1. Indian Railways unveiled a software that will help Union Railway Minister to keep track of punctuality of trains as well as freight and passenger earnings and much more from anywhere in the country.

What is the name of the software?

a. eAbha  
b. 'eDrishti’  
c. eChakshu  
d. eNetra  
e. eKautuk

2. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Konkan 18?

(i) It is a military exercise.  
(ii) It is held between India and United Kingdom  
(iii) 2018 edition of the exercise is held in Chhattisgarh.

a. All are correct  
b. Only (i) and (iii) are correct  
c. Only (ii) and (iii) are correct  
d. Only (ii) is correct  
e. All are incorrect.

3. ‘COPE INDIA 2019’ is a bilateral air-force exercise between India and

a. United States  
b. Russia  
c. Canada  
d. Japan  
e. Vietnam

4. Which of the following conferences was held in New Delhi as part 150th birth anniversary celebrations of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi?

a. South Asia Regional Youth Conference  
b. South Asia Regional Youth Empowerment Conference  
c. South Asia Regional International Peace Conference  
d. South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference  
e. South Asia Regional Peace Conference
5. Salom Zurichishvili was recently elected as the first female President of which of the following countries?
   a. Brunei  
   b. Armenia  
   c. Georgia  
   d. Denmark  
   e. None of the above

6. RBI has allowed non-banking finance companies with loans of over five year maturities to sell their loan pools or securitize them on easier terms for the next six months. It has brought down the minimum holding period for loans to be eligible for securitization to six months from one year.  
   **Under these new norms the lenders must retain __________ of the fresh eligible loan portfolio.**
   a. 20%  
   b. 15%  
   c. 10%  
   d. 25%  
   e. 12.25%

7. Which of the following has become the first state in the country to implement Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) as Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched ERSS number 112 for the state?
   a. Arunachal Pradesh  
   b. Andhra Pradesh  
   c. Madhya Pradesh  
   d. Uttar Pradesh  
   e. Himachal Pradesh

8. National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) has been recently rewarded which of the following status?
   a. Maharatna  
   b. Navratna  
   c. Miniratna Category-I  
   d. Miniratna Category-II
9. The 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in
   a. Kerala
   b. Maharashtra
   c. Goa
   d. Himachal Pradesh
   e. None of the above

10. Who among the following was honoured with lifetime achievement award at 49th International Film Festival of India?
    a. Dan Wolman
    b. Chemban Vinod
    c. Anastasiia Pustovit
    d. Alberto Monteras II
    e. Other than the above

11. Who among the following has recently been appointed the Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)?
    a. Anuj Shiv Vyas
    b. Kedarnath Patel
    c. Anil Manibhai Naik
    d. Mohan Desai
    e. None of the above

12. Who among the following has been bestowed with highest French civilian distinction Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur 2018 (Knight of the Legion of Honour)?
    a. Shiv Nadar
    b. Ratan Tata
    c. GM Rao
    d. Azim Premji
    e. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
13. According to Global Wage Report 2018-19 published by International Labour Organization (ILO) on average, women are paid _______ less than men in India?
   a. 26%
   b. 22%
   c. 34%
   d. 28%
   e. 30%

14. The first Sustainable Blue Economy Conference was held in
   a. Nairobi, Kenya
   b. Ottawa, Canada
   c. Tokyo, Japan
   c. New Delhi, India
   d. None of the above

15. Which of the following missions is launched by Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi to boost Intellectual Property Right (IPR) culture in indigenous defence industry?
   a. Mission Gyan Raksha Shashktikaran
   b. Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti
   c. Mission Gyan Rakshak
   d. Mission Shakti Gyan Vikas
   e. None of the above

16. The International Gita Festival 2018 to be organized in
   a. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
   b. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
   c. Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
   d. Vadodra, Gujrat
   e. Kurukshetra, Haryana

17. Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched ‘PAiSA’ – Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access. For which of the following schemes is this portal launched?
   a. National Pension Scheme
b. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

c. Integrated Child Development Services

d. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

e. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission

18. Which of the following banks has designed the PAiSA portal?

a. Allahabad Bank
b. Bank of Baroda
c. Bank of India
d. State Bank of India
e. Canara Bank

19. Union Government has appointed renowned scientist ____________ as Chairperson of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

a. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar
b. Nageshwara Rao Guntur
c. Jayant Narlikar
d. Ashoke Sen
e. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy

20. India and ____________ have signed protocol to amend Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for the avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income by allowing exchange of information.

a. Russia
b. Japan
c. China
d. Afghanistan
e. France

21. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India replacing OP Rawat?

a. Krishkant Tripathy
b. Subodh Nagaraj
c. Sahil Chaudhary
d. Sunil Arora
e. Priydarshan Rao

22. Who among the following has the authority to appoint Chief Election Commissioner of India?
   a. President
   b. Prime Minister
   c. Special Bench of Supreme Court
   d. a and c
   e. b and c

23. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (IDEVAW) is observed every year across the world on
   a. November 30
   b. November 02
   c. November 07
   d. November 25
   e. November 30

24. What is the theme of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2018?
   a. Pink for Power: #MeToo
   b. Pink for the World: #HearMe
   c. Orange the World: #HearMetoo
   d. Orange for Outrage: #HearMyVoice
   e. None of the above

