



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 13-02-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements

1. Article 269 provides for the scheme of distribution of net tax proceeds collected by the Central government between the Centre and the States.
2. The Finance Commission is constituted every five years as per the terms of Article 270.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : d

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - Article 270 provides for the scheme of distribution of net tax proceeds collected by the Central government between the Centre and the States.
- Article 269 of the Indian Constitution pertains to taxes that are levied and collected by the Government of India (Union) but are assigned to the states.
- These taxes relate specifically to interstate trade, commerce, and specific duties, ensuring revenue is distributed to states to support fiscal federalism.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - The taxes that are shared between the Centre and the States include:
  - Corporation tax
  - Personal income tax
  - Central Goods and Services Tax (GST)
  - Centre's share of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) etc.
- This division is based on the recommendation of the **Finance Commission** that is constituted every five years as per the terms of **Article 280**.

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2) The 97th constitutional amendment act added which of the following provisions?

1. Article 19(1) (c)
2. Article 43B
3. Part IX B
4. Article 21A

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. Only three

d. All

Answer : c

### Explanation

- **1 , 2, 3 are correct** - the provision added by 97<sup>th</sup> CAA includes the following
- **Article 19(1)(c)** - The amendment added the words "or co-operative societies" to this article, making the right to form cooperative societies a fundamental right for all citizens.
- **Article 43B** - This new article was inserted into the Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV).
- It directs the State to promote the voluntary formation, autonomous functioning, democratic control, and professional management of cooperative societies.
- **Part IX B** - A new part titled "The Co-operative Societies" (Articles 243ZH to 243ZT) was added to provide a constitutional framework for their incorporation, regulation, and functioning.
- **4 is incorrect** - **Article 21A** provides the right to free and compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14, was added by the **86th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2002**.

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3) With reference to Muggers Crocodiles, consider the following

1. They are primarily found in freshwater habitats like rivers, lakes and marshes.
2. They are endemic to India only.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2



Answer : a

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - **Mugger Crocodiles** (*Crocodylus palustris*) are primarily found in freshwater habitats such as rivers, lakes, marshes, and even artificial ponds.
- They are also known to tolerate saltwater and can occasionally be found in coastal saltwater lagoons and estuaries.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - Mugger Crocodiles are not endemic to India.
- While they are native to the Indian subcontinent, their geographic range extends to other countries including Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Iran.
- They are, however, considered extinct in Bhutan and Myanmar.

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4) With reference to **Lion-tailed Macaques**, consider the following

1. They are endemic to India only.
2. They are solitary in nature, meets rarely for mating only.
3. They make loud calls to mark their territories.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- a. Only one
- b. Only two

- c. All three
- d. None

Answer : b

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - They are endemic to the Western Ghats, being found only in Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - It is Arboreal (lives in tree canopies) and Diurnal (active during the day).
- It is a social animal, living in groups of 30-40 animals.
- It is polygynous (Mating system or marriage practice where one male mates with or marries multiple females simultaneously) in nature.
- **Statement 3 is correct** - These are the only macaque species in which males use loud calls to mark territorial boundaries.

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5) The **Vishwamitri River** located in which one of the following states?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Karnataka
- c. Kerala
- d. Madhya Pradesh

Answer : a

### Explanation



- **Option a is correct** - **Vishwamitri River** is a non-perennial river located in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- It is situated between two major perennial rivers, namely the Mahi and the Narmada.
- It starts from the Pavagadh hills in Gujarat. It flows westward through Vadodara, joining the Dhadhar and Jambuva tributaries.
- Finally, it empties into the Arabian Sea via the Gulf of Khambhat.

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