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Q.1 The Exhibition-cum-Fair “EKAM Fest” is recently organised under the aegis of which Ministry?

- a) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- b) Ministry of Culture
- c) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- d) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- e) None of these

Q.2 The Gross GST revenue collected in the month of February, 2020 is _____?

- a) Rs 1,05,366 crore
- b) Rs 1,33,498 crore
- c) Rs 1,12,541 crore
- d) Rs 1,50,798 crore
- e) None of these

Q.3 The explosive detection device RaiDer-X, is co-developed by DRDO arm High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune and _____?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- c) IIT Madras
- d) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
- e) None of these

Q.4 The International Women’s Day is observed on?

- a) 1st March
- b) 8th March
- c) 11th March
- d) 16th March
- e) None of these

Q.5 The multilingual Incredible India website has been recently revamped to provide information in which languages?

- a) English, Hindi, Bengali
- b) Chinese, Arabic, Spanish
- c) Portuguese, Arabic, Russian

- d) Russian, Chinese, English
- e) None of these

Q.6 Recently, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions has launched the 'PensionAdalat' for the first time outside Delhi at _____?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Assam
- c) Jammu
- d) Haryana
- e) None of these

Q.7 Which railway locomotive factory has got the recognition from the Limca Book of Records, for manufacturing most locomotives in a year?

- a) Chittaranjan Locomotive Works
- b) Diesel Locomotive Works
- c) Diesel-Loco Modernisation Works
- d) Golden Rock Railway Workshop
- e) None of these

Q.8 The 35th edition of AAHAR- the Food and Hospitality fair 2020 has been recently organised in _____?

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

Q.9 National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has infused Rs _____ in the rural banking system during the current fiscal.

- a) 1.46 lakh crore
- b) 1.49 lakh crore
- c) 2.1 lakh crore
- d) 2.5 lakh crore
- e) None of these

Q.10 The 68th All India Police Athletic Championship-2019 is being held at _____?

- a) Delhi
- b) Ladakh
- c) Haryana
- d) Assam

e) None of these

Q.11 The Long-Term Repo Operation (LTRO) conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) provides liquidity to banks for _____?

- a) 1-2 years
- b) 1-3 years
- c) 1-4 years
- d) 1-5 years
- e) None of these

Q.12 Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary on 3rd March 2020 by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet?

- a) AtanuChakraborty
- b) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- c) Tuhin Kant Pandey
- d) T V Somanathan
- e) None of these

Q.13 The three-judge bench, headed by _____ has lifted the ban imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on trade in virtual currency and crypto-currency on 4th March 2020?

- a) Justice RanjanGogoi
- b) Justice RohintonNariman
- c) Justice Dipak Mishra
- d) Justices V Ramasubramanian
- e) None of these

Q.14 Who is the current chairman of the Lalit Kala Akademi?

- a) Prahlad Singh Patel
- b) Dr. AadarshSinghal
- c) Dr. UttamPacharne
- d) Pratik Sarkar
- e) None of these

Q.15 The Student Health Card scheme is recently launched in which among the following state/Union Territory?

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Delhi
- c) Punjab
- d) Jammu and Kashmir
- e) None of these

Q.16 The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has lowered the interest rate on provident fund deposits to _____ for 2019-20?

- a) 7.5%
- b) 7.9%
- c) 8.2%
- d) 8.5%
- e) None of these

Q.17 The Companies (Second Amendment) Bill, _____ has been recently approved by the Union Cabinet on 5th March 2020, to amend the provisions of Companies Act, 2013?

- a) 2020
- b) 2019
- c) 2015
- d) 2014
- e) None of these

Q.18 The Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana, launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, will provide loan upto _____ per unit to eligible Scheduled Tribe?

- a) Rs 5 lakh
- b) Rs 4 lakh
- c) Rs 3 lakh
- d) Rs 2 lakh
- e) None of these

Q.19 Which book is recently launched by the Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubinirani on the compilation of 25 innovative initiatives taken at the state and district levels under the scheme of BetiBachao, BetiPadhao?

- a) The Future is Feminist
- b) Equality for Dignity
- c) Chronicles of Change Champions
- d) The Story of Desire and Destiny
- e) None of these

Q.20 The Fourth Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF) 2020 is being held in which state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Odisha
- e) None of these

Q.21 Which NGO has got the first position as the top NGO of the world for the 5th consecutive year?

- a) Goonj
- b) BRAC
- c) Orbis International
- d) Worldreader
- e) None of these

Q.22 Which RBI Deputy Governor has recently announced early retirement on 31st March 2020, three months ahead of his retirement in June 2020?

- a) M. D. Patra
- b) M. K. Jain
- c) B.P. Kanungo
- d) N. S. Vishwanathan
- e) None of these

Q.23 The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has increased the UPI transaction cap from next fiscal to _____?

- a) Rs 5 lakh
- b) Rs 4 lakh
- c) Rs 3 lakh
- d) Rs 2 lakh
- e) None of these

Q.24 The Pragyan Conclave 2020 is recently held at _____?

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

Q.25 The POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8th March _____?

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

Q.26 The 'Vivad se Vishwas' Scheme was announced during the Union Budget _____?

- a) 2020
- b) 2019
- c) 2018
- d) 2017

e) None of these

Q.27 India's foreign exchange reserves jumped to hit a new all-time high of \$_____ billion in the week ended 28th February 2020?

