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15. In February 2022, _____ became the 1st-ever cricket team to play 1000 ODI matches, followed by Australia (958 matches).

- 1) South Africa Cricket Team
- 2) England Cricket Team
- 3) New Zealand Cricket Team
- 4) Indian Cricket Team
- 5) West Indies Cricket Team

Answer- 4) Indian Cricket Team

Explanation:

The **Indian Cricket Team** is the first ever team to play 1000 ODI matches, followed by Australia which played 958 ODI matches. Team India registered its 1000th ODI match with a 6 wicket win against West Indies, in the first match of the ODI series 2022.

i. Also, the Indian cricket team became the second team to win 100 T20I matches followed by Pakistan. Team India registered its 100th T20I win against West Indies in the 2nd match of T20I series 2022, defeating West Indies by 8 runs.

ii. India secured International Cricket Council (ICC) No.1 Rank (10484 points) in T20I after the win against West Indies.

16. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 24th edition of Winter Olympics 2022 that were held in Beijing, China?

A) The emblem for the 2022 Winter Olympics, “Winter Dream” and mascot of Winter Olympics is “Bing Dwen Dwen”.

B) Norway won 37 medals in the Winter Olympics for the second time, setting a new record for the most gold medals won in a single Winter Olympics.

C) Arif Khan carried the Indian flag in the Parade of Nations during the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 at the Bird’s Nest Stadium in Beijing.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only A & B
- 4) Only B & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

The emblem for the 2022 Winter Olympics, “Winter Dream” and mascot of Winter Olympics is “Bing Dwen Dwen”.

i. Norway won 37 medals in the Winter Olympics for the second time, setting a new record for the most gold medals won in a single Winter Olympics.

ii. Arif Khan carried the Indian flag in the Parade of Nations during the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 at the Bird’s Nest Stadium in Beijing.

17. Which country will host the Winter Olympic Games in 2026?

- 1) Innsbruck & Vienna, Austria
- 2) Barcelona & Madrid, Spain
- 3) Moscow & Sochi, Russia
- 4) Montpellier & Paris, France
- 5) Milan & Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy

Answer- **5) Milan & Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy**

Explanation:

The next Winter Olympics will be held in the **Italian** cities of **Milan** and **Cortina d'Ampezzo** in 2026, while the next Summer Olympics are set to take place in Paris in 2024,

18. In February 2022, who won the Airthings Masters chess tournament and became the 3rd Indian to defeat Magnus Carlsen, World Number 1?

- 1) Bharath Subramaniam
- 2) R Praggnanandhaa
- 3) Harika Dronavalli
- 4) Karthik Venkataraman
- 5) Arjun Vishnuvardhan

Answer- **2) R Praggnanandhaa**

Explanation:

Indian Grandmaster (GM) **R Praggnanandhaa** defeated World Number 1 **Magnus Carlsen** (Norway) in the 8th round of the **Airthings Masters**, an online rapid chess tournament.

i. With this victory, R Praggnanandhaa became the **third Indian**, after Viswanathan Anand and P Harikrishna, to accomplish the rare feat of defeating Magnus Carlsen.

ii. He became India's youngest and world's second youngest Grandmaster in 2018.

19. Which country will host the 2023 International Olympic Committee (IOC) sessions after 40 years?

- 1) South Korea
- 2) France
- 3) China
- 4) India
- 5) Japan

Answer- **4) India**

Explanation:

During the 139th International Olympic Committee's session (IOC) in Beijing, China, India won the bidding rights to host the 2023 IOC session in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. **India** will host for the **first time** in **40 years** since 1983.

i. The IOC session is the general meeting of the Members of the IOC.

ii. The session will be hosted at the state-of-the-art, Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. In 1983, the IOC session was held in New Delhi.

20. Who recently (in Feb'22) created a world record by becoming the 1st cricketer to score a triple century on his first-class match debut in the Ranji Trophy 2021-22?

- 1) Sakibul Gani
- 2) Bipin Saurabh
- 3) Nikhil Anand
- 4) Harsh Vikram Singh
- 5) Abhijeet Saket

Answer- **1) Sakibul Gani**

Explanation:

Sakibul Gani, an Indian cricketer hailing from Motihari in Bihar, created a **world record** by becoming the **first cricketer** to score a **triple century** on his **debut** in a **first-class match**, 2021–22 **Ranji Trophy**.

- i. He scored 341 runs with 405 balls, (56 fours & 2 sixes) representing Bihar in the plate group 2021–22 Ranji Trophy fixture against Mizoram at the Jadavpur University Campus Ground, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ii. Previously, the record of highest score on first-class debut was held by Ajay Rothera of Madhya Pradesh (267 runs in December 2018) and Amol Muzumdar of Mumbai (260 runs in 1993-1994).

21. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 2022 Rio Open that was held at Jockey Club Brasileiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in February 2022?

- 1) Carlos Alcaraz Garfia (Spain) has won the Men's Singles title at the 2022 Rio Open and become the Youngest Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) 500 trophy Winner.
- 2) 2022 Rio Open is the 8th edition of the Rio Open, and part of the ATP Tour 500 of the 2022 ATP Tour.
- 3) Fabio Fognini and Simone Bolelli (Italy) won the 2022 Rio Open Doubles title defeating Jamie Murray (UK) and Bruno Soares (Brazil).
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

Explanation:

Carlos Alcaraz Garfia (Spain) has won the Men's Singles title at the 2022 Rio Open by defeating Diego Schwartzman (Argentina) and becomes the Youngest Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) 500 trophy Winner.

- i. The 2022 Rio Open is the **8th** edition of the Rio Open, and part of the ATP Tour 500 of the 2022 ATP Tour.
- ii. Fabio Fognini and Simone Bolelli (Italy) won the 2022 Rio Open Doubles title defeating Jamie Murray (UK) and Bruno Soares (Brazil).

22. Who recently (in Feb'22) won the mixed-gender professional golf tournament at the TPS Murray River 2022 and became 1st woman to win the Pro Mixed-Gender Event?

- 1) Anna Rawson
- 2) Katherine Kirk
- 3) Hannah Green
- 4) Karen Lunn
- 5) Sarah Kemp

Answer- **3) Hannah Green**

Explanation:

Hannah Green (World Rank 30) of Australia has won the 72 hole mixed-gender professional golf tournament at the **TPS Murray River 2022** event in Australia and **became the 1st woman** to win the Pro Mixed-Gender Event.

- i. She has won the 2019 Women's Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Champio

23. Who won the Gold medal in Singapore Weightlifting International 2022 and holds a position in the Commonwealth Games 2022 in the 49kg and 55kg category in Birmingham, UK?

- 1) Purnima Pandey
- 2) Mirabai Chanu

- 3) Usha Kumara
- 4) Popy Hazarika
- 5) Bindyarani Devi

Answer- **2) Mirabai Chanu**

Explanation:

Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, the Indian weightlifter from Manipur state wins the **Gold** medal in the 55kg category in **Singapore Weightlifting International 2022**. Also secured her position for the **Commonwealth Games 2022** in 49kg and 55kg category in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

i. Mirabai Chanu participated for the first time in the 55kg category in weightlifting and lifted the total weight of 191 kilograms (86kg in snatch+105kg in clean & jerk) and placed First in the podium, under the guidance of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLf).

ii. Followed by her Second place was given to Australia's Jessica Sewastenko's, lifted 167kg and Third place was given to Malaysia's Elly Cassandra Englebert, lifted 165kg.

iii. Sanket Sagar (55kg), Rishikanta Singh (55kg) and Bindyarani Devi (59kg) also placed their names in weightlifting in Commonwealth Games 2022.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. Who released the book, "Prakrtik, Vaidik avem Jaivik Kheti- Graameen Udyamita Ka Naya Swaroop"?

- 1) Satyadev Narayan Arya
- 2) Tamilisai Soundararajan
- 3) Praful Patel
- 4) Manoj Sinha
- 5) Gurmit Singh

Answer- **4) Manoj Sinha**

Explanation:

A new book titled "Prakrtik, Vaidik avem Jaivik Kheti- Graameen Udyamita Ka Naya Swaroop" released by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), **Manoj Sinha** at the Raj Bhavan in Jammu.

i. The book was published by Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli, Kathua and was released as a souvenir.

2. Who Authored the Book, "Fearless Governance"?

- 1) Baby Rani Maurya
- 2) Arvind Kejriwal
- 3) Najma Heptulla
- 4) Kiran Bedi
- 5) A. K. Singh

Answer- **4) Kiran Bedi**

Explanation:

Kiran Bedi, Former Lieutenant (Lt) Governor of Puducherry and retired IPS officer, authored a new book titled "**Fearless Governance**" featuring her memories and ground realities as the Lt Governor of Puducherry from 2016 and 2021 and her experience of 40 years in the Indian Police Service (IPS).

About Kiran Bedi:

i. Kiran Bedi was the first woman to join the officer ranks of the Indian Police Service.

- ii. She has served as the 24th Lt Governor of Puducherry.
- iii. She is the founder of 2 foundations Navjyoti and India Vision Foundation.
- iv. She was honoured with the Ramon Magsaysay Award and the Nehru Fellowship in 1994.

3. Who authored the book, “Last Among Equals: Power, Caste & Politics in Bihar’s Villages”?

- 1) Mainak Dhar
- 2) Advaita Kala
- 3) M.R. Sharan
- 4) Indra Das
- 5) Shiv Khera

Answer- **3) M.R. Sharan**

Explanation:

M.R. Sharan, Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, has authored a new book titled “**Last Among Equals: Power, Caste & Politics in Bihar’s Villages**”.

i. The book is an account of the field study by MR Sharan, in a group of Villages in Bihar that he undertook as a part of this PhD Programme.

4. Who Authored India's 1st-ever season style book, ‘The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life’?

- 1) Vamsee Juluri
- 2) Akash Kansal
- 3) Jeet Thayil
- 4) Anuj Dhar
- 5) Sanjeev Sharma

Answer- **2) Akash Kansal**

Explanation:

India’s first-ever season style book titled “**The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life**’, written by **Akash Kansal** a management professional.

i. The book was virtually launched at one of the biggest book launch ceremonies at IIT Kanpur, & Delhi Technological University.

ii. The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life consists of 18 different episodes that recall the times spent in College.

5. Who Authored the book, ‘India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution’?

- 1) Shashi Tharoor
- 2) Rahul Roushan
- 3) J Sai Deepak
- 4) Sanjeev Sanyal
- 5) Vikram Sampath

Answer- **3) J Sai Deepak**

Explanation:

A Trilogy book series titled, ‘India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution’ authored by **J Sai Deepak** and published by Bloomsbury India, whose 1st part was released on 15th August 2021, is set to launch the 2nd part in June 2022. Whereas, the 3rd and last part will be released in June 2023.

Award- Young Alumni Achiever’s Award by IIT Kharagpur in 2019

6. Who authored the book, 'Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra', the Biography of Neeraj Chopra?

- 1) Amit Bose
- 2) Navdeep Singh Gill
- 3) Abhinav Bindra
- 4) Rohit Brijnath
- 5) Boria Majumdar

Answer- **2) Navdeep Singh Gill**

Explanation:

A biography of Tokyo Olympics Gold medalist, Neeraj Chopra titled '**Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra**' authored by **Navdeep Singh Gill** released at Punjabi Bhawan in Ludhiana, Punjab.

i. The book was released by the Chairperson of Punjab Kala Parishad, Surjit Patar and president of Punjabi Sahit Akademi, Lakhwinder Singh Johal.

