., Odisha.

3. Which of the following correctly describes the aim of the WHO “3 by 35” initiative?

- A. To reduce NCD-related deaths by 35% in 3 years
- B. To raise the real prices of harmful products by 50% by 2035
- C. To ensure 3% of GDP is spent on public health by 2035
- D. To create 35 model health districts in 3 countries

☒ **Answer: B. To raise the real prices of harmful products by 50% by 2035**

Explanation:

- **Option B – Correct:** The initiative targets **tobacco, alcohol, and sugary drinks**, aiming to increase their **real prices by at least 50% by 2035**.
- Other options are **incorrect interpretations** of the program's actual scope.

4. With reference to Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR), consider the following statements:

1. It is used by the RBI to inject liquidity into the banking system.
2. It is conducted at a fixed interest rate notified by the RBI.
3. It is part of the RBI’s liquidity management framework.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

☒ **Answer: B. 3 only**

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** VRRR is used to **absorb excess liquidity**, not inject it.
 - **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** The interest rate is **market-determined via auction**, not fixed.
 - **Statement 3 – Correct:** VRRR is a tool under the **liquidity management framework** of RBI.
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5. The “Status of Youth in Agrifood Systems Report,” recently released by FAO, highlighted which of the following?

1. Global youth food insecurity has decreased in the past decade.
2. Eliminating NEET status among 20–24-year-olds could boost global GDP.
3. Rural youth face increased vulnerability due to climate change.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

✓ **Answer: B. 2 and 3 only**

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** The report noted **an increase** in youth food insecurity.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** Eliminating NEET status can boost global GDP by 1.4%.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** Rural youth are **vulnerable** due to climate change threats.

6. With reference to the Aluminium Vision Document released by the Government of India, which of the following is/are its stated goals?

1. Increase aluminium production capacity six-fold by 2047
2. Promote aluminium as a strategic mineral for clean energy
3. Reduce India’s aluminium recycling rate to promote mining jobs

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

✓ **Answer: A. 1 and 2 only**

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** The vision document aims for a **six-fold increase** in aluminium production.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** Aluminium is considered **critical for clean energy** and EVs.
- **Statement 3 – Incorrect:** The document seeks to **double** India’s **recycling rate**, not reduce it.

7. Consider the following features of the Code of Conduct for college teachers:

1. Promoting active participation in political movements
2. Maintaining respectful online behaviour
3. Ensuring research integrity and anti-plagiarism compliance

Which of the above are included in the draft guidelines?

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

☒ **Answer: B. 2 and 3 only**

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Incorrect:** The code advises **against political activism** to maintain academic neutrality.
- **Statement 2 – Correct:** **Respectful social media conduct** is mandated.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** **Research integrity** and avoiding plagiarism are essential parts.

8. Alluri Sitarama Raju, recently commemorated, is associated with which of the following?

- A. Kheda Satyagraha
B. Bardoli Movement
C. Rampa Rebellion
D. Quit India Movement

☒ **Answer: C. Rampa Rebellion**

Explanation:

- Raju led the **Rampa Rebellion (1922–24)** against the British Forest Act in Andhra tribal areas.
- Other movements were led by different leaders (e.g., Bardoli by Sardar Patel).

9. With reference to the Chautal rhythm in Indian classical music, consider the following statements:

1. It is played in a 12-beat cycle and commonly used in dhrupad compositions.
2. The primary instrument used is tabla.
3. It emphasizes improvisation and spiritual depth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only

- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

✓ **Answer: B. 1 and 3 only**

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** Chautal has a **12-beat cycle**, used in **dhrupad**.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:** The primary instrument is **pakhawaj**, not tabla.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** Dhrupad and Chautal emphasize **spiritual and powerful expression**.

10. India's first Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC), recently recognized by WOA, was established at:

- A. ICAR – National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar
- B. Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC), Meerut
- C. National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal
- D. National Institute of Animal Health, Pune

✓ **Answer: B. Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC), Meerut**

Explanation:

- The **RVC Centre, Meerut** was recognized as India's **first EDFC** by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).
- The other institutions are not related to this specific equine biosecurity initiative.