



CSE (PRELIMS) 2025

General Studies (Paper-I)

Answer Key & Reflections

UPSC CSE-2025 ANSWER KEY FOR GENERAL STUDIES PAPER-1{PRE}

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CLARIFICATION

Q. With reference to the powers of the President of India, consider the following statements:

The President can promulgate an Ordinance under Article 123 only when both Houses of Parliament are not in session.

The President is bound to give assent to a Money Bill presented to him under Article 110.

The President can exercise the power of pardon under Article 72 for both civil and military offences.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

ORDINANCE MONEY BILL PARDON POWER

STATEMENT I – THE PRESIDENT CAN PROMULGATE AN ORDINANCE UNDER ARTICLE 123 ONLY WHEN BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ARE NOT IN SESSION.

EXPLANATION : THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA CAN ISSUE AN ORDINANCE (A TEMPORARY LAW) ONLY WHEN BOTH LOK SABHA AND RAJYA SABHA ARE NOT IN SESSION.
THIS MEANS:

IF EVEN ONE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT IS MEETING, THE PRESIDENT CANNOT ISSUE AN ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE IS ALLOWED ONLY WHEN PARLIAMENT IS COMPLETELY NOT FUNCTIONING (I.E., BOTH HOUSES ARE NOT MEETING).

BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.

- THE PRESIDENT MUST ALSO FEEL THAT:
- THERE IS AN URGENT SITUATION, AND
- IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY, AND
- WAITING FOR PARLIAMENT TO REASSEMBLE WILL DELAY IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

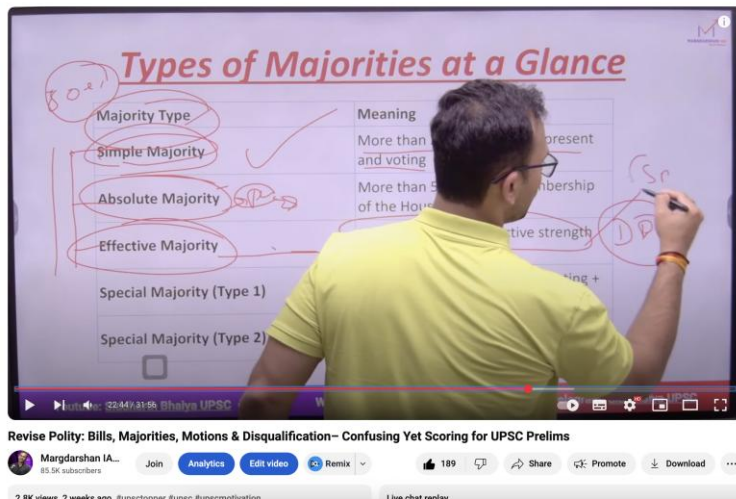
31. With reference to the Indian polity, consider the following statements :

- An Ordinance can amend any Central Act.
- An Ordinance can abridge a Fundamental Right.
- An Ordinance can come into effect from a back date.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- I and II only
- II and III only
- I and III only
- I, II and III





27. Consider the following statements :

- I. On the dissolution of the House of the People, the Speaker shall not vacate his/her office until immediately before the first meeting of the House of the People after the dissolution.
- II. According to the provisions of the Constitution of India, a Member of the House of the People on being elected as Speaker shall resign from his/her political party immediately.
- III. The Speaker of the House of the People may be removed from his/her office by a resolution of the House of the People passed by a majority of all the then Members of the House, provided that no resolution shall be moved unless at least fourteen days' notice has been given of the intention to move the resolution.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III



6. Decision on questions as to disqualification on ground of defection.—

(1) If any question arises as to whether a member of a House has become subject to disqualification under this Schedule, the question shall be referred for the decision of the Chairman or, as the case may be, the Speaker of such House and his decision shall be final:

Provided that where the question which has arisen is as to whether the Chairman or the Speaker of a House has become subject to such

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(Tenth Schedule)

disqualification, the question shall be referred for the decision of such member of the House as the House may elect in this behalf and his decision shall be final.

