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Q.1 The theme of the World AIDS Day 2019 is _____ ?

- a) Special people in communities
- b) Communities Make the Difference
- c) The way to achieve a health community
- d) Eradicate AIDS from the community
- e) None of these

Q.2 India has conducted 'ministerial level 2+2' dialogue with which among the following country/countries?

- 1. Japan
 - 2. USA
 - 3. France
 - 4. Russia
- a) 1 and 2
 - b) 2 and 3
 - c) 3 and 4
 - d) All 1,2,3 and 4
 - e) None of these

Q.3 Who has been recently appointed as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA)?

- a) Rajiv Mehrishi
- b) Soma Roy Burman
- c) J. P. S. Chawla
- d) Rashi Tripathi
- e) None of these

Q.4 Which among the following diseases are covered in the nationwide vaccination drive under the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0?

- 1. Diphtheria
 - 2. Whooping cough
 - 3. Tetanus
 - 4. Poliomyelitis
- a) 1,2 and 3
 - b) 2,3 and 4
 - c) 1,3 and 4
 - d) All 1,2,3 and 4
 - e) None of these

Q.5 What was the Gross GST Revenue collection in November 2019?

- a) Rs 1,40,492 crore

- b) Rs 1,03,492 crore
- c) Rs 1,30,492 crore
- d) Rs 1,04,492 crore
- e) None of these

Q.6 The Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is held between India and _____?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Srilanka
- c) Maldives
- d) France
- e) None of these

Q.7 Who has recently become the first naval woman pilot of Indian Navy?

- a) Sub-Lieutenant Shruti Shivangi
- b) Sub-Lieutenant Shivangi Agarwaal
- c) Sub-Lieutenant Shivangi Swarup
- d) Sub-Lieutenant Shreya Swarup
- e) None of these

Q.8 Which day is observed as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities?

- a) 3rd November
- b) 1st January
- c) 1th October
- d) 3rd December
- e) None of these

Q.9 Which online system has been recently launched by the Election Commission of India for the process of registration of political parties?

- a) Political Parties Online Tracking System
- b) Political Parties Online Registration Management System
- c) Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System
- d) Political Parties status of Registration System
- e) None of these

Q.10 Who is the Minister of Health and Family welfare?

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Ram Bilas Paswan
- c) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- d) Piyush Goyal
- e) Dr Mahendra Nath

Q.11 Anaemic Mukt Bharat strategy is launched under _____ with the aim to reduce anaemia by 3% till ____?

- a) Ayushman Bharat, 2024
- b) Ayushman Bharat, 2022
- c) Aam Admi Bima Yojana, 2022

- d) POSHAN Abhiyaan, 2022
- e) Universal health scheme, 2022

Q.12 Choose the correct statement in the context of Prithvi-II missile?

1. It is indigenously developed by DRDO in collaboration with ISRO
 2. It is the first missile that has been developed under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme
- a) Only 1
 - b) Only 2
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
 - e) None of the above

Q.13 Recently, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has revamped Mobile Number portability (MNP) rules and prescribed _____ working days timeline for port out requests within a service area and _____ working days timeline for port out request from one circle to another?

- a) 3 Days, 4 Days
- b) 3 Days, 5 Days
- c) 4 days, 5 Days
- d) 3 Days, 4 Days
- e) None of these

Q.14 The Indian Navy Day is observed on?

- a) 1st October
- b) 11th December
- c) 14th November
- d) 4th December
- e) None of these

Q.15 What is India's current rating as per the Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (S&P)?

- a) AA-
- b) A+
- c) BBB+
- d) BBB-
- e) BB

Q.16 The Hornbill Festival is celebrated in which state of India?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Odisha
- c) Tripura
- d) Nagaland
- e) Chhattisgarh

Q.17 Who was appointed as the administrator by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after it superseded DHFL's Board?

- a) J. Krishnan
- b) R Subramaniakumar

- c) K. Manikumar
- d) S. Kumarswamy
- e) None of these

Q.18 The Reserve Bank of India has revised the Real GDP growth in its Fifth Bi-monthly Monetary Policy, 2019-20 from 6.1 % in the October policy to _____?

- a) 4.2%
- b) 5.7%
- c) 5.0 %
- d) 5.1%
- e) None of these

Q.19 Which country has recently passed the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act for Uighur Muslims in China?

- a) USA
- b) UK
- c) Kazakhstan
- d) Iran
- e) None of these

Q.20 Who is the present chief executive officer (CEO) of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM)?

- a) Arun Kumar
- b) Tapas Kumar
- c) Anurag Garg
- d) Talleen Kumar
- e) None of these

Q.21 Exercise INDRA 2019 is the _____ exercise conducted between India and _____?

- a) Bi-service, France
- b) Tri-service, Russia
- c) Bi-service, USA
- d) Tri-service, Italy
- e) None of these

Q.22 Union Home Ministry has recently sanctioned a sum _____ from Nirbhaya Fund for setting up Women Help Desks in Police Stations.

- a) Rs 50 crore
- b) Rs 100 crore
- c) Rs 150 crore
- d) Rs 200 crore
- e) None of these

Q.23 RBI has recently announced that is has decided to bring Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) with assets of _____ and above under the Central Repository of Information on Large Credits - CRILC reporting framework?

- a) Rs 100 crore
- b) Rs 200 crore

- c) Rs 400 crore
- d) Rs 500 crore
- e) None of these

Q.24 In the context of RBI norms for asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to acquire financial assets, choose the correct statement?

