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# **Current Affairs Question Bank**



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# CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTION BANK: FEBRUARY 2020

**Q.1 Which among the following is not a correct match of the exercise being held between the countries?**

- a) Mitra Shakti - India & Sri Lanka
- b) SAMPRITI – India & Bhutan
- c) Hand in Hand – India & China
- d) Indra – India & Russia
- e) None of these

**Q.2 Who has been appointed as the chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) recently?**

- a) Muttoli Ajit Kumar
- b) Sandeep Mohan Bhatnagar
- c) Ashok Kumar Pandey
- d) Raj Kumar Barthwal
- e) None of these

**Q.3 The Indian National Commission for Cooperation (INCCU) with UNESCO functions under which ministry?**

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- c) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- d) Ministry of External Affairs
- e) None of these

**Q.4 The Surajkund International Crafts Mela, largest crafts fair in the world is celebrated at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand
- b) Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh
- c) Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- d) Faridabad, Haryana
- e) None of these

**Q.5 The 11th edition of DefExpo 2020 is being held at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- b) Vizag, Andhra Pradesh
- c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- d) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- e) None of these

**Q.6 Addu City that consists of the inhabited islands, is a city in \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Madagascar
- b) Lakshadweep Island
- c) Maldives

- d) Indonesia
- e) None of these

**Q.7 Recently, which state has bagged the first position for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana?**

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

**Q.8 In which Middle East country, a new natural gas field named Jebel Ali gas field has been discovered recently?**

- a) Yemen
- b) Oman
- c) UAE
- d) Iraq
- e) None of these

**Q.9 The World Cancer Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ every year?**

- a) 3rd January
- b) 4th February
- c) 5th January
- d) 7th February
- e) None of these

**Q.10 Which country will host the World Expo 2020?**

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) UAE
- c) Turkey
- d) Iran
- e) None of these

**Q.11 The Golden Girl Championship 2020 was recently held in?**

- a) Berlin, Germany
- b) Rome, Italy
- c) Kyiv, Ukraine
- d) Boras, Sweden
- e) None of these

**Q.12 The 'Santusht' - Implementation Monitoring Cell (IMC) is launched by which Ministry?**

- a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- b) Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises
- c) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- d) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- e) None of these

**Q.13** The “S” in “SATHI”, which is an initiative of the Department of Science & Technology stands for?

- a) Smart
- b) Service
- c) Science
- d) Sophisticated
- e) None of these

**Q.14** The Biggest Free Art and Cultural Festival in the World, Kala Ghoda Festival takes place in February each year in the Kala Ghoda area of \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Kerala
- d) Goa
- e) None of these

**Q.15** The Reserve Bank of India has increased the Insurance cover on bank deposits per depositor for all banks in the country from Rs 1 lakh currently to \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) Rs 4 lakh
- b) Rs 5 lakh
- c) Rs 7 lakh
- d) Rs 10 lakh
- e) None of these

**Q.16** A figure above 50 in the Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Manager's Index) indicates \_\_\_\_\_ and anything below 50 indicates \_\_\_\_\_ of economy.

- a) Expansion, Contraction
- b) Contraction, Expansion
- c) Expansion, No change
- d) No change, Contraction
- e) None of these

**Q.17** The 4th East Asia Summit (EAS) conference 2020 on Maritime Security Cooperation is being to be held in \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) Jakarta, Indonesia
- b) Chennai, India
- c) Sydney, Australia
- d) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- e) None of these

**Q.18** The government of India has recently amended the \_\_\_\_\_ to bring Cooperative banks under the regulatory mechanism of Reserve Bank of India?

- a) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- b) The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
- c) The Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

- d) Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act,1993
- e) None of these

**Q.19 The Union Cabinet has recently conferred the status of Institution of National Importance to 5 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), which include IIIT at?**

- 1. Surat
  - 2. Bhopal
  - 3. Bhagalpur
  - 4. Agartala
- a) Only 1, 2 and 3
  - b) Only 2, 3 and 4
  - c) Only 1, 3 and 4
  - d) All 1, 2, 3 and 4
  - e) None of these

**Q.20 US astronaut \_\_\_\_\_ is in news for completing the longest-ever single spaceflight by a woman in Space?**

- a) Peggy Whitson
- b) Christina Koch
- c) Vladimir Dzhaniyev
- d) Valeri Polyakov
- e) None of these

**Q.21 The 31st Veer Savarkar Akhil Bharatiya Samudra Taran Spardha (Veer Savarkar All India Sea Swimming Competition) is organised in which Indian state?**

- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Odisha
- e) None of these

**Q.22 The Reserve Bank of India, RBI in its sixth bi-monthly Monetary Policy for FY 19-20 has projected the GDP growth for FY 2020-21 at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 5%
- b) 5.4%
- c) 6%
- d) 6.6%
- e) None of these

**Q.23 The International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy 2020 is given to \_\_\_\_\_ in individuals' category for his work in the field of leprosy?**

- a) Dr K.N. Srivastava
- b) Dr S.S. Subrahmanyam
- c) Dr N.S. Dharmashaktu
- d) Dr P.K. Bakshi

e) None of these

**Q.24 The Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Hockey India announced the establishment of the High-Performance Centres in seven places across the country. Choose the centre which is not included in the list?**

- a) SAI Centre, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- b) Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi
- c) SAI Sundergarh, Odisha
- d) SAI Netaji Subhas Regional Centre, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Q.25 Recently, the" \_\_\_\_\_ Declaration" was adopted at the First ever India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave 2020?**

- a) Lucknow Declaration
- b) Kanpur Declaration
- c) Noida Declaration
- d) Varanasi Declaration
- e) None of these

**Q.26 The 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 is recently held in \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Thiruvananthapuram
- b) Kochi
- c) Kovalam
- d) Visakhapatnam
- e) None of these

**Q.27 The setting up of the Elevated Light Rail System is recently approved by the government at \_\_\_\_\_ in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir?**

- a) Jammu and Srinagar
- b) Badgam and Anantnag
- c) Baramula and Kupwara
- d) Rajouri and Kathua
- e) None of these

