CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTION BANK
May 2019
Q: 1: What was the theme of International Labour Day 2019?
A) Promote Employment by Supporting Prospective Entrepreneurs
B) Let’s value work by providing the jobless with start-up capital support
C) Celebrating the international labour movement
D) Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement
E) Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners

Q: 2: Who among the following named 2019 FWA footballer of the year?
A) Ivan Perisic
B) Raheem Sterling
C) Lionel Messi
D) Luca Modric
E) Cristiano Ronaldo

Q: 3: According to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, India was world’s __ biggest military spender in the year 2018.
A) Fourth
B) Third
C) Seventh
D) Second
E) Fifth

Q: 4: Recently Dr Negaso Gidada passed away in Germany. He was the former President of __?
A) Tanzania
B) Burundi
C) Ethiopia
D) Mozambique
E) Madagascar

Q: 5: Recently World Press Freedom Day was observed on which day of May 2019?
A) 4th May
B) 5th May
C) 2nd May
D) 3rd May
E) 7th May

Q: 6: Who among the following recently awarded France’s Highest Civilian Award?
A) A.S. Kiran Kumar
B) S.P. Ganguly
C) Narendra Modi
D) Amitabh Bachchan
E) MS Dhoni

Q: 7: The first part of Indo-French joint Naval Exercise Varuna 19.1 conducted in __?
A) Vishakhapatnam  
B) Goa Coast  
C) Bikaner, Rajasthan  
D) Kochi  
E) Jhansi, UP  

Q: 8: Which of the following country's parliament recently became the first parliament to declare a climate emergency?  
A) Russia  
B) Japan  
C) UK  
D) China  
E) Bangladesh

Q: 9: Government and ____ to set up a Centre of Excellence for waste to wealth technologies?  
A) IISC Banglore  
B) IIT Bombay  
C) IIT Madras  
D) IIT Delhi  
E) IIM Ahmedabad

Q: 10: Which country recently lifted a temporary ban on social media platforms?  
A) China  
B) Nepal  
C) Sri Lanka  
D) Japan  
E) Indonesia

A) 1.06 lakh crore  
B) 1.13 lakh crore  
C) 97,000 crore  
D) 1.26 lakh crore  
E) 87,0000 Crore

Q: 12: World Asthma Day is an annual event organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) to improve asthma awareness and care around the world. It is being observed every year on __?  
A) First Friday of May  
B) Second Wednesday of May  
C) First Tuesday of May  
D) First Monday of May  
E) Last Tuesday of May

Q: 13: Vodafone Idea signed a deal with which of the following Tech Giant to deliver enhanced customer experience?  
A) TCS  
B) Infosys  
C) Tech Mahindra
Q: 14: Who has been recently appointed as first independent woman director of Bombay Stock Exchange?
A) Revathi Kulkarni Roy
B) Arundhati Bhattacharya
C) Shikha Sharma
D) Kalpana Morparia
E) M Jayshree Vyas

Q: 15: Recently Cricketer Seymour Nurse passed away. He belonged to which country?
A) New Zealand
B) West Indies
C) South Africa
D) Australia
E) England

Q: 16: Which Cricketer recently released his biography titles ‘Game Changer’?
A) Moeen Ali
B) VVS Laxman
C) Sourav Ganguly
D) Sanjay Manjrekar
E) Shahid Afridi

Q: 17: Recently, UN Global Road Safety Week observed from 6 to 12 May, 2019. What was the theme for this year?
A) Leadership for Road Safety
B) Youth and Road Safety
C) Save lives and Speak up
D) Road Safety – Time for Action
E) None of these

Q: 18: Researchers from ____ developed a ‘Made in India’ Microprocessor?
A) IIT Kharagpur
B) IISc Bangalore
C) IIT Bombay
D) IIT Delhi
E) IIT Madras

Q: 19: Which company announced to sponsor of the Afghanistan Cricket team in World Cup 2019?
A) PayTM
B) Flipkart
C) Freecharge
D) Amul
E) Ola

Q: 20: Recently Baidyanath Mishra Passed away. He was Renowned ____?
A) Journalist
B) Economist
C) Actor  
D) Novelist  
E) Scientist  

**Q: 21:** Which company recently became India’s most valued firm in terms of market cap?  
A) Reliance  
B) SBI  
C) Tata motors  
D) Sun Pharma  
E) TCS  

**Q: 22:** Konkan Railways signed contract agreement with ___ to supply DEMU train sets?  
A) Nepal  
B) Sri Lanka  
C) Pakistan  
D) Bhutan  
E) Bangladesh  

**Q: 23:** Which of the following company has appointed celebrity couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first brand ambassadors?  
A) Flipkart  
B) Myntra  
C) Amazon  
D) Ola  
E) Zomato  

**Q: 24:** Who among the following won the Orange Cup in IPL 2019?  
A) Kane Williamson  
B) Virat Kohli  
C) KL Rahul  
D) Andre Russell  
E) David Warner  

