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DAILY QUIZ — SOLVED ANSWER KEY

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With reference to the BRICS grouping in 2026, which of the following statements is correct?

- A It has five members and admits no new states
- B It has 11 members following an expansion effective January 2024 ✓
- C It is a military alliance with a mutual-defence clause
- D It is a specialised agency of the United Nations

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: As of 2026 BRICS has 11 members after an expansion that took effect from January 1, 2024. **ANALYSIS:** The members are Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and the UAE; it is a consultative plurilateral, not a military alliance or UN body.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India chairs BRICS in 2026 for the fourth time (after 2012, 2016, 2021) with the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". The NSA Meeting (June 22-23, 2026) was chaired by NSA Ajit Doval.

Q1  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS2 (groupings, IR), GS3 (economy).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Global South, strategic autonomy, multi-alignment.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

still counting only five BRICS members.

 **EXAM TIP**

"BRIC" coined by Jim O'Neill, 2001; first summit 2009.

 **INTERVIEW**

can BRICS stay developmental rather than anti-Western?

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The BRICS National Security Advisers Meeting held in New Delhi in June 2026 was themed around which of the following?

- A Reform of the global financial architecture
- B Non-traditional security challenges confronting the world today ✓
- C Expansion of the New Development Bank
- D A common BRICS currency

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The 2026 BRICS NSA Meeting carried the theme "Non-traditional security challenges confronting the world today". **ANALYSIS:** It reviewed Joint Working Groups on counter-terrorism and on ICT and emerging-technology security, reflecting cyber, terror-financing and supply-chain concerns.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The meeting was chaired by NSA Ajit Doval; China was represented by its Foreign Minister, who also functions as its senior security interlocutor, and a Doval-Wang bilateral was expected on the margins.

Q2  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS2 (IR), GS3 (internal and cyber security).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

non-traditional security, counter-terrorism, ICT security.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the NSA track with the BRICS summit agenda.

 **EXAM TIP**

the security pillar of BRICS now runs alongside the economic one.

 **INTERVIEW**

how does the NSA channel aid India's strategic autonomy?

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The India-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), relevant to EAM Jaishankar's June 2026 visit, has which of the following features?

- A It is a defence pact signed in 2010
- B It is a trade and investment agreement in force since 2010, now under review ✓
- C It is a visa-waiver treaty
- D It replaced the WTO framework for both countries

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: The India-Korea CEPA is a comprehensive trade and investment agreement in force since January 2010 and is currently under review and upgrade. **ANALYSIS:** The review aims to address the goods-trade imbalance and improve market access for Indian exporters.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Jaishankar's four-day visit covered Mongolia (June 22-23) and South Korea (June 24-25), 2026, with focus on semiconductors, AI, critical minerals and supply-chain resilience. He delivered a keynote at the Jeju Forum.

Q3

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (Act East, bilateral ties), GS3 (trade).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

CEPA, Special Strategic Partnership, supply-chain resilience.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

treating CEPA as a defence or visa pact.

 **EXAM TIP**

India-Korea = Special Strategic Partnership; CEPA since 2010.

 **INTERVIEW**

how can India fix the goods-trade imbalance with Korea?

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Mongolia, visited by EAM Jaishankar in June 2026, is often described in India's diplomatic vocabulary as which of the following?

- A A maritime neighbour
- B A spiritual or third neighbour ✓
- C A member of SAARC
- D A landlocked member of the EU

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: India describes Mongolia as a "spiritual neighbour" owing to shared Buddhist heritage, while Mongolia itself follows a "third neighbour" policy to balance Russia and China. **ANALYSIS:** India is not geographically contiguous with Mongolia, so the relationship rests on cultural, development and mineral cooperation.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

India and Mongolia hold the joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant. An Indian line of credit supported an oil-refinery and processing project in Mongolia.

Q4  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (IR), GS1 (Buddhism, culture).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

third-neighbour policy, Buddhist diplomacy, critical minerals.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming Mongolia is in SAARC or the EU.

 **EXAM TIP**

Nomadic Elephant = India-Mongolia army exercise.

 **INTERVIEW**

what value does a landlocked partner add to Act East?

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The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, where the Unit-5 Reactor Pressure Vessel was installed in 2026, uses which reactor technology?

A Indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR)

B Russian VVER-1000 pressurised water reactor ✓

C Boiling water reactor of US design

D Fast breeder reactor

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Kudankulam uses Russian VVER-1000 reactors, a pressurised water reactor design supplied with technology partner Atomstroyexport. **ANALYSIS:** This differs from India's indigenous mainstay, the PHWR, which runs on natural uranium and heavy water.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The full Kudankulam site has a potential of 6,000 MWe across six units in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu. NPCIL operates the plant; the AERB is the independent regulator.

The installed RPV weighs about 320 tonnes.