Article 102(2) and the 10th Schedule explicitly assign this responsibility to the Presiding Officer, not the President or Council of Minister

28. Consider the following statements :

Re✓

- I. If any question arises as to whether a Member of the House of the People has become subject to disqualification under the 10th Schedule, the President's decision in accordance with the opinion of the Council of Union Ministers shall be final.
- II. There is no mention of the word 'political party' in the Constitution of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II



26. Consider the following statements with regard to pardoning power of the President of India :

- I. The exercise of this power by the President can be subjected to limited judicial review.
- II. The President can exercise this power without the advice of the Central Government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

39. With reference to the Indian polity, consider the following statements :

- I. The Governor of a State is not answerable to any court for the exercise and performance of the powers and duties of his/her office.
- II. No criminal proceedings shall be instituted or continued against the Governor during his/her term of office.
- III. Members of a State Legislature are not liable to any proceedings in any court in respect of anything said within the House.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III

Governor

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Governor's Powers:

- 2014 (Governor's Powers)
- 2019 (Efficacy in Governor's role, tensions between centre and state)

Governor's Appointment and Removal:

- 2013 (Governor's Appointment)

Relations with Scheduled Areas:

- 2024 (Relations with scheduled areas)

President and Related Provisions

Election of President (2023, 2018)

Questions on the election process, provisions, and methodology

Centre-State Relations and President's Role (2018, 2017)

Conceptual questions on Centre-State relations

Role and impact of President's rule

Discretionary Powers of Governor (2014)

Questions on discretionary powers in relation to the President

Constitutional Provisions (2014, 2012)

General questions on provisions regarding the President

Executive powers related to the President

Governor and Related Provisions

Governor's Powers (2014, 2019)

Discretionary powers of the Governor

Role in Centre-State relations

Impartiality and efficacy in the Governor's role

Governor's Appointment and Removal (2013)