25. 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships was held in
   a. Jaipur
   b. New Delhi
   c. Panji
   d. Vadodra
   e. Pune

26. Who among the following became first female boxer to win 6 gold medals at World Championships?
a. Mary Kom  
b. Hanna Okhota  
c. Alicia Ashley  
d. Ava Knight  
e. Other than the above

27. **India’s ____________ has won Syed Modi India Grand Prix Gold badminton title 2018 in men’s singles category?**  
a. Manu Attri  
b. Chetan Anand  
c. Prannoy Kumar  
d. Srikanth Kidambi  
e. Sameer Verma

28. **United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has appointed popular singer ____________ of Assam as the first ‘Youth Advocate’ of the northeastern region to fight for child rights.**  
a. Nahid Afrin  
b. Anamika Choudhari  
c. Tania Tarannam  
d. Anindita Paul  
e. Kalpana Patowary

29. **Agartala is the capital city of**  
a. Assam  
b. Meghalaya  
c. Mizoram  
d. Tripura  
e. Nagaland

30. **Which of the following statements are incorrect regarding Bhuseva and Bhudaar web portals?**  
(i) These launched by the government of Arunachal Pradesh.  
(ii) People can get land record records online through these portals using Aadhaar card or voter card
(iii) Bhudaar is 11 digit unique identification code to be assigned to each agriculture land holding and rural and urban property.

a. All are incorrect
b. None is incorrect
c. Only (i) and (ii) are incorrect
d. Only (i) and (iii) are incorrect
e. Only (ii) and (iii) are incorrect

31. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved continuation of nine sub-schemes of umbrella scheme ACROSS during 2017-2020. What is the full form of ACROSS?
   a. Atmospheric & Climatic Research Observation Systems & Services
   b. Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services
   c. Atmosphere & Climate Research Observation Systems & Security
   d. Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observatory Service System
   e. None is correct

32. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved to expand the scope of mandatory packaging norms under Jute Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987. It has approved that _______ of the food grains and _________ of sugar shall be mandatorily packed in diversified jute bags.
   a. 50% and 35%
   b. 60% and 30%
   c. 80% and 15%
   d. 75% and 25%
   e. 100% and 20%

33. Sangai Festival is celebrated in
   a. Meghalaya
   b. Manipur
   c. Mizoram
   d. Sikkim
   e. Arunchal Pradesh
34. Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) Program is associated with which of the following ministries of India?
   b. Ministry of Communications.
   c. Ministry of Human Resource Development
   d. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
   e. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

35. Who among the following has been recently elected the president of Interpol?
   a. Kin le Yong
   b. Kim Je Jong
   c. Kin Je Moon
   d. Kim Jing Yon
   e. Kim Jong Yang

36. Who among the following has been awarded by Mexican government with “Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca” (Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian honour given to a foreigner by Mexico?
   a. Abhijit Banerjee
   b. Shyama Prasad Bharti
   c. Vineet Narain
   d. Sanal Edamaruku
   e. Shantha Sinha

37. India, US Joint Special Forces Exercise 2018 named Vajra Prahar commenced was organized in
   a. Madhya Pradesh
   b. Karnataka
   c. Odisha
   d. Rajasthan
   e. Uttrakhand

38. Lakshya Sen who won bronze medal at Li Ning World Junior Championships 2018 held at Markham, Canada belongs to which sport?
   a. Tennis
b. Badminton  
c. Squash  
d. Polo  
e. Golf  

39. Union Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) Ministry celebrated first Naturopathy Day on  
a. November 18  
b. October 17  
c. September 13  
d. May 10  
e. January 11  

40. India’s Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi, playing together for first time, won doubles title at $125,000 Taipei Open belong to which sport?  
a. Tennis  
b. Badminton  
c. Squash  
d. Polo  
e. Golf  

41. The National Press Day (NPD) is celebrated every year on November  
a. 13  
b. 14  
c. 15  
d. 16  
e. 17  

42. NITI Aayog has constituted Himalayan State Regional Council to ensure sustainable development of Indian Himalayan region. It will be chaired by  
a. G. Satheesh Reddy  
b. Avinash Chander  
c. Dr. VK Saraswat  
d. Arvind Panagariya  
e. Bibek Debroy
43. Four-day regional meeting of World Customs Organisation (WCO) was held in
a. New Delhi  
b. Jaipur  
c. Mumbai  
d. Pune  
e. Shimla

44. India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in cancer research with which of the following nations?
 a. France  
b. United States  
c. United Kingdom  
d. Russia  
e. Japan

45. Delhi Police has launched an e-learning portal _____________ to impart training and provide up to date information to police officers.
 a. Abhay  
b. Sashakt  
c. Nipun  
d. Nikuj  
e. None of the above

46. Which of the following statements are true regarding “Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme of National Cooperative Development Corporation?”
   (i) It is launched by Ministry of Medium and Small Scale Enterprises  
   (ii) It envisages 2% less than applicable rate of interest on term loan for the project cost up to Rs 5 crore  
   (iii) 2 years moratorium on payment of principal
   
a. All are true  
b. None is true  
c. Only (i) and (ii) are true
47. Who among the following has been appointed as first ever youth ambassador of United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) India?
   a. Hima Das
   b. P.V. Sindhu
   c. Mary Kom
   d. Mithali Raj
   e. Rahi Sarnobat,

