

## IBPS RRB Main 2019 GA Capsule Based MCQs (Solutions)

### S1. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced a big consolidation of public sector banks: 10 public sector banks to be merged into four. Under the scheme of amalgamation, Indian Bank will be merged with Allahabad Bank (anchor bank- Indian Bank); PNB, OBC and United Bank to be merged (PNB will be the anchor bank); Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank to be merged (anchor bank- Union Bank of India); and Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank to be merged (anchor bank- Canara Bank).

### S2. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** The Assam National Register of Citizens (NRC) final list 2019 has been published on 31st August 2019, amid high security in the state. The final list is up on the official website of Assam NRC- nrcassam.nic.in.

### S3. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** Pulitzer Administrator Dana Canedy announced the Pulitzer Prize 2019 winners at the Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, New York City. The prestigious award is given in 21 categories in journalism, and the arts every year. Each Pulitzer Prize winner receives \$15,000 (INR 1042927.50) along with the honour and the lifelong nomenclature of being a "Pulitzer Prize winner".

### S4. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The 2019 Asian Athletics Championships was the 23rd edition of the Asian Athletics Championships. It was held from 21st to 24th April 2019 at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

### S5. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Jokha Alharthi, the first female Omani novelist to be translated into English, has won the Man Booker International prize for her novel *Celestial Bodies*.

### S6. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) Awards 2019 were announced in Mumbai. India captain Virat Kohli bagged the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year award during the CCR International awards. Pacer Jasprit Bumrah was adjudged as International Bowler of the Year.

### S7. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** India is set to overtake China as the most populous country by 2027 and will have almost 1.64 billion inhabitants by 2050, says a United Nations report, adding that South Asia's opportunity to reap the "demographic dividend" will peak by 2047.

### S8. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Recently released Food and Nutrition Security Report stated that 31.4% of Indian children will be stunted by 2022. Which means one in every three Indian children under five years will be stunted by 2022. In States like Bihar (48%) and Uttar Pradesh (46%), almost one in two children are stunted, while it is only one in five children in Kerala and Goa (20% each).

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**S9. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The centre has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) to all the farmers in the country. Earlier the benefit of the scheme was applicable to farmers having two hectares of land. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar stated that nearly 14 crore 50 lakh farmers will be now covered under the revised scheme.

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Deposits in bank accounts opened under Jan Dhan scheme, launched about five years ago by the Modi-government, have crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark. As per the latest finance ministry data, the total balance in over 36.06 crore Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts was at Rs 1,00,495.94 crore as on 03rd July 2019. The PMJDY was launched on August 28, 2014, with an aim to provide universal access to banking facilities to the people in the country.

**S11. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board has finalised a three year roadmap to improve regulation and supervision, among other functions of the central bank. This medium term strategy named Utkarsh 2022, is in line with the global central banks' plan to strengthen the regulatory and supervisory mechanism.

**S12. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** England lifted the ICC Men Cricket World Cup Trophy 2019 at the Lord's cricket stadium in London. England defeated New Zealand with more number of boundaries in the Super over thriller in the grand finale.

**S13. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Indian batting icon Sachin Tendulkar has been inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame alongside South African pace legend Allan Donald. Other Indians on the list are Bishan Singh Bedi (2009), Sunil Gavaskar (2009), Kapil Dev (2009), Anil Kumble (2015), Rahul Dravid (2018) - figures inside brackets indicate the year of induction.

**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The 20th Edition of NEXA International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA Awards) for 2019 was held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium in Mumbai.

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The 66th National Film awards have been announced by Rahul Rawail, head of the Jury for feature films. The Jury unanimously conferred the award for the Most Film Friendly State to "Uttarakhand."

**S16. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The "Best Fifa Football Awards 2019" felicitated in Milan, Italy. Barcelona's Lionel Messi won the best men's player at the Best Fifa Football Awards in Milan. It is the 6th time Messi has been voted the world's best men's player after winning it in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015.