Q5  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 (energy, S&T), GS2 (India-Russia ties).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

VVER, baseload clean power, operator-regulator split.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

calling Kudankulam an indigenous PHWR plant.

 **EXAM TIP**

NPCIL operates, AERB regulates; VVER is a PWR.

 **INTERVIEW**

what reforms would scale India's nuclear fleet?

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Aqueous zinc-ion batteries, advanced by INST Mohali's 2026 research, are attractive for grid-scale storage mainly because they:

- A Have the highest energy density of any chemistry
- B Use a water-based, non-flammable electrolyte and abundant zinc ✓
- C Require no electrolyte at all
- D Are based on rare and costly cobalt

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Aqueous zinc-ion batteries use a water-based, non-flammable electrolyte and abundant, cheap zinc, making them safe and economical for stationary storage. **ANALYSIS:** They trade lower energy density for safety and cost, which suits the grid rather than portable devices.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

INST Mohali's BDIM additive suppressed hydrogen evolution, corrosion and zinc dendrites, letting symmetric Zn//Zn cells run over 1,400 hours. INST Mohali is autonomous under the DST.

Q6  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 (S&T, energy, environment).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

energy storage, lithium import dependence, dendrites.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assuming higher energy density than lithium-ion.

 **EXAM TIP**

AZIBs = safe, cheap, lower density; ideal for the grid.

 **INTERVIEW**

why is storage the key enabler of the RE transition?

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The Energy Transition Index, on which India ranked 70th in 2026, is published by which organisation?

- A International Energy Agency
- B World Economic Forum ✓
- C International Renewable Energy Agency
- D World Bank

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The Energy Transition Index (ETI) is published annually by the World Economic Forum (WEF). **ANALYSIS:** India ranked 70th in 2026 with a score of 54.9, up two places, and was among the strongest improvers even as global readiness slipped.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The ETI weights System Performance at 60% and Transition Readiness at 40%. The System Performance pillar reflects the energy trilemma of security, equity and sustainability. India's renewable-energy jobs are around 1.3 million.

Q7

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 (environment, energy), GS2 (global indices).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

energy trilemma, just transition, transition readiness.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing the ETI to the IEA or IRENA.

 **EXAM TIP**

ETI = WEF; 60% performance, 40% readiness.

 **INTERVIEW**

how can India close its transition-readiness gap?

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The Chapekar brothers' action of June 22, 1897, is historically significant primarily because it:

- A Marked the founding of the Indian National Congress
- B Is regarded as the first act of revolutionary nationalism after 1857 ✓
- C Began the Non-Cooperation Movement
- D Led to the partition of Bengal

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: The Chapekar brothers shot Pune Plague Committee chief W.C. Rand and Lt. Ayerst on June 22, 1897, an act widely regarded as the first act of revolutionary nationalism after the Revolt of 1857. **ANALYSIS:** It was a direct response to coercive anti-plague house-searches under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

CONCEPT NOTE

Damodar Hari Chapekar was hanged on April 18, 1898, the first Indian revolutionary so executed. The brothers were inspired by Tilak's Kesari, and the episode led to Tilak's 1897 seditious trial under Section 124A IPC.

Q8

 CONCEPT KIT **CROSS-PAPER**

GS1 (modern history, freedom struggle).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

revolutionary nationalism, colonial repression, sedition.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

linking the Chapekars to the Congress moderates.

 **EXAM TIP**

1897 plague, Rand and Ayerst, Tilak's Kesari and sedition trial.

 **INTERVIEW**

how did colonial high-handedness fuel radicalism?

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Operation Barbarossa, whose 85th anniversary fell on June 22, 2026, refers to which event?

- A The Allied invasion of Normandy
- B **Nazi Germany's 1941 invasion of the Soviet Union ✓**
- C Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor
- D The German invasion of Poland in 1939

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: Operation Barbarossa was Nazi Germany's invasion of the USSR launched on June 22, 1941, the largest land invasion in history with around 3.8 million Axis troops. **ANALYSIS:** It opened the Eastern Front of World War II and ultimately brought the USSR into the Allied camp.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The invasion stretched along a roughly 2,900 km front. Its failure before Moscow and at Stalingrad marked a turning point of the war.

Q9  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS1 (world history, World Wars).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Eastern Front, Grand Alliance, turning point of WWII.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing Barbarossa with the Normandy landings.

 **EXAM TIP**

Barbarossa = June 22, 1941; Germany invades USSR.

 **INTERVIEW**

why did the Eastern Front decide WWII's outcome?

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Among India's law officers, which post is a constitutional office under the Constitution?

- A Solicitor General of India
- B Attorney-General for India ✓
- C Additional Solicitor General
- D Advocate-on-Record

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

EXPLANATION

FACT: Only the Attorney-General for India, under Article 76, is a constitutional law officer. **ANALYSIS:** The Solicitor General and Additional Solicitors General are statutory law officers appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, not created by the Constitution.