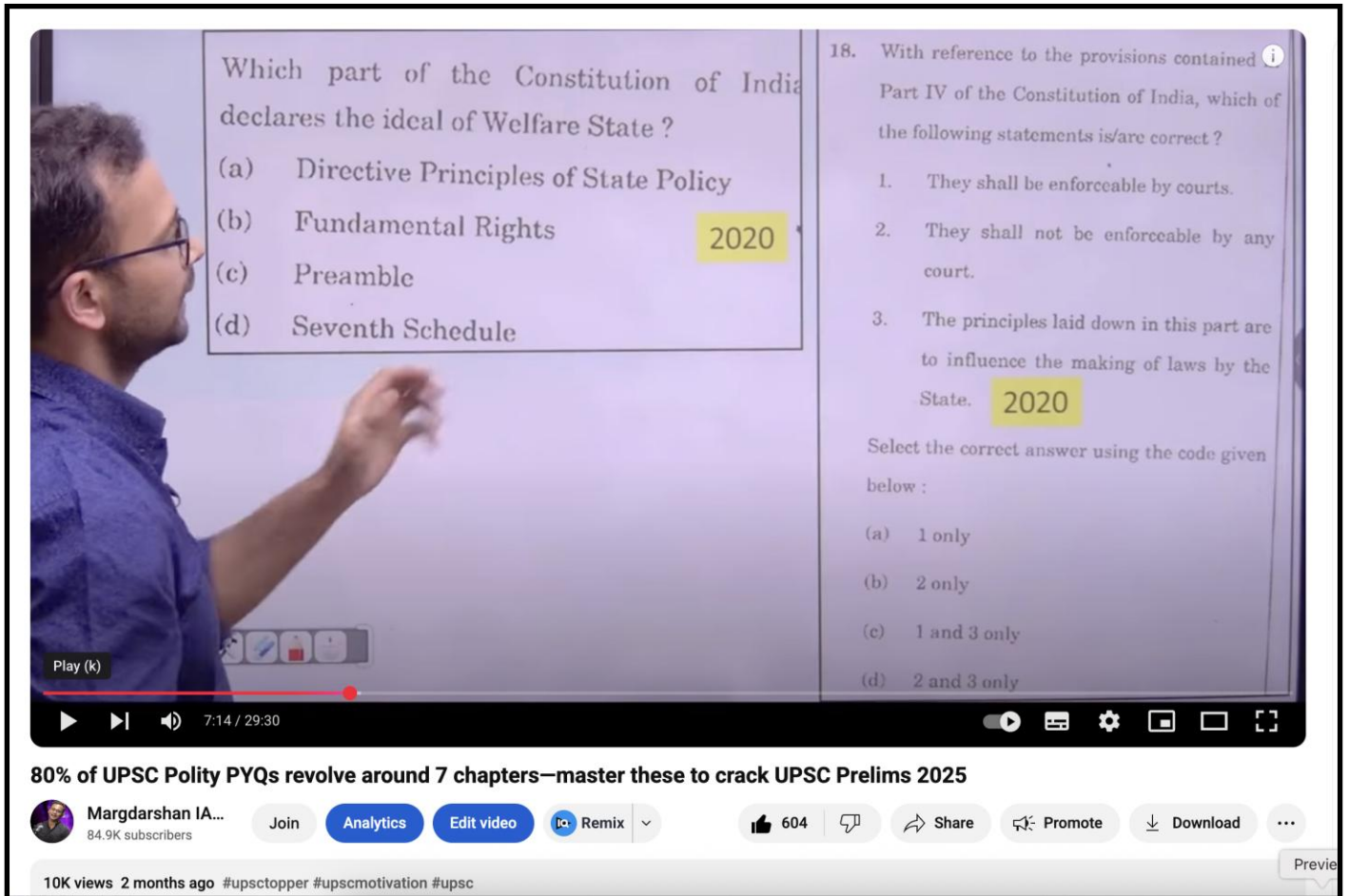
Process of appointment and removal

Focus on constitutional provisions and practices

Relations with Scheduled Areas (2024)

Legal and constitutional status of Scheduled Tribes

Recognition across states



Which part of the Constitution of India declares the ideal of Welfare State ?

(a) Directive Principles of State Policy
(b) Fundamental Rights
(c) Preamble
(d) Seventh Schedule

2020

18. With reference to the provisions contained in Part IV of the Constitution of India, which of the following statements is/are correct ?

1. They shall be enforceable by courts.
2. They shall not be enforceable by any court.
3. The principles laid down in this part are to influence the making of laws by the State.

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Select the correct answer using the code given below :

(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 2 and 3 only

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35. Consider the following pairs :

Provision in the Constitution of India	Stated under
I. Separation of Judiciary from the Executive in the public services of the State	The Directive Principles of the State Policy
II. Valuing and preserving of the rich heritage of our composite culture	The Fundamental Duties
III. Prohibition of employment of children below the age of 14 years in factories	The Fundamental Rights

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

80. Consider the following statements in respect of the Non-Cooperation Movement :

- I. The Congress declared the attainment of 'Swaraj' by all legitimate and peaceful means to be its objective.
- II. It was to be implemented in stages with civil disobedience and non-payment of taxes for the next stage only if 'Swaraj' did not come within a year and the Government resorted to repression.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