- a) 416.7
- b) 498.5
- c) 428.3
- d) 481.5
- e) None of these

Q.28 The Ministry of _____, has decided to remove the tariff caps for solar, wind power auctions?

- a) Corporate Affairs
- b) New and Renewable Energy
- c) Power
- d) Jal Shakti
- e) None of these

Q.29 The Moody's Investors Service has recently revised downward its baseline growth projections for India from 5.4% _____ for 2020?

- a) 5%
- b) 5.1%
- c) 5.2%
- d) 5.3%
- e) None of these

Q.30 Which country has recently launched three unidentified projectiles from the coastal town of Sondok?

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) North Korea
- d) South Korea
- e) None of these

Q.31 The Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship programme is launched by which Ministry of the Government of India?

- a) Ministry of Science & Technology
- b) Ministry of Youth Affairs
- c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- d) Ministry of Earth Science
- e) None of these

Q.32 The Individual applicant for the “Nari Shakti Puraskar” must be at least _____ of age?

- a) 20 years
- b) 22 years
- c) 25 years
- d) 30 years
- e) None of these

Q.33 The United Nations has adopted the political declaration on women's rights on 9th March 2020, which is based on the roadmap of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action _____?

- a) 1990
- b) 1993
- c) 1995
- d) 2000
- e) None of these

Q.34 The biggest single-day losses (in terms of points) ever for Sensex and Nifty was registered on?

- a) 1st March 2020
- b) 21st January 2020
- c) 9th March 2020
- d) 2nd December 2019
- e) None of these

Q.35 The Headquarter of the State Bank of India is at _____?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Hyderabad
- e) None of these

Q.36 Which among the following Indian airports have won the 2019 ASQ Awards?

1. Chandigarh
 2. Mangaluru
 3. Trivandrum
 4. Lucknow
- a) 1,2 and 3
 - b) 1,2 and 4
 - c) 2,3 and 4
 - d) All 1,2,3 and 4
 - e) None of these

Q.37 Which committee has been set up as per the budget 2020-21 announcement to promote a flawless supply chain for perishables?

- a) KisanYatri
- b) Kisan Rail
- c) Rail Krishi
- d) KrishiYatri
- e) None of these

Q.38 The Headquarter of the United Nations Security Council is at _____?

- a) New York
- b) Geneva
- c) Paris
- d) Italy
- e) None of these

Q.39As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry, in which fiscal year the FDI inflow in India stood at the highest ever?

- a) 2015-16
- b) 2016-17
- c) 2017-18
- d) 2018-19
- e) None of these

Q.40 Who has recently replaced Mukesh Ambani from the top spot among the list of Asia's richest people in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index?

- a) Masayoshi Son
- b) HuiKa Yan
- c) Jack Ma
- d) Li-KaShing
- e) None of these

Q.41 The "UdyamSakhi" Portal was launched in 2018 under which ministry?

- a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- b) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium enterprises
- c) Ministry of Culture
- d) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- e) None of these

Q.42 The International Day of Yoga is observed every year on _____.

- a) 1st May

- b) 11th August
- c) 21st June
- d) 22nd July
- e) None of these

Q.43 The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill _____ has been recently passed by the Parliament on 12th March 2020?

- a) 2020
- b) 2019
- c) 2018
- d) 2017
- e) None of these

Q.44 The Wings India 2020 is being held at _____?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Guwahati
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Chennai
- e) None of these

Q.45 India's current account deficit (CAD) stood at _____ of GDP in the October- December quarter of the 2019-20 fiscal year?

- a) 0.1%
- b) 0.2%
- c) 0.8%
- d) 0.9%
- e) None of these

Q.46 The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules (POCSO) Act was enacted in which year?

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

Q.47 The Crime Multi-Agency Centre (Cri-MAC) is recently launched for which purpose?

- a) For providing all-round training to police
- b) For Inter-state coordination of Police
- c) For easy procurement of defence equipment
- d) For geo-mapping of all police stations in the country
- e) None of these

Q.48 The RBI has recently announced a _____ month US dollar sell/buy swap to provide liquidity to the foreign exchange market?

- a) Two
- b) Four
- c) Six
- d) Eight
- e) None of these

Q.49 Recently, India has become the _____ country in the world to successfully isolate the COVID-19 virus strain?

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

Q.50 The Ganga Aamantran Abhiyan is launched by which ministry?

- a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- b) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- c) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- d) Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
- e) None of these

Q.51 Which government has recently amended the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to bring which item/items under its provision?

- a) Paracetamol and N95 surgical masks
- b) Hand Sanitizers and Paracetamol
- c) Hand Sanitizers and N95 surgical masks
- d) Anti-HIV drugs lopinavir and ritonavir
- e) None of these

Q.52 What is India's rank in the production and productivity of Copra in the World?

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

Q.53 The Vivad Se Vishwas Bill, 2020 offers an additional _____ % of the disputed amount in cases where the settlement is made by 30th June 2020?

- a) 5
- b) 10
- c) 15
- d) 20
- e) None of these

Q.54 The 39th GST council meeting has decided to increase GST rates on mobile phones to _____ %?

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

Q.55 Which among the following has launched the web portal named coronavirus tracker to track its progress worldwide?

- a) Google
- b) Apple
- c) Amazon
- d) Microsoft
- e) None of these

Q.56 Which state government has announced the scheme named Chief Minister's AkhannabaSanaroisinggiTembang (CMAST)?

- a) Assam
- b) Manipur
- c) Odisha
- d) Mizoram
- e) None of these

Q.57 Which among the following is the correct about Account Aggregators?