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The 66th National Film Awards were announced on Friday, after a 3-month delay. The announcement of the awards was delayed due to the Lok Sabha Elections that were concluded in May. The National Award for Best Feature Film went to Gujarati movie 'Hellaro', based on women in Kutch. Vicky Kaushal and Ayushmann Khurrana shared the award for Best Actor for their performances in 'Uri' and 'Andhadhun' respectively, while Keerthy Suresh took home the National Award for Best Actress for the Telugu film 'Mahanati'.

**S18. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** In its 3rd Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee meeting, the Reserve Bank of India has reduced the policy repo rate by 35 basis points (bps). The repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) was reduced from 5.75% to 5.40%. The benchmark rate is now at its lowest since April 2010.

**S19. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Indian journalist Ravish Kumar has been awarded the 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award for “harnessing journalism to give voice to the voiceless”. The Magsaysay award was started in 1957 and celebrates the memory and leadership example of the former Philippine president Ramon del Fierro Magsaysay.

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** According to the World Bank, India has been pushed to the 7th place in the global GDP rankings in 2018. In 2017, India had emerged as the 6th largest economy. The US remains the top economy with a GDP of \$20.5 trillion in 2018. China was the 2nd largest economy with \$13.6 trillion, while Japan took the 3rd place with \$5 trillion. India's GDP was at \$2.7 trillion in 2018, while UK and France were at \$2.8 trillion. India still remains the fastest-growing major economy in the world.

**S21. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** For the second consecutive year, Hollywood star Scarlett Johansson has topped the Forbes' list of highest paid female actors in the world. Spurred by the success of her summer Marvel film Avengers: Endgame, the 34-year-old actor's earning reached USD 56 million.

**S22. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday approved the transfer of record Rs 1.76 lakh crore dividend and surplus reserves to the government, boosting Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led regime's prospect to stimulate the slowing economy without widening fiscal deficit. The excess reserve transfer is in line with the recommendation of former RBI governor Bimal Jalan-led panel constituted to decide size of capital reserves that the central bank should hold. The government was represented by Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar in the panel which finalised its report on August 14 by consensus.

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**S23. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** On the occasion of National Sports Day (29th August), Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Fit India Movement at the Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex in New Delhi. During the event, PM appealed to the nation to join this fitness movement and make a 'Fitter & Better India'.

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** A series of historical decisions which includes the scrapping of Article 370 & Art-35-A and the introduction of "J&K Reorganisation Bill 2019" were taken during the session of Rajya Sabha. Article 370 was providing special autonomous status to the Indian state "Jammu & Kashmir" which will be no longer applicable.

**S25. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** National Award-winning actor Akshay Kumar is the only Indian actor to have made it to the Forbes Worlds Highest-Paid Actors Of 2019 list. According to the publication, the 'Mission Mangal' star raked in \$65 million, to feature at the fourth spot on the list. The film, inspired by ISRO's Mars mission, recently became Kumar's biggest opener till date, crossing the Rs 100 crore mark in just 5 days.

**S26. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Selection Committee for the Sports Awards 2019 has announced the National Sports Awards 2019. National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Asian and Commonwealth Games gold-medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia was got the country's highest sporting honour the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award.

**S27. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Indian Space Research Organisation has launched Chandrayaan- 2 from Satish Dhawan Space Center at Sriharikota. It was launched by GSLV MkIII-M1 Vehicle at 14:43 hours IST on 22nd July 2019.

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Boris Johnson is a British politician, writer, and former journalist serving as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party since July 2019.

**S29. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Kalraj Mishra, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, was transferred and appointed as the Governor of Rajasthan by President Ram Nath Kovind. Mishra will replace Kalyan Singh as the Rajasthan governor.

**S30. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The interim budget for 2019-20 has allocated Rs 11,000 crore for the national programme of mid-day meals in schools.

**S31. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The Economic Survey 2019 was tabled in Parliament recently. The Economic Survey expects India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow at seven percent for financial year 2019-20. The GDP growth rate for the previous fiscal was 6.8 per cent.

