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**Q 1** The National Dental Commission (NDC) has replaced which of the following bodies?

- A Medical Council of India
- B Dental Council of India ✓
- C Indian Dental Association
- D National Board of Examinations

### EXPLANATION

The NDC replaced the Dental Council of India (DCI), which was dissolved on March 19, 2026. The Dentists Act, 1948 was repealed and replaced by the NDC Act.

### CONCEPT

This mirrors the earlier replacement of the Medical Council of India (MCI) by the National Medical Commission (NMC) in 2020 under the NMC Act, 2019. Both reforms aim to improve transparency and modernise professional regulation.

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**Q 2** Which state recorded the highest textile exports in India in FY 2024-25?

- A Gujarat
- B Maharashtra
- C Tamil Nadu ✓
- D Karnataka

### EXPLANATION

Tamil Nadu recorded textile exports of USD 7,997.17 million in FY 2024-25, accounting for 21.84% of India total textile exports of USD 36,610 million. Gujarat ranked second with USD 5,646.01 million.

### CONCEPT

Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu is known as India knitwear export hub. India total textile exports in FY 2024-25 stood at USD 36,610 million.

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**Q 3** The ALMM (Approved List of Models and Manufacturers) framework is administered by which ministry?

**A** Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**B** Ministry of Heavy Industries

**C** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ✓

**D** Ministry of Power

**EXPLANATION**

ALMM is administered by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). ALMM List-III for solar ingots and wafers was announced via Office Memorandum on March 17, 2026, effective from June 1, 2028.

**CONCEPT**

ALMM has three lists: List-I for solar PV modules, List-II for solar PV cells, and List-III for ingots and wafers. It is central to India solar manufacturing self-reliance push under the PLI Scheme for Solar PV.

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**Q 4** Legionnaires disease is caused by which pathogen?

**A** Mycobacterium tuberculosis

**B** Streptococcus pneumoniae

**C** Legionella pneumophila ✓

**D** Haemophilus influenzae

**EXPLANATION**

Legionnaires disease is caused by Legionella pneumophila, a Gram-negative bacterium first identified in 1976 during an outbreak at an American Legion convention at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia.

**CONCEPT**

The disease is a severe form of pneumonia transmitted through inhaling contaminated water aerosols from cooling towers, HVAC systems, and plumbing. It is NOT contagious (no person-to-person transmission). Mortality rate is 5-10%.

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**Q 5** Chapchar Kut, celebrated in March, is a spring festival of which Indian state?

- A Nagaland
- B Manipur
- C Meghalaya
- D Mizoram ✓

**EXPLANATION**

Chapchar Kut is the most important festival of the Mizo people of Mizoram, celebrated annually in March in Aizawl. It is linked to the jhum (shifting cultivation) cycle — celebrated after forest clearing and burning, before sowing.

**CONCEPT**

The Cheraw (bamboo dance) is the centrepiece of Chapchar Kut. Other major NE India festivals: Bihu (Assam, April), Hornbill Festival (Nagaland, December), Wangala (Meghalaya, November), Sangai Festival (Manipur, November).

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**Q 6** How many Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are there in India?

- A 52
- B 65
- C 75 ✓
- D 85

**EXPLANATION**

There are 75 PVTGs in India, spread across 18 states and 1 Union Territory (Andaman and Nicobar Islands). The Irula tribe of Tamil Nadu is one such PVTG.

**CONCEPT**

PVTGs are identified based on three criteria: pre-agriculture level of technology, stagnant or declining population, and low literacy. Originally 52 groups were identified in 1975; 23 more were added in 1993 to reach 75. Odisha has the highest number (13 PVTGs).

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**Q 7**

The Irula Snake Catchers Industrial Cooperative Society supplies approximately what percentage of India anti-snake venom?

A 40%

B 60%

**C 80% ✓**

D 95%

**EXPLANATION**

The Irula Snake Catchers Industrial Cooperative Society, located near Chennai, supplies nearly 80% of the venom used to produce anti-snake venom serum in India.

**CONCEPT**

The cooperative was established in 1978 with help from herpetologist Romulus Whitaker. The Irula tribe is a PVTG in Tamil Nadu, residing primarily in the Nilgiri Mountains. In 2023, Irula tribe members Masi Sadaiyan and Vadivel Gopal received the Padma Shri.

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**Q 8**

The Global Methane Pledge was launched at which international conference?

A COP25, Madrid (2019)

**B COP26, Glasgow (2021) ✓**

C COP27, Sharm El Sheikh (2022)

D COP28, Dubai (2023)

**EXPLANATION**

The Global Methane Pledge was launched at COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021. It aims to reduce global methane emissions by at least 30% below 2020 levels by 2030.

**CONCEPT**

Methane is 28 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> over 100 years and 86 times more potent over 20 years. It has an atmospheric lifespan of about 12 years and is responsible for nearly 30% of global warming since the Industrial Revolution. Over 159 countries have joined the pledge.

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**Q 9** The Jal Jeevan Mission was launched on which date?

**A** August 15, 2019 ✓

**B** January 26, 2020

**C** October 2, 2019

**D** June 5, 2020

**EXPLANATION**

The Jal Jeevan Mission was launched on August 15, 2019 (Independence Day) by PM Modi. It aims to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) to every rural household.

**CONCEPT**

JJM falls under the Ministry of Jal Shakti (Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation). As of 2026, approximately 80% of rural households have tap water connections. JJM 2.0 has been extended till 2028 with reform-linked state MoUs.

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**Q 10** The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) functions under which ministry?

**A** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

**B** Ministry of Ayush ✓

**C** Ministry of Culture

**D** Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs

**EXPLANATION**

MDNIY is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ayush. It is the nodal agency for planning, training, promotion and coordination of yoga education, training, therapy and research in India.

**CONCEPT**

The International Day of Yoga is celebrated on June 21 every year since 2015, following UNGA Resolution 69/131. India proposed the resolution in 2014, and it was adopted with support from 177 co-sponsoring nations.

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