7. Who authored the book, "India-Africa Relations: Changing Horizons"?

- 1) Sunil Khilnani
- 2) Rejaul Karim Laskar
- 3) Pushpesh Pant
- 4) Rajiv Bhatia
- 5) Amitabh Mattoo

Answer- **4) Rajiv Bhatia**

Explanation:

Ambassador **Rajiv Bhatia**, a Distinguished Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies Programme at Gateway House, has authored a new book (his 3rd book) titled "**India-Africa Relations: Changing Horizons**" which explores the emergence and assertion of Africa as a significant actor and stakeholder in global affairs and the transformation of the relationship between India and Africa.

Other books:

India in Global Affairs: Perspectives from Sapru House (2015)

India-Myanmar Relations: Changing contours (2016)

8. Who authored the book, "Atal Bihari Vajpayee", a Biography of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Former Prime Minister of India?

- 1) Karan Thapar
- 2) Sagarika Ghose
- 3) Prannoy Roy
- 4) Shereen Bhan
- 5) Shoma Chaudhury

Answer- **2) Sagarika Ghose**

Explanation:

Senior journalist and columnist, **Sagarika Ghose**, launched her new book, a biography of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister (PM) of India, titled "**Atal Bihari Vajpayee**". The launch event of the book was organized by The Duchess Club in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

About the book:

i. The book has been prepared by referring to the Parliament speeches from the 1950s to 90s, speeches and written works of Vajpayee and the number of bills he moved in the parliament.

ii. The book is based on around 50 interviews with members of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and Vajpayee's close aides.

9. Who authored the book, “Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War”?

- 1) Paul Auster
- 2) Michael Chabon
- 3) Judy Blume
- 4) Samuel Moyn
- 5) Anne Tyler

Answer- **4) Samuel Moyn**

Explanation:

A new book titled “Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War” authored by **Samuel Moyn** was released.

i. This provocative book argues about the endless wars USA created in the past including the Vietnam War (1955-1975), Korean War (1950-1953), World War II (1939-1945) etc and this development might not represent progress at all.

10. Who authored the book, “Dignity in a Digital Age: Making Tech Work for All of Us”?

- 1) Ro Khanna
- 2) Sanjay Gupta
- 3) Ashok Lavasa
- 4) Samuel Moyn
- 5) Salman Anees

Answer- **1) Ro Khanna**

Explanation:

A new book titled “**Dignity in a Digital Age: Making Tech Work for All of Us**” authored by **Ro Khanna** was released.

i. The book highlights the effects of changing lifestyle patterns of Americans due to technological progress.

11. Who authored the book, “A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore’s Pioneering Work in Rural Construction”?

- 1) R. Kaushik
- 2) Uma Das Gupta
- 3) Jaswant Singh
- 4) Shashi Tharoor
- 5) Ram Jethmalani

Answer- **2) Uma Das Gupta**

Explanation:

The book titled “**A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore’s Pioneering Work in Rural Construction**” authored by **Uma Das Gupta** and published under Niyogi Books ‘Paper Missile’ was released.

i. The book contains Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore’s work in ‘village reconstruction’ by setting up ‘Sriniketan’, a wing of his Visva Bharati International University at Santiniketan in 1922, which is also popularly known as a university town in West Bengal.

12. Name the book that was authored by Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft Corporation, which will be published in May 2022.

- 1) Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies
- 2) Think Like a Champion
- 3) How To Prevent The Next Pandemic
- 4) COVID-19: The Pandemic
- 5) Zero to One

Answer- **3) How To Prevent The Next Pandemic**

Explanation:

Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft Corporation, has authored a new book titled **“How To Prevent The Next Pandemic”** which will be published in May 2022.

i. The book is being published by Knopf in the United States (US) and Penguin Random House internationally.

13. Who authored the book, “The Founders: The Story of Paypal and the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped Silicon Valley”?

- 1) Joy Harjo
- 2) Scott Momaday
- 3) Jimmy Soni
- 4) James Welch
- 5) Simon J. Ortiz

Answer- **3) Jimmy Soni**

Explanation:

A new book titled **“The Founders: The Story of Paypal and the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped Silicon Valley”**, authored by **Jimmy Soni** and published by Simon & Schuster, will be released on 24 February 2022.

i. It highlights the **story** of multinational digital-payments **company PayPal** and how it covered the journey of a start-up that turned into one of the most successful companies of all time, worth over USD 70 billion today.

14. “A Nation To Protect”, a book about the leadership of Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi during the Covid-19 crisis was authored by _____.

- 1) Shashi Tharoor
- 2) Sinderpal Singh
- 3) Rajdeep Sardesai
- 4) Priyam Gandhi-Mody
- 5) Kishor Makwana

Answer- **4) Priyam Gandhi-Mody**

Explanation:

Priyam Gandhi-Mody authored **“A Nation To Protect”**, a book about the leadership of Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi tackling the Covid-19 crisis. The book was **launched by** Union Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** in presence of health ministry officials on 18 February, 2022.

About ‘A Nation To Protect’:

i. The book speaks about Mansukh Mandaviya’s role of Fertilizers Minister during the second wave of Covid-19 by ensuring proper supplies of essential medicines and Remedisvir.

ii. It also speaks about Modi's view of India to follow '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**' or self-reliance without depending on foreign vaccine manufacturers.

15. Which organization recently (in Feb'22) published six books that was released by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai?

- 1) Narcotics Control Bureau
- 2) National Investigation Agency
- 3) Central Bureau of Investigation
- 4) National Crime Records Bureau
- 5) Bureau of Police Research and Development

Answer- 5) Bureau of Police Research and Development

Explanation:

The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, **Nityanand Rai** released **six books published** by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (**BPR&D**) in New Delhi.

i. Three of the six books are published by the Central Police Training Academy, Bhopal.

ii. It mentioned imparting world-class training to police forces and various capacity building of law enforcement agencies works.

OBITUARY

1. Padma Shri recipient Baba Iqbal Singh recently (in Jan'22) passed away. For which field he was named in the 2022 Padma Shri Award?

- 1) Science & Engineering
- 2) Literature & Education
- 3) Public Affairs
- 4) Social Work
- 5) Art

Answer- 4) Social Work

Explanation:

Renowned Indian socio-spiritual leader of the Sikh Community, **Baba Iqbal Singh** passed away at the age of 95 years in Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh (HP).

i. Notably, for his **Social Works**, he was also named in the **2022** list of **Padma Shri** Awardee selected by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

ii. He served as the president of Kalgidhar Society/Trust and Chancellor of Eternal University, run under the Baru Sahib Organization.

2. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) of India, Rupinder Singh Suri recently (in Feb'22) passed away. Who is Rupinder Singh Suri ?

- 1) Member of Rajya Sabha
- 2) Member of Lok Sabha
- 3) Advocate
- 4) Judge
- 5) Politician

Answer- 3) Advocate

Explanation:

Senior advocate **Rupinder Singh Suri** who has been serving as the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) of India, Supreme Court of India since 2020, has passed away in New Delhi, Delhi.

i. Rupinder Singh Suri was designated as a senior advocate in 2009 and in June 2020, he was appointed as the Additional Solicitor General (ASG).

3. Christos Sartzetakis recently (in Feb'22) passed away. He is the former President of which country?

- 1) Spain
- 2) Poland
- 3) Cyprus
- 4) Greece
- 5) Italy

Answer- **4) Greece**

Explanation:

Former President of Greece Christos Sartzetakis passed away at the age of 92 years due to respiratory failure in Athens, Greece.

i. He served as the President of Greece for a four year term (1985 to 1990), after getting nominated by the socialist PASOK party.

4. Padma Shri awardee Ibrahim Nabisaheb Sutar also known as Kabir of Karnataka, recently (Feb'22) passed away. In which field he received Padma Shri Award in 2018?

- 1) Literature
- 2) Medicine
- 3) Art
- 4) Science & Engineering
- 5) Public Affairs

Answer- **3) Art**

Explanation:

Padma Shri **Ibrahim Nabisaheb Sutar**, a social worker fondly referred to as '**Kabir of Karnataka**', has passed away in Mahalingpur, Bagalkot, Karnataka.

i. Ibrahim Nabisaheb Sutar was a part of the group that floated 'Bhaivaikyada Janapada Sangeetha Mela' in 1970.

ii. The government of India has honoured him with **Padma Shri** in **2018** for **art**.

5. Awardee of the Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar, also known as the "Nightingale of India", recently (in Feb'22) passed away.

In which year did she receive the Bharat Ratna award in the field of art?

- 1) 2009
- 2) 2001
- 3) 1969
- 4) 1999
- 5) 2007

Answer- **2) 2001**

Explanation:

Legendary Indian singer **Lata Mangeshkar** passed away at the age of 92 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. She is also famous as the 'Nightingale of India'.

Awards:

- Bharat Ratna- **2001** for the contribution to the arts.
- Padma Vibhushan- 1999
- Padma Bhushan- 1969
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award- 1989
- 'Officier de la Legion d'Honneur'- France's highest civilian award (Officer of the Legion of Honour)- 2009

Note- Lata Mangeshkar became the second vocalist to receive the Bharat Ratna honour, apart from the late Carnatic singer M S Subbulakshmi.

6. Asian Games medallist, Praveen Kumar Sobti, recently (in Feb'22) passed away. How many Gold Medals were won by Praveen Kumar Sobti in Asian Games?

- 1) Six
- 2) Two
- 3) One
- 4) Five
- 5) Three

Answer- **2) Two**

Explanation:

Asian Games medallist, **Praveen Kumar Sobti** passed away due to heart attack. He was a hammer throw & discus throw player, film actor, politician, and soldier with Border Security Force (BSF).

- i. He has won 4 medals in the Asian Games. In 1996 he won Gold for Discus throw and Bronze for Hammer throw; in 1970 he won Gold for Discus throw and in 1974 he won Silver for Discus throw.
- ii. He won a **silver medal** in the **Commonwealth Games** at Kingston in **1966**. Becoming the second Indian, only after Milkha Singh, to win a medal for India in Commonwealth Games.

7. The French virologist & Nobel Prize winner, Luc Montagnier, passed away recently (in Feb'22). In which year did he receive the Nobel Prize for discovering that HIV causes AIDS?

- 1) 2007
- 2) 2004
- 3) 2008
- 4) 2006
- 5) 2010

Answer- **3) 2008**

Explanation:

French virologist Luc Montagnier, who led the team in **1983** that identified the human immunodeficiency virus (**HIV**) which causes Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), has died.

- i. He shared the **2008** Nobel Prize for Medicine particularly in identifying the virus that causes AIDS with his fellow French scientist **Francoise Barre-Sinoussi**.
- ii. He for the **first time** identified an infectious double-stranded RNA from cells infected with the murine encephalomyocarditis virus, a small single-stranded RNA virus in Kingsley Sanders' laboratory at Carshalton near London.

8. Padma Bhushan Awardee Rahul Bajaj passed away recently (in Feb'22). In which field did he receive the Padma Bhushan Award in 2001?

- 1) Literature & Education
- 2) Science & Technology
- 3) Public Affairs
- 4) Social Work
- 5) Trade and Industries

Answer- 5) Trade and Industries

Explanation:

Padma Bhushan **Rahul Bajaj**, Indian Industrialist & former chairman of Bajaj Group has passed away in Pune, Maharashtra.

i. The government of India honoured him with the **Padma Bhushan**, the third-highest civilian award of India in **2001** for **Trade and Industries**.

ii. He has served as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (**CII**) from 1979 to 1980 and served a 2nd term as President of CII from 1999-2000.

iii. From **2006 to 2010** he served as a **member of the Rajya Sabha** (from Maharashtra), the upper house of the Parliament.

