
CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTION BANK: OCTOBER 2018

1. Who among the following has been chosen by Harvard University (US) for its 2018 Gleitsman Award?

- a. Emma Watson
- b. Narendra Modi
- c. Malala Yousafzai
- d. Wangari Maathai
- e. Both b and c

2. The first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property (IP) to deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy was launched by US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) and Industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in partnership with US-India Business Council (USIBC).

Where was it held?

- a. New Delhi
- b. Mumbai
- c. Chicago
- d. Los Angeles
- e. None

3. SWAS,SAFAL,STAR developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) scientists are

- a. missiles
- b. rockets
- c. fireworks
- d. submarines
- e. None

4. Which of the following statement is/are not true regarding electoral bond?

i. Electoral bonds are not exempted from tax.

ii. Electoral Bonds are valid for fifteen calendar days from the date of issue.

ii. The cash donation has been capped at Rs. 5000 and beyond that donations are via electoral bonds

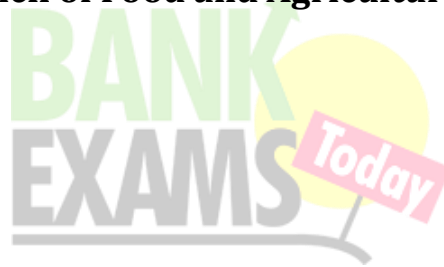
- a. All are not true
- b. All are true
- c. (i) is not true
- d. (i) and (iii) are not true
- e. (i) and (ii) are not true

5. Who among the following is not a recipient of The United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights (UN Human Rights Prize) 2018?

- a. Rebeca Gyumi
- b. Malala Yousafzai
- c. Front Line Defenders
- d. Joênia Wapichana
- e. Asma Jahangir

6. Who among the following received the first World Agriculture Prize 2018 instituted by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)?

- a. S.L Shyama
- b. N.A. Girdhari
- c. K.L. Krupanidhi
- d. P.D Tripath
- e. M.S. Swaminathan



7. Global Agriculture Leadership Summit & Awards are organised by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) with support of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare; Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Ministry of Commerce. According to the 2018 Global Agriculture Leadership Award

Who among the following won the Policy Leadership Award for his proactive policies for uplifting the farming community by focusing on irrigation, investment, global partnerships, marketing initiatives and zero budget natural farming?

- a. Pema Khandu
- b. Pema Khandu
- c. N. Chandrababu Naidu
- d. Vijaybhai R Rupani
- e. Jairam Thakur

8. According to the 2018 Global Agriculture Leadership Award match the following.

Awardee	Award
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A. Jharkhand	a. Best Agriculture State
B. Bihar	b. Best Animal Husbandry
C. Nagaland	c. Best Fisheries Award
D. Gujarat	d. Best Horticulture

- a. Ab, Ba, Cc, Dd
- b. Aa, Bc, Cb, Dd
- c. Ad, Bb, Cc, Da
- d. Ab, Ba, Cd, Da
- e. Ac, Bb, Cd, Da

9. Central Government has announced formal launch Impactful Policy Research in Social Sciences (IMPRESS) scheme to promote research in Social Sciences. The objective of this scheme is to identify and fund research proposals in social sciences with maximum impact on the governance and society.

The schemes comes under which of the following ministries?

- a. Ministry of Human Resource and Development
- b. Ministry of Social Justice
- c. Ministry of Communications
- d. Ministry of Home Affairs
- e. Ministry of Finance



10. Seoul Peace Prize Committee has decided to confer 2018 Seoul Peace Prize on

- a. Emma Watson
- b. Narendra Modi
- c. Malala Yousafzai
- d. Wangari Maathai
- e. Both b and c

11. The Druzhba 2018 (Friendship 2018) joint bilateral military exercise is organized between

- a. India and Japan
- b. Russia and India
- c. Pakistan and Russia
- d. China and Pakistan
- e. None

12. 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award (2018) for Excellence in Public Administration was conferred upon

- a. Fali S. Nariman
- b. Zubair Rehmani
- c. Karim R. Asghar
- d. Nauheed Murtaza
- e. None

13. 2018 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for the debut book “Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family and the Making of Modern India” was conferred upon

- a. Supreeta Roy
- b. Sujatha Gidla
- c. Sumaira Kori
- d. Satheesha Dave
- e. None

14. Astana is the capital city of

- a. Albania
- b. Kazakhstan
- c. Botswana
- d. Haiti
- e. Luxembourg



15. Shahi Litchi of which of the following states has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag from Chennai based Geographical Indication Registry and Intellectual Property India?