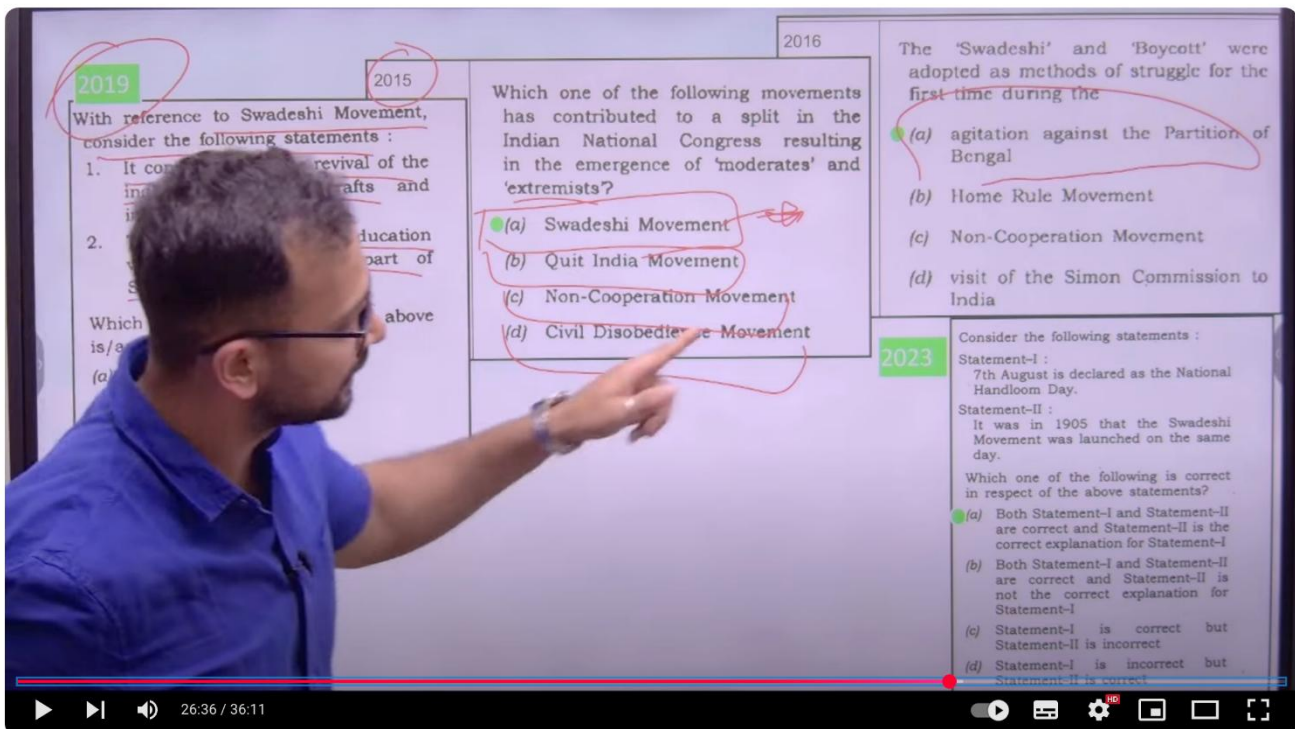
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72. Consider the following subjects with regard to Non-Cooperation Programme :

- ✓ I. Boycott of law-courts and foreign cloth
- II. Observance of strict non-violence
- ✓ III. Retention of titles and honours without using them in public
- IV. Establishment of Panchayats for settling disputes

How many of the above were parts of Non-Cooperation Programme?

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



2019

With reference to Swadeshi Movement, consider the following statements :

1. It contributed to the revival of the indigenous crafts and industries.
2. It was a part of the education movement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

(c) Both one and two

(d) Neither one nor two

2015

Which one of the following movements has contributed to a split in the Indian National Congress resulting in the emergence of 'moderates' and 'extremists'?

- ✓ (a) Swadeshi Movement
- (b) Quit India Movement
- (c) Non-Cooperation Movement
- (d) Civil Disobedience Movement

2016

The 'Swadeshi' and 'Boycott' were adopted as methods of struggle for the first time during the

- ✓ (a) agitation against the Partition of Bengal
- (b) Home Rule Movement
- (c) Non-Cooperation Movement
- (d) visit of the Simon Commission to India

2023

Consider the following statements :

Statement-I : 7th August is declared as the National Handloom Day.

Statement-II : It was in 1905 that the Swadeshi Movement was launched on the same day.

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 is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
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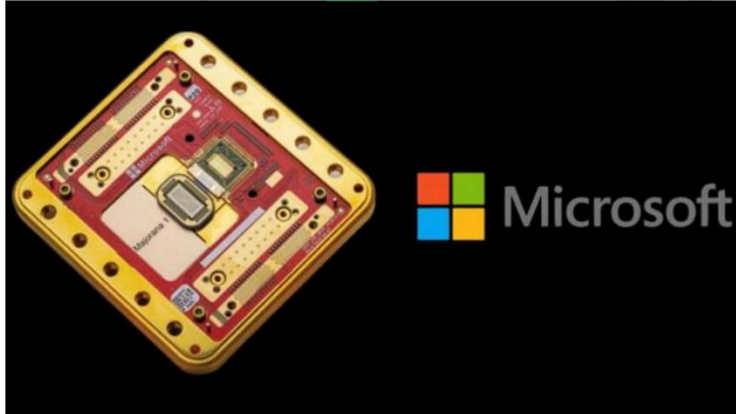
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Microsoft's New Quantum Computing Chip 'Majorana 1'



1. Why in News?

- Microsoft unveiled **Majorana 1**, an **eight-qubit** quantum chip based on **topological qubits**, offering high **stability** and **scalability**, marking a breakthrough in **fault-tolerant quantum computing**.