9. Sandhya Mukhopadhyay recently (in Feb'22) passed away. What was her Profession?

- 1) Social worker
- 2) Politician
- 3) Author
- 4) Singer
- 5) Dancer

Answer- 4) Singer

Explanation:

The renowned **Bengali singer Sandhya Mukhopadhyay** passed away at the age of 90 years due to cardiac arrest in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Awards-

National Film Award in the Best Female Playback Singer category in **1970**.

Banga Bibhushan, the highest civilian honour to be conferred in West Bengal, in **2011**.

10. Chennaveera Kanavi recently (in Feb'22) passed away. He was a famous literary writer in which language?

- 1) Kannada literature
- 2) Tamil literature
- 3) Hindi literature
- 4) Telugu literature
- 5) Bengali literature

Answer- 1) Kannada literature

Explanation:

Renowned **Kannada litterateur Dr Chennaveera Kanavi** passed away at the age of 93 years due to age-related ailments in Dharwad, Karnataka.

i. He was popularly known as "Samanvayada Kavi" and "Soujanya Kavi".

ii. He had written more than 15 books, which were a compilation of poems, a collection of essays and various other books.

iii. Some of his notable poetries:

- Kavyaakshi
- Bhaavajeevi
- Aakaashabutti
- Madhuchandra
- Shishu Kanda Kanasu

Awards- Sahitya Akademi award for his book 'Jeevadhvani'.

11. Bappi Lahiri recently (in Feb'22) passed away. What was his profession?

- 1) Author
- 2) Politician
- 3) Social Worker
- 4) Dancer
- 5) Singer

Answer- 5) Singer

Explanation:

Indian music composer and singer, Bappi Lahiri (nickname: Bappi Daa, Disco King of India), has passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

i. He is well known for popularizing the use of synthesised disco music in Indian cinema. Some of his well-known works include Disco Dancer, Aap Ki Khatir, Sharaabi.

12. Padma Shri awardee Shakuntala Chowdhary recently (in Feb'22) passed away. In which field did she receive a Padma Shri award in 2022?

- 1) Public Affairs
- 2) Medicine
- 3) Social work
- 4) Literature and Education
- 5) Arts

Answer- 3) Social work

Explanation:

The Padma Shri recipient **Shakuntala Chowdhary** passed away at the age of 102 years due to age related ailments.

i. She was also known as Shakuntala 'Baideo' (elder sister) and was an Indian social worker known for her commitment and devotion to the popularization of the Gandhian way of life.

Awards-

- **Padma Shri award (2022)**, for distinguished service in the field of **social work**.
- Vayosheshta Samman – National Awards For Senior Citizens 2021

13. National Film Awardee "Maheshwari Amma also known as KPAC Lalitha" recently (in Feb'22) passed away. KPAC Lalitha is an renowned _____.

- 1) Lyricist
- 2) Director
- 3) Singer
- 4) Choreographer
- 5) Actress

Answer- 5) Actress

Explanation:

National Award-winning Veteran Malayalam actress **Maheshwari Amma**, who is well known as **KPAC Lalitha** (stage name), has passed away in Thripunithura in Kochi, Kerala.

Awards won by Maheshwari Amma:

- i. She has won **2** National Film Awards for Best Supporting Actress for Amaram in **1991** and Shantham in **2001**.
- ii. She has also won 4 Kerala State Film Awards for Second Best Actress.
- iii. **Literature:** She won the **Cherukad Award** in 2013 for her autobiography titled "**Katha Thudarum**".

14. Hemananda Biswal recently passed away (in Feb'22). He is a former CM of which of the following states?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- **2) Odisha**

Explanation:

Former Odisha Chief Minister (**CM**) **Hemananda Biswal** passed away in Bhubaneswar, Odisha at the age of 83 years.

- i. He was appointed as the CM of Odisha **twice** (1989-1990, 1999- 2000) and also was the **first tribal** CM of Odisha.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. What is the Theme of World Leprosy Day (WLD) 2022 that is observed annually on 30th January?

- 1) Leprosy Unity
- 2) United for Dignity
- 3) No One left Behind
- 4) Don't forget Leprosy
- 5) Treat Everyone Like

Answer- **2) United for Dignity**

Explanation:

The last Sunday of January is celebrated annually as World Leprosy Day (WLD).

- i. This year it is observed on **January 30, 2022** on the theme '**United for Dignity**'.
- ii. It should be noted that in India, WLD is celebrated annually as Anti Leprosy day on January 30 i.e. on the death anniversary of the Father of Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi aka Mahatma Gandhi.
- iii. The day was established in **1954** by French journalist, writer, and activist, Raoul Follereau

2. The __ World Neglected Tropical Diseases(NTD) Day (WNTDD) is observed across the globe by the World Health Organisation on _____.

- 1) 5th; 31st January 2022
- 2) 1st; 30th January 2022

3) 2nd; 31st January 2022

4) 3rd; 30th January 2022

5) 4th; 31st January 2022

Answer- **4) 3rd; 30th January 2022**

Explanation:

World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Neglected Tropical Diseases(NTD) Day (WNTDD) is annually observed across the globe on **30th January** to create awareness about the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD).

i. 30th January 2022 marks the observance of the **3rd WNTDD**.

ii. The **theme** of World NTD Day 2022 is 'Achieving health equity to end the neglect of poverty-related diseases.

3. Which of the following points are correct with respect to Martyrs Day?

A) Every year, Martyrs Day is observed across India on 30th January to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi & pay respect to the martyrs who lost their lives.

B) 31st January 2022 marks the 76th death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

C) International Gandhi Peace Prize is awarded by the Indian Government since 1995

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only A & B

4) Only A & C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **4) Only A & C**

Explanation:

Every year, **Martyrs Day** is observed across India on **30th January** to pay respect to the martyrs who lost their lives during India's freedom struggle and also marks the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

i. 30th January 2022 marks the 74th Anniversary of the Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi.

ii. The International Gandhi Peace Prize is awarded by the Indian Government since 1995.

4. Tamil Nadu Government observed the Anti-Untouchability Day on _____, 2022 to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

1) 27th January

2) 30th January

3) 28th January

4) 29th January

5) 31st January

Answer- **2) 30th January**

Explanation:

The Government of Tamil Nadu (TN) observed the Anti-Untouchability Day on **30th January 2022** to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

All India Anti Untouchability League:

i. The All India Anti Untouchability League was founded by Mahatma Gandhi on 30th September 1932 to eradicate untouchability in India, working for Harijan or Dalit people and upliftment of Depressed Class of India.

ii. The society was renamed Harijan Sevak Sangh ('Servants of Harijan Society').

5. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) observed 'UPI Safety and Awareness Week' on _____.

- 1) 24th-30th January, 2022
- 2) 14th-20th February, 2022
- 3) 1st-7th February, 2022
- 4) 7th-14th February, 2022
- 5) 25th-31st January, 2022

Answer- 3) 1st -7th February, 2022

Explanation:

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced the observance of 'UPI Safety and Awareness Week' on **February 1-7, 2022** and the whole of February as 'UPI Safety and Awareness Month'. Along with NPCI, it will also be observed by leading banks and fintechs.

Note- UPI stands for Unified Payments Interface.

6. The ____ Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is observed across India on ____.

- 1) 46th; 31st January, 2022
- 2) 42nd; 2nd February, 2022
- 3) 46th; 1st February, 2022
- 4) 45th; 30th January, 2022
- 5) 42nd; 31st January, 2022

Answer- 3) 46th; 1st February, 2022

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard Day is annually observed across India on **1st February** to commemorate its Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), operating under the Ministry of Defence.

i. 1st February 2022 marks the observance of the **46th Raising Day** of the Indian Coast Guard.

7. Which of the following points are correct with respect to World Wetlands Day 2022?

A) The 2nd February 2022 marks the observance of the 1st ever UN-recognised World Wetlands Day.

B) The theme of World Wetlands Day 2022 is "Wetlands Action for People and Nature".

C) On the occasion of World Wetlands Day 2022, Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan & Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh were declared as the Ramsar sites.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only A & B
- 4) Only A & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- 3) Only A & B

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Wetlands Day is annually observed across the globe on **2nd February**.

i. The 2nd February 2022 marks the observance of the first ever UN-recognised World Wetlands Day.

ii. The theme of World Wetlands Day 2022 is "Wetlands Action for People and Nature".

iii. On the occasion of World Wetlands Day 2022, Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat & **Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary** in Uttar Pradesh were declared as the Ramsar sites and also 'National Wetland Decadal Change Atlas' were released.

Note- The first ever World Wetlands Day was observed in 1997.

8. What is the Campaign theme of World Cancer Day 2022 that is observed across the globe annually on 4th February?

- 1) Close the Care Gap- I Am and I Will
- 2) Close the Care Gap- We can. I can
- 3) Close the Care Gap- Realizing the problem
- 4) Close the Care Gap- Together, we challenge those in power
- 5) Close the Care Gap- Uniting our voices and taking action

Answer- **3) Close the Care Gap- Realizing the problem**

Explanation:

World Cancer Day is annually observed across the globe on **4th February** to create awareness about Cancer and prevent the millions of deaths due to cancer.

- i.** The Campaign theme of World Cancer Day for 2022 to 2024 is “Close the Care Gap”. The Campaign theme of World Cancer Day **2022** is “**Close the Care Gap- Realizing the problem**”.
- ii.** World Cancer Day is an initiative of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), the largest and oldest international cancer organization & the Day was initiated on 4th February 2000 at the World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium in Paris.

9. The ____ International Day of Human Fraternity is observed across the globe by the UN on ____.

- 1) 2nd; 4th February, 2022
- 2) 4th; 2nd February, 2022
- 3) 2nd; 3rd February, 2022
- 4) 3rd; 4th February, 2022
- 5) 4th; 3rd February, 2022

Answer- **1) 2nd; 4th February, 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Human Fraternity is annually observed across the globe on **4th February** to honour religious and cultural diversity.

- i.** **4th February 2022** marks the observance of the **2nd** International Day of Human Fraternity.
- ii.** The **first** ever International Day of Human Fraternity was observed on 4th February **2021**.
- iii.** The date commemorates the historical meeting between Pope Francis and the grand imam of Al Azhar, Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb on 4th February 2019.

10. The UN's World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) is annually observed across the globe on ____.

- 1) 3rd-9th February
- 2) 1st-7th February
- 3) 5th-11th February
- 4) 4th-10th February
- 5) 2nd-8th February

Answer- **2) 1st-7th February**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UNs) observe World Interfaith Harmony Week (**WIHW**) as an annual event during the first week of February (**1-7 February**) to promote cultural peace and nonviolence.

- i.** **WIHW 2022** also observed from **1 to 7 February, 2022** with the theme “Faith and Spiritual Leadership to Combat Stigma and Conflict During Pandemic Recovery”.

ii. World Interfaith Harmony Week was commemorated at the UN for the first time on 7th February 2011.

11. What is the Theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2022, observed annually on 6th February?

- 1) End of Female Genital Mutilation
- 2) Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
- 3) Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation
- 4) No Time for Global Inaction: Unite, Fund, & Act to End Female Genital Mutilation.
- 5) Time to Eradicate the Female Genital Mutilation

Answer- 3) Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation

Explanation:

The UN's International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is annually observed across the globe on **6th February** to create awareness about the effects of Female Genital Mutilations (FGM) on gender equality and women empowerment.

i. The theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2022 is "Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation" which was jointly launched by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) -United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

12. The 19th Safer Internet Day is observed across the globe on _____.

- 1) 9th February, 2022
- 2) 5th February, 2022
- 3) 8th February, 2022
- 4) 6th February, 2022
- 5) 7th February, 2022

Answer- 3) 8th February, 2022

Explanation:

The Safer Internet Day (SID) is annually observed across the globe on the **2nd day (Tuesday) of the 2nd week of February** to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology, especially among children and young people.

i. SID 2022 observed on 8th February 2022, marks the celebration of the 19th edition of SID.

ii. The Safer Internet day 2022 is celebrated with the theme: "Together for a better internet", Since 2019, "Together for a better internet" has been the theme of SID.

iii. The first ever Safer Internet Day was celebrated on 6th February 2004.

