West Bengal

Advanced MCQ practice

64 original MCQs + explained answers

Revised edition: expanded state GK + seven visual revision pages.

Higher level: chronology, statements, evidence checks, data interpretation and policy applications. A bridge towards graduate-level state-service preparation.

These are original practice questions, not previous-year questions or an official mock. This focused first collection does not replace an exam-specific syllabus.

Language: English. Core focus: history, geography, heritage, governance, development, environment and institutions.

This edition emphasises stable concepts. It is not a current-affairs digest; verify changing schemes, office-holders, district boundaries and budget figures separately.

How to use this book

Attempt every item before opening the answers. Record uncertain answers and revise the explanation. One correct option per question; no official marking scheme is implied.

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What the exam research tells us

1 / Foundation context

WBPRB's Constables 2024 register was previously checked [EX2]; current direct retrieval again timed out. The detailed applicant PDF was not fully accessible. No current weights or full paper pattern are inferred. Basic means direct state knowledge and simple applications in this English supplement.

2 / Dated WBCS scheme

The previously retrieved WBCS 2024 scheme, published November 2025, includes objective prelims and both objective and conventional mains papers [EX1]. It informs topics; its route timed out in this pass. Later-cycle instructions and amendments require verification. Supplementary writing is not a replica of the complete WBCS mains.

3 / Expanded practice

80 basic MCQs, 64 advanced MCQs and 16 supplementary writing prompts. Added 40/40/8 items and improved ten retained advanced option sets. New coverage deepens institutions, reform, freedom-struggle participation, literature, agriculture, soils, industrial geography and dated data.

4 / Seven visual pages

Retained four illustrated revision pages and added institutional roles, a reform/movement timeline and Census 2001/2011 literacy comparisons. Diagrams are schematic, not precise maps. Existing memory illustrations are AI-generated. Historical chart values do not estimate present conditions.

5 / Evidence and limits

Checked 29 October 2026. Original questions, not PYQs or official mocks. Editorial difficulty is not learner-calibrated. Word targets and 10-mark rubrics are practice choices. No topic-frequency study or full syllabus coverage is claimed. Prepare required languages, national GS and current affairs separately.

Visual revision / 1



Darjeeling railway

Hill engineering
Opened 1881 [C3]

Bishnupur temples

Bankura district
Terracotta cue [C4]

Sundarbans

Tidal mangroves
Tiger habitat [N1]

AI-generated memory illustrations; not photographs or measured reconstructions.

Three visual cues / three different associations

Darjeeling: railway heritage and geographically defined tea. [C3, E1]
Bishnupur: temple architecture and Baluchari textiles. [C4, C6]
Sundarbans: a mangrove ecosystem across India and Bangladesh. [N1]

Recall drill: cover the captions, identify each scene and name its subject category. A place can have several associations without sharing the same recognition status.

Illustrations simplify form and scale; use the source register for factual descriptions.

Visual revision / 2

North to south / regional anchors, not a boundary map

NORTH / hills and foothills

Darjeeling: railway and tea. Teesta is a northern river anchor.
Hill planning needs local assessment of slopes, drainage and access.
[C3, E1, G3, D1; planning application]

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PLAINS / river and settlement corridor

Bhagirathi-Hooghly: Kolkata and other urban-industrial settlements.
Assess water quality through dated, comparable monitoring.
[G4; monitoring application]

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SOUTH / delta and coast

Sundarbans: tidal waterways and mangrove habitat.
Coastal preparedness: warnings, accessible shelter and local capacity.
[N1, D1; planning application]

Borders / keep countries and states separate [G1]

Countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal.
Indian states: Assam, Sikkim, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha.
Bay of Bengal: southern coast.
Arrows show reading order, not river flow or travel routes.

Visual revision / 3

History / distinguish events from institutions

1757 — 23 June / Plassey

Siraj ud-Daulah and Company forces at Palashi. [H1]

1905 — Partition of Bengal

Curzon; opposition helped drive Swadeshi. [H2]

1911 — Annulment

The 1905 partition was reversed. [G2]

1913 — Literature Nobel Prize

Rabindranath Tagore. [C1]

1948 — 7 July / DVC

Multipurpose river-valley institution established. [E2]

Swadeshi was more than boycott [H2]

Self-help + indigenous enterprise + national education + mobilisation.
Do not merge the 1905 partition, its 1911 annulment and the 1947 partition into one event. [G2]

Visual revision / 4

Recognition categories / dates are not interchangeable

World Heritage / NATURAL

Sundarbans National Park: 1987. [N1]

World Heritage / CULTURAL

Darjeeling railway component: 1999. [C3]
Santiniketan: 2023. [C2]

Intangible Cultural Heritage

Durga Puja in Kolkata: 2021. [C5]

Tentative List / not inscription

Temples at Bishnupur: submitted 1998. [U1]

Craft memory grid [C6, C7]

Panchmura / terracotta (fired clay)
Bikna / Dokra (lost-wax metal casting)
Bishnupur / Baluchari textiles
Purulia Chhau / masks; Mayurbhanj Chhau / no masks

Do not infer UNESCO status from popularity or from a district craft association.

