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Q.1 Which Coach Factory of Indian Railways has recently launched a pilot project for ushering in Industry 4.0?

- a) Integral Coach Factory
- b) Rail Coach Factory
- c) Modern Coach Factory
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of these

Q.2 What was India's rank in the IMD world digital competitiveness ranking 2019 (WDCR)?

- a) 42nd
- b) 43rd
- c) 44th
- d) 45th
- e) None of these

Q.3 The BRAHMOS missile, which is a joint venture between India and Russia, has been named after?

- a) Brahmaputra and Moskva river
- b) God Brahma and Mosya
- c) An earlier used Russian Cruise Missile
- d) Indian Navy's decommissioned Ship
- e) None of these

Q.4 Who has won the men's singles title of ATP Challenger Tournament 2019?

- a) Facundo Bognis
- b) Sumit Nagpal
- c) Mohit Rohanty
- d) Suresh Prakash
- e) None of these

Q.5 The word Plogging is currently in the news in which context?

- a) Fitness and Cleanliness
- b) Education and Health
- c) Money and cleanliness
- d) Fitness and Money
- e) None of these

Q.6 The School Education Quality Index (SEQI) is released by?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- c) Ministry of Science & Technology

- d) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- e) None of these

Q.7 Choose the correct option in the context of Sovereign Gold Bonds?

- a) In case of joint holding, the investment limit of 4 KG will be applied to the first applicant only.
- b) Minimum permissible investment will be 1 gram of gold.
- c) Bonds can be used as collateral for loans.
- d) All a, b and c are correct
- e) Only a and b

Q.8 Which app has been recently launched by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution for providing a one-stop solution for consumer grievance redressal?

- a) Grievance App
- b) Consumer App
- c) Redressal App
- d) Buyer & Seller App
- e) None of these

Q.9 Which train has been recently flagged off between New Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir for speedy development of the later?

- a) Delhi-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express
- b) Delhi-Jammu Vande Bharat Express
- c) Delhi- Mirpur Vande Bharat Express
- d) Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express
- e) None of these

Q.10 The Paryatan Parv 2019 is organized by which Ministry/Ministries?

- a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- b) Ministry of Tourism
- c) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- d) Jointly by a, b and c
- e) None of them

Q.11 The Vayoshreshtha Samman-2019 is conferred for which purpose?

- a) Doing excellent work towards rural sanitation
- b) Rendering service for the cause of elderly persons
- c) Rendering service for the cause of women empowerment
- d) Doing excellent work towards Urban sanitation
- e) None of these

Q.12 To whom the prestigious Saraswati Samman award was conferred to in the year 2019?

- a) Poet K Siva Reddy
- b) Poet Laxmi Agarwal
- c) Poet Meena Alexander
- d) Poet Syed Waheed Ashraf
- e) None of these

Q.13 India has recently inaugurated a Metro Express in which country under a Special Economic Package given by it earlier to this country?

- a) Vietnam
- b) Srilanka
- c) Mauritius
- d) Laos
- e) None of these

Q.14 The Bharat-22 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) is managed by whom?

- a) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- b) Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund
- c) UTI Mutual Fund
- d) Axis Mutual Fund
- e) None of these

Q.15 Which train was recently renamed as the 'Sarbat Da Bhala Express'?

- a) New Delhi-Amritsar Intercity-Express
- b) New Delhi-Ludhiana Intercity-Express
- c) New Delhi-Udhampur Intercity-Express
- d) New Delhi-Jalandhar Intercity-Express
- e) None of these

Q.16 RBI has recently cut the repo rate by 25 basis points, which is the ____ rate cut in 2019?

- a) Forth
- b) Sixth
- c) Fifth
- d) Seventh
- e) None of these

Q.17 Which railway station has topped the Swacch Bharat cleanliness assessment 2019?

- a) Jodhpur
- b) Durgapur
- c) Ajmer
- d) Jaipur
- e) None of these

Q.18 The Youth Co: Lab was recently launched by?

- a) NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India
- b) NITI Aayog and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- c) Ministry of Human Resource and Development and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India
- d) Ministry of Human Resource and Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- e) None of these

Q.19 The World Cotton Day is observed on?

- a) 5th August

- b) 7th October
- c) 5th September
- d) 7th November
- e) None of these

Q.20 What is the Centre's contribution to the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for the General Category States?

- a) 60%
- b) 75%
- c) 80%
- d) 85%
- e) None of these

Q.21 With which country India has signed an agreement to build Vivekananda Bhavan recently?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Myanmar
- c) China
- d) Bangladesh
- e) None of these

Q.22 Swiss Bank has recently exchanged financial account details of nationals with India under the framework of?

- a) Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)
- b) Cybersecurity Information Exchange (CYBEX)
- c) Secured Currency Money Transfer (SCMT)
- d) Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI)
- e) None of these

Q.23 The e-DantSeva is launched by which Ministry?

- a) Ministry of Science & Technology
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) NITI-Aayog
- d) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- e) None of these

Q.24 Which edition of the India International Cooperative Trade Fair will be held in 2019?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th
- e) 5th

Q.25 Which place has been recently approved by the central government for setting up of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ)?

- a) Jalefa, Tripura
- b) Balaghat, MP
- c) Betul, MP

- d) Kalimpong, West Bengal
- e) None of these

Q.26 The International Film Festival of India has celebrated which edition of the festival in 2019?

- a) 25th edition
- b) 50th edition
- c) 75th edition
- d) 100th edition
- e) None of these

Q.27 The newly launched scheme PM-ASMI stands for?

- a) Pradhan Mantri – Assured and Safe Motherhood initiative
- b) Pradhan Mantri – Assured safety Malaria initiative
- c) Pradhan Mantri – Assured safety Measles initiative
- d) Pradhan Mantri – Assured Sewage Management initiative
- e) None of these

Q.28 Which state government has launched the Free Drug Scheme for tea garden workers?

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

Q.29 Who has been recently selected from India for the Asia Environmental Enforcement Award by the United Nations Environment Programme?