13. The 1st round of National Deworming Day (NDD) is annually observed across India on _____.

- 1) 6th February
- 2) 8th February
- 3) 10th February
- 4) 7th February
- 5) 9th February

Answer- 3) 10th February

Explanation:

National Deworming Day (**NDD**) is annually observed across India on **10th February** with an aim to eradicate intestinal worms also referred to as Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH), among children of age 1-19 years.

i. The NDD is a Biannual initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW), Government of India, the **1st round** of **NDD** is conducted in **February** and the **2nd** round of NDD is conducted in **August**.

ii. The **1st** round of NDD was conducted in February **2015**.

14. The UN's World Pulses Day is observed on _____ with the theme of "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems".

1) 7th February, 2022

2) 9th February, 2022

3) 6th February, 2022

4) 8th February, 2022

5) 10th February, 2022

Answer- **5) 10th February, 2022**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Pulses Day is annually observed across the globe on **10th February** to create awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production.

i. The theme of World Pulses Day 2022 is "**Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems**".

ii. The **1st** ever World Pulses Day was observed on 10th February 2019.

15. What is the theme of the 7th International Day of Women and Girls in Science that was observed on 11th February, 2022?

1) Beyond the Borders: Equality in Science for Society

2) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us

3) Equality and Parity in Science for Peace and Development

4) Gender Equality in Science, Technology and Innovation

5) Equality for women is progress for all

Answer- **2) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** is annually observed across the globe on **11th February** to recognize the critical role women and girls play in science and technology.

i. The 11th February **2022** marks the observance of the **7th** International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

ii. The **theme** of the 2022 International Day of Women and Girls in Science Assembly is "**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us**".

iii. The **1st** ever International Day of Women and Girls in Science was observed on 11th February **2016**.

16. World Unani Day is annually observed across the globe on _____ to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mohammad Ajmal Khan.

- 1) 8th February
- 2) 10th February
- 3) 7th February
- 4) 9th February
- 5) 11th February

Answer- 5) 11th February

Explanation:

World Unani Day is annually observed across the globe on **11th February** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Mohammad Ajmal Khan**, better known as “Hakim Ajmal Khan”, a great Indian Unani Scholar and social reformer to spread awareness about healthcare delivery through the **Unani system of medicine**.

i. The Ministry of AYUSH and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) organized the International Conference on “Diet and Nutrition in Unani Medicine for Good Health & Well-being in hybrid format”.

ii. The Unani Medicinal system originated in **Greece**. Later the Arabs saved much of the Greek Unani Literature and rendered it into Arabic.

iii. The **1st** ever World Unani Day was observed in 2017 at CRIUM.

17. What is the theme of Productivity Week 2022, which was observed across India from 12th February to 18th February, 2022?

- 1) Industry 4.0 Leapfrog Opportunity for India
- 2) Self Reliance Through Productivity
- 3) From Waste to Profits through Reduce, Recycle & Reuse
- 4) Ease of Doing Business for Productivity & Sustainable Growth
- 5) Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability

Answer- 2) Self Reliance Through Productivity

Explanation:

National Productivity Day is annually observed across India on **February 12th** to commemorate the formation of the National Productivity Council of India (**NPC**).

i. The **week** following the National Productivity Day, **12th February to 18th February** is annually observed as the Productivity week.

ii. The observance of the National Productivity Day and Productivity week is organized by **NPC**.

iii. The **theme** of the Productivity Week 2022(12th to 18th February 2022) is “**Self Reliance Through Productivity**”. The theme in Hindi is “उत्पादकता के माध्यम से आत्म निर्भरता”.

18. Every year, Darwin Day is observed across the globe on _____ to commemorate the birth anniversary of Charles Darwin.

- 1) 13th February
- 2) 9th February
- 3) 12th February
- 4) 10th February
- 5) 11th February

Answer- 3) 12th February

Explanation:

Darwin Day is annually observed across the globe on **February 12th** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 19th-century British naturalist, **Charles Darwin**, who is well known for his work "**The Theory of Natural Selection**".

19. What is the theme of World Radio Day that was observed across the globe by the UN on 13th February, 2022?

- 1) Radio and Youth
- 2) Radio and Sports
- 3) Radio and Trust
- 4) Radio and Diversity
- 5) Radio and You

Answer- **3) Radio and Trust**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s World Radio Day (**WRD**) is annually observed across the globe on **13th February** to keep the popularity of radio alive. **13th February 2022** marked the observance of the **11th edition of World Radio Day**.

i. The day also marks the anniversary of the establishment of the UN Radio service. UN Radio was established on 13th February 1946.

Theme & Sub Theme:

- i. The theme of the World Radio Day 2022 is "**Radio and Trust**"
- ii. UNESCO marks the observance of the WRD 2022 with 3 sub-themes,
 - Trust in radio journalism: Produce independent and high-quality content;
 - Trust and accessibility: Take care of your audience;
 - Trust and viability of radio stations: Ensure competitiveness.

20. National Women's Day is annually observed across India on _____ to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu, "The Nightingale of India".

- 1) 11th February
- 2) 13th February
- 3) 10th February
- 4) 12th February
- 5) 14th February

Answer- **2) 13th February**

Explanation:

National Women's Day of India is annually observed on **13th February** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu**, popularly known as the "**The Nightingale of India**" or "Bharat Kokila".

i. **13th February 2022** marks the **143rd birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu**.

ii. As a part of the National Women's Day, The Films Division of India under the **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** streamed a **biopic** on her titled "**Sarojini Naidu – The Nightingale of India**" as a tribute to Sarojini Naidu.

21. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) celebrated its ____ Foundation Day on _____2022.

- 1) 34th; 11th February
- 2) 36th; 13th February

3) 35th; 12th February

4) 34th; 13th February

5) 36th; 11th February

Answer- **2) 36th; 13th February**

Explanation:

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**), celebrated its **36th** Foundation Day on **13th February 2022**.

About APEDA:

i. The **Government of India** established the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) under the **APEDA Act** passed by the Parliament in **December 1985**.

ii. The Act came into effect on 13th February **1986**.

Chairman- Dr. M. Angamuthu, IAS

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

22. The International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) is annually observed across the globe on?

1) 13th February

2) 15th February

3) 11th February

4) 12th February

5) 14th February

Answer- **2) 15th February**

Explanation:

The International Childhood Cancer Day (**ICCD**) is annually observed across the globe on **15th February** to create awareness about the dangers and impacts of cancer among children.

i. The **3-year campaign** for ICCD **2021-2023**, on the **“Tree of Life”** concept, **ICCD 2022**, the **2nd year** of the 3-year campaign for ICCD 2021-2023 is celebrated under the **theme “Better Survival is achievable #throughyourhands”**.

ii. The **1st ever** global campaign of the ICCD was observed on 15th February 2002.

23. What is the theme of Financial Literacy Week 2022 that was conducted by RBI from 14th to 18th February?

1) Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

2) Credit Discipline & Credit from Formal Institution

3) Financially Aware & Empowered India

4) Go Digital, Go Secure

5) Grievance Redressal & Going Digital

Answer- **4) Go Digital, Go Secure**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has been conducting the Financial Literacy Week (**FLW**) annually to propagate financial education messages on various themes among members of the public across the country.

i. The **FLW 2022** is conducted from **14th to 18th February 2022**.

ii. The **theme of FLW 2022** is **“Go Digital, Go Secure”**.

iii. This theme is one of the strategic objectives of the National Strategy for Financial Education (**NSFE**) **2020-2025**.

24. What is the theme of International Mother Language Day 2022, which is observed annually across the globe by the UN on the 21st of February?

- 1) Linguistic diversity & multilingualism count for sustainable development
- 2) Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities
- 3) Indigenous languages matter for development and peace building
- 4) Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society
- 5) Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education

Answer- 2) Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities

Explanation: The United Nations (UN)'s International Mother Language Day is annually observed across the globe on **21st February** to promote multilingualism and to create awareness about linguistic and cultural diversity.

i. The theme of International Mother Language Day 2022 is "Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities".

ii. Observance in India- Matrubhasha Diwas: On the occasion of the International Mother Language Day (**Matrubhasha Diwas**), the Ministry of Culture, Government of India has organised 2-day events (21st & 22d February 2022) under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Indira Gandhi National Center of Arts, New Delhi, Delhi.

Note- The celebration of International Mother Language Day is an initiative proposed by Bangladesh.

25. The UN's World Day of Social Justice 2022 is observed across the globe on _____ with the theme of "Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment."

- 1) 17th February
- 2) 21st February
- 3) 19th February
- 4) 20th February
- 5) 18th February

Answer- 4) 20th February

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **World Day of Social Justice** is annually observed across the globe on **20th February** to speak out against injustice and promote worldwide social justice.

i. The theme of World Day of Social Justice 2022 is "**Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment**".

ii. The **first** World Day of Social Justice was observed on 20th February **2009**.

26. What is the theme of World Thinking Day 2022 observed across the globe on 22nd February 2022?

- 1) Our World, Our Equal Future: The Environment & Gender Equality
- 2) Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Global Poverty & Equality
- 3) Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The Environment, Peace & Security
- 4) Our World, Our Security Future: The Forest & Peace
- 5) Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Environment & Global Poverty

Answer- 1) Our World, Our Equal Future: The Environment & Gender Equality

Explanation:

World Thinking Day (**WTD**) is annually observed across the globe on **22nd February** by the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries across the world to speak up on gender equality and climate change.

- i. The day is annually celebrated and organized by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (**WAGGGS**). World Thinking Day, celebrated since **1926**, is a day of **international friendship**.
- ii. The theme for World Thinking Day 2022 is “**Our World, Our Equal Future: The Environment & Gender Equality**”.
- iv. The World Thinking Day theme from 2022-2024 will be ‘Our World, Our Future.’
- 2023: Our World, Our Thriving Future; The Environment and Global Poverty.
 - 2024: Our World, Our Peaceful Future; The Environment, Peace and Security.

27. The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) observed its _____ Foundation Day on _____.

- 1) 43rd; 20th February 2022
- 2) 41st; 19th February 2022
- 3) 44th; 22nd February 2022
- 4) 42nd; 21st February 2022
- 5) 40th; 23rd February 2022

Answer- **3) 44th; 22nd February 2022**

Explanation:

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (**AEPC**) observed its **44th Foundation Day** on **22nd February 2022**, which was virtually attended by Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles as a Guest of Honour.

- i. During the event, it was projected that **India's textile exports** can **increase** from the current **\$40 billion** to **\$100 billion** in the next **five years**. Apparel exports are likely to reach \$20 billion next fiscal (FY23) or a year after that (FY24).
- ii. AEPC is the official body of apparel exporters in India, under the aegis of the **Ministry of Textiles**, which provides invaluable assistance to Indian exporters as well as importers/ international buyers and current (as of Feb'22) AEPC **Chairman** is **Narendra Goenka**.