**Q.28 The 23rd edition of the annual National Conference on e-Governance 2020 is being held at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Lucknow
- b) Guwahati
- c) Mumbai
- d) New Delhi
- e) None of these

**Q.29 Which Ministry releases the Ease of Living Index (EoLI) and Municipal Performance Index (MPI)?**

- a) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- b) Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
- c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- d) Ministry of Labour & Employment

e) None of these

**Q.30 The Government of India launched the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme in which year?**

- a) 2014
- b) 2015
- c) 2016
- d) 2017
- e) None of these

**Q.31 The National Deworming Day is observed in India every year on \_\_\_\_\_?**

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

**Q.32 Recently, the \_\_\_\_\_ edition of the Dhaka Art Summit, the premier art festival of Bangladesh has been inaugurated?**

- a) 1st
- b) 3rd
- c) 5th
- d) 7th
- e) None of these

**Q.33 The 64th Bocskai Memorial Boxing tournament was recently held at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Norway
- b) Poland
- c) Hungary
- d) Portugal
- e) None of these

**Q.34 As per the Finance Ministry data, the Public sector banks' (PSBs) bad loans was reported to be Rs \_\_\_\_\_ lakh crore at the end of September 2019?**

- a) 3.69
- b) 4.98
- c) 7.27
- d) 9.68
- e) None of these

**Q.35 The sixth Global Business Summit 2020 is presented by?**

- a) Yes Bank and The Economics Times
- b) HDFC and Yes Bank
- c) Times of India and HDFC
- d) ICICI and Times of India
- e) None of these

**Q.36 Which edition of the Academy Awards (OSCARs) is recently held on 9th February 2020?**

- a) 89th
- b) 90th
- c) 91st
- d) 92nd
- e) None of these

**Q.37 The National Water Conference is recently held in which Indian state?**

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) None of these

**Q.38 The Reserve Bank India (RBI) has announced that the incremental loans of the banks, disbursed under the special lending window will have CRR exemption for the next \_\_\_\_\_ years.**

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 5
- d) 7
- e) None of these

**Q.39 Who has been named as the 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year by the International Hockey Federation?**

- a) Julieta Jankunas
- b) Frederique Matla
- c) Helen Mary
- d) Lalremsiami
- e) None of these

**Q.40 The world Unani Day is celebrated every year on?**

- a) 1st February
- b) 11th February
- c) 21st February
- d) 22nd February
- e) None of these

**Q.41 India will participate in PISA 2021 for the first time to improve learning levels of children and enhance quality of education in the country. The "I" in PISA stands for?**

- a) Indian
- b) International
- c) Intelligent
- d) Incredible
- e) None of these



**Q.42 The Government of India has decided to rename which National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM) as Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM).**

- a) NIFM Faridabad
- b) NIFM Ludhiana
- c) NIFM Nasik
- d) NIFM Aurangabad
- e) None of these

**Q.43 The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently approved the formation of a joint venture between Mahindra & Mahindra Limited and \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Honda Motor Co Ltd. Company
- b) Bajaj Auto Limited
- c) Ford Motor Company
- d) Maruti Suzuki
- e) None of these

**Q.44 The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has developed the lightest level III plus bulletproof jacket available in India. The name of the bulletproof jacket is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Virodhi Kavach
- b) Amar Kavach
- c) Sainya Kavach
- d) Bhabha Kavach
- e) None of these

**Q.45 Recently, which state/union territory government has launched the Financial Inclusion Outreach Campaign in the region?**

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Ladakh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Q.46 The 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking' for BIMSTEC Partner Nation 2020 is being held in which country?**

- a) Bhutan
- b) India
- c) China
- d) Bangladesh
- e) None of these

**Q.47 Which day is celebrated as the World Radio Day?**

- a) 4th November
- b) 9th December
- c) 11th January

- d) 13th February
- e) None of these

**Q.48 Which among the following web portal is launched by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions for Public Grievance Redress?**

- a) CMGRAMS
- b) CHGRAMS
- c) CPGRAMS
- d) PMGRAMS
- e) None of these

**Q.49 Which training establishment of the Indian Navy has received the President's Colour recently?**

- a) INS Valsura
- b) INS Hamla
- c) INS Shivaji
- d) INS Agrani
- e) None of these

**Q.50 Which Indian sportsperson has recently won the FIH Player of the Year Award for the first time since its inception in 1999?**

- a) Vivek Sagar Prasad
- b) Manpreet Singh
- c) Lalremsiami
- d) Mukesh Kumar
- e) None of these

**Q.51 The Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 is recently conducted between India and \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Srilanka
- b) UK
- c) USA
- d) France
- e) None of these

**Q.52 Which sportsperson has recently become the first Indian pugilist in over a decade to be ranked number one in the 52-kilogram category for Olympic Qualifiers by IOC's Boxing Task Force rankings?**

- a) Amit Panghal
- b) Mary Kom
- c) Shiva Thapa
- d) Vijender Singh
- e) None of these

**Q.53 Which is the first full-service overnight journey private train in the country?**

- a) Lucknow-New Delhi Tejas
- b) Ahmedabad-Mumbai Tejas
- c) Kashi Mahakal Express

- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

**Q.54** The RBI weekly statistical supplement report released on 14th February 2020 showed that the Indian banks' loans rose \_\_\_\_\_ in the two weeks to 31st January 2020?

- a) 6.9%
- b) 7%
- c) 7.1%
- d) 7.9%
- e) None of these

**Q.55** The government of India has recently released Rs 540 crore as part of the special window fund of \_\_\_\_\_, announced on November 2019 for stalled residential properties?