1. RBI has put restriction on the ARCs from buying financial assets from their sponsor firms and lenders (bank or financial institution) on a bilateral basis.
2. As per the amendment made in the Sarfaesi Act, 2002 RBI had permitted ARCs to acquire financial assets from other ARCs.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- e) None of the above

Q.25 Under which Act, the RBI has recently issued the directive that the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) System is made available on a 24x7 basis?

- a) The Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- c) Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
- d) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- e) None of these

Q.26 The Headquarter of Andhra Bank is in?

- a) Vishakhapatnam
- b) Nellore
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Vijaywada
- e) None of these

Q.27 In the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) 2019 list of India's top 10 police stations, Which police station stood at the top position?

- a) Aberdeen Police Station, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- b) Balasinor Police Station, Gujarat
- c) Ajk Burhanpur Police Station, Madhya Pradesh
- d) Bakani, Rajasthan
- e) None of these

Q.28 The National Photography Awards is conferred under the Ministry of _____?

- a) Information & Broadcasting
- b) President's Secretariat
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) Earth Science
- e) Culture

Q.29 Exercise 'Hand-in-Hand-2019' is a joint military exercise between India and _____, and was held at _____?

- a) Bangladesh, Tripura
- b) China, Meghalaya
- c) Singapore, Andaman and Nicobar Island
- d) Maldives, Andhra Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.30 Which country has won the three-nation hockey tournament that was recently held at Canberra, Australia?

- a) Australia
- b) New Zealand
- c) India
- d) Netherland
- e) Belgium

Q.31 The Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) is organised by _____?

- a) Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)
- b) International Organisation of Migrants (IOM)
- c) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- d) Migration Policy Institute (MPI)
- e) None of these

Q.32 The Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 aims to escalate efforts to achieve the goal of attaining _____% national immunization coverage across India?

- a) 70%
- b) 80%
- c) 90%
- d) 100%
- e) None of these

Q.33 Who is the present Union Minister of Jal Shakti?

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- b) R. K. Singh
- c) Rao Inderjit Singh
- d) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- e) None of these

Q.34 Who is recently appointed as the chairman of National Stock Exchange?

- a) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- b) Ashok Chawla
- c) Vikram Limaye
- d) Balasubramaniam
- e) None of these

Q.35 The World Human Rights Day is celebrated on _____ every year?

- a) 1st December
- b) 10th December
- c) 11th December
- d) 21st December
- e) None of these

Q.36 Who is the present Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs?

- a) Thaawar Chand Gehlot
- b) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- c) Anurag Singh Thakur
- d) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- e) None of these

Q.37 The World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA, has recently banned _____ from participation in global sporting events for four years?

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) England
- d) India
- e) None of these

Q.38 Who has been crowned Miss Universe for the year 2019?

- a) Madison Anderson
- b) Ashley Alvidrez
- c) Zozibini Tunzi
- d) Vartika Singh
- e) None of these

Q.39 The Parliament has recently passed the Arms (Amendment) Bill _____ that increases the duration of the validity of arms license from 3 years to 5 years?

- a) 2016
- b) 2017
- c) 2018
- d) 2019
- e) None of these

Q.40 The Union Cabinet has approved the National Highways Authority of India, NHAI to set up Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) under?

1. Indian Trust Act, 1882
 2. Securities and Exchange Board of India (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014.
- a) Only 1
 - b) Only 2
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
 - e) None of the above

Q.41 ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) successfully launched its 50th mission named _____ on 11th Dec 19?

- a) RISAT-1BR2
- b) RISAT-2SR2
- c) RISAT-2BR1
- d) RISAT-2AB1
- e) None of these

Q.42 The 2019 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to _____ Prime Minister _____?

- a) Ethiopian, Abiy Ahmed
- b) Eritrean, Abiy Ahmed
- c) Ethiopian, Isaias Afwerki
- d) Eritrean, Isaias Afwerki
- e) None of these

Q.43 The 25th session of Conference of Parties under the UN Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC COP25) was held in _____?

- a) Chile
- b) Spain
- c) Germany
- d) France
- e) None of these

Q.44 The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 seeks to insert new section _____ in the code?

- a) 32A
- b) 33B
- c) 32B
- d) 33A
- e) None of these

Q.45 Who is the Present Union Labour Minister?

- a) Ram Vilash Pashwan
- b) Arjun Munda
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- e) Ramdas Athawale

Q.46 Recently, the _____ edition of the International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval Weapon Systems 'NAVARMS-19' was held in _____?

- a) 1st, Bangalore
- b) 2nd, Chennai
- c) 3rd, Bhopal
- d) 4th, New Delhi

e) None of these

Q.47 The "Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme" for purchase of high-rated pooled assets from financially sound NBFCs/HFCs by PSBs covers NBFCs / HFCs that have?

1. Slipped into SMA-0 category during the one year period prior to 1.8.2018
2. Asset pools rated "BBB+" or higher

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- e) None of the above

Q.48 India ranked _____ in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2019 released at the COP25 climate summit in Madrid, Spain?

- a) 1st
- b) 4th
- c) 9th
- d) 12th
- e) None of these

Q.49 Which state has received the Best State Promoting Sports award at the FICCI India Sports Awards 2019?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Odisha
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.50 Which state cabinet has recently approved the draft DISHA ACT for harsher punishments, including the death sentence, to those guilty of heinous crimes against women?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.51 The first economic census was conducted in India in the year _____ and the _____ economic census is being conducted in 2019?

- a) 1974, sixth
- b) 1975, fourth
- c) 1977, Seventh
- d) 1979, eighth
- e) None of these

Q.52 The National Energy Conservation Day is organized every year on _____?

