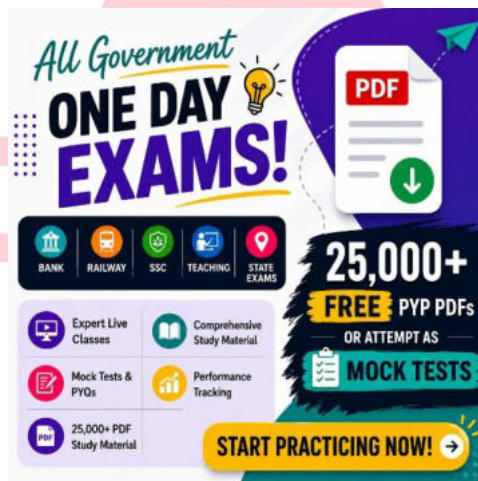


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Q1. NeSDA 2025 Portal, launched in May 2026, is related to the assessment of which of the following?

- (a) Defence manufacturing
- (b) Digital governance service delivery
- (c) Agricultural exports
- (d) Space research projects

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Digital governance service delivery

Solution:

- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) launched the NeSDA 2025 Portal in May 2026.
- NeSDA stands for National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment.
- It is a biennial assessment framework designed to evaluate the effectiveness and depth of e-governance services from the citizen's perspective.
- The framework assesses Government-to-Citizen (G2C) and Government-to-Business (G2B) digital services across multiple sectors.

Information Booster:

- The portal functions under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- NeSDA assesses State, UT, City, and Central Ministry portals.
- Key sectors covered include finance, education, transport, tourism, and social welfare.
- The framework focuses on improving digital public service delivery and governance efficiency.

Additional Knowledge:

- E-governance refers to delivery of government services through digital platforms.
- DARPG works to improve administrative reforms and grievance redressal.
- G2C stands for Government-to-Citizen services.
- G2B stands for Government-to-Business services.

Q2. The PECVD system inaugurated at the IACS campus in Kolkata is associated with the fabrication of India's first what?

- (a) Nuclear reactor
- (b) Quantum computer chip
- (c) Amorphous silicon solar cell
- (d) Hydrogen fuel engine

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Amorphous silicon solar cell

Solution:

- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Plasma Enhanced Chemical Vapor Deposition (PECVD) system at the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) campus in Kolkata in May 2026.
- The PECVD system was developed indigenously for fabrication of India's first amorphous silicon solar cell.
- The initiative reflects the Government of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision in scientific and renewable energy research.
- The system was developed under the leadership of Ashok Kumar Barua.

Information Booster:

- RETINA incubation centre was also inaugurated at the IACS campus.
- RETINA aims to promote commercialization of scientific research and startup innovation.
- The event marked the 150-year celebrations of IACS.
- IACS is the institution where Sir C.V. Raman discovered the Raman Effect in 1928.

Additional Knowledge:

- Raman Effect was discovered on February 28, 1928.
- National Science Day is celebrated on February 28 in India.
- Sir C.V. Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.
- Kolkata is the capital city of West Bengal.

Q3. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Janez Janša?

1. Janez Janša was appointed as the Prime Minister of Slovenia for a fourth term in May 2026.
 2. He is the leader of the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS).
 3. He succeeded Robert Golob as Prime Minister.
 4. Slovenia follows a military dictatorship form of government.
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 1 and 4 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Solution

Explanation

- Statement 1 is correct because Janez Janša became Slovenia's Prime Minister for the fourth term in May 2026.
- Statement 2 is correct as he leads the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS).
- Statement 3 is correct because he succeeded Robert Golob.
- Statement 4 is incorrect because Slovenia is a parliamentary democratic republic, not a military dictatorship.

Information Booster

- Janez Janša secured 51 votes in Slovenia's 90-member National Assembly.
- His SDS formed a centre-right coalition government with allied parties.
- The coalition ended the political deadlock following the 2026 parliamentary elections.
- Slovenia is a member of the European Union (EU) and NATO.