- a) Rakesh Pandey
- b) Ramesh Pandey
- c) Mohan Pandey
- d) Suresh Pandey
- e) None of these

Q.30 Who has received the Nobel awards in Medicine for 2019?

- a) William G Kaelin
- b) Gregg L Semenza
- c) Jr Peter J Ratcliffe
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

Q.31 The World Powerlifting Championship 2019 is held at?

- a) Paris, France
- b) Rome, Italy
- c) Berlin, Germany
- d) Vienna, Austria
- e) None of these

Q.32 The Finance Ministry's National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) is launched for?

- a) E-commerce Companies
- b) PSUs Disinvestment
- c) Taxpayers
- d) Money laundering
- e) None of the above

Q.33 India had signed an agreement worth Rs 59,000 crore with France in _____ for the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets?

- a) August 2017
- b) September 2016
- c) August 2016
- d) September 2017
- e) None of these

Q.34 Who has received the Nobel Prize 2019 for Physics?

- a) Michel Mayor
- b) James Peebles
- c) Didier Queloz
- d) All a, b and c
- e) None of them

Q.35 The World Post Day is observed on?

- a) 7th October
- b) 8th November
- c) 9th October
- d) 10th December
- e) None of these

Q.36 The Central government has recently announced ___ Dearness Allowance for Central Government employees and pensioners?

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

Q.37 Recently, the DHRUV programme was launched by the government for which section?

- a) To select 10 students for experiencing the Gaganyaan Mission by ISRO
- b) To mentor 60 talented students from Science, Mathematics and Performing Arts
- c) To select 5 students to represent India at the National Youth Conference
- d) Both a and c
- e) None of the above

Q.38 Which device has been recently launched by the Ministry of Earth Science to provide emergency Disaster Warning to fishermen?

- a) GRADED device
- b) GROUND device

- c) GEMINI device
- d) GROSS device
- e) None of these

Q.39 The Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Programme is launched by which Ministry?

- a) Ministry of Human Resource and Development
- b) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- d) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- e) None of these

Q.40 Which city is in the news for commencing the first-of-its-kind initiative 'Garbage Cafe'?

- a) Kolhapur
- b) Raipur
- c) Ambikapur
- d) Bhopal
- e) None of these

Q.41 Who has won the Nobel Prize 2019 in Literature?

- a) Olga Tokarczuk
- b) Peter Handke
- c) Margaret Drabble
- d) Frédéric Beigbeder
- e) None of these

Q.42 Ministry of Health and Family has recently launched _____ scheme to provide free healthcare benefits to pregnant women, mothers up to 6 months after delivery, and all sick new-borns?

- a) SWASTHYA
- b) SUMAN
- c) SHILP
- d) SOUMYA
- e) None of these

Q.43 Which among the following doesn't come in the list of 6 ASEAN FTA partners?

- a) India
- b) Pakistan
- c) Australia
- d) New Zealand
- e) None of these

Q.44 President's Colours is an acknowledgement of the meritorious service rendered by the _____ over the years?

- a) National Cadet Corp (NCC)
- b) Army Aviation Corps (ACC)
- c) National Defence Academy (NDA)
- d) Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- e) None of these

Q.45 The SARAS Aajeevika Mela was recently organised by?

- a) Ministry of culture
- b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- c) Ministry of Rural Development
- d) Ministry of Tourism
- e) None of these

Q.46 Recently, the mobile app, _____ has been launched by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs for 'Environment Protection in Government Colonies?'

- a) uGreen
- b) mSanrakshan
- c) uEnvironment
- d) mHariyali
- e) None of these

Q.47 Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has recently signed MoU with which bank to provide paperless and cashless payment and procurement system for government entities?

- a) Union Bank of India
- b) Bank of Baroda
- c) Punjab National Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) None of these

Q.48 Which edition of the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) was held recently between the navies of India and Bangladesh?

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

Q.49 The Nobel Prize 2019 in Chemistry was awarded for?

- a) Development of rechargeable Helium batteries
- b) Development of lithium-ion batteries
- c) For discovering the power of evolution through enzymes
- d) For discovering the evolution in plants through chlorophyll
- e) None of these

Q.50 DHARMA GUARDIAN-2019, is a Joint Military Exercise between India and?

- a) China
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Japan
- d) Singapore
- e) None of these

Q.51 Which edition of the Ministry of Culture's flagship programme Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was recently held in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh?

- a) 4th
- b) 6th
- c) 8th
- d) 10th
- e) None of these

Q.52 The ___ India-China Informal Summit was held in Mamallapuram, Chennai in 2019?

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

Q.53 The 2019 First Global DXB Challenge will be held in _____?

- a) Rome
- b) Paris
- c) Dubai
- d) South Africa
- e) None of these

Q.54 Republic of Sierra Leone, of the _____ Nation, was recently in the news for the first-ever visit of an Indian Vice President to the country?

- a) African
- b) South American
- c) Chinese
- d) North American
- e) None of these

Q.55 As per the latest report of the World Bank, which country has become the 2nd fastest growing economy in South Asia after Bhutan?

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

Q.56 Netherlands is India's ___ largest trading partner in the European Union?

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

Q.57 Which is the 1st airline in the world to use a Taxibot?

- a) Singapore Airlines
- b) Qatar Airways
- c) Air India

- d) Virgin Atlantic Airways
- e) None of these

Q.58 The RBI has set the minimum paid up equity capital of _____, for Entities who are desirous to operate or provide platforms for Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)?

- a) Rs 100 Crore
- b) Rs 25 crore
- c) Rs 50 Crore
- d) Rs 150 Crore
- e) None of these

Q.59 The 2019 Booker Prize is won by?

- a) Bernardine Evaristo
- b) Margaret Atwood
- c) Salman Rushdie
- d) Both a and b
- e) Both a and c

Q.60 Which Indian shuttler has won the men's singles title at the Bahrain International Series Badminton?

- a) Priyanshu Rajawat
- b) Rohan Kapoor
- c) Venkat Gaurav Prasad
- d) Kanyanat Sudchoeichom
- e) None of these

Q.61 The LOTUS-HR project is a joint initiative between India and _____, for clean water through water management?

