

GA Practice Questions For RBI Grade B 2023

Q1. The London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) has announced its plan to set up a technology centre of excellence in India which is expected to create about 1,000 jobs a year and boost the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector. In which of the following Indian city technology centre of excellence will be set up?

- (a) Noida
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Gandhinagar
- (e) None of the above

Q2. The Indian government has officially announced the appointment of Justice TS Sivagnanam as the Chief Justice of the _____ High Court.

- (a) Madras
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Allahabad
- (d) Calcutta
- (e) None of the above

Q3. Which global card transaction company has launched a new feature in India that allows users to make online payments without the need for a CVV number?

- (a) MasterCard
- (b) American Express
- (c) RBC
- (d) Visa
- (e) None of the above

Q4. The G20 is a global platform comprised of 20 of the largest economies that prioritizes policy discussions and financial stability. G20 spurs socioeconomic development in which of the following place?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Ranchi
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Kashmir
- (e) None of the above

Q5. India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh opened the country's first Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in which of the following Indian city after signing memorandum of understanding?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) Gandhidham
- (c) Chandigarh
- (d) Kolkata
- (e) None of the above

Q6. India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on industrial research and development cooperation with which country for marking a significant milestone in their scientific and technological partnership?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) USA
- (c) Japan
- (d) Israel
- (e) None of the above

Q7. Who has successfully defended his Madrid Open tennis trophy by beating a very good Jann-Lennard Struff?

- (a) Sergio Perez
- (b) Max Verstappen
- (c) Fernando Alonso
- (d) Carlos Alcaraz
- (e) None of the above

Q8. The Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) called SAKSHAM was launched by the Union Health Secretary. What is the meaning of abbreviation of 'M' in SAKSHAM?

- (a) Mission
- (b) Model
- (c) Management
- (d) Meditate
- (e) None of the above



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Q9. Antonio Carbajal, the first _____ player to appear in five World Cups, has passed away at the age of 93.

- (a) Mexican
- (b) Spanish
- (c) Dutch
- (d) African
- (e) None of the above

Q10. The theme of World Red Cross Day for 2023 is "Everything we do comes from the heart." On which day World Red Cross Day is observed?

- (a) 15th May
- (b) 8th May
- (c) 1st May
- (d) 20th May
- (e) None of the above

Q11. The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet, under the leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu, has announced a monthly incentive called the Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi for women in the Spiti Valley. How much amount of monthly incentives will be provided to women?

- (a) Rs. 5000
- (b) Rs. 1500
- (c) Rs. 2000
- (d) Rs. 7500
- (e) None of the above

Q12. Which of the small finance bank has teamed up with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card, a novel solution designed to fulfill the financial requirements of self-employed clients?

- (a) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- (b) AU Small Finance Bank
- (c) Suryodaya Small Finance Bank
- (d) Jana Small Finance Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q13. According to the Minister of Defence, Which of the Air Marshal took over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff?

- (a) Ashutosh Dixit
- (b) Ravi Gopal Krishana Kapoor
- (c) Sujeet Dharkar
- (d) Balakrishnan Manikantan
- (e) None of the above

Q14. Which Indian city has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Shimla
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) None of the above

Q15. The theme for World Metrology Day 2023 is Measurements supporting the global food system. To commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention in 1875, Metrology Day is celebrated on which of the day each year?

- (a) 7 May
- (b) 12 May
- (c) 20 May
- (d) 29 May
- (e) None of the above

Q16. MakeMyTrip, leading travel portal announced a collaboration with which of the tech giant to bring travel planning to a wider audience through the introduction of voice-assisted booking in Indian languages?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Google
- (d) HCL Tech
- (e) None of the above

Q17. With an estimated cost of Rs 500 crore, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has committed to setting up a state-of-the-art ethanol plant in which Indian state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) None of the above

Q18. Who has been honored with the Laureus Sportsman of the Year award at a ceremony held in Paris?

- (a) Kylian Mbappe
- (b) Neymar
- (c) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (d) Lionel Messi
- (e) None of the above

Q19. Ayodhya as a global tourism hotspot, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop a theme park 'Ramaland' modelled on Disneyland to narrate the story of Lord Ram. Who is the governor of Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Anandiben Patel
- (b) Shiv Pratap Shukla
- (c) C.P.Radhakrishnan
- (d) Acharya Dev Vrat
- (e) None of the above

Q20. Give the name of Indian origin who has been elected as the next President of World Bank by World Bank's 25 member executive board.

- (a) Indra Nooyi
- (b) Rajesh Gopinath
- (c) Shantanu Narayen
- (d) Ajay Banga
- (e) None of the above

Q21. Which bank has announced its collaboration with the Swedish company Crunchfish to launch a pilot project to demonstrate offline retail payments?

- (a) IDFC First Bank
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (d) DBS Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q22. The Research, Education and Training Outreach (REACHOUT) scheme is a program launched by the Indian government to promote research, education and training in the country. Which Ministry has initiated the REACHOUT scheme?

- (a) Ministry of electronics and Information Technology
- (b) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (c) Ministry of Education
- (d) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (e) None of the above

Q23. Who has inaugurated the Vande Bharat Express train service between Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in Delhi?

- (a) Ashwini Vaishnav
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Draupadi Murmu
- (e) None of the above

Q24. India emerged as the winners in both men's and women's categories at the 4th Asian Kho Kho Championships. In which country the 4th Asian Kho Kho Championships was held?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Thailand
- (e) None of the above

Q25. Who has been appointed as India's ambassador for She Changes Climate- a global campaign driving awareness of the crucial role of women in accelerating just climate action?

- (a) Tulsi Gowda
- (b) Vandana Shiva
- (c) Garvita Gulhati
- (d) Shreya Ghodawat
- (e) None of the above

Q26. Which Indian state has announced the launch of Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana in the state at the end of Women Empowerment and Safety Week?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Telangana
- (e) None of the above

Q27. The greatest four-day culinary event in India is called Aahar 2023 has been held with the help of the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries and APEDA. Where the Asia's biggest International Food and Hospitality Fair 'Aahar 2023' was held?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Bangalore
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) None of the above

Q28. World Tuberculosis Day is observed on March 24th every year to raise awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease. What is the theme of World TB Day 2023?

- (a) The Clock is Ticking
- (b) Invest to End TB. Saves Lives
- (c) Yes! We can end TB!
- (d) It's time to end TB!
- (e) None of the above

Q29. On the recommendations of which of the committee the government implemented changes to the pricing model of domestic natural gas recently?

- (a) B.Sivaraman committee
- (b) JJ Irani committee
- (c) Kirit Parikh committee
- (d) Suresh Shah committee
- (e) None of the above

Q30. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal presented FTP 2023, which is implemented starting from April 1, 2023, and emphasizes a shift from incentive-based approaches to remission and entitlement-based measures. What is the full form of FTP?

- (a) Financial Targeted Priority
- (b) Foreign Trade Policy
- (c) Foreign Tourism Policy
- (d) First Transaction Payment
- (e) None of the above

Q31. The government e-Marketplace (GeM) held a celebration to celebrate a programme to support start-ups, women, and youth advantage through e-Transactions on GeM. What is the name of this programme?

- (a) SHAKTI
- (b) SIDDHI
- (c) SAMADHAN
- (d) SWAYATT
- (e) None of the above

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- (a) Ministry of electronics and Information Technology
- (b) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (c) Ministry of Education
- (d) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (e) None of the above

Q33. Which Small Finance Bank announced the launch of 'Blossom Women's Savings Account' with 7 percent per annum interest rate with monthly interest credit?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank
- (b) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- (d) Jana Small Finance Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q34. Who took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA) and become the 28th officer to hold the position of CGA?

- (a) Soma Das Gupta
- (b) S.S. Dubey
- (c) Deepak Das
- (d) Anurag Raman
- (e) None of the above

Q35. According to data shared by the GI Registry, Which Indian state has secured the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in FY23?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Telangana
- (e) None of the above

Q36. The Union home ministry has announced a _____ per cent reservation for former Agniveers in vacancies in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), just after taking a similar initiative for jobs for them in the BSF.

- (a) 15%
- (b) 10%
- (c) 20%
- (d) 30%
- (e) None of the above

Q37. Who became the first woman to serve as an on-field umpire in a men's international match during the second T20I match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Dunedin?

- (a) Anna Harris
- (b) Claire Polosak
- (c) Eloise Sheridan
- (d) Kim Cotton
- (e) None of the above

Q38. The Indian government has formed a committee to explore ways of enhancing the pension benefits of government employees under the National Pension System (NPS). Who will head the committee?

- (a) Finance Minister
- (b) Prime Minister
- (c) Finance Secretary
- (d) Chairman of PFRDA
- (e) None of the above

Q39. Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day is observed every year to pay homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of India. On which day Shaheed Diwas is observed in the month of March?

- (a) 15th March
- (b) 23rd March
- (c) 2nd March
- (d) 31st March
- (e) None of the above

Q40. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established on April 1, 1935, in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Where the central office of RBI was set up in 1935?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) None of the above

Q41. Which payments bank launched its WhatsApp Banking Services in New Delhi, allowing customers to conveniently access banking services on their mobile phones?

