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This PDF contains 10 important current affairs MCQs for 19 August 2026, covering sports, diplomatic appointments, governance, banking awareness, environment, international affairs and technology. Use it for daily General Awareness revision and quick exam practice.

Q1	Rishabh Pant - 100 Test sixes
Q2	Ambassador to Iraq
Q3	Ambassador to Switzerland
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Q5	Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar
Q6	Grasslands & ONEs Guide
Q7	RRB Priority Sector Lending
Q8	Zambia President
Q9	Asian Open Speed Skating
Q10	SEMICON India 2026

Questions, Answers & Explanations

Q1. Who became the first Indian cricketer to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Rishabh Pant
- (c) Virender Sehwag
- (d) MS Dhoni
- (e) Ravindra Jadeja

Correct Answer: (b) Rishabh Pant

Explanation: Rishabh Pant became the first Indian cricketer to reach 100 sixes in Test cricket. He achieved the landmark during the opening Test against Sri Lanka and joined the select group of players with 100 or more Test sixes.

Q2. Who was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq in August 2026?

- (a) Ajay A. Kumar
- (b) Vikram Misri
- (c) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- (d) Prashant Pise
- (e) Randhir Jaiswal

Correct Answer: (a) Ajay A. Kumar

Explanation: Ajay A. Kumar, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 2001 batch, was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq.

Q3. Who was appointed as India's next Ambassador to Switzerland in August 2026?

- (a) Ajay A. Kumar
- (b) Soumendu Bagchi
- (c) Vikram Misri
- (d) Prashant Pise
- (e) Gopal Baglay

Correct Answer: (b) Soumendu Bagchi

Explanation: Soumendu Bagchi, a 1993-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, was appointed as India's next Ambassador to Switzerland.

Questions, Answers & Explanations

Q4. In which year was the original Appeal and Complaint Management System (AppCoMS) introduced by the Central Information Commission?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2016
- (e) 2020

Correct Answer: (d) 2016

Explanation: The original Appeal and Complaint Management System (AppCoMS) was introduced in September 2016. The upgraded AppCoMS 2.0 was launched on 17 August 2026 to strengthen digital processing of Second Appeals and Complaints under the RTI Act, 2005.

Q5. Which entity received the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar under the National Sports Awards 2025?

- (a) Tata Steel Sports Academy
- (b) Army Paralympic Node, Pune
- (c) Petroleum Sports Promotion Board
- (d) Railway Sports Promotion Board
- (e) Reliance Foundation Youth Sports

Correct Answer: (b) Army Paralympic Node, Pune

Explanation: The Army Paralympic Node, Pune was selected for the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for its contribution towards promotion and development of sports.

Q6. Where was India's first-ever Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems (ONEs) of India launched in August 2026?

- (a) UNFCCC COP30 in Belem, Brazil
- (b) UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- (c) CBD COP17 in Cali, Colombia
- (d) UNEP Global Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya
- (e) World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi, UAE

Correct Answer: (b) UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Explanation: India launched its first Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems at UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The guide highlights India's grasslands, savannas, deserts and other open natural ecosystems.

Questions, Answers & Explanations

Q7. What was the average Priority Sector Lending achievement recorded by Regional Rural Banks against their prescribed RBI target of 75% in FY 2025-26?

- (a) 75.0% of ANBC
- (b) 82.4% of ANBC
- (c) 88.5% of ANBC
- (d) 91.7% of ANBC
- (e) 95.2% of ANBC

Correct Answer: (d) 91.7% of ANBC

Explanation: Regional Rural Banks recorded an average Priority Sector Lending achievement of 91.7% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) in FY 2025-26, above the prescribed overall PSL target of 75%. Gross loans outstanding rose from Rs. 5,24,163 crore to Rs. 5,78,349 crore.

Q8. Who was re-elected as President of Zambia for a second five-year term in 2026?

- (a) Edgar Lungu
- (b) Hakainde Hichilema
- (c) Emmerson Mnangagwa
- (d) Cyril Ramaphosa
- (e) William Ruto

Correct Answer: (b) Hakainde Hichilema

Explanation: Hakainde Hichilema was re-elected as President of Zambia for a second five-year term.

Questions, Answers & Explanations

Q9. Which Indian state hosted the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2026?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Ladakh
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir
- (d) Sikkim
- (e) Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: (e) Uttarakhand

Explanation: The Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2026 was hosted in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, from 17 to 20 August 2026.

Q10. What is the official theme of SEMICON India 2026?

- (a) Shaping the Semiconductor Future
- (b) Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem
- (c) Driving India's Semiconductor Innovation
- (d) Designing the Chip Ecosystem for Global Growth
- (e) Next-Gen Electronics: India's Semiconductor Rise

Correct Answer: (b) Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem

Explanation: SEMICON India 2026 is scheduled for 17-19 September 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. Its theme is "Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem."

Answer Key - 19 August 2026

Question	Correct Answer
Q1	(b) Rishabh Pant
Q2	(a) Ajay A. Kumar
Q3	(b) Soumendu Bagchi
Q4	(d) 2016
Q5	(b) Army Paralympic Node, Pune
Q6	(b) UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Q7	(d) 91.7% of ANBC
Q8	(b) Hakainde Hichilema
Q9	(e) Uttarakhand
Q10	(b) Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem

Quick Revision One-Liners

- Rishabh Pant became the first Indian cricketer to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket.
- Ajay A. Kumar was appointed as India's next Ambassador to Iraq.
- Soumendu Bagchi was appointed as India's next Ambassador to Switzerland.
- The original AppCoMS was introduced in 2016.
- Army Paralympic Node, Pune received the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2025.
- India's first Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems was launched at UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- RRBs recorded an average Priority Sector Lending achievement of 91.7% of ANBC in FY 2025-26.
- Hakainde Hichilema was re-elected as President of Zambia.
- Uttarakhand hosted the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2026 in Dehradun.
- SEMICON India 2026 theme: Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem.

Revision Tip: Re-attempt the 10 MCQs after 24 hours and again during your weekly current affairs revision.