28. The 11th World Pangolin Day was observed across the world on?

- 1) 19th February 2022
- 2) 21st February 2022
- 3) 23rd February 2022
- 4) 20th February 2022
- 5) 22nd February 2022

Answer- **1) 19th February 2022**

Explanation:

World Pangolin Day is **annually** observed across the world on the **3rd Saturday** of **February**. The day aims to create awareness about Pangolins, a unique endangered mammal and their plight.

- i. **19th February 2022** marks the observance of the **11th World Pangolin Day**.
- ii. Eight species of pangolins are found in Africa (4) and Asia (4).
- iii. All eight pangolin species are protected under national and international laws. Pangolins on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (**IUCN**) **Red List** of Threatened Species (2019 assessment).
- Chinese, Sunda and Philippine pangolins are listed as Critically Endangered
 - Indian, White Bellied and Giant pangolins are listed as Endangered.
 - Black-Bellied and Ground Pangolin are listed as Vulnerable.

29. Every year Central Excise Day is observed across India on _____ to honour the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.

- 1) 22nd February
- 2) 20th February
- 3) 24th February
- 4) 21st February
- 5) 23rd February

Answer- 3) 24th February

Explanation:

The **Central Excise Day** is annually observed across India on **24th February** to honour the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), a part of the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance.

i. The day also commemorates the anniversary of the enactment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on 24th February 1944.

ii. The day is annually organized and celebrated by the CBIC.

ENVIRONMENT

1. In which region the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute recently (in Feb'22) Identified a new carangid (Vatta) species of fish named "Scomberoides pelagicus"?

- 1) Arabian Sea
- 2) All over Indian coast
- 3) Bay of Bengal
- 4) Andaman Sea
- 5) Pacific Ocean

Answer- 2) All over Indian coast

Explanation:

The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (**CMFRI**) has identified a new carangid (Vatta) species named "**Scomberoides pelagicus**" from the **Indian coast**. The new species was identified by E.M. Abdussamad, principal scientist of CMFRI. The new species belongs to the '**queen fish**' group and the fish is locally known as '**Pola vatta**'.

i. The newly identified species is the **5th** queen fish in Indian Waters.

ii. The new species is available across the Indian coast including Kerala.

2. In which state a new species of gecko, spider and Millipede were recently (in Feb'22) discovered?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Assam
- 5) Telangana

Answer- 1) Kerala

Explanation:

A team of researchers has identified a **new gecko species**, named **Hemidactylus easai** from the hills of Attappady, in the Western Ghats, **Kerala** that belongs to the genus Hemidactylus goldfuss.

i. A team, led by researchers of Department of Zoology, Christ College discovered a new species of **spider** from the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, **Kerala** and a new species of **millipede** from the University of Calicut campus, Thenhipalam, **Kerala**.

3. In which state “a new species of bent-toed gecko” was recently (in Feb’22) discovered and named after the Valour of the Indian Army?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- **1) Meghalaya**

Explanation:

A team of herpetologists recorded a new species of **bent-toed gecko** from a Umroi Military Station in **Meghalaya**. Its scientific name is **Cyrtodactylus Exercitus** (in Latin ‘exercitus’ means army) and its English name is ‘**Indian Army’s bent-toed gecko**’. The finding of the study was published in the European Journal of Taxonomy.

i. The species is named to honour the **valour of the Indian Army** and was discovered as part of the research team’s efforts to uncover herpetofaunal diversity of North East India.

ii. The research paper also mentioned a new bent-toed gecko, the *Cyrtodactylus siahaensis* named after Mizoram’s Siaha district where it was found.

Note- Geckos are reptiles (colorful lizards) and are found on all the continents except Antarctica.

4. In February 2022, a new species named “Euphlyctis Jaladhara” was discovered from the western coastal plains of India.

The Euphlyctis Jaladhara belongs to which of the following species?

- 1) Watersnake
- 2) Turtles
- 3) Frog
- 4) Lizard
- 5) Fish

Answer- **3) Frog**

Explanation:

Researchers have discovered another **new frog species** named **Euphlyctis Jaladhara** commonly known as “**Jaladhara skittering frog**” from the freshwater bodies of the **western coastal plains** of India.

i. The research was published in the international journal **Zootaxa**, published in New Zealand.

ii. The discovery was part of the Zoological Survey of India’s (WGRC, Kozhikode) faunal exploratory and documentation programme in the Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, Kerala.

iii. The frog was first spotted in freshwater bodies around the **Thattekad Bird Sanctuary** in Ernakulam, Kerala in **2017**.

APP and WEB PORTAL

1. Which State/UT's police force became India's 1st security force to launch "Smart Card Arms License" and "Shastra Mobile Application"?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Assam
- 3) Ladakh
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Pondicherry

Answer- **4) Delhi**

Explanation:

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Delhi Police, Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs, officially launched the **Delhi Police's "Smart Card Arms License" and "Shastra Mobile Application"**.

- i.** Delhi Police introduced 'Smart Card Arms License' to provide techno-friendly digital services to the citizens of Delhi. Delhi Police has become India's first security force to introduce the 'Smart Card Arms License', replacing the arms license booklet.
- ii.** The smart card and the Shastra app were designed and developed in coordination with the **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).

2. In February 2022, Assam became the 1st state to launch "India's 1st night navigation mobile app" for ferry services on _____ river.

- 1) Dihing River
- 2) Barak River
- 3) Gadadhar River
- 4) Brahmaputra river
- 5) Dhansiri River

Answer- **4) Brahmaputra river**

Explanation:

CM of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma launched **India's first Night Navigation mobile application (app)** for ferry services on the **Brahmaputra river** in Guwahati, **Assam**.

- i.** It was developed by the State Transport Department in association with K Raju, the principal scientist of IIT Madras.
- ii.** The first night journey of the IWT (Inland Water Transport) ferry between Guwahati and North Guwahati was started on 19 February 2022.
- iii.** An MoU was also signed between the Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and State Transport Department to provide online services at the panchayat level.

3. Name the state/UT that recently (in Feb '22) hosted the "Janbhagidari Empowerment" portal with high bandwidth to provide easy accessibility to the public.

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Assam
- 5) Chandigarh

Answer- **1) Jammu & Kashmir**

Explanation:

Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** hosted the '**Janbhagidari Empowerment**' portal on a different server with **higher bandwidth** to provide easy and ready accessibility to the general public.

- i. The portal can be accessed by logging on to the website <https://janbhagidari.jk.gov.in/>
- ii. The portal is also linked to schemes like MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) , Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PM-AY), SMB (Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban), SBM-Rural and PMGSY (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana), by linking these scheme in portal the citizens will get instant access and information about the works being carried out under these schemes.

4. Which organization recently (in Feb '22) launched KISAN mobile application to agro-meteorological services to the farmers?

- 1) IIT-Roorkee
- 2) IIT-Kharagpur
- 3) IIT-Madras
- 4) IIT-Kanpur
- 5) IIT-Delhi

Answer- **1) IIT-Roorkee**

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Roorkee** organized a regional farmers' awareness programme as part of the 'Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa' (GKMS) project and launched **KISAN mobile application** for the farmers. The app will provide **agro-meteorological services to the farmers**.

- i. Farmers from the districts of Haridwar, Dehradun, and Pauri Garhwal of Uttarakhand participated in the event.
- ii. A book in Hindi titled 'Agrometeorological Advisory Services for Cereal Crops, Horticultural Crops, and Livestock' was released at the event.
- iii. The Agrometeorological Advisory Services are offered jointly by the AMFU (Agromet Field Unit Roorkee) IIT Roorkee and the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

5. Which Ministry recently (in Feb'22) launched a campaign named "Bhasha Certificate Selfie" to promote Bhasha Sangam mobile app.

- 1) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 2) Ministry of Tourism
- 3) Ministry of Education
- 4) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 5) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer- **3) Ministry of Education**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Education (**MoE**) launched a campaign named '**Bhasha Certificate Selfie**' to promote multilingualism and the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. It is launched to commemorate International Mother Language Day i.e Feb 21, 2022.

- i. This campaign is to promote the **Bhasha Sangam mobile app** which was developed by **MoE** and **MyGov India**.

Bhasha Sangam Initiative:

- i. It was launched to commemorate Rashtriya Ekta Diwas which is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel i.e 31st October.

ii. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE) under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. **iii.** It is developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). **iv. Objective-** To ensure that people acquire basic conversational skills in Indian languages other than their mother tongue.

CURRENT STATIC BANKING

1. What is the percentage of FDI in the Insurance Sector (as of Jan'22) ?

- 1) 51%
- 2) 49%
- 3) 75%
- 4) 100%
- 5) 74%

Answer- **5) 74%**

Explanation:

As of January 2022, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Insurance sector is fixed at 74%.

2. What is the Authorized Capital of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)?

- 1) Rs 60,000 Crore
- 2) Rs 40,000 Crore
- 3) Rs 25,000 Crore
- 4) Rs 35,000 Crore
- 5) Rs 55,000 Crore

Answer- **3) Rs 25,000 Crore**

Explanation:

About LIC (Life Insurance Corporation):

LIC is 100% owned by the government.

Authorized Capital - Rs 25,000 crore

Established- 1956

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

3. Which point is correct with respect to the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)?

A) NARCL is basically a bad bank created by the government in the form of an asset reconstruction company.

B) The NARCL will pick up bad loans above a certain threshold from banks and aim to sell them to prospective buyers of distressed debt.

C) NARCL was created in collaboration with both Public and Private Sector Banks (PSBs), and Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

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4. What is the Interest Rate on Sovereign Gold Bonds that was fixed by RBI (as of January 2022)?

- 1) 1.89%
- 2) 2.30%
- 3) 3.25%
- 4) 1.34%
- 5) 2.50%

Answer- **5) 2.50%**

Explanation:

Sovereign Gold Bonds will be denominated in the multiples of a gram of gold with the minimum unit of 1 gram.

i. The interest for the gold bonds will be **2.50%** per annum which is payable semi-annually on the nominal value.

ii. The tenure of the bond will be for a period of 8 years with an exit option available in the 5th, 6th and 7th year on the dates of interest payment.

iii. The maximum limit of gold is 4 kg for individual buyers & Hindu-Undivided Family and 20 kg for trusts and other similar entities.

iv. If the gold bonds are co-owned, the limit of investment will be 4kg which will be applied to the first applicant only.

5. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

A) In February 2022, The NPCI announced plans to add 30 crore users to its Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

B) NPCI will increase the number of transactions to 250 crore a day in 5-7 years.

C) Dilip Asbe is the current MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India.

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only A & C

Answer- **5) Only A & C**

Explanation:

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has plans to add **30 crore** users to its Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

i. NPCI increased the number of transactions to **100 crore** a day in **three-five years**.

ii. **Dilip Asbe** is the MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

iii. The key retail payment products of NPCI include RuPay card, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), UPI, Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), BHIM Aadhaar, National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC Fastag) and Bharat BillPay.

6. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)?

A) IFSC caters to the foreign currency needs of the customers that are out of the jurisdiction of the domestic economy.

B) Gujarat International Finance Tec-city GIFT City is the first IFSC in India.

C) SEBI is the only organization that can set up operational entities in IFSC.

1) All A, B & C

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & B

5) Only B & C

Answer- 4) Only A & B

Explanation:

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i. In India **GIFT City** (Gujarat International Finance Tec-city) is the **first IFSC**.

ii. In India, regulatory bodies like RBI, IRDA, and SEBI can set up operational entities in this IFSC.

Note- Budget 2022 proposals continue to further incentivise business and investments in GIFT.

7. When the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) was established?

1) 2017

2) 2014

3) 2015

4) 2016

5) 2018

Answer- 4) 2016

Explanation:

About Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):

IBBI was established on 1st October 2016, under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code).

