

Q1. India's policy toward the Taliban since 2021 can best be described as:

- (a) Complete diplomatic isolation
- (b) Recognition without engagement
- (c) Engagement without recognition
- (d) Strategic denial policy

Q2. "Moscow Format" refers to:

- (a) A UN-led dialogue for Afghan peace
- (b) A Russia-hosted regional platform on Afghanistan
- (c) A U.S.–Russia defense agreement
- (d) A SCO counterterrorism summit

Q3. Under which international mechanism was Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi allowed visiting India in 2025?

- (a) Bypass through SAARC Charter
- (b) Bilateral amnesty declaration
- (c) Exemption from UN Security Council Sanctions
- (d) Afghan–Indian Transit Visa Arrangement

Q4. Chabahar Port, often in news, is located in which country?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) UAE

Q5. Which of the following countries share a land border with Afghanistan?

- 1. Iran
- 2. China
- 3. Pakistan
- 4. Tajikistan

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Q6. The *Bamiyan Buddhas* are often in news because:

- (a) They are ancient Buddhist statues destroyed by the Taliban in 2001
- (b) They were recently discovered during an

excavation near Kabul

- (c) They represent Gandhara art found in Pakistan
- (d) They are newly built cultural monuments in Iran

Q7. Which of the following best explains the term "de facto recognition"?

- (a) Recognition granted under international treaties
- (b) Informal acceptance and engagement without formal recognition
- (c) Recognition approved by Parliament
- (d) Recognition through UN resolution

Q8. What is a diplomatic dilemma?

- (a) The process of opening an embassy in another country.
- (b) An agreement between two countries.
- (c) A ceremony during a state visit.
- (d) A situation where a country faces difficult choices in foreign policy.

Q9. What is a key benefit of using GIS mapping in the upcoming Census?

- (a) It helps in accurately locating households and settlements for data collection.
- (b) It reduces the total number of census enumerators required.
- (c) It automatically increases literacy rates in surveyed areas.
- (d) It replaces the need for physical field surveys entirely.

Q10. The Census operation falls under which constitutional provision?

- (a) State List (Schedule 7)
- (b) Union List (Schedule 7)
- (c) Concurrent List (Schedule 7)
- (d) Citizenship (Part II)

Q11. The Delimitation Commission is constituted by:

- (a) The President of India under Article 82
- (b) The Election Commission under Article 324
- (c) Parliament under Article 170
- (d) Supreme Court under Article 141

Q12. Which of the following is not a challenge to delimitation in India?

- (a) Uneven population growth across states
- (b) Political pressure to favor certain regions
- (c) Maintain equal population per constituency
- (d) Differences in literacy rates between states

Q13. Consider the following statements:

1. The orders of the Delimitation Commission are final and cannot be challenged in any court.
2. However, judicial review is permissible if recommendations are arbitrary.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q14. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023 relates to:

- (a) Women's reservation in Parliament and State Assemblies
- (b) Equal pay for equal work
- (c) Maternity benefit for government employees
- (d) Free self-defence training for women

Q15. Which of the following statements best describes the term "Gerrymandering"?

- (a) Division of administrative districts based only on population size.
- (b) Delimitation of electoral boundaries to favor a particular political party or group.
- (c) Allocation of parliamentary seats based strictly on demographic data.

(d) Random redrawing of constituencies to correct demographic imbalances.

Q16. The India-Russia NSR cooperation primarily focuses on:

- (a) Space technology collaboration
- (b) Arctic maritime trade and infrastructure
- (c) Counter China's military
- (d) Next generation nuclear reactor design

Q17. The Northern Sea Route (NSR) passes through which ocean?

- (a) Atlantic Ocean
- (b) Arctic Ocean
- (c) Pacific Ocean
- (d) Indian Ocean

Q18. Which port is planned to be linked with the Northern Sea Route (NSR) and International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) under India-Russia connectivity plans?

- (a) Gwadar Port
- (b) Chabahar Port
- (c) Hambantota Port
- (d) Duqm Port

Q19. Which of the following is NOT a potential benefit of India's involvement in the NSR?

- (a) Reduced energy import costs
- (b) Faster transit times to Europe
- (c) Strengthening China's Arctic influence
- (d) Technological growth in shipbuilding

Q20. The proposed Chennai-Vladivostok Maritime Corridor, part of India-Russia connectivity initiatives, passes through which of the following seas or regions?

- 1. Bay of Bengal
- 2. Strait of Malacca
- 3. South China Sea
- 4. Sea of Japan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q29. The **economic consequences** of the annexation of Awadh included:

1. Loss of land revenue and estates by taluqdars
2. Growth of peasant indebtedness
3. Sharp rise in rural unemployment due to dismantled administration

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

Q30. The annexation of Awadh is considered a **turning point in British-Indian relations** because:

- (a) It exposed the true exploitative nature of British rule
- (b) It unified various classes—peasants, soldiers, and landlords—against the British
- (c) It provided the immediate spark for the Revolt of 1857 in North India
- (d) All of the above

Q31. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Subsidiary Alliance system was introduced by Lord Cornwallis.

