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Q.1 The 10th Edition of SAREX was conducted in?

- a) Chennai
- b) Vishakhapatnam
- c) Bengaluru
- d) New Delhi
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the 10th Military Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 in Chennai.

It is a biennial exercise which is hosted by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR).

Q.2 Police of which State/UT became the first police force in the country to make the collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable by more than six years?

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

Answer (b): Delhi Police has become the first police force in the country to make the collection of Forensic Evidence mandatory in crimes punishable by more than six years.

The Order was issued by the Delhi Police Commissioner, Sanjay Arora.

Q.3 What is the name of the cyber security exercise conducted by CERT-In?

- a) Kavach
- b) Meghdoot
- c) Debug
- d) Synergy
- e) None of these

Answer (d): CERT-In conducts exercise Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy".

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), with a joint effort of the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, successfully conducted the Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy" for 13 Countries.

Q.4 What was the GDP growth rate of India in Q1 of FY23?

- a) 13.5%
- b) 21.5%
- c) 16%
- d) 11.5%
- e) None of these

Answer (a): India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the first quarter (April-June) of the fiscal year grew by 13.5% as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

Q.5 According to the NCRB Data of 2021, cybercrime against women was highest in?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Karnataka
- e) None of these

Answer (d): As per the data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), cybercrime against women has risen up to 28% since 2019.

Of the total incidents of cybercrime in 2021, 20.2% were reported against women.

Q.6 Which of the following districts was awarded the best Aspirational District in India?

- a) Indore
- b) Varanasi
- c) Vishakhapatnam
- d) Haridwar
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Haridwar was declared the best Aspirational District in India by the NITI Aayog. As a result of this, an additional Rs 3 Cr. will be allocated to the city for improving the condition of the sub-district hospitals of Haridwar and Roorkee.

Q.7 Which of the following country is NOT a part of Vostok-2022?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Pakistan
- d) Mongolia
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Pakistan is NOT a part of Vostok-2022. It is a multilateral strategic and command exercise that will be undertaken at the training grounds of the Eastern Military District of Russia.

Q.8 According to Moody's, the GDP growth rate of India for the year 2022 will be?

- a) 7.7%
- b) 8.8%
- c) 5.4%
- d) 5.2%
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Global rating agency Moody's on Thursday cut down India's economic growth for the current fiscal to 7.7% for the year 2022.

Moody's earlier estimated India's GDP growth to be 8.8% in 2022.

Q.9 Human Papilloma Virus causes which disease?

- a) Leukemia
- b) AIDS
- c) Hepatitis-B
- d) Cervical Cancer
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The HPV vaccine protects against the types of HPV that most often cause vulvar, cervical, and vaginal cancers.

For 9-14 year-olds, the vaccine will be in two doses & for 15-26 year-olds it will be a three-dose schedule.

Q.10 Who among the following is/are eligible for the e-Awas scheme?

- 1. Assam Rifles
- 2. BSF
- 3. CISF
- a) 1 Only
- b) 1, 2 Only
- c) 2, 3 Only
- d) All
- e) None of these

Answer (d): All are eligible for the e-Awas scheme. The new portal will grant CAPF personnel to find houses among themselves rather than just looking for accommodation within the force.

Q.11 The Unemployment Rate for the Q1 of FY23 was?

- a) 8.8%
- b) 7.6%
- c) 9.3%
- d) 7.1%
- e) None of these

Answer (b): As per the NSO, the Unemployment Rate in India for people in urban areas declined to 7.6% during Q1 FY23 from 12.6% a year ago.

Q.12 Recently for which country did IMF announce the bailout package of \$2.9bn?

- a) India
- b) Sudan
- c) Pakistan
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Sri Lanka reached a preliminary agreement on a four-year, \$2.9bn bailout package.

The loan is aimed at restoring economic stability and debt sustainability for Sri Lanka.

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Q.13 Who has been appointed as Director General, News Service Division, All India Radio (AIR)?

- a) Dr. Vasudha Gupta
- b) Utpal Kumar Singh
- c) M.V. Iyer
- d) Kalyan Chaubey
- e) None of the above

Answer (a): Dr. Vasudha Gupta was appointed as the Director General, News Service Division, All India Radio (AIR). Before the appointment, she was the Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).

Q.14 The headquarters of the SEBI is in?

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

Answer (a): SEBI is a statutory body that came into existence in 1992 through the SEBI Act, 1992. Its headquarters is in Mumbai. The primary function of the SEBI is to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote and regulate the securities market.

Q.15 In which year was the RBI nationalized?

- a) 1934
- b) 1935
- c) 1949
- d) 1969
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The RBI was established in 1935 by the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. It is the central bank of India and is responsible for the regulation of the Indian banking system. It has its headquarters in Mumbai. Shaktikanta Das is the current Governor of the RBI.

Q.16 MOXIE, which was recently in news, was made by which university?

- a) Oxford University
- b) Harvard University
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) MIT

- e) None of these

Answer (d): It was made by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and was sent to Mars by NASA's Perseverance.

It produces Oxygen by splitting the captured Carbon Dioxide, similar to the photosynthesis performed by green leaves.

Q.17 The tropical cyclone, Typhoon occurs in?

- a) Atlantic Ocean
- b) Indian Ocean
- c) Western Australia
- d) Western Pacific and the South China Sea
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The tropical cyclone, Typhoon occurs in Western Pacific and the South China Sea.

Q.18 Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant is located in which country?

- a) Russia
- b) Ukraine
- c) Belarus
- d) Poland
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Amidst the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) visited Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP).

It noted that the condition around the NPP was poor due to continuous shelling in the vicinity.

Q.19 Who was chosen as the President of the AIFF?

- a) Bhaichung Bhutia
- b) Kalyan Chaubey
- c) Sunil Chhetri
- d) Praful Patel
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Kalyan Chaubey was appointed as the new All Indian Football Federation (AIFF) President. He beat Bhaichung Bhutia, 33-1 in the election for the president. Kalyan became the first player in the federation's 85-year history to become the president.

Q.20 India has surpassed which country to become the 5th largest economy?

- a) UK
- b) Germany
- c) Japan
- d) China
- e) None of these

Answer (a): India has become the world's fifth-largest economy after overtaking the UK.

According to the Bloomberg report, India surpassed the UK to become the 5th largest economy in the world.

Q.21 Recently launched SPARK is an initiative of?

- a) Ministry of Education
- b) Ministry of Home
- c) Ministry of Defence
- d) Ministry of AYUSH
- e) None of these

Answer (d): CCRAS is an autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH. It is an apex body in India for undertaking, coordinating, developing, and promoting research on scientific lines in Ayurvedic Sciences.

Q.22 Which of the following indigenously build aircraft carriers was recently commissioned in the Indian Navy?

- a) INS Vikramaditya
- b) INS Karanj
- c) INS Vagir
- d) INS Vikrant
- e) None of these

Answer (d): INS Vikrant is the first ever aircraft carrier to be indigenously designed and constructed by India which will strengthen India's capability to operate over deep seas.

India has joined countries like the US, Russia, France, the UK, and China, who are capable of designing and constructing aircraft carriers.

Q.23 Who is currently the Patron-in-Chief of NALSA?

- a) DY Chandrachud
- b) MM Naravane
- c) SA Bobde

- d) UU Lalit
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Justice Chandrachud was nominated as Justice UU Lalit, who was the Executive Chairperson of the NALSA and became the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI).