- a) 10th December

- b) 12th November
- c) 14th December
- d) 16th November
- e) None of these

Q.53 British Prime Minister Boris Johnson who has recently won the UK General Election belongs to which party?

- a) Conservative Party
- b) Labour Party
- c) Scottish National Party
- d) Liberal Democrats
- e) None of these

Q.54 River Ganga doesn't pass through which among the following states?

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) None of these

Q.55 The first meeting of the National Ganga Council is recently held in?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Kanpur
- c) Bhopal
- d) Mumbai
- e) None of these

Q.56 Which country is hosting the 36th International Geological Congress (Olympics of Geosciences) in March 2020?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Australia
- c) India
- d) South Africa
- e) France

Q.57 The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has recently unveiled a new world ranking system for the year _____?

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2024
- e) None of these

Q.58 The VIJAY DIWAS (India) is observed on _____?

- a) 3rd December
- b) 11th December
- c) 16th December

- d) 21st December
- e) None of these

Q.59 Who will be the next Chief of Army Staff, after the retirement of Bipin Rawat on 1st Dec 19?

- a) Lt Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane
- b) Lt Gen SK Saini
- c) Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar
- d) Lt Gen H S Panag
- e) None of these

Q.60 The Interest Subvention Scheme for MSMEs is/was launched in _____?

- a) 2016
- b) 2017
- c) 2018
- d) 2019
- e) None of these

Q.61 The United Nations General Assembly and has designated _____ as International Tea Day?

- a) 15th December
- b) 16th August
- c) 25th June
- d) 21st May
- e) None of these

Q.62 India ranks _____ in the world in terms of largest steel producing country?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th
- e) None of these

Q.63 The term "Trakea" is in news recently, is a _____?

- a) Land Imaging Device for early detection of pest attack
- b) Barcoding software for tracking public transport services for disabled persons
- c) Barcoding software for tamperproof tracking of forensic reports
- d) Software to spread information about a natural calamity
- e) None of these

Q.64 The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has recently removed _____ from the list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity?

- a) Celestinian forgiveness celebration of Italy
- b) Kumbh Mela of India
- c) The carnival of Aalst of Belgium
- d) Byzantine chant of Cyprus
- e) None of these

Q.65 The National Broadband Mission launched by the Central government targets to provide Broadband access to all villages by _____?

- a) 2020
- b) 2022
- c) 2024
- d) 2030
- e) None of these

Q.66 The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has recently launched the national outreach Programme _____, in order to facilitate on-boarding of local sellers on the Government e-marketplace (GeM)?

- a) GeM Samadhaan
- b) GeM Sugamya
- c) GeM Samvaad
- d) GeM Sansadhan
- e) None of these

Q.67 The Visitor's Awards is presented by the President of India to whom?

- a) The family members of Martyrs
- b) Best tourist destination in the country
- c) Researchers and Universities
- d) Persons providing help for a social cause
- e) None of these

Q.68 The Global Gender Gap Index is released by?

- a) World Bank
- b) World Economic Forum
- c) World Health Organisation
- d) UNICEF
- e) None of these

Q.69 The Pinaka Missile System recently in news, is developed by?

- a) ISRO
- b) NASA
- c) DRDO
- d) SPACE-X
- e) None of these

Q.70 Recently, at the GST council, has decided to put a uniform GST rate of _____% on state run and authorized lotteries across the country?

- a) 5%
- b) 12%
- c) 18%
- d) 28%
- e) None of these

Q.71 The Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019 in the category of Autobiography is given to?

- a) Dr Shashi Tharoor (English)
- b) Dr Vijaya(Kannada)
- c) Prof. Shafey Kidwai (Urdu)
- d) Dr Chinmoy Guha(Bengali)
- e) None of these

Q.72 Which country has recently announced to organize Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize every year?

- a) Portugal
- b) France
- c) Poland
- d) Germany
- e) Russia

Q.73 Which Indian has recently won Gold at the 6th Qatar International Cup in women's 49kg category?

- a) Karnam Malleswari
- b) Swati Singh
- c) Sushila Panwar
- d) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu
- e) None of these

Q.74 The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India (GOI) have signed a \$490 million loan for a public-private partnership project to upgrade Which Indian state's roads?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Manipur
- d) Meghalaya
- e) None of these

Q.75 What was the name of the first satellite launched by Ethiopia recently?

- a) EMPSS-1
- b) ECCS-1
- c) ETRSS-1
- d) EXCX-1
- e) None of these

Q.76 Which country is in news for becoming the first country to formally recognise the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP)?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Srilanka
- e) None of these

Q.77 The government of India has recently adopted the '_____ Resolution- A holistic approach for empowering citizens' for ensuring good governance to the citizens of the country?

- a) Kanpur
- b) Nagpur
- c) Raipur
- d) Jaipur
- e) None of these

Q.78 Which batsman has recently broken the record for scoring the most number of runs as an opening batsman in a calendar year (2019) after 22 years?

- a) Shikhar Dhawan
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Shubman Gill
- e) None of these

Q.79 Which year was celebrated as the National Mathematics Year?

- a) 2010
- b) 2012
- c) 2014
- d) 2018
- e) None of these

Q.80 _____ was in news for becoming the first woman appointed as Chief Technology Officer at the US government's Federal Communications Commission (FCC)?

- a) Dr Pratibha Sahay
- b) Dr Amrita Rai
- c) Dr Monisha Ghosh
- d) Dr Arpita Joshi
- e) None of these

Q.81 The International Monetary Fund (IMF) latest Real GDP projection for India for the year 2019 is _____ and for 2020 is _____?