Chairperson- Navrang Saini

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

8. Who is the MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company (as of Feb'22)?

1) Suresh Agarwal

2) B C Patnaik

3) Jay Kotak

4) Anand Mahindra

5) Uday Kotak

Answer- 1) Suresh Agarwal

Explanation:

About Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Ltd:

MD & CEO- Suresh Agarwal

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

9. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) as of February 2022?

- 1) SIDBI founded on 2nd April 1990.
- 2) Sivasubramanian Ramann is the current Chairman & MD of SIDBI.
- 3) It Acts the Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the MSME Sectors.
- 4) The Headquarters of SIDBI is Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- 5) All the Above

Answer- 5) All the Above

Explanation:

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

It acts as the Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector.

Headquarters- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman & MD- Sivasubramanian Ramann

Founded- 2nd April 1990

10. In which year KBL VIKAAAS, a digital service was launched by Karnataka Bank?

- 1) 2021
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2018
- 4) 2017
- 5) 2015

Answer- 4) 2017

Explanation:

KBL VIKAAAS, is a digital service launched by Karnataka Bank in **2017**, to provide a better digital experience to customers including Asset & Liability products & enhanced customer services.

ii. In 2021, Karnataka Bank also launched the digital transformation journey 'KBL NxT' as part of 'KBL VIKAAAS 2.0', with an objective of taking the digital initiatives more efficiently.

11. Who is the current (as of Feb'22) MD & CEO of Airtel Payments Bank?

- 1) Srikrishnan
- 2) Anubrata Biswas
- 3) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- 4) Rishi Gupta
- 5) Venkataramu

Answer- 2) Anubrata Biswas

Explanation:

About Airtel Payments Bank:

In 2021 Airtel Payments Bank had launched 'Airtel Safe Pay', the safest way to pay online which became the cyber insurance solution.

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Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Managing Director (MD) & CEO – Anubrata Biswas

12. Who headed the 1969 High-level Review Committee on Lead Bank Scheme?

- 1) Y H Malegam
- 2) Sudarshan Sen
- 3) Fali Sam Nariman
- 4) NS Vishwanathan
- 5) Ram Jethmalani

Answer- 3) Fali Sam Nariman

Explanation:

Rohinton Fali Nariman headed the 1969 High-level Review Committee on **Lead Bank Scheme**

13. The National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) that was established by the Central Govt. is set to deal with _____.

- 1) Foreign Exchange Reserves
- 2) Advance to Priority Sectors
- 3) Bad Loans
- 4) Repo Rate
- 5) Inflation

Answer- 3) Bad Loans

Explanation:

The National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (**NARCL**) that was established by the Central Govt. is set to deal with **Bad Loans** or Non Performing Assets(**NPA**).

14. Match the following PSU Banks and their Taglines:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| i. Canara Bank | a. Together We Can |
| ii. Indian Overseas Bank | b. Pure Banking, Nothing Else |
| iii. Corporation Bank | c. Good People to Grow With |
| iv. State Bank of India | d. Prosperity for All |

- 1) i-a, ii-b, iii-d, iv-c
- 2) i-d, ii-c, iii-a, iv-b
- 3) i-d, ii-b, iii-c, iv-a
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- 1) Together We Can
- 2) Relationship Beyond Banking
- 3) One Family One Bank
- 4) India's International Bank
- 5) Your Own Bank

Answer- **4) India's International Bank**

Explanation:

About Bank of Baroda (BoB):

Managing Director & CEO- Sanjiv Chadha

Headquarters- Vadodara, Gujarat

Founded- 20th July 1908, by Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III of Baroda

Tagline- India's International Bank

Nationalized on 19th July 1969.

16. When was the National Housing Bank established?

- 1) 1955
- 2) 1969
- 3) 1999
- 4) 1988
- 5) 1982

Answer- **4) 1988**

Explanation:

About National Housing Bank(NHB):

Establishment -July 9, 1988

Headquarters -New Delhi

Managing Director - Sarada Kumar Hota

17. What is the Average CIBIL score range in India (as of Feb'22)?

- 1) 300-900
- 2) 100-800
- 3) 400-1000
- 4) 200-800
- 5) 500-1200

Answer- **1) 300-900**

Explanation:

i. Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited -**CIBIL score** introduced in **2007** was India's 1st generic risk scoring model for banks and financial institutions.

ii. A CIBIL score is a three-digit number between **300-900**, 300 being the lowest, that represents an individual's creditworthiness. A higher CIBIL score suggests good credit history and responsible repayment behaviour.

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Answer- **3) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation**

Explanation:

Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (**DICGC**) is one of the wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve bank of India (RBI). It was established on 15 July 1978 under Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961 for the purpose of providing insurance of deposits and guaranteeing credit facilities to the customers of banks.

19. Which of the following banks is not insured by Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)?

- 1) Primary cooperative societies
- 2) Small Finance Banks
- 3) Private Sector Banks
- 4) Regional Rural Banks
- 5) Public Sector Banks

Answer- **1) Primary cooperative societies**

Explanation:

Banks are insured by DICGC:

- Public Sector Banks
- Private Sector Banks
- Foreign Banks
- Small Finance Banks
- Payment Banks
- Regional Rural Banks
- Local Area Banks
- State Co-operative banks
- District Central Co-op banks
- Urban Co-op banks

20. What is the asset size for NBFC Middle layer according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Rs 1000 crore
- 2) Rs 100 crore
- 3) Rs 5,000 crore
- 4) Rs 500 crore
- 5) Rs 3,000 crore

Answer- **1) Rs.1000 crore**

Explanation:

About NBFC- Middle Layer and Upper Layer:

i. NBFC-Middle Layer: It includes all deposit-taking NBFCs (NBFC-Ds), irrespective of asset size and Non-deposit taking NBFCs with **Rs.1000** crore and above as asset size.

Additionally, NBFCs undertaking activities, like standalone primary dealers, infrastructure debt funds, core investment companies, housing finance companies, infrastructure finance companies, also come under the Middle Layer.

ii. The NBFC – Upper Layer includes NBFCs that are specifically identified by RBI.

21. Which of the following is not a Negotiable Instrument as per the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881?

- 1) Bank Note
- 2) Fixed Deposit Receipt
- 3) Bill of exchange
- 4) Promissory Note
- 5) Cheque

Answer- 2) Fixed Deposit Receipt

Explanation:

A negotiable instrument is a piece of paper that entitles a person to a sum of money and which is transferable from one person to another under the Negotiable Instrument Act 1881. A negotiable instrument means a promissory note, bill of exchange, cheque. Bank Note, Bank Draft, Circular Note, Dividend Warrant.

22. Who is the current (as of Feb'22) Managing Director & CEO of HDFC Bank?

- 1) Atul Kumar Goel
- 2) Sashidhar Jagdishan
- 3) Hasmukh Adhia
- 4) Rakesh Sharma
- 5) Mallikarjuna Rao

Answer- 2) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Explanation:

About HDFC Bank Limited:

Establishment – 1994

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Managing Director & CEO– Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline– We understand your world

23. How many digit codes are in the Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) Code?

- 1) 8 Digits
- 2) 10 Digits
- 3) 12 Digits
- 4) 9 Digits
- 5) 11 Digits

Answer- 4) 9 Digits

Explanation:

MICR code is a code printed on cheques using MICR (Magnetic Ink Character Recognition technology). This enables identification of the cheques and which in turn means faster processing. A MICR code is a **9-digit code** that uniquely identifies the bank and branch participating in an Electronic Clearing System (ECS).

24. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Basel Norms?

- A) Basel norms or Basel accords are the international banking regulations issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.**
- B) Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) was established by the Central Bank governors of the Group of Ten countries in 1974.**
- C) The Basel Committee has issued three sets of regulations which are known as Basel-I, II, and III.**

- 1) Only A
- 2) Only B
- 3) Only A & B
- 4) Only B & C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- 5) All A, B & C

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CA STATIC GK

1. The 1st Budget of Independent India was presented on 26th November ____ by ____.

- 1) 1950; Moraji Desai
- 2) 1950; Jawaharlal Nehru
- 3) 1947; C D Deshmukh
- 4) 1949; John Mathal
- 5) 1947; R K Shanmukham Chetty

Answer- 5) 1947; R K Shanmukham Chetty

Explanation:

The first Budget of Independent India was presented on **November 26, 1947**, by India's 1st finance minister **R K Shanmukham Chetty**.

2. Which of the following Grand Slam Events is correctly matched with the type of Surface used?

- 1) Wimbledon - Grass Court
- 2) French Open - Hard Court
- 3) US Open - Clay Court
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 1) Wimbledon - Grass

Explanation:

- US Open, Australian Open - Hard Court
- Wimbledon - Grass
- French Open - Clay

3. Where is Sanjay National Park located?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- **2) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh (MP):

Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park – **Sanjay National Park**, Kanha national park, Madhav National Park.

Wildlife Sanctuaries – Dubri Wildlife Sanctuary, Singhori Wildlife Sanctuary

4. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the 4 Grand Slam Events?

- 1) The 4 Grand Slam Events are hosted by the International Tennis Federation.
- 2) Wimbledon is the Oldest Tennis Tournament founded in 1877.
- 3) US Open is always the 4th & Final Grand Slam Tournament of the WTA & ATP Calendar year.
- 4) The French Open is also known as Roland Garros.
- 5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

Explanation:

Grand Slam tournaments (also called majors) are 4 most important annual tennis events. The 4 Grand Slam events are Australian Open, Wimbledon, French Open & US Open. They are hosted by the

International Tennis Federation.

Event	Place	Month	Founded in	Remarks
Australian Open	Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia	Usually in January	1905	It is the 1st Grand Slam event of the ATP & WTA Calendar
Wimbledon	All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, United Kingdom (UK)	Usually in June-July	1877	It is the Oldest Tennis Tournament
French Open	Roland Garros Stadium, Paris, France.	Usually in May-June	1891	Also known as Roland Garros
US Open	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York, USA.	Usually in August-September	1881	It is the 4th & Final Grand Slam Tournament of the WTA & ATP Calendar.

5. Match the following Ancient Sanskrit Books with their respective Authors:

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| i. Arthashastra | a. Panini |
| ii. Ashtadhyayi | b. Patanjali |
| iii. Shakuntala | c. Kalidasa |
| iv. Mahabhasya | d. Chanakya |

- 1) i-c, ii-a, iii-b, iv-d
- 2) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b
- 3) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b
- 4) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
- 5) i-c, ii-b, iii-d, iv-a

Answer- 2) i-d, ii-a, iii-c, iv-b

Explanation:

Ancient Sanskrit Books	Authors
Arthashastra	Chanakya (also known as Kautilya or Vishnugupta)
Ashtadhyayi	Panini
Shakuntala	Kalidasa
Mahabhasya	Patanjali

6. In which year Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) was established as a Non-banking Financial Company?

- 1) 1979
- 2) 1982
- 3) 1977
- 4) 1985
- 5) 1987

Answer- 5) **1987**

Explanation:

About Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA):

IREDA is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

Establishment – 1987 (as Non-banking Financial Company)

Headquarters – New Delhi, Delhi

Chairman & Managing Director (MD) – Pradip Kumar Das

7. How many 'Assembly Constituencies' are there in Punjab state?

- 1) 107
- 2) 112
- 3) 117
- 4) 100
- 5) 110

Answer- 3) **117**

Explanation:

About Punjab:

Total Assembly Constituencies – 117

Dance- Jhoomer, Malawi, Julli

Ramsar site- Nangal Wildlife Sanctuary, Ropar Lake

8. The Government of India aims to produce _____ of Solar Power through rooftop Solar by end of _____.

- 1) 40 GW; 2024
- 2) 50 GW; 2023
- 3) 40 GW; 2022
- 4) 50 GW; 2024
- 5) 60 GW; 2023

Answer- 3) **40 GW; 2022**

Explanation:

The Government of India (GOI) aims to produce **40 GigaWatts (GW)** of solar power through rooftop solar by the end of **2022**, as a part of increasing its renewable energy generation capacity to 175 GW plan.

