West Bengal

Basic MCQ practice

80 original MCQs + explained answers

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

Foundation level: direct recall, simple concepts and one-step applications. Useful for building the state-GK component of entry-level recruitment 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]

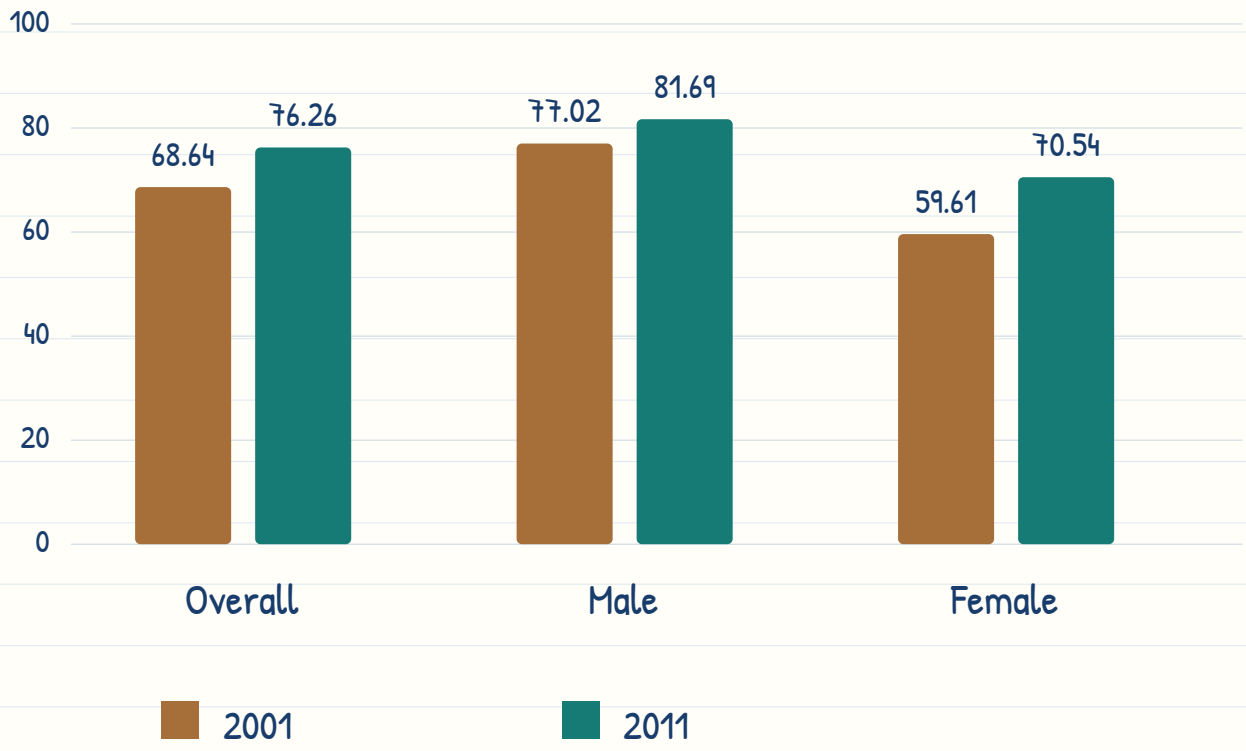
Bankim Chandra / Anandamath / Vande Mataram
Composition, serialisation and book publication are different events.

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 / Capital

Which city is the capital of West Bengal?

A. Siliguri
B. Asansol
C. Kolkata
D. Darjeeling

02 / International borders

Which set lists all three countries bordering West Bengal?

A. Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan
B. Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal
C. China, Nepal and Myanmar
D. Bangladesh, Pakistan and Bhutan

03 / Indian neighbours

Which pair consists entirely of states bordering West Bengal?

A. Sikkim and Assam
B. Uttar Pradesh and Haryana
C. Chhattisgarh and Telangana
D. Tripura and Meghalaya

04 / Southern coast

Which water body lies south of West Bengal?