Statement-II: It aimed to bring Indian states under indirect British control.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

- (a) Both I and II are correct
- (b) I is correct but II is incorrect
- (c) I is incorrect but II is correct
- (d) Both are incorrect

Q32. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Tipu Sultan accepted the Subsidiary Alliance after the Treaty of Seringapatam.

Statement-II: Mysore was brought under the system in 1799.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

- (a) Both correct
- (b) I correct, II incorrect
- (c) I incorrect, II correct
- (d) Both incorrect

Q33. The Subsidiary Alliance system was a means to

- (a) Gain direct political control
- (b) Impose trade monopoly
- (c) Establish indirect British supremacy
- (d) Encourage military independence of Indian states

Q34. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: A British Resident was placed in the court of the allied ruler.

Statement-II: The Resident acted as a symbol of mutual equality.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

- (a) Both correct
- (b) I correct, II incorrect
- (c) I incorrect, II correct
- (d) Both incorrect

Q35. According to the Doctrine of Lapse, what happened if a ruler died without a natural male heir?

- (a) His adopted son became ruler.
- (b) The state was annexed by the British.
- (c) The nobles elected a new ruler.
- (d) The territory became independent.

Q36. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Doctrine of Lapse was a legal method used by the British to annex Indian territories.

Statement-II: It respected the Indian tradition of adopting heirs in the absence of a natural son.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

- (a) Both statements are correct
- (b) Statement-I correct, Statement-II incorrect
- (c) Statement-I incorrect, Statement-II correct
- (d) Both incorrect

Q37. Under the Permanent Settlement, the ownership of land was vested in:

- (a) Peasants (b) British Crown
- (c) Zamindars (d) Village Panchayat

Q38. Which of the following regions was first brought under the Permanent Settlement?

- (a) Madras Presidency
- (b) Bombay Presidency
- (c) Bengal Presidency
- (d) Punjab

Q53. Match List – I with List – II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists

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| List – I
(Volcanic Mountains) | List – II
(Country) |
| A. Mount Rainier | 1. Italy |
| B. Mount Etna | 2. Mexico |
| C. Mount Paricutin | 3. Philippines |
| D. Mount Apo | 4. U.S.A. |

Codes :

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| A B C D | A B C D |
| (a) 4 2 1 3 | (b) 4 1 2 3 |
| (c) 2 1 4 3 | (d) 4 3 2 1 |

Q54. Which Volcano is called 'the lighthouse' of the Mediterranean Sea?

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| (a) Etna | (b) Pele |
| (c) Stromboli | (d) Vesuvius |

Q55. Which of the following is a shield volcano?

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| (a) Mount Fuji | (b) Mauna Loa |
| (c) Mount St. Helens | (d) Mount Etna |

Q56. The most active Volcano is –

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| (a) Cotopaxi | (b) Fujiyama |
| (c) Kilauea | (d) Vesuvius |

Q57. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the list:

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| List-I | List-II |
| A. Etna | 1. Ross Island |
| B. Vesuvius | 2. Ecuador |
| C. Erebus | 3. Italy |
| D. Cotopaxi | 4. Sicily |

Code :

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| A B C D | A B C D |
| (a) 1 2 3 4 | (b) 4 3 1 2 |
| (c) 3 4 2 1 | (d) 4 3 2 1 |

Q58. Match List-I with List-II and give the correct answer using the codes given below –

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| List – I
(Volcano) | List – II
(Country) |
| (A) Mount Rainier | 1. Italy |
| (B) Etna | 2. Mexico |
| (C) Paricutin | 3. Philippines |
| (D) Taal | 4. U.S.A. |

Code :

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| A B C D | A B C D |
| (a) 4 2 1 3 | (b) 4 1 2 3 |
| (c) 2 1 4 3 | (d) 4 3 2 1 |

Q59. Match List -I and List II and select the correct answer from the code given below:

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| List-I | List – II |
| A. Mount Kinabalu | 1. Argentina |
| B. Elburz | 2. Malaysia |
| C. Aconcagua | 3. Tanzania |
| D. Kilimanjaro | 4. Iran |

Code:

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| A B C D | A B C D |
| (a) 1 4 2 3 | (b) 3 2 1 4 |
| (c) 2 4 3 1 | (d) 2 4 1 3 |

Q60. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below the lists:

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| List – I
(Volcano) | List-II
(Country) |
| A. Sabankaya | 1. Italy |
| B. Mount Etna | 2. Peru |
| C. Colima | 3. Indonesia |
| D. Merapi | 4. Mexico |

Code :

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| A B C D | A B C D |
| (a) 3 1 4 2 | (b) 3 2 1 4 |
| (c) 2 1 4 3 | (d) 4 3 2 1 |