



**MARCH 2019**

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**1. 'Azaadi Ke Diwane' museum is located in**

- a. Chandigarh
- b. Goa
- c. New Delhi**
- d. Indore
- e. None of the above

**2. NITI Aayog as a part of Atal Innovation Mission has signed a Statement of Intent with which of the following organisations to launch Digital Disha Programme?**

- a. Adobe**
- b. Microsoft
- c. Google
- d. Amazon
- e. None of the above

**3. IRCTC's has launched its own payment aggregator system to promote government's Digital India initiative. What is the name of that system?**

- a. nPay
- b. rPay
- c. uPay
- d. iPay
- e. None of the above

**4. Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which of the following to provide free healthcare services by paying Rs. 30 for the card?**

- a. Ola
- b. Uber**
- c. Meru
- d. Both a and b
- e. None of the above

**5. What is the denomination of the notes launched by Numisbing Group which is the first ever limited edition commemorative series to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?**

- a. 5 Riyals
- b. 10 Riyal
- c. 2 Riyals

**d. Zero**

e. None of the above

**6. Who designed the Zero Value currency notes launched by Numisbing Group to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?**

a. Akbar Saheb

b. Bilal Saeed

c. Rubal Said

d. Zaid Afridi

e. None

**7. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Mera Kam-Mera Abhiman' - Employment generation programme?**

a. It is launched in Punjab

b. It is formulated for urban and rural youth

c. The scheme provide one job to each eligible candidate in a family regardless of the number of the eligible candidates

d. Both a and b

e. Both b and c

**8. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Yuvashree Arpan?**

a. It is launched in Odisha

b. It aims at employment generation

c. It provides loan upto 2 lakh rupees to B.Tech students for developing new techniques

d. All are correct

**e. None is correct**

**9. Which of the following statement is correct regarding Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi?**

a. It is launched for the farmers and construction workers

b. The beneficiaries must have monthly income of less than 20,000

c. The scheme provides insurance facility of Rs. 1 lakh on natural death.

d. The scheme provide annual Rs. 6000 in 2 installments

**e. None is correct**

**10. Jal Amrutha' scheme is launched by**

a. Madhya Pradesh

b. Odisha

**c. Karnataka**

d. Manipur

e. None of the above

**11. Which of the following statements are incorrect regarding Mukhya Mantri Karigar Sahayata?**

a. It has been launched in Madhya Pradesh for providing financial assistance to craftsmen.

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- b. The beneficiary must have 10 years of experience and income below 1 lakh
- c. The financial assistance is Rs. 1000 for the craftsmen below age 80
- d. a and b are incorrect
- e. a and c are incorrect**

**12. Saurabh Chaudhary and Apurvi Chandela belong to which of the following sports?**

- a. Boxing
- b. Wrestling
- c. Shooting
- d. Golf
- e. Weight Lifting

**13. Which of the following are matched incorrectly?**

- (i) DRDO Chairman G. Satheesh Reddy- First Atal Bihari Vajpayee Life Time Award
- (ii) Indore: SKOCH Award
- (iii) IDBI Bank: Best Bank Award by Tamil Nadu

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

**14. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of National Highways Authority of India?**

- a. Nagraj Upadhyaya
- b. Nagendra Nath Sinha
- c. Naveen Joshi
- d. Nataraj Mahajan
- e. None of the above

**15. Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN yojana has been launched by which of the following ministries?**

- a. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
- b. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- c. Ministry of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- d. Ministry of Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- e. None of the above

**16. Gram Samridhi Yojana is launched for which of the following?**

- a. agriculture sector
- b. rural development
- c. food processing sector
- d. dairy and poultry sector
- e. None of the above

**17. World Wildlife Day is observed on**

- a. March 5
- b. March 4
- c. March 7
- d. March 1
- e. March 2

**18. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed Eight-member task force on the offshore rupee market for ensuring the stability of the currency which will be headed by**