A. Gulf of Kachchh
B. Palk Strait
C. Bay of Bengal
D. Arabian Sea

Try first - check answers later

05 / Landscape range

Which contrast best describes West Bengal's broad physical range?

A. Himalayan hills in the north and deltaic coast in the south
B. Only a coral island chain
C. Only a uniform high plateau
D. Only desert throughout

06 / River and city

Kolkata lies along which river system?

A. Narmada
B. Bhagirathi-Hooghly
C. Sabarmati
D. Godavari

07 / North Bengal river

Which is one of the northern Himalayan rivers identified in the state flood report?

A. Pennar
B. Teesta
C. Periyar
D. Vaigai

08 / Basin framework

Which three drainage systems structure the cited state flood report?

A. Mahi, Sabarmati and Luni
B. Ganga, Brahmaputra and Subarnarekha
C. Indus, Narmada and Tapi
D. Krishna, Godavari and Cauvery

Try first - check answers later

09 / Mangrove ecosystem

The Sundarbans is especially associated with which habitat?

A. Coral atoll
B. Tidal mangrove forest
C. Cold desert
D. Alpine meadow

10 / Transboundary geography

The wider Sundarbans landscape extends across India and which country?

A. Bangladesh
B. Nepal
C. Myanmar
D. Bhutan

11 / Wildlife anchor

Which animal is a prominent conservation association of Sundarbans National Park?

A. Kiang
B. Tiger
C. Snow leopard
D. Yak

12 / Tea origin

Which tea name is associated with geographically defined Himalayan foothill gardens?

A. Kangra
B. Assam
C. Darjeeling
D. Nilgiri

Try first - check answers later

13 / Tea certification

Which institution administers the cited Darjeeling Tea certification scheme?

A. Archaeological Survey of India
B. Tea Board India
C. National Archives of India
D. Election Commission of India

14 / Heritage railway

Which railway is West Bengal's component of the Mountain Railways of India property?

A. Kalka Shimla Railway
B. Konkan Railway
C. Darjeeling Himalayan Railway
D. Nilgiri Mountain Railway

15 / Railway opening

In which year did the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway open, according to UNESCO?

A. 1757
B. 1948
C. 2005
D. 1881

16 / Literature prize

Who received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913?

A. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
B. Rabindranath Tagore
C. Kazi Nazrul Islam
D. Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay

Try first - check answers later

17 / Santiniketan founder

Who established the school at Santiniketan in 1901?

A. Robert Clive
B. Lord Curzon
C. Siraj ud-Daulah
D. Rabindranath Tagore

18 / World university

Which institution was established at Santiniketan in 1921?

A. Jadavpur University
B. University of Burdwan
C. Visva-Bharati
D. University of Calcutta

19 / Santiniketan recognition

In which year was Santiniketan inscribed on the World Heritage List?

A. 1913
B. 1999
C. 1901
D. 2023

20 / Temple town

Bishnupur, known for terracotta temples, is in which district?

A. Darjeeling
B. Nadia
C. Bankura
D. Cooch Behar

Try first - check answers later

21 / Terracotta meaning

What does terracotta refer to?

A. Woven silk only
B. Cast iron only
C. Baked earth or fired clay
D. Carved ivory

22 / Textile association

Bishnupur is especially associated with which textile tradition?

A. Patola from Patan
B. Kanchipuram silk only
C. Pashmina shawls
D. Baluchari sarees

23 / Craft location

Which Bankura village is associated with terracotta craft?

A. Palashi
B. Charidah
C. Ghoom
D. Panchmura

24 / Dokra technique

Dokra is primarily associated with which technique?

A. Woodblock printing only
B. Stone inlay only
C. Rice-paste painting only
D. Lost-wax metal casting

Try first - check answers later

25 / Dance and region

Which form is associated with Purulia?

A. Bihu
B. Lavani
C. Garba
D. Chhau

26 / Mask distinction

Which Chhau style does not use masks in the cited comparison?

A. Seraikela
B. Purulia
C. Both Purulia and Seraikela
D. Mayurbhanj

27 / Living heritage

Durga Puja in Kolkata was inscribed in 2021 on which UNESCO list?

