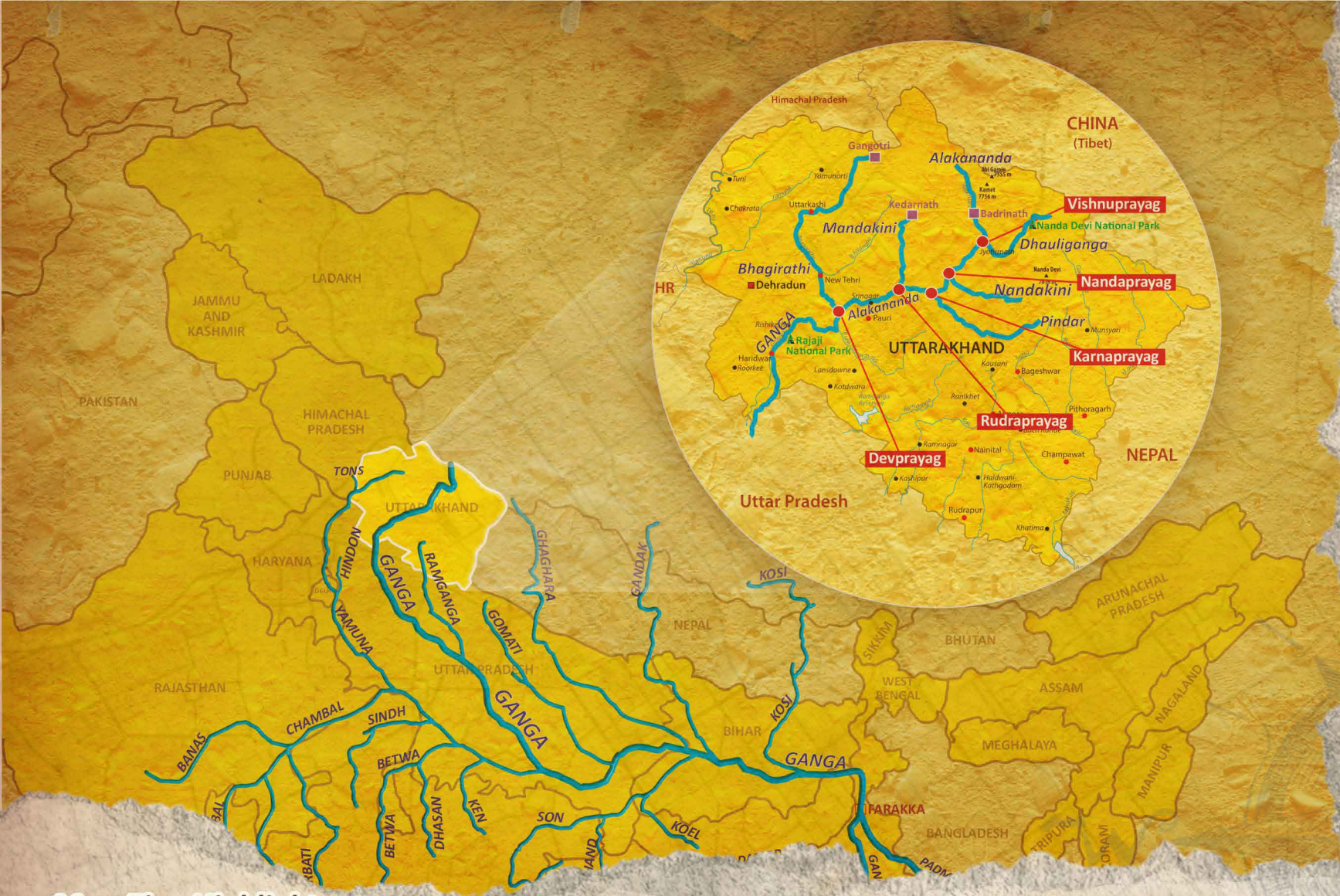




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## **Preface**

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Mapwork is one of the most complicated learning requirements of many of the present-day examinations. It demands great attention to detail across a large volume of information. Not only is Mapwork a challenge for exam aspirants, it is also a difficult proposition for authors and publishers.