- a. Usha Deora
- b. Usha Thorat.
- c. Sushma Sareen
- d. Sudha Ramachandra
- e. None

**19. Which bank has been ranked first among Public Sector Banks in the implementation of 'reforms agenda' acc. to EASE Reforms Index ?**

- a. Punjab National Bank
- b. IDBI Bank
- c. Union Bank of India
- d. State Bank of India
- e. None

**20. The government has given a nod to the which bank to handle import and export transactions with Iran?**

- a. Punjab National Bank
- b. IDBI Bank
- c. Union Bank of India
- d. State Bank of India
- e. None

**21. As per the Global Economic Outlook by Fitch, India's economic growth forecast has been reduced to \_\_\_\_\_ for FY19-20**

- a. 6.5%
- b. 7%
- c. 6.8%
- d. 6.2%
- e. 7.2%

**22. The Union Health Ministry has notified the Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 with the government stating that the move is aimed at promoting clinical research in the country. The rules will apply to all new drugs, investigational new drugs for human use, clinical trials, bio-equivalence studies and ethics committees.**

**What is the time limit for approving applications of drugs developed outside India?**

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- a. 90 days
- b. 30 days
- c. 60 days
- d. 45 days
- e. None of the above

**23. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Multi-dimensional Poverty Index 2018?**

- (i) The report is prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.**
- (ii) The report states that India has reduced its poverty rate drastically from 55% to 25% in 10 years,**
- (iii) Bihar with more than half its population in poverty was the poorest state in 2015-16.**

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

**24. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India has successfully test-fired an anti-satellite (A-SAT) missile by shooting down a live satellite. The project was led by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was aimed at strengthening India's overall security.**

**What was the name of the mission?**

- a. Mission Shakti
- b. Mission Sakshar
- c. Mission Surya
- d. Mission Saumitra
- e. None of the above

**25. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Global Energy Transition index 2019 report has been released by the World Economic Forum (WEF)?**

- a. The index compares the energy sectors of 125 countries and analyses their readiness for energy transition.
- b. India is placed at 76th position this year
- c. The index is topped by Norway
- d. Both a and b are correct
- e. Both a and c are correct

**26. Who is Appointed as Brand Ambassador of PhonePe?**

- a. Salman Khan
- b. Amir Khan
- c. Ajay Devgan

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- d. Shahrukh Khan
- e. None of the above

### **27. World Tuberculosis Day is observed on**

- a. March 24
- b. March 22
- c. March 20
- d. March 18
- e. March 16

### **28. 'Every Vote Counts'. Is authored by**

- a. Naresh Desai
- b. Naren Somi
- c. Navin Chawla
- d. Nitin Sharma
- e. None of the above

29. Project Sangam empowered the Municipal functionaries by enabling ministry to run custom community training courses and track their process, manage content, users and analytics across the program in one place.

### **Project Sangam is launched by which ministry in partnership of which organisation?**

- a. Google India and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- b. Microsoft India and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- c. Infosys and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- d. Reliance and Ministry of Home Affairs
- e. None of the above

### **30. In a bid to give a leg-up to oil/ gas refining and marketing, airline and shipping companies, the Reserve Bank of India's amended Trade Credit Policy has allowed them to raise trade credits of up to**

- a. \$150 million
- b. a. \$120 million
- c. a. \$125 million
- d. a. \$200 million
- e. None of the above

### **31. Which bank has got the approval from RBI for the proposed acquisition of Gruh Finance?**

- a. Indian Overseas Bank
- b. Canara Bank
- c. Allahabad Bank
- d. Bandhan Bank
- e. None of the above



**32. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that would continue as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for 2018. Which of the following is the correct option in this regard?**

- a. SBI, ICICI and HDFC Banks
- b. SBI, Axis and HDFC Banks
- c. SBI, ICICI and Yes Banks
- d. Axis, ICICI and HDFC Banks
- e. None of the above