- a) 6%, 7.1%
- b) 6.2%, 7.1%
- c) 6.1%, 7%
- d) 7.2%, 6.1%
- e) None of these

Q.82 Who is the present chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Dr G Satheesh Reddy
- c) Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) None of these

Q.83 The government of India has recently issued microdot rules for which among the following?

- a) DRDO missiles
- b) Motor Vehicles
- c) Defence equipment
- d) Medicines
- e) None of these

Q.84 Which is the first fully organic state of India?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Assam
- c) Sikkim
- d) Tripura
- e) None of these

Q.85 Recently, the first tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) is signed under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund (FIDF) between?

- a) NARBARD, Department of Fisheries and Government of Andhra Pradesh
- b) NARBARD, Department of Fisheries and Government of Tamil Nadu
- c) NARBARD, Department of Fisheries and Government of Odisha
- d) NARBARD, Department of Fisheries and Government of Kerala
- e) None of these

Q.86 Rohit Sharma broke the world record of most run in a year of?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) AB De Villers
- c) Yuvraj Singh
- d) Sanath Jayasuriya
- e) None of these

Q.87 FATF, an intergovernmental body founded to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system, was founded in?

- a) 1993, Germany
- b) 1990, New York
- c) 1989, Paris
- d) 1985, Geneva
- e) None of these

Q.88 The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index is launched by_____?

- a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- b) United Nations in India
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) The Global Green Growth Institute
- e) None of these

Q.89 The Union Cabinet has recently passed an ordinance to remove certain ambiguities in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, _____?

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) Both a and b
- e) None

Q.90 Which among the following states is not identified under the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL)?

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.91 The census of India 2021 is the _____ Census in the country?

- a) 12th
- b) 14th
- c) 16th
- d) 18th
- e) None of these

Q.92 The newly introduced Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) of RBI is a _____ PPI?

- a) Closed system PPI
- b) Semi-closed PPI
- c) Open PPIs
- d) Both a and c
- e) None of these

Q.93 The National Consumer Day is observed every year in India on _____ ?

- a) 20th December
- b) 24th December
- c) 20th November
- d) 24th October
- e) None of these

Q.94 Which state has topped the Good Governance Index 2019 among the 'Big states'?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.95 The 'Eat Right Mela' is an initiative of which among the following?

- a) Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT)
- b) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- c) Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT)

- d) National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)
- e) None of these

Q.96 Who is the current Minister of Human Resource Development?

- a) Piyush Goyal
- b) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- c) Smriti Irani
- d) Prakash Keshav Javadekar
- e) None of these

Q.97 The SEBI has recently put a fine of Rs 25lakh on which Credit Rating Agencies, for lack of proper due diligence while rating non-convertible debentures of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Ltd (IL&FS).

- a) ICRA Ltd, CARE Ratings Ltd and Brickwork Ratings (BWR)
- b) ICRA Ltd, India Ratings & Research and CARE Ratings Ltd
- c) CRISIL Ltd, ICRA Ltd and CARE Ratings Ltd
- d) SMERA, CRISIL Ltd and India Ratings & Research Ltd.
- e) None of these

Q.98 RBI has directed all (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) having total assets of _____ and above as on 31st March of the previous financial year to report exposures on all borrowers having aggregate exposures of _____ and more to the CRISIL?

- a) Rs 300 crore, Rs 3 crore
- b) Rs 400 crore, Rs 4 crore
- c) Rs 500 crore, Rs 5 crore
- d) Rs 600 crore, Rs 6 crore
- e) None of these

Q.99 Which country has successfully launched its largest carrier rocket, Long March-5 in the third attempt recently?

- a) Iran
- b) Israel
- c) China
- d) UAE
- e) None of these

Q.100 RBI's 20th Financial Stability Report predicted that the Scheduled commercial banks' (SCBs) GNPA ratio may increase from 9.3 % in September 2019 to _____ by September 2020?

- a) 9.4%
- b) 9.6%
- c) 9.9%
- d) 10%
- e) None of these

Q.101 The theme of the 11th biennial edition of DefExpo India- 2020 is?

- a) Disruptive Technology for Defence Transformation
- b) India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub

- c) Digital Transformation of Defence
- d) The Transformation Era of Defence
- e) None of these

Q.102 The Finance Minister has recently announced that all companies with a turnover of _____ or more will be mandated to provide the facility of payment through RuPay and UPI platform, without any Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)?

- a) Rs 25 crore
- b) Rs 50 crore
- c) Rs 100 crore
- d) Rs 500 crore
- e) None of these

Q.103 Who has been awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke award 2018, the highest honour for an artist in Indian cinema?

- a) Amitabh Bachchan
- b) Vinod Khanna
- c) Kasinathuni Viswanath
- d) Irrfan Khan
- e) None of these

Q.104 India is world's _____ largest economy by nominal GDP and the _____ largest by purchasing power parity (PPP).

- a) 5th, 2nd
- b) 6th, 3rd
- c) 5th, 3rd
- d) 6th, 2nd
- e) None of these

Q.105 Which state topped the composite Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2019-20?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka
- e) None of these

Q.106 Who has been appointed as the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India?

- a) General Rajendrasinhji Jadeja
- b) Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- c) General Bipin Rawat
- d) Admiral Karambir Singh
- e) None of these

Q.107 Choose the correct statement about Open Market Operations (OMO)?

1. OMO is the sale and purchase of government securities and treasury bills by RBI or the central bank of the country.

2. When the RBI wants to increase the money supply in the economy, it purchases the government securities from the market and it sells government securities to suck out liquidity from the system.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2
- e) None of the above

Q.108 The Goods and Service Tax (GST) came into effect in India on?

