EMINENT IAS – UPSC Alpha Batch

Daily Practice Paper (DPP) – Current Affairs Based on Last 3 Days [Based on 7,8,9 Aug 2025 Current Affairs]

No. of Questions: 10 Total Marks: 20 Time Allowed: 10 Minutes Marking Scheme: +2 for correct answer, -0.66 for incorrect answer, 0 for

unattempted.

1. Consider the following statements regarding the 'SheLeads II' initiative:

- 1. It is a flagship capacity-building programme launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to promote women's leadership in the corporate sector.
- 2. The second edition was organized in New Delhi by the UN Women India Country Office in the context of the Women's Reservation Act, 2023.
- 3. One of the programme's objectives is to strengthen women's roles in achieving the targets of SDG 2030 and Agenda 2040.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- **(b)** 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

2. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme launched in 2017 to provide financial benefits exclusively for the second live birth in a family.
- 2. The recent special registration drive, extended till 15th August 2025, is being implemented through door-to-door enrolment by Anganwadi and ASHA workers.
- 3. PMMVY provides ₹5,000 in instalments in addition to benefits under Janani Suraksha Yojana.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- **(b)** 2 and 3 only

- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

3. With reference to the recent findings of the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) on the Great Barrier Reef, consider the following statements:

- 1. The 2024 live coral loss in the GBR was the largest recorded in the last 39 years of monitoring, with the southern region witnessing the steepest decline.
- 2. The 2023–2024 global coral bleaching event, which affected over 80% of the world's coral reef area, was declared the most severe bleaching event in history.
- 3. According to the UN IPCC's 2018 report, coral reefs could face near-total extinction if global warming exceeds 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels, and current warming is estimated at 1.3°C.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- **(b)** 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

4. With reference to 'Rudra', recently in the news, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is the first indigenously developed computer server in India, designed and manufactured entirely under the National Supercomputing Mission by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- 2. Rudra will be deployed only for supercomputing applications and cannot be used in other sectors like defence.
- 3. The launch of Rudra aligns with India's push for self-reliance in electronics manufacturing, moving from assembly to in-house R&D and product design.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- **(b)** 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 5. With reference to the recent extension of subsidies under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), consider the following statements:
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Statement I:

Under PMUY, the government has approved a subsidy of ₹300 per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder for up to 12 refills per year during 2025–26.

Statement II:

The extension of the PMUY subsidy aims to protect consumers from fluctuations in global energy prices while ensuring financial stability for Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

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

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II explains Statement I.
- **(b)** Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II does not explain Statement I.
- (c) Only Statement I is correct.
- (d) Only Statement II is correct.

6. With reference to the Quit India Movement (1942), consider the following statements:

Statement I: The Quit India Resolution was passed at Wardha in July 1942, and the movement was launched the following month.

Statement II: Yusuf Meherally, a socialist and trade unionist, coined both the slogans "Quit India" and "Simon Go Back."

Statement III: The immediate cause for launching the Quit India Movement was the collapse of the Cripps Mission.

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

- 1. Statements I and II are correct, and Statement III is also correct and explains Statements I and II.
- 2. Statements I and II are correct, and Statement III is also correct but does not explain Statements I and II.
- 3. Statements I and III are correct.
- 4. Statements II and III are correct.
- 7. Which of the following is correct regarding Asia's longest freight train 'Rudrastra'?
 - (a) It is 4.5 km long and consists of 345 wagons.
 - (b) It covered 209 km in 2 hours 10 minutes.
 - (c) It was operated solely by the Dhanbad Division.
 - (d) Each wagon has a capacity of 50 tonnes.

8 .Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):

- 1. The SCO Secretariat is located in Beijing, China.
- 2. The Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) is headquartered in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- 3. Belarus became the 10th member of the SCO in 2024.
- 4. The 25th meeting of the Council of Heads of State (CHS) in 2025 was hosted in Tianjin, China.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

9. With reference to the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the status of political parties in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides for the registration of political parties, but the recognition of a party as a national or state party is done under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968.
- 2. The Supreme Court has held that while the ECI cannot *derecognise* a political party once it meets recognition criteria, it may *delist* a registered party if it fails to contest elections for a continuous period.
- 3. Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) are not entitled to any tax exemptions under the Income-tax Act, 1961.
- 4. A delisted political party can be re-listed without fresh registration if it subsequently meets the mandatory requirements laid down under Section 29A of the RPA, 1951.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2, and 4 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, and 4

10. Consider the following information:

	Leader	Country	Current / Most Recent Official Position
1.	U Myint Swe	Myanmar	Acting President
2.	Ranil Wickremesinghe	Sri Lanka	Prime Minister
3.	Emmerson Mnangagwa	Zimbabwe	President

In how many of the above rows is the given information not correctly matched with reference to August 2025?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None