

## UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS 20-09-2023

Q1. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are a type of investment fund and can include assets like stocks, bonds, or commodities.

Statement 2: ETFs are actively managed investment vehicles that aim to outperform the market.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

A) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are correct, and Statement-2 is the correct explanation for Statement-1.

B) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are correct, and Statement-2 is not the correct explanation for Statement-1.

C) Statement 1 is correct, but Statement 2 is incorrect.

D) Statement 1 is incorrect, but Statement 2 is correct.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: ETFs are a type of investment fund, and they can include a variety of assets, including stocks, bonds, and commodities.

Statement 2 is incorrect: ETFs are typically passive investment vehicles that aim to replicate the performance of a specific index or asset class, rather than actively managed funds that seek to outperform the market. Therefore, Statement 2 does not provide a correct explanation for Statement 1.

Q2. Arrange the following locations from North to South:

1. Periyar National Park
2. Mathiketan Shola National Park
3. Anaimudi National Park
4. Silent Valley National Park

Select the correct code from the options given below:

[A] 3,4,1,2

[B] 2,4,3,1

[C] 3,4,2,1

[D] 4,3,2,1

Answer: [D] 4,3,2,1

So, the correct answer is C) Statement-1 is correct, but Statement-2 is incorrect.



Q3. Consider the following statements with reference to Vibhav.

1. "Vibhav" is a point-attack anti-tank munition.
2. The anti-tank mine is made of new-age plastic.
3. After 120 days, it is self-neutralised.

How many of the above are incorrect?

- A) Only 1
- B) Only 2
- C) All 3
- D) None

Answer: D) None

Q4. Recently, Operation Sajag was in the news. What is it?

1. A Naval operation
2. A Coastal Security Drill
3. An Airborne operation
4. Antisubmarine Warfare

Choose the correct code.

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4

Answer: B). A Coastal Security Drill

Q5. Consider the following Committees:

1. Ashok Mehta Committee
2. JVP Committee
3. Balwant Rai Mehta Committee
4. Gadgil Committee

How many of the above committees had the mandate to discuss the Panchyati Raj System in India?

- A) Only one
- B) Only two



C) Only three

D) All four

Answer: (C)

Explanation:

The Panchayati Raj system in India represents rural local self-government, aimed at building grassroots democracy and rural development.

It was constitutionally established through the 73rd constitutional amendment act of 1992.

Evolution of Panchayati Raj:

Balwant Rai Mehta Committee, 1957:

Formed in 1957 to address democratic decentralization issues in independent India.

Recommended the scheme of 'Democratic decentralization,' which later became Panchayati Raj.

Its recommendations were accepted by the National Development Council in January 1958. Hence (3) is correct.

Ashok Mehta Committee, 1977:

Established in December 1977 during the Janata Government.

Chaired by Ashoka Mehta.

Submitted a report in August 1978 with 132 recommendations to revitalize and strengthen the declining Panchayati Raj system.

Led to the passage of new legislation in states like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal. Hence (1) is correct.

GVK Rao Committee, 1985:

Appointed by the Planning Commission to examine various aspects of PRIs. Recommended an essential role for Panchayati Raj in local planning and development.

L. M. Singhvi Committee, 1986:

Established in 1986 by the Rajiv Gandhi government.

Chaired by Indian jurist L. M. Singhvi.

Recommended constitutional recognition for Panchayati Raj institutions.

P.K. Thungon Committee, 1988:

In 1989, recommended constitutional recognition for local government bodies.

Proposed a constitutional amendment for periodic elections to local government institutions and the delegation of appropriate functions and funds to them.

Gadgil Committee, 1988:

Constituted in 1988 by the Congress Party.



Chaired by V.N. Gadgil.

Tasked with determining how Panchayati Raj institutions could be made more effective.

The recommendations of this committee served as the foundation for drafting an amendment bill to confer constitutional status and protection on Panchayati Raj institutions. Hence (4) is correct.

The "JVP committee" was established by the Congress during its Jaipur session. This committee, comprising Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel, and Pattabhi Sitaramayya, was tasked with examining the recommendations of the Linguistic Provinces Commission, also known as the Dhar Commission. In its report dated April 1, 1949, the committee concluded that the prevailing circumstances were not conducive to the creation of new provinces. Hence (2) is incorrect.