- a. Utter Pradesh
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Odisha
- d. Chattisgarh
- e. Bihar

16. The first joint military exercise named “Dharma Guardian” is held between India and _____

- a. China
- b. Russia
- c. Japan
- d. Bhutan
- e. None

17. RASTA And YATRI RASTA Apps are launched by which of the following railway zones of India?

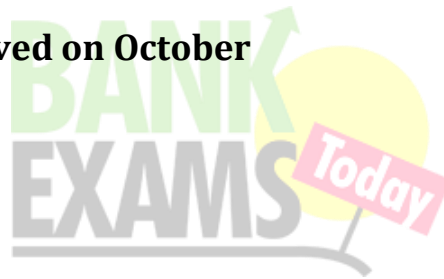
- a. North Central
- b. Central
- c. Northern
- d. Southern
- e. None

18. What is India's rank in the Global Hunger Report 2018 published by Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide?

- a. 104
- b. 103
- c. 100
- d. 101
- e. 98

19. World Food Day is observed on October

- a. 12
- b. 13
- c. 14
- d. 15
- e. 16



World Food Day is Observed on 16th October. Themes of 2018 World Food Day is: Our actions are our future – A zero hunger world by 2030 is possible’.

20. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has launched Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered chatbot-to help its users answer various queries. What is the name of the Chatbot?

- a. Ask DIVYA
- b. Ask DISHA
- c. Ask RAILDIDI
- d. Ask RAAHI
- e. None

21. Which of the following statement is/are not true regarding sovereign gold bond scheme of India?

- a. The minimum subscription for individual and HUF is 1 gram and maximum is 4 kg.
- b. For trusts and similar entities, maximum subscription is 10 kg per fiscal.

c. RBI has notified rate of interest of 2.50% per annum on SGB bonds is payable on yearly basis.

d. a and b

e. b and c

22. New Academy Prize in Literature 2018 has been conferred upon

a. Guillaume Musso

b. Maryse Conde

c. Édouard Louis

d. Gilles Legardinier

e. Marc Levy

23. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Solicitor General of India?

a. Naveen Banerjee

b. Kripal Desai

c. Sanjeev Bhandari

d. Tushar Mehta

e. None

24. Nobel Prize in Economics Sciences 2018 for integrating climate change and technological innovation into macroeconomic analysis is jointly conferred upon

a. William Nordhaus and Paul Romer

b. Robert Solo and Paul Krugman

c. Joseph Stiglitz and Wilmar Thames

d. William Nordhaus and Daniel Kahneman

e. None

25. Thangjam Tababi Devi who won silver medal at Youth Olympics Games in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina belongs to which of the following sports?

a. Weight lifting

b. Judo

c. Squash

d. Boxing

e. None

26. The 3rd edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX) was held at

a. Kottayam

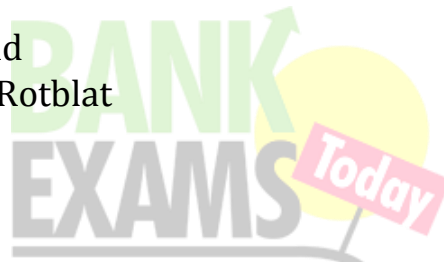
- b. Chaubattia
- c. Dharamashala
- d. Bhopal
- e. Visakhapatnam

27. 'Nirman Kusuma' programme for providing financial assistance to the children of construction workers for their technical education in which of the following states?