48. Which bank has launched first interactive Credit Card in India with buttons called IndusInd Bank Nexxt Credit Card?
   a. ICICI Bank
   b. Bank of India
   c. HDFC Bank
   d. Bank of Baroda
   e. IndusInd Bank

49. Pick the correct statement(s) with regard to LEAP and ARPIT Programmes.
   (i) These are launched by Ministry of Human Resource Development.
   (ii) LEAP stands for Leadership for Achievers’ Programme
   (iii) ARPIT stands for Annual Rejuvenation Programme In Teaching
   (iv) LEAP is a two weeks flagship leadership development training programme

   a. All are correct
   b. None is correct
   c. Only (i) is correct
   d. Only (iii) is correct
   e. Only (iv) is correct

50. The joint military exercise between Indian and Russia EXERCISE INDRA 2018 was conducted in
   a. Bilimora, Gujarat
   b. Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh
c. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan  
d. Pune, Maharashtra  
e. Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

The joint military exercise between Indian and Russia EXERCISE INDRA 2018 was conducted at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Babina Military Station Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

51. World Diabetes Day is observed on  
a. November 21  
b. November 20  
c. November 14  
d. November 10  
e. November 02

52. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2018 and 2019 is  
a. The Family and Diabetes  
b. Diabetes and Family  
c. Fight against Family Diabetes  
d. Family Fights Against Diabetes  
e. None of the above

53. India International Cherry Blossom festival was held in  
a. Shillong  
b. Aizwal  
c. Silchar  
d. Tezpur  
e. Dispur

54. Samudra Shakti is the inaugural edition naval exercise between India and  
a. Canada  
b. France  
c. Japan  
d. Indonesia  
e. Other than the above
55. Public Service Broadcasting Day in India and World Pneumonia Day are observed every year across on November
   a. 11
   b. 12
   c. 13
   d. 14
   e. 15

56. Which country is elected as Vice Chairman of Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) for the period of 2019-21 and eventually as IORA Chairman for 2021-23
   a. China
   b. India
   c. Bangladesh
   d. South Africa
   e. UAE

57. National Education Day of India is celebrated every year on
   a. November 11
   b. July 06
   c. September 08
   d. December 10
   e. August 20

58. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has liberalised norms governing external commercial borrowings (ECBs) for infrastructure creation. RBI has reduced minimum average maturity required for the ECBs in the infrastructure space raised by eligible borrowers to
   a. 1 year
   b. 2.5 years
   c. 2 years
   d. 5 years
   e. 3 years

59. Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Cricket Stadium is located in
a. Lucknow  
b. Allahabad  
c. Dharamshala  
d. Kolkata  
e. None of the above

60. Angad Vir Singh Bajwa belongs to which of the following sports?  
a. Hockey  
b. Polo  
c. Snooker  
d. Golf  
e. Shooting

Angad Vir Singh Bajwa won gold medal by setting world record score in men’s skeet final of the 8th Asian Shotgun Championship held in Kuwait. With this, he became first Indian skeet shooter to win continental or world level event.

61. Operation Greens was announced by Union Government in Budget 2018-19 to stabilise supply of  
a. Tomato, Garlic, Potato  
b. Tomato, Onion and Potato  
c. Onion, Garlic, Ginger  
d. Potato and Tomato  
e. Tomato and Onion

62. Union Home Ministry has released more than Rs. 113 crore to six border states under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) as part of its plan to ameliorate the problems of people living in isolated locations. Which of the following is not among these six states?  
a. Assam  
b. Nagaland  
c. Punjab  
d. Rajasthan  
e. Gujarat
63. The World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year across the world on
a. November 11
b. November 9
c. November 7
d. November 5
e. November 3

64. With which of the following e-commerce company has United Nations World Food Programme (WFP formed strategic partnership to support efforts to eliminate hunger globally by 2030?
 a. Alibaba
 b. Amazon
c. Big Basket
d. PayTm
e. Flipkart

65. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has liberalised norms governing external commercial borrowings (ECBs) for infrastructure creation. RBI has reduced minimum average maturity required for the ECBs in the infrastructure space raised by eligible borrowers to _________ years from earlier ________ years.
 a. 1 and 3
 b. 2 and 5
c. 2 and 4
d. 3 and 5
e. 3 and 6

________________________ Government launched Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Policy 2018. The policy is aimed to carry forward process of industrialization through promotion of aerospace and defence manufacturing enterprises, generate employment opportunities and promote value addition.

66. Which state government has launched this policy?
 a. Gujarat
b. Madhya Pradesh  
c. Odisha  
d. Maharashtra  
e. Rajasthan  

67. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Support and Outreach Programme. As part of this programme, PM unveiled 12 key initiatives which will help the growth, expansion and facilitation of MSMEs across the country. There are five key aspects for facilitating the MSME sector. These include access to credit, access to market, technology upgradation, ease of doing business, and sense of security for employees. 