Q.24 Who's statue was recently unveiled by Om Birla in Mexico?

- a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- b) Lord Rama
- c) Mahatma Gandhi
- d) Swami Vivekananda
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla unveiled the statue of Swami Vivekananda at the Autonomous University of State of Hidalgo in Mexico.

It is the first-ever statue of Swami Vivekananda in Latin America.

Q.25 The US-Pacific Island Country Summit will be hosted by?

- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) Australia
- d) USA
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Amid the growing influence of China in the Indo-Pacific region, the United States announced hosting the first-ever US-Pacific Island Country Summit in the last week of this month. According to the announcement made by the Biden administration on Friday, the Summit will be held in Washington.

Q.26 India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-fuelled Green Truck is launched by?

- a) Blue Energy Motors
- b) Ashok Leyland
- c) Eicher
- d) TATA Motors
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Blue Energy Motors unveiled India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-fuelled Green Truck.

Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, inaugurated the manufacturing plant at Chakan, Pune.

Q.27 The pilot project for the digitization of the Kisan Credit Card will be launched by?

- a) NABARD
- b) RBI
- c) SIDBI
- d) SEBI
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced taking up a pilot project for end-to-end digitization of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC).

The main objective of the project is the digitalization of KCC lending.

Q.28 The 30th Southern Zonal Council was held in?

- a) Chennai
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Thiruvananthapuram
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Minister of Home and Cooperation, Amit Shah, chaired the 30th Southern Zonal Council meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Q.29 IndusInd Bank has entered with which of the following institutions to provide Supply Chain Financing for MSMEs?

- a) World Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) IMF
- d) WEF
- e) None of these

Answer (b): IndusInd Bank has inked an agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to offer MSMEs with Supply Chain Financing.

The Bank said, it has entered into a partial guarantee program with the ADB with an initial outlay of \$70 million (Rs 560 crore).

Q.30 The Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD) was successfully tested by?

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

Answer (c): Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully tested the Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD).

The technology will be useful in landing payloads on Mars and Venus in the upcoming space missions.

Q.31 Dark Space Reserve will be set up in?

- a) Hampi
- b) Srinagar
- c) Hanle
- d) Shimla
- e) None of these

Answer (c): India's first Night Sky Sanctuary is to be set up in Hanle, Ladakh. A three-way MoU was signed earlier this year among the Union Territory administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru for launching the Dark Space Reserve.

Q.32 NITI-BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation was held between India and which nation?

- a) Belgium
- b) Bangladesh
- c) France
- d) Germany
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The inaugural NITI-BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation was held between the NITI Aayog and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) via video conferencing.

Q.33 India's external debt for FY22 is?

- a) USD 420.7 billion
- b) USD 520.7 billion
- c) USD 620.7 billion
- d) USD 720.7 billion
- e) None of these

Answer (c): India's external debt grew by 8.2% year-on-year to reach USD 620.7 billion at the end of FY22.

Out of the total external debt, 53.2% was denominated in US dollar terms while 31.2% was Indian rupee-denominated debt.

Q.34 PM-SHRI Yojana is related to?

- a) MSMEs
- b) Urban Housing Projects
- c) Upgradation of Schools
- d) Old-Age Pension
- e) None of these

Answer (c): It is a centrally-sponsored scheme for the upgradation and development of more than 14,500 Schools across the nation.

The schools which are managed by the Central or State Governments will be selected and efforts will be made to strengthen them.

Q.35 The world's first inhaled version of the COVID-19 vaccine has been developed by?

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Germany
- d) USA
- e) None of these

Answer (a): China's CanSino Biologics Inc. developed the world's first needle-free COVID-19 Vaccine which can be inhaled.

CanSino's Ad5-nCoV Vaccine was given approval by China's National Medical Products Administration for emergency use as a booster vaccine.

Q.36 The 1st edition of the UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup was organized in?

- a) Leh
- b) Srinagar
- c) Dalhousie
- d) Shilong
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The first edition of the Mountain Biking World Cup, the UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup, was organized in Leh, Ladakh.

It was organized by the Ladakh Police in collaboration with the Cycling Association of India, and the Administration of Ladakh.

Q.37 The needle-free nasal vaccine iNCOVACC for COVID-19 has been manufactured by?

- a) Serum Institute of India
- b) Pfizer
- c) Bharat Biotech
- d) Moderna
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approved Bharat Biotech's ChAd36-SARS-CoV-S COVID-19 recombinant nasal vaccine.

It will be used in cases of emergency for the 18+ age group.

Q.38 Recently Cyber Security Exercise on Ransomware Resilience was conducted by?

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

Answer (b): India and the UK conducted Counter Ransomware Exercise for 26 countries.

The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) of India and the United Kingdom Government in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully conducted the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 nations.

Q.39 Rupsha Rail Bridge was inaugurated by?

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

Answer (a): The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, completed her visit to India after meeting the President,

Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President, Jagdeep Dhankar, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Q.40 Which of the following has been selected to test its Offline Retail Payments under the RBI's Regulatory Sandbox?

- a) ICICI
- b) SBI
- c) IndusInd
- d) HDFC
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The Reserve Bank of India has selected HDFC (in partnership with Crunchfish Aktiebolag) and Precision Biometric India Pvt. Ltd for the 'Test Phase' for their 'Offline Retail Payments' and 'InnaIT Key Solution for Banking' products, respectively.

Q.41 Which of the following cities are NOT included in the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities?

- a) Thrissur
- b) Warangal
- c) Nilambur
- d) Chennai
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Two cities of Kerala and one from Telangana have become India's first to join the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities.

The cities of Kerala, Nilambur, Thrissur, and the city of Warangal from Telangana have become India's first entrants to the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities.

Q.42 Who is appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Canada?

- a) Sanjay Kumar Verma
- b) Suella Braverman
- c) Captain BK Tyagi
- d) Lakshya Sen
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Sanjay Kumar Verma has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Canada.

Q.43 The "Rainbow Savings Account" launched by the ESAF-SFB is for?

- a) Infants
- b) Senior Citizens
- c) Transgender Community
- d) Divyangs
- e) None of these

Answer (c): To promote a trans-friendly and inclusive culture, the ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) has launched "Rainbow Savings Account", specifically for the transgender community.

The inaugural event was launched by the bank in collaboration with Navodaya Movement.

Q.44 Which of the following became the first to live with TIN 2.0?

- a) ICICI
- b) HDFC
- c) SBI
- d) BOI
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The Bank of India (BOI) became the first Public Sector to go live with the newly launched Direct Tax Collection System, TIN 2.0.

Tax Information System 2.0 (TIN 2.0) is the official portal of the Income Tax Department which is under the Ministry of Finance.

Q.45 The 7th Eastern Economic Forum was held in?

- a) Kiev
- b) Vladivostok
- c) Donetsk
- d) Moscow
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The plenary session of the 7th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) was held in Vladivostok, Russia.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Eastern Economic Forum via video conferencing.

Q.46 The "Swachh Vayu Diwas" was celebrated on?

- a) 05 September
- b) 06 September
- c) 07 September
- d) 08 September

- e) None of these

Answer (c): IN 2019, September 07 was designated as the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies by the United Nations General Assembly. The first International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies was celebrated in 2020.

Q.47 Recently launched WEST initiative is related to the?