- a. Odisha
- b. West Bengal
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Jharkhand
- e. None

28. Nobel Peace Prize 2018 has been conferred upon

- a. Al Gore, Martti Ahtisaari
- b. Denis Mukwege, Nadia Murad
- c. Mohamed Elbaradei, Joseph Rotblat
- d. Oscar Arias, Shimon Peres
- e. None



29. The maiden joint exercise of Coast Guards of India and _____ "Sahyog HOP TAC -2018" was held in the Bay of Bengal off the Chennai coast, Tamil Nadu

- a. Bangladesh
- b. Japan
- c. Vietnam
- d. Bhutan
- e. None

30. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched Udyam Abhilasha a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign. It was launched in 115 Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog in 28 States. What is the name of the programme?

- a. Udyam Sahayak
- b. Udyam Sehyog
- c. Udyam Asha
- d. Udyam Abhilasha
- e. None

31. Which of the following airports in India received Champions of Earth Award 2018 for 'Entrepreneurial Vision and for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy?'

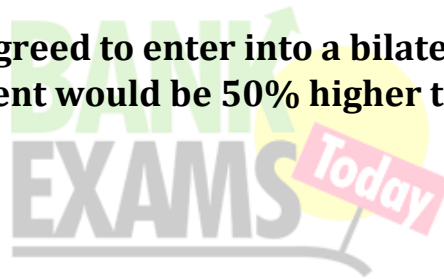
- a. Mumbai
- b. Pune
- c. Hyderabad
- d. New Delhi
- e. Kochi

32. The world's largest airport terminal "under one roof" with a capacity to serve 90 million passengers is opened in

- a. Kochi
- b. Istanbul
- c. Beijing
- d. Tokyo

33. India and _____ agreed to enter into a bilateral swap arrangement of \$75 billion. This swap arrangement would be 50% higher than our last swap agreement.

- a. USA
- b. Russia
- c. Japan
- d. China
- e. None



34. India's First Robotic Dinosaurs Gallery is inaugurated in

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Bihar
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Punjab
- e. Telangana

35. Which of the following countries has launched the world's first sovereign blue bond worth US\$15 million to finance sustainable marine and fisheries projects?

- a. Romania
- b. Denmark
- c. Seychelles
- d. Laos
- e. Tanzania

36. Which which of the following companies has Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) partnered with to train small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs on using the messaging platform?

- a. WhatsApp
- b. Google
- c. Microsoft
- d. Facebook
- e. Amazon

37. Panel of governors constituted by President Ram Nath Kovind submitted its report 'Approach to Agriculture : A Holistic Overview' on approach to agriculture for doubling farmer's income. Who headed this panel?

- a. Jagdish Mukhi
- b. BD Mishra
- c. ESL Narasimhan
- d. Ram Naik
- e. Lalji Tandon

38. Which of the following were the two partner countries in three-day long Krishi Kumbh 2018 organised in Lucknow?

- a. Israel and Bhutan
- b. China and Israel
- c. Japan and Israel
- d. Bhutan and Sri Lanka
- e. None of the above

39. According to survey findings of The Teen Age Girls (TAG) Report, conducted by Project Nanhi Kali, which is topped by

- a. Kerala
- b. Punjab
- c. Odisha
- d. Telangana
- e. Karnataka

40. The Union Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the web portal of the Scheme IMPRESS in New Delhi. What does IMPRESS stand for?

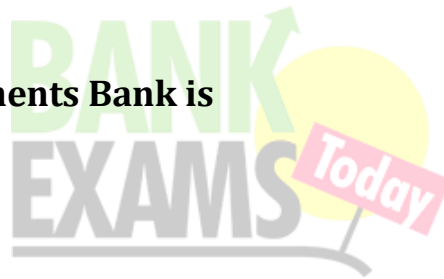
- a. Integrated Policy Research in Social Sciences
- b. Influential Policy Research in Social Sciences
- c. Impactful Policy Research in Social Sciences
- d. Insighted Policy Research in Social Sciences
- e. None

41. 'Pashu Sanjeevni Sewa' scheme to provide free of cost health care services to livestock in the state through mobile veterinary clinics is launched by which of the following states?