- a) Russia
- b) France
- c) Netherland
- d) Germany
- e) None of these

Q.62 Which Indian-American has won the 2019 Nobel Prize for Economics?

- a) Abhijit Banerjee
- b) Saumik Banerjee
- c) Sourabh Banerjee
- d) Amit Banerjee
- e) None of these

Q.63 Who has recently created Individual Guinness World Records for most full contact knee strikes in 3 minutes in one leg, female category?

- a) Kiran Uniyal
- b) Supriya Darshini
- c) Mahima Pandey
- d) Visha Chaudary
- e) None of these

Q.64 Who is recently appointed as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance?

- a) Anil Bansal
- b) J.P.S. Chawla
- c) Kumar Mahendra
- d) Abhijit shahi
- e) None of these

Q.65 The World Food Day is observed on?

- a) 21st November
- b) 16th October
- c) 25th August
- d) 20th September
- e) None of these

Q.66 Section 65 of the Customs Act, 1962 was recently in the news, is concerned with__?

- a) Manufacturing activity in a ship warehouse.
- b) Manufacturing activity in a customs bonded warehouse.
- c) Manufacturing activity in a Private bonded warehouse.
- d) Manufacturing activity in a Co-operative bonded warehouse.
- e) None of these

Q.67 Which state has topped the India Innovation Index 2019 in the overall ranking?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Gujarat
- d) Telangana
- e) None of these

Q.68 The joint exercise EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-V is conducted between India and ___?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) France
- c) Oman
- d) Indonesia
- e) None of these

Q.69 Which Indian company has recently crossed Rs 9 lakh crore of market capitalization?

- a) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- b) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- c) ITC Limited
- d) State Bank of India
- e) None of these

Q.70 The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has slashed India's GDP growth projection for the year 2019 to ___?

- a) 5.9%

- b) 6%
- c) 6.1%
- d) 6.2%
- e) 7%

Q.71 KHON Ramlila is a masked form of Ramlila art of _____?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Vietnam
- d) Thailand
- e) Myanmar

Q.72 Who is the Chairman of the International Jury of 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- a) Zhang Yang
- b) John Bailey
- c) Robin Campillo
- d) Lynne Ramsay
- e) None of these

Q.73 The biodiesel manufacturer, BioD energy, has recently come into a partnership with _____, to collect the used cooking oil from restaurants around the country and convert it into biodiesel?

- a) Swiggy
- b) UberEats
- c) Zomato
- d) Faasos
- e) None of these

Q.74 The Government has recently put _____ charge or Merchant Discount Rates (MDR) on customers/merchants on digital payment to large firms having a turnover in excess of Rs 50 crore?

- a) 2%
- b) 3%
- c) 4%
- d) 5%
- e) Zero

Q.75 As per the new norms of SEBI, if the auditor resigns after _____ days from the end of the quarter in a Financial Year, the auditor has to issue the audit report for such a quarter as well?

- a) 15 days
- b) 30 days
- c) 45 days
- d) 50 days
- e) None of the above

Q.76 The Okayama Declaration was recently adopted by _____?

- a) BRICS
- b) G7
- c) G20

- d) SAARC
- e) None of the above

Q.77 The key components of the DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill include?

- a) Establishment of a DNA Regulatory Board
- b) Accreditation of DNA laboratories undertaking DNA testing, analysing, etc.
- c) Establishment of the National and Regional DNA Data Banks, for forensic investigations
- d) All the above
- e) None of these

Q.78 India will host the General Assembly of Interpol in ____?

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) None of these

Q.79 Which two female NASA astronauts have become the first all-female pairing to carry out a spacewalk?

- a) Christina Koch and Jessica Meir
- b) Sally Ride and Judith Resnik
- c) Irina Solovyova and Valentina Ponomaryova
- d) Svetlana Savitskaya and Valentina Tereshkova
- e) None of these

Q.80 Who has won the mixed doubles title at the Egypt International 2019?

- a) Kuhoo Garg and Dhruv Rawat
- b) Ahmed Salah and Hadia Hosny
- c) Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker
- d) Koceila Mammeri and Linda Mazri
- e) None of these

Q.81 US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) was in news, who is the Chairman of USISPF?

- a) John Mickle
- b) John Missale
- c) John Chambers
- d) John Adam
- e) None of these

Q.82 The Ministry of Defence has recently approved the procurement of indigenously developed military equipment worth _____ for the armed forces?

- a) Rs 3000 crore
- b) Rs 3200 crore
- c) Rs 3300 crore
- d) Rs 3500 crore
- e) None of these

Q.83 Choose the correct statement about the scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme?

1. It covers Small and Marginal farmers
2. It covers landless farmers
 - a) Only 1
 - b) Only 2
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
 - e) None of these

Q.84 Which country was recently removed from the Financial Action Task Force's grey list at the five-day plenary concluded in Paris?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Iran
- d) Pakistan
- e) Turkey

Q.85 The Bhashan Char Island recently in the news, is in _____?

- a) India
- b) Myanmar
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Bangladesh
- e) None of these

Q.86 India has recently provided training at NACIN to the 2nd batch of _____ official under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme?

- a) Chinese
- b) Bangladeshis
- c) Nepalese
- d) Bhutanese
- e) None of these

Q.87 Who has been recently appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

- a) Praveen Kumar
- b) Kumar Pranav
- c) Pankaj Kumar
- d) Kumar Prakash
- e) None of these

Q.88 The International Snow Leopard Day is celebrated on _____ every year?

- a) 20th October
- b) 20th September
- c) 23rd October
- d) 23rd November

e) None of these

Q.89 The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has announced to celebrate 25 years of Pulse polio programme in the year ____?

- a) 2019
- b) 2020
- c) 2021
- d) 2022
- e) None of these

Q.90 Which among the following will host the 2024 Olympic Games?

- a) Tokyo
- b) Los Angeles
- c) Beijing
- d) Paris
- e) None of these

Q.91 The National Panchayat awards 2019, recently in the news is given by which Ministry?