1. Account aggregators are responsible for transferring, but not storing the client data.
2. In 2016, the RBI had approved Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) as account aggregators

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

Q.58 Which sportsperson has won the men's title in the 2020 ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open?

- a) Sathiyangnanasek
- b) Harmeet Desai

- c) AchantaSharath Kamal
- d) Anthony Amalraj
- e) None of these

Q.59 The 2020 All England Championship was held at _____?

- a) Sheffield
- b) Bristol
- c) Birmingham
- d) Liverpool
- e) None of these

Q.60 Which day is celebrated as the World Consumer Rights Day?

- a) 11th March
- b) 15th March
- c) 21st April
- d) 24th May
- e) None of these

Q.61 The Parliament has passed the Central Sanskrit Universities Bill, _____ on 16th March 2020?

- a) 2020
- b) 2019
- c) 2018
- d) 2017
- e) None of these

Q.62 Which ex- Chief Justice of India has been recently nominated by the President Ram Nath Kovind to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House)?

- a) RanjanGogoi
- b) Dipak Mishra
- c) Jagdish Singh Khehar
- d) H.L. Datta
- e) None of these

Q.63 The annual rate of inflation, based on monthly WPI, stood at _____% (provisional) for the month of February, 2020?

- a) 2.89
- b) 2.26
- c) 2.10
- d) 2
- e) None of these

Q.64 The Budget 2020-21 has raised the net borrowing to the Government of India to Rs _____ lakh crore from Rs 4.48 lakh crore in the Budget Estimate?

- a) 5.89
- b) 5.5
- c) 4.99
- d) 4.66
- e) None of these

Q.65 The Standard and Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings has lowered India's economic growth forecast to _____ % for 2020 amid COVID 19 outbreak?

- a) 5.9
- b) 5.7
- c) 5.4
- d) 5.2
- e) None of these

Q.66 The CEO & Managing Director of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd is?

- a) Atanu Kumar Das
- b) Satish Kumar Gupta
- c) MrutyunjayMahapatra
- d) RajkiranRai G
- e) None of these

Q.67 Who has been recently appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) India of the US cloud-based service provider Salesforce.com Inc?

- a) Rajnish Kumar
- b) Chanda Kochhar
- c) Shikha Sharma
- d) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- e) None of these

Q.68 Who has been recently appointed by Google as Managing Director of Google Cloud in India?

- a) Rahul Kumar
- b) Karan Bajwa
- c) Paul Dupuis
- d) Paul Dupuis
- e) None of these

Q.69 The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has recently approved procurement of _____ indigenous Tejas fighter aircraft in addition to the 40 aircraft order placed earlier?

- a) 60
- b) 83
- c) 119
- d) 200
- e) None of these

Q.70 The Indian Navy has recently set up a Quarantine Camp at INS _____?

- a) Vishwakarma
- b) Vikrant
- c) Kolkata
- d) Viraat
- e) None of these

Q.71 Which institute has recently developed hand sanitizer as per WHO guidelines, without harmful chemicals?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) ICAR
- c) CSIR-IHBT
- d) IISB
- e) None of these

Q.72 Choose the correct statement about the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill 2019?

1. It seeks to repeal the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970
2. It contains the provision for setting up a National Commission for Indian System of Medicine

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

Q.73 Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the formation of a COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force that will be led by _____?

- a) Home Minister
- b) Chairperson of NITI Aayog
- c) Finance Minister
- d) Minister of Agriculture
- e) None of these

Q.74 The Fitch Ratings has recently cut India's growth forecast to _____% for FY 2020-21?

- a) 5.5
- b) 5.4

- c) 5.2
- d) 5.1
- e) None of these

Q.75 The government has allowed _____% stake in Air India under automatic route, for those NRIs, who are Indian Nationals?

- a) 49%
- b) 75%
- c) 90%
- d) 100%
- e) None of these

Q.76 The 16 member governance panel set up by the Insurance Regulation and Development Authority (IRDAI) recently, is headed by?

- a) Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- b) PravinKutumbe
- c) Shaktikanta Das
- d) Ajay Tyagi
- e) None of these

Q.77 RBI has appointed _____, its former deputy governor as additional director of the Yes Bank Board?

- a) Urjit R. Patel
- b) Harun R. Khan
- c) R Gandhi
- d) Anand Sinha
- e) None of these

Q.78 World Sparrow Day is observed every year on _____?

- a) 21st March
- b) 20th March
- c) 11th March
- d) 1st March
- e) None of these

Q.79 The total liabilities of the government stood at Rs _____ lakh crore at the end of December 2019?

- a) 82.76
- b) 87.90
- c) 93.89
- d) 95.38

e) None of these

Q.80 Which among the following is the correct statement about open market operations (OMOs) conducted by RBI?

1. RBI resorts to sell government securities when there is enough liquidity in the market
2. RBI sell the government securities to provide enough liquidity into the market

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

Q.81 The proposed expenditure for the operationalization of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centre (AYUSH HWC) is Rs. _____ Crore for a period of five years, from financial years 2019-20 to 2023-24?

a) 4000
b) 3399
c) 3897
d) 2788
e) None of these

Q.82 The Government has recently approved the Production Incentive Scheme (PII) for Large Scale _____ Manufacturing?

a) Textile
b) Electronics
c) Jute
d) Packaged Milk
e) None of these

Q.83 The High level technical committee of Public Health Experts for COVID-19, recently set up by the government is headed by _____?

a) R S Mishra
b) K M Rahman
c) V K Paul
d) S R Subramanian
e) None of these

Q.84 The Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020 contains the provision to give statutory status to _____ Indian Institutes of Information Technology in Public Private Partnership mode?

a) 4
b) 5

- c) 6
- d) 7
- e) None of these

Q.85 The “Tech For Tribals” program is recently launched by _____?

