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1. Consider the following statements regarding India-Indonesia relations:

1. India and Indonesia signed a Treaty of Friendship in 1951 aiming at perpetual peace.
2. India and Indonesia were among the five founding leaders of NAM along with Yugoslavia, Egypt, and Ghana.
3. Bilateral trade increased from \$4.3 billion in 2005-06 to \$38.84 billion in 2022-23.
4. Indonesia is the largest trading partner of India in the ASEAN region.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 2 only

Answer: A) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct per the article. Statement 4 is incorrect—Indonesia is the SECOND-LARGEST trading partner of India in ASEAN after Singapore. All other statements accurately reflect India-Indonesia historical relations and trade trajectory.

2. Consider the following statements regarding reforms to expand foreign participation in G-Secs:

1. Prior to reforms, interest income from G-Secs was taxed at 20% for FIIs/FPIs.
2. Short-term capital gains from G-Secs were previously taxed at 30%.
3. Under new regime, FPIs will be exempt from both interest income and capital gains from G-Secs.
4. New tax exemptions are effective from 1 January 2026.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 3 only

Answer: A) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct per the reforms. Statement 4 is incorrect—exemptions are effective from 1 APRIL 2026, not January. The new regime provides complete tax exemption on both interest income and capital gains making Indian G-Secs highly attractive to global investors.

3. Consider the following statements regarding India's cotton production:

1. Bt cotton was approved for commercial cultivation in 2002.
2. Cotton production increased from 13.6 million bales in 2002-03 to 39.8 million bales in 2013-14.
3. Bollgard III incorporates three stacked genes with herbicide-tolerant traits.
4. India is currently importing 4 million bales in 2025-26 showing shift from exporter to importer status.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 2 only

Answer: B) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: All four statements are correct per the article. Bt cotton approval in 2002 was transformative, production growth was substantial (193% increase), Bollgard III with three genes was developed (though not released), and India's shift to importer status reflects production decline since 2014-15. The article documents India's cotton productivity crisis comprehensively.

4. Consider the following statements regarding India's business ecosystem reforms:

1. India improved its World Bank Doing Business ranking from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019.
2. SPICe+ platform integrates PAN, TAN, GST, EPFO, ESIC and bank account opening.
3. Recognized startups increased from 502 in 2016 to more than 2.23 lakh by March 2026.
4. Udyam Portal enables paperless self-declaration-based MSME registration.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 3 only

Answer: B) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: All four statements are correct reflecting India's comprehensive ease of doing business reforms. World Bank ranking improvement, SPICe+ integration, startup growth, and Udyam Portal simplification all accurately reflect transformation toward technology-driven business governance.

5. Consider the following statements regarding PM E-DRIVE scheme:

1. PM E-DRIVE Scheme was launched in 2024 with financial outlay of ₹10,900 crore.
2. The scheme duration has been extended to 31 March 2028.
3. The scheme supports procurement of 14,028 electric buses across nine major cities.
4. Scheme promotes Make in India through the Selective Manufacturing Programme.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 3 only

Answer: A) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct per the article. Statement 4 is incorrect—scheme promotes Make in India through PHASED MANUFACTURING PROGRAMME (PMP), not Selective Manufacturing Programme. The scheme represents major push toward electric urban mobility with substantial government support.

6. Consider the following statements regarding India-Nepal MoU on AI and DPI:

1. Project BHASHINI engine supports 36 text languages, 23 voice languages, and 35 international languages.

2. BHASHINI powers more than 800 government websites and processes over 15 million AI inferences daily.
3. Digital India BHASHINI Division functions under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
4. The collaboration focuses on digital languages with high speaker populations and existing digital infrastructure.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 only

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

(c) 2, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1 and 3 only

Answer: A) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct per the article. Statement 4 is incorrect—the collaboration specifically focuses on LOW-RESOURCE and UNDERREPRESENTED languages with LIMITED digital presence, not languages with high speaker populations and existing infrastructure. The collaboration's purpose is to halt "digital extinction" of marginalized languages.