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**S32. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Ravi Shankar Prasad is an Indian lawyer, politician and the current Union Minister holding the Law and Justice, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology portfolios in the Government of India. A member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Prasad represents the Patna Sahib, Bihar.

**S33. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Beating private sector lender ICICI Bank, state-run Bank of Baroda (BoB) has become India's third largest bank after its merger with Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank came into effect from 01st April 2019. With a total business of about ₹15 trillion, the merged entity is the third-largest lender in India, after State Bank of India (SBI) and HDFC Bank. This is also India's first-ever three-way consolidation of banks in India, with the amalgamated entity emerging as the country's second largest public sector bank.

**S34. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** In a bid to further improve the cash position of banks, the RBI provided additional 2 per cent liquidity window to the lenders by tweaking liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) norms. The LCR indicates the proportion of highly liquid assets held by banks to ensure their ability to meet short-term obligations.

**S35. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Karnataka Bank has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company to distribute the latter's life insurance products.

**S36. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), an arm of Reserve Bank of India, has launched a 5G Use Cases Lab for banking and financial sector. The 5G technology, along with blockchain, will be progressively adopted by banks, he said, adding: "There is a need to focus exclusively on 5G and develop its use cases which will be taken up by this lab."

**S37. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** India and Chile signed three MoUs in the fields of mining, culture and empowerment of persons with disabilities; Chile announces it will allow visa-free entry to Indians holding valid US Visa. President Ram Nath Kovind participates in India-Chile Business Forum and interacts with young scientists at University of Chile.

**S38. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The Indian Navy and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has inked a MoU to undertake joint research and development of advanced technologies for the Indian Navy. This will be a collaborative arrangement between labs of CSIR, the Indian Navy and Indian industry.

**S39. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** State-run power giant NTPC has inked a term-loan agreement with Canara Bank to raise ₹2,000 crore, which would be used to part finance its capital expenditure. "A term loan agreement for ₹2,000 crore was signed with Canara Bank on April 5, 2019.

**S40. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Reserve Bank of India, in consultation with the Government of India, has decided that the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the first half of the financial year 2019-20 (April 2019 to September 2019) will be Rs 75000 crore. The Reserve Bank may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Government of India utilises 75% of the WMA limit.

**S41. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** IDBI Bank has launched 'NRI-Insta-Online' account opening process for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries. The person will not be required to furnish physical documents as well as KYC proofs for opening an account with the bank.

**S42. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Microsoft has reached a valuation of one trillion dollars for the first time after posting a 19pc increase in profits. It makes the software giant only the third publicly-traded company in history to reach the threshold, after Apple and Amazon passed it last year.

**S43. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** On the occasion of World Telecom Day (17th May) state-run telecom major BSNL has partnered with Google to increase access to its WiFi footprint in the country. With the launch of this service, people across the country will be able to enjoy BSNL's free WiFi services. This initiative will allow customers use BSNL's high speed internet services on WiFi.

**S44. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** ADB committed to provide USD 3 billion in sovereign loans to India in 2018, the highest level of assistance since sovereign operations began in the country in 1986. In all, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), owned by 68 member countries, committed a total of USD 3.88 billion, including sovereign loans and co-financing during the year ended December 2018.

**S45. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** IPS officer Vivek Kumar Johri took charge as the Director General (DG) of the country's largest border guarding force, BSF. Johri, a 1984-batch officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, took charge from his batch-mate Rajni Kant Mishra at the BSF headquarters in New Delhi.

**S46. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The government has hiked the customs duty on wheat to 40 percent from 30 percent to curb imports and protect the domestic industry. The government wants to restrict overseas purchase so that domestic prices of wheat do not come under pressure as the country's wheat output is expected to scale a record high this year.



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**S47. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Airtel Payments Bank here on Tuesday launched "Bharosa" savings account services, designed for deepening the financial inclusion in the country.

**S48. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Tata Consultancy Services has partnered with Google Cloud to build industry-specific cloud solutions. In the age of digitally empowered customers, businesses are competing to create rich and unique experiences. TCS' solutions on Google Cloud Platform (GCP) will help enterprises build secure, cloud-native analytics platforms that enable high levels of personalization, and are cost effective, easy to maintain, and future ready.