- a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- b) The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India
- c) Ministry of Information & broadcasting
- d) International Labour Organization
- e) None of these

Q.86 India’s first dedicated COVID-19 hospital has been set up by _____?

- a) Tata Motors Limited
- b) Reliance Industries Limited
- c) Tata Consultancy Services Limited Hindalco Industries Limited
- d) Hindalco Industries Limited
- e) None of these

Q.87 Section _____ of the Companies Act of 2013 prescribes thresholds to identify companies which are required to constitute a corporate social responsibility (CSR) Committee?

- a) 134
- b) 135
- c) 136
- d) 137
- e) None of these

Q.88 The Standard & Poor’s agency has recently estimated a _____ percent growth in 2020-21 (April 2020 to March 2021) for India?

- a) 4.2
- b) 4.8
- c) 5.2
- d) 5.8
- e) None of these

Q.89 The World TB day is observed every year on _____?

- a) 22nd February
- b) 24th March
- c) 25th July
- d) 30th April
- e) None of these

Q.90 The government has recently raised the threshold for invoking insolvency under the Insolvency Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to Rs _____ from the current Rs 1 lakh?

- a) 10 lakh
- b) 50 lakh
- c) 1 crore
- d) 5 crore
- e) None of these

Q.91 Under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), the Members of Parliament has the choice to suggest to the District Collector in his/her constituency, for works to the tune of Rs. _____ per annum?

- a) 1 crore
- b) 5 crores
- c) 15 crores
- d) 20 crores
- e) None of these

Q.92 The Invest India Business Immunity Platform has been recently launched under which ministry?

- a) Ministry of External Affairs
- b) Ministry of Company Affairs
- c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- e) None of these

Q.93 The UBS has recently cut India's growth forecast for the financial year 2020-21 to _____ % from earlier 5.1%?

- a) 3.5
- b) 4
- c) 4.5
- d) 5
- e) None of these

Q.94 The Finance Mnister has announced Rs _____ crore relief fund under the "Prime Minister Gareeb Kalyan Scheme"?

- a) 1.5 lakh
- b) 1.7 lakh
- c) 2.5 lakh
- d) 2.7 lakh
- e) None of these

Q.95 The Government of India will pay the EPF contribution both of the employer and the employee (12% each) for the next three months for establishments with up to 100 employees, where _____% of employees draw less than Rs 15,000 salary?

- a) 50
- b) 60
- c) 90
- d) 100
- e) None of these

Q.96 As per the Reserve Bank of India, What is the mandatory minimum Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)?

- a) 6%
- b) 7%
- c) 8%
- d) 9%
- e) None of these

Q.97 Which country currently holds the presidency of G20?

- a) India
- b) South Africa
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) China
- e) None of these

Q.98 Recently, which state government has announced to set up India's largest Covid-19 hospital for exclusively treating the positive COVID 19 patients?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Odisha
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Bihar
- e) None of these

Q.99 The Moody's Investors Service has slashed its estimate of India's GDP growth during the 2020 calendar year to _____%, on account of the rising economic cost of the coronavirus pandemic?

- a) 5
- b) 4.5
- c) 3
- d) 2.5
- e) None of these

Q.100 The RBI has recently decided to cut the Repo Rate by 75 basis points to _____?

- a) 4.8%
- b) 4.4%
- c) 4.2%
- d) 4.1%
- e) None of these

Q.101 Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has launched the “Project Isaac”?

- a) IIT Gandhinagar
- b) IIT Kharagpur
- c) IIT Rorkee
- d) IIT Delhi
- e) None of these

Q.102 Who is the current chief of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- a) Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- b) Kristalina Georgieva
- c) Henrietta H. Fore
- d) Audrey Azoulay
- e) None of these

Q.103 India’s foreign exchange reserves fell by a whopping \$ _____ billion in the week to March 20?

- a) 13.89
- b) 12.56
- c) 11.98
- d) 10.76
- e) None of these

Q.104 What is the full form of the “PM CARES” fund launched by GOI to deal with COVID--19?

- a) Prime Minister Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation
- b) Prime Minister Citizen Association and Relief in Emergency Situation
- c) Only a
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of these

Q.105 Who is the current governor of Nagaland?

- a) Ramesh Bais
- b) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- c) Neiphiu Rio
- d) Phagu Chauhan
- e) None of these

Q.106 Which department launched “Corona studies series”?

- a) Union health and family welfare ministry
- b) NCERT
- c) National Book Trust
- d) Information and Broadcasting Ministry
- e) None of these

Q.107 Who is the current Union Health and Family Welfare Minister?

- a) Prakash Javadekar
- b) Harsh Vardhan
- c) Smriti Irani
- d) Nitin Gadkari
- e) None of these

Q.108 Where is the headquarter of Canara Bank?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Kolkata
- e) None of these

Q.109 An agreement of \$100 million was signed between ADB and whom with an aim to support India’s Private equity industry?

- a) SEBI
- b) RBI
- c) NIIF
- d) National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)
- e) None of these

Q.110 What does C stands in the CFSS-2020 Scheme?