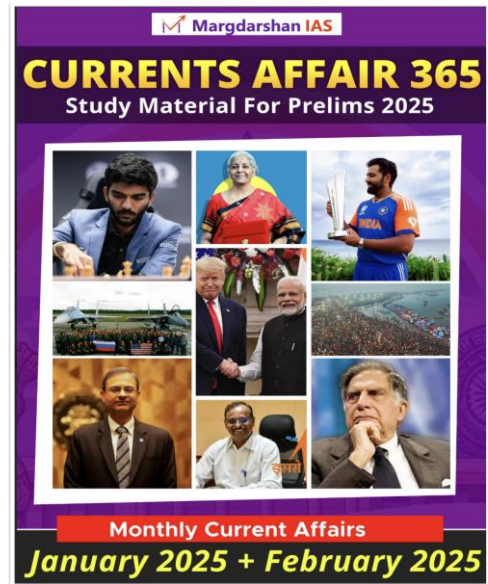
2. Introduction

- Majorana 1** represents a milestone in quantum computing, leveraging **Majorana fermions** for **topological quantum computation**.

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- The chip is designed to **enable large-scale quantum computing** with reduced **error correction** requirements.
- Potential applications** include solving complex **scientific, industrial, and cryptographic** problems.

3. Majorana Particles and Their Significance

- Majorana fermions** are **quasiparticles** that act as their own **antiparticles**, predicted in **1937**.
- Their unique **non-Abelian statistics** make them suitable for **fault-tolerant quantum computing**.
- Traditional qubits are prone to **decoherence**, while **topological qubits** leverage **topology** to protect quantum states from errors.
- Majorana-based qubits** enable **braiding operations**, where quantum information is encoded non-locally, reducing environmental interference.

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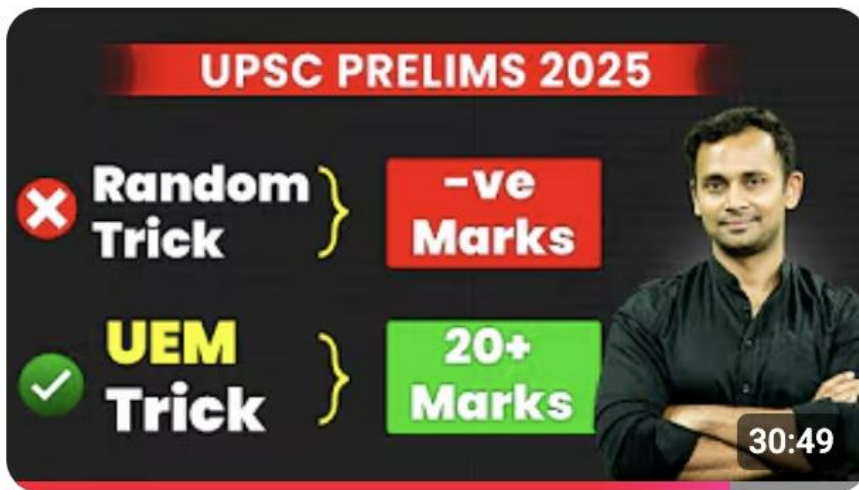
87. Consider the following statements :

- It is expected that Majorana 1 chip will enable quantum computing.
- Majorana 1 chip has been introduced by Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- Deep learning is a subset of machine learning.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- I and II only
- II and III only
- I and III only
- I, II and III





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34. Consider the following statements :

- I. The Constitution of India explicitly mentions that in certain spheres the Governor of a State acts in his/her own discretion.
- II. The President of India can, of his/her own, reserve a bill passed by a State Legislature for his/her consideration without it being forwarded by the Governor of the State concerned.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

35. Consider the following pairs :



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Constitution of India define/mention/provide

