INDIAN GEOGRAPHY – MCQ BOOKLET

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1. Area

Coastal Boundaries of India: Length and states with coastline

1. India's territorial limit extends towards the sea up to how many nautical miles/km from the coast?

A. 16 nautical miles (about 25.9 km)
B. 12 nautical miles (about 21.9 km)
C. 10 nautical miles (about 19.9 km)
D. More than one of the above

Ans: B

BPSC Prelims Exam-68th

Within its territorial waters, a state has full sovereignty, similar to its land territory. Beyond the territorial sea are the contiguous zone (up to 24 nautical miles) and the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ, up to 200 nautical miles).

2. India's territorial limit extends towards the sea up to

A. 10 nautical miles
B. 12 nautical miles
C. 14 nautical miles
D. 15 nautical miles

Ans: B

UPSC CDS-1-2021

The standard width of the territorial sea as defined by international law is 12 nautical miles from the coastal baseline.

Comparison with other countries/continents based on area

3. Which one among the following South Asian countries has the highest population density?

A. Nepal
B. Pakistan
C. India
D. Sri Lanka

Ans: C

JPSC CS Prelims-2011

Population density is calculated as the total population divided by the land area. Among the options provided (Nepal, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka), India has the highest population density.

4. Where does India rank in area among the countries of the world ?

A. Fifth
B. Sixth
C. Seventh
D. Eighth

Ans: C

JPSC CS Prelims-2016

India has a total geographical area of approximately 3.287 million square kilometers. Based on land area, India is the seventh-largest country in the world. The six countries larger than India are, in descending order of area: Russia, Canada, China, United States, Brazil, and Australia.

5. In terms of population India ranks second in the world, while in terms of area India ranks

A. first
B. second
C. seventh
D. eighth

Ans: C

WBPSC CS Prelims-2017

- The question provides a premise about India's population rank (stated as second, although currently it is the first). - The question asks for India's rank in terms of total area. - The seven largest countries in the world by total area are: Russia, Canada, China, the United States, Brazil, Australia, and India. - Therefore, India is the 7th largest country by area.

6. Which of the following sea is situated between Philippines and Vietnam ?

A. South China Sea
B. Celebes Sea

C. Philippines Sea
D. East China Sea

Ans: A

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Geographically, the South China Sea is bordered by countries such as China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

7. Which of the following is incorrect? A) India is the 7th largest country in the world B) In terms of GDP (PPP), India's rank is 3rd in the world C) India is the second most populous country in the world D) India ranks 5th in the world GDP rankings for 2024

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Ans: D

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The question asks to identify the incorrect statement among the given options related to India's global standing in terms of size, population, and GDP.

India's Share of World's Land Area

8. India's share of total land area in the world is about

A. 2.4 per cent
B. 2.8 per cent
C. 3.2 per cent
D. 3.6 per cent

Ans: A

WBPSC CS Prelims-2017

- India is the seventh-largest country in the world by area. - The 2.4% figure is a standard statistic used in geography and demography regarding India's size relative to the world.

Island Territories: Location, area, and significance

9. What is the total surface area of Lakshadweep ?

A. 32 sq km
B. 35 sq km
C. 39 sq km
D. 30 sq km

Ans: A

OPSC CS Prelims-2015

Lakshadweep is India's smallest Union Territory in terms of geographical area.

Land Boundaries of India: Length and shared countries

10. The length of International boundary of Rajasthan with Pakistan is

A. 1050 kms
B. 1020 kms
C. 1010 kms
D. 1070 kms

Ans: D

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This is a factual question about the geography of Rajasthan and its international border.

11. India invokes the “Thalweg principle” regarding which of the following ?

A. Kari Creek
B. Kajhar Creek
C. Sir Creek
D. Sir Davis

Ans: C

Junior Assistant Exam -2022

The Thalweg principle is a recognized method in international law for delimiting river boundaries and is central to the Sir Creek dispute.

Longitudinal Extent of India

12. Arrange the following Indian cities according to their locations from west to east : 1. Bilaspur 2. Jodhpur 3. Bhopal 4. Ranchi Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

Ans: B

UPSC NDA-2-2017

Arranging the cities from west to east based on their geographical locations: 1. Jodhpur (Rajasthan) is in western India. 2. Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) is in central India, east of Rajasthan. 3. Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) is further east of Bhopal. 4. Ranchi (Jharkhand) is in eastern India, east of Chhattisgarh.

