Daily subject quiz – Geography (18-11-2026)

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Questions

1. As per India's revised coastline length (promulgated by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on 29 April 2025), which State has the longest coastline?

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

2. Consider the following statements:
1. The Sundarbans mangroves have formed in the delta of the Godavari and the Krishna.
2. The Pichavaram mangrove forest lies in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu.
3. Bhitarkanika, known for its mangroves, is in Odisha.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

3. Match the lakes (List I) with their description (List II):
(a) Chilika – 1. Brackish-water lagoon, Odisha
(b) Wular – 2. Freshwater lake fed by the Jhelum, Jammu and Kashmir
(c) Sambhar – 3. Freshwater lake between the Godavari and Krishna deltas, Andhra Pradesh
(d) Kolleru – 4. Inland saline lake, Rajasthan
Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

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

4. Assertion (A): The eastern coastal plain of India is broader than the western coastal plain.
Reason (R): Large east-flowing rivers such as the Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna and Kaveri have built extensive deltas along the east coast.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A

C. A is true, but R is false

D. A is false, but R is true

5. The Hogenakkal falls, in Dharmapuri district on the Tamil Nadu–Karnataka border, are on which river?

A. Bhavani

B. Kaveri

C. Thenpennai

D. Palar

6. Consider the following statements about the Luni river:
1. It originates near Pushkar in the Aravalli range.
2. It is a perennial river fed by snow-melt.
3. It flows south-west and drains into the Rann of Kachchh.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

7. Match the dams of Tamil Nadu (List I) with their rivers (List II):
(a) Mettur – 1. Thamirabarani
(b) Bhavanisagar – 2. Kaveri
(c) Sathanur – 3. Thenpennai
(d) Papanasam – 4. Bhavani
Codes: (a) (b) (c) (d)

A. 2 4 3 1

B. 4 2 3 1

C. 2 4 1 3

D. 3 4 2 1

8. Assertion (A): In summer, Udhagamandalam (Ooty) is much cooler than Chennai.
Reason (R): Air temperature generally decreases as altitude increases.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
C. A is true, but R is false
D. A is false, but R is true

9. Which is the highest peak in Tamil Nadu?

A. Anamudi
B. Doddabetta
C. Mahendragiri
D. Vellingiri

10. Consider the following statements:
1. The Palk Strait separates Tamil Nadu from the northern part of Sri Lanka.
2. Adam's Bridge (Rama Setu) is a chain of shoals between Pamban (Rameswaram) island and Mannar island.
3. The Gulf of Mannar lies to the north of Adam's Bridge.
Which of the above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Answers with explanations

1. **C) Gujarat** – India's coastline was re-measured from 7,516.6 km to 11,098.81 km by the National Hydrographic Office with the Survey of India, using high-water-line data and GIS. Gujarat 2,340.62 km (longest); Tamil Nadu 1,068.69 km (second among States); Andhra Pradesh 1,053.07 km.

2. **B) 2 and 3 only** – Statement 1 is wrong: the Sundarbans lie in the Ganga–Brahmaputra delta (West Bengal and Bangladesh). Pichavaram, near Chidambaram, lies between the Vellar and Kollidam (Coleroon) estuaries; Bhitarkanika is in the Brahmani–Baitarani delta of Odisha.

3. **B) 1 2 4 3** – Chilika is Asia's largest brackish-water lagoon and, with Keoladeo, one of India's first two Ramsar sites (1981). Wular is one of Asia's largest freshwater lakes. Sambhar is India's largest inland salt lake. Kolleru, between the Godavari and Krishna deltas, is a Ramsar site (2002).

4. **A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A** – Both are true and R explains A. The east-coast rivers build wide deltas, so the eastern plain is broad and emergent. The western plain is narrow and submerged; its short, swift rivers do not form deltas – the Narmada and the Tapi form estuaries.

5. **B) Kaveri** – The Kaveri enters Tamil Nadu at Hogenakkal and then flows into the Mettur (Stanley) reservoir, completed in 1934. The Bhavani joins the Kaveri at Bhavani (Erode district).

6. **C) 1 and 3 only** – Statements 1 and 3 are correct. The Luni, the largest river system of Rajasthan west of the Aravallis, rises near Pushkar in two branches (Saraswati and Sabarmati) that join at Govindgarh, and ends in the Rann of Kachchh. Statement 2 is wrong: the whole Luni system is ephemeral (seasonal).

7. **A) 2 4 3 1** – Mettur (Salem district) – Kaveri; Bhavanisagar (Erode district) – Bhavani; Sathanur (Tiruvannamalai district) – Thenpennai (South Pennar); Papanasam (Tirunelveli district) – Thamirabarani.

8. **A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A** – Both are true and R explains A. Ooty, in the Nilgiris, lies above 2,000 m, while Chennai is at sea level; temperature falls by about 6.5 °C for every 1,000 m rise (normal lapse rate). That is why hill stations are cool even in the tropics.

9. **B) Doddabetta** – Doddabetta (about 2,637 m), near Udhagamandalam in the Nilgiris, is the highest peak in Tamil Nadu. Anamudi (2,695 m), in the Anaimalai hills of Keralam, is the highest peak in South India.

10. **A) 1 and 2 only** – Statements 1 and 2 are correct. Statement 3 is wrong: Palk Bay lies to the north of Adam's Bridge and the Gulf of Mannar to the south. The Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park lies between Rameswaram and Thoothukudi.

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