**S49. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** After coming in second to Mauritius for two years, Singapore regained top spot as India's largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the 2018-19 financial year, which ended in March. For the last fiscal, USD 16.2 billion of foreign investment originated from the island republic. This is according to the latest report just published by India's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

**S50. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Rating agency CRISIL cut India's fiscal year 2020 GDP growth forecast to 6.3% from its earlier forecast of 6.9%, after the economy grew 5% in the first quarter, it's slowest in almost 6 years.

**S51. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Ajay Kumar Bhalla, currently serving as an officer on special duty in the home ministry, was appointed as the new Union home secretary.

**S52. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Employees' State Insurance Corporation has partnered with State Bank of India for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders.

**S53. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe Monday has roped in Bollywood actor Salman Khan as its brand ambassador.

**S54. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh was conferred the Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in Dhaka. The award has been instituted in the memory of former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

**S55. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Paytm has launched recurring payment (auto pay) service for merchants that are working on a digital subscription model. The move will allow the subscription-based businesses to collect payments from their subscribers effortlessly.

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**S56. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** ONGC, India's top oil and gas producer, has toppled Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to regain crown of being the country's most profitable public sector company.

**S57. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro's (L&T's) proposal to acquire up to 66.15 per cent stake in Mindtree.

**S58. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a project worth Rs 1,650 crore to develop infrastructure in seven district headquarter towns of Tripura. The ADB will provide Rs 1,650 crore, out of which 80 per cent will be grant-in-aid and the state will have to repay 20 percent.

**S59. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** India's largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with tech giant IBM.

**S60. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The government named new chiefs for the country's premier spy agencies, Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW). IB will be headed by Arvind Kumar, a 1984 batch IPS officer from Assam- Meghalaya cadre. Another IPS officer Samant Kumar Goel belonging to the same 1984 batch, will take charge of RAW, which looks after external intelligence. He will succeed Anil Dhasmana.

**S61. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** CRISIL (Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited) is a global analytical company providing ratings, research, and risk and policy advisory services.

**S62. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Digital payments company Paytm, in association with Citibank, launched its first credit card called Paytm First Card. Paytm First Card comes with unlimited cash back and will be accepted in India as well globally. The card is issued by Citibank and doesn't involve any hidden fees or charges, the company said in a statement. An annual fee of Rs 500 will be fully waived off on expenses above Rs 50,000 per year.

**S63. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** In July 2019, International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cut its projection for India's economic growth by 0.3 percentage point to 7 per cent for 2019-20 due to subdued domestic demand. For the next financial year, the projection was also cut by 0.3 percentage point to 7.2 per cent.

**S64. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** India's largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with tech giant IBM.



**S65. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** ICICI Bank announced that it has partnered with IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (IndoStar), a systemically important Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC), to finance small and medium fleet owners to purchase used and new commercial vehicles (CV).

**S66. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The Centre, the Tamil Nadu Government(GoTN) and the World Bank have signed a \$287-million loan agreement for the Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme (TNHSRP). TNHSRP aims to improve the quality of healthcare, reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and fill equity gaps in reproductive and child health services in the State.

**S67. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Employees' State Insurance Corporation has partnered with State Bank of India for direct transfer of benefits electronically into bank accounts of all stakeholders. As per an agreement signed between the two on Tuesday, SBI will provide e-payment services directly to bank accounts of all ESIC beneficiaries and payees without any manual intervention as an integrated and automated process.

**S68. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Dr. Rabi N. Mishra has been elevated as executive director in the Reserve Bank of India. Earlier, he was the principal chief general manager. There are a dozen of executive directors at the central bank looking after different divisions.

