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**Q1.** With reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Uzbekistan in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The visit marked Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 4th visit to Uzbekistan and coincided with the 15th anniversary of the India-Uzbekistan strategic partnership.
2. During the visit, India and Uzbekistan signed 11 MoUs and agreements covering areas such as culture, education, healthcare, mining, tourism, finance, digital payments and DPI.
3. Uzbekistan conferred its highest state honour, the "Oliy Darajali Do'stlik (Order of Highest Friendship)", on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation/Solution:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Uzbekistan from 29–30 August 2026 at the invitation of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
- It was his 4th visit to Uzbekistan, and the visit coincided with the 15th anniversary of the India-Uzbekistan strategic partnership.
- India and Uzbekistan signed 11 MoUs and agreements, broadening cooperation in multiple sectors including culture, education, healthcare, mining, tourism, finance, environment, digital payments, IT and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- PM Modi was conferred Uzbekistan's highest state honour, the "Oliy Darajali Do'stlik (Order of Highest Friendship)", marking his 36th global honour.

Information Booster:

- India and Uzbekistan announced a target to increase bilateral trade to USD 5 billion by 2030.
- An ICCR Sanskrit Chair was announced at the Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies.
- 100 Lal Bahadur Shastri Scholarships will be provided to Uzbek students.

Additional Knowledge:

- India and Uzbekistan also announced a USD 1 million grant for afforestation and environmental rehabilitation in the Aral Sea region.
- The bilateral discussions covered strategic areas including defence, connectivity, critical minerals, energy and healthcare.
- PM Modi's bilateral meeting with President Mirziyoyev was held at the Presidential Palace in Tashkent.

**Q2.** In August 2026, which stealth UAV was tested by China as the Type 076 amphibious assault ship "Sichuan" entered the final phase of its sea trials?

- (a) GJ-11
- (b) GJ-21
- (c) WZ-8
- (d) CH-7

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) GJ-21

Explanation:

- In August 2026, China tested the GJ-21 stealth Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) as the Type 076 amphibious assault ship “Sichuan” entered its final phase of sea trials.
- The GJ-21 is described as a naval variant of the GJ-11 stealth drone, intended for carrier-based reconnaissance and strike missions.
- The development represents China’s effort to integrate unmanned combat systems with naval operations.
- Recent test flights over Huludao in Liaoning Province indicated active development of the UAV.

Information Booster:

- The Type 076 Sichuan is China’s first Type 076 amphibious assault ship.
- It has a full-load displacement of more than 40,000 tonnes.
- Its flight deck is approximately 250 metres long and 62 metres wide.
- The ship is equipped with an Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS).

Additional Knowledge:

- The use of EMALS allows the Type 076 to launch fixed-wing aircraft and unmanned aircraft, expanding its aviation capabilities beyond conventional amphibious operations.
- The vessel is therefore often described as a “drone carrier” because of its potential role in operating unmanned combat aircraft.
- The GJ-11 is a Chinese stealth UCAV developed for reconnaissance and strike missions.
- Sichuan is named after Sichuan Province of China.

**Q3.** In August 2026, which Swiss tennis legend was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF) in Newport, USA?

- (a) Rafael Nadal
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Stan Wawrinka

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Roger Federer

Explanation:

- In August 2026, Swiss tennis legend Roger Federer was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF) in Newport, Rhode Island, USA.
- Federer entered the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, recognising his outstanding contribution to tennis.
- He won 20 Grand Slam singles titles and 103 ATP Tour titles during his career.
- He also spent a record 310 weeks as World No. 1, including 237 consecutive weeks.

Information Booster:

- Federer won 8 Wimbledon titles, the highest number of men's singles titles at Wimbledon at the time of his retirement.
- He completed his Career Grand Slam by winning the French Open in 2009.

- His major 2017 comeback saw him win both the Australian Open and Wimbledon after returning from injury.

- Federer retired from professional tennis in 2022 following the Laver Cup.

Additional Knowledge:

- Federer was known for his all-court style, powerful serve, precise one-handed backhand and exceptional movement.

- His Grand Slam tally of 20 places him among the most successful men's singles players in tennis history.

- Mary Carillo, an American tennis journalist and broadcaster, was also inducted in the Contributor Category in 2026.

- The International Tennis Hall of Fame is located in Newport, Rhode Island, USA, at the historic Newport Casino.

**Q4.** In September 2026, which institution established the Foundation for Quantum Computing Innovation (FQCI) to function as the Quantum Computing Thematic Hub (QC T-Hub) under the National Quantum Mission?

(a) IIT Madras

(b) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

(c) IIT Bombay

(d) IISER Pune

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

Explanation:

- In September 2026, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru established the Foundation for Quantum Computing Innovation (FQCI).