- a) Women Empowerment
- b) Waste Management
- c) Water Harvesting
- d) Wind Energy
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The initiative, WEST, has been launched to empower women with a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) background and assist them to contribute to future innovations.

Q.48 "No Teacher, No Class" is a report published by?

- a) UNESCO
- b) UNICEF
- c) World Bank
- d) Save the Children
- e) None of these

Answer (a): According to the annual report of UNESCO, titled "No Teacher, No Class", India's Pupil-Teacher Ratio witnessed a reduction in the last decade. At the primary level, the pupil-teacher ratio decreased to 26.3 in 2020-21 from 43 in 2010-11. At the upper-primary level, the pupil-teacher ratio decreased to 18.9 in 2020-21 from 33 in 2010-11.

Q.49 Recently the Ceasefire Agreement between MHA and NSCN (K) Niki was extended for?

- a) 6 Months
- b) 12 Months
- c) 18 Months
- d) 24 Months
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The MHA extended the Ceasefire Agreement with the NSCN (K) Niki for a period of one year with effect from 08.09.2022 to 07.09.2023.

The agreement was signed with the aim of achieving peace and stability in the Northeast.

Q.50 Kisan Safalta Card is launched by?

- a) NABARD
- b) ICAR
- c) ICICI
- d) Agribazaar
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Star Agribazaar Technology Private Limited launched the "Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card" for agricultural financing.

It is a farmer-centric card that would help farmers meet both, pre-harvest and post-harvest farm requirements.

Q.51 The QRSAM Weapon System was tested by?

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

Answer (b): The Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) weapon system was successfully tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army.

The successful test implies that the QRSAM weapon system will be inducted into the Indian Army.

Q.52 New Pension Plus is launched by?

- a) LIC
- b) SBI
- c) HDFC
- d) PNB
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched an Individual Pension Plan called LIC's New Pension plus (NPP).

It is a non-participating and Unit Linked Pension Plan with a Unique Identification Number (UIN).

Q.53 Which of the following launched the “Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): The Gender Snapshot 2022” Report?

- a) UNICEF
- b) UNESCO
- c) UN ECOSOC
- d) UN DESA
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The United Nations (UN) Women and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) launched a Report titled, “Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): The Gender Snapshot 2022”.

The Report mentioned that by the end of 2022, around 383 million women will be in extreme poverty (less than USD 1.90 a day) compared to 368 million men.

Q.54 Who is appointed as the Global Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the advertising and public relations agency Ogilvy?

- a) Munishwar Nath Bhandari
- b) Volker Turk
- c) Devika Bulchandani
- d) Amrut Palan
- e) None of these

Answer (c): India-born Devika Bulchandani was appointed as the Global Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the advertising and public relations agency Ogilvy.

Q.55 The oral tablet for COVID19, Paxgen, will be manufactured by?

- a) Serum Institute of India
- b) Bharat Biotech
- c) Zenara Pharma
- d) Moderna
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Hyderabad-based drug company Zenara Pharma announced the launch of Paxzen tablets as a treatment option for patients with mild to moderate symptoms of Covid-19.

It is a generic version of Pfizer’s COVID-19 oral drug Paxlovid.

Q.56 Who launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan?

- a) Droupadi Murmu
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan.

According to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), all countries have set the goal of eradicating TB by the year 2030.

Q.57 The Project Management Unit (PMU) was launched by?

- a) Ministry of Finance
- b) Ministry of Agriculture
- c) Ministry of Education
- d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Project Management Unit (PMU) was launched by the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.

The PMU is a joint initiative of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW), under the Ministry of Agriculture and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

Q.58 The e-FAST India platform was launched by?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) RBI
- c) Gati Ltd.
- d) Transport Corporation of India
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The NITI Aayog and the World Resources Institute (WRI) India launched India's first electric freight platform, e-FAST.

Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport India (e-FAST India) will help in finding support for innovative freight solutions.

Q.59 Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme is launched in?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Jharkhand
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, launched a 100-day, Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme.

The scheme will provide 100-days of guaranteed employment to families living in "urban" areas.

Q.60 Who is the author of the book, Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story?

- a) Shashi Tharoor
- b) Chandrachur Ghose
- c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- d) Pavan C Lall
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Senior journalist and author, Pavan C Lall released his new book, "Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story". The book is published by HarperCollins India.

Q.61 Which company has signed contracts for offshore Discovered Small fields?

- a) Bharat Petroleum
- b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- c) Hindustan Petroleum
- d) Nayara Energy Limited
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) inked contracts for offshore Discovered Small Fields (DSF).

ONGC has signed six contracts, three each in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

Q.62 The Shubhalakshmi Polyesters Ltd. was recently acquired by?

- a) Vardhman Textiles Ltd
- b) K P R Mill Ltd
- c) Reliance Industries Ltd
- d) Adani Group
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) acquired polyester chips and yarn manufacturer Shubhalakshmi Polyesters Ltd. and Shubhlaxmi Polytex.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) will now review the acquisition and accordingly decide whether or not to approve it.

Q.63 Recently the military garrison in Arunachal Pradesh was named after?

- a) Sam Manekshaw
- b) Vikram Batra
- c) Sandeep Unnikrishnan
- d) Bipin Rawat
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The military camp at Kibithu was renamed "Gen Bipin Rawat Military Garrison" in honor of India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

Kibithu is located on the banks of the Lohit River along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Q.64 Which company launched the Smart Flexi Protect Solution plan?

- a) Life Insurance Corporation
- b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- c) Max Life Insurance
- d) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. launched, a three-in-one, "Smart Flexi Protect Solution".

It will provide health and enhanced life cover, in addition to market-linked investment returns.

Q.65 The "Cinematic Tourism Policy was launched in?"

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

Answer (c): Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel, launched "Cinematic Tourism Policy 2022-27".

The Policy was launched to market Gujarat as a potential destination for film and documentary makers from the Indian film industry and Hollywood.

Q.66 Who won the Women's US Open 2022?

- a) Iga Swiatek
- b) Serena Williams
- c) Naomi Osaka
- d) Ons Jabeur
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Iga Swiatek, of Poland, beat Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, 6-2, 7-6 (5) to win the U.S. Open Title in the women's category.

Q.67 In the FY23 (till August) the revenue of the Indian Railways grew by?

- a) 28%
- b) 38%
- c) 48%
- d) 58%
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Indian Railways recorded a 38% revenue growth in FY23 (April 2022-August 2022).

Indian Railways' revenue grew by a healthy 38% to Rs. 95,487 crores in the first five months of FY23.

Q.68 The third stealth frigate of project 17A is named?

- a) Nilgiri
- b) Udaygiri
- c) Taragiri
- d) Himgiri
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Taragiri is a 149-meter-long and 17.8-meter-wide ship that is propelled by a combination of two gas turbines and two diesel engines.

The ship can move at a speed of more than 28 knots at a displacement of as much as 6,670 tonnes.

Q.69 Recently a MoU was signed between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Which of the following countries is NOT a part of GCC?

- a) Iran
- b) Kuwait
- c) Qatar
- d) Oman
- e) None of these

Answer (a): GCC is an intergovernmental economic and political alliance between the six Arab nations, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

Q.70 Centre-State Science Conclave was inaugurated by?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Droupadi Murmu
- c) Piyush Goel
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Centre-State Science Conclave' in Ahmedabad.

PM Modi also called for collective efforts to make India a global center of research and innovation.

Q.71 To stabilize the exchange rates, in August 2022, the RBI sold _____ in the spot market.