Under Access to Credit aspect of this programme, which statement is/are incorrect

(i) Government will launch 59 minute loan portal to enable easy access to credit for MSMEs.  
(ii) Loans upto Rs. 50 lakh will be granted in-principle approval through this portal  
(iii) Government will give 3% interest subvention for all GST registered MSMEs, on fresh or incremental loans.  
(iv) All MSMEs or companies with turnover more than Rs. 100 crore will now be compulsorily brought on Trade Receivables e-Discounring System (TReDS)  

a. All are incorrect  
b. All are incorrect  
c. Only (ii), (iii) and (iv) are incorrect  
d. Only (i), (ii) and (iii) are incorrect  
e. Only (i) and (iv) are incorrect  

Odisha Government has launched 1.__________________ scheme to encourage use of solar energy in irrigation by farmers. Under this scheme, farmers will be given 2. ____________ subsidy and 5,000 solar pumps.  

68. Read the above information and fill in the blank 1.  

a. Saura Jalnidhi
69. Odisha Government has launched 1.__________ scheme to encourage use of solar energy in irrigation by farmers. Under this scheme, farmers will be given 2.__________ subsidy and 5,000 solar pumps.

Read the above information and fill in the blank 2.

a. 25%

b. 50%

c. 30%

d. 45%

e. 90%

70. India and Japan signed Loan Agreement worth Rs. 1817 crore for construction of which of the following projects? This project will contribute to Industrial Development and Living Standard Improvement in the West Bengal.

a. Devasi Pumped Storage (I)’ Hydel Project

b. Durga Pumped Storage (I)’ Hydel Project

c. Turga Pumped Storage (I) Hydel Project

d. Nidhi Pumped Storage (I)’ Hydel Project

e. None of the above

71. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval for opening up International Solar Alliance (ISA) membership to all countries that are members of the

a. UNICEF

b. SAARC

c. United Nations

d. WHO

e. Other Than the above

72. Who among the following Indian mountaineer became the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe - the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea?
73. In which year Southern Bihar was ceded to form the new state of Jharkhand?

a. 1994
b. 2000
c. 2001
d. 1995
e. None of the above

74. Union Finance Ministry has appointed______________, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) member as Convenor of Task Force that is drafting New Direct Tax Legislation (Law).

a. Mahendra Pratap
b. Rajeev Singh
c. Avinash Minhas
d. Akhilesh Ranjan
e. None of the above

75. Vishnupada Mandir is an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. This temple is located along the Falgu River, marked by a footprint of Lord Vishnu known as Dharmasila. In which state is this temple located?

a. Kerala
b. Karnataka
c. Bihar
d. Madhya Pradesh
e. Odisha

76. Which of the following India state does not share a border with Bangladesh?

a. West Bengal
b. Tripura
c. Assam
d. Mizoram  
e. Nagaland

77. Which one of the following states shares longest border with Bangladesh?  
   a. Meghalaya  
   b. Assam  
   c. West Bengal  
   d. Mizoram  
   e. Tripura

78. How many Indian states share border with Myanmar?  
   a. 1  
   b. 2  
   c. 5  
   d. 3  
   e. 4

79. Which of the following Indian state does not share a border with Nepal?  
   a. Uttarakhand  
   b. Uttar Pradesh  
   c. West Bengal  
   d. Mizoram  
   e. Sikkim

80. Which of the following countries share the longest border with India?  
   a. China  
   b. Nepal  
   c. Bangladesh  
   d. Pakistan  
   e. Bhutan

81. Bhutan is surrounded by which of the following Indian States?  
   a. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim  
   b. Assam, Mizoram, West Bengal, Bihar  
   c. Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Bihar  
   d. Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Bihar, Meghalaya  
   e. None is correct
82. Arakan Yoma is the extension of the Himalayas located in:
a. Kashmir
b. Nepal
c. Baluchistan
d. Myanmar
e. Jammu and Kashmir

83. India's highest waterfall, Jog waterfall is located in:
a. Telangana
b. Karnataka
c. Kerala
d. Andhra Pradesh
e. Maharashtra

84. Match the following capital cities with their states/Union Territories.

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a. (i)-e, (ii)-b, (iii)-a, iv-f, v- d, vi-c
b. (i)-c, (ii)-a, (iii)-d, iv-f, v- a, vi-b
c. (i)-e, (ii)-d, (iii)-c, iv-f, v- a, vi-b
d. (i)-e, (ii)-c, (iii)-d, iv-f, v- a, vi-b
e. None of the above is correct

85. Match the following states with their governors and chief ministers. W.e.f. 20 November 2018.

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86. Which of the following states of India is also known as the *Orchid State of India or the Paradise of the Botanists*?
   1. Himachal Pradesh
   2. Meghalaya
   3. Arunachal Pradesh
   4. Mizoram
   5. Sikkim

87. Which of the two national parks are located in Arunachal Pradesh?
   (i) Mouling National Park
   (ii) Periyar National Park
   (iii) Nagarhole National Park
   (iv) Namdapha National Park
   a. All of the given
   b. None of the given
   c. Only (i) and (ii)
   d. Only (i) and (iv)
   e. Only (ii) and (iv)

88. ____________ is a borderline between Tibetan region of China and North-east region of India.
   a. McMillan Line
   b. McMohan Line
   c. McMichele
   d. McMuhlen
   e. None of the above

89. Kaziranga National Park and Manas National Park are located in
   a. Assam
   b. Arunachal Pradesh
   c. Sikkim
   d. Manipur
90. Lucknow is located on which of the following river banks?
   a. Ganges
   b. Gomati
   c. Mahanadi
   d. Kaveri
   e. None of the above