A. Global Geoparks list
B. Memory of the World register
C. World Heritage natural-site list
D. Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage

28 / Palashi history

In which year was the Battle of Plassey fought?

A. 1857
B. 1905
C. 1947
D. 1757

Try first - check answers later

29 / Battle participants

Which Bengal ruler fought the East India Company at Plassey?

A. Siraj ud-Daulah
B. Ranjit Singh
C. Shivaji
D. Tipu Sultan

30 / District versus historical region

Palashi, the battle site, is presented by which present-day district portal?

A. Murshidabad
B. Nadia
C. Bankura
D. Purulia

31 / Partition of Bengal

Which Viceroy partitioned Bengal in 1905?

A. Lord Ripon
B. Lord Mountbatten
C. Lord Wavell
D. Lord Curzon

32 / Swadeshi programme

Which activity fits the Swadeshi movement's programme?

A. Boycotting all Indian-made goods
B. Ending every form of education
C. Campaigning only for imported cloth
D. Promoting indigenous enterprise and national education

Try first - check answers later

33 / Historical date

In which year was the 1905 partition of Bengal annulled?

A. 1911
B. 1921
C. 1948
D. 1907

34 / River development

DVC stands for which organisation?

A. Darjeeling Village Council
B. Damodar Valley Corporation
C. District Voter Committee
D. Delta Veterinary Commission

35 / DVC establishment

In which year was Damodar Valley Corporation established?

A. 1948
B. 1999
C. 1757
D. 1905

36 / Multipurpose project

Which is among DVC's stated objectives?

A. Only conduct of police examinations
B. Only museum conservation
C. Flood control, irrigation and electricity
D. Only textile certification

Try first - check answers later

37 / Percentage practice

A hypothetical relief stock has 360 kits. If 25% are issued, how many remain?

A. 270
B. 180
C. 90
D. 300

38 / Ratio practice

A craft order of Rs 12,000 is divided between two groups in ratio 3:2. What does the larger share receive?

A. Rs 4,800
B. Rs 7,200
C. Rs 6,000
D. Rs 8,000

39 / Average practice

Four fictional centres process 40, 60, 80 and 100 applications. What is their mean?

A. 70
B. 280
C. 80
D. 60

40 / Cyclone preparedness

Which proposal best supports preparedness in a coastal settlement?

A. Counting only publicity posters
B. Accessible warning messages and rehearsed shelter access
C. Assuming a mangrove belt removes every risk
D. Blocking evacuation routes

Try first - check answers later

41 / Legislature / structure

What is the structure of West Bengal's legislature?

A. Unicameral
B. Bicameral
C. Tricameral
D. No elected House

42 / Legislature / strength

How many elected seats are in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly?

A. 294
B. 243
C. 230
D. 288

43 / Legislature / terminology

Vidhan Sabha refers to which institution?

A. Legislative Council
B. High Court
C. Legislative Assembly
D. State Election Commission

44 / Judiciary / principal seat

Where is the Calcutta High Court's principal seat?

A. Bishnupur
B. Asansol
C. Darjeeling
D. Kolkata

Try first - check answers later

45 / Judiciary / opening

The Calcutta High Court formally opened on which date?

A. 7 July 1948
B. 23 June 1757
C. 1 May 1960
D. 1 July 1862

46 / Local elections

Which institution administers West Bengal's Panchayat and municipal elections?

A. Tea Board India
B. Public Service Commission
C. Damodar Valley Corporation
D. State Election Commission

47 / Local government / intermediate tier

Which body is the intermediate or block rural tier?

A. Panchayat Samiti
B. Gram Panchayat
C. Municipal Corporation
D. Zilla Parishad

48 / Local government / district tier

Which is the district rural local-government tier?

A. Gram Panchayat
B. Zilla Parishad
C. Municipal Council
D. Panchayat Samiti

Try first - check answers later

49 / Reform / association

Who founded the Brahmo Sabha, later known as Brahmo Samaj?

A. Subhas Chandra Bose
B. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
C. Raja Rammohun Roy
D. Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar

50 / Reform / campaign

Rammohun Roy campaigned against which practice?