- a) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- b) Ministry of Rural Development
- c) Ministry of Tourism
- d) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- e) None of these

Q.92 Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises has recently accorded 'Maharatna' status to?

- a) Hindustan Petroleum
- b) Power Grid Corporation
- c) Both a and b
- d) Neither a nor b
- e) None of these

Q.93 The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has recently signed MoU with _____ for Payment Services?

- a) Yes Bank
- b) Pay Pal
- c) Federal Bank
- d) Pay U
- e) None of these

Q.94 The government has recently approved the merger of which two telecom companies?

- a) BSNL and Airtel
- b) MTNL and Jio
- c) BSNL and MTNL
- d) MTNL and Jio
- e) None of these

Q.95 Recently the World Bank has signed a \$165 million loan agreement for a Climate Resilient Agricultural Project with which state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Odisha
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Rajasthan
- e) None of these

Q.96 What is India's rank in the World Bank's Doing Business Report 2020?

- a) 77th
- b) 63rd
- c) 66th
- d) 73rd
- e) None of these

Q.97 _____ is the 1st Indian man to win gold at the Wushu World Championships?

- a) Kumar Kartik
- b) Mahesh Kumar
- c) Praveen Kumar
- d) Sourabh Kumar
- e) None of these

Q.98 The National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards is conferred by which Ministry?

- a) Ministry of Corporate affairs
- b) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- c) Ministry of Company Affairs
- d) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- e) None of these

Q.99 What was India's rank in the Global Health Security Index 2019?

- a) 52nd
- b) 54th
- c) 55th
- d) 57th
- e) None of these

Q.100 The theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2019 is?

- a) Gratitude-a way of life
- b) Remove Corruption- Make Incredible India
- c) Integrity- a way of life
- d) Remove Corruption-Heart of Darkness
- e) None of these

Q.101 The DEFCOM 2019 was organized at_____?

- a) Guwahati
- b) Bhopal
- c) New Delhi
- d) Imphal
- e) None of these

Q.102 Who has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of the recently formed Union Territory, Ladakh?

- a) R K Mathur
- b) Girish Chandra Murmu
- c) Satya Pal Malik
- d) P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
- e) None of these

Q.103 Recently Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system is installed at ports for?

- a) Eliminating manual checking of documents at port gate
- b) Real time tracking of movement of vehicles, men and materials
- c) Both a and b
- d) Not Ease of doing business with Port users
- e) None of the above

Q.104 What is the name of the project launched by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology for Genome Sequencing of Indians?

- a) India's Genome Sequencing Project
- b) IndiGen Genome project
- c) Genome India Project
- d) Indi Science Genome Project
- e) None of these

Q.105 Recently the Kalidhar Battalion conducted the white water rafting expedition named _____, to commemorate its 75th Raising Day?

- a) Rudraprayag
- b) Rudrarishi
- c) Rudrashila
- d) Rudrasmita
- e) None of these

Q.106 The 29th ministerial meeting of the BASIC countries was recently held in___?

- a) Beijing, China
- b) Tokyo, Japan
- c) Pretoria, South Africa
- d) New Delhi, India
- e) None of these

Q.107 India has won _____ in the Men's doubles at the French Open 2019?

- a) Gold
- b) Silver
- c) Bronze
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

Q.108 The 'Odisha-Mo Parivar' initiative launched recently by the Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik is for?

- a) Encouraging environment protection
- b) Health care service: Blood donation
- c) Welfare of Odias in distress
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

Q.109 Exercise SHAKTI is conducted between the armies of India and ____?

- a) Russia
- b) USA
- c) France
- d) Indonesia
- e) None of these

Q.110 Tiger Woods is associated with which sports?

- a) Golf
- b) Shooting
- c) Tennis
- d) Gymnastics
- e) None of these

Q.111 Who among the following can vote through postal ballots as per the recent amendment made into the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 by the Ministry of Law and Justice?

- a) Persons over 80 years of age and person with disability
- b) Persons over 70 years of age and person with disability
- c) Persons over 65 years of age and person with disability
- d) Persons over 60 years of age and person with disability
- e) None of these

Q.112 RBI has recently imposed a monetary penalty on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd (TMB) with the power vested to RBI under ____?

- a) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- c) Banking Regulation (Companies) Rules, 1949
- d) Reserve Bank of India (Amendment and Misc. Provisions) Act, 1953
- e) None of these

Q.113 The National Health Profile (NHP) released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides data and information on?

- a) Housing and amenities
- b) Population
- c) Employment
- d) All the above
- e) None of these

Q.114 The Ministry of Railways has recently signed a MoU with _____ for an Executive Education Program?

- a) International School of Management (ISM)

- b) Research Schools Network (RSN)
- c) Indian School of Business (ISB)
- d) The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)
- e) None of these

Q.115 The 2nd Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) is to be held in ____?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Paris
- c) Berlin
- d) Beijing
- e) None of these

Q.116 Which authority regulates the National Pension System (NPS)?

- a) Personal Retirement Savings Accounts Authority (PRSA)
- b) Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DPPW)
- c) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- d) Pension Distributing and Regulatory Authority (PDRA)
- e) None of these

Q.117 Recently RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Jalgaon Peoples Co-operative Bank Ltd. for non-compliance of which norm?

- a) Guidelines for Licensing of New Banks in Private Sector
- b) Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC) norms
- c) Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs directions 2016
- d) Both a and c
- e) None of the above

Q.118 RBI has recently imposed Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd for non-compliance with directions on IRAC norms that stands for?

- a) Income Registration and Asset Classification
- b) Income Recovery and Asset Categorisation
- c) Income Recognition and Asset Classification
- d) Income Requirement and Asset Categorisation
- e) None of these

Q.119 The penalty of Rs 1 crore was recently imposed on the Bandhan Bank Limited by RBI for non-compliance with the guidelines on ____?

- a) Frauds classification
- b) Asset Classification
- c) Promoter Holding
- d) Income Registration
- e) None of these

ANSWERS

Ans.1 (C) The Modern Coach Factory in Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli district has launched a pilot project for ushering in Industry 4.0. The pilot project has been launched by the Ministry of Railways and the Department of Science and Technology in partnership with IIT Kanpur.