- a) USD 10 billion
- b) USD 11 billion
- c) USD 12 billion
- d) USD 13 billion
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sold USD 13 billion in August 2022 to hold the Rupee at 80.

The RBI sold about USD 13 billion from the forex reserves in the spot market to rescue the Rupee from falling further against the US dollar.

Q.72 Who is appointed as the Private Secretary to the President of India, Droupadi Murmu?

- a) Mehta Sampada Suresh
- b) Paramesh Sivamani
- c) Neelima Kerketta
- d) Ashish Kumar
- e) None of these

Answer (a): IAS officer Mehta Sampada Suresh was appointed as the Private Secretary to the President of India, Droupadi Murmu. He is from the Maharashtra Cadre.

Q.73 Retail inflation for August 2022 was recorded at?

- a) 5%
- b) 6%
- c) 7%
- d) 8%
- e) None of these

Answer (c): In the data released by the MoSPI, retail inflation spiked to 7.0% in August 2022.

Retail inflation, measured as the Consumer Price Index (CPI), rose to 7.0% for the month of August 2022.

Q.74 The IIP for July 2022 was measured at?

- a) 1.4%
- b) 2.4%
- c) 3.4%
- d) 4.4%
- e) None of these

Answer (b): In the latest data released by the MoSPI, the IIP registered a rather **slow growth of 2.4% in July 2022.**

In the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**, released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), India's industrial growth was measured as **2.4%** for **July 2022.**

Q.75 India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) is issued by?

- a) HDFC
- b) ICICI
- c) SBI
- d) PNB
- e) None of these

Answer (a): HDFC Bank, in partnership with National e-Governance Services Ltd. (NeSL), issued India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG).

The e-BG has been developed in consultation with NeSL, the Central Vigilance Commission-Central Bureau of Investigation (CVC-CBI) committee, and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

Q.76 The International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022 is being held in?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Gurugram
- d) Greater Noida
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 which was organized at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.

Q.77 "Aheli Khadi" was organized in?

- a) IIT- Mumbai
- b) IIM- Ahmedabad
- c) NIFT- Gandhinagar
- d) St. Stephen's- Delhi
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Khadi India organized an Exhibition and a Fashion Show "Aheli Khadi" at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Gandhinagar.

The prime objective of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) behind the event was, to position Khadi as a Fashion Fabric.

Q.78 Which educational institution from India has become the first to join the IBM Quantum Network?

- a) IIT- Madras
- b) IIT- Delhi
- c) IIT- Mumbai
- d) IIT- Kanpur
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-Madras) became the first Indian educational institution to join the New York-based IBM Quantum Network. It will help in promoting and advancing quantum computing skills research and development in India.

Q.79 The Global Estimates of Modern Slavery Report was released by?

- a) Amnesty International
- b) UNHCR

- c) Human Rights Watch
- d) ILO
- e) None of these

Answer (d): In a report, “The Global Estimates of Modern Slavery”, released by the International Labor Organization (ILO), it was found that cases of modern slavery are on a rise.

The report was published in collaboration with International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the human rights group Walk Free.

Q.80 Qimingxing-50 is a solar-powered UAV drone of?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) North Korea
- d) Vietnam
- e) None of these

Answer (a): China successfully tested its first fully solar-powered Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), Qimingxing-50.

Qimingxing-50 or Morning Star-50 is China's first large-size UAV that is fully powered by a solar engine.

Q.81 The sixth edition of JIMEX 2022 was held in?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Tokyo
- c) Vishakhapatnam
- d) Kyoto
- e) None of these

Answer (c): It was hosted by the Indian Navy comprising exercises at sea and harbor at Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

The sixth edition marked the tenth anniversary of the joint exercise which began in 2012.

Q.82 iSelect Guaranteed Future Plan was launched by?

- a) ICICI Prudential
- b) Canara HSBC
- c) LIC
- d) Bajaj AXA
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Canara HSBC Life Insurance launched the iSelect Guaranteed Future Plan.

It is an individual, non-participating, non-linked, savings and protection life insurance plan which especially targets new-age customers.

Q.83 According to the latest National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates Report, the central government's expenditure on health as a percentage of GDP was?

- a) 1.15%
- b) 1.28%
- c) 1.35%
- d) 1.80%
- e) None of these

Answer (b): According to the report, the Central government's expenditure on health as a percentage of GDP also fell to 1.28% in FY19 from 1.35% in FY18.

It highlighted that the share of State governments in health expenditure has increased to 65.7% in FY19 from 59.2% in FY18.

Q.84 Who is appointed as the CEO of the Abu Dhabi T-10 League?

- a) Sanjay Kapoor
- b) Jay Shah
- c) Vikram Chandra
- d) Rajiv Khanna
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Rajiv Khanna was appointed as the CEO of the Abu Dhabi T-10 League. The 2022 edition of the T-10 league will be played from 23 November 2022 to 04 December 2022 at Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

Q.85 Which of the following districts was/were chosen under the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme:

- i. Virudhnagar
- ii. Ramanathapuram
- iii. Kochi
- a) I Only
- b) I, II Only
- c) II, III Only
- d) I, II, III

e) None of these

Answer (b): Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar and Ramanathapuram have been chosen in the 7th phase as two districts representing the Indian coastal region.

Q.86 Recently the SBI crossed Rs. 5 trillion market cap. It became _____ lender bank to do so.

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

Answer (c): The SBI became the third lender bank to cross Rs. 5 trillion market cap mark after HDFC Bank Ltd. (Rs. 8.4 trillion) and ICICI Bank Ltd. (Rs. 6.3 trillion).

In the overall context, the SBI stands as the seventh most valued Indian company with Reliance Industries in the first position, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys, ICICI Bank, and Hindustan Unilever.

Q.87 The "36th Tri-Services Commanders' Conference-South" was held in?

- a) Coimbatore
- b) Minicoy
- c) Kodagu
- d) Port Blair
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The two-day, 36th Tri-Services Commanders' Conference (TSCC)- South was held at Port Blair under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Command.

Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, the Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command, served as the host of the conference.

Q.88 The BLO e-Patrika was released by?

- a) BSF
- b) BRO
- c) ECI
- d) NITI Aayog
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Election Commission of India released a new digital publication "Booth Level Officer (BLO) e-Patrika".

The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, Rajiv Kumar, launched the BLO e-Patrika at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Q.89 The "Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022" will be held in?

- a) India
- b) Brazil
- c) Argentina
- d) Bangladesh
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The Signing of Guarantees for hosting the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022 was approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi. FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 will be held in India between 11th and 30th October 2022.

Q.90 Recently the MoF issued guidelines to raise capital through IPOs and Rights Issues to?

- a) RRBs
- b) NBFCs
- c) SFBs
- d) NABARD
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The Ministry of Finance issued guidelines to the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to raise capital through Initial Public Offering (IPO) and Rights Issue.

These guidelines aim to direct the RRBs to acquire capital through issuing rights, private placements with chosen investors, viz. large banks and insurance firms, and through IPOs.

Q.91 The Shoonya campaign is related to?

- a) Zero Hunger
- b) Zero IMR
- c) Zero Pollution
- d) Zero Corruption
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Shooonya is India's zero pollution e-mobility campaign which was launched by the NITI Aayog, the US-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India in 2021.

The objective of the campaign is to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working jointly with consumers and the industry.

Q.92 The total drugs included in the National List of Essential Medicines 2022 are?