CONCEPT NOTE

In June 2026, Tushar Mehta was reappointed Solicitor General for three years effective July 1, 2026, along with five Additional Solicitors General for the Supreme Court. Mehta has been SG since October 2018.

Q10  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (polity, constitutional bodies).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Article 76, law officers, executive appointments.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

treating the Solicitor General as a constitutional post.

 **EXAM TIP**

Article 76 = Attorney-General, the first law officer.

 **INTERVIEW**

what is the role of the government's law officers?

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The TRISHNA satellite, confirmed for a 2027 launch, is a joint mission between ISRO and which agency?

- A NASA
- B CNES (France) ✓
- C JAXA (Japan)
- D ESA

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: TRISHNA is a joint thermal-infrared Earth-observation mission of ISRO and the French space agency CNES.

ANALYSIS: ISRO provides the platform and VNIR/SWIR instruments while CNES provides the thermal-infrared instrument; the mission supports food and water security.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

TRISHNA stands for Thermal infraRed Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural resource Assessment, with about 57 m resolution and a roughly three-day revisit. PM Modi reaffirmed the 2027 launch in June 2026.

Q11  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS3 (space technology), GS2 (India-France ties).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

Earth observation, thermal infrared, water security.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

assigning TRISHNA to NASA or ESA.

 **EXAM TIP**

TRISHNA = ISRO + CNES; thermal-infrared mission.

 **INTERVIEW**

how does Earth observation aid climate adaptation?

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A Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education flagged in June 2026 that education spending was stuck at about 4.12% of GDP, below the target set by which document?

- A The Constitution's Directive Principles
- B The National Education Policy 2020 (6% target) ✓
- C The Right to Education Act, 2009
- D The Kothari Commission Act

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

FACT: The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 sets a target of 6% of GDP for education spending, against which the actual 4.12% falls short. **ANALYSIS:** Parliamentary Standing Committees, constituted under the Rules of Procedure of the Houses, exercise oversight through such reports.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The committee (reports 379th-381st, presented June 17, 2026) also criticised the CUET MCQ-only format for humanities and flagged inadequate Anganwadi-cum-creche day-care. CUET-UG is conducted by the NTA.

Q12  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**

GS2 (governance, parliamentary oversight, education).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

NEP 2020, standing committees, education financing.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

attributing the 6% target to the RTE Act.

 **EXAM TIP**

standing committees = Rules of Procedure, not the Constitution.

 **INTERVIEW**

why does India underspend on education?

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When the RBI held the repo rate at 5.25% in June 2026 with CPI inflation around 3.93%, the inflation was within which target band?

- A 2% with no tolerance band
- B 4% within a 2-6% tolerance band ✓
- C 5% within a 3-7% band
- D 6% with a 1% band

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
EXPLANATION

FACT: The RBI follows a flexible inflation-targeting framework with a target of 4% CPI inflation within a tolerance band of 2% to 6%. **ANALYSIS:** With CPI at about 3.93% in May 2026, inflation was within the band, supporting the decision to hold the repo rate at 5.25%.

CONCEPT NOTE

CPI is compiled by MoSPI/NSO; the repo rate is set by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). The June 2026 hold marked a third consecutive meeting on hold with a neutral stance.

Q13  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


GS3 (economy, monetary policy).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

inflation targeting, repo rate, MPC, neutral stance.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

stating the band as 3-7% or a hard 4%.

 **EXAM TIP**

target 4%, band 2-6%; MPC sets the repo rate.

 **INTERVIEW**

how does monetary policy transmission work in India?

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In the Women's T20 World Cup match of June 21, 2026 at Old Trafford, which team beat India, and the game also marked which milestone?

- A Australia won; it was Smriti Mandhana's debut
- B South Africa won by six wickets; it was Harmanpreet Kaur's 200th T20I ✓
- C England won; it was Harmanpreet Kaur's farewell match
- D New Zealand won; it was a tied super over

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 **EXPLANATION**

FACT: South Africa beat India by six wickets at Old Trafford, Manchester, and the match marked Harmanpreet Kaur's 200th T20I. ANALYSIS: India posted 158/7 and South Africa chased 159 in 19.1 overs.

 **CONCEPT NOTE**

Marizanne Kapp was 81 not out for South Africa; Shree Charani took 3/24 for India. The Women's T20 World Cup is the premier short-format global tournament for women's cricket.

Q14  **CONCEPT KIT** **CROSS-PAPER**


Prelims and interview general awareness (sports).

 **MAINS KEYWORDS**

sports current affairs, women in sport.

 **COMMON MISTAKE**

confusing the opponent or the milestone player.

 **EXAM TIP**

SA beat India; Harmanpreet Kaur's 200th T20I.

 **INTERVIEW**

how does sport contribute to soft power?

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