- a) Rs 32,000 crore
- b) Rs 30,000 crore
- c) Rs 27,500 crore
- d) Rs 25,000 crore
- e) None of these

**Q.56** The Wholesale prices-based inflation (WPI) accelerated to a 10-month high of \_\_\_\_\_ in January 2020?

- a) 3%
- b) 3.1%
- c) 3.2%
- d) 3.4%
- e) None of these

**Q.57** The headquarter of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is in \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) Geneva
- b) Paris
- c) Washington D.C.
- d) Cologne
- e) None of these

**Q.58** The current financial year of the Reserved Bank of India is \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) April-March
- b) June-July
- c) July-June
- d) March-April
- e) None of these

**Q.59** Which Squadron Unit of the Indian Air Force has recently commemorated its Diamond Jubilee celebrations?

- a) IAF 17 Squadron
- b) IAF 1 Squadron
- c) IAF 60 Squadron
- d) IAF 47 Squadron

e) None of these

**Q.60 The mascot for the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals is?**

- a) Tiko
- b) Misshi
- c) Shiro
- d) Gibi
- e) None of these

**Q.61 The Moody's Investors Service has recently slashed India's 2020 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection to \_\_\_\_\_ from 6.6% forecast earlier.**

- a) 6.1%
- b) 5.9%
- c) 5.7%
- d) 5.4%
- e) None of these

**Q.62 Which company has replaced the State Bank of India (SBI) to become India's tenth most-valued firm by market capitalisation on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?**

- a) Bajaj Finance
- b) Muthoot Finance
- c) AllBank Finance Limited
- d) Indicus Analytics Pvt. Ltd.
- e) None of these

**Q.63 Which edition of the Gulfood, the world's largest annual food, beverage and hospitality exhibition is being held in 2020?**

- a) 24th
- b) 25th
- c) 49th
- d) 50th
- e) None of these

**Q.64 Choose the correct statement about 'regulatory sandbox'?**

1. Recently, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to permit the use of regulatory sandbox for registered entities
2. SEBI has allowed a cross-domain approach for the regulatory sandbox, wherein a regulated entity will be permitted to test solutions even for those activities for which it is not registered.

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

**Q.65 The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently approved the acquisition of 100% shareholding of WABCO Holdings Inc. (WABCO) by \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) TATA MOTORS
- b) ZF Friedrichshafen AG
- c) Subaru
- d) Tesla
- e) None of these

**Q.66 Who is the chairman of the 8 member High Level Expert Group on Agriculture Exports, constituted by the 15th Finance Commission?**

- a) Sanjiv Puri
- b) Sachin Chaturvedi
- c) Sanjay Sacheti
- d) Jay Shroff
- e) None of these

**Q.67 The 3rd High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety for Achieving Global Goals 2030 is being held in \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Rome, Italy
- b) Paris, France
- c) Geneva, Switzerland
- d) Stockholm, Sweden
- e) None of these

**Q.68 The Soil Health Card Day 2020 is being observed on which date?**

- a) 18th February
- b) 19th February
- c) 20th February
- d) 21st February
- e) None of these

**Q.69 The 2020 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in recently being held at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) New Delhi, India
- b) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- c) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- d) Hong Kong, China
- e) None of these

**Q.70 What is India's ranking in the recently released Child Flourishing Index?**

- a) 77th
- b) 87th
- c) 111th
- d) 131st
- e) None of these

**Q.71** The book “Annual Reference India/Bharat 2020” is released by which ministry of the Government of India?

- a) Ministry of Corporate affairs
- b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- d) Ministry of Defence
- e) None of these

**Q.72** The central sector scheme “Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) “is launched to form and promote \_\_\_\_\_ new FPOs in five years period from 2019-20 to 2023-24?

- a) 5,000
- b) 10,000
- c) 50,000
- d) 1,00,000
- e) None of these

**Q.73** The Government of India observes the Matribhasha Diwas across the country every year on \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) 11th February
- b) 19th March
- c) 21st February
- d) 8th March
- e) None of these

**Q.74** Which phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Grameen is launched by the central government in February 2020?

- a) 2nd
- b) 3rd
- c) 4th
- d) 5th
- e) None of these

**Q.75** The statehood day of Arunachal Pradesh was recently observed on?

- a) 2nd February
- b) 20th February
- c) 21st February
- d) 22nd February
- e) None of these

**Q.76** Under GST law, states were guaranteed to be paid for any loss of revenue in the first \_\_\_\_\_ years of GST implementation?

- a) Three
- b) Four
- c) Five
- d) Six
- e) None of these

**Q.77** The 2020 Asian Wrestling Championships is being held at \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Dhaka
- c) Kathmandu
- d) Berlin
- e) None of these

**Q.78** Recently, the government of Srilanka has confirmed the decision to withdraw from the co-sponsorship of which the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution?

- a) 10/1
- b) 20/1
- c) 30/1
- d) 50/1
- e) None of these

**Q.79** The Union Cabinet approved the constitution of the \_\_\_\_\_ Law Commission of India on 19th February 2020?

- a) 19th
- b) 20th
- c) 21st
- d) 22nd
- e) None of these

**Q.80** The National Organic Food Festival 2020 has been recently organized at?

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

**Q.81** Who is the ESPN's Female Sportsperson of the Year 2019?

- a) Dutee Chand
- b) Saina Nehwal
- c) Mary Kom
- d) P V Sindhu
- e) None of these

**Q.82** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as managing director (MD) and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank recently?

- a) Sunil Gurbaxani
- b) Atanu Kumar Das
- c) P. S. Jayakumar
- d) B Sriram
- e) None of these

**Q.83 At which place the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered gold deposits to the tune of around 3,000 tonnes?**

- a) Sondari
- b) Sonbhadra
- c) Pathikonda
- d) Alampara
- e) None of these

**Q.84 The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was launched in which year?**

- a) 2014
- b) 2016
- c) 2018
- d) 2019
- e) None of these

**Q.85 The Ministry of Finance has announced a uniform Goods and Service Tax (GST) of \_\_\_\_\_%, which will be levied on lotteries from 1st March 2020?**

- a) 12%
- b) 14%
- c) 18%
- d) 28%
- e) None of these

**Q.86 Who has received the SERB Women Excellence Award-2020?**

- a) Dr Annu Prakash
- b) Dr Priyanka Rai
- c) Dr Niti Kumar
- d) Dr Neha Shipra
- e) None of these

**Q.87 Which Chess player has won the 34th Cannes Open 2020?**

- a) D Gukesh
- b) Harutyun Bargseghyan
- c) Siva Mahadevan
- d) Chongsheng Zeng
- e) None of these

**Q.88 The PM-KISAN scheme was launched by the central government in which year?**

- a) 2014
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2019
- e) None of these



**Q.89** The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has given its approval to the merger of two tower companies, \_\_\_\_\_ with Bharti Infratel.