91. Gwalior is located on which of the following river banks?
   a. Godavari
   b. Kaveri
   c. Bhadra
   d. Chambal
   e. Krishna

92. Jim Corbett National Park is located in
   a. Himachal Pradesh
   b. Rajasthan
   c. Manipur
   d. Uttrakhand
   e. Sikkim

93. Which of the following is the only National Park located in Goa?
   a. Mollem National Park
   b. Mount Harriet National Park
   c. Mukurthi National Park
   d. Namdapha National Park
   e. Navegaon National Park

94. Which of the following is the largest island?
   a. Madagascar
   b. Baffin
   c. Borneo
   d. Greenland
   e. Other than the above

95. Which of the following states has longest coastline in India?
a. Gujarat  
b. Maharashtra  
c. Goa  
d. Andhra Pradesh  
e. Karnataka

96. Which of the following is the highest Dam in India?
a. NagarjunaSagar Dam  
b. Hirakud Dam  
c. Sardar Sarovar Dam  
d. Tehri Dam  
e. Bhakra Nangal Dam

97. India's largest freshwater Lake Wular Lake is located in  
a. Jammu and Kashmir  
b. Himachal Pradesh  
c. Uttrakhand  
d. Maharashtra  
e. Madhya Pradesh

98. Match the following lakes with the states they are located in.

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99. Which of the following Indian states has the Largest Forest Area?
100. Largest Salt Water Lake Chilka Lake is located in
a. Karnataka  
b. Madhya Pradesh  
c. Uttar Pradesh  
d. Odisha  
e. Himachal Pradesh

101. Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium is located in which of the following states of India?
   a. Karnataka  
b. Punjab  
c. Kerala  
d. Odisha  
e. Himachal Pradesh

102. Which of the following bank does not have its headquarter in Mumbai?
   a. Union Bank of India  
b. Bank of India  
c. United Bank of India  
d. IDBI Bank  
e. Dena Bank

103. What is the tagline of UCO bank?
   a. Trusted Family Bank  
b. The Bank that begins with U  
c. A tradition of Trust  
d. Honours Your Trust  
e. One family one bank

104. Regional Rural Banks in India were established on the recommendations of
   a. Narayan Shastri Committee
b. Narasimhan Committee
c. Abhijit Sen Committee
d. Ajit Kumar Committee
e. Bimal Julka Committee

105. Where is India's first corporative bank Anyonya Co-operative Bank Limited is located?
a. Pune, Maharashtra  
b. Vadodara, Gujarat  
c. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh  
d. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh  
e. None of the above

106. __________ is the first bank set up in eastern part of India after Independence.
a. Punjab and Sind Bank  
b. Vijaya Bank  
c. Bank of Maharashtra  
d. Bandhan Bank  
e. IDBI Bank

107. What is the minimum paid-up capital required for Payment Banks?
a. 500 crore  
b. 50 crore  
c. 100 crore  
d. 700 crore  
e. 1000 crore

108. Who among the following is the head of the External Advisory Committee for Payment Banks?
a. Dr. Nachiket M or  
b. Usha Thorat  
c. Viral Acharya  
d. Jointly headed by a and b  
e. None of the above

ANSWERS
1. **b. ‘eDrishti’**; Indian Railways unveiled ‘eDrishti’ software that will help Union Railway Minister to keep track of punctuality of trains as well as freight and passenger earnings and much more from anywhere in the country.

2. **d. Only (ii) is correct**; The naval exercise Konkan 18 between India and United Kingdom will be conducted from November 28 to December 6, 2018 off Goa with units participating from both navies.

3. **a. United States**; Indian Air Force (IAF) and US Air Force (USAF) will participate in bilateral exercise ‘COPE INDIA 2019’ – scheduled to be held between December 3 and 14, 2019 in West Bengal.

4. **d. South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference**; The three day South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference was held in New Delhi as part 150th birth anniversary celebrations of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi. It was organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) and STEP (Standing Together to Enable Peace). It was inaugurated by Krishna G Kulkarni, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

5. **c. Georgia**; Salom Zurichishvili was elected as the first female President of Georgia. She will take charge on December 16, 2018.

6. **a. 20%**; Reserve Bank of India (RBI) relaxed rules for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to sell or securitise their loan books in bid to ease persistent stress in the sector. RBI has relaxed minimum holding period (MHP) requirement for originating NBFCs, in respect of loans of original maturity above 5 years, to receipt of repayment of six monthly installments or two quarterly instalments. Earlier, they had to hold these assets for at least one year. However, relaxation on MHP will be allowed when NBFC retains 20% of book value of these loans.

7. **e. Himachal Pradesh**; Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to implement Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) as Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched ERSS number 112 for the state. Under this system, all emergency numbers like 100 for police, 101 for fire, 102 for ambulance and disaster response have been integrated into one number ‘112’.

9. **c. Goa;** The 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in Panaji, capital of Goa.

10. **a. Dan Wolman;** Israeli Director Dan Wolman was honoured with lifetime achievement award at the 49th International Film Festival of India held in Panji, Goa.