Ans.2 (C) The largest jump was registered by Indonesia and China i.e. from 62nd to 56th and 30th to 22nd respectively. The Index ranks 63 nations and measures their capacity to adopt digital technologies as a key driver for economic transformation in government, business, and society.

Ans.3 (A) BRAHMOS is a medium-range, supersonic cruise missile, made with a joint venture of DRDO, India and Russian Federation's NPO Mashinostroyeniya. The name BrahMos is formed from combining the names of two rivers, the Brahmaputra of India and the Moskva of Russia.

Ans.4 (B) Sumit Nagpal defeated Facundo Bognis by straight-sets 6-4, 6-2 in an hour and 37 minutes. It won his 2nd challenger title after winning the Bengaluru Challenger event in 2017 and grabbed his Grand Slam debut last month.

Ans.5 (A) 'Fit India Plog run' has been flagged off by the Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju at Indira Gandhi stadium in New Delhi. Plogging is a concept in which participants pick up plastic and other waste from the road while jogging that ultimately benefits health and make a clean environment.

Ans.6 (A) NITI Aayog released the School Education Quality Index (SEQI). School Education Quality Index (SEQI) evaluates the performance of States and Union Territories (UTs) in the school education sector.

Ans.7 (D) The minimum permissible investment will be 1 gram of gold. The maximum limit of subscribed shall be 4 KG for individual and HUF each and 20 Kg for trusts and similar entities per fiscal (April-March) notified by the Government from time to time.

Ans.8 (B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution launched 'Consumer App': A one-stop solution for consumer grievance redressal'. Consumers get information about 42 Sectors including e-commerce, Banking, Insurance, Consumer Durables, Electronic Products, etc.

Ans.9 (D) The train has the facilities of GPS Based information system, onboard Wi-Fi internet, CCTV Surveillance and Bio vacuum toilet. The first Vande Bharat Express train was operated between Delhi to Varanasi in February 2019.

Ans.10 (D) The parv is jointly conducted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The tourist's data given by the Ministry of Tourism shows that about 1.05 crore tourists are coming to India every year.

Ans.11 (B) President Ram Nath Kovind will confer the Vayoshreshtha Samman-2019 on 3rd October 2019. The award is presented to the institutions/organisations/individuals involved in rendering distinguished service for the cause of elderly persons.

Ans.12 (A) Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu conferred the prestigious Saraswati Samman award, conferred by the KK Birla Foundation. The award was given to the Telegu poet K Siva Reddy for his collection of poems titled Pakkaki Ottigilite.

Ans.13 (C) India has granted \$14 million for the new Hospital Project and \$275 million for the Metro Express project. The grant (total \$353 million) was awarded by the Government of India to Mauritius in March 2017.

Ans.14 (A) The 4th tranche of Bharat-22 aimed at mopping Rs 8,000 crore from investors. ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund manages the Bharat-22 ETF.

Ans.15 (B) It is the renamed New Delhi-Ludhiana Intercity Express. Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal requested to rename the train on the occasion of the 550th Parkash Purb i.e. the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Ans.16 (C) The cut has been made to 5.15% from 5.40% earlier, while the reverse repo rate has been adjusted to 4.90% and bank rate at 5.40 %. All the six members of the MPC voted in favour of a rate cut, which is the fifth rate cut in 2019.

Ans.17 (D) Jaipur Junction and Gandhinagar Jaipur stations have made the facility to treat single-use plastic, and bottle crushing machines have been planted at the station.

Ans.18 (A) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have jointly launched Youth Co: Lab in 4th October 2019. Youth dialogue series will be convened across the cities to promote entrepreneurship across India.

Ans.19 (B) WTO is hosting the event at the request of the Cotton – 4 countries, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali. The 4 countries in their official application to WTO had asked for the recognition of 7th October as World Cotton Day by the United Nations.

Ans.20 (B) 75% of the SDRF fund is contributed by the Central Government and for the General Category States and 90% for North-Eastern and Hilly States in each allocation year.

Ans.21 (D) A total of seven agreements were signed between India and Bangladesh in several areas including education, health, defence, trade and connectivity, development cooperation etc. Ms Hasina was on a four-day visit to India and has arrived on 3rd October 2019.

Ans.22 (D) Switzerland Federal Tax Administration (FTA) has exchanges information on financial accounts with 75 countries, about their nationals within the AEOI (Automatic Exchange of Information) framework.

Ans.23 (B) The first-ever oral health awareness website and mobile application are launched by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in collaboration with the Union Health Ministry. A unique feature called the 'Symptom Checker' is also available on the app/website.

Ans.24 (A) The first-ever India International Cooperative Trade Fair is aimed at enhancing rural and farm prosperity (doubling farmers income by 2022) by promoting cooperative to cooperative trade within India and abroad.

Ans.25 (A) The Tripura government submitted a proposal in June this year, to the Ministry of Industries and Commerce for the setting of an agro-based SEZ at Jalefa. An estimated investment of around Rs. 1550 crore will be made in setting up first-ever SEZ.

Ans.26 (B) The 50th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2019, will be held in Goa from 20th to 28th November 2019. The Golden Jubilee edition of the festival will showcase 200 best films from 76 countries, 26 feature films and 15 non-feature films in the Indian Panorama section.

Ans.27 (A) The Scheme aims to bring down maternal and infant death to zero by providing quality medical service to them in public healthcare. Through PM-ASMI both infrastructure and quality of service will be improved with taking care of the dignity of women.

Ans.28 (A) The Assam Government has launched the Free Drug Scheme for giving medicinal security to the tea garden workers. The Free Drug scheme will provide medicines including 142 essential drugs, 47 surgical items, 45 consumables/linens and 6 numbers of disinfectants free of cost to 651 tea garden hospitals in the State garden.

Ans.29 (B) The 1996-batch IFS officer, Ramesh Pandey is known for his investigation and intelligence gathering on poachers when he was posted as Chief Conservator Forests in Lucknow and Secretary, UP State Bio-diversity Board.