Northernmost, Southernmost, Easternmost, and Westernmost Points

13. निम्नलिखित स्थानों में से कौन सर्वाधिक ऊँचाई पर स्थित है ?

A. कर्णप्रयाग
B. रुद्रप्रयाग
C. नन्दप्रयाग
D. विष्णुप्रयाग

Ans: D

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Vishnuprayag is located at the highest altitude among the four major confluences in Uttarakhand.

14. Which city is more eastern?

A. Bhopal
B. Pune
C. Nagpur
D. Ranchi

Ans: D

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Approximate longitudes: Bhopal: 77.41° E Pune: 73.85° E Nagpur: 79.09° E Ranchi: 85.31° E A higher longitude value indicates a more eastern location.

States and Union Territories: Area-wise distribution and ranking

15. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the States of India in descending order of their area ?

A. Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh
B. Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
C. Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand
D. Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh

Ans: C

UKPSC CS Prelims-2012

- Area of states is a geographical data point often tested in general knowledge. - Chhattisgarh is the largest among the given states, and Uttarakhand is the smallest. - The descending order of area is Chhattisgarh > Jharkhand > Himachal Pradesh > Uttarakhand.

16. The largest area under wasteland in India is in:

A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Madhya Pradesh
C. Rajasthan
D. Gujrat

Ans: C

WBPSC CS Prelims-2016

Rajasthan, due to its large geographical area and significant portion being arid or semi-arid (Thar Desert), traditionally has the largest area classified as wasteland among Indian states. Wasteland in-

cludes degraded forest lands, pastures, sandy areas, rocky areas, etc., which are currently unutilized or underutilized due to various constraints.

17. About 30 percent of India's area lies in the three states of:

A. Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
B. Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.
C. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
D. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Ans: C

UPPSC Upper Mains-2006

- India's total geographical area is about 3.287 million square kilometers. - Rajasthan is the largest state by area (approx. 342,239 sq km). - Madhya Pradesh is the second largest (approx. 308,252 sq km). - Maharashtra is the third largest (approx. 307,713 sq km). - Their combined area is approximately 342,239 + 308,252 + 307,713 = 958,204 sq km, which is close to 30% of the total area of India (0.30 3,287,000 ≈ 986,100 sq km).

18. Which one among the following States is smallest in area?

A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Gujarat
C. Karnataka
D. Tamil Nadu

Ans: D

UPPCS Prelims-2003

- The approximate areas of the states (as per current figures, which are generally expected unless the question specifies a historical context) are: - Andhra Pradesh: ~162,975 sq km - Gujarat: ~196,024 sq km - Karnataka: ~191,791 sq km - Tamil Nadu: ~130,058 sq km - Comparing these figures, Tamil Nadu (130,058 sq km) is the smallest in area among the four states listed.

19. Which one of the following sequences in the ascending order of their geographical size is correct?

A. Bihar - Chhattisgarh - Jharkhand - Orissa
B. Jharkhand - West Bengal - Tamil Nadu - Chhattisgarh
C. West Bengal - Bihar - Chhattisgarh - Tamil Nadu
D. Chhattisgarh - Jharkhand - Tamil Nadu - Orissa

Ans: B

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- Jharkhand area: ~79,714 sq km - West Bengal area: ~88,752 sq km - Tamil Nadu area: ~130,058 sq km - Chhattisgarh area: ~135,192 sq km - Ascending order by size: Jharkhand

20. Arrange the following States of India in the ascending order on the basis of their area and select the correct answer from the code given below. 1. Haryana 2. Himachal Pradesh 3. Punjab 4. Uttarakhand

A. 1, 3, 2, 4
B. 3, 1, 2, 4
C. 3, 1, 4, 2
D. 1, 3, 4, 2

Ans: D

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This question requires knowledge of the geographical area of Indian states and their comparison. It tests the ability to recall and arrange states based on their size.

21. Which among the following districts has lowest density of population (Census-2011)? (1) Bikaner (2) Churu (3) Pali (4) Barmer (5) Question not attempted

A. Bikaner
B. Churu
C. Pali
D. Barmer

Ans: A