Visual revision / 5

Institutions / separate roles and tiers

Legislative Assembly [P1]

Unicameral / 294 seats
Vidhan Sabha; no Legislative Council

Calcutta High Court [P2]

Principal seat: Kolkata
Letters Patent: 14 May 1862 / formal opening: 1 July 1862

SEC [P3]

Panchayat and municipal elections

WBPSC [EX1]

State public-service recruitment institution

Rural local-government ladder [P4]

Gram Panchayat — Local tier → **Panchayat Samiti** — Block tier → **Zilla Parishad** — District tier

Arrows show the tier sequence, not a complete statement of powers. Role names alone do not establish adequate staff, funding or reliable services.

Visual revision / 6

Reform and participation / a second timeline

- 1829 — Sati banned / Roy's reform context [H3]
- 1856 — Widow-remarriage law / Vidyasagar [H3]
- 1905 — Swadeshi / political and constructive work [H2]
- 1938 — Bose / Congress presidency at Haripura [H4]
- 1942 — Matangini Hazra / Quit India participation [H5]
- 1948 — DVC / post-independence institution [E2]

Literary anchor [C8, C9]

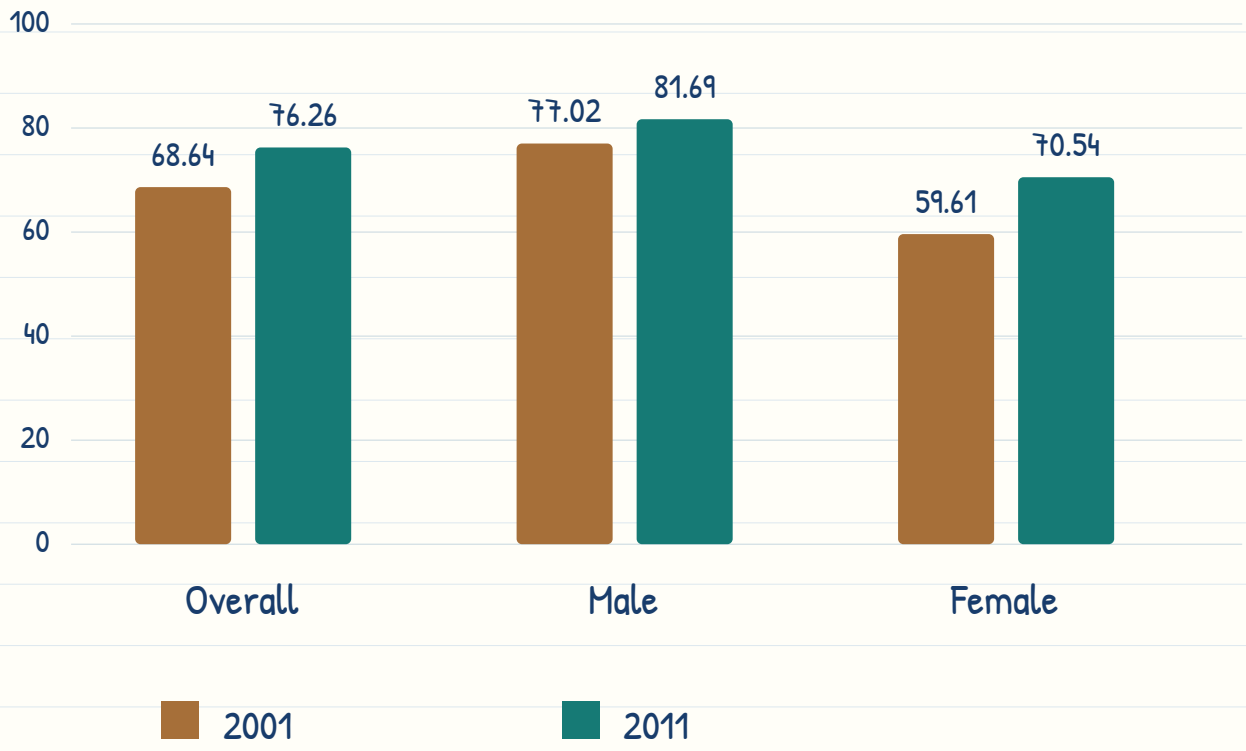
Bankim Chandra / Anandamath / Vande Mataram
Composition, serialisation and book publication are different events.

Historical laws do not by themselves prove immediate social acceptance. A timeline orders events; it does not prove causation.

Visual revision / 7

Literacy / Census 2001 and 2011 [D2]

Historical West Bengal rates, percent. All bars start at zero.



Derived differences / percentage points

Overall gain: 7.62 / male gain: 4.67 / female gain: 10.93.
Gender gap: 17.41 in 2001; 11.15 in 2011.
Gap narrowing: 6.26 points. Relative overall gain: about 11.10%.