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 2019 RPA/Constitutional Provision </div>	"The Constitution provides for the recognition of political parties"	<div style="color: red;">✗</div> False. Recognition of parties is under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, not the Constitution.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 2020 Disqualification under Articles 102/191 </div>	"The Constitution defines Office of Profit"	<div style="color: red;">✗</div> False. Constitution mentions the term but does not define it; interpretation is judicial.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> 2020 Preamble </div>	"Political Justice is defined in the Constitution"	<div style="color: red;">✗</div> False. Term appears in the Preamble, but is not defined anywhere in the Constitution.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Executive </div>	"Cabinet is defined in the Constitution"	<div style="color: red;">✗</div> False. The term is only mentioned in Article 352 (Emergency), not defined elsewhere.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Fundamental Rights/Constitution </div>	"Judicial Review is provided for in the Constitution"	<div style="color: red;">✗</div> Misleading. It is implied from Articles 13, 32, 226 but not explicitly stated as a doctrine.

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
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

Concept Tested

Why isotherms bend based on surface temperature difference

How isotherms respond to ocean currents and land-ocean contrast

67. Consider the following statements :
Statement I :

In January, in the Northern Hemisphere, the isotherms bend equatorward while crossing the landmasses, and poleward while crossing the oceans.

Statement II :

In January, the air over the oceans is warmer than that over the landmasses in the Northern Hemisphere.

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) Statement I is correct but Statement II is not correct
- (d) Statement I is not correct but Statement II is correct

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4. Which of the following is/are correct inference/inferences from isothermal maps in the month of January ?

1. The isotherms deviate to the north over the ocean and to the south over the continent.
2. The presence of cold ocean currents, Gulf Stream and North Atlantic Drift make the North Atlantic Ocean colder and the isotherms bend towards the north.

Select the answer using the code given below :

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

66. Consider the following statements

Statement I :

The amount of dust particles in the atmosphere is more in subtropical and temperate areas than in equatorial and polar regions.

Statement II :

Subtropical and temperate areas have less dry winds.

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) Statement I is correct but Statement II is not correct
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Dust particles in atmosphere

Statement-I :

The atmosphere is heated more by incoming solar radiation than by terrestrial radiation.

Statement-II :

Carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are good absorbers of long wave radiation.

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) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
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Heating Mechanism

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High Priority Geography Topics vs Themes (2014-2024)

CLIMATOLOGY

Climatology is a branch of geography that studies the climate, weather patterns, atmospheric processes, and their interactions with the Earth's surface. It is essential for understanding global and regional climate systems, which impact ecosystems, agriculture, and human settlements.

1. Basics of Climatology

(1) Climate vs. Weather:

- **Weather:** Short-term atmospheric conditions (hours or days).
- **Climate:** Long-term average weather conditions of a region (over 30 years).

(2) Elements of Climate:

- Temperature.
- Precipitation.
- Humidity.
- Pressure.
- Wind.

(3) Factors Influencing Climate:

1. **Latitude:** Affects solar radiation received.
2. **Altitude:** Higher altitudes have cooler temperatures.
3. **Distance from the Sea:** Coastal areas experience moderate climates; interiors have extremes.
4. **Ocean Currents:** Influence temperatures and precipitation.
5. **Topography:** Mountains and valleys affect wind patterns and precipitation.
6. **Human Activities:** Deforestation, urbanization, and greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Atmospheric Composition and Structure

(1) Layers of the Atmosphere:

1. **Troposphere:**
 - Closest to Earth (up to ~12 km).
 - Weather phenomena occur here.
 - Temperature decreases with altitude (lapse rate).
2. **Stratosphere:**
 - Contains the ozone layer (~20-30 km).
 - Temperature increases with altitude due to ozone absorption of UV rays.

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1. Climatology

• Focus Areas For Prelims:

- Indian Monsoon and Oceanic Phenomena: Predictable due to its critical importance in India.
- Atmospheric Circulation and Weather Systems: UPSC often tests conceptual clarity on global wind systems and jet streams.
- Geoengineering and Climate Mitigation: Given rising environmental concerns, expect climate-change-related questions.
- Cloud types and climatic impact: Questions may focus on high-altitude clouds and their effects on precipitation.
- Cyclogenesis and Coriolis Force: Cyclones in the Indian Ocean region and their causes are recurring themes.