**S69. Ans.(c)**

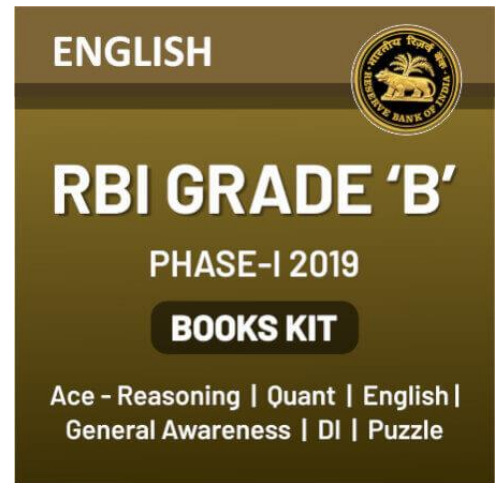
**Sol.** Indian actress Dia Mirza and Alibaba chief Jack Ma are among the 17 global public figures appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as the new advocates to drive action and solidify global political will for the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The new class of 'SDG Advocates' are 17 influential public figures "committed to raising awareness, inspiring greater ambition and pushing for faster action on the SDGs," which were adopted by world leaders on 25th September 2015.

**S70. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The election was held in the 72nd WHO Assembly in Geneva on May 23rd where the CAG was elected with a majority (90 out of 162 votes) in the first round of voting itself. Apart from India, others competing for the position were the Auditors General of Congo, France, Ghana, Tunisia and the United Kingdom. Rajiv Mehrishi, Comptroller and Auditor General of India will take over from the incumbent External Auditor of WHO, the Supreme Audit Institution of Philippines.

**S71. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Algiers is the capital city of Algeria.



**S72. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh was conferred the Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in Dhaka. The award has been instituted in the memory of former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

**S73. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Bestselling author and leading contemporary English writer, Amitav Ghosh, was awarded the 54th Jnanpith Award for his contribution to the enrichment of Indian literature in English at a ceremony at the India Habitat Centre.

**S74. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Markets regulator SEBI has directed National Stock Exchange to pay more than Rs 625 crore in the case of misuse of its co-location facility. SEBI has been probing alleged lapses in high-frequency trading offered through NSE's co-location facility.

**S75. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The country's highest film honour, the Dadasaheb Phalke award, conferred for "outstanding contribution for the growth and development of Indian cinema" will be presented this year to Amitabh Bachchan. The award, very appropriately comes in the year that marks Mr Bachchan's golden jubilee in cinema. He made his debut in 1969 with Khwaja Ahmad Abbas' Saat Hindustani about seven Indians attempting to liberate Goa from Portuguese colonial rule. The same year he also did the voice over for Mrinal Sen's Bhuvan Shome, one of the earliest films of the Indian parallel cinema.

**S76. Ans.(d)**

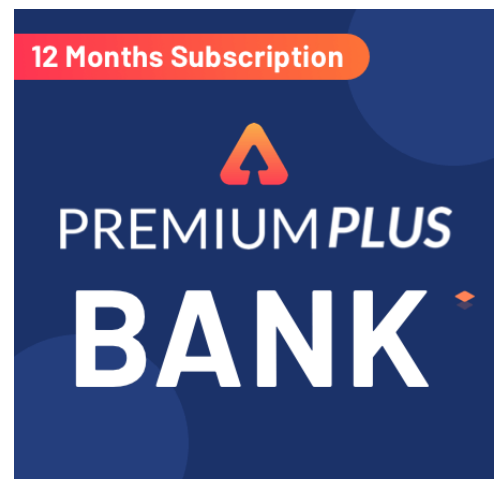
**Sol.** Axis Bank stated the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved appointment of Rakesh Makhija as chairman of the bank. The board of the bank in March had approved the appointment of Makhija as chairman subject to RBI clearance.

**S77. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Flipkart-owned fashion e-commerce platform Myntra announced that it had appointed celebrity couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first brand ambassadors. The platform declined to reveal the brand deal size or period of association. According to celebrity management sector estimates, Myntra may be shelling out upwards of ₹10 crore for the couple as brand endorsement fee.

**S78. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled Pakkaki Ottigilite. The award carries a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees, a citation and a plaque. The award, instituted by the KK Birla Foundation in 1991, is given annually for an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language and published during the last 10 years.



