

## QUIZ OF THE DAY

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Q1. Consider the following statements regarding trade relations between India and the EU:

1. Trade in goods between the two increased by about 30% in the last decade.
2. EU is India's third largest trading partner and the second-largest destination for Indian exports.
3. States such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu have a 60% share in India's exports to the EU.

Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?

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

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian rural economy:

1. Agriculture sector has seen a positive growth rate during the pandemic years.
2. The work hours demanded under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) have increased in the last 2 years.
3. The Government of India has steadily increased the Budget allocated to the MGNREGA in the last 3 years.

Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3 only

## Explanation and Solutions

**Q1. Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Among states, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu would be the most hit as their share in exports to the EU is almost 60%. The EU is India's third largest trading partner, accounting for €88 billion worth of trade in goods in 2021, or 10.8% of total Indian trade, after the USA (11.6%) and China (11.4%). The EU is the second-largest destination for Indian exports (14.9% of the total) after the USA (18.1%), while China only ranks fourth (5.8%). Trade in goods between the EU and India increased by about 30% in the last decade. Trade in services between the EU and India reached €30.4 billion in 2020.

**Q2. Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The agriculture sector has seen a positive growth rate in pandemic years; 3.6 per cent in 2020-21 and 3.9 per cent in 2021-22. The work hours demanded under MGNREGA have increased vis-a-vis pre-pandemic levels. In the last few years the GoI has reduced allocation to MGNREGA. Even for FY 2022-23, this flagship rural employment programme has received lower allocation — by about ₹25,000 crores (25% decrease) from RE 2021-22 of ₹98,000 crores.