98. Consider the following statements :

- I. ✓ Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in India are less than 0.5 t CO₂/capita.
- II. ✗ In terms of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion, India ranks second in Asia-Pacific region.
- III. ✓ Electricity and heat producers are the largest sources of CO₂ emissions in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I and III only
- (b) II only
- (c) II and III only
- (d) I, II and III

96. With reference to 'Direct Air Capture', an emerging technology, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- I. ✓ It can be used as a way of carbon sequestration.
- II. ✓ It can be a valuable approach for plastic production and in food processing.
- III. ✗ In aviation, it can be a source of carbon for combining with hydrogen to create synthetic low-carbon fuel.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) I and II only
- (b) III only
- ✗ (c) I, II and III
- (d) None of the above statements is

91. Consider the following statements :

Statement I :

Studies indicate that carbon dioxide emissions from cement industry account for more than 5% of global carbon emissions.

Statement II :

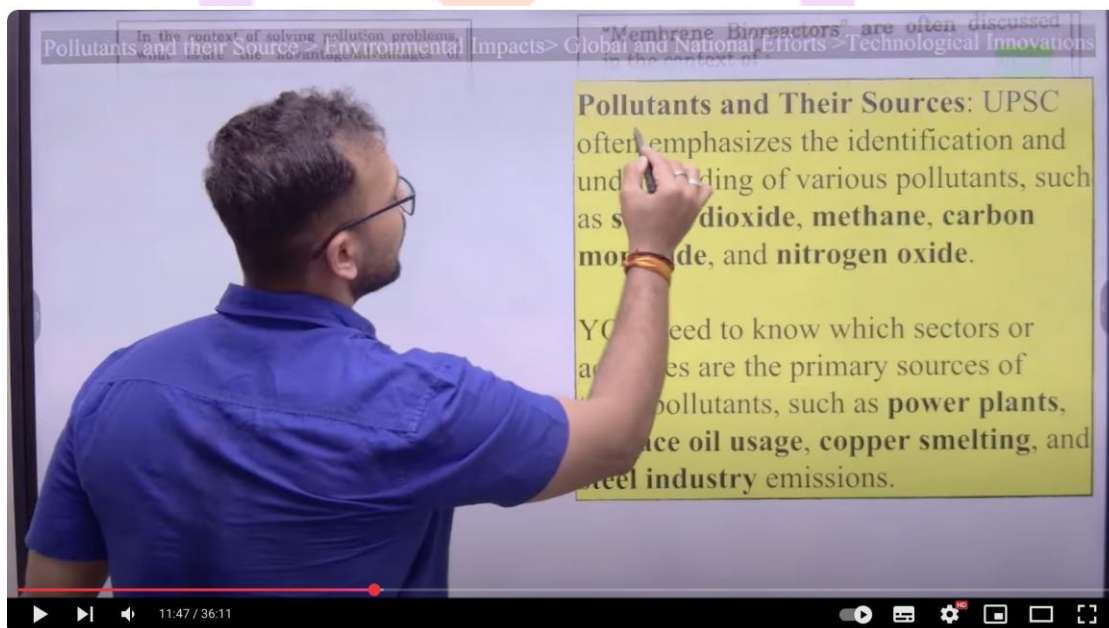
Silica-bearing clay is mixed with limestone while manufacturing cement.

Statement III :

Limestone is converted into lime during clinker production for cement manufacturing.

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

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct



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61. Consider the following countries :

- I. Austria
- II. Bulgaria
- III. Croatia
- IV. Serbia
- V. Sweden
- VI. North Macedonia

How many of the above are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization?