Ans.30 (D) Scientists William G Kaelin, Gregg L Semenza and Jr Peter J Ratcliffe were awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine. The award was given to them jointly for their discoveries of "how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability".

Ans.31 (C) The World Powerlifting Championship is being held in Berlin, Germany. Under the superb guidance of International Coach Dronacharya Bhupender Dhawan, Three-time World Champion Mukesh Singh added another gold only to be known as 4-time World Champion.

Ans.32 (C) The National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) is launched for better taxpayer service and promotion of ease of doing business. NeAC, an Income tax department, will avoid face-to-face interaction between taxpayers and tax officials and shall impart greater efficiency, transparency and accountability in the assessment process.

Ans.33 (B) This was the formal handover ceremony and the 1st batch of 4 Rafale jets will fly in India by May 2020 and the other sets are expected to arrive by September 2022. The Rafale is a twin-jet fighter aircraft and is capable of doing operations from both an aircraft carrier and a shore base.

Ans.34 (D) The prize is given to three scientists Michel Mayor, James Peebles and Didier Queloz. The award is given for their contribution to the understanding of the evolution of the universe and earth's place in the cosmos.

Ans.35 (C) 1969 Universal Postal Congress in Tokyo, declared the Ninth of October as the World Post Day to mark the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874.

Ans.36 (C) The government in its Cabinet meeting on 9th October 2019, has announced 5% Dearness Allowance for Central Government employees and pensioners. It will benefit 50 lakh Central Government employees and 65 lakh, pensioners.

Ans.37 (B) The DHRUV programme, 60 talented students will be chosen from Science, Mathematics and Performing Arts and they will be mentored in the centre of excellence for 14 days so that they can reach their full potential.

Ans.38 (C) The Ministry of Earth Science has launched a device named GEMINI to provide information related to disaster warnings to fishermen. GEMINI stands for Gagan Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information.

Ans.39 (B) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship along with IIM Bangalore has launched the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Programme. This is a two-year fellowship programme to boost skill development at the district level.

Ans.40 (C) The 'Garbage Cafe' is run by the Ambikapur municipal corporation and the café provides free food in exchange for one kilogram of plastic. Health Minister of Chhattisgarh T. S. Singh Deo has inaugurated the café on 9th October 2019.

Ans.41 (B) The Nobel Prize 2019 has been given to Austrian author Peter Handke and the Nobel Prize 2018 to Polish writer Olga Tokarczuk. Peter Handke was awarded the prize for his work that linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience.

Ans.42 (B) The SUMAN scheme, pregnant women, mothers up to 6 months after delivery, and all sick new-borns will be able to avail free healthcare benefits. Free transport from home to health institutions is also provided under the scheme.

Ans.43 (B) The RCEP negotiations were launched by leaders from:

1. 10 ASEAN member states- the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Brunei Darussalam and Cambodia.
2. 6 ASEAN FTA partners- India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, People's Republic of China and New Zealand.

Ans.44 (B) The Army Aviation Corps has been conferred with 2 Maha Vir Chakra, 115 Sena Medals, 16 Vir Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakra and 45 Mention in Despatches.

Ans.45 (C) The SARAS initiative is undertaken by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).

Ans.46 (D) The mobile app, "mHariyali" has been launched for 'Environment Protection in Government Colonies'. The app is aimed to encourage Public engagement in planting trees and other such Green drives.

Ans.47 (A) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and Union Bank of India (UBI) on 10th October 2019. The MoU will offer paperless, cashless and transparent payment and procurement system for government entities on the GeM portal.

Ans.48 (A) BNS Ali Haider, BNS Shadinota from Bangladesh and INS Ranvijay (a guided-missile destroyer) and INS Kuthar (an indigenously built missile Corvette) from India will participate in the exercise. In the current edition, mutual cooperation whilst patrolling near the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) will be practised.

Ans.49 (B) The 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry is given to three scientists Stanley Whittingham, John Goodenough and Akira Yoshino. The three scientists have been jointly awarded the coveted prize for their development of lithium-ion batteries.

Ans.50 (C) DHARMA GUARDIAN-2019, Joint Military Exercise between India and Japan is scheduled to be conducted at Vairengte, Mizoram from 19th October to 2nd November 2019. DHARMA GUARDIAN exercise is being conducted in India since 2018 and is an annual training event.

Ans.51 (D) The 10th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav is being inaugurated on 14th October 2019 at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh by the Ministry of Culture from 14th to 21st October 2019. The Mahotsav is organised under the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat initiative in Madhya Pradesh.

Ans.52 (B) The 2nd India-China Informal Summit held between the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping in Chennai, India. The two Leaders have decided to designate 2020 as Year of India-China Cultural and People to People Exchanges.

Ans.53 (C) The 2019 First Global DXB Challenge is a large gathering for creative young minds in the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence. The competition is organised by the Dubai Future Foundation and the theme is 'Ocean Opportunities'.

Ans.54 (A) Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu on his visit to Sierra Leone has signed 6 agreements with Mr Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone. This is the first-ever visit of an Indian Vice President to the African Nation, Sierra Leone.

Ans.55 (B) The World Bank released the report 'South Asia Economic Focus, Making (De) Centralization Work' on 13th October 2019. The report shows that the GDP growth rate of Bangladesh is projected to be 7.2% for the FY 2019 and 7.3% for FY 2020.

Ans.56 (C) India and the Netherlands have a bilateral trade turnover of USD 12.87 billion (2018-2019). The Netherlands is India's 4th largest trading partner in the European Union with a cumulative investment of \$ 23 billion for the period 2000 to 2017 (Dec).

Ans.57 (C) The taxibot was used on an A-320 aircraft with passengers on board. The bot was flagged off by Air India Chairman and Managing Director Ashwani Lohani, at Terminal 3 of the Delhi Airport - to Mumbai.