**Q: 25:** Which of the following day observed every year on the Second Sunday of May?  
A) International Nurse Day  
B) World Migratory Bird Day  
C) Mother’s Day  
D) Father’s Day  
E) International Day of Families  

**Q: 26:** Which of the following Bollywood Celebrity appointed as Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate by UN?  
A) Priyanka Chopra  
B) Dia Mirza  
C) Kangana Ranaut  
D) Sonam Kapoor  
E) Aishwarya Rai  

**Q: 27:** The International event of the world of Cinema Cannes Film Festival was organized in ___?
Q: 28: India has extended 1 billion dollar line of Credit to ____ to set up grass-root refinery.
A) North Korea
B) Taiwan
C) Mongolia
D) Macau
E) Hong Kong

Q: 29: Which space agency has successful flight test of ABHYAS - High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha?
A) SpaceX
B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
C) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
D) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
E) None of these

Q: 30: Dinesh Pangtey recently appointed as CEO of ____?
A) SBI Mutual Fund
B) Axis Mutual Fund
C) Aditya Birla Capital
D) LIC Mutual Fund
E) None of these

Q: 31: Which IPS Officer recently received McCain Institute Award 2019?
A) Vinod Kumar Chaubey
B) Kiran Bedi
C) Chhaya Sharma
D) Sanjukta Parashar
E) Sonia Narang

Q: 32: Reserve Bank of India has released a vision document; Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019 - 2029, with its core theme ____
A) Policy support to enhance liquidity in the system
B) Ensuring efficient management of currency as well other Banking services
C) Regulating markets to ensure financial system stability
D) Empowering Exceptional E-payment Experience;
E) None of these

Q: 33: Kami Rita recently created a world record by scaling Mt. Everest for the 23rd Time. He belongs to which country?
A) Bhutan
B) India
C) Nepal
D) Bangladesh
E) Indonesia

Q: 34: Which country announced to host 2023 Asian Football cup?
A) China
B) Sri Lanka
C) South Korea
D) Japan
E) India

Q: 35: BSE recently launched a Mobile App for its mutual fund platform. What is the name of the application?
A) BSE Mutual Fund
B) BSE Capital
C) BSE Star MF
D) InvesTap
E) BSE Money

Q: 36: RBI Imposed a Penalty of ____ on Nainital Bank for its failure to fully automate the non-performing asset (NPA) identification process.
A) 2 Crore
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Q: 37: PayTM has tied up with ____ to launch a credit card called ‘Paytm First Card’.
A) Yes Bank
B) Standard chartered Bank
C) HDFC Bank
D) Axis Bank
E) Citi Bank

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A) Akshay Kumar
B) Salman Khan
C) Shahrukh Khan
D) Ajay Devgan
E) Ranbir Kapoor

Q: 39: United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction conferred Sasakawa Award 2019 to ____?
A) Dr P K Mishra
B) Nripendra Mishra
C) Tarun Bajaj
D) Sanjeev Singhla
E) Bhaskar Khulbe

Q: 40: Which Indian State became the first state to tap into masala bond market?
A) Karnataka
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Kerala
D) Gujarat
E) Maharashtra

Q: 41: According to United Nation's report, India's Economy is projected to grow at ___ in the fiscal year 2020.
A) 7.5 %
B) 7.1 %
C) 7.5 %
D) 7.8 %
E) 6.7 %

Q: 42: India Ranks ___ position out of 181 countries in the KidsRight Index.
A) 123rd
B) 115th
C) 117th
D) 103rd
E) None of these

Q: 43: Which Organisation signed an agreement to provide USD 750 million loans to India for railway track electrification project?
A) IMF
B) World Bank
C) BRICS Bank
D) Asian Development Bank
E) None of these

Q: 44: The Reserve Bank of India announced to conduct an auction to purchase Government Securities under Open Market Operations for ___ Rs?
A) 12,000 Crore
B) 20,000 Crore
C) 10,000 Crore
D) 25,000 Crore
E) 15,000 Crore

Q: 45: Recently P.P.C Joshi passed away. He was Veteran ___?
A) Singer
B) Novelist
C) Politician
D) Poet
E) None of these

Q: 46: Who among the following received UNSDG 10 most Influential People in Healthcare Award?
A) Baba Ramdev
B) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
C) Acharya Balkrishnan
D) Narendra Modi
E) J P Nadda
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A) Lewis Hamilton
B) Martin Jůza
C) Ben Stark
D) Sebastian Vettel
E) Charles Leclerc

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A) 25th May
B) 29th May
C) 28th May
D) 31st May
E) 22nd May

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A) Bombay High Court
B) Madras High Court
C) Calcutta High Court
D) Meghalaya High Court
E) Gujarat High Court

Q: 50: Which writer recently Honoured with Nine Dots Prize 2019?
A) Chetan Bhagat
B) Annie Zaidi
C) Rashmi Bansal
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Ans. 48: (B) The “International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers”, May 29, is “an international day to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping. The theme for 2019 is: “Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”.

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