- a) 1st June 2015
- b) 1st July 2016
- c) 1st July 2017
- d) 1st June 2018
- e) None of these

Q.109 What is the name of the new commerce venture started by Reliance Retail Ltd for online food and grocery shopping?

- a) Reliance Groceries
- b) JioFood
- c) JioMart
- d) Reliance Mart
- e) None of these

Q.110 Which is the second Tejas train, recently launched by the Ministry of Railways?

- a) Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express
- b) Mumbai-Delhi Tejas Express
- c) Ahmedabad-Mumbai Tejas Express
- d) Ahmedabad-Delhi Tejas Express
- e) None of these

Q.111 Who has been recently appointed as the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the Axis Bank?

- a) Cyril Anand
- b) Anil Kishore
- c) Shri Chaitanya
- d) Amit Talgeri
- e) None of these

ANSWERS

Ans.1 (B) AIDS is a pandemic disease caused due to the infection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). This year, the theme is "Communities Make the Difference."

Ans.2 (A) The delegation was led by the Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar, along with the Foreign Affairs Minister of Japan, MOTEGI Toshimitsu, and Minister of Defense of Japan, KONO Taro.

Ans.3 (B) Soma Roy Burman is a 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service Officer. She is the 24th CGA and is the 7th woman to hold this position.

Ans.4 (D) Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 (IMI) aims to achieve targets of full immunization coverage in 272 districts spread over 27 States. The IMI 2.0 will be carried out between December 2019 and March 2020.

Ans.5 (B) Rs 1,03,492 crore is the amount of gross GST revenue collected in the month of November, 2019. GST has witnessed a recovery growth of 6% in Nov 19 over Nov 18.

Ans.6 (B) The Exercise MITRA SHAKTI aimed at enhancing interoperability and operational efficiency amongst the armies of both India and Sri Lanka. The objective of the exercise is to build and promote positive relations between armies of India and Sri Lanka.

Ans.7 (C) Sub-Lieutenant Shivangi Swarup of the Indian Navy has become the first naval woman pilot. She is a native of Muzaffarpur, Bihar and was inducted into the Indian Navy under the Short Service Commission Pilot entry scheme.

Ans.8 (D) International Day of Persons with Disabilities is being observed on 3rd December every year across the world. This year the theme is "Promoting the Participation of Persons with Disabilities and their leadership: Taking Action on the 2030 Development Agenda".

Ans.9 (C) The Election Commission of India has issued new guidelines for the system and process of registration of political parties. The new system is named as the "Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System" (PPRTMS).

Ans.10 (C) Harsh Vardhan Minister of health and Family welfare told in Lok Sabha that "58.5% of children between the age of 6 month to 59 month are affected by Anaemia". He also added that 53.1% of women between 15-49 years are also anaemic.

Ans.11 (D) Anaemic Mukh Bharat(AMB) strategy under POSHAN Abhiyaan in 2018 which aims to reduce anaemia by 3% each year till 2022. AMB is a 6x6x6 strategy targeting 6 age groups, with 6 interventions and 6 institutional mechanism.

Ans.12 (B) Prithvi-II is the first missile that has been developed by the DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme. The trial was conducted to reconfirm the Army's readiness to fire it at short notice.

Ans.13 (B) The TRAI has prescribed 3 working days timeline for port out requests within a service area. A timeline of 5 working days has been prescribed for requests for port out from one circle to another i.e. inter-circle.

Ans.14 (D) The date i.e. 4th December is chosen in honour of the maritime force's role during the war with Pakistan in 1971. In the war, Indian warships attacked Karachi port and successfully thwarted Pakistani operations in the western coast.

Ans.15 (D) Rating Agency Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (S&P) has reaffirmed the Sovereign Credit Rating of India at 'BBB-'. Along with the BBB rating, it has also reaffirmed the outlook as stable.

Ans.16 (D) The 20th edition of the Hornbill Festival has begun at Naga Heritage Kisama in Nagaland. This is an annual festival and is being organised by the Nagaland Government to showcase the state's traditional and rich cultural heritage.

Ans.17 (B) DHFL has become the first financial sector player (Non—bank lender) being for bankruptcy. RBI has superseded DHFL's Board on 20th Nov 19 and appointed R Subramaniakumar, former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Overseas Bank as DHFL Administrator.

Ans.18 (C) Real GDP growth for 2019-20 is revised downwards from 6.1 % in the October policy to 5.0 % – 4.9-5.5 % in H2 and 5.9-6.3 per cent for H1:2020-21.

Ans.19 (A) The US Congress has passed the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act for Uighur Muslims in China. The bill counters the 'arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment' of Uighur Muslims in China.

Ans.20 (D) The government has set the target of 5 lakh crore business through the GeM platform in next 5 years. West Bengal-cadre IAS officer Talleen Kumar is the chief executive officer (CEO) of GeM.

Ans.21 (B) The INDRA series of exercise began in 2003 and the First joint Tri Services Exercise was conducted in 2017. The exercise is being conducted to imbibe the best practices from each other and jointly conducting drills to defeat the scourge of terror as per the United Nation mandate.

Ans.22 (B) The Help Desk would consist of experts like lawyers, psychologists and NGOs to facilitate legal aid, counselling, shelter, rehabilitation and training. Nirbhaya Fund is Rs 10,000 crore corpus announced by the Government of India in its 2013 Union Budget.

