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The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 has which of the following features?

- ☐ A Offences are bailable and compoundable
- ☒ B Offences are cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable ✓
- ☐ C Only civil penalties, no imprisonment
- ☐ D It applies only to state public service commissions

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

Under the 2024 Act, offences are cognizable (arrest without warrant), non-bailable and non-compoundable (no out-of-court settlement). The 2026 amendment further raises penalties.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The Act targets organised networks and service providers, not bona fide candidates.

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The 2026 amendment to the Public Examinations Act proposes what minimum punishment for an individual paper-leak offender?

- ☐ A Minimum 2 years' imprisonment
- ☐ B Minimum 3 years' imprisonment
- ☒ C Minimum 5 years' imprisonment ✓
- ☐ D Minimum 7 years' imprisonment

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

The amendment sets a mandatory minimum of 5 years' imprisonment for individual offenders, and up to 10 years plus a fine of up to Rs 10 crore for organised paper leaks.

 CONCEPT NOTE

It shifts sentencing from court discretion to stiff mandatory minimums.

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Which committee examined the reform and restructuring of the National Testing Agency (NTA) after the 2024 controversies?

A K. Radhakrishnan committee ✓

B T.S.R. Subramanian committee

C Kasturirangan committee

D N.K. Singh committee

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

The K. Radhakrishnan committee recommended converting the NTA into a leaner, secure, technology-driven body focused on high-stakes examinations.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The NTA was established in 2017 under the Ministry of Education.

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The BHAVYA-Rasayan scheme approved by the Cabinet is aimed at which sector?

A Semiconductor fabrication

B Dedicated chemical parks ✓

C Textile mega parks

D Green hydrogen hubs

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

BHAVYA-Rasayan, with a Rs 3,030 crore outlay, funds three dedicated chemical parks with shared infrastructure over FY2026-27 to FY2030-31 to cut import dependence in specialty chemicals.

 CONCEPT NOTE

BHAVYA stands for Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana.

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Under the BHAVYA-Rasayan scheme, what is the Central grant cap and minimum State contribution per chemical park?

- ☐ A Rs 500 crore Central cap; Rs 250 crore State minimum
- ☒ B Rs 1,000 crore Central cap; Rs 500 crore State minimum ✓
- ☐ C Rs 2,000 crore Central cap; Rs 1,000 crore State minimum
- ☐ D Fully Centrally funded; no State share

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

The Central grant is capped at Rs 1,000 crore per park, while the host State must contribute a minimum of Rs 500 crore, ensuring State ownership and land facilitation.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

The scheme is run by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

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Consider the shared facilities planned in the BHAVYA-Rasayan chemical parks: 1) Common Effluent Treatment Plants 2) Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities 3) Hazardous-waste management. Which are correct?

A 1 and 2 only

B 2 and 3 only

C 1 and 3 only

D 1, 2 and 3 ✓

ANSWER & ANALYSIS
✓ EXPLANATION

The parks pool CETPs, TSDFs and hazardous-waste management so even smaller producers can meet strict environmental standards, aligning growth with sustainable manufacturing.

📖 CONCEPT NOTE

TSDFs are regulated under the Hazardous and Other Wastes Rules.

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Why are flooded paddy fields a major source of methane?

A Standing water creates anaerobic conditions where methanogenic bacteria release methane ✓

B Rice plants directly photosynthesise methane

C Fertiliser reacts with sunlight to form methane

D Methane is produced only during harvesting

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

 EXPLANATION

Continuous flooding starves the soil of oxygen, creating anaerobic conditions in which methanogenic bacteria break down organic matter and release methane (CH₄).

 CONCEPT NOTE

India's irrigated paddy emits roughly 3 to 4 million tonnes of methane a year.

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Which of the following are recognised methane-mitigation techniques in rice cultivation?

A Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD)

B Direct Seeded Rice (DSR)

C System of Rice Intensification (SRI)

D All of the above ✓

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

AWD, DSR and SRI all reduce the flooded period or reintroduce oxygen to the soil, cutting methane while often saving water, without sacrificing yield.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The Global Methane Pledge targets a 30 per cent cut in methane by 2030 from 2020 levels.

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INS Malvan, commissioned in July 2026, belongs to which class of vessels?

- ☐ A Kalvari-class submarine
- ☒ B Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft ✓
- ☐ C Nilgiri-class frigate
- ☐ D Visakhapatnam-class destroyer

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

INS Malvan is the second Mahe-class ASW-SWC, commissioned at Karwar on July 22, 2026, with over 80 per cent indigenous content and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

 CONCEPT NOTE

It was the first ship ever commissioned at Karwar, home to INS Kadamba under Project Seabird.

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A "123 Agreement", central to the US-Saudi civilian nuclear deal, derives its name from:

- ☐ A Article 123 of the UN Charter
- ☒ B Section 123 of the US Atomic Energy Act, 1954 ✓
- ☐ C Resolution 123 of the IAEA
- ☐ D Chapter 123 of the NPT

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

A 123 Agreement is named after Section 123 of the US Atomic Energy Act, 1954, and is the legal precondition under US law for civil nuclear cooperation, carrying non-proliferation conditions.

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

The "gold standard" (no enrichment or reprocessing) was first secured from the UAE.

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India was able to engage in civil nuclear commerce despite not signing the NPT because of:

- ☐ A A special exemption under the CTBT
- ☒ B The 2008 Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) waiver ✓
- ☐ C Membership of the IAEA Board of Governors
- ☐ D Signing the Abraham Accords

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

The 2008 NSG waiver, alongside the India-US civil nuclear deal, enabled India to pursue civil nuclear cooperation despite being an NPT non-signatory with a clean non-proliferation record.

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

The IAEA, headquartered in Vienna, verifies peaceful use through safeguards.

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The 1991 economic reforms, whose 35th anniversary falls on July 24, 2026, were launched during the tenure of which Prime Minister?

- ☐ A Rajiv Gandhi
- ☐ B V. P. Singh
- ☒ C **P. V. Narasimha Rao** ✓
- ☐ D Atal Bihari Vajpayee

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

Finance Minister Dr Manmohan Singh delivered the landmark Budget of July 24, 1991 under Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao, launching Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The reforms followed a balance-of-payments crisis in which reserves fell to about two weeks of imports and India pledged gold.

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Which committee's recommendations shaped the financial-sector and banking reforms after 1991?

A Narasimham Committee ✓

B Rangarajan Committee

C Kelkar Committee

D Chelliah Committee

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

The Narasimham Committee shaped banking and financial-sector regulation in the years following the 1991 reforms.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The New Industrial Policy of 1991 abolished industrial licensing for most industries.

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July 24 is observed as Income Tax Day because on this day in 1860:

- ☐ A The Income-tax Act, 1961 was enacted
- ☒ B Income tax was first introduced in India by James Wilson ✓
- ☐ C The CBDT was established
- ☐ D GST replaced income tax

ANSWER & ANALYSIS **EXPLANATION**

Income Tax Day marks July 24, 1860, when income tax was first introduced in India by Sir James Wilson to offset the losses of the 1857 revolt.

 CONCEPT NOTE

The Income-tax Act, 1961 is being replaced by the Income-tax Act, 2025.

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The SOFI report, which tracks global hunger and progress toward SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), is published jointly by:

- ☐ A World Bank and IMF
- ☒ B **FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO ✓**
- ☐ C WTO and UNCTAD
- ☐ D UNEP and UNDP

ANSWER & ANALYSIS

✓ EXPLANATION

The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) is published jointly by the FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO, and tracks progress toward SDG 2 (Zero Hunger).

📄 CONCEPT NOTE

FAO is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

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