Combining rates needs age-eligible population weights. These observations do not establish current literacy, learning scores or a recent programme's causal effect.

Try first - check answers later

01 / Borders: statements

Consider: I. West Bengal borders Bhutan. II. It borders Meghalaya. Which is correct?

A. Neither I nor II
B. II only
C. I only
D. Both I and II

02 / Heritage categories

Which classification is fully correct?

A. Darjeeling railway: natural World Heritage; Sundarbans: cultural World Heritage
B. Sundarbans: natural World Heritage; Durga Puja: intangible heritage
C. Santiniketan: natural World Heritage; Durga Puja: intangible heritage
D. Sundarbans: intangible heritage; Durga Puja: cultural World Heritage

03 / Tentative is not inscribed

What does the cited UNESCO record establish about Bishnupur temples?

A. They are on the Tentative List, submitted in 1998
B. They share Santiniketan's 2023 inscription
C. They became a natural World Heritage site in 1998
D. They are part of the Mountain Railways property

Try first - check answers later

04 / Railway chronology

Which pairing separates opening and initial World Heritage inscription for the Darjeeling component?

A. Opened 1999; inscription 1881
B. Opened 1905; inscription 1911
C. Opened 1948; inscription 2023
D. Opened 1881; inscription 1999

05 / Serial-property matching

Which state-component pairing is incorrect?

A. Kalka Shimla Railway: Himachal Pradesh
B. Kalka Shimla Railway: West Bengal
C. Darjeeling Himalayan Railway: West Bengal
D. Nilgiri Mountain Railway: Tamil Nadu

06 / Tagore chronology

Which is the correct order?

A. Visva-Bharati -> Nobel Prize -> school -> UNESCO inscription
B. UNESCO inscription -> school -> Nobel Prize -> Visva-Bharati
C. Santiniketan school -> Nobel Prize -> Visva-Bharati -> UNESCO inscription
D. Nobel Prize -> school -> UNESCO inscription -> Visva-Bharati

Try first - check answers later

07 / Temple architecture

Which pairing matches the official Bishnupur account?

A. Shyam Rai: joined hut-like roof forms; Jorbangla: five pinnacles
B. Shyam Rai: single pinnacle; Jorbangla: five pinnacles
C. Shyam Rai: five pinnacles; Jorbangla: joined hut-like roof forms
D. Shyam Rai: five pinnacles; Jorbangla: a single marble dome only

08 / Craft classification

Which pair correctly distinguishes Bankura craft materials?

A. Terracotta: silk weaving; Dokra: metal casting
B. Terracotta: fired clay; Dokra: wood carving
C. Terracotta: fired clay; Dokra: metal casting
D. Terracotta: metal casting; Dokra: fired clay

09 / Chhau comparison

Which statement about Chhau mask use is supported by the Purulia source?

A. Purulia and Seraikela use masks; Mayurbhanj does not
B. Only Mayurbhanj uses masks
C. Purulia has no mask tradition
D. All three styles always use identical masks

Try first - check answers later

10 / Historical sequence

Arrange these events chronologically: Plassey, Bengal partition, annulment, DVC establishment.

A. 1948 -> 1911 -> 1905 -> 1757
B. 1911 -> 1757 -> 1905 -> 1948
C. 1757 -> 1905 -> 1911 -> 1948
D. 1905 -> 1757 -> 1948 -> 1911

11 / Swadeshi interpretation

Which interpretation best captures the movement described by NCERT?

A. Boycott combined with constructive work and national education
B. Boycott alone without constructive economic or educational work
C. A programme beginning only after the 1911 annulment
D. Constructive education alone without political opposition

12 / Historical causation

Why is it inaccurate to say the whole of India came under Company rule immediately after Plassey?

A. It confuses a major foothold in Bengal with a gradual wider expansion
B. Plassey occurred after the Company obtained Diwani in 1765
C. The Company lost its Bengal foothold immediately after the battle
D. The battle transferred every Indian state's revenue rights simultaneously

Try first - check answers later

13 / Geographical indication

A retailer blends outside tea and labels it 100% Darjeeling. Which assessment fits the Tea Board framework?

A. Any tea becomes Darjeeling when sold in Kolkata
B. Packaging colour alone establishes origin
C. A higher price automatically certifies the blend
D. The claim conflicts with geographically defined origin and certification requirements

14 / Basin institutions

Which inference follows from the Ministry of Power's DVC description?

A. Planning involves multiple purposes and both West Bengal and Jharkhand
B. Electricity is its sole stated objective
C. The corporation operates only in Darjeeling
D. Flood management has no connection with its mandate

15 / Sundarbans planning

Which proposal best combines ecological and livelihood considerations in an invented delta project?