**S79. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Former president Pratibha Patil was bestowed on the highest civilian award of Mexico for foreigners. The ambassador of Mexico to India, Melba Priya, presented 'Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca' (Order of the Aztec Eagle) to Patil, who had served as the first woman president of the country from 2007 to 2012, at a special ceremony held in MCCIA Bhavan.

**S80. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** India captain Virat Kohli was named as the Leading Cricketer of the year for the third successive time by the 2019 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack. Kohli, who amassed 2735 runs across the three formats in 2018, was picked as one of the five Wisden Cricketers of the year, along with England's Tammy Beaumont, Jos Buttler, Sam Curran and Rory Burns.

**S81. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Indore has bagged the cleanest city award for third straight year under Swachh Survekshan, 2019. President Ram Nath Kovind presented Swachh Survekshan-2019 Awards in New Delhi today. New Delhi Municipal Council area got the cleanest small city award. Uttarakhand's Gauchar was adjudged the Best Ganga Town in the survey. Swachh Survekshan 2019 covered all Urban Local Bodies in the country, making it the largest such cleanliness survey in the world.

**S82. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Jammu and Kashmir has been adjudged as the 'Best Swachh Iconic place' in the country in the 'Swachh Iconic Places' list released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. The shrine has been adjudged on the basis of the overall improvement in sanitation. Several initiatives were taken in the last few years to ensure the cleanliness of the entire Shrine area.

**S83. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Nobel Laureate from Bangladesh Professor Muhammad Yunus was conferred the 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis ' award by the Vatican for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony. The award is a recognition for distinguished work by an individual for promoting peace and dialogue among people.

**S84. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Aspiring women entrepreneurs from across the country in the city (Kochi) for the Women Startup Summit, which hosted by the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) in association with the Indian Women Network under the Confederation of Indian Industries. The summit bring together successful women leaders, startup founders, policymakers and aspiring women entrepreneurs on a common platform to share their experiences, aspirations and success stories.

**S85. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The IBSA (India, Brazil & South Africa) Sherpas' Meeting, following the 9th IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Meeting, was held in Cochin. Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. T.S. Tirumurti led the Indian delegation.

**S86. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** An inter-ministerial committee set up by the government on virtual currencies has proposed banning of private cryptocurrencies in India by enacting a law and imposing fines and penalties for carrying on activities related to such cryptocurrencies. The committee headed by finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg has proposed a draft bill "Banning of Cryptocurrency & Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2019", which has been placed in the public domain.

**S87. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Reserve Bank of India constituted a six-member committee to review the ATM interchange fee structure with a "view to increase the ATM deployment in the unbanked areas". The committee will be led by V G Kannan, Chief Executive, Indian Banks Association.

**S88. Ans.(c)**

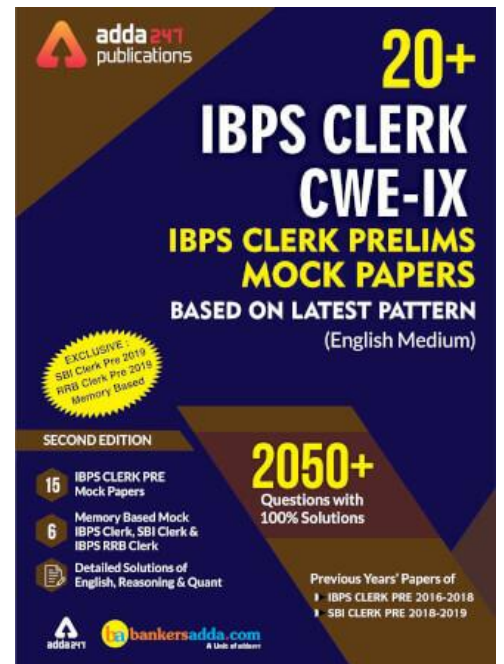
**Sol.** India has been re-elected as an observer to intergovernmental forum Arctic Council. At the 11th Arctic Council ministerial meeting at Rovaniemi with Vani Rao Ambassador, Finland. India committed to do more contributions in the Arctic Council (sic)," M Rajeevan, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences.