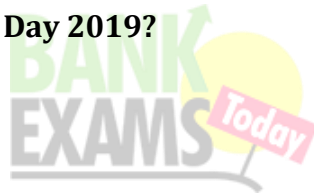
**33. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding World Happiness Report 2019?**

- (i) World Happiness Report is released by United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- (ii) The report ranked 150 countries on "How happy their citizens perceive themselves to be"
- (iii) India ranked at 139th position.
- (iv) Finland topped the index followed by Denmark

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

**34. What is the theme of World Water Day 2019?**

- a. Every Drop Counts
- b. Leave No One Behind.
- c. Pledge to Zero Waste of Water
- d. Promise to Future Generation
- e. None of the above



**35. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Life Insurance Corporation?**

- a. P.N Tiwari
- b. R.K Nath
- c. D.R. Pratap
- d. M.R. Kumar
- e. None of the above

**36. Diksha Dagar who won Ladies European Tour belongs to which of the following sports?**

- a. Cricket
- b. Golf
- c. Tennis
- d. Badminton
- e. Squash

**37. Who has been chosen for the Abel Prize 2019?**

- a. Karen Uhlenbeck
- b. Kristine Uhlenbeck



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- c. Karen Uhlenbeck
- d. Carol Uhlenbeck
- e. None of the above

**38. RBI will conduct three-year buy-sell swap for the rupee through an auction process to infuse liquidity in the market. What is the total outlay of this swap?**

- a. \$2 billion
- b. \$ 3 billion
- c. \$ 4 billion
- d. \$ 5 billion
- e. None of the above

**39. Complete the sentence**

**Markets regulator SEBI withdrew the 20% limit on investments by \_\_\_\_\_ in corporate bonds of an entity.**

- a. Angel Investors
- b. Foreign Portfolio Investors
- c. Venture capitalists
- d. Peer-to-peer lenders
- e. None of the above

**40. Which of the following statement is/are true considering the relaxed norms for White Label ATMs by RBI?**

- a. WLATM operators cannot source cash from scheduled banks.
- b. The operators are allowed to issue co-branded ATM cards
- c. The operators can provide bill payment services which is a subject to certification from RBI
- d. The operators cannot display the advertisements of non-banking products in the ATM premises
- e. All are incorrect

1. 'c. New Delhi; Azaadi Ke Diwane' museum built by the Archaeological Survey of India has been inaugurated on the Red Fort premises.
2. a. Adobe; NITI Aayog and Adobe as a part of Atal Innovation Mission have signed a Statement of Intent to collaborate on enhancing digital literacy and creativity skills
3. d. iPay; The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) launched IRCTC iPay
4. b. Uber; Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Uber to provide free healthcare services to Uber drivers
5. d. Zero; Numisbing Group a UAE based company will release 12 bank notes of zero value which is the first ever limited edition commemorative series to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
6. a. Akbar Saheb; The special notes have been designed by Dubai-based Indian artist Akbar Saheb who is also the main illustrator for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's book "Mann Ki Baat".
7. a. It is launched in Punjab; Punjab will launch Mera Kam-Mera Abhiman' - Employment generation programme for the urban youth in Punjab to "ensure dignity of labour". The aim of this mission is