- (a) India Post Payments Bank
- (b) Airtel Payments Bank
- (c) Jio Payments Bank
- (d) Fino Payments Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q42. Operation Kaveri is the latest evacuation operation initiated by India to rescue its citizens and friendly nations' citizens from war zones. India initiated Operation Kaveri to evacuate its citizens from which country?

- (a) Ukraine
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Russia
- (d) Sudan
- (e) None of the above

Q43. The Indian government has appointed whom as the new chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)?

- (a) Siddhartha Mohanty
- (b) Supratim Bandyopadhyay
- (c) Mamta Shankar
- (d) Deepak Mohanty
- (e) None of the above

Q44. The theme of Earth Day 2023 is 'Invest in our Planet,' with a clear motto of 'everyone accounted for, everyone accountable.' On which day Earth Day is celebrated?

- (a) 21 April
- (b) 22 April
- (c) 19 April
- (d) 18 April
- (e) None of the above

Q45. Elephants have been held in high esteem in our tradition, and are considered a symbol of prosperity. The President of India inaugurates GAJ UTSAV-2023 at which of the following national park?

- (a) Rajaji National Park
- (b) Kaziranga National Park
- (c) Jim Corbett National Park
- (d) Bandipur National Park
- (e) None of the above

Q46. India signed a Framework Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications with which nation to ease the mobility of students and professionals?

- (a) Australia
- (b) France
- (c) England
- (d) Canada
- (e) None of the above

Q47. Name the Indo-American woman judge who has been named as the first justice of a district court in USA state of Massachusetts recently.

- (a) Hiral Shah
- (b) Shivani Seth
- (c) Tejal Mehta
- (d) Aparajita Singh
- (e) None of the above

Q48. Which Indian state has launched Sanjeevani Project to enhance the lives of farmers by providing them with convenient and high-quality livestock care services at their doorstep, utilizing telemedicine and technology?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) None of the above

Q49. Which of the following union ministry and Amazon India have recently signed a collaboration agreement aimed at boosting India's creative economy and promoting creative talent in the country?

- (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (c) Ministry of Education
- (d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (e) None of the above

Q50. Who has been honoured with Player-of-the-Year award by the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) for clinching the gold medal with a record-breaking score of 9/11 in the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram?

- (a) Sagar Shah
- (b) Arjun Erigaisi
- (c) R. Praggnanandhaa
- (d) D Gukesh
- (e) None of the above

Q51. Which Small Finance Bank has announced that it has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an authorized dealer in foreign exchange?

- (a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- (b) AU Small Finance Bank
- (c) Jana Small Finance Bank
- (d) Suryodaya Small Finance Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q52. The 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign was introduced in New Delhi with a central idea about the sustainability of drinking water sources. Who introduced 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Droupadi Murmu
- (c) Gajendra Singh Shekawat
- (d) Uma Bharti
- (e) None of the above

Q53. India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is shortly to be connected to comparable networks in Indonesia, Mauritius, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). In which year UPI was introduced in India?

- (a) 2018
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2012
- (d) 2019
- (e) None of the above

Q54. Which of the shipbuilding company has launched INS Androth, a vessel claimed to be the "most silent ship in the country" for the Indian Navy?

- (a) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (b) Goa Shipyard Limited
- (c) Hindustan Shipyard
- (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited
- (e) None of the above

Q55. On which day the World Heritage Day or International Day for Monuments and Sites is observed to raise awareness of the significance of safeguarding cultural heritage?

- (a) 22 April
- (b) 18 April
- (c) 5 April
- (d) 10 April
- (e) None of the above

Q56. Which nation is reportedly considering joining the 'Climate Club,' an environmental initiative started by the G7 to promote stronger climate action?

- (a) USA
- (b) France
- (c) India
- (d) Sweden
- (e) None of the above

Q57. Which union ministry administers 'Financial Assistance to Veteran Artists' scheme to provide financial assistance to veteran artists of the country of the age of 60 years and above in the form of monthly artists' pension?

- (a) Ministry of Education
- (b) Ministry of Skill and Development
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Culture
- (e) None of the above

Q58. With which country India has agreed to explore the possibility of accepting each other's payment cards, RuPay and Mir, for hassle-free payments between the two countries?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Canada
- (e) None of the above

Q59. The G20 is a global platform comprised of 20 of the largest economies that prioritizes policy discussions and financial stability. G20 spurs socioeconomic development in which of the following place?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Ranchi
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Kashmir
- (e) None of the above

Q60. The Indian government has selected whom as the Managing Director (MD) of the Bank of India (BOI)?

- (a) Alok Kumar Chodhary
- (b) Rajneesh Karnatak
- (c) Swaminathan J.
- (d) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- (e) None of the above

Q61. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has partnered with which Indian institute to develop a touchless biometric capture system that is easy to use and accessible from anywhere?

- (a) IISc Bangalore
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIM Ahmedabad
- (e) None of the above

Q62. Which state government introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Delhi
- (e) None of the above

Q63. Which country has made history by becoming the first country to approve a highly effective malaria vaccine developed by scientists at the University of Oxford in the UK?

- (a) USA
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) Ghana
- (e) None of the above

Q64. The Ministry of Finance announced that the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) has sanctioned 41 crore loans amounting to ₹23.2-lakh-crore in the past eight years. Under this scheme loan up to _____ is given to small entrepreneurs for their business.

- (a) Rs. 2 Lakh
- (b) Rs. 5 Lakh
- (c) Rs. 20 Lakh
- (d) Rs. 10 Lakh
- (e) None of the above

Q65. Who has taken over command of an independent field workshop in the Eastern Ladakh region with China and become the first woman to command an army battalion?

- (a) Priya Jhingan
- (b) Rosemary Mariner
- (c) Shiva Chauhan
- (d) Geeta Rana
- (e) None of the above

Q66. Give the name of the Indian warship that has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces.

- (a) INS Trikand
- (b) INS Tarkash
- (c) INS Taranjit
- (d) INS Trishul
- (e) None of the above

Q67. In the midst of an economic crisis, India has decided to extend a _____ credit line to Sri Lanka for another year, providing the much-needed funds to pay for essential imports.

- (a) \$550 million
- (b) \$200 million
- (c) \$10 Billion
- (d) \$1 Billion
- (e) None of the above

Q68. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp Ltd (IRCTC) launch India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit card in association with which of the bank?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Indian Bank
- (e) None of the above



Q69. The theme of World Red Cross Day for 2023 is “Everything we do comes from the heart.” On which day World Red Cross Day is observed?

- (a) 8th May
- (b) 20th May
- (c) 1st May
- (d) 15th May
- (e) None of the above

Q70. Which edition of Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has kicked off in Indonesia with a theme of “ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth.”?

- (a) 51st
- (b) 39th
- (c) 32nd
- (d) 42nd
- (e) None of the above

Q71. Which tech giant company has announced two new initiatives aimed at supporting India small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) in their digital transformation journey?

- (a) Google
- (b) Infosys
- (c) HCL Technologies
- (d) Microsoft
- (e) None of the above

Q72. Which of the following entity is set to introduce a new secured web-based portal called “PRAVAAH” (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AuthOrisation) aimed at simplifying and streamlining the application processes?

- (a) RBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) SEBI
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) None of the above

Q73. The Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for providing Chinese language training to the Indian Army personnel with which of the university/institution?

- (a) Tezpur University
- (b) Presidency University
- (c) IIT Kharakhpur
- (d) Delhi University
- (e) None of the above

Q74. Which bank collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for launching the Rupay Credit Card through UPI using the BHIM app to leverage the reach of UPI and the strength of credit card products?

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q75. Give the name of an academic of Indian origin who has been selected as one of the five co-chairs of an Association of American Universities (AAU) task force that aims to enhance research and academic collaborations among higher education institutions in the United States and India.

- (a) Neeli Bendapudi
- (b) A Shreeram Shankar Abhyankar
- (c) B.Raghu Raj Bahadur
- (d) C. Anand
- (e) None of the above

Q76. Who has retained his Asian Billiards title in the 100-up format after defeating his compatriot Brijesh Damani 5-1 in the final held at Qatar Billiards and Snooker Federation (QBSF) Academy?

- (a) Aditya Mehta
- (b) Geet Sethi
- (c) Sourav Kothari
- (d) Pankaj Advani
- (e) None of the above

Q77. The Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-2023) has begun with the participation of 100 participants from 23 African countries. At which place AFINDEX-2023 was held?

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Pune
- (e) None of the above

Q78. Who has been appointed as the new chief justice of the Tripura High Court?

- (a) Jaswant Singh
- (b) Aparesh Kumar Singh
- (c) Sumant Sinha
- (d) Rohit Walia
- (e) None of the above

Q79. As per the announcement by Ministry of External Affairs, India can now conducted trade using the Indian Rupee (INR) as a mode of settlement with which of the country in addition to other currencies?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of the above

Q80. The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has designated "Asthma Care for All" as the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day. On which of the day World Asthma Day is observed every year to increase awareness and encourage better management and care of asthma on a global scale?