- a) 284
- b) 384
- c) 484
- d) 584
- e) None of these

Answer (b): A total of 384 drugs were included in this NLEM 2022 list with the addition of 34 drugs, while 26 from the previous list were dropped.

The notable names which were added to the list are Ivermectin and Mupirocin, while common gastrointestinal medicines Ranitidine and Sucralfate have been dropped.

Q.93 Recently the LIC diluted its stake in which global pharma company?

- a) Moderna
- b) Pfizer
- c) Glaxo Pharma
- d) Bharat Biotech
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) diluted its stake in GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals (GSK Pharma) from 6.402% to 4.357%.

The LIC sold about 2.045% or 34.20 lakh shares of its holding in GSK Pharma during the period of September 2018-22.

Q.94 "Awakening" is an initiative of?

- a) Ramakrishna Mission
- b) Brahmo Samaj
- c) Arya Samaj
- d) Satya Shodhak Samaj
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, and inaugurated Ramakrishna Mission's 'Awakening' Programme for students of classes I to V.

Mission's "Awakening" program is an initiative toward ensuring the overall personality development of children in line with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

Q.95 Who is appointed as the Commerce Secretary?

- a) Sunil Barthwal
- b) Vivek Bharadwaj
- c) Dr. Digambar Tukaram Shirke
- d) Rajdeepak Das
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Sunil Barthwal was appointed as the Commerce Secretary. He is a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre and will be succeeding B V R Subrahmanyam.

Q.96 Which city was nominated as the first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital during the period 2022-2023?

- a) Samarkand
- b) Lahore
- c) Varanasi
- d) Ramsar
- e) None of these

Answer (c): This prestigious recognition was awarded to Varanasi at the 22nd Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State which was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

The nomination of Varanasi will enhance tourism and cultural and humanitarian exchanges between India and the SCO member Countries.

Q.97 The Plus Plan of the Reliance Health Gain Policy covers ____ adults and ____ children.

- a) 2, 2
- b) 3, 6
- c) 4, 4
- d) 2, 6
- e) None of these

Answer (d): It offers 3 plans:

1. Plus Plan- A maximum of 2 adults and 6 children are covered.
2. Power Plan- A maximum of 4 adults and 6 children are covered.
3. Prime Plan- A maximum of 6 adults and 6 children are covered.

Q.98 The "Swachhta" Portal was launched under?

- a) Ministry of Education
- b) Ministry of Personnel
- c) Ministry of Home
- d) Ministry of Finance
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions of India, Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched the "Swachhta" portal dedicated to cleanliness and reducing the pendency of work in government offices.

Q.99 Recently the RBI allowed _____ to process the cross-border inbound remittances.

- a) Bharat Bill Payment System
- b) PayPal
- c) BillDesk
- d) RazorPay
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to allow the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to process cross-border inbound remittances.

The direction was issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.

Q.100 What is India's ranking in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022?

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

Answer (d): India stood at 4th place with an index score of 0.663, while it was ranked 2nd in the GCA Index 2021.

The imposition of 1% TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) on the sale of crypto assets is being cited as the primary reason for the slump in the rankings.

Q.101 As per the CBDT, the time limit for acceptance of compounding applications is?

- a) 12 Months
- b) 24 Months
- c) 36 Months
- d) 48 Months
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The scope of eligibility for compounding cases has been relaxed in which imprisonment for less than 2 years has now been made compoundable.

The time limit for acceptance of compounding applications has been amended from the earlier limit of 2 years to 3 years.

Q.102 Recently the Kuno National Park was introduced to _____ African Cheetahs?

- a) 5
- b) 7
- c) 8
- d) 15
- e) None of these

Answer (c): In the first tranche, 8 Cheetahs were brought from Namibia and were introduced in India under Project Cheetah.

Project Cheetah is the world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.

Q.103 The National Logistics Policy was launched by?

- a) Droupadi Murmu
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Nitin Gadkari
- d) Piyush Goyal
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Logistics Policy (NLP) in New Delhi.

The NLP aims to promote seamless movement of goods across the country and improve the competitiveness of Indian goods in domestic as well as global markets.

Q.104 Recently the South East UP Power Transmission Company Limited was acquired by?

- a) Adani Power
- b) BSES Rajdhani Power
- c) Reliance Power
- d) Resurgent Power
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Resurgent Power Ventures completed the acquisition of South East UP Power Transmission Company Limited (SEUPPTCL) through an insolvency process.

The resolution plan involved the transaction involved payment for one-time settlement of outstanding debt, purchase of equity shares worth Rs 3,251 crores, and payout of existing cash balance of SEUPPTCL.

Q.105 The 46th iteration of the Indo-Pacific Armies Management Seminar was held in?

- a) India
- b) US
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Australia
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Army leaders from the 24 countries belonging to the Indo-Pacific region gathered in Dhaka, Bangladesh for the Indo-Pacific Armies Management Seminar (IPAMS).

It was the 46th edition of the IPAMS that happened in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and consisted of 24 nations of the Indo-Pacific region.

Q.106 Who is appointed as the Chairperson of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2022-2023?

- a) Pratap Pawar
- b) Sunil Barthwal
- c) Vivek Bharadwaj
- d) BVR Subrahmanyam
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Padma Shri awardee and Chairperson of the Sakal Media Private Ltd., Pratap Pawar, was appointed as the Chairperson of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2022-2023.

Q.107 The National Conference of State Tourism Ministers was in?

- a) Mohali
- b) Dharamshala
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Ludhiana
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The three-day National Conference of State Tourism Ministers began in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

The conference aims to bring diverse perspectives and viewpoints from all the States and UTs of India on tourism development and to create a direct dialogue with the States on, policies, and schemes.

Q.108 Which of the following districts does NOT have a Model DDRC facility?

- a) Gandhinagar
- b) Amravati
- c) Rampur
- d) Kullu
- e) None of these

Answer (a): In the first phase, nine model DDRCs, namely- Ahmedabad, Amravati, Badaun, Balaghat, Bareilly, Golaghat, Kullu, Pilibhit, and Rampur have been upgraded to MODEL DDRC level.

Q.109 Gross Direct Tax collections for the FY23 registered a growth of?

- a) 15%
- b) 20%
- c) 25%
- d) 30%
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Gross Direct Tax collections for FY23 registered a growth of 30%.

The Gross collection of Direct Taxes for FY23 was Rs. 8,36,225 crores compared to Rs. 6,42,287 crores in the corresponding period of FY22, registering a growth of 30%.

Q.110 Recently the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM- UN) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) signed a MoU related to the migration

of the workforce. Where is the headquarters of IOM- UN situated?

- a) New York
- b) Brussels
- c) Grand-Saconnex
- d) Paris
- e) None of these

Answer (c): IOM is a UN agency responsible for providing services related to the migration of refugees, internally displaced persons, and migrant workers.

It was established in 1951 with its headquarters in Le Grand-Saconnex, Switzerland and the current Director General of the IOM is Antonio Vitorino.

Q.111 Recently a Tribal Peace Agreement was signed in the state of?

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

Answer (a): The Government of India (GoI), the Assam Government, and eight Tribal Groups of Assam signed a tripartite peace agreement in New Delhi.

To end the decade-old conflict between the tribal groups and tea garden workers in Assam, an agreement was signed between the GoI, the State Govt. of Assam, and 8 tribal groups.

Q.112 Who won the Durand Cup 2022?