**S89. Ans.(d)**

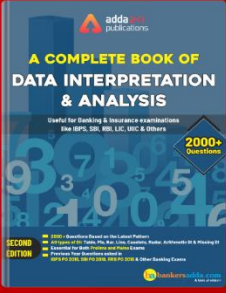
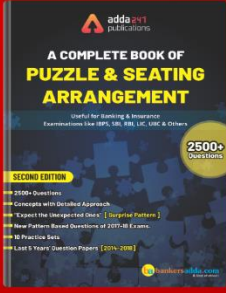
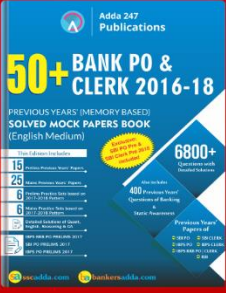
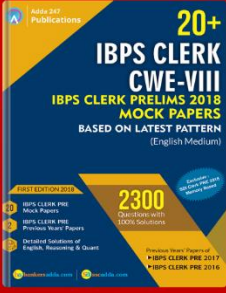
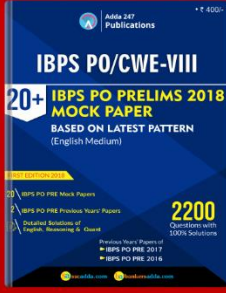
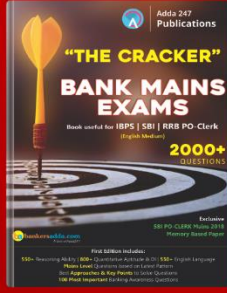
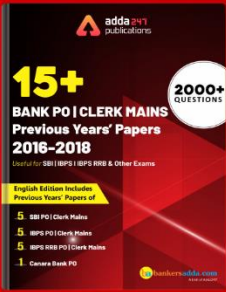
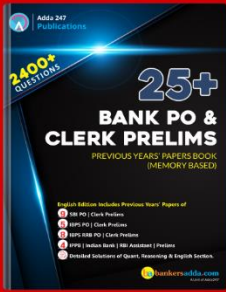
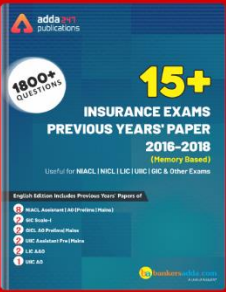
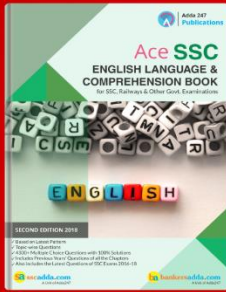
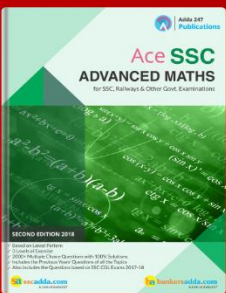
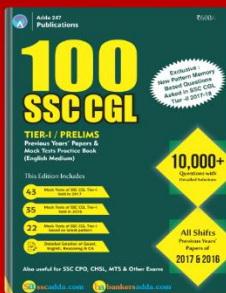
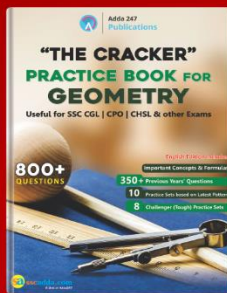
**Sol.** Record 78 women candidates have been elected to the Lok Sabha in the recently held general elections. According to the Election Commission, the number has grown from the previous 62 women who were elected to the 16th Lok Sabha in 2014. In the country's first general elections in 1951, twenty-four women were elected to the Lower House, and since then, the number has been increasing.

**S90. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Smt. Renuka Singh launched the "Go Tribal Campaign" of Tribes India at a glittering event in New Delhi. The campaign has been launched to widely promote the use of tribal products. The Minister also launched 'Tribes India' globally through Amazon Global Selling at today's event.



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