A. Assess one locality without checking effects on connected settlements
B. Measure construction alone without distributional or ecological evidence
C. Count seedlings without testing tidal suitability or survival
D. Assess tidal ecology, local access, risk and livelihood effects together

Try first - check answers later

16 / Regional strategy

Which approach best fits a state extending from hills to a tidal delta?

A. Equal spending per district without checking exposure or access
B. Different local risk assessments within a coordinated state framework
C. One hazard indicator without examining terrain and settlement differences
D. One identical design based only on statewide average rainfall

17 / River-water evidence

A 2021 report summarises historical Hooghly samples. What is needed before claiming present conditions?

A. A longer historical series without any recent observation
B. Recent, comparable monitoring with methods and dates stated
C. A current photograph without comparable water measurements
D. A new headline attached to the same historical samples

18 / Festival livelihoods

Which indicator best tests whether a hypothetical festival programme benefits artisans?

A. Programme spending alone without artisan outcome evidence
B. Audience counts alone without producer receipts
C. Gross sales alone without costs or payment records
D. Net earnings, payment timeliness and repeat orders

Try first - check answers later

19 / Conservation and use

Which approach best fits a living educational heritage campus?

A. Only recognition status without a maintenance and use plan
B. Only new construction without assessment of setting or significant fabric
C. Conservation assessment with managed educational use and maintenance
D. Only visitor growth without checking heritage attributes or campus needs

20 / Institution versus outcome

Which statement about DVC's objectives is defensible?

A. Power generation automatically prevents all erosion
B. Irrigation means downstream monitoring is unnecessary
C. A stated flood-control objective does not prove every flood has been prevented
D. An objective proves every household is fully protected

21 / Weighted percentage

A fictional district has 100 trainees at 80% pass rate and 300 at 60%. What is the overall pass rate?

A. 60%
B. 65%
C. 80%
D. 70%

Try first - check answers later

22 / Revenue versus income

A hypothetical artisan group's sales rise from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.2 lakh, but costs rise from Rs 60,000 to Rs 90,000. Profit change?

A. Rises by 20%
B. Rises by 50%
C. Remains unchanged
D. Falls by 25%

23 / Shelter capacity

Three hypothetical shelters have capacities 120, 180 and 200. If 425 people need places, spare capacity is?

A. 425 places
B. 50 places
C. 75 places
D. 500 places

24 / Two-stage change

An invented output index rises 20% and then falls 10%. Net change from the original?

A. 10% increase
B. 8% increase
C. No change
D. 8% decrease

Try first - check answers later

25 / Institutions / statements

Which statement describes West Bengal's legislature?

A. A 288-seat Assembly and 78-member Council
B. A unicameral Legislative Assembly of 294 seats
C. A Legislative Council without an Assembly
D. A bicameral legislature with two 294-seat Houses

26 / Institutions / judicial dates

Which distinction matches the High Court's history?

A. Letters Patent-14 May 1862; formal opening-1 July 1862
B. Letters Patent-1 July 1862; formal opening-14 May 1862
C. Letters Patent-1757; formal opening-1905
D. Letters Patent-1948; formal opening-1960

27 / Institutions / jurisdiction

Which statement is supported by the High Court's institutional account?

A. It is limited to Kolkata municipal disputes
B. Its Kolkata seat means no jurisdiction outside the city
C. Its jurisdiction includes West Bengal and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands
D. It is an agency for Darjeeling tea certification

Try first - check answers later

28 / Institutions / local elections

Which division of functions is correct?

A. SEC-recruitment; WBPSC-municipal elections
B. SEC-local elections; WBPSC-public-service recruitment
C. SEC-crop certification; WBPSC-river operation
D. SEC-heritage recognition; WBPSC-judicial appeals

29 / Local tiers / matching

Which set correctly matches rural tiers?

A. Gram Panchayat-block; Panchayat Samiti-district; Zilla Parishad-local
B. Gram Panchayat-local; Panchayat Samiti-block; Zilla Parishad-district
C. All three are names for the state legislature
D. Gram Panchayat-district; Panchayat Samiti-local; Zilla Parishad-block

30 / Governance / capacity

A local body receives a maintenance responsibility without staff or operating funds. What is the central concern?

A. Formal transfer alone proves reliable services
B. Responsibility and operational capacity are misaligned
C. A new office name resolves every resource constraint
D. More meetings automatically ensure repairs

Try first - check answers later

31 / Governance / outputs

Which evidence best tests whether a local water asset serves residents?

A. Expenditure totals alone
B. Ceremony attendance alone
C. Construction counts alone
D. Functionality, reliability and household access

32 / Exam format / scope

Why is the descriptive booklet labelled supplementary?

A. It reproduces every WBCS paper exactly
B. Its editorial marks determine official cutoffs
C. The cited WBCS 2024 scheme includes both objective and conventional mains papers
D. Its prompts replace all required language preparation

33 / Sources / archived rules

How should the archived SEC FAQ be used here?

