

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



## DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS (13/3/2026)

**1. With reference to the National Shipping Board (NSB), consider the following statements:**

1. It is a statutory body established under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.
2. It was established in 1959 to advise the Government of India on shipping-related matters.
3. It functions under the Ministry of Defence.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**2. Consider the following statements regarding Nevado Ojos del Salado:**

1. It is located in the Andes Mountains on the border of Chile and Argentina.
2. It is the highest active stratovolcano in the world.
3. It is the highest mountain in South America.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only

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(c) 1 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**3. With reference to NASA's Van Allen Probes mission, consider the following statements:**

1. It used two spacecraft to study Earth's radiation belts.

2. The probes were launched in 2012.

3. The mission was originally planned for ten years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**4. Consider the following statements regarding Cobalt:**

1. It is a hard, lustrous, silver-grey metal.

2. It occurs mostly with copper, nickel and arsenic ores.

3. It is usually extracted as a primary metal rather than a by-product.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**5. With reference to the Spotted Hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*), consider the following statements:**

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1. It is the largest member of the hyena family.
2. It is commonly called the laughing hyena.
3. It is found mainly in sub-Saharan Africa.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

## SOLUTIONS:

### 1. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: The National Shipping Board is a permanent statutory body established in 1959 under Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. It advises the Government of India on matters related to shipping and maritime development. It is not under the Ministry of Defence.

### 2. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Nevado Ojos del Salado lies in the Andes on the Chile–Argentina border and is the world’s highest active stratovolcano as well as the highest mountain in Chile. However, the highest mountain in South America is Aconcagua, not Ojos del Salado.

### 3. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: NASA’s Van Allen Probes mission used two spacecraft (Probe A and B) launched on August 30, 2012, to study Earth’s radiation belts. The mission was originally designed for two years but operated for nearly seven years.

### 4. Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

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Explanation: Cobalt is a hard, lustrous, silver-grey ferromagnetic metal. It commonly occurs with copper, nickel and arsenic ores and is usually extracted as a by-product of these metals rather than as a primary metal.

**5. Answer: (c) 1, 2 and 3**

Explanation: The spotted hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*) is the largest member of the hyena family and is popularly known as the laughing hyena. It is widely distributed across sub-Saharan Africa in habitats such as savannas, grasslands, and woodlands.

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