- (a) Only three (b) Only four
(c) Only five (d) All the six

47. Consider the following statements with regard to BRICS :

- I. 16th BRICS Summit was held under the Chairship of Russia in Kazan.
- II. Indonesia has become a full member of BRICS.
- III. The theme of the 16th BRICS Summit was Strengthening Multiculturalism for Just Global Development and Security.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I and II (b) II and III
(c) I and III (d) I only

42. Consider the following statements in respect of BIMSTEC :

- I. It is a regional organization consisting of seven member States till January 2025.
- II. It came into existence with the signing of the Dhaka Declaration, 1999.
- III. Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Nepal are founding member States of BIMSTEC.
- IV. In BIMSTEC, the subsector of 'tourism' is being led by India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I and II (b) II and III
(c) I and IV (d) I only


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List of International Organizations where India is a member country

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2023	Role of G-20 and India's Contributions
2023	UNOPS and Infrastructure Development
2023	Global Migration and UN Agreements
2023	European Union's Stability and Fiscal Policies
2022	Memberships in International Organizations
2022	United Nations operations
2022	Maritime safety in polar regions
2022	United Nations General Assembly roles
2022	Membership of regional organizations
2022	Maritime law under UNCLOS
2021	Environmental conservation under UN
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2017	EU's strategy for digital market
2017	Maritime cooperation among Indian O
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2016	Global efforts to combat des
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2016	Preventing the proliferation of ch
2016	GCC membership
2015	Advocacy for human
2015	India's membership in intern
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(2) BRICS

- **Founded:** 2009.
- **Members:** Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa.
- **Objective:**
 - Promote economic and political cooperation among emerging economies.
- **India's Role:**
 - Advocates for multilateral reforms and sustainable development.

(3) BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation)

- **Founded:** 1997.
- **Members:** 7 countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand).
- **Objective:**
 - Strengthen regional cooperation.
- **India's Role:**
 - Promotes connectivity and economic integration.

5. Security Alliances

(1) NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)

- **Founded:** 1949.
- **Headquarters:** Brussels, Belgium.
- **Members:** 31 countries (post-2023).
- **Objective:**
 - Collective defense against security threats.

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Step-by-Step Evidence-Based Approach for IR Preparation

Understand UPSC's Approach to Asking IR Questions

★ **What does UPSC test?**

- India's Foreign Policy (Historical & Contemporary Developments)
- India's Role in International Organizations (UN, WTO, BRICS, ASEAN, G-20)
- Global Issues & Geopolitical Conflicts (Trade, Energy, Migration, Climate)
- International Borders, Treaties & Agreements (UNCLOS, Climate Accords)
- Places in News (Wars, Economic Crises, Political Instability)

★ **Types of Questions Asked:**

- ✓ Static + Current Affairs Hybrid Questions
- ✓ Statement-Based Conceptual Questions
- ✓ Match the Following (Organizations, Treaties, Borders)
- ✓ Direct Factual Questions (Summits, Agreements, Reports)

📌 **Key Insight:** UPSC does not ask random current affairs but rather conceptual questions linked to major international developments.




Use a Data-Driven Approach to Predict IR Topics for 2025


Step 1: Identify UPSC's Recurring Themes



- **Most Frequently Asked Topics:**
 - India's Role in Global Trade & Economic Forums (WTO, G-20, RCEP)
 - Maritime Security & UNCLOS (Indo-Pacific, South China Sea, Arctic)
 - Global Conflicts & Their Impact on India (Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Palestine)
 - International Organizations & India's Contributions (UN, IMF, ASEAN, BRICS)
 - India's Bilateral & Regional Agreements (QUAD, SCO, BIMSTEC)
 - Environmental & Energy Diplomacy (Paris Agreement, COP Summits)

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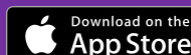
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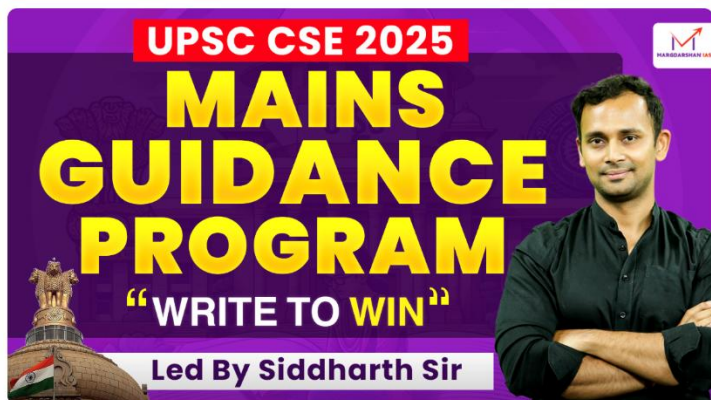


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