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18 March 2026 · 10 Questions · Answers & Explanations Included

Q 1 ITDC (India Tourism Development Corporation) was established in which year?

A 1952

B 1958

C 1966 ✓

D 1972

EXPLANATION

ITDC was established in 1966 under the Ministry of Tourism to develop and manage tourism infrastructure including the Ashok Group of Hotels.

CONCEPT

ITDC also runs IHM Ashok (Institute of Hotel Management), its hospitality education arm. It operates duty-free shops, transport services, and cultural event management. Not to be confused with TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India), which is under Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Q 2 The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023 amended how many central Acts?

A 22 Acts

B 35 Acts

C 42 Acts ✓

D 58 Acts

EXPLANATION

The Jan Vishwas Act 2023 amended 42 central Acts and decriminalised 183 provisions, replacing imprisonment with fines for minor technical/regulatory offences.

CONCEPT

The Act was introduced under the principle of trust-based governance. It is linked to India's Ease of Doing Business reforms, alongside GST (2017) and IBC (2016). The follow-up Jan Vishwas Amendment Bill 2025 was withdrawn from Lok Sabha in March 2026 to incorporate Select Committee recommendations.

Q 3 Which stadium will host the National Para Athletics Championship in March 2026?

A Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi

B Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar ✓

C Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad

D Indira Gandhi Stadium, Delhi

EXPLANATION

Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha is hosting the National Para Athletics Championship (March 19-21, 2026), organised by the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) with the Odisha government.

CONCEPT

Kalinga Stadium is also FIFA-standard for football and a major multi-sport venue. The championship also serves as a selection trial for the Asian Para Games at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Notable athletes: Sumit Antil (double Paralympic gold, javelin), Mariyappan Thangavelu (triple Paralympic medallist).

Q 4 IIT Guwahati researchers achieved what overpotential for Hydrogen Evolution Reaction (HER) using MXene catalyst?

A 45 mV

B 28 mV

C 12 mV ✓

D 5 mV

EXPLANATION

The IIT Guwahati MXene-Ruthenium catalyst achieved an ultralow HER overpotential of just 12 mV, which is superior to the standard platinum-based Pt/C benchmark (20-50 mV).

CONCEPT

The minimum thermodynamic potential for water electrolysis is 1.23 V. Lower overpotential means less energy wasted, making green hydrogen cheaper. MXenes are 2D transition metal carbides discovered in 2011 at Drexel University, USA. The same material also enables solar desalination at 3.2 kg/m²/h using a 3D Janus evaporator.

Q 5

The e-Swasthya Dham portal, launched by Uttarakhand for Char Dham Yatra health monitoring, is managed with helicopter ambulance support from which institution?

- A AIIMS New Delhi
- B AIIMS Rishikesh ✓**
- C PGI Chandigarh
- D BHU Medical College Varanasi

EXPLANATION

AIIMS Rishikesh manages the helicopter ambulance service for rapid medical evacuation during Char Dham Yatra as part of Uttarakhand's comprehensive healthcare infrastructure.

CONCEPT

Char Dham includes Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath - all in Uttarakhand. The Yatra draws millions of pilgrims annually to high-altitude sites where standard road ambulances face limitations. AIIMS Rishikesh is the main tertiary care referral centre for the Uttarakhand-Himalayan region.

Q 6

Göbekli Tepe, the world's oldest known temple complex, was built by which type of human community?

- A Early farming (agricultural) settlements
- B Urban civilisation with written records
- C Hunter-gatherers (pre-agricultural people) ✓**
- D Nomadic pastoral communities

EXPLANATION

Göbekli Tepe (~9600 BCE) was built by hunter-gatherers who had no agriculture, pottery, or writing - yet organised to construct massive T-shaped limestone pillars, challenging the assumption that farming must precede complex social organisation.

CONCEPT

Göbekli Tepe is located in Urfa province, south-eastern Turkey. Discovered in 1994 by German archaeologist Klaus Schmidt. UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2018. It predates Stonehenge by ~6,600 years and the Egyptian pyramids by ~7,100 years. The site was deliberately buried around 8000 BCE - reasons remain unknown.

Q 7 Which body organises the Bharat Tribes Fest in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs?

A ITDC

B TRIFED ✓

C NABARD

D SIDBI

EXPLANATION

TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, organises the Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi (March 18-30, 2026).

CONCEPT

TRIFED was established in 1987 under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. It promotes tribal products, manages Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVK), and runs the Tribes India brand. VDVKs are SHG-based centres for value-addition of minor forest produce. The RISA initiative (under TRIFED) connects designers with tribal weavers for global market access.

Q 8 What is the approximate age of Göbekli Tepe, the world's oldest known temple complex?

A 5,000 years

B 8,000 years

C 12,000 years ✓

D 18,000 years

EXPLANATION

Göbekli Tepe dates to approximately 9600 BCE, making it roughly 12,000 years old - the oldest known monumental complex in the world, predating agriculture in the region.

CONCEPT

For comparison: Stonehenge is ~5,000 years old (3000 BCE); Egyptian pyramids ~4,500 years (2500 BCE); Indus Valley sites like Mohenjo-Daro ~4,500 years. India's Bhimbetka rock paintings (MP) date to ~30,000 BCE, older than Gobekli Tepe but are art sites, not temples.

Q 9

The National Green Hydrogen Mission, relevant to clean hydrogen research like IIT Guwahati's MXene catalyst, was launched in which year?

 A 2020

 B 2021

 C 2022

 D 2023 ✓

EXPLANATION

India's National Green Hydrogen Mission was launched in January 2023, with a target of producing 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen annually by 2030 and a total outlay of Rs. 19,744 crore.

CONCEPT

Green hydrogen is produced by electrolysis of water using renewable electricity (solar/wind) - zero carbon emissions. The mission aims to make India a global hub for green hydrogen production and export. Key applications: decarbonising steel, fertiliser, refining, and shipping sectors. IIT Guwahati's MXene catalyst with 12 mV HER overpotential directly supports this mission's cost reduction goals.

Q 10

In which state was the Bharat Tribes Fest 2026, organised by TRIFED, held?

 A Odisha

 B Madhya Pradesh

 C Delhi ✓

 D Jharkhand

EXPLANATION

Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 was held at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi (March 18-30, 2026), inaugurated by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram.

CONCEPT

Sunder Nursery is a heritage urban park in New Delhi, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site buffer zone near Humayun's Tomb. The 13-day fest featured 200+ stalls, 78 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras, 300+ master artisans, Forest-to-Plate tribal cuisine, and the Bharat Tribes Business Conclave (March 19-27). Union Minister Jual Oram is from Odisha, a state with significant tribal population.

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