- a) Corporate
- b) Co-ordinate
- c) Companies
- d) Calculation
- e) None of these

Q.111 Where will be Olympics Games 2020 held?

- a) Tokyo
- b) Sochi
- c) Mexico

- d) Munich
- e) None of these

Q.112 Mobile hand-wash facility launched by which state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Gujarat
- e) None of these

ANSWERS

Ans.1 (C) Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment ThaawarchandGehlot will inaugurate the “EKAM Fest”.Ekam stands for Entrepreneurship, Knowledge, Awareness, Marketing.

Ans.2 (A) The gross GST revenue collected in the month of February 2020 is Rs 1,05,366 crore. The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed up to 29th February 2020 is 83.53lakh.

Ans.3 (B) RaiDer-X has been co-developed by DRDO arm High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. RaiDer-X can detect up to 20 explosives from a stand-off distance of two meters.

Ans.4 (B) 8th March is celebrated as International Women’s Day all over the world every year.The 2020 International Women's Day will focus on the theme, 'An equal world is an enabled world'.

Ans.5 (B) The website contains information of around 165 destinations, 2700+ pages, 28 States + 9 UTs along with multiple attractions.The website is currently hosted in English and Hindi and is now being launched in Chinese, Arabic and Spanish.

Ans.6 (C) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions has launched the ‘Pension Adalat’ and National Pension System (NPS) Awareness and Grievance Redressal Programme at Convention Centre, Jammu on 29th Feb 2020.

Ans.7 (A) The Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) which is located in West Bengal, has produced 402 locomotives in the financial year 2018-19.With this, the CLW has got the recognition from the Limca Book of Records.

Ans.8 (D) The 35th edition of AAHAR- the Food and Hospitality fair has begun in New Delhi on 3rd March 2020. The exhibition AAHAR will open for business visitors from 10 AM TO 6 PM, till 7th March 2020.

Ans.9 (A) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has infused 1.46 lakh crore rupees in the rural banking system during the current fiscal. Other banks, including small finance banks, have obtained long-term refinance of 37,895 crore rupees.

Ans.10 (C) 68th All India Police Athletic Championship-2019 began at Bhanu in Panchkula District of Haryana on 3rd March 2020. Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijju declared the meet open at Basic Training Centre of Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

Ans.11 (B) Liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) and marginal standing facility (MSF), that offers banks money for a duration of 1-28 days, the LTRO supplies liquidity to banks for their 1-3 years needs. LTROs are aimed at quickening the monetary policy transmission by helping banks to reduce their lending rates.

Ans.12 (B) Ajay Bhushan Pandey is a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service officer of Maharashtra cadre. He has earlier worked as chief executive officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

Ans.13 (B) The three-judge bench, headed by Justice Rohinton Nariman, allowed a batch of pleas challenging the 2018 circular of the RBI on cryptocurrencies. The bench quashed the central bank's order and said that the curb on crypto currency trade is illegal.

Ans.14 (C) President Ram Nath Kovind conferred 61st annual Lalit Kala Akademi's awards on 4th March 2020 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. The current chairman of the Lalit Akademi is Dr. Uttam Pacharne.

Ans.15 (D) Jammu and Kashmir Lt. Governor G.C. Murmu has launched Student Health Card scheme in Jammu on 5th March 2020. The aim of this Student Health Card (SHC) scheme is to ensure the good health of every school going children.

Ans.16 (D) Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has lowered the interest rate on provident fund deposits to 8.5 % for 2019-20. With the rate cut of 15 basis points, employees will get 0.15% lower returns on their provident fund deposits this year.

Ans.17 (B) The Union Cabinet has approved the Companies (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 to amend the Companies Act, 2013 on 5th March 2020. The cabinet approved 72 changes along with the re-categorisation of 23 offences in the new bill to further de-clog the criminal justice system in the country.

Ans.18 (D) The Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana is an exclusive concessional scheme for the economic development of eligible Scheduled Tribe Women to enhance their standard of life by providing financial independence.

Ans.19 (C) Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani released a book titled "Chronicles of Change Champions" at an event held in New Delhi on 5th March 2020. The Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22nd January 2015 at Panipat, Haryana.

Ans.20 (B) Fourth Global Ayurveda Festival to be held at Kochi, Kerala from 16th May to 20th May 2020. The theme for the five-day Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF) is "Ayurveda Medical Tourism: Actualizing India's credibility".

Ans.21 (B) BRAC has retained its position as the top NGO of the world for the 5th consecutive year in 2020. The Geneva-based organization NGO Adviser, publishes the rankings every year based on publicly available data for the top 500 global NGOs.

Ans.22 (D) Reserve Bank of India deputy governor NS Vishwanathan has announced early retirement on 31st March 2020. He has quit three months ahead of his retirement in June 2020 due to health reasons.

Ans.23 (D) The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced to double the transaction cap from Rs1 lakh to Rs2 lakh in order to push the digital payment system in the country. The transaction limit will be doubled from the next fiscal year for payments through Unified Payment Interface (UPI).

Ans.24 (A) A two day Indian Army International Seminar, Pragyan Conclave 2020, was organised by Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) at New Delhi on 4th March 2020 and concluded on 6th March 2020. It provided a platform to deliberate upon the emerging ideas, perspectives and narratives that define the 'New Age Warfare'.

Ans.25 (C) POSHAN Abhiyaan PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8th March, 2018.