9. Which of the following is the biopic of Kiran Bedi that was directed by Megan Doneman?

- 1) 1st Service
- 2) Yes Madam, Sir
- 3) Life in Uniform
- 4) Voice of Powerful Women
- 5) Crane Madam

Answer- **2) Yes Madam, Sir**

Explanation:

“Yes Madam, Sir” directed by Megan Doneman, is the biopic of Kiran Bedi.

Books by Kiran Bedi:

- Himmat Hai
- Galti Kiski Bhag 2
- I Dare: Kiran Bedi (Marathi Edition)
- Creating Leadership
- Mudde Aur Darshti Kone

10. Which of the following points are correct with the National Commission for Women (NCW)?

- 1) NCW was set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
- 2) The Commission will review the Constitutional and Legal safeguards for women.
- 3) The First Commission was constituted on 31st January 1992 with Jayanti Patnaik as the Chairperson.
- 4) Both 2 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- **5) All 1, 2 & 3**

Explanation:

The National Commission for Women (NCW) was set up as a statutory body in January **1992** under the National Commission for Women **Act, 1990** (Act No.20 of 1990 of Govt. of India) to review the Constitutional and legal safeguards for women.

The First Commission was constituted on **31st January 1992** with **Jayanti Patnaik** as the Chairperson.

11. Which of the following is Not correct with respect to Hydrogen?

- 1) Hydrogen is the lightest element with atomic number 1.
- 2) Hydrogen can be produced only through Electrolytic Processes.
- 3) Grey hydrogen is produced from natural gas where the associated emissions are released to the air.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 1 & 3

Answer- **2) Hydrogen can be produced only through Electrolytic Processes.**

Explanation:

Hydrogen is the lightest element with **atomic number 1**, and hence escapes towards the upper atmosphere very easily.

i. Grey hydrogen is produced from natural gas where the associated emissions are released to the air.

ii. National Hydrogen Mission (NHM) of India was **launched- 15 August 2021**

Hydrogen production:

iii. Hydrogen can be produced by **several processes** such as Thermochemical Processes, Electrolytic Processes, Direct Solar Water Splitting Processes, Biological Processes but it is generally produced from methane or by electrolysis of water.

iv. Hydrogen is predominantly produced from fossil fuels by steam reforming, coal gasification or by partial oxidation of Methane.

12. CERC is a statutory body functioning under _____ of the Electricity Act _____.

- 1) Section 47; 1998
- 2) Section 76; 2003
- 3) Section 35; 2005
- 4) Section 47; 2000
- 5) Section 35; 1998

Answer- **2) Section 76; 2003**

Explanation:

About Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC):

i. CERC, India's apex power sector regulator is a statutory body functioning under **section-76** of the Electricity Act **2003**.

CERC was initially constituted under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 on 24th July, 1998

ii. CERC has permitted Pranurja Solution Limited led by BSE Limited, PTC India Limited, and Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank to start India's third power exchange.

13. Who launched the 'Don't forget leprosy' awareness campaign in August 2021?

- 1) Liya Kebede
- 2) Sylvie Vartan
- 3) Yohei Sasakawa
- 4) Nancy Brinker
- 5) Cynthia Germanotta

Answer- **3) Yohei Sasakawa**

Explanation:

In August 2021, '**Don't forget leprosy**' awareness campaign was launched by **Yohei Sasakawa**, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination

14. STRIPS stands for _____ Trading of Registered Interest and _____ of Securities.

- 1) Several; Payment
- 2) Service; Principal
- 3) Separate; Process
- 4) Service; Payment
- 5) Separate; Principal

Answer- **5) Separate; Principal**

Explanation:

STRIPS – Separate Trading of Registered Interest and **Principal** of Securities

i. STRIPS are the securities created by way of separating the cash flows associated with a regular G-Sec i.e. each semi-annual coupon payment and the final principal payment to be received from the issuer, into separate securities.

ii. They are essentially Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCBs).

iii. Stripped securities represent future cash flows (periodic interest and principal repayment) of an underlying coupon bearing bond. STRIPS have zero reinvestment risk, being zero coupon bonds, they can be attractive to retail/non-institutional investors.

15. Which of the following points are correct with respect to Leprosy?

1) It is a chronic Bacterial disease caused by Mycobacterium leprae.

2) It affects the skin, peripheral nerves, mucosal surface of the upper respiratory tract & eyes.

3) Leprosy is commonly referred to as Hansen's Disease

4) Both 1 & 2

5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

Explanation:

Hansen's disease (also known as leprosy) is a chronic infectious disease caused by slow-growing bacteria, Mycobacterium leprae (**M. leprae**).

i. People who are living with highly advanced leprosy patients for a long time are prone to getting the disease. It is usually for 5 to 7 years and maybe up to 20 years.

ii. It affects the skin, peripheral nerves, mucosal surface of the upper respiratory tract and eyes.

iii. India has the highest burden of leprosy (57% of new cases) in the world As of October 2021, leprosy cases on record are 60,077.

16. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Economic Survey of India?

A) It is an Annual Document Prepared by the Economics Division of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry under Chief Economic Adviser (CEA).

B) It is present along with the Union Budget in the Budget session of Parliament from 1964.

C) The 1st Economic Survey in India was presented in the year 1950-51.

1) Only A

2) Only B

3) Only C

4) Only A & B

5) Only A & C

Answer- **5) Only A & C**

Explanation:

It is an Annual Document prepared by the Economics Division of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry under Chief Economic Adviser (**CEA**).

i. It was Presented along with the Union Budget up to 1964, it has been delinked from the budget from 1964 i.e It is presented **a day before** the Budget .

ii. The **1st** Economic Survey in India was presented in the year **1950-51**.

17. Which country will host the 2022 ICC Women's ODI World Cup?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) West Indies
- 3) England
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) Australia

Answer- **4) New Zealand**

Explanation:

2022 ICC Women's ODI World Cup will be hosted by **New Zealand**

18. Which Finance Minister has presented the Maximum Number of Union Budgets for India?

- 1) Manmohan Singh
- 2) Moraraji Desai
- 3) P Chidambaram
- 4) Pranab Mukherjee
- 5) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer- **2) Moraraji Desai**

Explanation:

Former Prime Minister Moraraji Desai holds the record of presenting the most number of budgets in the history of the country. He had presented 10 budgets during his stint as finance minister during 1962-69, followed by P Chidambaram (9), Pranab Mukherjee (8).

Note- Nirmala Sitharaman has presented 4 Union Budgets i.e Nirmala Sitharaman presented her maiden budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

19. Match the following term with respect definition:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| i. Inflation | a. Increase in the price level at a decreasing rate. |
| ii. Deflation | b. A general increase in price level |
| iii. Disinflation | c. High commodity prices combined with high unemployment. |
| iv. Stagflation | d. A decrease in the price level. |

- 1) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
- 2) i-b, ii-d, iii-a, iv-c
- 3) i-a, ii-d, iii-b, iv-c
- 4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
- 5) i-d, ii-c, iii-b, iv-a

Answer- **2) i-b, ii-d, iii-a, iv-c**

Explanation:

Inflation - A General increase in price level

Deflation - A Decrease in the price level.

Disinflation - Increase in the price level at a decreasing rate.

Stagflation - High commodity prices combined with high unemployment.

20. Who holds the Record for delivering the Shortest Budget speech in India?

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Manmohan Singh
- 3) Jaswant Singh
- 4) Hirubhai M Patel

5) Arun Jaitley

Answer- **4) Hirubhai M Patel**

Explanation:

The shortest budget speech in the history of independent India was delivered by Hirubhai M Patel in 1977.

i. Nirmala Sitharaman holds the record for delivering the longest Budget speech in India. While presenting the Union Budget 2020-21, she spoke for 2 hours and 42 minutes, breaking her previous record of July 2019 speech (2 hours 17 minutes).

ii. In terms of word spoken, Manmohan Singh delivered the longest budget speech in 1991 under the PV Narasimha Rao government. The speech had 18,650 words.

Note- In the 2022 Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke for a total of one and a half hours only and this year she made her shortest-ever budget address.

21. Who is the Permanent Representative (as of Feb'22) of India to UNESCO?

- 1) Vikas Swarup
- 2) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- 3) Syed Akbaruddin
- 4) Vishal V Sharma
- 5) T. S. Tirumurti

Answer- **4) Vishal V Sharma**

Explanation:

About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

Headquarters – Paris, France

Permanent Representative of India - Vishal V Sharma

22. Who is known as the father of the Indian budget?

- 1) Franklin Allen
- 2) Christopher Allsopp
- 3) James Wilson
- 4) Sir Alison
- 5) Julia Aglionby

Answer- **3) James Wilson**

Explanation:

Before independence, The British economist James Wilson who presented the first budget for India in 1860. K. Shanmukham Chetty presented the first ever budget of Independent India on 26th November 1947.

23. Who was the founder of the Hoysala dynasty?

- 1) Veera Ballala III
- 2) Narasimha III
- 3) Narasimha I
- 4) Vishnuvardhana
- 5) Sala

Answer- **5) Sala**

Explanation:

About Hoysala Empire:

- i. The Hoysala emperors ruled the present day Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for more than 3 centuries with the initial capital as Belur, then later changed to Halebidu.
- ii. **Sala** was the founder of Hoysala dynasty and other few rulers were Vishnuvardhana, Narasimha I, Narasimha III, Veera Ballala III etc.,

24. Where is Veerangana Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **2) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh(MP):

Chief Minister– Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Wildlife Sanctuary– Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary; Veerangana Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary

Airports– Raja Bhoj International Airport; Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport

25. Galvan Valley Clash took place between the Armies of India and _____.

- 1) Afghanistan
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Bhutan
- 4) Pakistan
- 5) China

Answer- **5) China**

Explanation:

About Galvan Valley Clash:

- i. In 2020, Ladakh's Galwan Valley witnessed a violent clash between the Armies of India and China. India lost 20 Indian soldiers which led to a military standoff with China.
- ii. The Galwan Valley area lies just to the east of the Siachen glacier and is the only point that provides direct access to Aksai Chin from India.
- iii. The Indian and Chinese armies were engaged in the standoff in Pangong Tso, Galwan Valley, Demchok and Daulat Beg Oldie in Ladakh.

26. Which of the following is Not a Direct Tax?

- 1) Income Tax
- 2) Property Tax
- 3) Gift Tax
- 4) Corporate Tax
- 5) GST Tax

Answer- **5) GST Tax**

Explanation:

GST Tax is a Value added indirect Tax levied on the supply of goods & Supply.

27. How many member countries are there in the International Cricket Council?

- 1) 105
- 2) 112
- 3) 106
- 4) 110
- 5) 100

Answer- **3) 106**

Explanation:

About ICC (International Cricket Council):

Members- 106 countries

Chairman-Greg Barclay (New Zealand)

Headquarters-Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded-1909

28. In which year the Rail Budget was merged with the Union Budget of India?

- 1) 2016
- 2) 2017
- 3) 2019
- 4) 2015
- 5) 2018

Answer- **2) 2017**

Explanation:

The Rail Budget was merged with the Union Budget in 2017. On February 1, 2017, the first combined budget was presented in parliament.