11. **c. Anil Manibhai Naik;** Union Government has appointed Anil Manibhai Naik as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

12. **d. Azim Premji;** Chairman of IT major Wipro and philanthropist Azim Premji was bestowed with highest French civilian distinction Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour). He was awarded for his outstanding contribution to developing information technology industry in India, his economic outreach in France and his contribution to society as philanthropist through the Azim Premji Foundation and Azim Premji University.

13. **c. 34%;** According to Global Wage Report 2018-19, On average, women are paid 34% less than men in India. Globally, on average, hourly wages of women are 16% less than those of men. Inequality is higher in monthly wages, with a gap of 22%.

14. **a. Nairobi, Kenya;** The first Sustainable Blue Economy Conference was held in Nairobi, capital of Kenya. It was organized by Kenya and cohosted by Japan and Canada. The theme of this conference was ‘The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.’


16. **e. Kurukshetra, Haryana;** The International Gita Festival 2018 will be organised in Kurukshetra in Haryana from December 7 to 23, 2018. This year it is third year of this mega cultural event, where Mauritius is partner country and Gujarat is the partner state.
17. **e. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission;**
Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched ‘PAiSA’ – Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access during National Workshop on Municipal Finance and Urban Planning held in New Delhi. PAISA Portal It is centralised electronic platform for quicker processing of loans under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). It aims to connect directly with beneficiaries and ensure there is greater efficiency in the delivery of services.

18. **a. Allahabad Bank;** PAiSA is centralised electronic platform for quicker processing of loans under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). It aims to connect directly with beneficiaries and ensure there is greater efficiency in the delivery of services. It has been designed and developed by **Allahabad Bank, the nodal bank under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission**


20. **c. China;** India and China have signed protocol to amend Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for the avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income by allowing exchange of information. Under Section 90 of Income-tax Act, 1961, India can enter into agreement with foreign country or specified territory for the avoidance of double taxation of income, for exchange of information for the prevention of evasion.

21. **d. Sunil Arora;** President Ram Nath Kovind appointed senior IAS officer Sunil Arora as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). He will be the 23rd CEC

22. **a. President;** Election Commission of India (ECI) is permanent and independent constitutional body established directly by Constitution of India under Article 324 to ensure fair and fair elections in the country. It is multi-member body and currently has three members including Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and two election commissioners (ECs). They all are appointed by the President
23. **d. November 25;** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (IDEVAW) is observed every year across the world on 25 November. Observance of this day seeks to raise awareness about violence against women and girls, end violence against women. It also seeks to show that prevention is possible against violence of women.

24. **c. Orange the World: #Hearmetoo**

25. **b. New Delhi;** The 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships was held at KD Jadav Indoor Stadium at New Delhi, India and took place between 15 and 24 November 2018.

26. **a. Mary Kom**

27. **e. Sameer Verma;** India’s Sameer Verma has won Syed Modi India Grand Prix Gold badminton title 2018 in men’s singles category. In the final match held in Lucknow, he defeated China’s Lu Guangzu by 16-21, 21-19 and 21-14 score.

28. **a. Nahid Afrin;** United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has appointed popular singer Nahid Afrin (17) of Assam as the first ‘Youth Advocate’ of the northeastern region to fight for child rights. UNICEF engages ‘Youth Advocates’ to harness their voice as agents of change in society. Nahid had made her playback debut in 2016 Bollywood film ‘Akira’ starring Sonakshii Sinha in the lead. She received best female playback singer award at the Assam state Film Award 2018.

29. **d. Tripura**

30. **c. Only (i) and (ii) are incorrect;** Andhra Pradesh Government has launched Bhuseva and Bhudaar web portal through which people can view land records online. People can get land record records online through these portals using Aadhaar card. Bhudaar is 11 digit unique identification code to be assigned to each agriculture land holder and rural and urban property. It will allow people to get land details on their mobile phones.


32. **e. 100% and 20%;** Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved to expand the scope of mandatory packaging norms under Jute
Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987. **It has approved that 100% of the food grains and 20% of sugar shall be mandatorily packed in diversified jute bags.** Initially 10% of indents of jute bags for packing foodgrains will be placed through reverse auction on GEM portal. This will gradually help to usher in a regime of price discovery.

33. **b. Manipur;** The annual Sangai Festival is celebrated in northeastern state of Manipur. It is grandest festival of state named after state animal, Sangai, the critically endangered brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur. The festival aims to promote Manipur as world class tourism destination.

34. **c. Ministry of Human Resource Development**

35. **e. Kim Jong Yang;** Kim Jong Yang of South Korea was elected Interpol President for two-year term by member countries at 87th General Assembly of Interpol

36. **b. Shyama Prasad Bharti;** Mexican government has honoured Indian academician **Shyama Prasad Ganguly** with “Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca” (Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian honour given to a foreigner by Mexico. He was awarded for disseminating Spanish language and Mexican culture to strengthen Mexico-India cultural relations. He is first Indian Academician to get this award.

37. **d. Rajasthan;** India, US Joint Special Forces Exercise 2018 named Vajra Prahar commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR), Bikaner in Rajasthan. The exercise was called between Special Forces of both countries to deal with operations for counter-terrorism and is being done at unit as well as sub-unit levels.