Ans.58 (B) RBI has decided to offer on-tap authorisation for:

1. Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU) - Entities who are desirous to operate or provide platforms for BBPOU, should have a 100 crore rupees net worth and should be maintained at all times.
2. Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) - the minimum paid up equity capital should be 25 crore rupees.
3. White Label ATMs (WLAs) - The minimum net worth for entities should be 100 crore rupees.

Ans.59 (D) Bernardine Evaristo and Margaret Atwood have jointly won the 2019 Booker Prize. Both the winners were at the tie and the award was jointly shared by the two.

Ans.60 (A) Priyanshu Rajawat clinched the men's singles title at the Bahrain International Series Badminton. He has defeated Jason Anthony Ho-Shue from Canada in the finals from 16-21, 21-7, 21-12.

Ans.61 (C) The 2nd Phase of the Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse, LOTUS-HR was launched by the Union Minister Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi on 14th October. LOTUS-HR is a water laboratory that aims to produce clean water through a holistic waste-water management approach that can be reused for various purposes.

Ans.62 (A) Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee studied at the University of Calcutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Harvard University (where he received his PhD in 1988). He is currently the professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ans.63 (A) She has so far achieved 15 World Records, including 10 Guinness World Records in Martial Arts, Social Work and Fitness. Kiran Uniyal created her 1st Individual Guinness World Record for "The most full contact elbow strikes (466 strikes) (one hand) in 3 minutes.

Ans.64 (B) J. P. S. Chawla is a 1985-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) Officer, officiating as CGA with effect from 1st September 2019. He has replaced Girraj Prasad Gupta.

Ans.65 (B) The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan launched a various initiative on the World Food Day which was observed on 16th October. A FSM is an individual professional (Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra and Hygiene Mitra), certified by FSSAI, who will assist in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules & Regulations.

Ans.66 (B) CBIC has launched a dedicated microsite <https://www.investindia.gov.in/bonded-manufacturing> in collaboration with Invest India to provide information about the scheme. Section 65 of the Customs Act, 1962 allows manufacturing activity in a customs bonded warehouse.

Ans.67 (B) Karnataka ranked at the number one position in the overall ranking. Among the category of major states, Maharashtra performs the best in the dimension of Enablers. Sikkim took the top spots among the northeastern & hill states, and Delhi among the union territories/city states/small states.

Ans.68 (C) The joint exercise will be conducted at Air Force Base Masirah in Oman. The last exercise, EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-IV between the two countries was held in 2017 at Jamnagar.

Ans.69 (A) The RIL shares rose nearly 2% in Friday trading session to hit Rs1,423 whereas, India's benchmark Sensex Index rose 0.5% or 200 points to hit 39,252 points. According to Bank of America Merrill Lynch RIL can become the first Indian company to achieve a market capitalisation of \$200 billion in the next two years.

Ans.70 (C) The world economy is expected to grow by 3%, marginally lower than 3.2% projected in July. IMF has made a similar forecast for China and India, with the projected growth rate at 6.1% for both the countries. In China, the GDP grew at 6.6% in 2018.

Ans.71 (D) KHON Ramlila is a masked form of Ramlila art of Thailand. After the training, the artists will perform the art at Grand Deepotsav function to be held on 26th October in Ayodhya.

Ans.72 (B) John Bailey, Cinematographer will chair the International Jury of 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Golden Jubilee edition.

Ans.73 (C) The biodiesel manufacturer BioD energy has come into a partnership with food delivery service aggregator Zomato. The partnership is for the purpose of collecting the used cooking oil from restaurants around the country and convert it into biodiesel.

Ans.74 (E) The government has said that banks or system providers will not impose Merchant Discount Rates (MDR) on customers/merchants on digital payment to large firms having a turnover in excess of Rs 50 crore. The directive will come into effect from 1st November 2019.

Ans.75 (C) Resigning after 45 days of the quarter will require the auditor to issue the audit report for such a quarter as well. The auditor shall have to issue the audit report for the last quarter before resignation if he has signed the audit report for the first three quarters of a financial year.

Ans.76 (C) The G20 Health Ministers meeting concluded by adopting the "Okayama Declaration of the G 20 Health Ministers". The declaration endorses the Commitment of G20 countries to address the major global health issues, towards an inclusive and sustainable world.

Ans.77 (D) The DNA Technology Regulation Bill has been referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for examination on 19th October 2019. The bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on Science and Technology and Environment and Forests.

Ans.78 (C) India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 as part of celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. Rishi Kumar Shukla, the director of the CBI is the representative of Interpol in India.

Ans.79 (A) Jessica Meir is a marine biologist has now become the 15th Women and 228th person in the world to conduct a spacewalk. This was Christina Koch's 4th spacewalk, who is an electrical engineer.

Ans.80 (A) Kuhoo Garg and Dhruv Rawat put up a brilliant effort to win the mixed doubles title at the Egypt International 2019 in Cairo. It was 16-21 21-19 19-21 to third seeds Simran Singhi and Ritika Thaker.

Ans.81 (C) PM Modi meet the delegation of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) on 21st October 2019 in New Delhi. The delegation was led by USISPF Chairman John Chambers.

Ans.82 (C) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the procurement of indigenously developed military equipment worth Rs 3300 crore for the armed forces.

Ans.83 (A) The PM-KISAN scheme was announced on 1st February 2019, during the interim budget presented by stand-in Finance Minister Piyush Goyal. The scheme aims to supplement the needs of the Small and Marginal farmers in crop production and its yield and improve their income.

Ans.84 (B) FATF has taken the decision due to new measures taken by the country on financial security against money laundering. Srilanka was included in the blacklist for the first time in 2011.

Ans.85 (D) Bangladesh Refugee Commissioner Mahbub Alam Talukder, has said that the Rohingyas will be relocated to the Bhashan Char Island in Bangladesh.

Ans.86 (C) The course is being provided under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of Ministry of External Affairs and is fully supported by the Government of India. The first group of 20 Nepali officers had successfully completed their training on 24th August 2019.

Ans.87 (C) Pankaj Kumar, 1987 batch IAS officer is appointed as the new CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

Ans.88 (C) The International Snow Leopard Day is celebrated on 23rd October every year with the aim to protect and conserve the snow leopards. The national portal is to enumerate the snow leopard population in the country.