Ans.26 (A) The 'Vivad se Vishwas' Scheme was announced during the Union Budget, 2020 by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. It was announced to provide for dispute resolution in respect of pending income tax litigation.

Ans.27 (D) RBI data showed that India's foreign exchange reserves jumped to hit a new all-time high of \$481.54 billion in the week ended 28th February 2020. The fall in global crude prices has played an important role as a \$20 drop saves India \$30 billion per annum.

Ans.28 (B) The Ministry of New and Renewable energy (MNRE) has decided to remove the tariff caps for solar, wind power auctions. The MNRE has decided to remove the cap to boost investment in solar and wind power projects.

Ans.29 (D) Moody's Investors Service has revised downward its baseline growth projections for India to 5.3% for 2020. Moody's had reduced India's growth projection for the calendar year 2020 to 5.4% from 6.6% on 17th February 2020.

Ans.30 (C) The projectiles were launched from the coastal town of Sondok area in South Hamgyong province. Earlier, North Korea fired two short-range missiles off the east coast into the sea on 2nd March after a three-month halt.

Ans.31 (C) The Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey, launched the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship programme on 8th March 2020 in Bengaluru. The MGNF is designed and implemented by IIM Bangalore and in collaboration with State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs).

Ans.32 (C) The eligibility criteria of the Award include that:

1. The Individual applicant must be at least 25 years of age.
2. Institutions must have at least 5 years of relevant experience.

Ans.33 (C) The adopted text follows the main lines of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of 1995. It sought to promote women's emancipation and advancement around the world.

Ans.34 (C) Sensex and Nifty declined to clock their biggest single-day losses (in terms of points) ever on 9th March 2020. While Sensex declined to 1,941 points, Nifty declined to 538 points on the same day.

Ans.35 (B) The headquarter of State Bank of India is Mumbai.

Ans.36 (D) In the recently announced 2019 ASQ awards, Chandigarh, Mangaluru, Trivandrum and Lucknow aerodrome has been named best among the world. ASQ is a globally established programme that measures passengers' satisfaction in 34 categories while travelling through an airport.

Ans.37 (B) The government has formed a committee on Kisan Rail under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The committee also includes representatives of the Ministry of Railways.

Ans.38 (A) The headquarter of the United Nations Security Council is at New York.

Ans.39 (D) Commerce and Industry Minister PiyushGoyal, in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha said that the FDI inflow stood at the highest ever for the fiscal year 2018-19. In 2018-19, the foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow stood at a record 62 billion US dollars.

Ans.40 (C) Mukesh Ambani is no longer Asia's richest man, relinquishing the title to Jack Ma, co-founder and former executive chairman of Alibaba Group. Jack Ma has topped the list with a \$44.5 billion fortune.

Ans.41 (B) The "UdyamSakhi" Portal was launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) on 8th March 2018 on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Ans.42 (C) The 6th edition of the national event International Day of Yoga (IYD) 2020 will be held at Leh, Ladakh on 21st June 2020. The IYD is held on the 21st of June every year since 2015.

Ans.43 (A) The IBC (Amendment) Bill 2020 was passed by the Lok Sabha on 6th March 2020 and received the Rajya Sabha nod on 12th March 2020. It prevents potential abuse of the Code by certain classes of financial creditors.

Ans.44 (C) The Wings India 2020 has begun at the Begumpet airport, Hyderabad on 12th March 2020 and will be on till 15th March 2020. The Wings India, four-day civil aviation business exhibition and air show, is Asia's largest civil aviation biennial event.

Ans.45 (B) The data showed that the CAD eased to 0.2% of GDP in the December quarter (3rd quarter) from 0.9% of GDP in the September quarter. The CAD accounted for 2.7% of the GDP in the year-ago period.

Ans.46 (B) The POCSO Act was enacted in 2012, to Protect the Children from Offences of Sexual Assault, Sexual harassment and pornography for safeguarding the interest and well-being of children. It is a gender-neutral Act and defines a child as any person below eighteen years of age.

Ans.47 (C) The Crime Multi-Agency Centre (Cri-MAC) will ensure the sharing of information on heinous crime and other issues related to inter-state coordination. It was launched on the occasion of 35th Inception Day of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) on 12th March 2020.

Ans.48 (C) The Reserve Bank of India has announced a six month US dollar sell/buy swap in a statement issued on 12th March 2020. The US dollar sell/buy swap is announced by RBI observing the mismatch in the US dollar liquidity across the world.

Ans.49 (D) ICMR has informed that India has become the fifth country in the world to successfully isolate the COVID-19 virus strain. The other four countries include Japan, Thailand, United States of America and China.

Ans.50 (C) The GAA has been launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti and is organised under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).It is a pioneering and historic exploratory open-water rafting and kayaking expedition on the Ganga River.

Ans.51 (C) The Government has notified an Order under the Essential Commodities (EC) Act to declare masks and hand sanitizers as Essential Commodities up to 30th June 2020.

Ans.52 (A) India ranks number one in the production and productivity of Copra in the World.Its production is mainly concentrated in four states namely, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh (accounting to almost 90% of total production).

Ans.53 (B) The scheme provides an opportunity for taxpayers to settle disputes by paying due taxes with the complete waiver of interest and penalty till 31st March 2020.It provisions an additional 10 % of the disputed amount in cases where the settlement is made by 30th June 2020.

Ans.54 (B) The GST rate on all types of matches (Handmade and other than Handmade) has been rationalised to 12% (from 5% on Handmade matches and 18% on other matches). It was discussed to link statement of outward supplies in Form GSTR 1 to the liability in Form GSTR 3B.

