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1. The Basque people who are frequently in the news for their separatist activity live in:
 - a. France
 - b. Italy
 - c. Portugal
 - d. Spain

◦ Answer: d
2. Match List-I (High Officials) with List-II (Organisation) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I (High Officials)	List-II (Organisation)
a. C P Jain b. S Ramadoral c. Sunil Arora d. Vivek Paul	a. Indian Airlines b. NTPC c. TCS d. Wipro Technologis

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- Answer: c
3. Which one of the following statements is correct?
 - a. Liquid Sodium is employed as a coolant in nuclear reactors
 - b. Calcium carbonate is an ingredient of tooth paste
 - c. Bordeaux mixture consists of Sodium sulphate and lime
 - d. Zinc amalgams are used as a dental filling

◦ Answer: a
 4. Consider the following statements:

- a. The Cholas defeated Pandya and Chera rulers and established their domination over peninsular India in the early medieval times.
 - b. The Cholas sent an expedition against Sailendra empire of South East Asia and conquered some of the areas.
- Which of these statements is/are correct?
 - a. Only 1
 - b. Only 2
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2
- Answer: b
- 5. Diffusion of light in the atmosphere takes place due to:
 - a. Carbon dioxide
 - b. Dust particles
 - c. Helium
 - d. Water vapours
- Answer: b
- 6. In India, the first bank of limited liability managed by Indians and founded in 1881 was:
 - a. Hindustan Commercial Bank
 - b. Oudh Commercial Bank
 - c. Punjab National Bank
 - d. Punjab and Sind Bank
- Answer: b
- 7. Which one of the following statements is NOT correct?
 - a. The Press Council of India is an autonomous quasijudicial body established under an Act of Parliament
 - b. The Press Information Bureau provides accreditation to media persons so as to have easy access to information from government sources
 - c. Among all the States of India, Maharashtra publishes the largest number of newspapers
 - d. Press Trust of India is the largest news agency in the country.
- Answer: c
- 8. The government holding in BPCL is:
 - a. more than 70%
 - b. between 60% and 70%
 - c. between 50% and 60%
 - d. less than 50%

- Answer: b

9. Consider the following statements regarding the relations between India and Pakistan:

- a. During Shimla Agreement, Indira Gandhi and Zulfikar Bhutto agreed to maintain the sanctity of LOC.
- b. Lahore Summit took place in the year 1997.
- c. Islamabad Summit was held between Rajiv Gandhi and Nawaz Sharif.

- Which of these statements is/are correct?

- a. 1,2 and 3
- b. 1 and 3
- c. Only 2
- d. Only 1

- Answer: d

10. During the year 2000 – 01, which one of the following industries recorded highest growth rate in India?

- a. Cement
- b. Coal
- c. Electricity
- d. Steel

- Answer: d