- (a) Third Friday of May
- (b) First Tuesday of May
- (c) Last Sunday of May
- (d) Fourth Monday of May
- (e) None of the above

Q81. Every year on April 7th, the World Health Day is celebrated to bring global attention to a specific health issue that impacts people worldwide. What is the theme of World Health Day 2023?

- (a) Our Life, Our Responsibility
- (b) Health For All
- (c) It's time to build a fairer, healthier world
- (d) Support nurses and midwives
- (e) None of the above

Q82. The Government of India has signed with which International financing agency/institution for two complementary loans of \$500 million each to support and enhance the country's health sector development?

- (a) European Union Bank
- (b) IMF
- (c) ADB
- (d) World Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q83. Which of the bank has signed MoU with Central Warehousing Corporation to facilitate finance to farmers under e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Warehousing Receipt)?

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) Federal Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) Maharashtra Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q84. Which country's government has planned to ban the English language and impose heavy fines on individuals and organizations that continue to use it, after banning ChatGPT?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) China
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Italy
- (e) None of the above

Q85. The government increased the maximum age for Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority's (PFRDA) ombudsman from _____ to _____ years.

- (a) 60, 70
- (b) 70, 75
- (c) 60, 65
- (d) 65, 70
- (e) None of the above

Q86. Who was sworn in as the Meghalaya chief minister for the second successive term in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- (a) Sniawbhaland Dhar
- (b) Phagu Chauhan
- (c) Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- (d) Prem Singh Tamang
- (e) None of the above

Q87. Give the name of the Indian Police Service (IPS) officer who has been appointed as the Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal.

- (a) Dr. Meera Chadha Borwankar
- (b) Marine Joseph
- (c) Sanjukta Parashar
- (d) Rashmi Shukla
- (e) None of the above

Q88. Gregoria Mariska Tunjung, an Indonesian badminton player, emerged victorious in the Women's singles category at the Madrid Spain Masters 2023 finals. She defeated whom in the final match?

- (a) PV Sindhu
- (b) C. Marin
- (c) Line Christophersen
- (d) K. Glimour
- (e) None of the above

Q89. Which Indian Naval Ship reached in Singapore to participate in the inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)?

- (a) INS Satpura
- (b) INS Virat
- (c) INS Shivalik
- (d) INS Trishul
- (e) None of the above

Q90. The Golden Years book is published by HarperCollins India. Who wrote a book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life"?

- (a) Vikram Ghosh
- (b) Ganesh Sali
- (c) Arundhati Roy
- (d) Ruskin Bond
- (e) None of the above

Q91. On World Environment Day, Reckitt inaugurated the inaugural Dettol Climate Resilient School in which Indian state as part of its Dettol Banega Swasth India campaign?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) None of the above

Q92. Which of the following Indian state government launched Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana with an aim at providing support to farmers in the state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) None of the above

Q93. The Pinarayi Vijayan-led Kerala government on 5 June officially launched the KFON. Now the Kerala government is the first state to implement the right to the internet as a basic right. What is the full form of KFON?

- (a) Kerala Fibre Optical Network
- (b) Kerala First Over Network
- (c) Kerala Frequency ON
- (d) Kerala For Open Network
- (e) None of the above

Q94. Which state has provided financial aid to farmers for the fifth consecutive year through the Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan program?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) None of the above

Q95. The Maharashtra government has recently announced the renaming of _____ district to Ahilyadevi Nagar in honor of the 18th-century warrior-queen Ahilyadevi Holkar to diversify its support base and reduce the dominance of the Maratha community in the state's politics.

- (a) Ahmednagar
- (b) Satara
- (c) Kolhapur
- (d) Solapur
- (e) None of the above

Q96. The Indian government has established a commission of inquiry, led by former Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Ajai Lamba, to investigate the recent series of violent incidents in which Indian state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Nagaland
- (e) None of the above

Q97. The Mekedatu project has recently become a topic of discussion in the news as Karnataka urges Tamil Nadu's support for balancing reservoir. The discussion for construction of a balancing reservoir is made across which river?

- (a) Krishna
- (b) Godavari
- (c) Tungbhadra
- (d) Cauvery
- (e) None of the above

Q98. Which state government introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Delhi
- (e) None of the above

Q99. Telangana Formation Day, observed annually on June 2nd, is a state public holiday in Telangana, India. It marks the commemoration of the formation of the state of Telangana. In which year Telangana was formed?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2018
- (e) None of the above

Q100. Which Indian city has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Shimla
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) None of the above

Q101. World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of our planet. Which anniversary of World Environment Day has been hosted by Côte D'Ivoire, with the theme of "solutions to plastic pollution"?

- (a) 60th
- (b) 25th
- (c) 75th
- (d) 50th
- (e) None of the above

Q102. The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, observed every year on which day to bring attention to children who experience various forms of aggression?

- (a) June 15
- (b) June 1
- (c) June 8
- (d) June 4
- (e) None of the above

Q103. The theme for this year's World Bicycle Day is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future." On which day World Bicycle Day is observed to recognize the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport?

- (a) 20 June
- (b) 3 June
- (c) 1 June
- (d) 8 June
- (e) None of the above

Q104. The theme of World Food Safety Day 2023 is "Food standards save lives." On which day World Food Safety day is celebrated annually across the globe to highlight the importance of maintaining food standards?

- (a) June 18
- (b) June 7
- (c) June 2
- (d) June 11
- (e) None of the above

Q105. The Global Day of Parents is a special observance that recognizes the critical role parents play in the lives of their children and the well-being of society as a whole. On which day the Global day of Parents is celebrated each year?

- (a) June 1st
- (b) June 5th
- (c) June 27th
- (d) June 20th
- (e) None of the above

Q106. International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is celebrated on which day to raise awareness of the problem of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing?

- (a) June 2
- (b) June 12
- (c) June 5
- (d) June 7
- (e) None of the above

Q107. Every year on June 6, the United Nations celebrates UN _____ Language Day, which was established by UNESCO in 2010.

- (a) Chinese
- (b) English
- (c) French
- (d) Russian
- (e) None of the above

Q108. The observance of World Milk Day was created in the year 2001 by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) to promote the consumption and benefits of milk around the world?

- (a) 7 June
- (b) 24 June
- (c) 1 June
- (d) 18 June
- (e) None of the above

Q109. Telangana Formation Day, observed annually on June 2nd, is a state public holiday in Telangana, India. It marks the commemoration of the formation of the state of Telangana. In which year Telangana was formed?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2018
- (e) None of the above

Q110. The theme of World Oceans day 2023 is “Planet Ocean: The Tides are Changing.” On which day World Oceans Day is observed annually to promote ocean awareness and encourages people worldwide to take action towards protecting our marine environments?

- (a) June 3
- (b) June 8
- (c) June 5
- (d) June 20
- (e) None of the above

Q111. India’s Sunil Kumar scored 7003 points and clinched gold in men’s decathlon at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships. In which country the Asian U20 Athletics Championships has been held?

- (a) USA
- (b) France
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of the above

Q112. The Indian junior men’s hockey team maintained its continental supremacy by beating arch-rivals Pakistan 2-1 to become Asia Cup champions. Where the Indian Junior Men’s hockey championship was held?

- (a) Mongolia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) UAE
- (d) Oman
- (e) None of the above

Q113. Serbia’s men won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023, which took place in Vienna, Austria. Which country’s women team won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023 in women’s category?

- (a) USA
- (b) England
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Australia
- (e) None of the above

Q114. Who emerged victorious at the Spanish Grand Prix, clinching the pole position and extending his lead in the Formula One championship by 53 points?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Max Verstappen
- (c) G. Russell
- (d) C.Sainz Jr.
- (e) None of the above

Q115. The table tally of third edition of the Khelo India University Games has been topped by Punjab University reclaiming its title after three years. Which Indian state the 3rd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2023 hosted?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Punjab
- (e) None of the above

Q116. Who has retained his Asian Billiards title in the 100-up format after defeating his compatriot Brijesh Damani 5-1 in the final held at Qatar Billiards and Snooker Federation (QBSF) Academy?

- (a) Aditya Mehta
- (b) Geet Sethi
- (c) Sourav Kothari
- (d) Pankaj Advani
- (e) None of the above

Q117. AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic announces his retirement from football after they played season’s final game against Hellas Verona. Zlatan Ibrahimovic belongs to which country?

- (a) Germany
- (b) Uruguay
- (c) Russia
- (d) Sweden
- (e) None of the above

Q118. Who has been appointed as the new chief justice of the Tripura High Court?

- (a) Jaswant Singh
- (b) Aparesh Kumar Singh
- (c) Sumant Sinha
- (d) Rohit Walia
- (e) None of the above

Q119. As per the announcement by Ministry of External Affairs, India can now conducted trade using the Indian Rupee (INR) as a mode of settlement with which of the country in addition to other currencies?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of the above

Q120. The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has designated “Asthma Care for All” as the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day. On which of the day World Asthma Day is observed every year to increase awareness and encourage better management and care of asthma on a global scale?