- FQCI is a Section 8 not-for-profit company and will function as the Quantum Computing Thematic Hub (QC T-Hub).

- It has been established under the National Quantum Mission (NQM), implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

- The hub will connect researchers, academic institutions, industry and startups to advance quantum computing technologies.

Information Booster:

- FQCI will run five programmes: QC Rise, QC Bridge, QC Leap, QC Accel and QC Quest.

- Its research will cover photonic quantum systems, superconducting circuits, semiconductor-based quantum devices, neutral atoms and trapped ions.

- The hub will create shared facilities for quantum device fabrication, testing and characterisation.

Additional Knowledge:

- The National Quantum Mission (NQM) was approved for the period 2023–24 to 2030–31.

- NQM has an outlay of ₹6,003.65 crore.

- Its targets include developing quantum computers in the 50–1,000 qubit range and establishing quantum communication infrastructure, including approximately 2,000 km of ground-to-satellite links and inter-city networks.

- FQCI is one of four thematic hubs established under the National Quantum Mission.

**Q5.** On 30 August 2026, which body finalised India's first national minimum standards for mortuary and post-mortem infrastructure?

- (a) National Medical Commission (NMC)
- (b) National Council for Clinical Establishments (NCCE)
- (c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
- (d) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) National Council for Clinical Establishments (NCCE)

Explanation:

- On 30 August 2026, India introduced its first national minimum standards for mortuary and post-mortem infrastructure.
- The standards were finalised by the NCCE under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).
- They are aligned with the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010.
- The framework aims to replace fragmented state-level medico-legal practices with more uniform standards.

Information Booster:

- The standards apply to public and private hospitals in States/UTs that have adopted the Clinical Establishments Act standards for mortuaries.
- Mortuary blocks are required to have 4–8°C cold storage, with minimum capacity and a unique identification system.
- Medico-legal cases must be kept separately to maintain proper handling and documentation.

Additional Knowledge:

- The framework requires mortuary facilities to be located on the ground floor and away from designated waste zones.
- A standard autopsy facility is envisaged at approximately 4,000 sq ft, including a 2,000 sq ft operating area.
- Other required facilities include viscera storage, waiting halls and administrative offices.

**Q6.** In August 2026, according to the National Statistical Office (NSO), what was India's Real GDP growth rate in Q1 (April–June) of FY 2026–27?

- (a) 6.9%
- (b) 7.2%
- (c) 7.8%
- (d) 8.3%

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 7.8%

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the Quarterly Estimates of GDP for Q1FY27.
- India's Real GDP grew by 7.8% in Q1FY27, compared with 6.9% in Q1FY26.
- GDP at constant prices (2022–23) was estimated at Rs 81.36 lakh crore in Q1FY27, compared with Rs 75.46 lakh crore in Q1FY26.
- GDP at current prices was estimated at Rs 88.27 lakh crore, registering a growth rate of 10.3%.

**Information Booster:**

- Reference Period: Q1FY27 = April–June 2026.
- GDP at Constant Prices: Rs 81.36 lakh crore.
- GDP at Current Prices: Rs 88.27 lakh crore.
- Current-price GDP growth: 10.3%.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- This release incorporated the updated National Accounts Statistics (NAS) with revised annual estimates for FY23, FY24 and FY25.
- The revised series uses the Output Producer Price Index (PPI) and Banking Services Price Index (BSPI), both having 2022–23 as the base year.
- Quarterly GDP estimates are compiled using the Benchmark-Indicator Methodology.
- NSO functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

**Q7.** Which country won the Men's title at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, held in Belgium and the Netherlands in August 2026?

- (a) Spain
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Germany
- (d) Netherlands

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Germany

**Explanation:**

- The 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup was held from 15 to 30 August 2026 in Wavre, Belgium, and Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Germany defeated Spain 1–0 in the men's final to retain the World Cup title.
- The victory gave Germany its fourth Men's Hockey World Cup crown, equalling the record for most titles.
- In the women's tournament, Argentina defeated Netherlands in a shootout to win the championship.

**Information Booster:**

- The 2026 edition was the 16th edition of both the Men's and Women's FIH Hockey World Cups.
- It was only the third time in FIH history that the men's and women's competitions were fully integrated into a single co-hosted event.
- The tournament featured 16 men's and 16 women's teams, divided into four pools of four teams each.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- The FIH Hockey World Cup is held every four years and is organised by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- The group stage was followed by crossover playoffs, in which second- and third-placed teams from the pools competed.
- Argentina became the Women's World Cup champion in 2026 after overcoming the Netherlands, the record nine-time champions.

**Q8.** From 26–29 August 2026, Union MoS Pabitra Margherita visited which two countries to strengthen bilateral partnerships under India's Act East Policy?