A. As the current notice for every recruitment
B. As evidence of current elected office-holders
C. As proof that every historic eligibility rule is unchanged
D. For the specific stable role tested, without assuming all old procedural details remain current

Try first - check answers later

34 / Records / duplication

Two spellings may identify the same settlement in a relief register. What is the best first step?

A. Delete both rows without checking
B. Verify identifiers and reconcile aliases before aggregation
C. Count both automatically as separate
D. Use whichever total is larger

35 / History / reformers

Which association is correct?

A. Rammohun Roy-anti-sati campaign; Vidyasagar-widow remarriage
B. Rammohun Roy-Anandamath; Vidyasagar-Quit India leadership in 1942
C. Rammohun Roy-railway opening; Vidyasagar-DVC establishment
D. Rammohun Roy-Haripura presidency; Vidyasagar-Company command at Plassey

36 / History / chronology

Which sequence is earliest to latest?

A. Sati ban - widow-remarriage law - Haripura presidency - Quit India
B. Haripura presidency - sati ban - widow-remarriage law - Quit India
C. Widow-remarriage law - sati ban - Quit India - Haripura presidency
D. Quit India - Haripura presidency - widow-remarriage law - sati ban

Try first - check answers later

37 / History / law and practice

NCERT notes that widow remarriages remained few after the law. What does this illustrate?

A. A new law automatically removes every barrier
B. Legal change and social acceptance may proceed differently
C. Social evidence is irrelevant once legislation exists
D. The law proves universal immediate acceptance

38 / History / communication

What role did printed pamphlets and newspapers play in reform debates described by NCERT?

A. They were available only after 1948
B. They eliminated every disagreement immediately
C. They widened circulation and discussion of ideas
D. They replaced all social action with one law

39 / History / Congress session

Which pairing is supported by the PIB account?

A. Vidyasagar-DVC-1948
B. Rammohun Roy-Haripura-1938
C. Subhas Chandra Bose-Palashi-1757
D. Subhas Chandra Bose-Haripura-1938

Try first - check answers later

40 / History / women participants

How should Matangini Hazra's role be presented?

A. As the founder of DVC
B. As evidence that women entered public movements only after independence
C. As proof that every participant used identical methods
D. As a specific example of women's leadership in Quit India

41 / History / evidence dates

A 2021 commemorative account describes a 1938 session. Which date belongs to the historical event?

A. 2021
B. The date of the current exam
C. The date the page was downloaded
D. 1938

42 / Literature / matching

Which book-author-song association is correct?

A. Anandamath-Tagore-Jana Gana Mana
B. Anandamath-Vidyasagar-Amar Shonar Bangla
C. Anandamath-Bankim Chandra-Vande Mataram
D. Anandamath-Bose-Sare Jahan Se Achha

Try first - check answers later

43 / Literature / provenance

Official summaries differ on the song's first publication. What is the best approach for this collection?

A. Merge all publication dates into one event
B. Choose the most dramatic date without disclosure
C. Use a modern commemoration date as the composition date
D. Test the corroborated book-author association and flag the excluded disputed detail

44 / History / interpretation

How should reform campaigns and Swadeshi be compared?

A. Assume identical participants and demands
B. Replace chronology with a single undated reform label
C. Treat every campaign as the same organisation
D. Explain distinct contexts while examining communication, mobilisation and institutions

45 / Industry / matching

Which pairing is correct?

A. Durgapur-jute cultivation only; Raniganj-salt
B. Durgapur-tea certification; Raniganj-terracotta
C. Durgapur-mangrove reserve; Raniganj-silk weaving
D. Durgapur-steel; Raniganj-coal

Try first - check answers later

46 / Economy / production chains

Which relationship is economically plausible?

A. Every coalfield necessarily supplies every steel plant directly
B. Factory output alone establishes local household welfare
C. A place-name association proves every current supply contract
D. Coal and steel can be linked through industrial supply chains, with project-specific evidence still needed

47 / Agriculture / crop diversity

What can be inferred from ICAR's crop list?

A. The list provides current national production ranks
B. Every district grows them in identical proportions
C. The named crops are important in the profile; district shares require separate data
D. No other crop is grown in West Bengal

48 / Agriculture / poor growth

A rice field has poor growth after flooding. What is the strongest first investigation?

A. Apply one statewide fertiliser dose without diagnosis
B. Use only the state's total rice production
C. Check drainage, soil condition, nutrients and crop damage
D. Assume every symptom proves one micronutrient shortage

Try first - check answers later

49 / Soils / test interpretation

Which conclusion about soil pH is strongest?

A. It is one diagnostic parameter, to interpret with crop and soil evidence
B. It directly measures household profit
C. It alone determines the exact treatment for every farm
D. It makes drainage and nutrient observations unnecessary

50 / Industrial appraisal / distribution

Which assessment best addresses inclusive benefits of an industrial project?

A. Only investment announced
B. Only visitors at inauguration
C. Output value alone
D. Jobs, supplier opportunities, environmental effects and affected livelihoods

51 / Agriculture / water management

Why assess drainage as well as irrigation?