- a) Mohun Bagan
- b) Bengaluru FC
- c) Mumbai FC
- d) Atletico de Kolkata
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Bengaluru Football Club (FC) won the Durand Cup by defeating Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the finals at Kolkata, West Bengal.

Q.113 Which bank has partnered with Remitly for secure and easy remittance to India?

- a) SBI
- b) HDFC
- c) ICICI
- d) HSBC
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The State Bank of India (SBI) announced its collaboration with Remitly for secure and easy remittance to India.

The objective of this partnership is to enable the NRIs across the globe to send money to their loved ones through the SBI via Remitly.

Q.114 Who launched the Green Fins Hub?

- a) WWF
- b) Greenpeace
- c) UNEP
- d) Conservation International
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), along with Reef-World Foundation, launched the Green Fins Hub.

To provide sustainable marine tourism with a major boost, the UNEP in collaboration with the UK-based charity, the Reef-World Foundation, launched the Green Fins Hub.

Q.115 The 9th Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) was held in?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Pune
- d) Chandigarh
- e) None of these

Answer (a): At the inaugural event in New Delhi, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that food is an essential fundamental right and no negotiation was possible at the cost of food security.

The theme of the 9th session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA is, "Celebrating the Guardians of Crop Diversity: Towards an Inclusive Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework".

Q.116 Recently amendments in the regulation for providing a better market-linked solution for stressed companies were done by?

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) NCLT
- d) IBBI
- e) None of these

Answer (d): According to the IBBI, amendments in the regulation will provide a better market-linked solution for stressed companies.

The changes will also help creditors fetch better value for the distressed assets.

Q.117 Recently, the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) signed a Co-operation Agreement with the central bank of?

- a) Thailand
- b) Singapore
- c) Vietnam
- d) Cambodia
- e) None of these

Answer (b): MAS is the central bank of Singapore that was established in 1971 with its headquarters at 10 Shenton Way, MAS Building, Singapore.

The current Managing Director of the MAS is Ravi Menon and the current Chief FinTech Officer is Sopendu Mohanty.

Q.118 Who is appointed as the Director of IIT-Bhubaneswar?

- a) David Boon
- b) Seshadri Sekhar
- c) Shreepad Karmalkar
- d) Pralay Mondal
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The President of India, Droupadi Murmu appointed Professor at IIT- Madras, Shreepad Karmalkar, as the Director of IIT- Bhubaneswar.

Q.119 At the 20th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2022 was conferred on?

- a) Anurag Thakur
- b) Khieu Khanharith
- c) Mayank Agarwal
- d) Narendra Modi
- e) None of these

Answer (c): It was founded in 1977 under the aegis of UNESCO and the Secretariat of the AIBD is located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The current CEO of the AIBD is Mayank Agarwal.

Q.120 Recently launched Open Challenge Program-1 (OCP-1) is related to?

- a) Start-Ups
- b) Primary Education
- c) Indian Railways
- d) Banking
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The RINL shared a few challenges pertaining to RINL's production area and through this OCP- 1, the start-ups will be selected to work in Kalpataru Project.

He further mentioned that Kalapatru will be the mother of all 20 Software Technology Parks across India that will drive all other CoEs.

Q.121 Recently ____ Raising Day was celebrated by the Railway Protection Force in Lucknow.

- a) 35th
- b) 36th
- c) 37th
- d) 38th
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The Railway Protection Force (RPF) celebrated its 38th Raising Day by organizing a parade at Jag Jeewan Ram Railway Protection Force Academy, Lucknow.

Since 1985, 20th September is celebrated every year as the Raising Day of RPF.

Q.122 The Ministerial meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council was held in?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Riyadh
- c) Mecca

- d) Mumbai
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Strategic Partnership Council was constituted for the first time in October 2019 during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia is situated on the Arabian Peninsula in Western Asia. Its capital is Riyadh and the Head of the State is Mohammad Bin Salman.

Q.123 The SBIF and WWF-India joined hands for the conservation of?

- a) Red Panda
- b) One-Horned Rhino
- c) Gangetic Dolphin
- d) Cheetah
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) India entered into a partnership for Red Panda transboundary conservation in Sikkim, and Darjeeling & Kalimpong districts of West Bengal.

Q.124 On which date International Day of Peace is celebrated?

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

Answer (c): Every year, September 21 is observed as the International Day of Peace. It is the initiative of the United Nations General Assembly. The theme for IDP-2022 is, "End Racism. Build Peace."

Q.125 Which of the following is NOT a trustee of PM CARES Fund?

- a) KT Thomas
- b) Kariya Munda
- c) Ratan Tata
- d) Gautam Adani
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The Trustees of the PM CARES Fund, i.e. Home Minister and Finance Minister of India attended the meeting,

along with the newly nominated trustees of the PM CARES Fund:

1. Justice K.T. Thomas, Former Judge, Supreme Court
2. Kariya Munda, Former Deputy Speaker
3. Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus, Tata Sons

Q.126 The outlay of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme on the "National Programme on High-Efficiency Solar PV Modules" is?

- a) Rs 17,500 Cr
- b) Rs 18,500 Cr
- c) Rs 19,500 Cr
- d) Rs 20,500 Cr
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The program is also expected to provide direct employment to 1,95,000 and indirect employment to 7,80,000 people.

A massive Rs. 1.37 lakh crore import substitution is expected to be realized if the program is implemented successfully.

Q.127 According to the Global Wealth Report 2022, what was India's Gini Coefficient in 2021?

- a) 82.3
- b) 70.1
- c) 74.7
- d) 81.6
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The report also suggested that the income inequality in India was highest during the COVID-19 pandemic i.e. 2020 and remained constant in 2021.

It mentioned that the Gini Coefficient rose to a massive 82.3 in 2020 and remained the same in 2021. The Gini Coefficient of China for 2021 was 70.1.

Q.128 Recently NPCI launched UPI payments via _____ credit card?

- a) "SimplySAVE" SBI
- b) Standard Chartered
- c) RuPay
- d) American Express
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments via credit cards on the RuPay network.

The step came after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) permitted the linking of UPI to credit cards in June 2022.

Q.129 According to the Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2022, the manufacturer and the importer will be required to give an undertaking for?

- a) Class A Medicinal Device
- b) Class B Medicinal Device
- c) Class C Medicinal Device
- d) Class D Medicinal Device
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Class 'A' medical devices (Nasopharyngeal Catheter, Umbilical Occlusion Device, Alcohol Swabs, etc.) are those with low-to-moderate risk to the patients.

Q.130 The ADB slashed India's GDP growth for FY23 from 7.5% to?

- a) 5.5%
- b) 6.0%
- c) 6.5%
- d) 7.0%
- e) None of these

Answer (d): In its "modest downward revision", the Asian Development Bank (ADB) slashed India's FY23 growth projection to 7% from 7.5% estimated in April 2022. The rise in inflation and monetary tightening were the primary reasons behind this cut.

Q.131 The e-learning platform, Bharat Vidya was inaugurated by?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Dharmendra Pradhan
- c) Droupadi Murmu
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, launched an e-learning platform, Bharat Vidya.

Bharat Vidya is a first-of-its-kind online learning platform that is dedicated to Indology, South Asian, and Oriental

studies, related to art, architecture, language, philosophy, etc.

Q.132 Delhi will implement the revised Graded Response Action Plan from?

- a) October 1
- b) October 5
- c) October 10
- d) October 15
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Delhi will implement the revamped Graded Response Action Plan from 1st October 2022.