While it is not a viable option to leave out information, packing too much of it is also not conducive to learning.

We have tried our best to make the maps given in the book visually appealing and content-rich.

The most obvious and effective way of learning is a little bit at a time. So rather than confounding the student with broad and wastefully general maps we have taken smaller and specific regions in this book for greater understanding and retention.

Furthermore, we have tried to ensure that the student has an opportunity to practice the newly acquired learning with relative ease by providing practice maps.

All this in the book is supplemented by the corresponding video-lectures provided on a dedicated YouTube channel for more detailed explanations and reinforcement.

But the primary feature that sets our effort apart is something else. Almost all examinations these days are gravitating towards a more Current-Affairs-centric approach. Not matter what the topic or subject, the questions framed these days are mostly related to the current happenings across the globe. We have identified this pattern and set our questions relevant to the most important current-affairs topics of the present time. This is sure to benefit the examinees in a major way.

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The main goal of asking such question is to encourage you to imagine a map in your mind. Just like this question, you can frame other queries to enhance your geographical understanding. For instance, you can ask questions like:

1. "If I wish to travel from India to Russia via Central Asia, what is the minimum number of countries I need to cross?"
2. "What is the shortest land route from India to the Mediterranean, and how many countries do I need to cross?"

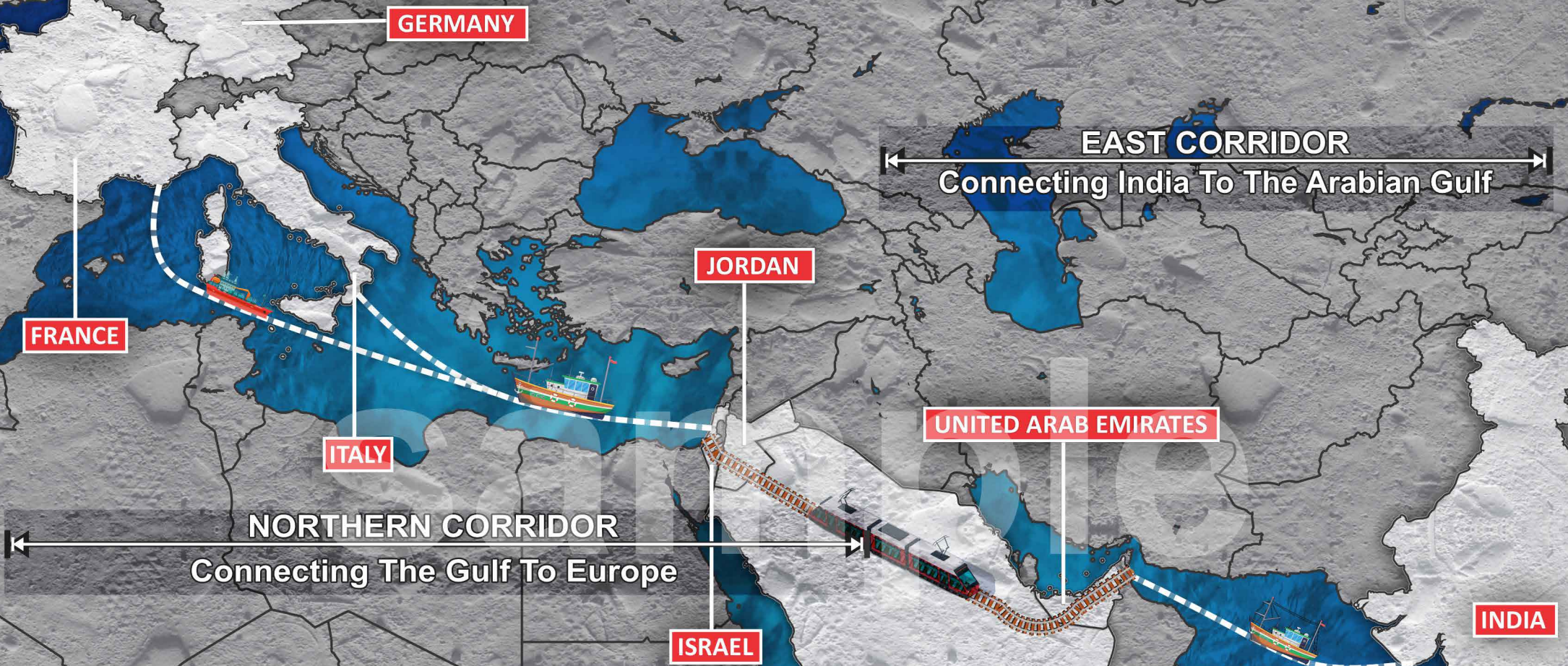
By framing questions in this way, you'll start to think more spatially and develop the ability to visualize the world map in your mind.