Additional Knowledge

- Capital of Slovenia: Ljubljana
- Currency: Euro
- Slovenia became independent from Yugoslavia in 1991.
- Parliamentary systems often require coalition governments when no party gets a full majority.

Q4. The Indian Air Force partnered with IIT Bombay in May 2026 to develop predictive maintenance technology for which fighter aircraft?

- (a) Tejas Mk-1
- (b) Rafale
- (c) Mirage 2000
- (d) Su-30MKI

Ans.(d)

Sol. Answer: (d) Su-30MKI

Solution:

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) signed agreements with Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) to develop AI-driven predictive maintenance technologies.
- The initiative focuses on the Su-30MKI fighter aircraft fleet of the IAF.
- The project includes development of a digital diagnostic health index using indigenous technology and data-driven engineering solutions.
- The system is expected to improve aircraft availability, reduce maintenance costs, and enhance mission readiness.

Information Booster:

- The signing ceremony was attended by Air Marshal KAA Sanjeeb and IIT Bombay Director Shireesh B. Kedare.
- The project focuses on predictive, prognostic, and prescriptive maintenance technologies.
- The initiative supports India's self-reliance goals in defence technology.
- Su-30MKI is a twin-engine multi-role fighter aircraft.

Additional Knowledge:

- Su-30MKI was developed by Sukhoi, Russia.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) manufactures Su-30MKI in India under licence production.
- IIT Bombay is located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- AI stands for Artificial Intelligence.

Q5. International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed every year on which date?

- (a) May 25
- (b) May 27
- (c) May 28
- (d) May 29

Ans.(d)

Sol. Answer: (d) May 29

Solution:

- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed annually on May 29 to honour the dedication, service, and sacrifice of UN peacekeepers across the world.
- The year 2026 marked the 78th anniversary of UN Peacekeeping.
- UN peacekeeping operations began in 1948 with the deployment of military observers under the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO).
- The 2026 theme for the observance was "Invest in Peace".

Information Booster:

- The day was established by the UN General Assembly through Resolution 57/129 in 2002.
- The first observance took place on May 29, 2003.
- The Department of Peace Operations (DPO) coordinates the observance.
- The Blue Helmet/Beret is the symbol of UN peacekeeping missions.

Additional Knowledge:

- UNTSO was the first UN peacekeeping mission.
- United Nations headquarters is located in New York, USA.
- The United Nations was established in 1945.
- India is one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping missions.

Q6. Which country overtook India to become the world's 5th largest stock market in May 2026?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Hong Kong
- (c) Taiwan
- (d) Japan

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Taiwan

Solution:

- Taiwan surpassed India in May 2026 to become the world's fifth largest stock market by market capitalisation.
- Taiwan's market capitalisation reached about USD 4.95 trillion, slightly higher than India's USD 4.92 trillion.
- The growth was mainly driven by the AI-led semiconductor boom led by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC).
- India faced Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) outflows and reduced weightage in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Information Booster:

- TSMC shares surged around 45–50% in 2026.
- Taiwan's stock rally was linked to the global AI investment cycle.
- The top stock market globally remains the United States.
- Hong Kong ranked ahead of Taiwan and India in global market rankings.

Additional Knowledge:

- TSMC is one of the world's largest semiconductor manufacturers.
- AI stands for Artificial Intelligence.
- FPI stands for Foreign Portfolio Investment.
- MSCI Emerging Markets Index tracks performance of emerging market equities globally.

Q7. The Circulating Water Tunnel Facility launched by IIT Madras in May 2026 is mainly related to which field?

- (a) Space propulsion research
- (b) Ocean engineering and ship design
- (c) Nuclear reactor testing
- (d) Agricultural biotechnology

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Ocean engineering and ship design

Solution:

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) launched the Circulating Water Tunnel Facility near Chennai, Tamil Nadu in May 2026.
- The advanced hydrodynamic testing facility is designed to strengthen indigenous ship design, ocean engineering research, and hydrodynamic testing capabilities in India.
- The facility will support research in ship design, marine vehicles, naval technologies, offshore structures, and fluid dynamics.
- The project was developed with CSR funding support from Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).