The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is a set of actions taken to reduce air pollution in Delhi-NCR, depending on the current level of pollution.

Q.133 India's first auto index fund is launched by?

- a) BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited
- b) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- c) Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited
- d) Axis Mutual Fund
- e) None of these

Answer (b): ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund launched India's first auto index fund, the ICICI Prudential Nifty Auto Index Fund.

The objective behind the launch of the ICICI Prudential Nifty Auto Index Fund is to give investors an opportunity to earn from the expected growth in the automobile, and e-Vehicle sectors.

Q.134 The fiscal support for compound semiconductors is increased to?

- a) 25%
- b) 30%
- c) 50%
- d) 75%
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The GoI also raised financial support for compound semiconductors from 30% to 50%, modifying the incentives to USD 10 billion (Rs. 76,000 crores).

Q.135 Ministry of Defence signed an MoU with _____ and _____ to expand the SPARSH Initiative.

- a) ICICI; BOI
- b) BOB; HDFC
- c) Axis Bank, OBC
- d) BOM, Canara Bank
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The GoI's Defence Accounts Department (DAD) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bank of Baroda (BoB) and HDFC Bank, to expand the System for Pension Administration (Raksha) (SPARSH) Initiative.

Q.136 The international conference, "Exploring Consciousness Non-duality to Non-Locality: A Man-Machine Debate" was inaugurated by?

- a) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- b) Jitendra Singh
- c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- d) Sarbananda Sonowal
- e) None of these

Answer (d): An international conference, "Exploring Consciousness Non-duality to Non-Locality: A Man-Machine Debate", was inaugurated by the Union AYUSH Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal.

The international conference was organized at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru.

Q.137 The first consignment of plant-based meat products was exported from?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

Answer (b): India exported its first consignment of plant-based meat products from Nadiad (Kheda District), Gujarat to California, USA.

The export was facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Authority (APEDA).

Q.138 Puneet Sagar Abhiyan is an initiative of?

- a) BSF
- b) Indian Navy
- c) NCC
- d) Indian Coast Guard
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The National Cadet Corps (NCC) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to tackle the issue of plastic pollution.

The MoU was signed between Resident Representative, UN World Food Programme Bishow Parajuli and Director-General NCC Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh.

Q.139 To boost the worldwide usage of UPI Apps, NIPL collaborated with?

- a) PayPal
- b) TerraPay
- c) AmazonPay
- d) SecurionPay
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Netherlands payment infrastructure company, TerraPay joined hands with India's NPCI International Payments (NIPL) to facilitate cross-border transactions for Indian consumers and merchants.

The making and acceptance of these cross-border payments will be facilitated by an active Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ID.

Q.140 For the deployment of SAFs, the CSIR-IIP signed a MoU with which the following?

- i. Air India
- ii. Vistara
- iii. Air Asia India
- a) I only
- b) I, II only
- c) II, III only
- d) All
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Tata Group's airlines- Air India, Vistara, and Air Asia India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research- Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP).

Q.141 Which of the following is NOT a part of the Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (CRCTA)?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Haryana
- c) Punjab
- d) Delhi
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh governments signed a Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (CRCTA) to ensure seamless movement of passenger vehicles in the Delhi-NCR region.

Q.142 The two-day virtual conference “SymphoNE” was launched by?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Nitin Gadkari
- c) G Kishan Reddy
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- e) None of these

Answer (c): Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Tourism & Culture G. Kishan Reddy launched the two-day virtual conference “SymphoNE”.

SymphoNE is a series of dialogues on the North Eastern Region's Development Conference comprising policy thinkers, influencers, and stakeholders with the aim to boost the Tourism Sector in the North Eastern Region.

Q.143 Recently BPCL signed an agreement with Petrobras, which is the petroleum industry of?

- a) Belgium
- b) Brazil
- c) Germany
- d) France
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Brazilian oil firm Petrobras.

With an aim to procure equity oil overseas, Bharat Petro Resources Ltd. (BPRL) will invest USD 1.6 billion to develop the oil block in Brazil. The production from this block is expected from 2026-27.

Q.144 The National Conference of Ministers of Environment, Forest and Climate Change was held in?

- a) Ekta Nagar
- b) Gandhinagar
- c) Ahmedabad
- d) Surat
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of Ministers of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

The two-day conference witnessed the participation of the Ministers of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change from all across the nation.

Q.145 Recently the Microprocessor-Controlled Knees (MPKs) are developed by?

- a) IISC- Bengaluru
- b) IIT- Mumbai
- c) ISRO
- d) DRDO
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) developed a 1.6kg Microprocessor-Controlled Knees in the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Microprocessor-Controlled Knees (MPKs) will assist the above-knee amputees to walk with a comfortable gait.

Q.146 Who won the first Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award?

- a) Liz Truss
- b) Rishi Sunak
- c) Suella Braverman
- d) Boris Johnson
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Home Secretary of the UK, Suella Braverman, was awarded the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award in London.

Q.147 The Indian Army installed the Avalanche Monitoring Radar (AMR) in?

- a) Siachen
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Sikkim
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The Indian Army and the Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE) jointly installed the Avalanche Monitoring Radar (AMR) in Sikkim.

The AMR can permanently scan the targeted slope for avalanche release and can see through snow, and fog as well as at the night, making it an all-weather solution.

Q.148 Arogya Mission was launched by?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Droupadi Murmu
- c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- d) Ashwini Vishnaw
- e) None of these

Answer (d): Arogya Mission was launched by Ashwini Vishnaw. The inauguration of Arogya Manthan marked the completion of four years of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY) and one year of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

Q.149 Poshan Innovation Platform will be launched in?

- a) January 2023
- b) February 2023
- c) March 2023
- d) April 2023
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The collaboration between Vitamin Angels and UNICEF further extends to the launch of the Poshan Innovation Platform initiative in January 2023.

The Poshan Innovation Platform aims to invite various civil society networks, educational institutions, and businesses from across India for sharing innovative ideas on nutrition interventions for maternal, infant, and young children.

Q.150 The recently launched Click2Protect Optima Secure is a joint initiative of?

- a) Bharati AXA and AXIS Bank

- b) HDFC ERGO and HDFC Life
- c) Canara HSBC and Kotak Mahindra
- d) ICICI Prudential and LIC
- e) None of these

Answer (b): HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited partnered with HDFC Life to launch Click2Protect Optima Secure.

Click2Protect Optima Secure is a comprehensive insurance plan that aims to provide holistic protection to customers.

Q.151 Chandigarh Airport will be named after?

- a) Bhagat Singh
- b) Sohan Singh Bhakna
- c) Lala Lajpat Rai
- d) Bhai Paramanand
- e) None of these

Answer (a): PM Narendra Modi, in his latest edition of “Mann Ki Baat”, announced renaming Chandigarh Airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

Q.152 Recently Agni Tattva– Energy for LiFE campaign was launched by?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) RK Singh
- c) Bhupendra Yadav
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh, launched the Agni Tattva– Energy for LiFE campaign in New Delhi.

It was launched to create awareness about the core concept of Agni Tattva which is one of the five elements of Panchmahabhoot.

Q.153 Which of the following is the knowledge partner of the recently launched “Swachh Toycathon”?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Mumbai
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Gandhinagar
- e) None of these

Answer (d): This initiative aims to fulfill the growing demand for toys along with addressing the impacts of solid waste.