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- to provide one job for each family in a time-bound manner and the scheme would certainly reach out to every household.
8. e. None is correct; The scheme is launched in West Bengal to encourage entrepreneurship by providing a loan of Rs. 1 Lakh to the ITT and polytechnic college passouts to set up their own business initiatives
  9. e. None is correct Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi” scheme was launched in Haryana. The farmers of the state who cultivate on land with areas up to five acres and the families with an income of less than Rs. 15,000 per month are covered under this scheme. Each beneficiary family will have to nominate one member of the family who would be eligible for a financial assistance of Rs. 6,000 every year. The scheme provides insurance facilities of- Rs. 2 lakh on natural death for accidental death and permanent disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability.
  10. c. Karnataka; Karnataka state govt. has launched new water conservation scheme – ‘Jal Amrutha’
  11. e. a and c are incorrect; A new scheme - ‘Mukhya Mantri Karigar Sahayata’ has been launched in Odisha for providing financial assistance to craftsmen. All those craftsmen with 10 years of experience with annual income below Rs.1 lakh are eligible to get an assistance of Rs.800 per month. The craftsmen above 80 years of age having same annual income and same experience would get Rs 1000 per month allowance.
  12. c. Shooting
  13. a. All are incorrect
  14. b. Nagendra Nath Sinha
  15. a. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
  16. c. food processing sector; Ministry of Food Processing Industries is set to launch Gram Samridhi Yojana — to foster the unorganised food processing sector concentrated in rural areas
  17. d. March 1
  18. b. Usha Thorat.
  19. a. Punjab National Bank
  20. b. IDBI Bank
  21. c. 6.8%; As per the Global Economic Outlook by Fitch, India’s economic growth forecast has been reduced to 6.8% from 7% earlier for FY19-20 (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020).
  22. a. 90 days; The Union Health Ministry has notified the Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 with the government stating that the move is aimed at promoting clinical research in the country. The rules will apply to all new drugs, investigational new drugs for human use, clinical trials, bio-equivalence studies and ethics committees. The highlights of the notification includes reduction in time for approving applications, which has now come down to 30 days for drugs manufactured in India and 90 days for those developed outside the country.
  23. e. Only (iii) is correct. The Multi-dimensional Poverty Index 2018 report prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative makes the following observations about India: India has reduced its poverty rate drastically from 55% to 28% in 10 years, with 271 million people moving out of poverty between 2005-06 and 2015-16. Bihar with more than half its population in poverty was the poorest state in 2015-16.
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115 countries and analyses their readiness for energy transition. The index benchmarks the countries energy systems based on an “energy triangle”, comprised of energy security and access, economic development and growth, environmental sustainability and how well they are set-up to succeed in the future. Sweden has topped the index and is followed by Switzerland and Norway in the top three. India is placed at 76th rank.

- 26. b. Amir Khan
- 27. a. March 24
- 28. c. Navin Chawla
- 29. b. Microsoft India and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; Microsoft India partnered with The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to deploy Microsoft’s Project Sangam (cloud-hosted, mobile-first community learning platform) to train functionaries and officers across India on Swachh Bharat e-Learning Portal
- 30. a. \$150 million; In a bid to give a leg-up to oil/ gas refining and marketing, airline and shipping companies, the Reserve Bank of India’s amended Trade Credit Policy has allowed them to raise trade credits of up to \$150 million or equivalent per import transaction under the automatic route.
- 31. d. Bandhan Bank
- 32. a. SBI, ICICI and HDFC Banks
- 33. d. Only (i) and (iv) are correct. World Happiness Report is released by United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. The report ranked 156 countries on “How happy their citizens perceive themselves to be” India ranked at 140th position. Finland topped the index followed by Denmark, Norway, Iceland and The Netherlands.
- 34. b. Leave No One Behind.
- 35. d. M.R. Kumar
- 36. b. Golf
- 37. a. Karen Uhlenbeck
- 38. \$5 billion; In a move to infuse liquidity into the market, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will conduct a three-year buy-sell swap for the rupee through an auction process. RBI will buy \$5 billion on 26 March for a period of three years and reverse it through sales at pre-determined rates fixed via auction.
- 39. Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs); SEBI withdrew the 20% limit on investments by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in corporate bonds of an entity. Earlier, it was mandated that no FPIs shall have an exposure of more than 20% of its corporate bond portfolio to a single corporate.
- 40. B; According to the relaxed norms for White Label ATMs, the operators can source cash from RBI, Currency Chests and any scheduled bank. They are allowed to issue co-branded ATM cards for “on-us” transaction benefits to the customers. The bill payment services are subject to certification from NPCI and also the operators can display non-banking product advertisement in the ATM Premises.

