



## UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs 24-08-2023

Ques:1

With reference to the term ‘Global South’, consider the following statements

1.It refers to is richer nations that are located mostly in North America and Europe,

with some additions in Oceania and elsewhere.

2.India hosted a two-day Voice of Global South Summit in 2023.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: b

The Global South refers to countries often characterized as developing, less developed, or underdeveloped, primarily located in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. These nations typically experience higher levels of poverty, income inequality, and challenging living conditions compared to the wealthier nations of the Global North. The “Global North” is richer nations that are located mostly in North America and Europe, with some additions in Oceania and elsewhere. India hosted a two-day Voice of Global South Summit on 12-13 January 2023. The Summit was held in virtual format, with 10 sessions in total. It saw participation of Leaders and Ministers from 125 countries of the Global South.

Ques:2

With reference to Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit, consider the following statements

1.It is developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).



2.It is an end-to-end digital platform that will have an open architecture, open Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), and standards to which all banks can connect in a Plug and Play Model.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c

Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit is Developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), It is an end-to-end digital platform that will have an open architecture, open Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and standards to which all banks can connect in a Plug and Play Model. The public tech platform seeks to make this process seamless by providing all the required information in one place to facilitate credit.

Ques:3

In which of the following states the famous Umiam lake, also known as Barapani Lake located?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Manipur
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Sikkim

Solution: c

Umiam Lake is one of the largest artificial lakes in Meghalaya. It is locally known as Bara Pani or Large Water. The Sylvan Hills and Khasi Pine trees add to the beauty of this vast lake. It was initially established as a dam or reservoir for hydroelectric power generation, but currently it is a popular tourist destination.



Ques:4

With reference to Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill (BNS), consider the following statements

- 1.The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023 will repeal and replace the CrPC.
- 2.For the first time, word terrorism has been defined under the BNS Bill.
- 3.For the first-time capital punishment has been introduced for the offence of mob lynching.
- 4.The proposed Bill says that causing “floods” is a terrorist offence.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

Solution: c

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023 will repeal and replace the IPC. The BNS Bill proposes several changes in the existing provisions including those related to defamation, offence against women and attempt to commit suicide. For the first time, word terrorism has been defined under the BNS Bill which was not there under the IPC. A terrorist has been defined as one who commits any act in India or a foreign country with the intention to threaten the unity, integrity and security of India, to intimidate the general public or a segment thereof, or to disturb public order.

Notably, for the first-time capital punishment has been introduced for the offence of mob lynching apart from the offence being made punishable with 7 years of imprisonment or life imprisonment.



Ques:5

With reference to Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP), consider the following statements

1.It is a new car safety assessment program which proposes a mechanism of awarding 'Star Ratings' to automobiles based upon their performance in crash tests.

2.The testing of vehicles for this programme will be carried out at testing agencies,  
with the necessary infrastructure.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution: c

Bharat NCAP is a new car safety assessment program which proposes a mechanism of awarding 'Star Ratings' to automobiles based upon their performance in crash tests.

Bharat NCAP standard is aligned with global benchmarks and it is beyond minimum regulatory requirements. The proposed Bharat NCAP assessment will allocate Star Ratings from 1 to 5 stars. The testing of vehicles for this programme will be carried out at testing agencies, with the necessary infrastructure.