- (a) Third Friday of May
- (b) First Tuesday of May
- (c) Last Sunday of May
- (d) Fourth Monday of May
- (e) None of the above

Q121. Who recently unveiled a new financial inclusion dashboard called ‘Antardrishti’ to provide valuable insights and track the progress of financial inclusion by capturing relevant data?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (c) Shaktikanta Das
- (d) T. Rabi Shankar
- (e) None of the above

Q122. Which of the following entity is set to introduce a new secured web-based portal called “PRAVAAH” (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AuthOrisation) aimed at simplifying and streamlining the application processes?

- (a) RBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) SEBI
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) None of the above

Q123. Which entity has recently initiated the ‘100 Days 100 Pays’ campaign, aimed at tracing and settling the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within a span of 100 days?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) NABARD
- (d) SEBI
- (e) None of the above

Q124. Which bank collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for launching the Rupay Credit Card through UPI using the BHIM app to leverage the reach of UPI and the strength of credit card products?

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q125. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has directed which life insurance company to take over the life insurance business of Sahara India Life Insurance Co (SILIC) with immediate effect?

- (a) SBI Life Insurance Co
- (b) Max Life Insurance Co
- (c) Kotak Life Insurance Co
- (d) HDFC Life Insurance Co
- (e) None of the above

Q126. Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions in India soared to unprecedented levels in May 2023, with a total transaction value of Rs 14.3 trillion and a volume of 9.41 billion. In which year UPI was introduced?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2008
- (e) None of the above

Q127. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.20 crore on Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) for violating various rules and regulations. Where is headquarter of Indian Overseas Bank located?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) None of the above

Q128. Which entity has recently updated its ‘Alert List’ to caution the public about unauthorised forex trading platforms to protecting residents from fraudulent activities related to forex trading?

- (a) SEBI
- (b) Finance Ministry
- (c) RBI
- (d) NSE
- (e) None of the above

Q129. Which bank has initiated a unique campaign in Chennai, titled ‘I am Adyar, Adyar is me,’ to celebrate the rich culture and stories of the local community?

- (a) Federal Bank
- (b) Bandhan Bank
- (c) DBS Bank
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q130. Which bank has recently launched the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers to withdraw money from ATMs using the United Payment Interface (UPI), eliminating the need for a physical card?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Indian Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q131. Which country is preparing to host the biggest air deployment exercise in NATO's history, a show of force intended to impress allies and potential adversaries such as Russia?

- (a) United Kingdom
- (b) Germany
- (c) USA
- (d) China
- (e) None of the above

Q132. In a significant achievement for India's defense capabilities, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the maiden pre-induction night launch of the new-generation ballistic missile 'Agni Prime.' Where DRDO tested the ballistic missile 'Agni Prime'?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) None of the above



Q133. Which edition of India, France, and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced on 7th June 2023 in the Gulf of Oman?

- (a) First
- (b) Third
- (c) Fifth
- (d) Second
- (e) None of the above

Q134. Who has taken over command of an independent field workshop in the Eastern Ladakh region with China and become the first woman to command an army battalion?

- (a) Priya Jhingan
- (b) Rosemary Mariner
- (c) Shiva Chauhan
- (d) Geeta Rana
- (e) None of the above

Q135. The Indian Navy carried out a massive operation in the Arabian Sea involving more than 35 aircraft as part of a Carrier Battle Group (CBG). Which two Indian Naval ship has participated in this operation?

- (a) INS Vikramaditya
- (b) INS Virat
- (c) INS Vikrant
- (d) a & c both
- (e) a & b both

Q136. The Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) was established in 2016 and over the past six years, it has become the prominent consultative forum for nations in the region to discuss regional affairs. The 6th IOC has taken place at which place?

- (a) Male, Maldives
- (b) New Delhi, India
- (c) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- (d) Bali, Indonesia
- (e) None of the above

Q137. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries have kicked off military exercises with a pledge to defend their newest member. Which of the following nation is the newest member of NATO countries?

- (a) Switzerland
- (b) Ecuador
- (c) Finland
- (d) Ukraine
- (e) None of the above

Q138. India's defense exports have achieved a record-breaking milestone, skyrocketing from 686 crore rupees in 2013-14 to nearly 16 thousand crore rupees in 2022-23. Who is the Union minister for Defence Ministry?

- (a) Ramnath Kovind
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Narendra Modi
- (e) None of the above

Q139. Which country has made history by becoming the first country to approve a highly effective malaria vaccine developed by scientists at the University of Oxford in the UK?

- (a) Ghana
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) None of the above

Q140. Which state government introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Delhi
- (e) None of the above

Q141. With which country India has taken a significant step towards deepening cooperation in high-tech trade and technology partnership?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Germany
- (c) United States
- (d) Australia
- (e) None of the above

Q142. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a _____ loan agreement to support initiatives aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, improving irrigation access, and promoting horticulture agribusinesses in Himachal Pradesh?

- (a) \$220 million
- (b) \$130 million
- (c) \$50 million
- (d) \$400 million
- (e) None of the above

Q143. India and Serbia have set an ambitious target of achieving a bilateral trade volume of one billion euros by the end of the decade. Who committed to strengthen bilateral relations and explore new areas of cooperation from Indian side?

- (a) Draupadi Murmu
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) S. Jayshankar
- (d) Piyush Goyal
- (e) None of the above

Q144. The agreement 'Atlantic Declaration' reaffirms their longstanding "special relationship" and outlines a joint effort to tackle challenges posed by Russia, China, and economic instability. Which two countries have recently unveiled a groundbreaking strategic pact known as the "Atlantic Declaration"?

- (a) Germany & USA
- (b) Australia & India
- (c) France & Sweden
- (d) USA & UK
- (e) None of the above

Q145. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have set an ambitious target to increase their non-oil bilateral trade from the current USD 48 billion to USD 100 billion by which of the following year?

- (a) 2030
- (b) 2040
- (c) 2047
- (d) 2050
- (e) None of the above

Q146. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to synergise the professional capabilities of IICA and RRU towards capacity building, education, research and consulting. Where the Rashtriya Raksha University is located?

- (a) Kolkata, West Bengal
- (b) Bangalore, Karnataka
- (c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- (d) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- (e) None of the above

Q147. AirJaldi Networks, a leading provider of internet connectivity solutions for rural areas, has joined forces with which tech giant company through a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) titled 'Contentful Connectivity.'?

- (a) Meta
- (b) Infosys
- (c) Google
- (d) Microsoft
- (e) None of the above

Q148. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has partnered with which Indian institute to develop a touchless biometric capture system that is easy to use and accessible from anywhere?

- (a) IISc Bangalore
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Bombay
- (d) IIM Ahmedabad
- (e) None of the above

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- (a) Ghana
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) None of the above

Q150. Which state government introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Delhi
- (e) None of the above

Q151. The insurance regulator of India has recently released a directive to all insurers operating in the country to establish Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs for all individuals residing within India. Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs contains how many digit?

- (a) 6
- (b) 8
- (c) 12
- (d) 14
- (e) None of the above

Q152. Who launched the 'Sagar Samridhi' online dredging monitoring system as part of the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways?

- (a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (b) Sarbananda Sonowal
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Amit Shah
- (e) None of the above

Q153. The Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) is a crucial government commission in India responsible for ensuring the safety of rail travel and train operations. CRS, an independent authority, comes under which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- (b) Ministry of Road and Transport
- (c) Ministry of Railways
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (e) None of the above

Q154. Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has stated that India has moved from 4th largest producer of crude steel to the second largest producer of crude steel from 2014-15 to 2022-23. Which country is the largest exporter of crude steel in the world?

- (a) Germany
- (b) USA
- (c) Russia
- (d) China
- (e) None of the above

Q155. Cabinet approves establishment of Regional Office of Universal Postal Union. An agreement has been made with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) to establish a regional office in which Indian city?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Bangalore
- (e) None of the above

Q156. According to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data, the outstanding portfolio under education loans grew to how much per cent in the year 2022-23 as against the previous year?

- (a) 42%
- (b) 5%
- (c) 17%
- (d) 38%
- (e) None of the above

Q157. Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency stands out as one of the most developed constituencies among the 550 Parliamentary Constituencies in India. In which state Udhampur-Doda parliamentary constituency is situated?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Jammu & Kashmir
- (e) None of the above

Q158. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) in India has recently cracked down on over 150 websites and YouTube-based news channels since May 2021. These actions were taken in violation of which Section of the Information Technology (IT) Act?

- (a) Section 51A
- (b) Section 39A
- (c) Section 69A
- (d) Section 45A
- (e) None of the above

Q159. Which state has announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state to make life easier for the people of the state?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) None of the above

Q160. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The cultural site Santiniketan is situated in which Indian state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) None of the above

Q161. The Indian government has announced its intention to sell up to a ____ stake in Coal India Ltd through the offer for sale (OFS) route, according to a recent regulatory filing.

- (a) 5%
- (b) 3%
- (c) 1%
- (d) 7%
- (e) None of the above

Q162. Which Indian oil refinery company has announced its collaboration with LanzaJet, a leading sustainable fuels technology company, to establish an aviation fuel plant in Haryana?

- (a) ONGC
- (b) Reliance Industries Ltd.
- (c) BPCL
- (d) Indian Oil Corp
- (e) None of the above

Q163. India's Tata Group, a leading multinational conglomerate, has entered into an outline deal to construct a lithium-ion cell factory in which Indian state to bolster the country's electric vehicle (EV) supply chain and reduce its dependence on battery imports?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) None of the above

Q164. Insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its equity shareholding in which IT services provider through a series of open market transactions over a period of more than six months?