A. Water excess and shortage can both constrain production under different conditions
B. Flood observations are irrelevant to agriculture
C. A canal guarantees that no field can be waterlogged
D. More water always improves every crop

Try first - check answers later

52 / Science / crop monitoring

Which remote-sensing use is supported by ISRO?

A. Eliminating all field validation
B. Proving the causal effect of every subsidy automatically
C. Estimating crop area and condition with suitable interpretation
D. Reading every farmer's profit from a single image

53 / Data / overall gain

Overall literacy rose from 68.64% in 2001 to 76.26% in 2011. What was the gain?

A. 17.41 percentage points
B. 7.62 percentage points
C. 11.15 percentage points
D. 7.62% relative exactly

54 / Data / female gain

Female literacy rose from 59.61% to 70.54%. What was the gain?

A. 11.15 percentage points
B. 10.93 percentage points
C. 4.67 percentage points
D. 7.62 percentage points

Try first - check answers later

55 / Data / male gain

Male literacy rose from 77.02% to 81.69%. What was the gain?

A. 7.62 percentage points
B. 10.93 percentage points
C. 4.67 percentage points
D. 17.41 percentage points

56 / Data / gender gap

What was the 2011 male-female literacy gap: 81.69% versus 70.54%?

A. 11.15 percentage points
B. 17.41 percentage points
C. 6.26 percentage points
D. 7.62 percentage points

57 / Data / gap narrowing

The gap was 17.41 points in 2001 and 11.15 in 2011. By how much did it narrow?

A. 28.56 percentage points
B. 6.26 percentage points
C. 4.67 percentage points
D. 10.93 percentage points

Try first - check answers later

58 / Data / relative growth

Relative to 68.64%, the overall increase of 7.62 points is approximately what?

A. 7.62%
B. 9.99%
C. 111.10 percentage points
D. 11.10%

59 / Data / aggregation

Can male and female literacy rates be averaged equally to recover the overall rate automatically?

A. No; the relevant age-eligible populations supply the weights
B. Yes; rounding removes the need for denominators
C. Yes; land area supplies the weights
D. Yes; male and female populations must be identical

60 / Data / attribution

What does the 2001–2011 chart establish about a recent education programme?

A. No causal effect by itself; appropriately dated comparative evidence is needed
B. The current literacy rate after implementation
C. That every historical disparity has disappeared
D. Its exact effect in every district

Try first - check answers later

61 / Science / soil-health data

Which set contains genuine soil-health parameters?

A. Only school attendance and festival visitors
B. pH, electrical conductivity, organic carbon and available nutrients
C. Only product price and transport fare
D. Only landowner age and village population

62 / ICT / missing values

A crop spreadsheet uses blanks for unreported yields. What should the analyst do?

A. Document missingness and apply a stated suitable method
B. Replace every blank with zero without checking
C. Invent values to complete the table
D. Remove source dates to hide gaps

63 / Agriculture / production drill

A hypothetical crop covers 140 hectares at 3 tonnes per hectare. What production is implied?

A. 420 tonnes
B. 143 tonnes
C. 46.67 tonnes
D. 42 tonnes

Try first - check answers later

64 / Economy / profit base

Hypothetical sales are Rs 1,00,000 and listed costs Rs 80,000. Profit as a percentage of cost is what?

A. 25%
B. 125%
C. 20%
D. 80%

Answer key + explanations

01 / Answer C

I only. The official list includes Bhutan internationally and Assam domestically, but not Meghalaya.

Evidence: G1

02 / Answer B

Sundarbans: natural World Heritage; Durga Puja: intangible heritage. Heritage categories describe different objects and practices; they are not interchangeable labels.

Evidence: N1; C5

03 / Answer A

They are on the Tentative List, submitted in 1998. A tentative entry is a nomination-stage inventory, not World Heritage inscription.

Evidence: U1

04 / Answer D

Opened 1881; inscription 1999. The dates concern different milestones. The serial property was later extended.

Evidence: C3

Answer key + explanations

05 / Answer B

Kalka Shimla Railway: West Bengal. Kalka Shimla belongs to Himachal Pradesh. The question asks for the incorrect pair.

Evidence: C3

06 / Answer C

Santiniketan school -> Nobel Prize -> Visva-Bharati -> UNESCO inscription. The respective years are 1901, 1913, 1921 and 2023.

Evidence: C2; C1

07 / Answer C

Shyam Rai: five pinnacles; Jorbangla: joined hut-like roof forms. The descriptions distinguish Pancha Ratna and the distinctive joined Dochala composition.

Evidence: C4; U1

08 / Answer C

Terracotta: fired clay; Dokra: metal casting. Do not infer the same medium simply because crafts share a district association.

Evidence: C6

Answer key + explanations

09 / Answer A

Purulia and Seraikela use masks; Mayurbhanj does not. The source distinguishes styles within the same broad dance tradition.