This approach will not only make your studies more engaging but will also help you develop a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness to the world. Happy map exploring!

A-1 "To travel from India to Russia via a land route through the Middle East, what is the minimum number of countries an Indian citizen needs to pass through, (excluding India and Russia)?"

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5

# INDIA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (IMEC)



- A-16 How many of the following statements about the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC) are TRUE?
1. It is a proposed multimodal transportation network that would connect India to Europe via the Middle East.
  2. It will be the longest transportation corridor in the world.
  3. It is part of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment (PGII).
  4. It has gained support from the World Bank.
- a) Only one  
b) Only two  
c) Only three  
d) All of the above

**Significance:** At the G20 Summit, President Joe Biden, joined by the leaders of India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, France, Germany, Italy, and the European Commission, unveiled the multi-modal India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC).

**Deepening Military Engagement:** China opened its first military base in Djibouti on the red sea.

- The small country on the Horn of Africa sits on the western end of China's long-feared 'string of pearls', a strategic containment policy that now seems to be becoming a reality for India as Sri Lanka, the Maldives and other countries in its neighbourhood have developed a growing economic dependency on China.

**A-11 The Correct Answer is: d) Only four**

**Explanation:** - The G20 Summit is an intergovernmental forum for international economic cooperation that shapes and strengthens global economic architecture and related governance.

- The Group owes its origin to the Financial Crisis in 1997-98 of the Asian Tigers (Countries of East and Southeast Asia), which caused its establishment in 1999. **It worked first as a forum for the Central Bank Governors and Finance Ministers of the major industrialised and developing economies to discuss global economic and financial stability.**
- Elevation to Leader's Level: After the 2008 global financial crisis, it was upgraded to the level of Heads of State or Government when it became clear that crisis coordination would be possible only at the highest political level.
  - In 2009, it was declared as the "premier forum for international economic cooperation".
  - The G20 Leaders have met on a regular basis since then, and the G20 has emerged as the leading platform for global economic cooperation.
  - **The members of the G20 are:** Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States, the African Union and the European Union.
    - The **G20 leaders agreed to admit the African Union as a permanent member of the G20**, which is a major step towards increasing the representation of developing countries in the forum.
- **Troika:** The **G20 does not have a charter or a secretariat**. The Presidency is supported by the Troika, which includes the previous, current, and incoming presidencies. The G20 Presidency hosts the Summit and directs the agenda for a calendar year.
- **A non-binding forum: Its decisions are not legally binding**, and member countries are not required to implement them.
- Working with international organisations: The G20 members also work closely with international organisations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- **Working structure-**
  - Finance track- Meets 4 times in a year.
  - Sherpa track- Established after the inception of G20 Leaders' Summit in 2008. It covers non-financial issues.
  - Engagement groups- An unofficial track comprising non-government participants from each member country.
- 2024 Presidency- India has formally handed over the G20 presidency to Brazil.

**Significance:** The 18th G20 Summit was held in New Delhi, India on September 9th and 10th, 2023. The summit was the first time India hosted the G20 Leaders' Summit.

- The theme of the summit was "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**", which means "**The world is one family**".
- G20 Leaders' New Delhi Declaration achieved unanimous consensus, addressing diverse global issues, from Russia-Ukraine tensions to sustainable development, food security, and launching the Global Biofuel Alliance.