- (a) Wipro
- (b) TCS
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Tech Mahindra
- (e) None of the above

Q165. Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have joined forces to introduce the NBFC Growth Accelerator Program (NGAP). Where headquarter of SIDBI is located?

- (a) New Delhi, Delhi
- (b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (c) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Hyderabad, Telangana
- (e) None of the above

Q166. Which country has emerged as the global leader in digital payments for the year 2022 in terms of both value and volume of transactions?

- (a) India
- (b) USA
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of the above

Q167. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services company, has expanded its partnership with which of the following tech giant and unveiled a new offering called TCS Generative AI?

- (a) Meta
- (b) Google Cloud
- (c) Microsoft
- (d) IBM
- (e) None of the above

Q168. Which of the following payment app has announced the integration of RuPay credit cards onto the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- (a) Google Pay
- (b) PhonePe
- (c) Mobikwik
- (d) Paytm
- (e) None of the above

Q169. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Indian government have recently signed a loan agreement worth \$141.12 million to support the development of high-quality internal infrastructure in which Indian state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Assam
- (d) Odisha
- (e) None of the above

Q170. Which Small Finance Bank has entered into a partnership with IBM Consulting to develop and construct a digital banking platform?

- (a) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- (b) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- (c) AU Small Finance Bank
- (d) Jana Small Finance Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q171. The foreign ministers of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) have gathered for a two-day meeting to discuss various issues, including local currency trading and a peace plan for the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Where the two-day meeting was held?

- (a) New Delhi, India
- (b) Beijing, China
- (c) Cape Town, South Africa
- (d) Moscow, Russia
- (e) None of the above

Q172. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, holds the position of Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group during India's G20 Presidency. The SAI20 Summit took place in which Indian state?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Goa
- (e) None of the above

Q173. The inaugural Hindu-American Summit for political engagement, organised by a group of Indian Americans, was scheduled to take place at the US Capitol Hill. Which is the capital city of USA?

- (a) Los Angeles
- (b) New York
- (c) Washington D.C.
- (d) Boston
- (e) None of the above

Q174. India's presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20) holds immense significance as it assumes a central role in shaping global economic policies and addressing critical global challenges. What is the theme chosen for India's G20 Presidency?

- (a) Equality for solution to the World
- (b) Navigating Global Challenges Together
- (c) Enhance Humanity and change the Earth
- (d) Global Climate Resilient Engagement
- (e) None of the above

Q175. The India-EU Connectivity Conference, organized jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), EU Delegation to India, and the Asian Confluence, is set to take place in which Indian state?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) None of the above

Q176. The Second G20 Anti-corruption Working Group Meeting concluded with productive discussions and key agreements. Where the second G-20 Anti corruption Working Group Meeting was held?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Ranchi
- (c) Rishikesh
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) None of the above

Q177. India's theme for its Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is 'SECURE-SCO'. The foreign ministers of eight member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) are meeting in which Indian state?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Goa
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) None of the above

Q178. Which country's government recently launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit, an international conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- (a) Germany
- (b) India
- (c) UAE
- (d) Canada
- (e) None of the above

Q179. The Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) was established in 2016 and over the past six years, it has become the prominent consultative forum for nations in the region to discuss regional affairs. The 6th IOC has taken place at which place?

- (a) Male, Maldives
- (b) New Delhi, India
- (c) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- (d) Bali, Indonesia
- (e) None of the above

Q180. The Petersberg Climate Dialogue, a forum for high-level international climate talks held annually before the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (COP), took place in which of the following place?

- (a) Geneva, Switzerland
- (b) Paris, France
- (c) Bali, Indonesia
- (d) Berlin, Germany
- (e) None of the above

Q181. Give the name of a renowned theater actor and director famous for his grand open-air stage productions like "The Fifty Day War," inspired by the Kargil War, and "The Legend of Ram," has passed away at the age of 66.

- (a) Shashanka Ghosh
- (b) Aamir Raza Husain
- (c) Sachin Bhowmick
- (d) Manmohan Desai
- (e) None of the above

Q182. The iconic Ghanaian writer whose classics the Dilemma of a Ghost and Changes were taught to children in West African schools for decades, has died aged 81. What is the name of this Ghanaian writer?

- (a) Ama Ata Aidoo
- (b) Efua Sutherland
- (c) Flora Nwapa
- (d) Kinna Likimani
- (e) None of the above

Q183. Give the name of veteran actress, has been a part of 300 films including Hindi and Marathi, has passed away at the age of 94.

- (a) Lalita Pawar
- (b) Kanchan Ghanekar
- (c) Sulochana Latkar
- (d) Nirupa Roy
- (e) None of the above

Q184. Alby D'Cruz, one of proud Defence personnel who always maintained a low profile despite being conferred with the Ashoka Chakra, passed away. Alby D'Cruz belonged to which Indian state?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Assam
- (d) Kerala
- (e) None of the above

Q185. Gitanjali Aiyar, one of India's first English female news presenters on national broadcaster Doordarshan, passed away. She won the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award for Outstanding Women in which year?

- (a) 1989
- (b) 1998
- (c) 2002
- (d) 2006
- (e) None of the above

Q186. Give the name of prolific scholar and author of several books on Sanskrit literature who passed away at the age of 91.

- (a) Laxmi
- (b) Madalasa Rajaka Saraswati
- (c) Ved Kumari Ghai
- (d) Kuntidevi
- (e) None of the above

Q187. Give the name of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such acclaimed novels as "The Road" and "No Country for Old Men," who has passed away.

- (a) John Hillcoat
- (b) William Faulkner
- (c) Ernest Hemingway
- (d) Cormac McCarthy
- (e) None of the above

Q188. What is the name of a U.S. military analyst, known for leaking the “Pentagon Papers,” which exposed how the U.S. government deceived the public about the Vietnam War, passed away at the age of 92?

- (a) Edward Snowden
- (b) E.Howard Hunt
- (c) Daniel Ellsberg
- (d) G.Godon Liddy
- (e) None of the above

Q189. Give the name of the creator of the Indian Institute of Scientific Heritage (IISH) and a former scientist at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) who has passed away at the age of 68.

- (a) N. Gopalakrishnan
- (b) Narayanan Embranthiri
- (c) Anna Mani
- (d) AK Raychudhari
- (e) None of the above

Q190. Give the name of Former All India Football Federation (AIFF) Vice-President who has passed away at the age of 91.

- (a) Pankaj Gupta
- (b) Moin-ul-Haq
- (c) D Moir
- (d) A.R. Khaleel
- (e) None of the above

Q191. The government has appointed Ashwani Kumar in place of Soma Sankara Prasad as managing director of which of the following bank?

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) Indian Bank
- (c) UCO Bank
- (d) Bank of Maharashtra
- (e) None of the above

Q192. The Geological Survey of India (GSI), an attached office to the Ministry of Mines, has its headquarters in the city, with six regional offices in Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Shillong, and Kolkata. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)?

- (a) Dr S Raju
- (b) Janardan Prasad
- (c) Deepak Unadkat
- (d) Govinda Ramakrishna
- (e) None of the above

Q193. Amarendu Prakash has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL). Where is headquarter of SAIL located?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Pune
- (c) Rourkela
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) None of the above

Q194. Name the person, a seasoned banker with extensive experience in the banking industry, has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of credit bureau TransUnion CIBIL.

- (a) Urjit Patel
- (b) V Anantharaman
- (c) S. Jagadishan
- (d) Uday Kotak
- (e) None of the above

Q195. The 193 UN Member States elected Dennis Francis as the President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly. Dennis Francis belongs to which country?

- (a) Trinidad and Tobago
- (b) Ecuador
- (c) Senegal
- (d) Germany
- (e) None of the above

Q196. Who has been appointed Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL) for a term of three years?

- (a) Malini Parthasarathy
- (b) Devika Sambhale
- (c) Nirmala Lakshman
- (d) Indrani Sengupta
- (e) None of the above

Q197. Pieter Elbers has been elected as the chair-elect of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Board of Governors. Pieter Elbers is the CEO of which of the following airline company?

- (a) Air India
- (b) Spice Jet
- (c) Air Vistara
- (d) Indigo
- (e) None of the above

Q198. Dr Abdulla Al Mandous has been elected as the new President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for a four-year term from 2023 to 2027. Dr Abdulla Al Mandous is meteorologist of which country?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) India
- (c) UAE
- (d) Brazil
- (e) None of the above

Q199. Printer company Epson India has signed whom as its brand ambassador to promote its products in a multi-media campaign for its 'EcoTank' printers this month?

- (a) Rashmika Mandanna
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Smriti Mandhana
- (d) Saif Ali Khan
- (e) None of the above

Q200. Give the name of Indian origin who has been elected as the next President of World Bank by World Bank's 25 member executive board.

- (a) Indra Nooyi
- (b) Rajesh Gopinath
- (c) Shantanu Narayen
- (d) Ajay Banga
- (e) None of the above

Q201. The Indian government has established a commission of inquiry to investigate the recent series of violent incidents in Manipur. Who led the commission of inquiry?