- a. Rajasthan
- b. Haryana
- c. Himachal Pradesh
- d. Uttarakhand
- e. None

42. MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Bank is

- a. Satish Kumar Gupta
- b. Pradeep Kumar Gupta
- c. Naren Kumar Gupta
- d. Vijay Kumar Gupta
- e. None



43. Sagar Discourse 2 conference was held in

- a. Gujarat
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Telangana
- d. Kerala
- e. Goa

44. Life Insurer PNB Metlife launched AI powered customer service app called

- a. Leena
- b. Diksha
- c. Riya
- d. Khushi
- e. None

45. Which of the following portal is launched by PM Narendra Modi which will act as a single platform to help IT professionals and organizations to bring together their efforts towards social causes, and service to society?

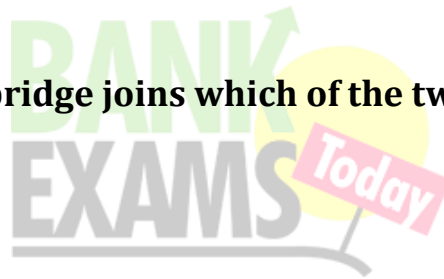
- a. Main nahi Tum
- b. Main se Hum
- c. Main Nahi Hum
- d. Hum aur Aap
- e. Aap nahi Hum

46. A parliamentary panel on labour was constituted to examine the functioning of retirement fund body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will be headed by

- a. Rajiv Pratap Rudy
- b. Kirit Somaiya
- c. Giriraj Singh
- d. Vinodbhai Chavda
- e. None

47. The world's longest sea bridge joins which of the two countries?

- a. China-Hong Kong
- b. Spain- England
- c. England- France
- d. Spain- France
- e. None



48. Which of the following states has become the first state in the country to have 100% penetration of LPG in public sector oil companies?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Andhra Pradesh
- c. Telangana
- d. Kerala
- e. Goa

49. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased lenders' single borrower exposure limit for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) which do not finance infrastructure, from 10% to _____ of capital funds, until 31st December 2018.

- a. 12%
- b. 15%

- c. 20%
- d. 18%
- e. 25%

50. "Brief Answers to the Big Questions" is authored by

- a. Jonathan Swift
- b. Salman Rushdie
- c. Virginia Woolf
- d. Stephan Hawking
- e. None

ANSWERS

- 1.c. Malala Yousafzai;** Harvard University (US) has selected Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai (20) for its 2018 Gleitsman Award in recognition of her work promoting girls' education.
- 2.a. New Delhi;** The first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property (IP) was launched in **New Delhi** to deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy. It was launched by US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) and Industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in partnership with US-India Business Council (USIBC).
- 3.c. fireworks;** The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) scientists has developed less polluting green firecrackers named SWAS,SAFAL,STAR. Green crackers are so named because they do not contain harmful chemicals that would cause air pollution
- 4.d. (i) and (iii) are not true;** An Electoral Bond is just like a promissory note that will be payable to bearer on demand and free of interest. It can be purchased by a citizen of India or anybody incorporated in India. Electoral Bonds may be purchased by only citizen of India. An individual can buy Electoral Bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals. The bonds can only be encashed by an eligible political party only through a bank account with the authorized bank. **Electoral Bonds are valid for fifteen calendar days from the date of issue.** If the Electoral Bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period, no payment is made to any Political Party. The Electoral Bond deposited by an eligible Political Party in its account is credited on the same day. The bonds are issued in multiples of 1000, 10000, 1lakh, 10 lakh, 1 crore. **The cash donation has been capped at Rs. 2000 and beyond that donations are via electoral bonds.**

5.b. Malala Yousafzai

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7.c. N. Chandrababu Naidu; Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu was awarded the Policy Leadership Award for his proactive policies for uplifting the farming community by focusing on irrigation, investment, global partnerships, marketing initiatives and zero budget natural farming.