38. **b. Badminton;** Lakshya Sen is an Indian badminton player. Sen, born in Almora, belongs to a badminton family. His father, D K Sen, is a coach in India and his brother, Chirag Sen, is also an international badminton player

39. **a. November 18**

40. **a. Tennis**

41. **d. 16;** The National Press Day (NPD) is celebrated every year on November 16 as symbolic of free and responsible press in India. This was the day on which Press Council of India (PCI) started functioning as moral watchdog to ensure that not only did press maintain high standards expected from this powerful medium but also that it was not fettered by the influence or threats of any extraneous factors.
42. **c. Dr. VK Saraswat;** NITI Aayog has constituted Himalayan State Regional Council to ensure sustainable development of Indian Himalayan region. It will be chaired by Dr VK Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog and will consist of Chief Secretaries of Himalayan States as well as Secretaries of key Central Ministries, senior officers of NITI Aayog as well as special invitees.

43. **b. Jaipur;** Four-day regional meeting of World Customs Organisation (WCO) was held in Jaipur, capital city of Rajasthan. It was attended by representatives of 33 member countries of Asia. The meeting was jointly chaired by WCO Deputy Secretary General Ricardo Travino and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairman S Ramesh.

44. **c. United Kingdom;** India and United Kingdom have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in cancer research. It is follow-up to joint statement issued by Prime Ministers of India and UK during visit of PM Narendra Modi to the UK in April 2018.

45. **c. Nipun;** Delhi Police has launched an e-learning portal ‘Nipun’ to impart training and provide up to date information to police officers. The initiative is aimed at imparting in-service online training and information to police personnel through specialised courses available online which have been designed by experts in various fields.

46. **d. Only (iii) is true; Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare;** Radha Mohan Singh launched Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The scheme is linked to Rs 1000 crore ‘Cooperative Start-up and Innovation Fund (CSIF)’ created by the NCDC. It aims to encourage cooperatives to venture into new and innovative areas. **It envisages 2% less than applicable rate of interest on term loan for the project cost up to Rs 3 crore including 2 years moratorium on payment of principal.** All types of cooperatives in operation for at least one year are eligible to avail of the scheme.

47. **a. Hima Das;** India’s ace sprinter and Asian Games gold-medallist sprinter Hima Das was appointed as first ever youth ambassador of United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) India. UNICEF India works with central government to ensure that each child born in country gets best start in life, thrives and develops to his or her full potential.

48. **e. IndusInd Bank;** IndusInd Bank has launched first interactive Credit Card in India with buttons called IndusInd Bank Nexxt Credit Card. It will give
customer multiple options on how to make a payment using his or her Credit Card. This Card has been created in partnership with Pittsburgh USA headquartered Dynamics Inc., which designs and manufactures intelligent, battery powered payment cards

49. **c. Only (i) is correct:** Union Ministry off Human Resource Development launched two new initiatives viz. Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) and Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT) for higher education faculty. ARPIT is unique initiative of online professional development of 15 lakh higher education faculty. LEAP is three weeks flagship leadership development training programme for second level academic functionaries in higher education institutions.

50. **e. Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh:** The joint military exercise between Indian and Russia EXERCISE INDRA 2018 was conducted at Babina Field Firing Ranges, Babina Military Station Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

51. **c. November 14:** World Diabetes Day is observed every year across the world on 14 November to raise awareness about diabetes. Observance of day aims to pursue multilateral efforts to promote and improve human health and provide access to health-care treatment and education.

52. **a. The Family and Diabetes:** The theme for World Diabetes Day 2018 and 2019 is “The Family and Diabetes”. The two-year theme timeframe has been chosen to aise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the family and support network of those affected and promote role of family in management, care, prevention and education of diabetes.

53. **a. Shillong:** India International Cherry Blossom festival was held from November 14 to 17 in Shillong, Meghalaya. This festival is the world’s only autumn cherry blossom festival. The festival is organised by Government of Meghalaya’s Forest & Environment Department as well as by the Institute of Bioresources & Sustainable Development (IBSD) in collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

54. **d. Indonesia:** The inaugural edition India, Indonesia Bilateral Naval Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ was held at the port of Surabaya, Indonesia. The aim of the exercise is to strengthen bilateral relations, expand maritime co-operation, enhance interoperability and exchange best practices.

55. **b. 12:** Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed every year across India on November 12 year to commemorate first and last visit of Mahatma Gandhi (Father of the Nation) of All India Radio Studio (AIR), New Delhi in 1947. On
this occasion, artistes of Akashvani Bhawan, Delhi performed Vaishnav Jan Toh and other bhajans and school children performed Rabindra sangeet.

56. c. **Bangladesh**; Bangladesh is elected as Vice Chairman of Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) for the period of 2019-21 and eventually as IORA Chairman for 2021-23 at 18th IORA Council of Ministers’ Meeting held in Durban, South Africa. The Current Chair is South Africa and Vice Chair is UAE.

57. a. **November 11**; National Education Day of India is celebrated every year on 11 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India.

58. e. **3 years**; Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has liberalised norms governing external commercial borrowings (ECBs) for infrastructure creation. The provisions have been reviewed and decision has been taken in consultation with Central Government. Key Facts RBI has reduced minimum average maturity required for the ECBs in the infrastructure space raised by eligible borrowers to **three years from earlier five years**. Additionally, it also has reduced average maturity requirement for mandatory hedging to **five years from earlier ten years**

59. a. **Lucknow**; Uttar Pradesh Government has decided to rename newly-built Ekana International Stadium in capital city Lucknow after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The stadium with a seating capacity of around 50,000 will now be known as ‘Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium’.