A. Girls' education
B. Publication of pamphlets
C. Sati
D. Widow remarriage

51 / Reform / historical law

NCERT dates the ban on sati to which year?

A. 1829
B. 1942
C. 1856
D. 1905

52 / Reform / Vidyasagar

Which reformer is closely associated with the campaign for widow remarriage?

A. Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar
B. Robert Clive
C. Lord Curzon
D. Siraj ud-Daulah

Try first - check answers later

53 / Reform / legislation

The widow-remarriage law discussed by NCERT was passed in which year?

A. 1829
B. 1911
C. 1856
D. 1948

54 / Reform / education

Vidyasagar's work in Calcutta included support for what?

A. Ending all schooling
B. Only military training
C. Girls' schooling
D. Only railway engineering

55 / Freedom struggle / Haripura

Who became Congress President at the Haripura session of 1938?

A. Subhas Chandra Bose
B. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
C. Robert Clive
D. Rammohun Roy

56 / Freedom struggle / year

The Haripura session associated with Bose's presidency was in which year?

A. 1938
B. 1905
C. 1948
D. 1913

Try first - check answers later

57 / Freedom struggle / participation

Matangini Hazra is associated with which movement?

A. Non-Cooperation of 1920 only
B. The 1857 uprising
C. Quit India
D. Swadeshi of 1905 only

58 / Freedom struggle / movement date

Quit India, in which Matangini Hazra participated, belongs to which year?

A. 1905
B. 1829
C. 1856
D. 1942

59 / Literature / author

Who wrote Anandamath?

A. Kazi Nazrul Islam
B. Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
C. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
D. Rabindranath Tagore

60 / Literature / association

Which song was included in Anandamath?

A. Amar Shonar Bangla
B. Vande Mataram
C. Sare Jahan Se Achha
D. Jana Gana Mana

Try first - check answers later

61 / Agriculture / crops

Which set matches the important crops in ICAR's West Bengal profile?

A. Rice, potato, mustard, pulses and jute
B. Clove, cardamom and pepper only
C. Tea, rubber, coffee and coconut only
D. Wheat and barley exclusively

62 / Agriculture / fibre

Which listed crop supplies fibre rather than being primarily a food grain?

A. Jute
B. Rice
C. Wheat
D. Maize

63 / Agriculture / drainage

Which constraint is mentioned in the ICAR state profile?

A. Frequent floods and poor drainage
B. Identical desert sand on every farm
C. Universal glacier cover
D. Permanent absence of rainfall

64 / Soil science / acidity

A soil pH below 7 indicates which condition?

A. Neutral
B. Necessarily free of nutrients
C. Acidic
D. Alkaline

Try first - check answers later

65 / Soil science / testing

Which is among the soil-health parameters identified by ICAR?

A. pH and organic carbon
B. Only tractor colour
C. Only the village name
D. Only landowner age

66 / Soil science / nutrients

N, P and K refer to which plant nutrients?

A. Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium
B. Nitrogen, lead and calcium
C. Nickel, platinum and krypton
D. Sodium, phosphorus and calcium

67 / Industry / Durgapur

Durgapur Steel Plant is associated with which enterprise?

A. Tea Board India
B. UNESCO
C. SAIL
D. WBSEC

68 / Industry / mineral

Raniganj is especially associated with which mineral resource?

A. Rock salt
B. Coal
C. Petroleum
D. Bauxite only

Try first - check answers later

69 / Industry / sectors

Turning iron-bearing inputs into steel is principally which type of activity?

A. Banking
B. Crop cultivation
C. Manufacturing
D. Fishing

70 / Agriculture / local variation

Does the state crop list show that every district grows the same crops in equal proportions?

A. Yes; state boundaries fix every crop share
B. Yes; all soils are identical
C. Only when the list has five crops
D. No; district and farm patterns require local evidence

71 / Farm economy / arithmetic

A hypothetical farm earns Rs 75,000 and incurs Rs 52,000 in listed costs. What remains?