- a) BSNL
- b) Reliance Jio
- c) Vodafone Idea
- d) Indus Towers
- e) None of these

**Q.90** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently approved the proposal of GMR Infrastructure Ltd (GIL) to sell 49% stake in its airport business named GMR Airports Ltd (GAL) to \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) Abu Dhabi Airports Company
- b) Indonesia's Angkasa Pura
- c) Australia Pacific Airports Corporation
- d) France's Groupe ADP
- e) None of these

**Q.91** The Sustainable Development Goals Conclave 2020: Partnerships, Cooperation and Development of North Eastern states, is being organized by \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) National Audubon Society
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) World Wide Fund for Nature
- d) United Nations Environmental Protection Agency
- e) None of these

**Q.92** Which among the following has launched '5G Hackathon' for convert innovating ideas into products and solutions and develop India specific use cases around 5G?

- a) Department of Telecommunications
- b) Department of Information Technology (DIT)
- c) Department of Post
- d) Department of Revenue
- e) None of these

**Q.93** Who has recently become the first player in the world to play 100 matches in all three formats of cricket?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Ross Taylor
- c) Brendon McCullum
- d) Martin Guptill
- e) None of these

**Q.94** The 'SPICe+' web forum is launched by which Ministry of the Government of India?

- a) Ministry of Commerce
- b) Ministry of Agriculture
- c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- d) Ministry of Telecommunication

e) None of these

**Q.95 The Chatra Vishwakarma Awards 2019 is based on the theme of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) How to empower women in rural areas
- b) How to reduce female foeticide
- c) How to double farmer's income
- d) How to enhance the village income
- e) None of these

**Q.96 Which state has become the first state in the country to introduce the unified Vehicle registration card?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) None of these

**Q.97 The Geo Imaging Satellite (GISAT-1) will be launched by ISRO by which launching vehicle?**

- a) Ariane 5
- b) ASLV
- c) Falcon 9
- d) GSLV-F10
- e) None of these

**Q.98 Which state is hosting the 25th cultural fair "Vasantotsav" 2020?**

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Punjab
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

**Q.99 Recently, the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) has revised India's sugar output estimate for the marketing year 2019-20 (October to September) to \_\_\_\_\_ million tonnes (mt), from the earlier estimate of 26 mt?**

- a) 30
- b) 27.5
- c) 26.5
- d) 22
- e) None of these

**Q.100 As per the new RBI norm for cash reserve ratio (CRR) calculations, the net amount of incremental credit will be eligible for the benefit of deduction from NDTL for a maximum period of \_\_\_\_\_ years?**

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Five
- d) Seven
- e) None of these

**Q.101 The National Science Day is observed every year on?**

- a) 21st May
- b) 23rd December
- c) 28th February
- d) 30th January
- e) None of these

**Q.102 Which Bank has recently announced to stop the cash dispensation of Rs 2,000 currency note from its ATMs from 1st March 2020?**

- a) Indian Bank
- b) HDFC
- c) State Bank of India
- d) Bank of India
- e) None of these

**Q.103 The National Technical Textiles Mission that is recently approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), has a total outlay of Rs \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 2094 crore
- b) 1875 crore
- c) 1500 crore
- d) 1480 Crore
- e) None of these

**Q.104 The Market Intelligence and Early Warning System (MIEWS) Web Portal is launched by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for integrated development of \_\_\_\_\_ value chain.**

- a) Pulses, Onion and Cardamom
- b) Onion, Tomato and Potato
- c) Tomato, Onion and Potato
- d) Cardamom, Onion and Tomato
- e) None of these

**Q.105 Exercise Indradhanush is a joint air force exercise conducted by the Royal Air Force and the \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Indian Air Force
- b) Indian Army
- c) Indian Navy
- d) Paramilitary Force
- e) None of these

**Q.106 The Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 (CARO, 2020) is applicable for audit of financial statements of eligible companies for the financial years commencing on or after the \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 1st June, 2019
- b) 1st March, 2019
- c) 1st April, 2019
- d) 1st March, 2020

e) None of these

**Q.107 Who has been recently appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndusInd Bank, post the retirement of current CEO Romesh Sobti?**

- a) Aditya Puri
- b) Rana Kapoor
- c) Shikha Sharma
- d) Sumant Kathpalia
- e) None of these

**Q.108 The 6th Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV-6) 'VAJRA', that is recently launched is built by \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
- b) Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Shipbuilding
- c) China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation
- d) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- e) None of these

**Q.109 What is the total outlay of the scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana?**

- a) 15,000 crore
- b) 10,000 crore
- c) 6,000 crore
- d) 4,000 crore
- e) None of these

**Q.110 What is the GDP growth in the 3rd Quarter of 2019-20, released by the National Statistical Office?**

- a) 4.1%
- b) 4.7%
- c) 5.2%
- d) 5.6%
- e) None of these

**Q.111 In which state/union territory, the Amnesty scheme has been launched by the government?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jammu & Kashmir
- d) Delhi
- e) None of these

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ANSWERS

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**Ans.1 (B)** The defence cooperation exercise SAMPRITI 2020 will be the ninth edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries. During SAMPRITI-IX a Command Post Exercise (CPX) and a Field Training Exercise (FTX) will be conducted.

**Ans.2 (A)** Muttoli Ajit Kumar, a 1984 batch IRS officer, is currently serving as Principal Chief Commissioner of GST and Central Excise. M Ajit Kumar has completed M Sc in Law and Finance from the University of Oxford.

**Ans.3 (C)** Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' chaired the meet. The meet emphasised on measures to promote UNESCO's ideals and objectives in the fields of education, culture, communication, natural sciences and social and human sciences.

