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**Q 1** The SESEL Joint Vision announced between India and Seychelles stands for which full form?

- A Security, Economy, Sovereignty, Empowerment and Leadership
- B Sustainability, Economic Growth and Security through Enhanced Linkages ✓
- C Strategic Engagement, Stability, Energy and Livelihood
- D South-East Security and Economic Linkages

### EXPLANATION

SESEL stands for Sustainability, Economic Growth and Security through Enhanced Linkages — announced during Seychelles President Patrick Herminie's State Visit to India in February 2026, marking 50 years of India-Seychelles diplomatic relations.

### CONCEPT

India articulated the SAGAR doctrine (Security and Growth for All in the Region) in 2015 at Mauritius. Seychelles is central to India's IOR strategy — India has military access to Assumption Island and has supplied Dornier maritime patrol aircraft. Seychelles has an EEZ of 1.37 million sq km — one of the largest in the world relative to land area.

**Q 2** The Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), to which Greece will post a liaison officer, is located in which Indian city?

- A Mumbai
- B Visakhapatnam
- C Gurugram ✓
- D Kochi

### EXPLANATION

The IFC-IOR is located at Gurugram (Haryana) and was established in 2018. It covers maritime domain awareness for the Indian Ocean Region, with information sharing from 21 partner countries and 4 multilateral bodies. Greece signed a defence industrial cooperation declaration and will deploy a liaison officer there.

### CONCEPT

IFC-IOR supports SAGAR doctrine objectives — India as net security provider in IOR. Similar centres exist globally: UKMTO (Dubai) and EUNAVFOR (Northwood, UK) cover adjacent waters. India also operates the Coastal Surveillance Radar Network (CSRN) in Maldives, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Seychelles, Bangladesh, and Myanmar.

**Q 3**

Starlink, which signed a Letter of Intent with Gujarat for satellite internet in tribal districts, belongs to which orbit category?

**A** Geostationary Orbit (GEO)

**B** Medium Earth Orbit (MEO)

**C** Low Earth Orbit (LEO) ✓

**D** Sun-synchronous Orbit (SSO)

#### EXPLANATION

Starlink operates in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at altitudes of 340 to 1,200 km. This gives it much lower latency (20-40 ms) compared to geostationary satellites (35,786 km altitude; 600ms latency). Gujarat signed the Lol to bring Starlink to Aspirational Districts including Narmada and Dahod.

#### CONCEPT

India's satellite broadband regulation (TRAI 2025) recommended administrative spectrum allocation for satellite services, not auctions (consistent with ITU norms). Jio and Airtel oppose this, preferring auction. Other LEO players in India: OneWeb (Eutelsat, Airtel-backed) and Amazon Project Kuiper (pending approval). BharatNet (Rs 61,109 crore) covers GP-level fibre; Starlink targets households in fibre-unviable areas.

**Q 4**

Manu Bhaker won a silver medal at the Asian Shooting Championships 2026 in which event?

**A** 10m Air Pistol

**B** 25m Pistol ✓

**C** 50m Pistol

**D** 10m Air Rifle

#### EXPLANATION

Manu Bhaker won silver in the 25m Pistol event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2026 held in New Delhi. Her qualification score was 584 and final score was 35 points including two shoot-offs. She also competed in 10m Air Pistol but finished 7th.

#### CONCEPT

At the Paris 2024 Olympics, Manu Bhaker won two bronze medals: 10m Air Pistol individual and 10m Air Pistol mixed team (with Sarabjot Singh) — making her the first Indian since Norman Pritchard (1900) to win two medals at the same Olympics. The Asian Shooting Championships is the continental qualifier for international rankings and Olympic quota.

**Q 5**

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 mandates what percentage reservation for persons with disabilities in government posts?

A 2%

B 3%

**C 4% ✓**

D 5%

**EXPLANATION**

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 mandates 4% reservation for persons with disabilities in government posts. This was highlighted by Thanya Nathan from Kannur, Kerala — a visually impaired lawyer who topped the Civil Judge (Junior Division) merit list among PwD candidates in Kerala, also having topped her LLB at Kannur University.

**CONCEPT**

The RPwD Act 2016 replaced the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 and expanded the definition of disability from 7 to 21 categories. Article 16 of the Constitution guarantees equality of opportunity in public employment. The Supreme Court has ruled that visual impairment does not disqualify a candidate from judicial posts, upholding the principle of reasonable accommodation.