With Center for Creative Learning, IIT- Gandhinagar as its knowledge partner, the competition will be hosted on MyGov's Innovate India portal.

Q.154 The DART Mission was launched by?

- a) NASA
- b) ISRO
- c) JAXA
- d) ESA
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched its Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission.

The DART Mission was launched with the objective to test the novel technology that changes the course of an asteroid heading towards the Earth.

Q.155 In the scheme, Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, the interest-free loan will be provided to states for?

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

Answer (b): The Government of India (GoI) launched a scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23.

Under this scheme of the Central Govt., states will receive a 50-year interest-free loan for capital investment projects.

Q.156 WAPCOS Ltd. will sell _____ shares through IPO.

- a) 3 Cr.
- b) 3.25 Cr.
- c) 3.50 Cr.
- d) 3.75 Cr.
- e) None of these

Answer (b): According to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP), the public issue with a face value of Rs 10 per equity share.

It will be a complete offer-for-sale (OFS) of up to 3.25 crore shares by the President of India, acting through the Jal Shakti Ministry.

Q.157 Who was elected as the President of Hockey India?

- a) Dilip Tirkey
- b) PR Sreejesh
- c) Sandeep Singh
- d) Vimal Lakra
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Padma Shri awardee and former Indian hockey skipper, Dilip Tirkey, was appointed as the President of Hockey India. Tirkey played at the full-back position and was known for his penalty-corner abilities.

Q.158 Which of the following will produce indigenous AVGAS 100 LL?

- a) ONGC
- b) IOCL
- c) BPCL
- d) HPCL
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The IOCL will produce AVGAS 100 LL in its flagship refinery situated in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Currently, India imports AVGAS 100 LL from European nations and this initiative is set to reduce the import dependence on fuels, as envisioned in the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

Q.159 The Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility (ICMF) was inaugurated by?

- a) Droupadi Murmu
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Jitendra Singh
- d) K Sivan
- e) None of these

Answer (a): The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing

Facility (ICMF) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Q.160 The Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) was tested from?

- a) Thiruvananthapuram
- b) Chandipur
- c) Sriharikota
- d) Hyderabad
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted two successful test flights of the Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at Chandipur, Odisha.

VSHORADS missiles are capable of neutralizing low-altitude aerial threats at short ranges.

Q.161 Recently launched "JALDOOT" App is an initiative of?

- a) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- b) Ministry of Rural Development
- c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- d) Both B & C
- e) None of these

Answer (d): JALDOOT App has been jointly developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development.

The objective of the JALDOOT App will be to enable Gram Rojgar Sahyak to measure the water level of wells in the vicinity pre-monsoon and post-monsoon, i.e., twice a year.

Q.162 Hanimaadhoo International Airport is going to be built?

- a) Mauritius
- b) Madagascar
- c) Maldives
- d) Mexico
- e) None of these

Answer (c): JMC Projects (India) Limited signed an agreement with the Maldives government to develop Hanimaadhoo International Airport.

This development project is the first infrastructure project that will be undertaken by India outside the capital of Maldives, Male.

Q.163 Who inaugurated the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Dharmendra Pradhan
- c) Piyush Goel
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 in New Delhi. The theme of the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 was, "Education to Employability - Making It Happen".

Q.164 Which bank has recently inaugurated its Ethical Hacking Lab in Hyderabad?

- a) SBI
- b) ICICI
- c) HDFC
- d) UBI
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The Union Bank of India inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Hyderabad, Telangana.

The primary objective of this lab will be to protect the UBI's information system, digital assets, and channels against cyber threats.

Q.165 SIDBI announced the launch of a fund against loan default to lenders financing the purchase of two and three-wheeler electric vehicles with the collaboration of _____.

- a) UNESCO
- b) World Bank
- c) IMF
- d) ADB
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The World Bank and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have partnered to launch a

fund against loan default to lenders financing the purchase of two and three-wheeler electric vehicles (EVs).

The fund of USD 1 billion will be launched by the Government of India, in collaboration with the World Bank and SIDBI.

Q.166 Who approved BSE to introduce EGR on its platform?

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) NABARD
- d) SIDBI
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for introducing the Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) segment on its platform.

Earlier, the BSE received in-principle approval from the SEBI in February 2022, after which it conducted several mock-trading sessions for its members to facilitate trading in EGRs.

Q.167 Recently MHA banned political organizations under the UAPA?

- a) Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)
- b) Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP)
- c) Popular Front of India (PFI)
- d) Indian Christian Front (ICF)
- e) None of these

Answer (c): The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) banned the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its multiple associates for a period of five years.

The MHA used the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) to impose the ban, by mentioning that PFI was a “major threat to the internal security of the country” and was connected to terrorist organizations like ISIS.

Q.168 Recently Hitachi Astemo installed a ____MW solar power plant in Jalgaon.

- a) 3
- b) 4
- c) 5
- d) 6
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Hitachi Astemo installed, it’s first in India, solar power plant at Jalgaon manufacturing plant in Maharashtra.

It is 3 megawatts (MW), a ground-mounted solar power plant that has been built in an area of 43301 sq. km.

Q.169 Recently PM Modi named a chowk in Ayodhya after?

- a) MS Golwarkar
- b) Lata Mangeshkar
- c) Deen Dayal Upadhyay
- d) Subhash Chandra Bose
- e) None of these

Answer (b): PM Modi inaugurated the Lata Mangeshkar Chowk in the city of Ayodhya on her 93rd birth anniversary. The chowk will feature a “Veena” which is 40-ft-long, 12-meter-high, and weighs 14 tons.

Q.170 What is the current repo rate (September 30, 2022)?

- a) 4.5%
- b) 4.9%
- c) 5.5%
- d) 5.9%
- e) None of these

Answer (d): The RBI hiked the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.90%.

In order to curb inflation, it was the fourth consecutive increase (cumulatively 190 bps) in the current Financial Year.

Q.171 Recently “AmazeWIT Circles” was launched by?

- a) Amazon
- b) AmBev
- c) Amoco
- d) Aston Martin
- e) None of these

Answer (a): In order to iterate its commitment to adding new skills and providing meaningful career prospects to women in the technology space, Amazon India has launched “AmazeWIT Circles”.

Q.172 Who launched the “Khushiyon Ka Tyohar” campaign?

- a) SBI

- b) BOB
- c) UBI
- d) AXIS Bank
- e) None of these

Answer (b): The Bank of Baroda (BOB) announced the launch of the “Khushiyan Ka Tyohaar” campaign.

As an annual festival campaign, it provides a series of offers viz. attractive interest rates on home loans, education loans, car loans, etc.

Q.173 Recently the 3rd Vande Bharat Express was inaugurated by PM Modi. It runs from _____ to _____.

- a) Varanasi; New Delhi
- b) Gandhinagar; Mumbai
- c) Ahmedabad; Surat
- d) New Delhi; Katra
- e) None of these

Answer (b): Prime Minister Narendra Modi waved off the Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express.

It is the third Vande Bharat Express in India, the other two being from New Delhi to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and from Varanasi to New Delhi.

Q.174 Who has topped the “IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022”?

- a) Nikhil Kamath
- b) Gautam Adani
- c) Mukesh Ambani
- d) Mayank Agarwal
- e) None of these

Answer (a): Zerodha’s Nikhil Kamath topped the “IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & under Self-Made Rich List 2022”. His net worth is Rs. 17,500 crores.