- (a) Vietnam and Cambodia
- (b) Vietnam and Lao PDR
- (c) Thailand and Lao PDR
- (d) Myanmar and Vietnam

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Vietnam and Lao PDR

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita undertook an official visit to Vietnam and Lao PDR from 26–29 August 2026.
- The visit aimed to strengthen bilateral partnerships under India's Act East Policy.
- In Vietnam, he visited Hanoi, where he paid tribute at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and held high-level meetings.
- In Lao PDR, he visited Vientiane and Luang Prabang and participated in events marking the 70th anniversary of India–Lao PDR diplomatic relations.

Information Booster:

- In Vietnam, Margherita delivered a keynote at the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) and interacted with representatives of tourism and textile sectors.
- He also visited Phap Van Pagoda under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative.
- In Lao PDR, he launched initiatives for preservation of the Phlak-Phlam dance and development of the National Arts College.
- An MoU was witnessed for mural restoration at Wat Pa Khae Temple in Luang Prabang.

Additional Knowledge:

- Act East Policy focuses on strengthening India's economic, strategic and cultural engagement with Southeast Asia and the wider Indo-Pacific region.
- India and Vietnam established diplomatic relations in 1972.
- India and Lao PDR established diplomatic relations in 1956.
- The Ramayana has a significant cultural presence in both India and Southeast Asia, including Laos, where it is known through the Phra Lak Phra Lam tradition.

**Q9.** With reference to the Bihar–Jharkhand Sone River water-sharing agreement signed in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. Under the agreement, Bihar will receive 5.75 Million Acre-Feet (MAF) of Sone River water, while Jharkhand will receive 2 MAF.
2. The agreement resolved a nearly 25-year-old dispute that arose after the creation of Jharkhand from Bihar in November 2000.
3. The allocation is based on the 7.75 MAF share assigned to undivided Bihar under the 1973 Bansagar Agreement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct. The MoU provides 5.75 MAF to Bihar and 2 MAF to Jharkhand.
- Statement 2 is correct. The dispute remained unresolved for nearly 25 years following the creation of Jharkhand in November 2000.
- Statement 3 is correct. The division is based on the 7.75 MAF allocated to undivided Bihar under the 1973 Bansagar Agreement.

Information Booster:

- The MoU was signed on 31 August 2026 in New Delhi.
- The agreement is related to the waters of the Sone River, an important river system of the region.
- Bihar's allocation is intended to support irrigation and drinking-water requirements in several districts.

Additional Knowledge:

- Jharkhand's allocation will benefit areas including Palamu and Garhwa.
- The pact was described as an example of cooperative federalism and the "Team Bharat" approach.
- It became the fourth inter-state water agreement of 2026, following agreements involving the Kishau Multipurpose Dam, Yamuna water project and Narmada-related settlement.

**Q10.** With reference to the UNCCD COP17 held in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The 17th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the UNCCD was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, under the theme "Restoring Land. Restoring Hope."
2. COP17 witnessed the launch of a new global drought resilience architecture comprising Phase-II of the International Drought Resilience Observatory (IDRO), the Drought Resilience Index (DRI), and the Drought Resilience Investment Facility (DRIF).
3. Egypt was unanimously approved as the host of UNCCD COP18 in 2028, which will be held in Sharm El-Sheikh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation/Solution:

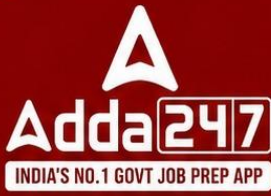
- The UNCCD COP17 was held from 17–28 August 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, with the theme "Restoring Land. Restoring Hope."
- The conference coincided with the United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026), championed by Mongolia.
- A new global drought resilience architecture was launched, including Phase-II of IDRO, the Drought Resilience Index (DRI) and the Drought Resilience Investment Facility (DRIF).
- During the closing session, Egypt was unanimously approved to host COP18 in 2028 at Sharm El-Sheikh, making all three statements correct.

Information Booster:

- COP17 was chaired by Batmunkh Battsetseg, Mongolia's Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- India's delegation was led by Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- Phase-II of IDRO was developed by UNCCD in partnership with IDRA and the Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (Yale CEA).

#### Additional Knowledge:

- The Drought Resilience Index (DRI) is described as the world's first AI-powered monitoring metric and assessment tool for evaluating drought resilience.
- DRIF, co-developed by UNCCD and the Government of Luxembourg, aims to mobilise up to USD 400 million in public and private capital.
- NOVVA Group Pte. Ltd. signed an MoU with Mongolia's Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Communications (MDDIC) concerning green data centres, renewable energy and AI-ready digital infrastructure.

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