- (a) Rajendra Menon
- (b) Satish Chandra Sharma
- (c) Ajai Lamba
- (d) Rekha Pillai
- (e) None of the above

Q202. Who launched two schemes namely Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI for reviving and conserving India's wetlands and mangroves, contributing to the campaign for a green future and green economy?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) G.Kishan Reddy
- (d) Piyush Goyal
- (e) None of the above

Q203. The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy are collaborating on a new initiative called 'MAHIR' to identify and develop emerging technologies in the power sector within and outside of India. What is the meaning of abbreviation of 'R' in MAHIR?

- (a) Renewable
- (b) Rejuvenating
- (c) Reserve
- (d) Research
- (e) None of the above

Q204. Amit Shah announced three major schemes to improve disaster management efforts across the country. How much amount of rupees have been announced for three major schemes for disaster management?

- (a) ₹2,000 crore
- (b) ₹8,000 crore
- (c) ₹1,000 crore
- (d) ₹4,000 crore
- (e) None of the above

Q205. The Indian government has recently approved a groundbreaking scheme worth Rs 1 lakh crore aimed at significantly expanding the foodgrain storage capacity in the cooperative sector. Who has hailed this scheme as the "world's largest foodgrain storage programme" in the cooperative sector?

- (a) Anurag Singh Thakur
- (b) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Narendra Modi
- (e) None of the above



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Q206. Which Indian state provided financial aid to farmers for the fifth consecutive year through the YSR Rythu Bharosa under PM Kisan program?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Kerala
- (e) None of the above

Q207. Hardeep Singh Puri, recently praised the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme on its momentous completion of _____ years.

- (a) Eight
- (b) Seven
- (c) Five
- (d) Three
- (e) None of the above

Q208. The City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) program has been approved by the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. CITIIS 2.0 program will be implemented for which time of period?

- (a) 2024-2029
- (b) 2025-2030
- (c) 2023-2027
- (d) 2026- 2030
- (e) None of the above

Q209. In a bid to boost the implementation of solar projects on agricultural lands, the central government is considering linking the PM-KUSUM scheme with the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF). The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) Scheme was launched in which year?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) None of the above

Q210. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Ladli Behna Yojana 2023, with the first installment of _____ deposited into the accounts of beneficiary women in Jabalpur.

- (a) Rs. 3,500
- (b) Rs 2,500
- (c) Rs 5,000
- (d) Rs 1,000
- (e) None of the above

Q211. During a high-level meeting _____ reviewed the conditions of the current prisons and made a significant decision to reform the prison system to be renamed as "Reform Homes" in his/her state in June of 2023.

- (a) Shivraj Singh Chavan
- (b) Mamta Benerjee
- (c) Arvind Kejriwal
- (d) Yogi Adityanath
- (e) None of the above

Q212. Which state government has announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state to make life easier for the people of the state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Haryana
- (e) None of the above

Q213. Which numbered Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath commenced in the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, with tight security measures in place?

- (a) 142nd
- (b) 146th
- (c) 151st
- (d) 148th
- (e) None of the above

Q214. Which state has provided financial aid to farmers for the fifth consecutive year through the Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan program?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) None of the above

Q215. The Maharashtra government has recently announced the renaming of _____ district to Ahilyadevi Nagar in honor of the 18th-century warrior-queen Ahilyadevi Holkar to diversify its support base and reduce the dominance of the Maratha community in the state's politics.

- (a) Ahmednagar
- (b) Satara
- (c) Kolhapur
- (d) Solapur
- (e) None of the above

Q216. Raja or Raja Parba or Mithuna Sankranti is a three-day-long festival of womanhood celebrated. Which Indian state celebrates 'Raja' agricultural festival?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) None of the above

Q217. The Mekedatu project has recently become a topic of discussion in the news as Karnataka urges Tamil Nadu's support for balancing reservoir. The discussion for construction of a balancing reservoir is made across which river?

- (a) Krishna
- (b) Godavari
- (c) Tungbhadra
- (d) Cauvery
- (e) None of the above

Q218. Which state police has introduced 'Arunpol App' & 'e-Vigilance portal' for safety & security of the citizens of the state to lodge complaints without coming to a police station?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Delhi
- (e) None of the above

Q219. Telangana Formation Day, observed annually on June 2nd, is a state public holiday in Telangana, India. It marks the commemoration of the formation of the state of Telangana. In which year Telangana was formed?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2018
- (e) None of the above

Q220. Which Indian city has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Shimla
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) None of the above

Q221. Which ministry announced that the central government has launched a new collection of courses called "Dakshta" (Development of Attitude, Knowledge, Skill for Holistic Transformation in Administration) on the iGOT Karmayogi Platform?

- (a) Education Ministry
- (b) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (c) Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship
- (d) Personnel Ministry
- (e) None of the above

Q222. India's Animation, Gaming, Visual Effects, and Comics (AVGC) sector is set to make a remarkable impression on the global stage as the country participates for the first time at the prestigious Anney International Animation Festival (AIAF). Where the prestigious Anney International Animation Festival (AIAF) was held?

- (a) England
- (b) USA
- (c) Australia
- (d) France
- (e) None of the above

Q223. Who inaugurated CREDAI Garden-People's Park and performed Bhoomipujan for various development works in Ahmedabad on the auspicious occasion of the Jagannath Rath Yatra?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Purshottam Rupala
- (d) Smriti Irani
- (e) None of the above

Q224. Prime Minister Narendra Modi led a unique yoga session at the United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, marking the 9th International Day of Yoga. Where the United Nations headquarters is located?

- (a) Washington D.C., USA
- (b) Paris, France
- (c) Geneva, Switzerland
- (d) New York, USA
- (e) None of the above

Q225. The central government of India has recently taken a proactive step towards improving the well-being of its employees by introducing the "Y-Break - Yoga at Office Chair" protocol. Which ministry spearheaded this initiative?

- (a) Ministry of Ayush
- (b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (e) None of the above

Q226. At a special meeting presided over _____ it was resolved to change the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society's name to Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society.

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Draupadi Murmu
- (e) None of the above

Q227. Give the name of a woman who born on June 18, 1911, in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, was a trailblazing Indian scientist and she became the first Indian woman to earn a Ph.D. degree in a scientific discipline.

- (a) Janaki Ammal
- (b) Kamala Sohanie
- (c) Bibha Chowdhury
- (d) Rajeshwari Chatterjee
- (e) None of the above

Q228. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) in India has recently cracked down on over 150 websites and YouTube-based news channels since May 2021. These actions were taken in violation of which Section of the Information Technology (IT) Act?

- (a) Section 51A
- (b) Section 39A
- (c) Section 69A
- (d) Section 45A
- (e) None of the above

Q229. Which state has announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state to make life easier for the people of the state?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) None of the above

Q230. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The cultural site Santiniketan is situated in which Indian state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) None of the above

Q231. The slogan or theme of the World Blood Donor Day 2023 is "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."

On which day World Blood Donor Day is observed annually to express gratitude towards selfless voluntary blood donors and celebrate the essence of life and humanity?

- (a) June 20
- (b) June 28
- (c) June 6
- (d) June 14
- (e) None of the above

Q232. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed annually on 13th June to create awareness about a genetic skin condition called Albinism, and promote the rights and regulations of Albinism on a global level. What is the theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2023?

- (a) United in making our voice heard
- (b) Inclusion is Strength
- (c) Strength beyond all odds
- (d) Made to Shine
- (e) None of the above

Q233. The United Nations has designated the theme for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2023 as "Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law, and Evidence-based Responses." World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is an annual event observed on which day to raise awareness about the mistreatment, discrimination, and neglect endured by elderly individuals?

- (a) June 24th
- (b) June 3rd
- (c) June 15th
- (d) June 11th
- (e) None of the above

Q234. International Yoga Day is celebrated every year on June 21st to promote the numerous benefits of practicing yoga. Which numbered International Yoga Day is observed this year?

- (a) 8th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 5th
- (d) 9th
- (e) None of the above

Q235. The International Labour Organization initiated this event in 2002, turning it into an international occasion. On which day World Day Against Child Labour is observed to inspire a global movement against child labour?

- (a) June 12th
- (b) June 5th
- (c) June 27th
- (d) June 20th
- (e) None of the above

Q236. The theme of International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2023 is “Bridging the gender digital divide to prevent, address and respond to conflict-related sexual violence”.

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is a United Nations observance on which of the day to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence?

- (a) June 22
- (b) June 12
- (c) June 19
- (d) June 7
- (e) None of the above

Q237. World Refugee Day is an internationally recognized day established by the United Nations to pay tribute to refugees worldwide. On which day World Refugee Day is observed?

- (a) 8 June
- (b) 24 June
- (c) 5 June
- (d) 20 June
- (e) None of the above

Q238. The theme for Sustainable Gastronomy Day 2023 is ‘Local Flavours, Preserving Global Heritage.’

Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed on which day every year to highlights the important role that food plays in promoting sustainable development and the crucial choices about what we eat?

