

Quiz Date: 29th March 2023

Q1. Which one of the ex-players of the Indian cricket team has been selected as an election icon for the Karnataka Assembly election in order to motivate people to participate in the voting process ?

- (a) Anil Kumble
- (b) Rahul Dravid
- (c) Stuart Binny
- (d) Robin Uthappa
- (e) Gautam Gambhir

Q2. A waste disposal initiative that utilizes QR codes is being implemented in an Indian state. Can you name the Indian state where this project is being implemented?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Uttarakhand
- (e) Odisha

Q3. In what year was the Right to Information Act passed in the country?

- (a) 2003
- (b) 2005
- (c) 2007
- (d) 2009
- (e) 2011

Q4. What is the amount of finished steel exported from India in FY 22?

- (a) 10 million tonnes worth of Rs
- (b) 18 million tonnes worth of Rs
- (c) 13.5 million tonnes worth of Rs
- (d) 20.5 million tonnes worth of Rs
- (e) 15 million tonnes worth of Rs

Q5. Which Indian bank has secured a sum of USD 500 million through its IFSC Gift City branch?

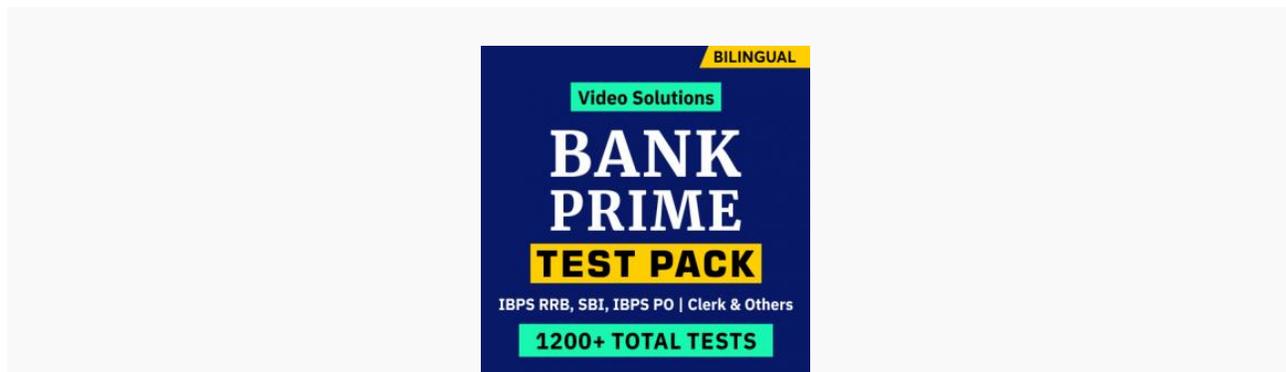
- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

Q6. Which public sector bank in India has initiated its digital transformation initiative named 'SMBHAV'?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) Punjab National Bank

Q7. What achievement has India's agricultural products export attained in the year 2021-22?

- (a) USD 75 billion
- (b) USD 100 billion
- (c) USD 50 billion
- (d) USD 20 billion
- (e) USD 10 billion



Q8. What is the location of India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, and when is its construction expected to be completed?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Himanchal Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) West Bengal
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Q9. As part of its commitment to provide military aid to Ukraine, the United Kingdom has collaborated with nine other countries to offer five-week military training courses to Ukrainian recruits. What is the name of this military training initiative?

- (a) Operation Fulcrum

- (b) Operation Phoenix
- (c) Operation Thunder
- (d) Operation Interflex
- (e) Operation Blue Knight

Q10. What is the estimated daily global tally of reported COVID-19 cases at present?

- (a) 75 thousand
- (b) 1 lakh
- (c) 2.5 lakh
- (d) 5 lakh
- (e) 1.5 lakh

Q11. How much loan amount has been approved by the World Bank for Assam to improve disaster preparedness?

- (a) \$80 million
- (b) \$100 million
- (c) \$110 million
- (d) \$108 million
- (e) \$111 million

Q12. At what age do human children achieve the ability to fully recognize their reflection in the mirror as their own image?

- (a) 18 months
- (b) 12 months
- (c) 6 months
- (d) 9 months
- (e) 15 months

Q13. In international T20 cricket, South Africa achieved a new record by successfully chasing a score of 259 for four to defeat West Indies by six wickets. Which two teams were involved in the second-highest chase in T20 cricket?

- (a) India and Pakistan
- (b) Australia and New Zealand
- (c) Namibia and Kenya
- (d) USA and Canada
- (e) Bulgaria and Serbia

Q14. On March 26, which country in Central America signed a historic communique with China to establish diplomatic relations?