Ans.55 (D) Microsoft Bing team has launched a web portal named coronavirus tracker to track its progress worldwide. The website provides up-to-date infection statistics for each country and related articles from a variety of publishers.

Ans.56 (B) Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has announced the biggest ever scheme for the welfare of sportspersons and artists of the State.

Ans.57 (C) Account aggregators are responsible for transferring, but not storing the client data. In 2016, the RBI had approved Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) as account aggregators to facilitate consent sharing of financial information in real time.

Ans.58 (C) AchantaSharath Kamal has defeated Marcos Freitas of Portugal by 4-2 in the final played in Muscat, Oman.In the semi-finals, Achanta pulled off a seven-seat victory against Russia's Kirill Skachkov.

Ans.59 (C) Taiwan's shuttler Tai Tzu Ying has clinched the women's singles title of the 2020 All England Championships in badminton on 16th March 2020. Tai Tzu Ying has won the title for the third time after beating China's Chen Yufei at Birmingham, England.

Ans.60 (B) The World Consumer Rights Day is observed on the 15th of March every year. The day is celebrated to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs.

Ans.61 (B) Parliament has passed the Central Sanskrit Universities Bill, 2019 on 16th March 2020. The Lok Sabha had already passed the Bill on 12th December 2019 and on 16th March 2020, it was passed by voice vote in Rajya Sabha.

Ans.62 (A) Ranjan Gogoi has served as the 46th Chief Justice of India from 3rd October, 2018 to 17th November, 2019. The president under the powers conferred by Article 80 of the constitution of India, can nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha on the advice of the Prime Minister.

Ans.63 (B) The annual rate of inflation, based on monthly WPI, stood at 2.26% (provisional) for the month of February 2020 over February 2019. In January 2020, WPI inflation stood at 3.1%.

Ans.64 (C) The decision is taken after reviewing the cash position of the Centre, in line with the Revised Estimate announced by the government in the Budget 2020-21. The Budget 2020-21 has raised the net borrowing to Rs 4.99 lakh crore from Rs 4.48 lakh crore in the Budget Estimate.

Ans.65 (D) Standard and Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings has lowered India's economic growth forecast to 5.2% for 2020 on 18th March 2020. S&P Global Ratings had earlier projected a growth rate of 5.7% during 2020 calendar.

Ans.66 (B) The PPBL is currently the largest issuer of RuPay Debit Cards and has the fastest-growing bank account base. CEO & Managing Director, Paytm Payments Bank Ltd: Satish Kumar Gupta

Ans.67 (D) Arundhati Bhattacharya has served the SBI, the country's largest lender for 40 years. She was the first woman to lead the more than 200-year-old bank and retired from SBI in 2017.

Ans.68 (B) Karan Bajwa has recently served as Managing Director for India and South Asia for IBM. Prior to IBM, he has also worked with Microsoft for nine years and Cisco Systems in India and Singapore.

Ans.69 (B) In the initial configuration, the orders of 40 Tejas aircraft had already been placed with HAL. Now, DAC paved the way for the procurement of another 83 of the more advanced version of the aircraft from HAL.

Ans.70 (A) Indian Navy has set up a Quarantine Camp at INS Vishwakarma in Eastern Naval Command (ENC) for Indian nationals. The camps will serve the Indian nationals who are evacuated from countries that are affected by the COVID-19.

Ans.71 (C) A new hand-sanitizer has been developed by the scientists of CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT) based in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh. Chemicals like parabens, triclosan, synthetic fragrance and phthalates have not been used in this product.

Ans.72 (C) Rajya Sabha has passed the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill 2019 on 18th March 2020. The National Commission for Homoeopathy Medicine Bill 2019 is also passed by Rajya Sabha on 18th March 2020 by voice vote.

Ans.73 (C) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the formation of a COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force on 19th March 2020. The COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force will be led by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Ans.74 (D) Fitch Ratings has cut India's growth forecast to 5.1% for FY 2020-21 on 20th March 2020. The Fitch Ratings gave the reason of the coronavirus outbreak, which is likely to hit business investment and exports.

Ans.75 (D) The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has notified to allow non-resident Indians (NRIs) to control up to 100 % stake in Air India. The FDI policy earlier permitted NRIs to take only 49 % stake in the airline.

Ans.76 (B) The committee will be headed by PravinKutumbe, member-finance and investment at IRDAI.It will submit its report to IRDAI in 3 months.

Ans.77 (C) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Gandhi and Ananth Narayan as additional directors of the Yes Bank Board on 20th March 2020.

Ans.78 (B) The World Sparrow Day is being celebrated on 20th March. World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the bird.

Ans.79 (C) The Finance Ministry released the Public Debt Management Quarterly Report on 18th March 2020 that showed, the total liabilities of the government increased to Rs 93.89 lakh crore at the end of December 2019.

Ans.80 (A) RBI resorts to sell government securities when there is enough liquidity in the market, to take out money supply and purchases the same when liquidity is needed in the market.

Ans.81 (B) The proposed expenditure for operationalization of AYUSH HWCs is Rs. 3399.35 Crore (Rs.2209.58 Crore as Central Share and Rs. 1189.77 crore as State share).

Ans.82 (B) The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Production Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing on 21st March 2020.

Ans.83 (C) The High-level technical committee (HLTC) will guide the prevention and control activities for COVID 19 in the country. It is a 21 member committee and is headed by NITI Aayog member Dr V K Paul.