60. e. **Shooting**; Angad Vir Singh Bajwa won gold medal by setting world record score in men’s skeet final of the 8th Asian Shotgun Championship held in Kuwait. With this, he became first Indian skeet shooter to win continental or world level event.

61. b. **Tomato, Onion and Potato**; Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) approved operationalisation strategy for Operation Greens. Operation Greens was announced by Union Government in Budget 2018-19 to stabilise supply of **Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops**. It is aimed at ensuring availability of TOP crops throughout the country round the year without price volatility.

62. c. **Punjab**; Union Home Ministry has released more than Rs. 113 crore to six border states under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) as part of its plan to ameliorate the problems of people living in isolated locations.
These six states are Assam, Nagaland, Sikkim, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

63. **d. November 5;** The World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year across the world on 5 November to spread awareness among people across the world about Tsunami. This year it was third edition of World Tsunami Awareness Day after it was instituted in 2015.

64. **a. Alibaba;** United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group have formed strategic partnership to support efforts eliminate hunger globally by 2030.

65. **d. 3 and 5;** RBI has reduced minimum average maturity required for the ECBs in the infrastructure space raised by eligible borrowers to three years from earlier five years. Additionally, it also has reduced average maturity requirement for mandatory hedging to five years from earlier ten years.

66. **c. Odisha;** Odisha Government launched Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Policy 2018. The policy is aimed to carry forward process of industrialization through promotion of aerospace and defence manufacturing enterprises, generate employment opportunities and promote value addition.

67. **c. Only (ii), (iii) and (iv) are incorrect;** Under Access to Credit aspect of this programme, Government will launch 59 minute loan portal to enable easy access to credit for MSMEs. Loans upto Rs. 1 crore will be granted in-principle approval through this portal, in just 59 minutes. The link to this portal will be available at GST portal. Government will give 2% interest subvention for all GST registered MSMEs, on fresh or incremental loans. For exporters who receive loans in pre-shipment and post-shipment period will get increase in interest rebate ranging from 3% to 5%. All MSMEs or companies with turnover more than Rs. 500 crore will now be compulsorily brought on Trade Receivables e-Discouning System (TReDS).

68. **a. Saura Jalnidhi**

69. **e. 90%;** Odisha Government has launched Saura Jalnidhi scheme to encourage use of solar energy in irrigation by farmers. Under this scheme, farmers will be given 90% subsidy and 5,000 solar pumps.

70. **c. Turga Pumped Storage (I) Hydel Project;** India and Japan signed Loan Agreement worth Rs. 1817 crore for construction of Turga Pumped Storage (I)’ Hydel Project. On completion, this project will contribute to Industrial Development and Living Standard Improvement in the West Bengal.
71. **c. United Nations;** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval for opening up International Solar Alliance (ISA) membership to all countries that are members of the United Nations

72. **a. Satyarup Siddhanta;** Indian mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta became the first Indian to climb Mt Giluwe - the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea

73. b. 2000

74. **d. Akhilesh Ranjan;** Union Finance Ministry has appointed Akhilesh Ranjan, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) member as Convenor of Task Force that is drafting New Direct Tax Legislation (Law). He will replace Arbind Modi who retired in September 2018. The other members (composition) of the Task Force remain unchanged. Akhilesh Ranjan is presently serving as Member (Legislation) of CBDT.

75. c. Bihar

76. e. Nagaland

77. c. West Bengal

78. e. 4 (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur & Mizoram

79. d. Mizoram

80. c. Bangladesh

81. a. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim

82. Myanmar

83. b. Karnataka

84. Correct Sequence: c. (i)-e, (ii)-d, (iii)-c, iv-f, v-a, vi-b

85. **c. 1-(i)-a, 2-(iii)-d 3-(ii)-c 4-(iv)-b**

86. Arunachal Pradesh is also known as the Orchid State of India or the Paradise of the Botanists.

87. **d. Only (i) and (iv)** Mouling National Park and Namdapha National Park are in Arunachal Pradesh; Periyar National Park is in Kerala; Nagarhole National Park is in Karnataka

88. McMohan is a borderline between the Tibetan region of China and the North-east region of India.

89. Kaziranga National Park and Manas National Park are in Assam

90. Lucknow sits on the northwestern shore of the Gomti River.

91. Gwalior is located on the bank of Chambal River.

92. d. Uttrakhand

93. Mollem National Park
94. d. Greenland  
95. a. Gujarat  
96. d. Tehri Dam  
97. a. Jammu and Kashmir  
98. c. A-v, B-iii, C-i, D-vi, E-ii, E-iv  
99. b. Madhya Pradesh  
100. d. Odisha  
101. c. Kerala  
102. c. United Bank of India: Its headquarter is in Kolkata.  
103. d. Honours Your Trust  
104. b. Narasimhan Committee  
105. b. Vadodara, Gujarat  
106. b. Vijaya Bank  
107. c. 100 crore  
108. a. Dr. Nachiket Mor