Evidence: C7

10 / Answer C

1757 -> 1905 -> 1911 -> 1948. Battle, colonial reorganisation, annulment and post-independence institution-building are different event types.

Evidence: H1; H2; G2; E2

11 / Answer A

Boycott combined with constructive work and national education. The movement included economic and educational mobilisation alongside political resistance.

Evidence: H2

12 / Answer A

It confuses a major foothold in Bengal with a gradual wider expansion. The National Portal describes Plassey as establishing a strong foothold. Avoid turning a major turning point into an instant all-India conquest.

Evidence: G2; H1; editorial interpretation

Answer key + explanations

13 / Answer D

The claim conflicts with geographically defined origin and certification requirements. The framework checks origin and the production chain; a marketing claim cannot replace traceability.

Evidence: E1

14 / Answer A

Planning involves multiple purposes and both West Bengal and Jharkhand. The official account links regional development, water and power across two states.

Evidence: E2

15 / Answer D

Assess tidal ecology, local access, risk and livelihood effects together. The proposal is an editorial application; ecological suitability and community outcomes require site-specific evidence.

Evidence: N1; D1; original case

16 / Answer B

Different local risk assessments within a coordinated state framework. Terrain, exposure and service needs differ, even when institutions share coordination arrangements.

Evidence: G1; D1; editorial application

Answer key + explanations

17 / Answer B

Recent, comparable monitoring with methods and dates stated. Past findings do not establish current water quality; temporal scope matters.

Evidence: G4; original evidence item

18 / Answer D

Net earnings, payment timeliness and repeat orders. Audience growth and public visibility are not direct measures of producer welfare.

Evidence: C5; original evaluation case

19 / Answer C

Conservation assessment with managed educational use and maintenance. An editorial plan should consider continuing use and heritage attributes together.

Evidence: C2; original application

20 / Answer C

A stated flood-control objective does not prove every flood has been prevented. Mandates identify responsibilities; outcomes need separate evidence and appropriate measures.

Evidence: E2; original reasoning item

Answer key + explanations

21 / Answer B

65%. Total passes = 80 + 180 = 260 out of 400, or 65%.

Evidence: Original arithmetic

22 / Answer D

Falls by 25%. Profit falls from Rs 40,000 to Rs 30,000; the reduction is 10,000/40,000 = 25%.

Evidence: Original arithmetic

23 / Answer C

75 places. Combined capacity is 500, leaving 75. Actual planning must also check accessibility and suitability.

Evidence: Original arithmetic

24 / Answer B

8% increase. Starting from 100 gives 120 and then 108. Successive percentages use different bases.

Evidence: Original arithmetic

Answer key + explanations

25 / Answer B

A unicameral Legislative Assembly of 294 seats. The official page identifies unicameral structure and 294 strength.

Evidence: P1

26 / Answer A

Letters Patent–14 May 1862; formal opening–1 July 1862. The dates describe different institutional milestones.

Evidence: P2

27 / Answer C

Its jurisdiction includes West Bengal and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This is a broad institutional description, not a complete filing or jurisdictional rule.

Evidence: P2

28 / Answer B

SEC–local elections; WBPSC–public-service recruitment. Election and recruitment institutions perform different functions.

Evidence: P3; EX1

Answer key + explanations

29 / Answer B

Gram Panchayat-local; Panchayat Samiti-block; Zilla Parishad-district. Tier relationships should not be confused with urban bodies or legislative Houses.

Evidence: P4

30 / Answer B

Responsibility and operational capacity are misaligned. Practical delivery needs resources, people and accountable arrangements.

Evidence: P4 context; original governance case

31 / Answer D

Functionality, reliability and household access. Outputs should be checked against intended service outcomes.

Evidence: Original local-service case

32 / Answer C

The cited WBCS 2024 scheme includes both objective and conventional mains papers. Practice prompts do not reproduce the full examination scheme.

Evidence: EX1

Answer key + explanations

33 / Answer D

For the specific stable role tested, without assuming all old procedural details remain current. An archive supports specific facts, not an unrestricted current-law claim.

Evidence: P3; evidence method

34 / Answer B

Verify identifiers and reconcile aliases before aggregation. Resolve identity before combining records to avoid duplication and loss.

Evidence: Original administrative-data case

35 / Answer A

Rammohun Roy-anti-sati campaign; Vidyasagar-widow remarriage. NCERT distinguishes the reformers' campaigns while linking them with wider debates on equality.

Evidence: H3

36 / Answer A

Sati ban - widow-remarriage law - Haripura presidency - Quit India. The dates are 1829, 1856, 1938 and 1942.

Evidence: H3; H4; H5

Answer key + explanations

37 / Answer B

Legal change and social acceptance may proceed differently. Formal permission does not establish practical acceptance or equal access.

Evidence: H3; interpretation

38 / Answer C

They widened circulation and discussion of ideas. Print helped extend debate, without guaranteeing agreement or uniform outcomes.