- (a) Guam
- (b) Mexico
- (c) Panama

- (d) Honduras
- (e) Cuba

Q15. What is the name of the cheetah who died in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) Sita
- (b) Rani
- (c) Sasha
- (d) Raju
- (e) Poonam

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S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Along with Jogati, other poll icons in the state include former cricketer and coach Rahul Dravid, Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekar Kambar, disability rights activist Ashwini Angadi, and Paralympian athlete Girish Gowda, as confirmed by Manoj Kumar Meena, the Chief Electoral Officer for Karnataka.

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. To promote efficient waste disposal and reduce garbage along the Char Dham yatra route in Uttarakhand, a unique waste management system using QR codes is being implemented. Hemkund Sahib and the Valley of Flowers will also come under this system.

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Supreme Court of India has established an online portal to enable requests for information, which is expected to significantly aid the implementation of the objectives of the Right to Information Act. According to a recent order by the Supreme Court, while the Act was passed in October 2005, some High Courts are yet to operationalize online portals, delaying the implementation of the Act by 17 years.

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. According to the Ministry of Steel, India exported 13.5 million tonnes of finished steel valued at ₹1 trillion while importing steel worth approximately ₹46,000 crores. The country also achieved its highest ever consumption of steel, reaching around 106 million tonnes, and recorded a production of 120 million tonnes. To promote domestic production of speciality steel, the Indian government has launched the Production Linked Scheme (PLI).

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. State Bank of India (SBI), the biggest lender in India, has announced that it raised more than USD 3.8 billion (USD 500 million) via its IFSC Gift City branch, making it the first syndicated loan raised by SBI using the offshore USD Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). The offering had joint lenders, including MUFG, Bank of America, and JP Morgan, while First Abu Dhabi Bank acted as the facility agent.

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Bank of India has launched its digital transformation project, SMBHAV, along with a super-app named UnionNXT, which consolidates multiple services such as online shopping, payments, bill payments, fund transfers, investment, and loans into one platform. The financial year 2022-23 will see an investment outlay of approximately Rs 1,000 crore for the project.

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. In the year 2021-22, India's agricultural products export has reached a new milestone, surpassing USD 50 billion, which is also the highest level ever recorded for such exports. This growth signifies a 19.92% increase in agricultural exports, with staples like rice (USD 9.65 billion), wheat (USD 2.19 billion), and sugar (USD 4.6 billion) achieving their highest ever exports, as per the available data.

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. India's first cable-stayed rail bridge in Jammu and Kashmir, which has faced several missed deadlines in the past, is finally approaching completion with a projected launch of the superstructure deck in the first week of May. According to a senior on-site official, critical ancillary works, including cabling, deck casting, and linking of railway tracks, will follow the launch. The bridge, which spans the Anji Khad river, is supported by a single pylon towering 1,086 feet above the river bed, equivalent to a 77-story building. The construction site, surrounded by mountain peaks, is exposed to gusty winds.

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Igor, a 27-year-old from Odesa, who used to make handmade leather products, and Oleksiy, a 34-year-old from Mykolaiv, who previously owned a car service station, are among nearly 2,000 Ukrainian military recruits who have undergone five weeks of basic training in the U.K. as part of an initiative called Operation Interflex. This program, which involves the U.K. and nine other partner countries, began on June 27, 2022, and provides training to Ukrainian military personnel.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. COVID-19 cases have been on the rise for several weeks, with India reporting 1,300 new cases on March 23, bringing the total number of active cases to 7,605. In

previous weeks, an average of 800 cases have been reported weekly. The death toll currently stands at 5,30,813, with daily deaths in the single digits in recent weeks. Globally, approximately 1 lakh cases are being reported every day.

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. The World Bank has approved a \$108 million (approximately ₹ 889 crores) loan to help Assam improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting.

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. Infants and small children usually notice the red mark on their forehead in the mirror and try to touch it until around 18 months of age when they begin to recognize their reflection and touch the mark on their own forehead, indicating self-awareness.

S13. Ans.(e)

Sol. Captain Aiden Markram (38) led the team to victory with seven balls to spare. The second-highest chases in T20 cricket involved Australia's 245 against New Zealand in 2018 and Bulgaria's 246 to beat Serbia in 2022.

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. On March 26th, a significant announcement was made as China and Honduras signed a communique in Beijing to officially establish diplomatic relations, making Honduras the most recent country to shift its recognition from Taipei to Beijing. The signed agreement, between the two Foreign Ministers, declared that "the two Governments have decided to recognise each other and establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level, effective from the date of signature of this communiqué

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. The cheetah, named Sasha, was discovered that it had a kidney infection. A Namibian Cheetah passed away at Kuno National Park in MP, India.