Information Booster:

- The facility was built with Rs 4.5 crore CSR funding from MDL.
- The research centre is located at Thaiyur near Chennai.
- The facility supports naval architecture and offshore engineering research.
- IIT-M and MDL are exploring future collaborations in maritime technologies.

Additional Knowledge:

- MDL is a Navratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU).
- IIT Madras is located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Hydrodynamics deals with the motion of fluids and their effects.
- India is focusing on indigenous maritime and naval technology development.

Q8. Bashir Badr, who passed away in May 2026, was associated with which language literature?

- (a) Hindi
- (b) Sanskrit
- (c) Urdu
- (d) Punjabi

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Urdu

Solution:

- Bashir Badr was a renowned Urdu poet and Padma Shri awardee who passed away in May 2026 at the age of 91.
- He was born in 1935 in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Government of India honoured him with the Padma Shri in 1999 for his contribution to Literature and Education.
- His collection of 69 ghazals earned him the Sahitya Akademi Award (Urdu) in 1999.

Information Booster:

- Bashir Badr passed away in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- He was widely known for his Urdu ghazals and poetic works.
- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award in the Urdu category.
- Padma Shri is India's fourth-highest civilian award.

Additional Knowledge:

- Sahitya Akademi is India's National Academy of Letters.
- Sahitya Akademi was established in 1954.
- Ghazal is a popular form of Urdu poetry.
- Ayodhya is located in Uttar Pradesh.

Q9. What is the name of India's first indigenous Stratospheric Super Pressure Balloon (SPB) launched in May 2026?

- (a) GAGAN
- (b) VISTA
- (c) SANA-1
- (d) ANTRIX

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) VISTA

Solution:

- Red Balloon Aerospace launched India's first indigenous Stratospheric Super Pressure Balloon (SPB) named "VISTA" in May 2026.
- The launch took place at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh under Mission SANA.
- The balloon ascended to nearly 25 km above Earth carrying payloads from national and international partners.
- The mission aimed to test biological experiments, earth observation sensors, propulsion systems, and navigation technologies.

Information Booster:

- India became one of the five countries with indigenous stratospheric balloon capability.
- Other countries with this capability are USA, France, Japan, and China.
- VISTA uses SPB technology to maintain stable altitude for long durations.
- The platform can remain operational for weeks or months without gas loss due to temperature changes.

Additional Knowledge:

- Vijayawada is located in Andhra Pradesh.
- SPB stands for Super Pressure Balloon.
- Stratosphere is the second layer of Earth's atmosphere above the troposphere.
- High-altitude balloons are used for atmospheric and space-related research.

Q10. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for FY23 released in May 2026?

1. The report was released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Government Health Expenditure (GHE) increased to ₹3.85 lakh crore in FY23.
3. The report is prepared using the System of Health Accounts (2011) framework.
4. Total Health Expenditure (THE) in FY23 was estimated at less than 1% of GDP.

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

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Solution

Explanation

- Statement 1 is correct because the NHA estimates were released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Statement 2 is correct as Government Health Expenditure increased to ₹3.85 lakh crore in FY23.
- Statement 3 is correct because the estimates were prepared using the System of Health Accounts (2011) framework.
- Statement 4 is incorrect because Total Health Expenditure was estimated at 3.37% of GDP, not less than 1%.

Information Booster

- This was the 10th National Health Accounts report.
- The report was prepared by the National Health Systems Resource Centre through the National Health Accounts Technical Secretariat.
- Government health spending increased significantly from ₹1.30 lakh crore in 2013–14 to ₹3.85 lakh crore in FY23.
- NHA provides data on sources and patterns of healthcare expenditure in India.

Additional Knowledge

- GHE: Government Health Expenditure.
- THE: Total Health Expenditure.
- Health expenditure as a percentage of GDP is an important indicator of public health investment.
- Increased public spending helps strengthen healthcare infrastructure and accessibility.