A. Rs 52,000
B. Rs 23,000
C. Rs 1,27,000
D. Rs 27,000

72 / Industry / evaluation

Which measure helps assess local benefits from an industrial investment?

A. Only publicity impressions
B. Only the inauguration stage size
C. Only the height of the factory gate
D. Employment quality, supplier links and effects on residents

Try first - check answers later

73 / Data / census comparison

Which pair of census years is compared in the new literacy chart?

A. 1991 and 2026
B. 2001 and 2011
C. 2011 and 2026
D. 2021 and 2026

74 / Data / overall rate

What was West Bengal's overall literacy rate in Census 2011 in the cited table?

A. 70.54%
B. 76.26%
C. 81.69%
D. 68.64%

75 / Data / baseline

What overall literacy rate does the table give for Census 2001?

A. 76.26%
B. 70.54%
C. 68.64%
D. 81.69%

76 / Data / male rate

What male literacy rate is reported for Census 2011?

A. 59.61%
B. 76.26%
C. 81.69%
D. 70.54%

Try first - check answers later

77 / Data / female rate

What female literacy rate is reported for Census 2011?

A. 76.26%
B. 77.02%
C. 81.69%
D. 70.54%

78 / Science / satellites

Satellite remote sensing can support which agricultural task?

A. Directly observing every farmer's profit
B. Estimating crop area and condition
C. Replacing every field observation
D. Guaranteeing rainfall

79 / ICT / mean

Which spreadsheet formula gives the arithmetic mean of numeric values B2:B6?

A. =COUNT(B2:B6)
B. =SUM(B2:B6)
C. =MAX(B2:B6)
D. =AVERAGE(B2:B6)

80 / Evidence / date

Can the historical literacy chart alone establish the state's 2026 literacy rate?

A. Yes; replace the year in the title
B. No; appropriately dated evidence is needed
C. Yes; rates never change
D. Yes; average any two values

Answer key + explanations

01 / Answer C

Kolkata. The state industries department identifies Kolkata as the capital.

Evidence: G1

02 / Answer B

Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. Distinguish the three international neighbours from the five neighbouring Indian states.

Evidence: G1

03 / Answer A

Sikkim and Assam. The other neighbours are Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha.

Evidence: G1

04 / Answer C

Bay of Bengal. The southern coastline faces the Bay of Bengal.

Evidence: G1

05 / Answer A

Himalayan hills in the north and deltaic coast in the south. This is a broad regional contrast, not a claim that every district has the same terrain.

Evidence: G1; G2; N1

Answer key + explanations

06 / Answer B

Bhagirathi-Hooghly. The cited river study describes Kolkata along the lower Bhagirathi-Hooghly stretch.

Evidence: G4

07 / Answer B

Teesta. The report places Teesta among the northern river systems.

Evidence: G3

08 / Answer B

Ganga, Brahmaputra and Subarnarekha. This is the basin framework in the historical report, not a current statistical table.

Evidence: G3

09 / Answer B

Tidal mangrove forest. Mangroves and tidal waterways distinguish the delta landscape.

Evidence: N1

10 / Answer A

Bangladesh. The Indian national park must be distinguished from the wider transboundary landscape.

Evidence: N1

Answer key + explanations

11 / Answer B

Tiger. The park supports tigers in a mangrove environment. This does not imply the species is exclusive to the park.

Evidence: N1

12 / Answer C

Darjeeling. The Tea Board's Darjeeling certification framework ties the name to defined origin and production conditions.

Evidence: E1

13 / Answer B

Tea Board India. Certification helps identify genuine origin; a brand label alone is insufficient evidence.

Evidence: E1

14 / Answer C

Darjeeling Himalayan Railway. The other two UNESCO mountain-railway components are in Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh.

Evidence: C3

15 / Answer D

1881. Opening in 1881 is distinct from World Heritage inscription in 1999.

Evidence: C3

Answer key + explanations

16 / Answer B

Rabindranath Tagore. The Nobel Foundation identifies Tagore as the 1913 Literature laureate.

Evidence: C1

17 / Answer D

Rabindranath Tagore. UNESCO distinguishes the 1901 school from the university established in 1921.