Note- The practice of a separate budget for Railways was started in 1924.

29. National Newspaper Day celebrated annually across India on _____?

- 1) 2nd February
- 2) 1st February
- 3) 31st January
- 4) 29th January
- 5) 30th January

Answer- **4) 29th January**

Explanation:

29th January is observed as National Newspaper Day.

On this day, the first Indian Newspaper called 'Hickey's Bengal Gazette' was published back in 1780.

30. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the first-ever goods train that reached Rani Gaidinliu Railway Station.

Where is Rani Gaidinliu Railway Station?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Tripura
- 5) Assam

Answer- **1) Manipur**

Explanation:

Rani Gaidinliu Railway Station located in Manipur's Tamenglong district.

31. A New RoadMap for India for the Next 25 years is called as _____, to mark 100 years of India's Independence.

- 1) Mahotsav Sakthi
- 2) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
- 3) Gathi Sakthi
- 4) Amrit Kaal
- 5) Atmanirbhar Bharat

Answer- 4) Amrit Kaal

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi first used the term "**Amrit Kaal**" in 2021 during the 75th Independence Day festivities, Amrit Kaal is a unique roadmap for the country for the next 25 years.

- i.** The Budget 2022-23 seeks to lay the footing and give a blueprint to drive the economy over Amrit Kaal for the next 25 years – from India at 75 to India at 100.
- ii.** The objective of Amrit Kaal is to enhance the lives of the nationals of India, reduce the divide in development between villages and cities, lessen the government's interference in people's lives and embrace the latest technology.

32. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Hoysala Temple in Karnataka?

- 1) Chennakeshava Temple, Somanathapura is dedicated to Lord Krishna
- 2) Hoysaleshwara Temple, Halebidu is dedicated to Lord Shiva
- 3) Keshava Temple, Belur is dedicated to Lord- Vishnu
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 2) Hoysaleshwara Temple, Halebidu is dedicated to Lord Shiva

Explanation:

- Chennakeshava Temple, Belur is dedicated to **Lord- Vishnu**
- Hoysaleshwara Temple, Halebidu is dedicated to Lord Shiva
- Keshava Temple, Somanathapura is dedicated to Lord Krishna

Hoysala Temples were built in 12th -13th centuries which has a basic Dravidian architecture but shows strong influences of Bhumija architecture widely used in Central India, the Nagara traditions of northern and western India and the Karnataka Dravida architecture by kalyani chalukyas.

33. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Deep Ocean Mission?

- 1) It is the Mission Mode project to support the Blue economy initiatives of the Indian Government.
- 2) Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) is the Nodal Ministry of Deep Ocean Mission.
- 3) Samudrayan is the Part of Deep Ocean Mission.
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

It is the Mission Mode project to support the Blue economy initiatives of the Indian Government.

- i.** The Ministry of Earth Sciences (**MoES**) is the Nodal Ministry of Deep Ocean Mission.
- ii.** **Samudrayan** is the Part of Deep Ocean Mission.

Note- Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) bagged an additional Budget allocation of **12%** in the Union Budget 2022-2023 which will give push to the Deep Ocean Mission.

34. In which Article of Indian Constitution, the Union Budget is referred as the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)?

- 1) Article 110
- 2) Article 112
- 3) Article 100
- 4) Article 114
- 5) Article 111

Answer- **2) Article 112**

Explanation:

Article 112 of Indian Constitution, the Union Budget is referred as the Annual Financial Statement (AFS).

In Parliament, The Budget goes through 2 stages:

- Presentation of Budget
- General Discussion
- Scrutiny by departmental committees
- Voting on Demands for grants
- Passing of appropriation bill
- Passing of finance bill.

35. Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) is the River Linking Project between which States?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh & Jharkhand
- 2) Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Bihar & Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh & Karnataka

Answer- **2) Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Ken-Betwa Link Project (**KBLP**) is the River interlinking project that aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken river in **MP** to Betwa in **UP**.

Note- In Union Budget 2022-23 the government has earmarked Rs 1,400 crore for implementation of the Ken-Betwa Linking Project.

36. Where is Khajuraho Group of Monuments located?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- **5) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

About Madhya Pradesh(MP):

Governor- Mangubhai Patel

Airport- Khajuraho Airport; Jabalpur Airport

UNESCO Site- Khajuraho Group of Monuments; Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi

37. Which of the Points are Correct with respect to Project 75?

- 1) It is constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.
- 2) It has Six Scorpene Submarines.
- 3) INS Kalvari (S21) is the first of the six indigenous Scorpène-class submarines.
- 4) The Fourth Scorpene is Vela.
- 5) All the Above

Answer- **5) All the Above**

Explanation:

About Project - 75 (P-75):

Six Scorpene-class (P-75) are to be constructed at MDL, Mumbai.

- i. Two submarines Project namely INS Kalvari and Khanderi have been commissioned into the Indian Navy in December 2017 and September 2019 respectively.
- ii. The third submarine, Karanj, is in the last phase of rigorous sea trials.
- iii. The fourth Scorpene, Vela, has started sea trials, while the sixth submarine, Vagsheer, which is under construction is likely to be delivered in June 2022.

38. Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) is a unique _____ digit alphanumeric code.

- 1) 12
- 2) 7
- 3) 11
- 4) 15
- 5) 10

Answer- **3) 11**

Explanation:

The Indian Financial System Code (IFSC), is a unique **11-digit** alphanumeric code that is used for online fund transfer transactions done via NEFT, RTGS and IMPS.

39. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the Special Economic Zones (SEZ)?

- A) SEZ is a specially delineated duty-free enclave, which is deemed to be a foreign territory for the purpose of trade operations and duties and tariffs.**
- B) The Special Economic Zones Act was passed in 2005 but came into force along with the SEZ Rules in 2006.**
- C) India's first EPZ (Export Processing Zones) was established in 1974 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.**

- 1) All A, B & C
- 2) Only A
- 3) Only C
- 4) Only A & B
- 5) Only B & C

Answer- **4) Only A & B**

Explanation:

SEZ is a specially delineated duty-free enclave, which are deemed to be a foreign territory for the purpose of trade operations and duties and tariffs.

- i. The Special Economic Zones Act was passed in 2005. The Act came into force along with the SEZ Rules in 2006.
- ii. Asia's first EPZ (Export Processing Zones) was established in 1965 at Kandla, Gujarat.

40. When was the Competition Commission of India (CCI) established?

- 1) 2000
- 2) 2003
- 3) 2001
- 4) 2002
- 5) 2005

Answer- **2) 2003**

Explanation:**About Competition Commission of India (CCI):**

CCI was established in 2003, under the provisions of the Competition act 2002.

Fully Operational- March, 2009.

Chairperson- Ashok Kumar Gupta

41. On 6th February 2022, Queen Elizabeth II will mark her 70-year in throne, becoming the world's longest living monarch.**Who holds the all time record for longest-reigning Monarch?**

- 1) Emperor Hirohito
- 2) Queen Victoria
- 3) Louis XIV
- 4) King Bhumibol Adulyadej
- 5) Franz Josef I

Answer- **3) Louis XIV**

Explanation:

The "Sun King" **Louis XIV**, who reigned for 72 years between 1643 and 1715, is the longest-reigning monarch on record.

42. What does 'R' stand for in the PRASAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism?

- 1) Reformative
- 2) Refreshing
- 3) Revolutionary
- 4) Rejuvenation
- 5) Rebuilding

Answer- **4) Rejuvenation**

Explanation:

PRASAD scheme (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive) was launched in 2014-2015 under the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The scheme focuses on developing and identifying pilgrimage sites across India for enriching the religious tourism experience.

43. Which is the most common form of Hydrogen that can be generated from Natural Gas or Methane through 'Steam Reforming'?

- 1) Black Hydrogen
- 2) Brown Hydrogen
- 3) Grey Hydrogen
- 4) Blue Hydrogen
- 5) Green Hydrogen

Answer- 3) Grey Hydrogen

Explanation:

Hydrogen is the simplest and **most abundant element** in the universe.

Hydrogen types:

- **Black or brown hydrogen** is the most environmentally damaging as both the CO₂ and carbon monoxide generated during the process are not recaptured.
- **Grey hydrogen** is the most common form and is generated from natural gas, or methane, through a process called "steam reforming".
- **Blue hydrogen** is, therefore, sometimes referred to as carbon neutral as the emissions are not dispersed in the atmosphere.
- **Green hydrogen** – also referred to as "clean hydrogen"

44. When was the Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL) established?

- 1) 1969
- 2) 1949
- 3) 1971
- 4) 2001
- 5) 1984

Answer- 5) 1984

Explanation:

About Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL):

Establishment – 1984

Headquarters – New Delhi

Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) – Manoj Jain

45. The famous Electronics Manufacturer 'Samsung' is based on Which Country?

- 1) USA
- 2) Japan
- 3) China
- 4) Finland
- 5) South Korea

Answer- 5) South Korea

Explanation:

About Samsung:

Establishment – 1969

Headquarters – Suwon-si, South Korea

Vice-Chairman & CEO – Kim Ki Nam

46. Match the following Grand Slam Championships with the respective Winners of Most Men's Singles Titles:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| i. Australian Open | a. Novak Djokovic |
| ii. French Open | b. Rafael Nadal |
| iii. Wimbledon | c. Roger Federer |
| iv. US Open | d. Bill Tilden |

- 1) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d
- 2) i-b, ii-d, iii-a, iv-c
- 3) i-a, ii-d, iii-b, iv-c
- 4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
- 5) i-d, ii-c, iii-b, iv-a

Answer- 4) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d

Explanation:

Grand Slam Championships	Most Men's Singles Winner
Australian Open	Novak Djokovic (9)
French Open	Rafael Nadal (13)
Wimbledon	Roger Federer (8)
US Open	Bill Tilden (7)

47. Where is the Headquarters of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) located?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) London, UK
- 3) New York, USA
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Rome, Italy

Answer- 1) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

About Union for International Cancer Control (UICC):

CEO- Cary Adams

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

48. Where is the newly proposed 'Gandhi Sevagram' ashram?

- 1) Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 3) Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Answer- 5) Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2021, The Chhattisgarh government announced to set up a Sevagram Ashram (or) 'Gandhi Sevagram' ashram at Nava Raipur

49. Which was the 2019 Lok Sabha Constituency of Nisith Pramanik - MoS at Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports?

- 1) Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Cooch behar, West Bengal
- 3) Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bidar, Karnataka
- 5) Nagpur West, Maharashtra

Answer- 2) Cooch behar, West Bengal

Explanation:

About Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports:

Union Minister- Anurag Singh Thakur (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)

Minister of State (MoS)- Nisith Pramanik (Cooch behar, West Bengal)

50. Which is the only City (till date) to have hosted 3 Summer Olympic games?

- 1) Paris
- 2) London
- 3) Beijing
- 4) Tokyo
- 5) New York

Answer- 2) London

Explanation:

The 2024 Summer Olympics Games will be organized in Paris, France. With this Paris becomes only the second city to host 3 Summer Olympic games after London.

51. Which of the following is NOT one of the 10 member countries of ASEAN?

- 1) Singapore
- 2) Cambodia
- 3) Laos
- 4) China
- 5) Myanmar

Answer- 4) China

Explanation:

ASEAN Members (10)- Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

- China & India are not members of ASEAN.

52. Which of the following countries has an agreement with India to build the bullet train between Ahmedabad & Mumbai?

- 1) France
- 2) USA
- 3) Japan
- 4) China
- 5) Germany

Answer- 3) Japan