Ans.89 (A) The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was launched by the World Health Assembly (WHA) in 1988. In India, the Delhi government had first launched the immunization programme on a pilot basis on 2nd October 1994 with the tagline 'Do Boond Zindagi Ki'.

Ans.90 (D) Marianne, the female traits has been symbolised by Paris 2024 to pay tribute to a woman who is a French national symbol and embodies the revolutionary spirit that infuses the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Ans.91 (A) 'Gram Manchitra' App was also launched at the Occasion which is a Geo-Spatial based decision support system for panchayats and help them monitor, develop and plan developmental activities on a real time basis.

Ans.92 (C) HPCL was incorporated through the Esso (Acquisition of Undertaking in India) Act passed by Parliament in 1974. India's largest electric power transmission utility firm, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited was incorporated in 2007.

Ans.93 (C) The MoU will provide an efficient procurement system for the government with the cashless and paperless transfer. Government launched GeM portal in August 2016 for seamless procurement of goods and services by the government departments in a transparent manner.

Ans.94 (C) The government will also allocate 4G spectrum to BSNL and MTNL and will allocated at 2016 price. BSNL had an estimated loss of Rs 13,804 crore in 2018-19 and MTNL losses pegged to Rs 3,400 crore in 2018-19.

Ans.95 (B) The loan agreement has been signed to strengthen the production system and support smallholder farmers of Odisha. The project is named an Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture.

Ans.96 (B) India has been ranked at 63rd position in the World Bank's Doing Business Report (DBR, 2020), released on 24th October 2020. India has jumped 14 positions against its rank of 77 in 2019.

Ans.97 (C) The 15th edition of the championship was held in Minhang Gymnasium in Shanghai, China on 23rd October 2019. Praveen Kumar has defeated Russel Diaz of Philippines in the 48kg category.

Ans.98 (A) President Ram Nath Kovind has conferred the National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards (NCSRA) on 29th October 2019 in New Delhi. The National CSR Awards has been instituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Ans.99 (D) India has been ranked at 57th Position in the Global Health Security Index, among 195 countries. US has topped the list and is followed by UK and Netherlands at 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

Ans.100 (C) The theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2019 is "Integrity- a way of life". The Central Vigilance Commission aims to promote integrity, transparency and accountability in public life and to achieve a corruption free society.

Ans.101 (C) DEFCOM 2019 is scheduled to be held on 26th & 27th November 2019 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. DEFCOM is jointly organised by the Corps of Signals, Indian Army and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)/ Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM).

Ans.102 (A) 1977-batch IAS officer R K Mathur has been appointed as Lt. Governor of Ladakh. He has served as the Defence Secretary and is a former Chief Information Commissioner (CIC).

Ans.103 (C) The RFID project has been launched for:

1. Eliminating manual checking of documents at port gate.
2. Secure and systematic entry and exit of vehicles and visitors in Kolkata Dock System.
3. Ease of doing business with Port users.
4. Real time tracking of movement of vehicles, men and materials.

Ans.104 (B) The Union Minister of Science & Technology Dr Harsh Vardhan, has launched the IndiGenome card and IndiGenome mobile application to enable participants and clinicians to access clinically actionable information in their genomes.

Ans.105 (C) The white water rafting expedition- 'Rudrashila' was flagged in on 25th October 2019 at Jodhpur Military Station. The expedition is undertaken by Kalidhar Battalion to commemorate its 75th Raising Day.

Ans.106 (A) The 29th ministerial meeting of the BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India, China) countries on Climate Change was held at Beijing, China on 25th-26th October 2019. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Li Ganjie, Minister of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China.

Ans.107 (B) Men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won silver at the French Open. The doubles pair lost to world No.1 Indonesian pair of Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo in the finals of the French Open.

Ans.108 (D) This is a social service initiative aimed at:

1. Encouraging environment protection
2. Health care service: Blood donation
3. Welfare of Odias in distress

Ans.109 (C) Exercise SHAKTI is a biennial exercise between India and France and is conducted alternatively in India and France since 2011. The exercise is to be conducted at Foreign Training Node at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.

Ans.110 (A) American Golfer Tiger Woods equals world record for most career titles on PGA Tour with his 82nd win in Japan, equalling Sam Snead's 54-year-old record. He has made history by winning the Zozo Championship in Japan.

Ans.111 (A) Persons over 80 years of age and person with disability are covered under the amendment. Such voters will have both the choices available of either voting through postal ballot or going to the polling station on polling day for voting.

Ans.112 (B) RBI is vested with powers under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to impose such penalty. The statutory inspection of the bank with reference to its financial position was done on 31st March 2017.

Ans.113 (D) Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, has released the 14th National Health Profile (NHP) 2019 on 30th October 2019. The NHP is published since 2005 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Ans.114 (C) Indian School of Business (ISB) is a global business school that provides management education across its two campuses – Hyderabad and Mohali. The ISB is one among the select 100 global b-schools to have AACSB and EQUIS accreditation.

Ans.115 (A) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is hosting the 2nd Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) on 30th & 31st October 2019 in New Delhi. ISA is the Indian government's initiative, launched by Indian Prime Minister and the President of France on 30th November 2015 at Paris, France.

Ans.116 (C) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) is a statutory Authority that functions to regulate, promote and ensure orderly growth of the National Pension System (NPS). Earlier, NPS was notified for central government employees joining service after 1st Jan 2004 and was later adopted by state governments employees.

Ans.117 (B) RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 25 lakh on the Jalgaon Peoples Co-operative Bank Ltd., Jalgaon, Maharashtra. The penalty has been imposed for non-compliance with directions issued by RBI on Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC) norms and Management of Advances.

Ans.118 (C) RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 crore on Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune by an order dated 16th October 2019. RBI has imposed the penalty with the power vested in RBI under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) and Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Ans.119 (C) The penalty has been imposed for the for non-compliance with the guidelines on promoter holding contained in 'Guidelines for Licensing of New Banks in Private Sector', read with the conditions imposed by RBI in exercise of powers under section 22 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.