**Q 6**

Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154), whose command India assumed for the first time, operates under which multinational body?

A QUAD

**B Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) ✓**

C NATO Maritime Command

D BIMSTEC Maritime Security Forum

**EXPLANATION**

CTF-154 operates under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) — a 44-nation multinational maritime partnership headquartered in Manama, Bahrain. CTF-154 was established in May 2023 and focuses on maritime training, capacity-building, anti-piracy, and counter-trafficking. India assumed command under Commodore Milind M. Mokashi (Shaurya Chakra awardee).

**CONCEPT**

CMF operates multiple task forces: CTF-150 (counter-narcotics), CTF-151 (counter-piracy), CTF-152 (Gulf security), CTF-153 (Red Sea security), CTF-154 (maritime training). India sending a Commander to lead CTF-154 reflects its growing role as a net security provider under the SAGAR doctrine. The Shaurya Chakra is a gallantry award for distinguished service in situations not directly facing the enemy.

**Q 7**

The National Productivity Council (NPC), whose 68th Foundation Day was observed in February 2026, was established in which year?

A 1947

B 1950

**C 1958 ✓**

D 1964

**EXPLANATION**

The National Productivity Council (NPC) was established in 1958 under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The 68th Foundation Day (National Productivity Week) ran from February 12-18, 2026. The theme was "Clusters as Growth Engine: Maximising Productivity in MSMEs."

**CONCEPT**

NPC promotes productivity across industry, government, and agriculture. MSMEs contribute ~30% to India GDP and ~45% to exports. The MSME cluster approach groups similar industries geographically for shared infrastructure, services, and scale benefits. India has 1,500+ MSME clusters identified by MSME Ministry; prominent examples: Tirupur textile (Tamil Nadu), Agra footwear (UP), Moradabad brass (UP), Surat diamonds (Gujarat).

**Q 8**

The SAGAR doctrine, relevant to India-Seychelles SESEL vision, was announced by PM Modi in which country in 2015?

A Sri Lanka

B Maldives

**C Mauritius ✓**

D Madagascar

**EXPLANATION**

PM Modi announced the SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) doctrine during his visit to Mauritius in March 2015. It articulates India as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region and emphasises development partnership with island and littoral states.

**CONCEPT**

SAGAR pillars: protecting SLOCs, deepening IOR cooperation, collective action on disasters and piracy, developing maritime infrastructure, and capacity building. MAHASAGAR (2025-30) is the expanded SAGAR covering Blue Economy and Climate dimensions. India has bilateral coastal radar networks and naval access agreements with Seychelles, Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Oman.

**Q 9** World Radio Day is observed on February 13 each year. In which year did UNESCO first proclaim it?

A 2005

B 2008

**C 2011 ✓**

D 2015

#### EXPLANATION

UNESCO proclaimed World Radio Day in 2011; the UN General Assembly formally adopted it in 2012. It was first officially observed on February 13, 2012. The theme for 2026 was "Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice."

#### CONCEPT

Radio reaches 95%+ of the world population — more than any other medium. All India Radio (Akashvani) is one of the world's largest public broadcasters by coverage. Community Radio Stations in India operate under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; ~400+ CRS licenses issued. Prasar Bharati is the statutory autonomous body that runs Doordarshan and Akashvani (under Prasar Bharati Act 1990).

**Q 10** The NITI Aayog Frontier Hub technology roadmap targets India reaching what value in technology services by 2035?

A USD 400-500 billion

B USD 500-600 billion

C USD 650-700 billion

**D USD 750-850 billion ✓**

#### EXPLANATION

NITI Aayog's technology roadmap "Technology Services — Reimagination Ahead" targets growth from USD 265 billion (current) to USD 750-850 billion by 2035. The report was presented by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal. Five priority levers: Agentic AI, Software and Products, Digital Infrastructure, Innovation-led Engineering, India-for-India solutions.

#### CONCEPT

India IT sector: ~USD 265 billion (FY25); employs ~5.4 million people; ~8% of GDP. India has ~55% global market share in IT services outsourcing. Agentic AI refers to AI that autonomously plans and executes multi-step tasks — the next frontier beyond generative AI chatbots. IT sector target aligns with Viksit Bharat 2047 goal of USD 30 trillion economy.

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