**Ans.4 (D)** The Mela is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs. The Surajkund International Crafts Mela is being organized since 1987 and was upgraded to an International Level in 2013.

**Ans.5 (A)** The 11th edition of DefExpo 2020 will be held from 5th to 9th February 2020 at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh. The aim of the DefExpo is to bring the leading technologies in the defence sector under one roof and provide a myriad of opportunities for the government, private manufacturers and startups.

**Ans.6 (C)** The MOUs were signed between the High Commissioner of India Sunjay Sudhir, Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulla Shahid and Addu City Council. The projects would be run in Hithadhoo, Feydhoo, Hulhudhoo, Meedhoo, and Hulhumeedhoo.

**Ans.7 (B)** Imarti Devi, Madhya Pradesh Minister for Women and Child Development and Principal Secretary Anupam Rajan will receive the award. Indore district has also bagged the first place for better performance of the scheme.

**Ans.8 (C)** This new gas field, spanning an area of 5,000 square kilometres in the cross-border area of the two emirates. The gas field represents one of the largest natural gas discoveries in the UAE that will strengthen the UAE's position among countries with the world's largest natural gas reserves.

**Ans.9 (B)** World Cancer Day is observed to create awareness about cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally.

**Ans.10 (B)** Expo 2020 Dubai is a World Expo that's going to be hosted by Dubai in the United Arab Emirates and is scheduled to open on 20th October 2020. The World Expo provides a platform where people from all over the world come together and connect with each other, share ideas, learn and innovate.

**Ans.11 (D)** India's junior Boxing team has claimed 6 gold medals at the Golden Girl Championship held in Boras, Sweden. The Golden Girl box cup was founded by Ray Husac and Lina Erlandsson, 2009.

**Ans.12 (C)** Ministry of Labour & Employment constituted Santusht' - Implementation Monitoring Cell (IMC) in January 2020. The portal 'Santusht' ensures speedy redressal of worker as well as employer grievances and ensuring effective implementation of labour laws at the grassroots level.

**Ans.13 (D)** The Department of Science & Technology has launched a unique scheme called "Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)". SATHI is a shared, professionally managed, Science and Technology infrastructure facility, which can readily be accessible to academia, start-ups, manufacturing units, industries and R&D Labs.

**Ans.14 (B)** Mumbai's Kala Ghoda Festival is one of the Biggest Free Art and Cultural Festival in the World. This is the 21st edition of the Kala Ghoda Festival and will be celebrated for the next nine days.

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**Ans.15 (B)** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a statement released on 4th February 2020 said that Insurance cover on bank deposits has been increased to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh per depositor. The insurance coverage norm of the RBI is effective from 4th February 2020, with the approval of Government of India.

**Ans.16 (A)** Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Manager's Index) for January 2020 recorded 55.3 against 52.7 in December 2019. Purchasing Managers' Indexes (PMI) are economic indicators derived from monthly surveys of private sector companies and denotes the prevailing direction of economic trends in manufacturing.

**Ans.17 (B)** Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India in partnership with Government of Australia and Indonesia will organise the 4th EAS Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation from 6-7th Feb 2020 in Chennai.

**Ans.18 (A)** The government approved amendments to the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to ensure greater accountability and transparency in the functioning of Cooperative Banks. According to the data released by RBI, Urban cooperative banks (UCBs) reported nearly 1,000 cases of fraud worth more than Rs 220 crore in the last five fiscals.

**Ans.19 (D)** The objective of the approval is for the formalisation of IIITs at Surat, Bhopal, Bhagalpur, Agartala and Raichur and will now be covered under IIIT (PPP) Act, 2017.

**Ans.20 (B)** Christina Koch has shattered the spaceflight record for female astronauts by spending almost a year aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Koch has spent 328 days on ISS, surpassing the previous record held by fellow American Peggy Whitson.

**Ans.21 (A)** The Veer Savarkar Akhil Bharatiya Samudra Taran Spardha also called as Veer Savarkar All India Sea Swimming Competition was held in the Arabian Sea off Gir Somnath coast of Gujarat. Monika Nagpure and Rutvik Bhajiwala both belong to Surat, Gujarat.

**Ans.22 (C)** The RBI has revised CPI inflation projection upwards to 6.5% for Q4 of 2019-20, 5.4-5% for H1 of 2020-21; and 3.2% for Q3 of 2020-21, with risks broadly balanced. GDP growth for FY 2020-21 has been projected at 6%, in the range of 5.5-6% in H1 and 6.2% in Q3.

**Ans.23 (C)** President Ram Nath Kovind presented the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy on 6th Feb 2020 in New Delhi. The International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy is presented to Dr N.S. Dharmashaktu and the Leprosy Mission Trust.

**Ans.24 (D)** Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Hockey India announced the establishment of the High-Performance Centres in seven places across the country on 6th Feb 2020. The move is aimed at grooming young talent in view of 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games.

**Ans.25 (A)** The conclave emphasised India's readiness to take the defence engagements with the friendly African countries to the next level. A Joint Declaration - "Lucknow Declaration", was adopted after the conclusion of IADMC 2020.

**Ans.26 (B)** The theme of this year's seafood show is "Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition". The biennial show is being held in Kochi after 12 years and the 21st edition of IISS was held in Goa in January 2018.

**Ans.27 (A)** The proposal was given by the Housing and Urban Development Department to set up an Elevated Light Rail System in both the capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar. The Light Rail Transit System (LRTS) in Jammu will have one corridor (from Bantalab to Bari Brahmana) with a total length of 23 kilometres.

**Ans.28 (C)** The 23rd edition of the annual National Conference on e-Governance has begun at National Sports Club of India (NSCI) Worli, Mumbai on 07 Feb, 2020. The 2020 conference focused on encouraging and improving the delivery of public services by promoting the use of digital platforms.

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**Ans.29 (A)** The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has launched the Ease of Living Index (EoLI) and Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2019 on 7th Feb 2020. The indices are designed to assess quality of life of citizens in 100 Smart Cities and 14 other Million Plus Cities.