Evidence: H3

39 / Answer D

Subhas Chandra Bose–Haripura–1938. Bose's presidency at Haripura is a distinct national-movement milestone.

Evidence: H4

40 / Answer D

As a specific example of women's leadership in Quit India. A specific example should be contextualised without universal claims about participation.

Evidence: H5

Answer key + explanations

41 / Answer D

1938. Publication, commemoration and event dates are different.

Evidence: H4; source interpretation

42 / Answer C

Anandamath–Bankim Chandra–Vande Mataram. The cited source supports this relationship without needing a disputed first-publication date.

Evidence: C8

43 / Answer D

Test the corroborated book–author association and flag the excluded disputed detail. Limit questions to verified anchors when sources differ on chronology.

Evidence: C8; C9; editorial source decision

44 / Answer D

Explain distinct contexts while examining communication, mobilisation and institutions. Shared analytical themes do not erase different historical purposes.

Evidence: H2; H3; editorial comparison

Answer key + explanations

45 / Answer D

Durgapur-steel; Raniganj-coal. The enterprise and ministry records identify distinct industrial associations.

Evidence: E3; E4

46 / Answer D

Coal and steel can be linked through industrial supply chains, with project-specific evidence still needed. An industrial association does not establish a particular current transaction or benefit distribution.

Evidence: E3; E4; original economic application

47 / Answer C

The named crops are important in the profile; district shares require separate data. Broad crop descriptions and numerical distribution tables have different scopes.

Evidence: G5

48 / Answer C

Check drainage, soil condition, nutrients and crop damage. Diagnosis should distinguish water, soil and other constraints before choosing treatment.

Evidence: G5; G6; original application

Answer key + explanations

49 / Answer A

It is one diagnostic parameter, to interpret with crop and soil evidence. Soil-health assessment uses multiple parameters and local context.

Evidence: G6; general science application

50 / Answer D

Jobs, supplier opportunities, environmental effects and affected livelihoods. Economic, social and environmental effects need evidence and attention to their distribution.

Evidence: E3; E4 context; original appraisal

51 / Answer A

Water excess and shortage can both constrain production under different conditions. The ICAR profile identifies floods and poor drainage among constraints.

Evidence: G5; application

52 / Answer C

Estimating crop area and condition with suitable interpretation. Satellite observations are a component of agricultural evidence, not a substitute for every other measurement.

Evidence: S1

Answer key + explanations

53 / Answer B

7.62 percentage points. 76.26 − 68.64 = 7.62 percentage points.

Evidence: D2; derived arithmetic

54 / Answer B

10.93 percentage points. 70.54 − 59.61 = 10.93 percentage points.

Evidence: D2; derived arithmetic

55 / Answer C

4.67 percentage points. 81.69 − 77.02 = 4.67 percentage points.

Evidence: D2; derived arithmetic

56 / Answer A

11.15 percentage points. 81.69 − 70.54 = 11.15 percentage points.

Evidence: D2; derived arithmetic

Answer key + explanations

57 / Answer B

6.26 percentage points. 17.41 - 11.15 = 6.26 percentage points.

Evidence: D2; derived arithmetic

58 / Answer D

11.10%. 7.62 / 68.64 x 100 = approximately 11.10 percent.

Evidence: D2; derived arithmetic

59 / Answer A

No; the relevant age-eligible populations supply the weights. Use the populations and definitions underlying the rates.

Evidence: D2; statistical method

60 / Answer A

No causal effect by itself; appropriately dated comparative evidence is needed. The chart describes historical observations rather than later programme impact.

Evidence: D2; interpretation

Answer key + explanations

61 / Answer B

pH, electrical conductivity, organic carbon and available nutrients. ICAR identifies these soil parameters in the cited account.

Evidence: G6

62 / Answer A

Document missingness and apply a stated suitable method. Missing values are not automatically confirmed zero outcomes.

Evidence: Original ICT case

63 / Answer A

420 tonnes. 140 x 3 = 420 tonnes under the stated assumptions.

Evidence: Original numerical case

64 / Answer A

25%. Profit is Rs 20,000; 20,000 / 80,000 x 100 = 25 percent.

Evidence: Original numerical case

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Read sources in context

EX1 is the dated WBCS 2024 scheme, not proof of unchanged later instructions. EX1/EX2 routes timed out during revision. The archived SEC source is used only for its stable local-election role, not all old eligibility or procedural details.

D2 reports Census 2001/2011 rates. Overall: 68.64/76.26%; male: 77.02/81.69%; female: 59.61/70.54%. Differences, relative percentages and aggregation have different meanings. Historical rates are not current estimates.

G3 is historical; G5 timed out on opening but its indexed crop/constraint description was available. No current rankings or production totals are adopted. C8/C9 corroborate the book-author-song association but differ on first-publication wording; that disputed detail is excluded. Schematics, models and proposed policies are editorial.