Evidence: C2

18 / Answer C

Visva-Bharati. The date belongs to Visva-Bharati, not the original school.

Evidence: C2

19 / Answer D

2023. The inscription date differs from Tagore's Nobel Prize and the school's founding.

Evidence: C2; C1

20 / Answer C

Bankura. Bankura district documents Bishnupur's temples and craft traditions.

Evidence: C4

Answer key + explanations

21 / Answer C

Baked earth or fired clay. The Bankura craft account explains the material behind the term.

Evidence: C6

22 / Answer D

Baluchari sarees. Baluchari is a useful Bishnupur craft-location association.

Evidence: C6

23 / Answer D

Panchmura. Panchmura is a terracotta anchor; Charidah is associated with Chhau masks in Purulia.

Evidence: C6

24 / Answer D

Lost-wax metal casting. The Bankura account uses the technical term cire perdue for the casting process.

Evidence: C6

25 / Answer D

Chhau. Purulia Chhau is one of the distinct Chhau styles.

Evidence: C7

Answer key + explanations

26 / Answer D

Mayurbhanj. The district account contrasts mask use in Purulia and Seraikela with Mayurbhanj.

Evidence: C7

27 / Answer D

Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. The recognition concerns a living cultural practice, rather than a natural park.

Evidence: C5

28 / Answer D

1757. The Nadia district source dates the battle to 23 June 1757.

Evidence: H1

29 / Answer A

Siraj ud-Daulah. Siraj ud-Daulah opposed Company forces commanded by Robert Clive.

Evidence: H1

30 / Answer B

Nadia. Avoid confusing the political history of Bengal with the current district location of the battlefield.

Evidence: H1

Answer key + explanations

31 / Answer D

Lord Curzon. NCERT links the partition to the subsequent Swadeshi movement.

Evidence: H2

32 / Answer D

Promoting indigenous enterprise and national education. The movement linked resistance with self-help, local enterprise and national education.

Evidence: H2

33 / Answer A

1911. The National Portal describes reunification in 1911; the 1947 partition is a separate event.

Evidence: G2

34 / Answer B

Damodar Valley Corporation. The corporation has multiple river-development responsibilities.

Evidence: E2

35 / Answer A

1948. The Ministry of Power gives 7 July 1948 as its establishment date.

Evidence: E2

Answer key + explanations

36 / Answer C

Flood control, irrigation and electricity. The official objectives span water management and energy rather than a single sector.

Evidence: E2

37 / Answer A

270. Issued kits = 90; remaining kits = 360 - 90 = 270. These are invented data.

Evidence: Original arithmetic

38 / Answer B

Rs 7,200. Five shares total Rs 12,000, so three shares equal Rs 7,200.

Evidence: Original arithmetic

39 / Answer A

70. The total is 280; dividing by four gives 70 applications per centre.

Evidence: Original arithmetic

40 / Answer B

Accessible warning messages and rehearsed shelter access. Risk reduction connects warnings with feasible action and local access. This is an editorial application.

Evidence: D1; original scenario

Answer key + explanations

41 / Answer A

Unicameral. The official Assembly page identifies a unicameral structure.

Evidence: P1

42 / Answer A

294. The official page gives the Assembly strength as 294.

Evidence: P1

43 / Answer C

Legislative Assembly. Vidhan Sabha is the Legislative Assembly; West Bengal has no Legislative Council.

Evidence: P1

44 / Answer D

Kolkata. The High Court identifies its seat at Kolkata.

Evidence: P2

45 / Answer D

1 July 1862. The court distinguishes its formal opening from the Letters Patent dated 14 May 1862.

Evidence: P2

Answer key + explanations

46 / Answer D

State Election Commission. The SEC FAQ identifies Panchayat and municipal elections within its mandate. Only the stable institutional role is used from the archive.

Evidence: P3

47 / Answer A

Panchayat Samiti. The PRI description distinguishes block-level Panchayat Samitis.

Evidence: P4

48 / Answer B

Zilla Parishad. Zilla Parishad is the rural district tier, distinct from urban bodies.