**Ans.30 (D)** The Government of India launched the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) ,a component of the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) on 27th April 2017 to make air travel affordable and widespread.

**Ans.31 (B)** The National Deworming Day is being observed across the country on 10th Feb 2020. On the occasion of the National Deworming Day, Children and adolescents in the age group of 1 to 19 years are being administered a single dose of a safe medicine Albendazole in all states and Union Territories.

**Ans.32 (C)** The fifth edition of Dhaka Art Summit, the premier art festival of Bangladesh was inaugurated by State Minister for Cultural Affairs of Bangladesh KM Khalid. The biennial art extravaganza of Bangladesh showcases varied art-forms including live performance, photography and painting.

**Ans.33 (C)** India claimed five medals (4 silver medals and 1 bronze) at the 64th Bocskai Memorial Boxing tournament at Debrecen in Hungary. Indian pugilists, Manisha (57kg) and PL Prasad (52kg) also clinched silver medals at the championships.

**Ans.34 (C)** Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman said public sector banks' (PSBs) bad loans came down to Rs 7.27 lakh crore at the end of September 2019. The statement was given in the written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on 10th February 2020.

**Ans.35 (A)** The 6th GBS is being presented by Yes Bank and The Economic Times. GBS 2020's broad theme is 'Collaborate to Create: Sustainable Growth in a Fractured World'.

**Ans.36 (D)** The 92nd Academy Awards (OSCARS) took place on February 9, 2020. The award is presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS).

**Ans.37 (B)** The National Water Conference is being held in order to solve water crisis and make the state a water-rich state. The purpose of the conference is to finalize the guidelines for the 'Water Rights Act' or 'Right of water Act' in Madhya Pradesh.

**Ans.38 (C)** The incremental loans disbursed under this facility will have CRR exemption for the next five years. This means that banks will not be needed to make additional cash reserve ratio against any incremental loans disbursed to the targeted segments.

**Ans.39 (D)** Lalremsiami belongs to Mizoram and got 40 % of all the votes cast with 47.7% of her votes from among national associations, 28.4% from the media and 36.4% from fans/players. She was one of the stand-out players at the Hockey Women's World Cup in 2018.

**Ans.40 (B)** The World Unani Day is being observed on 11th Feb 2020. The day is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of great Unani scholar and social reformer Hakim Ajmal Khan.

**Ans.41 (B)** PISA is a triennial international survey (every three years) which aims to evaluate the education system worldwide by testing the skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students. Students are assessed in reading, mathematics, science and collaborative problem-solving.

**Ans.42 (A)** National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad was set up in 1993 as a registered society under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The Union Finance Minister is the President of the NIFM Society.

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**Ans.43 (C)** FMC is an American automobile company with operations in various countries across the world. FIPL is indirect wholly owned subsidiary of FMC. Mahindra will hold 51% controlling stake in the Joint Venture while Ford will have the remaining stake of 49%.

**Ans.44 (D)** The kavach is the lightest level III plus bullet proof jacket (6.8 kgs nominal weight) available in India. The jacket is based on indigenous hot pressed boron carbide and carbon nanotube technologies.

**Ans.45 (A)** Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Girish Chandra Murmu launched the Financial Inclusion Outreach Campaign on 11th Feb 2020. The Financial Inclusion Outreach Campaign is launched with a special focus on extending banking services to all un-banked areas of the Union Territory (UT).

**Ans.46 (B)** Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking' for BIMSTEC Partner Nations in New Delhi on 13th Feb 2020. The two-day 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking' for BIMSTEC Partner Nations is being organized by Narcotics Control Bureau.

**Ans.47 (D)** The day is observed every year on 13th Feb to raise greater awareness among the public and the media of the importance of radio and to encourage decision makers to establish and provide access to information through radio. The theme of the World Radio Day 2020 is "Radio and Diversity".

**Ans.48 (C)** CPGRAMS is the web technology platform, primarily aims to enable submission of grievances by the aggrieved citizens from anywhere and anytime (24x7) basis to Ministries/Departments/Organisations.

**Ans.49 (C)** INS Shivaji was established in 1945 as one of the premier training establishments of Indian Navy. It imparted training to officers and sailors of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and friendly foreign navies in the domains of Marine Engineering, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence etc.

**Ans.50 (B)** Manpreet polled a total of 35.2% of combined votes of National Associations, media, fans and players. Manpreet made his debut in 2011 and had represented India at 2012 London and 2016 Rio Olympics and presently has 260 international appearances under his belt.

**Ans.51 (B)** The fifth edition of Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 between India and United Kingdom Army commenced on 13th Feb 2020 at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom. The aim of the exercise is to conduct training of troops in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist operations in both Urban and Semi-Urban areas.

**Ans.52 (A)** Amit Panghal has been ranked number one in the 52-kilogram category for Olympic Qualifiers by IOC's Boxing Task Force rankings on 13th February 2020. The 24-year-old Panghal has become the first Indian pugilist in over a decade to achieve the global top position in the category.

**Ans.53 (C)** The Kashi Mahakal Express (Train No 82401) will run between Varanasi and Indore. The train will be inaugurated on 16th February 2020 and will begin its regular service from 20th February 2020.

**Ans.54 (C)** The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly statistical supplement released on 14th Feb 2020, showed that Indian banks' loans rose 7.1% in the two weeks to 31st January 2020 from a year earlier.

**Ans.55 (D)** The Central government announced a Rs 25,000 crore fund in November 2019, to help complete over 1,500 stalled housing projects. The stalled housing projects include even those declared NPAs (non-performing assets) or admitted for insolvency proceedings.

**Ans.56 (B)** The Wholesale prices-based inflation (WPI) accelerated to a 10-month high of 3.1 % in January 2020. According to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the main factor for the accelerated WPI is costlier food articles, particularly onion and potato.



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**Ans.57 (B)** The meeting of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has begun in Paris on 16th Feb 2020. The plenary session of the FATF will review progress made by Pakistan towards terror financing and some other countries that present a risk to the financial system.