Ans.23 (D) RBI has also decided to bring UCBs with assets of 500 crore rupees and above under the Central Repository of Information on Large Credits - CRILC reporting framework to strengthen off-site supervision and early recognition of financial distress.

Ans.24 (C) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has to tighten norms for asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to acquire financial assets. RBI has put restriction on the ARCs from buying financial assets from its sponsor firms and lenders (bank or financial institution) on a bilateral basis.

Ans.25 (A) RBI has decided that the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) System shall be made available on a 24x7 basis. This directive is issued under Section 10(2) read with Section 18 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Ans.26 (C) RBI came to the conclusion of imposing a monetary penalty after considering the reply from the bank and personal hearing as to why penalty should not be imposed for non-compliance with the directions.

Ans.27 (A) The top 3 police stations in the list are:

1. Aberdeen, Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
2. Balasinor, Mahisagar District, Gujarat
3. Ajk Burhanpur, Burhanpur district, Madhya Pradesh

Ans.28 (A) Press Information Bureau's Photo Division under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, has invited entries for the 8th National Photography Awards.

Ans.29 (B) The Chinese contingent is led by Col Hu Chunguang while the Indian contingent is led by Col KJ Singh. The joint military exercise 2019 marks the 70th year since the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and China.

Ans.30 (C) The women's team secured a 4-1 win over New Zealand in its third match of the 3-Nations Tournament. The 3-Nations Tournament including India, Australia and New Zealand was held at Canberra in Australia.

Ans.31 (B) The festival was organised by the International Organisation of Migrants (IOM) and Dhaka University Film Society with the support of European Union.

Ans.32 (C) Attaining 90% national immunization coverage across India. Prevent 8 diseases that includes Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Tuberculosis, Measles, Meningitis and Hepatitis B.

Ans.33 (D) The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has inaugurated the 4th India Water Impact Summit held in New Delhi. The objective of the summit was to bring together global financial investors and institutions to focus on water impact in smart cities.

Ans.34 (A) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi is a retired IAS officer and former Secretary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. He has also served as a non-executive chairman of the ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) Bank.

Ans.35 (B) The world Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10th December every year. This year's theme of Human Rights Day is "Youth Standing up for Human Rights".

Ans.36 (C) Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, stated in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 9th Dec 19. The Authority has been set up under Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013 (The Act).

Ans.37 (B) The ban includes the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics. The ruling means that if Russian athletes can demonstrate that they were not part of state-sponsored system of doping, they can still be allowed to compete at the Tokyo Olympics as neutrals.

Ans.38 (C) South Africa's Zozibini Tunzi has been crowned Miss Universe for the year 2019. The 26-year-old Tunzi was declared the winner at Atlanta in the United States on 9th Dec 19.

Ans.39 (D) The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 9th Dec 19 and the Rajya Sabha approved it on 10th Dec 19. The bill seeks to improve the regulation in transportation, trafficking, import, export, manufacturing etc. of illegal arms and its smuggling for the safety of the people.

Ans.40 (C) NHAI's InvIT will be a Trust established by NHAI under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014.

Ans.41 (C) The RISAT-2BR1 was successfully injected into the orbit of 576km after 16 minutes and 23 seconds of its launch from the First Launchpad. RISAT-2BR1 is a radar imaging earth observation satellite and has a mission life of 5 years.

Ans.42 (A) Ethiopia PM Abiy Ahmed received the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to "achieve international peace and co-operation" and resolving the long-running conflict with neighbouring foe Eritrea. The award was given to him in a formal ceremony at Oslo's City Hall, Norway.

Ans.43 (B) The 25th session of Conference of Parties under the UN Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC COP25) began in Madrid, Spain. The Conference will take place from 2nd to 13th December 2019.

Ans.44 (A) The Amendment Bill seeks to amend sections (5(12), 5(15), 7, 11, 14, 16(1), 21(2), 23(1), 29A, 227, 239, 240) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code) and insert new section 32A in the code.

Ans.45 (D) Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar on 11th Dec introduced Social security Bill in Lok Sabha. This bill was approved by Union Cabinet last week to pave the way for Universalisation of social security for 50 crore workers in the country.

Ans.46 (D) NAVARMS is the only international seminar and exhibition on Naval Weapon Systems conducted in the country to share the views and concerns of stakeholders at a common platform.

Ans.47 (C) The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to the "Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme" for purchase of high-rated pooled assets from financially sound NBFCs/HFCs by PSBs.

Ans.48 (C) India ranked 9th in the current levels of per capita emissions and energy use, showing that emissions are still comparatively low. The index is jointly presented by German watch, New Climate Institute and Climate Action Network.

Ans.49 (C) Odisha received the Best State Promoting Sports award. Justice Mukul Mudgal, Retired Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, headed the Jury of the FICCI India Sports Awards 2019.

Ans.50 (D) The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy has approved to enact the new law to protect women & children. The bill also seeks to complete the entire trail along within 21days of the FIR being filed.

Ans.51 (C) The First Economic Census was conducted by the Central Statistical Organisation throughout the country, except Lakshadweep, during 1977. The subsequent Censuses were conducted in the years 1980, 1990, 1998, 2005. The 6th and the latest census was conducted in 2013.

Ans.52 (C) The National Energy Conservation Day is organized every year on 14th December by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under Ministry of Power. The day is observed to showcase India's achievements in energy efficiency and conservation and spread mass awareness.

Ans.53 (A) British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has won the UK General Election on 13th Dec 19. His Conservative Party crossed the required number of 326 (out of 650 seats) that is mandated for a majority in the Parliament.

