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Practice — 30 questions

Q1 Badri cattle, whose OPU-IVF calf was born at the Academic Dairy Farm in September 2026, are recognised as the state animal of which state?

(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Jammu and Kashmir

Q2 Under the Colombo Security Conclave, a three-day Table Top Exercise on illicit maritime activities in the Indian Ocean Region ended on 11 September 2026 at which Indian Navy command?

(A) Eastern Naval Command
(B) Western Naval Command
(C) Southern Naval Command
(D) Andaman and Nicobar Command

Q3 The 18th BRICS Summit's New Delhi Declaration welcomed a proposal to create a BRICS Expert Working Group on what subject?

(A) Digital public infrastructure
(B) Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine
(C) Climate finance
(D) Artificial intelligence governance

Q4 INS Mysore took part in the fourth Samudra Laksamana exercise, held from 9 to 12 September 2026, with the navy of which country?

(A) Malaysia
(B) Indonesia
(C) Thailand
(D) Singapore

Q5 Yudh Abhyas, whose 22nd edition began on 15 September 2026 at Auli in Uttarakhand, is a joint exercise of the Indian Army and the army of which country?

(A) Russia
(B) France
(C) Japan
(D) United States

Q6 Which veteran actor, best known for Kannada cinema, was chosen for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024?

(A) Ramesh Aravind
(B) Upendra
(C) Anant Nag
(D) Prakash Raj

Q7 What was the theme of the fifth SEMICON India, which the Prime Minister inaugurated at Yashobhoomi on 17 September 2026?

(A) Chips for a Connected India
(B) Design in India, Build in India
(C) From Fab to Future
(D) Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem

Q8 India's first payments for carbon stored in farm soil were made to smallholder farmers of which two states?

(A) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
(B) Punjab and Haryana
(C) Maharashtra and Gujarat
(D) Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

Q9 The National Land Monetization Corporation's (NLMC) 21st Board Meeting recommended asset-monetisation proposals worth more than how much?

(A) ₹1,000 crore
(B) ₹5,000 crore
(C) ₹10,000 crore
(D) ₹15,000 crore

Q10 The International Conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics', inaugurated by PM Modi at Vigyan Bhawan, was organised by which body?

(A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) National Green Tribunal (NGT)
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Supreme Court of India

Q11 Which ministry leads the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' coastal-cleanup campaign, under its PRITHVI scheme?

(A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(C) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
(D) Ministry of Home Affairs

Q12 INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish arrived at Subic Bay, Philippines in September 2026 to take part in which activity?

(A) Exercise Malabar
(B) ADMM-Plus Joint Cooperation Activity
(C) RIMPAC
(D) Milan naval exercise

Q13 The 3rd National Conference of Heads of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF), inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is organised by which body?

(A) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
(B) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
(C) Central Bureau of Narcotics
(D) Bureau of Police Research and Development

Q14 'CSIR SciQuiz', a science-themed quiz for young people, is being hosted on which government youth-engagement platform?

(A) Digital India Portal
(B) MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat)
(C) National Career Service Portal
(D) Skill India Digital

Q15 The 9th India International Water Week 2026, inaugurated by the Vice-President, is being held on which theme?

(A) Water for Food Security
(B) Namami Gange and Beyond
(C) Climate Resilient Water Management
(D) Jal Shakti for Viksit Bharat

Q16 What is the outlay of Semicon 2.0, the semiconductor programme the Union Cabinet cleared in July 2026?

(A) ₹10,000 crore
(B) ₹76,000 crore
(C) ₹1,00,000 crore
(D) ₹1,27,500 crore

Q17 The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹810.79 crore contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited for how many Satellite Smart Anti Airfield Weapons (SAT-SAAW)?

(A) 16
(B) 100
(C) 160
(D) 600

Q18 The Defence Ministry said the 13th edition of SLINEX, which concluded at Visakhapatnam on 21 September 2026, supports the MAHASAGAR vision and which Indian policy?

(A) Neighbourhood First
(B) Act East Policy
(C) Link West Policy
(D) Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative

Q19 After the cut announced on 24 September 2026, what Basic Customs Duty applies to crude sunflower oil?

(A) 5%
(B) Nil (no duty)
(C) 10%
(D) 19.25%

Q20 GalaxEye's OptoSAR satellite fuses Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) with which other kind of imaging?

(A) Electro-Optical (EO) imaging
(B) Hyperspectral imaging
(C) Thermal infrared imaging
(D) LiDAR

Q21 Agnikul Cosmos's ₹200 crore of support from the RDI Fund through the Technology Development Board is for which Agnikul vehicle?

(A) Agnilet
(B) Agnibaan RLV
(C) Vikram-S
(D) SSLV

Q22 On TReDS, the CGTMSE guarantee cover for invoice discounting covers what share of the amount in default?

(A) 50%
(B) 65%
(C) 75%
(D) 85%

Q23 At the UN High-Level Meeting on pandemic preparedness, India's Health Secretary said the credibility of the WHO Pandemic Agreement depends on a fair system for what?

(A) Vaccine pricing
(B) Patent pooling
(C) Border health screening
(D) Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS)

Q24 NMDC's 2 MTPA pellet plant at Nagarnar, part of a ₹5,427 crore integrated project, is located in which region of Chhattisgarh?

(A) Surguja
(B) Bilaspur
(C) Bastar
(D) Raigarh

Q25 At the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai in September 2026, where did India finish?

(A) 10th
(B) 13th
(C) 6th
(D) 20th

Q26 CBDT has extended the Assessment Year 2026-27 return-filing due date for taxpayers whose accounts must be audited. To which date has it been moved?

(A) 15 November 2026
(B) 21 November 2026
(C) 30 November 2026
(D) 31 December 2026

Q27 At the end of August 2026, which operator was India's largest broadband provider, with 538.03 million subscribers, according to TRAI data?

(A) Bharti Airtel
(B) Reliance Jio
(C) Vodafone Idea
(D) BSNL

Q28 Under the revised Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) approved by CAQM on 28 September 2026, curbs on diesel generator sets and on the entry of BS-IV-and-older buses now begin at which stage?

(A) Stage-I
(B) Stage-II
(C) Stage-III
(D) Stage-IV

Q29 In MoSPI's trial sub-sectoral Index of Services Production (ISP) for July 2026, which category grew fastest year-on-year, at 20.9%?

(A) Retail trade
(B) Banking
(C) Administrative and support services
(D) Real estate

Q30 The Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme approved by the Cabinet provides for how much battery energy storage?

(A) 25 GWh
(B) 135 GWh
(C) 900 GWh
(D) 50 GWh

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