**Ans.58 (B)** The FinMin outlined the thinking behind the Union Budget 2020-21 and the focus areas of the Government in the meeting. The Board recommended aligning the financial year of RBI, currently July-June, with the Government's fiscal year (April-March) from the year 2020-21.

**Ans.59 (D)** No. 47 Squadron of Indian Air Force, commemorated its Diamond Jubilee celebrations, organised at Air Force Station Adampur on 14-15 February 2020. The Squadron was formed on 18 December 1959 at Air Force Station Halwara.

**Ans.60 (D)** The mascot for CMS COP13 is "Gibi - The Great Indian Bustard". The Gibi is a critically endangered species, which has been accorded the highest protection status under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

**Ans.61 (D)** Moody's Investors Service has slashed India's 2020 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection on 17th Feb 2020, to 5.4% from 6.6% forecast earlier. Moody's has also cut the 2021 India's GDP growth from 6.7% to 5.8%.

**Ans.62 (A)** Bajaj Finance Ltd has replaced State Bank of India (SBI) to become India's tenth most-valued firm by market capitalisation on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on 17th Feb 2020. The finance company's shares have risen nearly 12% so far this year.

**Ans.63 (B)** The 25th Edition of the GulFood 2020, Dubai is being held from 16th to 20th February 2020. For India, GulFood 2020 will help in facilitating tie ups between foreign investors and accelerate the pace of export of food products from India to the western market.

**Ans.64 (C)** Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to permit the use of regulatory sandbox at SEBI's board meeting held in Mumbai on 17th February 2020. The regulatory sandbox is a system that will allow live testing of new products, services and business models by market players on select customers.

**Ans.65 (B)** ZF will acquire 100% shares in WABCO via its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary Verona Merger Sub Corp. Under the merger agreement, ZF will acquire all outstanding shares of WABCO for USD 136.50 per share in an all-cash transaction for an equity value of over USD 7 billion.

**Ans.66 (A)** The 15th Finance Commission has decided to constitute a High Level Expert Group on Agriculture Exports on 17th Feb 2020. Sanjiv Puri, Chairman and Managing Director, ITC – Chairman.

**Ans.67 (D)** The "3rd High-Level Global Conference on Road Safety for Achieving Global Goals 2030" is being held on 19–20 February 2020 in Stockholm, Sweden. The Chairman's conclusions or the "Stockholm Declaration" will be adopted by the Member States at the conference.

**Ans.68 (B)** The Soil Health Card Day will be observed on 19th February 2020. The day is being observed to commemorate the day Soil Health Card Scheme (SHC) was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 19, 2015, at Suratgarh, Rajasthan.

**Ans.69 (B)** India claimed five silver and six bronze medals at the ongoing 2020 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Sidhanta Gogoi claimed silver in youth boys and junior men events in the 61-kilogram category.

**Ans.70 (D)** India ranked 77th on Sustainability index and 131st on Child Flourishing Index Ranking of a UN report, released on 19th February 2020. The sustainability index ranks countries on excess carbon emissions compared with the 2030 target.

**Ans.71 (C)** The minister also released the e-version of the book Annual Reference India / Bharat 2020 on the occasion. It is the 64th edition of the compilation and is brought out jointly by the Publications Division and New Media Wing of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

**Ans.72 (B)** The central sector scheme "Formation and Promotion of FPOs" shall promote 10,000 new FPOs in five years period from 2019-20 to 2023-24. The scheme will have a total budgetary provision of Rs. 4496.00 crore for the five year period (2019-20 to 2023-24).

**Ans.73 (C)** The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) will celebrate Matribhasha Diwas across the country on 21st February 2020. Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will be the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

**Ans.74 (A)** The 2nd Phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Grameen has been approved till 2024-25 and will focus on Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF Plus). The ODF plus includes ODF sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM).

**Ans.75 (B)** The states of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram are celebrating their statehood day on 20th Feb 2020. Arunachal Pradesh was granted statehood on this day in 1987 and Mizoram was declared a state in 1972.

**Ans.76 (C)** In FY 2018-19, Rs 95,081 crore was collected as GST compensation cess of which Rs 69,275 crore was released to the states/UTs as GST compensation. Under GST law, states were guaranteed to be paid for any loss of revenue in the first five years of GST implementation (that came into force from July 1, 2017).

**Ans.77 (A)** Indian wrestlers won three bronze medals in Greco-Roman events of the Asian Wrestling Championships in New Delhi on 20th February 2020. Ashu, Aditya Kundu and Hardeep have won a bronze medal each in their respective weight categories.

**Ans.78 (C)** The resolution 30/1 was adopted by the Human Rights Council in Geneva on the 1st of October 2015. Human Rights Council resolution 30/1, which was led by the US was co-sponsored by Sri Lanka along with the UK, Macedonia and Montenegro.

**Ans.79 (D)** The 22nd Law Commission will function for a period of three years from its date of official constitution. Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body constituted by the Government from time to time.

**Ans.80 (B)** The National Organic Food Festival has been inaugurated jointly by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Ministry of Women and Child Development in New Delhi on 21st February 2020. The government will invest around Rs 3 crore to organise the festival, with free entry for the public.

**Ans.81 (D)** The ESPN.in Awards recognise the best individual and team performances in Indian sport on a calendar-year basis. P V Sindhu's World Championship win against Japan's Nozomi Okuhara, the first by an Indian in badminton, has also been selected as the Moment of the Year.

**Ans.82 (A)** RBI has approved the appointment of Sunil Gurbaxani as Managing Director and CEO of the Bank for a period of three years from the date of assuming the charge. Gurbaxani is working with Axis Bank at present.

**Ans.83 (B)** The deposit contains almost five times India's current reserve of the yellow metal and estimated to be worth nearly Rs 12 lakh crore. Almost two decades back in 1992-93, the GSI had started the work on finding gold reserves in Sonbhadra.