Ans.54 (D) The National Ganga Council supervises the pollution prevention and rejuvenation of River Ganga Basin, including Ganga and its tributaries. The council was constituted in 2016 to oversee the cleaning of the Ganga and is supposed to meet at least once a year.

Ans.55 (B) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the first meeting of the National Ganga Council in Kanpur. The first meeting was aimed at reinforcing the importance of a 'Ganga-centric' approach in all departments of the concerned states as well as relevant Central Ministries.

Ans.56 (C) India will host the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) in March 2020. The theme of the conference is 'Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Development'.

Ans.57 (A) It will come into effect from 1st Jan 2020. The new ranking will be match-based instead of tournament-based calculation, for a better reflection of current performances.

Ans.58 (C) On 16th Dec 1971, General AA Khan Niazi, the chief of the Pakistani forces, had surrendered unconditionally to the allied forces consisting of Indian Army and Mukti Bahini. The war also resulted into the subsequent secession of East Pakistan into Bangladesh.

Ans.59 (A) Lt Gen Naravane has served as the head of the Eastern Command of the Army, in highly active counter-insurgency environments in Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast. He was a part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka during Operation PAWAN.

Ans.60 (C) The "Interest Subvention Scheme for Incremental credit to MSMEs 2018" will be implemented over 2018-19 and 2019-20. The Scheme will be in operation for a period of two financial years FY 2019 and FY 2020.

Ans.61 (D) Trade union movements jointly organises the International Tea Day and related Global Conferences. The United Nations General Assembly has accepted the proposal and has designated May 21 as International Tea Day.

Ans.62 (B) India has recently replaced Japan as the world's second largest steel producing country, while China is the largest producer of crude steel in the world.

Ans.63 (C) Haryana Police claims to be the first police force in the country to have introduced this unique barcoding for forensic reports. Trakea is aimed at ensuring security and a tamperproof tracking system for forensic reports.

Ans.64 (C) The carnival of Aalst of Belgium, was initially added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity in 2010.

Ans.65 (B) The NBM is a part of the National Digital Communications Policy, 2018. The mission will secure universal broadband access for the implementation of broadband initiatives.

Ans.66 (C) Ministry of Commerce & Industry launched the national outreach Programme, GeM Samvaad. Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan launched the programme in New Delhi.

Ans.67 (C) The Visitor's award was instituted in 2014 to promote healthy competition amongst Central Universities. The Objective of the awards is to adopt best practices from around the world in pursuit of excellence.

Ans.68 (B) The WEF Gender gap report points out that it will take 71 years to fully close the gender gap in the South Asia region with the current rate of improvement in Gender Gap. Overall for the world, it will take 99.5 years to close the gap.

Ans.69 (C) The Pinaka Missile System is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The mission has the objective of enhancing the range, accuracy and sub-system functionality.

Ans.70 (D) The council voted for a uniform GST rate of 28% on state-run and authorized lotteries across the country, effective from 1st March 2020. It was decided to extend the annual date of GSTR 9 filing to January 31, 2020.

Ans.71 (B) The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 23 Indian languages and was approved by Dr Chandrashekhkar Kambar, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi (also the President of Sahitya Akademi).

Ans.72 (A) Portuguese Prime Minister, Antonio Costa has announced that Portuguese will organize Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize every year. The Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize is initiated in order to help perpetuate Mahatma Gandhi's ideals inspired by his different thoughts and quotes.

Ans.73 (D) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu opened India's account at the 6th Qatar International Cup that is taking place at Doha. She has won the gold in the women's 49kg category.

Ans.74 (B) The project, about 1600 kilometres of state highways and major district roads will be upgraded from single-lane to two-lane widths in Madhya Pradesh. An additional investment of \$286 million will be mobilised through private sector participation under the PPP modality.

Ans.75 (C) Ethiopia has now become the eleventh African country to put a satellite into space. Egypt was the first in 1998. The ETRSS-1 will be the 99th satellite to travel in space in 2019.

Ans.76 (C) Afghanistan has become the first country to recognize IP. IP is an officially recognized book of standards as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945.

Ans.77 (B) The 'Nagpur Resolution- A holistic approach for empowering citizens' is adopted by the government of India during a two-day Regional Conference on 'Improving Public Service Delivery – Role of Governments', in Nagpur.

Ans.78 (B) Rohit Sharma had broken the record for scoring the most number of runs as an opening batsman (2442 runs) in a calendar year, a 22 year long period of former Sri Lanka's batsman Sanath Jayasuria in 1997.

Ans.79 (B) The former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 26th Feb 2012 announced to observe the day as the National Mathematics Day to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of Indian Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. He also announced that 2012 would be celebrated as the National Mathematics Year.

Ans.80 (C) Dr Monisha Ghosh, an Indian-American has become the first woman appointed as Chief Technology Officer at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission (FCC). She has replaced Dr Eric Burger and will take charge on 13th January 2020.

Ans.81 (C) The IMF has slashed its Real GDP forecast for 2019 by nearly a full point to 6.1% in October along with cutting the outlook for 2020 to 7.0%. India's economy grew at its slowest pace at 4.5% in more than six years in the July-Sep period.

Ans.82 (B) The QRSAM missile system is indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO. The objective of the missile is to operate in the deployment mode intercepting the target mid-air.

Ans.83 (B) The notified automotive industry standards are made through an amendment in the Central Motor vehicles Rules 1989 and include the motor vehicles and their parts, components, assemblies and sub-assemblies.

Ans.84 (C) SIFFCO is a joint venture between the Government of Sikkim and IFFCO (the world's biggest fertilizer Cooperative). Sikkim IFFCO will mainly operate in commercial crops that are ginger, turmeric, large cardamom and buckwheat.