8.e. Ac, Bb, Cd, Da; The best fisheries State Award was given Jharkhand for efforts in augmenting the production potential of the state in fisheries segment. Further, Bihar is Best Animal Husbandry State, Nagaland is best Horticultural state, Gujarat is Best Agriculture State and Haryana has been conferred with Program Leadership Award.

9.a. Ministry of Human Resource and Development

10.b. Narendra Modi; Seoul Peace Prize Committee has decided to confer 2018 Seoul Peace Prize on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is the fourteenth recipient of this award.

11.c. Pakistan and Russia; The Druzhba 2018 (Friendship 2018) joint bilateral military exercise between Pakistan and Russian special forces has begun in Pakistan. This exercise was organized in north-western hill region in Nowshera district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa of Pakistan. The two week long joint military exercise is aimed at bolstering and building military cooperation between the two countries

12.a. Fali S. Nariman; Eminent jurist Fali S. Nariman (89) was awarded 19th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration. He was presented the award by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu at a function held in New Delhi.

13.b. Sujatha Gidla; US-based Dalit writer Sujatha Gidla (55) has won 2018 Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for her debut book "Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family and the Making of Modern India".

14.a. Albania

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- 22.b. Maryse Conde;** Guadeloupean author Maryse Conde (81) was awarded New Academy Prize in Literature, an alternative award formed in protest to Nobel Literature Prize
- 23.d. Tushar Mehta;** The Appointments Committee of Union Cabinet has approved appointment Tushar Mehta has been appointed as the new Solicitor General of India. He will replace Ranjit Kumar, who had stepped down sometime back and shall hold office till June 30, 2020. Prior to this appointment he was Additional Solicitor General.
- 24.a. William Nordhaus and Paul Romer;** American economists William Nordhaus and Paul Romer were jointly awarded 2018 Nobel Prize in Economics Sciences for integrating climate change and technological innovation into macroeconomic analysis.
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- 26.e. Visakhapatnam;** The 3rd edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX) commenced at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. JIMEX-18 is aimed to enhance interoperability, improve understanding and imbibe best practices between navies of two countries.
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- 28.b. Denis Mukwege, Nadia Murad;** Norwegian Nobel Committee has selected Dr. Denis Mukwege (63), Nadia Murad (25) jointly awarded 2018 Nobel Peace Prize. They were given award for their efforts to end use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict.
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- 31.e. Kochi;** Kochi Airport received Champions of Earth Award 2018 for 'Entrepreneurial Vision and for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy. It is world's first fully solar-powered airport.
- 32.b. Istanbul**
- 33.c. Japan;** Japan and India entered into a \$75-billion currency swap arrangement that will bolster the country's firepower as it battles a steep drop in the rupee's value. An agreement to this effect was signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Japan.
- 34.d. Punjab;** India's first gallery on robotic dinosaurs was opened to the public at the Pushpa Gujral Science City, in Kapurthala, Punjab.
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iii. Livestock farmers would be able to avail the service of Mobile Veterinary Clinics 24×7 after giving a call on toll free No.1962.

42.a. Satish Kumar Gupta; Satish Kumar Gupta was appointed managing director and CEO of Paytm Payments Bank. He replaced Renu Satti

43.e. Goa; Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 3-day Sagar Discourse 2 conference in Panaji, Goa. The Maritime Conference SAGAR Discourse 2.0, was organized by Forum for Integrated National Security.

44.d. Khushi; Life Insurer PNB Metlife launched AI powered customer service app called 'Khushi'.

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46.b. Kirit Somaiya; A parliamentary panel on labour was constituted to examine the functioning of retirement fund body Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

i. It will be headed by BJP MP Kirit Somaiya .

ii. Its functions are listed as below:

- To examine the functioning of EPFO,
- To review the implementation of labour laws, social security and welfare scheme for workers,
- International Labour Organisation conventions binding on India,
- Measures taken by the Indian government to implement ILO laws,
- To look into the working conditions and welfare of mine workers and review that to Directorate General of Mines Safety,

47.a. China-Hong Kong; The world's longest sea bridge Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is built between China-Hong Kong. The bridge is 55 kilometers long. It is situated in the Lingdingyang waters of the Pearl River Estuary.

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