**KEY OUTCOMES OF THE 2023 G20 SUMMIT HELD IN INDIA**

OUTCOMES	DESCRIPTION	SIGNIFICANCE
<b>Russia-Ukraine War</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G20 nations agreed that states cannot grab territory by force and highlighted the suffering of the people of Ukraine, but avoided direct criticism of Russia for the war.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India along with Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa, played a key role in avoiding a fracturing of the G20 over the Ukraine conflict, reflecting the growing power of the Global South developing nations in the group.</li> </ul>
<b>Inclusion of African Union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 55-member African Union was formally made permanent member of the G20, on par with the European Union, in order to make the grouping more representative.</li> <li>Until now only South Africa was a member of the G20.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The entry of the AU would provide greater voice to the Global South within the G20 where the G7 countries have long played a dominant role.</li> </ul>
<b>India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEE-EC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A multinational rail and shipping project linking India with the Middle East and Europe has been announced.</li> <li>The corridor would include India, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Israel and the European Union.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It will challenge China's economic ambitions in the region.</li> <li>It aims to boost trade, deliver energy resources and improve digital connectivity.</li> </ul>
<b>Climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The G20 leaders agreed to pursue tripling renewable energy capacity globally by 2030 and accepted the need to phase-down unabated coal power.</li> <li>It stressed the urgency of mobilizing "US\$5.8-5.9 trillion in the pre-2030 period for developing countries" and "US\$4 trillion per year for clean energy technologies by 2030.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It will help countries to attain net-zero emissions by 2050.</li> </ul>

A-24 Which of the following statements accurately describes the Morocco Earthquake?

1. It resulted from a geological phenomenon known as a transform fault.
2. It was a shallow earthquake.

Select the correct option:

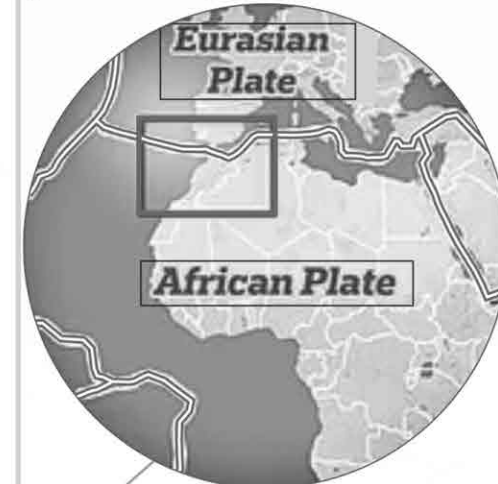
- a) Statement 1 only
- b) Statement 2 only
- c) Both statements 1 and 2
- d) Neither statement 1 nor 2

A-25 How many of the following statements about Morocco is TRUE?

1. It shares a border with Algeria.
2. It shares a border with the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.
3. Atlas Mountain range is located in this country.
4. The Strait of Gibraltar separates Morocco from Spain.

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All of the above

Seismic activity from the Eurasian and African plates usually occurs further east in the Mediterranean, with Italy, Greece and Turkey particularly affected



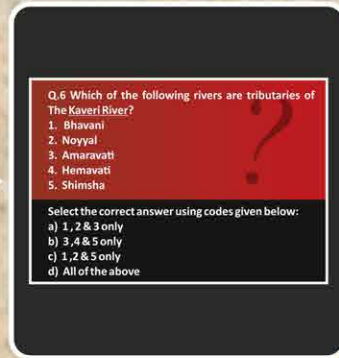
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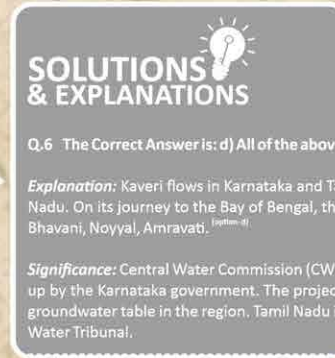
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