Ans.85 (B) The tripartite MoA was signed between i) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) ii) The department of Fisheries, Government of India iii) Government of Tamil Nadu. The agreement was signed for the implementation of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund (FIDF).

Ans.86 (D) Rohit Sharma also broke Sanath Jayasuriya's, a 22year old record of most scored run in a calendar year as an opener. Other batsmen in the top 5 batsman ranking are Babar Azam (834), Faf du Plessis (820) and Ross Taylor.

Ans.87 (C) Global Watchdog for terror financing FATF (Financial Action Task Force) has sent 150 questions to Pakistan seeking more clarifications from Pakistan on actions taken against madrassas. The FATF has told Pakistan to take action against madrassas belonging to proscribed outfits, with report submitting deadline by 8th January.

Ans.88 (C) NITI Aayog in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the United Nations in India, and the Global Green Growth Institute has developed the SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019–20.

Ans.89 (B) The ordinance has been approved to help remove certain ambiguities in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. The amendment passed would ring-fence successful bidders from criminal proceedings against offences committed by previous promoters.

Ans.90 (A) The scheme will be implemented over a period of 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25). It is a pioneering initiative of the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Ans.91 (C) Census 2021 will be 16th Census in the country and 8th after independence. The 15th Indian Census was taken in 2011.

Ans.92 (B) The new semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) can be used only for making retail payments and will come with a monthly rechargeable limit of Rs 10,000. The Rs 10,000 amount can only be uploaded only from a bank account linked with the customer's verified mobile number.

Ans.93 (B) The National Consumer Day was observed across the country on 24th December 19. The theme of this year is “alternate consumer grievance/dispute redressal”.

Ans.94 (B) The Good Governance Index (GGI) has been launched on the occasion of Good Governance Day, which is observed on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The ranking was launched by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

Ans.95 (B) The “Eat Right Mela” is an initiative of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to nudge citizens towards eating right and adopt safe, healthy and sustainable food practices and habits. The first National Eat Right Mela was held during 14th-16th December 2018 in New Delhi.

Ans.96 (B) Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has launched the 5 documents covering the 5 verticals of Quality Mandate. UGC has set up a Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (UGC-CARE) to continuously monitor and identify quality journals across disciplines.

Ans.97 (B) SEBI levied a penalty of Rs 25 lakh each on three rating agencies ICRA Ltd, India Ratings & Research and Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE) Ratings Ltd. The rating agencies were also found guilty for not noticing disparities in public disclosures made by IL&FS.

Ans.98 (C) The Co-operative Banks (UCBs) having total assets of Rs 500 crore and above as on 31st March of the previous financial year shall report credit information, including classification of an account as Special Mention Account (SMA), on all borrowers having aggregate exposures of Rs 5 crore.

Ans.99 (C) The Long March-5 is a two-stage rocket that is capable of carrying a payload of 25 tonnes into the low Earth orbit. The rocket is capable of sending probes to explore Jupiter and other planets in the solar system.

Ans.100 (C) Scheduled commercial banks' (SCBs) gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio remained unchanged at 9.3% between March and September 2019 and predicted that SCBs' GNPA ratio may increase from 9.3 % in September 2019 to 9.9 % by September 2020.

Ans.101 (B) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the mobile app of the forthcoming DefExpo 2020. The theme of the DefExpo is 'India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub' and focus will be on 'Digital Transformation of Defence'.

Ans.102 (B) RuPay and UPI will soon be notified as to the prescribed mode of payment for digital transactions without any MDR by the Department of Revenue (DoR). Now, all companies with a turnover of Rs 50 crore or more will be mandated to provide the facility of payment through RuPay Debit card and UPI QR code to their customers.

Ans.103 (A) The award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of 10 lakh rupees. Amitabh Bachhan made his debut in Hindi film industry in 1969 with "Saat Hindustani".

Ans.104 (C) The report said that India is also set to become a 5 trillion dollar economy by 2026 (2 years later than the government's target of 2024). In 2019, India has decisively overtaken both France and the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy.

Ans.105 (B) The SDG Index has been developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the United Nations in India, and the Global Green Growth Institute. The Index helps to track the progress across all States and Union Territories on 100 indicators to meet the SDGs target 2030.

Ans.106 (C) General Bipin Rawat has been named India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on 30th Dec 19. On 31st December 2016, he was appointed as the Chief of Army Staff and was to retire on 31st December 2019.

Ans.107 (C) Last week, the RBI had announced to purchase and sell simultaneously government securities under Open Market Operations (OMO) for Rs 10,000 crore each. During the operation, RBI sold four securities in the auction but it accepted bids for three securities only.

Ans.108 (C) The release also said that refunds of only Rs 3,604 crore are pending with Customs and about 3.4% of total exporters including "Star exporters" have been identified as Risky i.e. Red flagged. Risky exporters are those who suspected to claim excessive input tax credit (ITC) based on fake invoices.

Ans.109 (C) The web portal JioMart will initially cater to online shoppers in Mumbai suburban areas including Navi Mumbai, Thane and Kalyan with the tagline "India ki nayi dukaan". The company is signing up local merchants to offer them an online-to-offline (O2O) marketplace.

Ans.110 (C) The second Tejas Train is launched after the successful run of Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express, the first in the series. The train will run on all days of the week except Thursdays.

Ans.111 (D) Amit Talgeri will serve as the CRO for three years from 1st January 2020. He has replaced Cyril Anand, the incumbent CRO of the Bank, who will retire on 31st Dec 19.