

## **UPSC Prelims Exam Based on Current Affairs MCQs – 29 Sept 2025**

**Question 1. The recent procurement of 97 Tejas Mk1A jets is a significant step for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. In this context, which of the following features is/are associated with the Tejas Mk1A as per the news?**

1. An Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar.
2. Capability to fire beyond-visual-range missiles.
3. A predominantly imported airframe with over 60% foreign components.

*Select the correct answer using the code given below:*

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

**Answer: (b)**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The analysis in the news item specifies that the Tejas Mk1A is an advanced version with enhanced features, including an "Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar."
- **Statement 2 is correct.** The text also mentions its enhanced features include "the capability to fire a variety of beyond-visual-range missiles."
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** The summary explicitly contradicts this by stating, "The aircraft has an indigenous content of over 64%," highlighting its role in promoting self-reliance, not reliance on imports.

**Question 2. Consider the following pairs:**

<b>Mission/Initiative</b>	<b>Primary Objective</b>
1. Shukrayaan-1	: To study the surface and atmosphere of Venus.
2. PM Gati Shakti	: To provide direct financial subsidies to logistics companies.
3. Bharat 6G Visio	: To make India a key contributor and leader in the next generation of telecom technology.

*Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?*

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

**Answer: (a)**

- **Pair 1 is correctly matched.** The news on Shukrayaan-1 clearly states that the mission "aims to study the surface and atmosphere of Venus."
- **Pair 2 is incorrectly matched.** The news on PM Gati Shakti describes it as a "National Master Plan" for "integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure projects" to break down silos and reduce logistics costs. It is not a direct subsidy scheme.
- **Pair 3 is correctly matched.** The summary of the 'Bharat 6G Vision' states its aim is "for India to become a leader in the next generation of telecommunications technology" and to ensure India is "not just a consumer but also a key contributor."



**Question 3. The "withdrawal of accommodation" stance, recently maintained by the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), implies that:**

- (a) The RBI has started increasing the money supply to accommodate industrial growth.
- (b) The RBI has permanently closed the door for any future interest rate hikes.
- (c) The focus of the monetary policy is on withdrawing excess liquidity, and the possibility of further rate hikes remains.
- (d) The government has withdrawn its fiscal support, forcing the RBI to accommodate the economy.

**Answer: (c)**

- The provided news analysis states, "The RBI's commentary suggests that the 'withdrawal of accommodation' stance will continue, indicating that the door is still open for future rate hikes if inflation does not moderate as expected." This stance signifies a focus on inflation control by tightening monetary conditions, which involves withdrawing the excess liquidity injected into the system during a more accommodative phase. **Options (a), (b), and (d) are contrary to the meaning of this monetary policy stance.**

**Question 4. With reference to the ongoing India-UK FTA negotiations, which of the following issues have been identified as key sticking points?**

1. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).
2. India's demand for a permanent seat in the UNSC.
3. Market access for British automobiles.
4. Indian concessions on visas for its professionals.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

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

**Answer: (c)**

- **Statement 1 is correct.** The news summary explicitly lists "intellectual property rights (IPR)" as a key sticking point.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** India's UNSC bid is a separate multilateral foreign policy objective discussed at the UNGA, not a bilateral sticking point mentioned in the context of the India-UK FTA negotiations.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The summary mentions "market access for British automobiles and Scotch whisky" as a remaining contentious issue.
- **Statement 4 is correct.** The text states, "India is seeking concessions on visas for its professionals, which remains a politically sensitive issue in the UK."



**Question 5. The recent report by an expert committee on Carbon Pricing in India explores mechanisms to incentivize the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. As per the news, which of the following could be a part of such a mechanism?**

- (a) Providing government subsidies for every ton of carbon emitted by industries.
- (b) Implementing an Emissions Trading System (ETS).
- (c) Mandating the use of specific green technologies without any financial incentive.
- (d) Nationalizing all high-polluting industries.

**Answer: (b)**

The news analysis states, "The committee's report is likely to have examined various models of carbon pricing, including a carbon tax and an emissions trading system (ETS)." An ETS is a market-based approach to controlling pollution by providing economic incentives for achieving reductions in emissions. The other options are either contradictory to the concept of carbon pricing (a) or represent different policy tools not mentioned in the context of carbon pricing models in the text (c, d).