- (a) 7 June
- (b) 24 June
- (c) 1 June
- (d) 18 June
- (e) None of the above

Q239. United Nations Public Service Day is all about appreciating the importance of public services and the people who work in them. On which day United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated every year?

- (a) 23 June
- (b) 18 June
- (c) 2 June
- (d) 7 June
- (e) None of the above

Q240. Global Wind Day, also known as World Wind Day serves as an opportunity to explore the potential of wind energy, its capacity to transform our energy systems, reduce carbon emissions in our economies, and stimulate job creation and economic growth. On which day Global Wind Day is celebrated?

- (a) June 29
- (b) June 5
- (c) June 27
- (d) June 15
- (e) None of the above

Q241. Which of the following entity is set to introduce a new secured web-based portal called “PRAVAAH” (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AuthHorisation) aimed at simplifying and streamlining the application processes?

- (a) RBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) SEBI
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) None of the above

Q242. Which Indian city has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Shimla
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) None of the above

Q243. Who emerged victorious at the Spanish Grand Prix, clinching the pole position and extending his lead in the Formula One championship by 53 points?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Max Verstappen
- (c) G. Russell
- (d) C.Sainz Jr.
- (e) None of the above

Q244. India and Serbia have set an ambitious target of achieving a bilateral trade volume of one billion euros by the end of the decade. Who committed to strengthen bilateral relations and explore new areas of cooperation from Indian side?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) S. Jaishankar
- (d) Draupadi Murmu
- (e) None of the above

Q245. World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of our planet. Which anniversary of World Environment Day has been hosted by Côte D'Ivoire, with the theme of "solutions to plastic pollution"?

- (a) 60th
- (b) 25th
- (c) 75th
- (d) 50th
- (e) None of the above

Q246. Give the name of a renowned theater actor and director famous for his grand open-air stage productions like "The Fifty Day War," inspired by the Kargil War, and "The Legend of Ram," has passed away at the age of 66.

- (a) Shashanka Ghosh
- (b) Sachin Bhowmick
- (c) Aamir Raza Husain
- (d) Manmohan Desai
- (e) None of the above

Q247. Which country is preparing to host the biggest air deployment exercise in NATO's history, a show of force intended to impress allies and potential adversaries such as Russia?

- (a) United Kingdom
- (b) Germany
- (c) USA
- (d) China
- (e) None of the above

Q248. Cabinet approves establishment of Regional Office of Universal Postal Union. An agreement has been made with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) to establish a regional office in which Indian city?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Bangalore
- (e) None of the above

Q249. Which Indian oil refinery company has announced its collaboration with LanzaJet, a leading sustainable fuels technology company, to establish an aviation fuel plant in Haryana?

- (a) Indian Oil Corp
- (b) Reliance Industries Ltd.
- (c) BPCL
- (d) ONGC
- (e) None of the above

Q250. The India-EU Connectivity Conference, organized jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), EU Delegation to India, and the Asian Confluence, is set to take place in which Indian state?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) None of the above

Q251. Who launched the 'Sagar Samridhi' online dredging monitoring system as part of the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways?

- (a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (b) Sarbananda Sonowal
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Amit Shah
- (e) None of the above

Q252. India's Sunil Kumar scored 7003 points and clinched gold in men's decathlon at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships. In which country the Asian U20 Athletics Championships has been held?

- (a) USA
- (b) France
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of the above

Q253. Which bank collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for launching the Rupay Credit Card through UPI using the BHIM app to leverage the reach of UPI and the strength of credit card products?

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) None of the above

Q254. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a _____ loan agreement to support initiatives aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, improving irrigation access, and promoting horticulture agribusinesses in Himachal Pradesh?

- (a) \$220 million
- (b) \$130 million
- (c) \$50 million
- (d) \$400 million
- (e) None of the above

Q255. The theme of World Oceans day 2023 is "Planet Ocean: The Tides are Changing." On which day World Oceans Day is observed annually to promote ocean awareness and encourages people worldwide to take action towards protecting our marine environments?

- (a) June 3
- (b) June 8
- (c) June 5
- (d) June 20
- (e) None of the above

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- (a) Punjab National Bank
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- (b) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Anurag Singh Thakur
- (e) None of the above

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- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Haryana
- (e) None of the above

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- (a) Edward Snowden
- (b) E.Howard Hunt
- (c) Daniel Ellsberg
- (d) G.Godon Liddy
- (e) None of the above

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- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (b) Ministry of AYUSH
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (e) None of the above

Q261. The Indian government has selected whom as the Managing Director (MD) of the Bank of India (BOI)?

- (a) Alok Kumar Chodhary
- (b) Rajneesh Karnatak
- (c) Swaminathan J.
- (d) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- (e) None of the above

Q262. Who has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy?

- (a) Dinesh Kumar Mittal
- (b) KN Vyas
- (c) Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- (d) Haresh Saniwal
- (e) None of the above

Q263. Debadatta Chand has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Bank of Baroda (BOB), according to a government announcement. Where is headquarter of BOB?

- (a) Vadodara
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Varanasi
- (e) None of the above

Q264. The Indian government has officially announced the appointment of Justice TS Sivagnanam as the Chief Justice of the _____ High Court.

- (a) Madras
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Allahabad
- (d) Calcutta
- (e) None of the above

Q265. Give the name of Indian origin who has been elected as the next President of World Bank by World Bank's 25 member executive board.

- (a) Ajay Banga
- (b) Rajesh Gopinath
- (c) Shantanu Narayen
- (d) Indra Nooyi
- (e) None of the above

Q266. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PSEB) recommended whom as the next Chairman and Managing Director of Coal India (CIL)?

- (a) Pramod Agrawal
- (b) Push Kumar Joshi
- (c) Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad
- (d) Prasanth Kumar
- (e) None of the above

Q267. Give the name of an Indian-American who has been appointed as the Domestic Policy Advisor in the Biden administration.

- (a) RO Khanna
- (b) Neera Tandon
- (c) Pramila Jayapal
- (d) Dr. Ami Bera
- (e) None of the above

Q268. Rathendra Raman, who belongs to the 1995 batch of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), has taken charge as the new chairman of the Kolkata Port. What is the name of Kolkata port?

- (a) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee
- (b) Sardar Patel
- (c) Jawahar Lal Nehru Port
- (d) Pandit Deen Dayal Port
- (e) None of the above

Q269. Who has been appointed as first Indian Global Ambassador of Gucci?

- (a) Alia Bhatt
- (b) Kareena Kapoor Khan
- (c) Deepika Padukone
- (d) Katrina Kaif
- (e) None of the above

Q270. Which Bollywood actor has been chosen to inspire and support the Indian contingent participating in the upcoming Special Olympics for individuals with intellectual disabilities, set to take place in Berlin from June 16 to June 25?

- (a) Abhishekh Bacchan
- (b) Shahrukh Khan
- (c) Ranveer Singh
- (d) Ayushmann Khurrana
- (e) None of the above

Q271. India's Tata Group, a leading multinational conglomerate, has entered into an outline deal to construct a lithium-ion cell factory in which Indian state to bolster the country's electric vehicle (EV) supply chain and reduce its dependence on battery imports?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) None of the above

Q272. Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has stated that India has moved from 4th largest producer of crude steel to the second largest producer of crude steel from 2014-15 to 2022-23. Which country is the largest exporter of crude steel in the world?

- (a) Germany
- (b) USA
- (c) Russia
- (d) China
- (e) None of the above



Q273. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has directed _____ life insurance company to take over the life insurance business of Sahara India Life Insurance Co (SILIC) with immediate effect.

- (a) SBI Life Insurance Co
- (b) Max Life Insurance Co
- (c) Kotak Life Insurance Co
- (d) HDFC Life Insurance Co
- (e) None of the above

Q274. Which state government introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Telangana
- (e) None of the above

Q275. International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is celebrated on which day to raise awareness of the problem of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing?

- (a) June 2
- (b) June 12
- (c) June 5
- (d) June 7
- (e) None of the above

Q276. Which state police has introduced 'Arunpol App' & 'e-Vigilance portal' for safety & security of the citizens of the state to lodge complaints without coming to a police station?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Delhi
- (e) None of the above

Q277. Who launched two schemes namely Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI for reviving and conserving India's wetlands and mangroves, contributing to the campaign for a green future and green economy?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) G.Kishan Reddy
- (d) Piyush Goyal
- (e) None of the above

Q278. Serbia's men won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023, which took place in Vienna, Austria. Which country's women team won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023 in women's category?

- (a) USA
- (b) England
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Australia
- (e) None of the above

Q279. Give the name of prolific scholar and author of several books on Sanskrit literature who passed away at the age of 91.

- (a) Laxmi
- (b) Madalasa Rajaka Saraswati
- (c) Ved Kumari Ghai
- (d) Kuntidevi
- (e) None of the above

Q280. Who inaugurated CREDAI Garden-People's Park and performed Bhoomipujan for various development works in Ahmedabad on the auspicious occasion of the Jagannath Rath Yatra?

- (a) Yogi Adityanath
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Purshottam Rupala
- (d) Amit Shah
- (e) None of the above

Q281. Which of the following Indian state government launched Namu Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana with an aim at providing support to farmers in the state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) None of the above

Q282. The theme for this year's World Bicycle Day is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future." On which day World Bicycle Day is observed to recognize the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport?