**Ans.84 (B)** The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved major changes in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) on 19th February 2020. PMFBY was launched in February 2016 by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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**Ans.85 (D)** The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has released a notification declaring that the uniform Goods and Service Tax (GST) of 28% will be levied on lotteries from 1st March 2020. Currently, a state-run lottery attracts 12% GST, while a state-authorized lottery attracts 28% tax.

**Ans.86 (C)** Dr Niti Kumar, Senior Scientist from Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow has received SERB (Science and Engineering Research Board) Women Excellence Award-2020. The award is given to women scientist below 40 years of age who have received recognition from national academies.

**Ans.87 (A)** Gukesh defeated Harutyun Barseghyan of France in the final round to end with 7.5 points. In 2019, he became the world's second youngest Grandmaster ever.

**Ans.88 (D)** The PM-KISAN scheme was formally launched on 24th February 2019 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs 6,000 per year is transferred by the Centre in three equal instalments of 2000 rupees in every four months, directly into the bank accounts of the farmers.

**Ans.89 (D)** The merger is approved between Sunil Mittal-led Bharti Infratel Ltd and Indus Towers Ltd, allowing Vodafone Idea Ltd to raise funds by divesting its stake in the latter. Indus Towers is a three-way joint venture between Bharti Infratel, Vodafone Idea and UK-based Vodafone Group.

**Ans.90 (D)** The partnership with Groupe ADP is in line with GMR's business objective to become a global airport developer and operator. GIL has signed a share purchase agreement with Groupe ADP, which will hold 49% stake in GAL for an equity consideration of Rs 10,780 crore.

**Ans.91 (B)** The Sustainable Development Goals Conclave 2020: Partnerships, Cooperation and Development of North Eastern states, is being organized by NITI Aayog in Guwahati, Assam, from 24th February 2020. The North Eastern Council (NEC) was created under the North-Eastern Council Act of 1971.

**Ans.92 (A)** The DoT has launched the '5G Hackathon' in association with government, academia and industry stakeholders. It is aimed at shortlisting India's focused cutting edge ideas that can be converted into workable 5G products and solutions.

**Ans.93 (B)** New Zealand batsman Ross Taylor on 21st February 2020, became the first player in the world to play 100 matches in all three formats of cricket. Ross Taylor was presented his 100th Test cap by former New Zealand wicket-keeper Ian Smith before the match.

**Ans.94 (C)** Injeti Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), inaugurated the 'SPICe+' Web Form on 24th February 2020. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has launched the web forum 'SPICe+' (pronounced 'SPICe Plus') replacing the existing SPICe form.

**Ans.95 (D)** The third edition of Vishwakarma Award for the year 2019 was based on the theme of "How to enhance the income of Village". A total of 23 teams under 8 different subcategories were recipient of the award.

**Ans.96 (C)** Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to introduce the unified Vehicle registration card on 25th February 2020. The state is also the second state in the country to launch the unified driving license after Uttar Pradesh.

**Ans.97 (D)** The GISAT-1 will be launched from the Second Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota through the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F10). The 4-metre diameter Ogive shaped payload fairing is the fourteenth flight of the GSLV.

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**Ans.98 (A)** The Eight days cultural fair is being organised by the Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs, to celebrate the richly diverse heritage of the country. The theme of the festival for the year 2020 is “Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat”.

**Ans.99 (C)** ISMA has accordingly revised its sugar production estimates upwards from 26 million tonnes to 26.5 million tonnes now during 2019-20 SS. Uttar Pradesh is the leading producer of sugarcane in India (41.28% of the all-India production) followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka.

**Ans.100 (C)** The net amount of incremental credit will be eligible for the benefit of deduction from NDTL for a maximum period of five years (i.e. fortnight of 24th January 2025), or the tenure of the loan, whichever is earlier.

**Ans.101 (C)** The NSD is celebrated every year on 28th February to commemorate the discovery of the ‘Raman Effect’. In 1930, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize for the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'.

**Ans.102 (A)** Indian Bank has started dispensing more of RS 500 notes instead of Rs 2,000 denomination notes for a gradual phase out of the high denomination currency. State-owned Indian Bank has announced that it has decided to stop using Rs 2,000 notes in all their ATMs.

**Ans.103 (D)** Indian Technical Textiles segment shares approximately 6% of the 250 Billion USD global technical textiles market which is USD 16 Billion. The National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) has a total outlay of Rs 1480 Crore and would have a four year implementation period from FY 2020-21 to 2023-24.

**Ans.104 (C)** The Scheme “Operation Greens” was formulated to promote Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management. Accordingly, the Ministry has formulated a scheme for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain.

**Ans.105 (A)** The exercise was jointly held by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Royal Air Force (RAF). The focus of this edition Ex Indradhanush is 'Base Defence and Force Protection', considering the recent threats to military establishments from terror elements.

**Ans.106 (C)** The CARO, 2020 is applicable for an audit of financial statements of eligible companies for the financial years commencing on or after the 1st April 2019. The CARO, 2020 shall be applicable to all those companies on which CARO, 2016 was applicable.

**Ans.107 (D)** Sumant Kathpalia currently heads the bank’s consumer banking business and has been appointed chief executive from 24 March, 2020. The 55-year old Kathpalia has succeeded Romesh Sobti, is a chartered accountant by qualification, and has been with the bank since 2008.

**Ans.108 (B)** The Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) is built by M/s Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Shipbuilding and is the sixth in the series of seven OPV projects being built by L&T. The OPV will have two Navigation Radars with ultra-modern technology, sophisticated navigational and latest communication systems.

**Ans.109 (C)** The IMAC meeting was presided over by Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the PMKSY scheme for a period from 2016-20 with a total outlay of Rs 6,000 crore.

**Ans.110 (B)** The NSO data showed that the GDP growth is 4.7% during the third quarter of 2019-20, which is slowest since the 4.3% expansion in the January-March quarter of 2012-13. The fall in the GDP growth rate in Q3 has dragged the Indian economy to a 7-year low now.

**Ans.111 (C)** The Government has announced Amnesty scheme for power consumers across UT of Jammu & Kashmir on 28th February 2020. It will give an opportunity to power consumers to prevent disconnection of their connections and to facilitate easy payment.