Ans.84 (B) It will grant statutory status to five Indian Institutes of Information Technology in Public Private Partnership mode at:

1. Surat
2. Bhopal
3. Bhagalpur
4. Agartala
5. Raichur

Ans.85 (B) "Tech for Tribals" is supported by the Ministry of MSME and aims at capacity building and imparting entrepreneurship skills to tribal forest produce gatherers enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri VanDhan Yojana (PMVDY).

Ans.86 (B) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on 23rd March 2020, has announced that it has set up India's first dedicated COVID-19 hospital. RIL has also built a fully-equipped isolation facility in Lodhivali, Maharashtra.

Ans.87 (B) In India, Corporate Social Responsibility was introduced through Section 135 of the Companies Act of 2013. The MCA is in charge of the administration of the Companies Act 2013 and the Companies Act 1956.

Ans.88 (C) For India, it estimated a 5.2% growth in 2020-21 (April 2020 to March 2021). In the following year, it projects a 6.9% growth, down from 7 % earlier for 2021-22.

Ans.89 (B) World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on 24th March. The day signifies the anniversary of Dr. Robert Koch's discovery of the Tuberculosis (TB) bacteria in 1882.

Ans.90 (C) The government has raised the threshold for invoking insolvency under the Insolvency Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to Rs 1 crore from the current Rs 1 lakh on 24th March 2020.

Ans.91 (B) The Members of Parliament (MP) Local Area Development Division is entrusted with the responsibility of implementation of MPLADS. Under the scheme, each MP has the choice to suggest to the District Collector in his/her constituency, for works to the tune of Rs.5 Crores per annum.

Ans.92 (C) Invest India, India's national Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched the Invest India Business Immunity Platform. For resolving the queries of MSMEs, Invest India has announced a partnership with SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India).

Ans.93 (C) UBS has sharply cut India's growth forecast for the financial year 2020-21 starting 1st April 2020, to 4% on 23rd March 2020. The UBS had earlier estimated India's FY21 growth rate to be 5.1%.

Ans.94 (B) The "Prime Minister Gareeb Kalyan Scheme" with a total outlay of Rs 1.70 lakh crore will benefit the poor specially migrant workers and rural and urban poor people.

Ans.95 (C) This will be applicable for establishments with up to 100 employees, where 90% of employees draw less than Rs 15,000 salary. This will benefit about the benefit of 4.8 crore employees.

Ans.96 (D) The recapitalization will provide minimum regulatory capital to RRBs for another year beyond 2019-20, that is, up to 2020-21. It will be for those RRBs which are unable to maintain minimum Capital to Risk weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of 9%, as per the regulatory norms prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India.

Ans.97 (C) Saudi Arabia's King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud will chair the emergency virtual summit of G20 leaders. The member countries will discuss to advance the coordinated response to the novel coronavirus pandemic in the meet.

Ans.98 (B) The Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) and the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) will provide the CSR funding for the project. The hospital will be treating patients tested positive for the novel Coronavirus exclusively.

Ans.99 (D) Moody's Investors Service slashed its estimate of India's GDP growth during the 2020 calendar year to 2.5% on 27th March 2020. In its Global Macro Outlook 2020-21, Moody's said India is likely to see a sharp fall in incomes at the estimated 2.5 % growth rate.

Ans.100 (B) Cut in benchmark interest rate, Repo Rate by 75 basis points to 4.4%. RBI has reduced the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) of all banks by 100 basis points to 3% of Net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) with effect from 28th March 2020 for 1 year.

Ans.101 (A) Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGN) has launched Project Isaac to engage its students in creative projects to enhance their critical skills, during the countrywide lockdown scenario.

Ans.102 (B) International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Kristalina Georgieva has announced on 27th March 2020, that the world has clearly entered a recession due to the devastating impact due to the Corona virus pandemic.

Ans.103 (C) RBI data showed that India's foreign exchange reserves fell by a whopping \$11.98 billion in the week to March 20. The rupee hit an all-time low of 76.15 against the US dollar on 23rd March 2020.

Ans.104 (A) The government of India sets up PM CARES Fund to fight the biggest epidemic COVID-19. PM CARES stands for Prime Minister Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation.

Ans.105 (C) Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio launched the SELF DECLARATION COVID-19 app at Kohima. The app is made mandatory for any person who entered the Nagaland after 6th March 2020.

Ans.106 (C) National book trust, India of MHRD will be launching "Corona Studies Series" books to provide relevant reading materials for all age groups for the post corona readership needs.

Ans.107 (B) To deal with COVID-19 queries, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Harsh Vardhan, launched 24x7 National Teleconsultation Center.

Ans.108 (C) The headquarter of Canara Bank is Bengaluru.

Ans.109 (C) ADB will be investing \$100 million in the NIIF's FOF which will ensure that actual money invested will be a few times more than USD 100 million. After this agreement, the total size of NIIF's funds of funds has now raised to USD 700 million.

Ans.110 (C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has launched a scheme called "Companies fresh start Scheme 2020" with an aim to provide relief to law-abiding companies and the Limited Liability Partnerships (LLP) because of COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

Ans.111 (A) The Olympics games 2020 were supposed to be held from 24th July 2020 to 9th Aug 2020 at Tokyo, Japan.

Ans.112 (B) Mobile hand-wash facility: Started by Andhra Pradesh Government for the benefit of slum dwellers because of the lockdown situation in the state.