Evidence: P4

49 / Answer C

Raja Rammohun Roy. NCERT identifies Roy with the reform association in Calcutta.

Evidence: H3

50 / Answer C

Sati. The textbook describes Roy's campaign against sati and for greater equality.

Evidence: H3

Answer key + explanations

51 / Answer A

1829. 1829 is distinct from the later widow-remarriage legislation.

Evidence: H3

52 / Answer A

Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar. Vidyasagar used textual arguments and public advocacy for widow remarriage.

Evidence: H3

53 / Answer C

1856. The textbook associates 1856 with legislation permitting widow remarriage. This is historical context, not a summary of present law.

Evidence: H3

54 / Answer C

Girls' schooling. NCERT describes Vidyasagar and other reformers establishing schools for girls.

Evidence: H3

55 / Answer A

Subhas Chandra Bose. The PIB account links Bose with Haripura in 1938.

Evidence: H4

Answer key + explanations

56 / Answer A

1938. Keep the session year distinct from later institutional milestones.

Evidence: H4

57 / Answer C

Quit India. PIB discusses her leadership and death during Quit India.

Evidence: H5

58 / Answer D

1942. The movement was launched in 1942.

Evidence: H5

59 / Answer C

Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay. The cited PIB account attributes the novel to Bankim Chandra.

Evidence: C8

60 / Answer B

Vande Mataram. The book-song relationship is tested without adopting disputed first-publication claims.

Evidence: C8

Answer key + explanations

61 / Answer A

Rice, potato, mustard, pulses and jute. The profile lists these crops without implying identical shares in every district.

Evidence: G5

62 / Answer A

Jute. Jute is a fibre crop; its agricultural role differs from food grains.

Evidence: G5; general crop classification

63 / Answer A

Frequent floods and poor drainage. The profile identifies drainage and flooding among constraints; local conditions still vary.

Evidence: G5

64 / Answer C

Acidic. pH helps describe soil reaction. It does not by itself prescribe a treatment.

Evidence: G6; general science

65 / Answer A

pH and organic carbon. The official list also includes conductivity, nutrients and micronutrients.

Evidence: G6

Answer key + explanations

66 / Answer A

Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. These are standard nutrient symbols in the soil-health context.

Evidence: G6; general science

67 / Answer C

SAIL. SAIL lists Durgapur Steel Plant in West Bengal.

Evidence: E3

68 / Answer B

Coal. The Ministry of Coal lists Raniganj coalfield blocks under ECL records.

Evidence: E4

69 / Answer C

Manufacturing. Steel production is a secondary-sector manufacturing activity.

Evidence: E3; general economics

70 / Answer D

No; district and farm patterns require local evidence. A broad profile is not a district-level crop-area table.

Evidence: G5; interpretation

Answer key + explanations

71 / Answer B

Rs 23,000. ₹5,000 - 52,000 = 23,000 before unlisted costs.

Evidence: Original numerical case

72 / Answer D

Employment quality, supplier links and effects on residents. Production alone does not show the distribution of economic, social and environmental effects.

Evidence: E3 context; original case

73 / Answer B

2001 and 2011. The parliamentary table reports Census 2001 and 2011 rates.

Evidence: D2

74 / Answer B

76.26%. 76.26% is the overall 2011 rate.

Evidence: D2

75 / Answer C

68.64%. 68.64% is the historical 2001 baseline.

Evidence: D2

Answer key + explanations

76 / Answer C

81.69%. The table separates overall, male and female rates.

Evidence: D2

77 / Answer D

70.54%. 70.54% is the female 2011 rate; 59.61% is the 2001 female rate.

Evidence: D2

78 / Answer B

Estimating crop area and condition. ISRO describes crop-area, condition and production applications.

Evidence: S1

79 / Answer D

=AVERAGE(B2:B6). AVERAGE gives the mean; SUM gives the total.

Evidence: General ICT practice

80 / Answer B

No; appropriately dated evidence is needed. Historical observations must retain their dates.

Evidence: D2; interpretation

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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.