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11 February 2026 · 10 Questions · Answers & Explanations Included

Q 1 What is the budget allocation for the IndiaAI Mission approved in March 2024?

A Rs 5,400 crore

B Rs 10,300 crore ✓

C Rs 7,600 crore

D Rs 15,000 crore

EXPLANATION

The IndiaAI Mission was approved with a budget of Rs 10,300 crore in March 2024. MeitY is the nodal ministry. The mission has seven pillars including IndiaAI Compute (10,000+ GPUs) and IndiaAI FutureSkills (training 1 million+ professionals).

CONCEPT

The IndiaAI Mission is India's comprehensive national AI strategy — analogous to China's New Generation AI Development Plan or the US CHIPS and Science Act. Sarvam AI is among the flagship beneficiaries, developing a 3-billion-parameter vision-language model trained on 22 Indian languages (matching the Eighth Schedule count).

Q 2 Chandrayaan-4 aims to be India's first mission of which type?

A Crewed lunar mission

B Lunar orbiter

C Lunar sample-return mission ✓

D Deep space solar observation

EXPLANATION

Chandrayaan-4 is planned as India's first lunar sample-return mission, targeting approximately 3 kg of regolith from Mons Mouton-4 near the Moon's south pole.

CONCEPT

The SPADEX (Space Docking Experiment) mission launched in December 2024 is a prerequisite for Chandrayaan-4 — it demonstrates the rendezvous and docking capability needed for the ascent vehicle to transfer samples to the orbiting return module. Only USA (Apollo: 382 kg), USSR (Luna programme: ~300 g), and China (Chang'e 5 and 6) have achieved lunar sample-return.

Q 3 The IFC-IOR (Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region) is located in which city?

A Mumbai

B Kochi

C Chennai

D Gurugram ✓

EXPLANATION

The IFC-IOR is located in Gurugram, Haryana. As part of the India-Greece defence agreement, Greece will position a Liaison Officer at IFC-IOR.

CONCEPT

IFC-IOR was established in December 2018 as an information hub for maritime domain awareness in the Indian Ocean Region. It collects, fuses, and shares maritime information among regional and international partners — currently hosting liaison officers from 22 countries and 6 multinational organisations, making it a key node in India's maritime security architecture.

Q 4 The Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) was established in which year and by which Prime Minister?

A 1965 by Lal Bahadur Shastri

B 1948 by Jawaharlal Nehru ✓

C 1971 by Indira Gandhi

D 2001 by Atal Bihari Vajpayee

EXPLANATION

PMNRF was established in 1948 by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, originally to provide relief to Partition refugees. It now covers natural calamities and major accidents.

CONCEPT

PM CARES Fund (public charitable trust, March 2020) was established separately for COVID-19 and future national emergencies. Unlike PMNRF, its RTI status is disputed and sub judice. The National Defence Fund (NDF), administered by an Executive Committee chaired by the PM, covers welfare for Armed Forces personnel. The PMO cited Lok Sabha Rules 41(2)(viii) and 41(2)(xvii) to block parliamentary questions on these funds.

Q 5 Under which Article of the Constitution can the Lok Sabha Speaker be removed?

A Article 93

B Article 94(c) ✓

C Article 95

D Article 100

EXPLANATION

The Speaker vacates office under Article 94(c) if the House passes a resolution by majority. Article 93 deals with the election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

CONCEPT

The Speaker is elected by members of Lok Sabha (Article 93). The Speaker's removal requires 14 days prior notice and a majority of all members (effective majority). The Speaker's role in the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) creates a constitutional paradox — the Speaker of the ruling party decides defection cases involving opposition members, raising neutrality concerns addressed in *Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachillhu* (1992) and *Nabam Rebia* case (2016).

Q 6 India ranked at which position in the Network Readiness Index 2025 published by the Portulans Institute?

A 38th

B 45th ✓

C 52nd

D 29th

EXPLANATION

India ranked 45th (up 4 positions) out of 127 economies in NRI 2025 with a score of 54.43. India is 2nd among lower-middle-income economies (after Vietnam at 40th globally).

CONCEPT

The NRI 2025 theme was 'AI Governance in a Global Context: Policy and Regulatory Approaches'. Global top 3: USA (79.13), Finland (75.82), Singapore (75.46). China ranked 24th but fell 7 positions. Portulans Institute publishes this index annually — it measures countries on network, technology, people, governance, and economy dimensions.

Q 7 What percentage of India's national wool output does Rajasthan account for?

A 28.5%

B 35.2%

C 47.5% ✓

D 55.0%

EXPLANATION

Rajasthan produced 16,013.50 thousand kg of wool in FY24 — 47.5% of India's total national wool output of 33.69 million kg.

CONCEPT

India's sheep population is approximately 77.4 million — the second largest globally. India ranks 9th in global wool production. Around 85% of India's wool is carpet-grade (coarser variety), with only 5% apparel-grade and 10% coarser-grade. J&K is the second-largest producer and Karnataka the third.

Q 8 The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved USD 182 million for flood management in Assam extending protection along which river?

A Barak river

B Lohit river

C Brahmaputra river ✓

D Subansiri river

EXPLANATION

ADB approved USD 182 million for the Brahmaputra river flood and erosion management project in Assam, extending an existing USD 200 million project (Oct 2023). Combined: USD 382 million with 63.5 km of new riverbank protection.

CONCEPT

The Brahmaputra carries approximately 725 million tonnes of sediment annually — among the highest globally. Assam accounts for about 10% of India's total flood-affected area despite occupying only 1.9% of the national geographic area. India is ADB's largest borrower; ADB is headquartered in Manila, Philippines with 68 member countries.

Q 9

The Constitution Bench judgment in 'State of Punjab v. Davinder Singh' (2024) relates to which aspect of reservation policy?

- A Extension of reservations to private sector jobs
- B Sub-classification within Scheduled Castes for equitable reservation distribution ✓
- C Reservation in promotions for government employees
- D Economic criteria for Scheduled Caste status

EXPLANATION

The August 1, 2024 Constitution Bench judgment in State of Punjab v. Davinder Singh allowed sub-classification within Scheduled Castes to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits among more and less advanced sub-groups within the SC category.

CONCEPT

This overruled the earlier EV Chinniah v. State of AP (2005) which had held that SCs form a homogeneous class that cannot be sub-classified. The 2024 judgment also touched on whether the creamy layer principle (applied to OBCs) should extend to SCs/STs — a highly contested question. Relevant constitutional provisions: Articles 14 (equality), 15 (non-discrimination), 16 (equal opportunity), and 341 (President's power to specify SCs).

Q 10

India's commitment in the India-US trade pact of zero customs duties on digital transmissions represents a shift from India's earlier position at which global body?

- A International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- B World Trade Organization (WTO) ✓
- C UNCTAD
- D World Bank

EXPLANATION

India had previously opposed making the WTO moratorium on e-commerce customs duties permanent at WTO forums. The India-US bilateral commitment represents a departure from that multilateral position.

CONCEPT

The WTO e-commerce moratorium (since 1998) prevents members from imposing customs duties on digital transmissions. India (along with South Africa and Indonesia) had been among the countries questioning its permanence, arguing it prevents developing nations from taxing digital trade. India's Equalisation Levy (6% on digital advertising since 2016; 2% on e-commerce operators 2020) was also a point of US contention. The bilateral zero-tax commitment would likely require India to align or remove these levies.

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