- (a) 20 June
- (b) 3 June
- (c) 24 June
- (d) 8 June
- (e) None of the above

Q283. Who has retained his Asian Billiards title in the 100-up format after defeating his compatriot Brijesh Damani 5-1 in the final held at Qatar Billiards and Snooker Federation (QBSF) Academy?

- (a) Aditya Mehta
- (b) Geet Sethi
- (c) Sourav Kothari
- (d) Pankaj Advani
- (e) None of the above

Q284. India, France, and United Arab Emirates (UAE) jointly held Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced in the Gulf of Oman. Which edition of India, France and UAE held Maritime Partnership Exercise?

- (a) Second
- (b) Third
- (c) Fifth
- (d) First
- (e) None of the above

Q285. Which entity has recently updated its 'Alert List' to caution the public about unauthorised forex trading platforms to protecting residents from fraudulent activities related to forex trading?

- (a) SEBI
- (b) Finance Ministry
- (c) RBI
- (d) NSE
- (e) None of the above

Q286. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL) for a term of three years?

- (a) Malini Parthasarathy
- (b) Devika Sambhale
- (c) Nirmala Lakshman
- (d) Indrani Sengupta
- (e) None of the above

Q287. The agreement 'Atlantic Declaration' reaffirms their longstanding "special relationship" and outlines a joint effort to tackle challenges posed by Russia, China, and economic instability. Which two countries have recently unveiled a groundbreaking strategic pact known as the "Atlantic Declaration"?

- (a) Germany & USA
- (b) Australia & India
- (c) France & Sweden
- (d) USA & UK
- (e) None of the above

Q288. Which country has emerged as the global leader in digital payments for the year 2022 in terms of both value and volume of transactions?

- (a) India
- (b) USA
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of the above

Q289. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, holds the position of Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group during India's G20 Presidency. The SAI20 Summit took place in which Indian state?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Telangana
- (e) None of the above

Q290. India's Animation, Gaming, Visual Effects, and Comics (AVGC) sector is set to make a remarkable impression on the global stage as the country participates for the first time at the prestigious Annecy International Animation Festival (AIAF). Where the prestigious Annecy International Animation Festival (AIAF) was held?

- (a) England
- (b) USA
- (c) Australia
- (d) France
- (e) None of the above

Q291. The Second G20 Anti-corruption Working Group Meeting concluded with productive discussions and key agreements. Where the second G-20 Anti corruption Working Group Meeting was held?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Ranchi
- (c) Rishikesh
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) None of the above

Q292. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.20 crore on Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) for violating various rules and regulations. Where is headquarter of Indian Overseas Bank located?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) None of the above

Q293. With which tech giant company, AirJaldi Networks has joined forces through a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) titled 'Contentful Connectivity.'?

- (a) Meta
- (b) Infosys
- (c) Google
- (d) Microsoft
- (e) None of the above

Q294. Give the name of Indian origin who has been elected as the next President of World Bank by World Bank's 25 member executive board.

- (a) Indra Nooyi
- (b) Rajesh Gopinath
- (c) Shantanu Narayen
- (d) Ajay Banga
- (e) None of the above

Q295. AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic announces his retirement from football after they played season's final game against Hellas Verona. Zlatan Ibrahimovic belongs to which country?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Uruguay
- (c) Russia
- (d) Germany
- (e) None of the above

Q296. The Indian government has established a commission of inquiry, led by former Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Ajai Lamba, to investigate the recent series of violent incidents in which Indian state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Nagaland
- (e) None of the above

Q297. Who has taken over command of an independent field workshop in the Eastern Ladakh region with China and become the first woman to command an army battalion?

- (a) Priya Jhingan
- (b) Rosemary Mariner
- (c) Shiva Chauhan
- (d) Geeta Rana
- (e) None of the above

Q298. Insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its equity shareholding in which IT services provider through a series of open market transactions over a period of more than six months?

- (a) Wipro
- (b) TCS
- (c) Tech Mahindra
- (d) Infosys
- (e) None of the above

Q299. Give the name of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such acclaimed novels as "The Road" and "No Country for Old Men," who has passed away.

- (a) John Hillcoat
- (b) William Faulkner
- (c) Ernest Hemingway
- (d) Cormac McCarthy
- (e) None of the above

Q300. Amit Shah announced three major schemes to improve disaster management efforts across the country. How much amount of rupees have been announced for three major schemes for disaster management?

- (a) ₹2,000 crore
- (b) ₹8,000 crore
- (c) ₹1,000 crore
- (d) ₹4,000 crore
- (e) None of the above

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Solutions**S1. Ans.(b)**

Sol. The London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) has announced its plan to set up a technology centre of excellence in Hyderabad, India. This move is expected to create about 1,000 jobs a year and boost the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector in the city.

The announcement was made after Telangana IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao's meeting with LSEG Group CIO Anthony McCarthy in London.

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Indian government has officially announced the appointment of Justice TS Sivagnanam as the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court. Justice Sivagnanam, who has been the senior-most judge at the court, had been serving as the Acting Chief Justice since March 31, 2023.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Visa, the global card transaction company, has launched a new feature in India that allows users to make online payments without the need for a CVV number. The feature applies to tokenised credit and debit cards and is only available for domestic transactions in India.

The new authentication method protects users from cyber fraud as the token cannot be used on another platform.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. G20 spurs socioeconomic development in Kashmir. Collectively, the G20 accounts for a significant portion of the world economy, with a combined GDP of approximately USD 82.8 trillion, representing 74% of the world's total GDP for 2020 according to data from the World Bank.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh opened the country's first Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in Chandigarh on 8 May, under a memorandum of understanding between the Indian Air Force and the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

The centre spreads over 17,000 square feet and celebrates the Indian Air Force's role in previous conflicts such as the 1965, 1971, and Kargil Wars, as well as the Balakot air strike, through murals and memorabilia.

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. India and Israel have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on industrial research and development cooperation, marking a significant milestone in their scientific and technological partnership, the Ministry of Science & Technology said. The collaboration aims to enable joint industrial research and development projects in various high-tech fields such as artificial intelligence, quantum and semiconductors, synthetic biology, healthcare, aerospace, sustainable energy, and agriculture, among others.

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Carlos Alcaraz has successfully defended his Madrid Open tennis trophy by beating a very good Jann-Lennard Struff in three sets 6-4 3-6 6-3.

The victory in just over an hour took the 19-year-old's winning streak to 10 matches and gave him a second consecutive title after victory last month in Barcelona.

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) called SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management) was launched by the Union Health Secretary.

SAKSHAM is an integrated and specialized online learning platform aimed at providing medical education and training to all healthcare professionals in India.

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Antonio Carbajal, the first Mexican player to appear in five World Cups, has passed away at the age of 93.

Carbajal, who was nicknamed "La Tota," played for Mexico between 1950 and 1966, making 11 World Cup appearances. He was a key member of the Mexico team that reached the quarterfinals of the 1958 World Cup.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is celebrated annually on May 8th to honor the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and was the first person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide humanitarian network that operates in almost every country across the globe.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet, under the leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu, has announced a monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 for women in the Spiti Valley.

The incentive will be provided to all eligible women, including Buddhist nuns, above the age of 18 years. This initiative is called the Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi.

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. AU Small Finance Bank has teamed up with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card, a novel solution designed to fulfill the financial requirements of self-employed clients.

The latest product is intended to provide a wide range of advantages to small enterprises. The CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Dilip Asbe, and the MD & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank, Sanjay Agarwal, were present at the card's launch.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, according to the Minister of Defence. Ashutosh Dixit, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, was Commissioned in the fighter stream on December 6 in 1986.

Mr Dixit is a qualified flying instructor as well as an experimental test pilot, with over 3,300 hours of flying experience on fighter, trainer and transport aircraft. He participated in operations 'Safed Sagar' and 'Rakshak'.

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The city has adopted a Voluntary Local Review (VLR) process, which is a tool that helps cities to assess their progress on the SDGs and identify areas where they need to improve.

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. To commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention in 1875, Metrology Day is celebrated on 20 May each year.

The World Metrology Day project is an idea jointly by the BIPM and the OIML. The theme for World Metrology Day 2023 is Measurements supporting the global food system.

Metre Convention was an international treaty signed in Paris which established the basis for international agreement on units of measurement.

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. MakeMyTrip, leading travel portal announced a collaboration with Microsoft to bring travel planning to a wider audience through the introduction of voice-assisted booking in Indian languages.

The new technology stack incorporates Microsoft Azure OpenAI Service and Azure Cognitive Services to enable personalised travel recommendations for users based on their preferences.

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has committed to setting up a state-of-the-art ethanol plant in Jeetpur Baheri, Una district. With an estimated cost of Rs 500 crore, this project aims to bolster the production of ethanol in the region and create numerous employment opportunities for local communities.

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. Lionel Messi, who led Argentina to victory in the 2022 World Cup as their captain, was honored with the Laureus Sportsman of the Year award at a ceremony held in Paris.

In addition to that, Messi accepted the World Team of the Year award on behalf of the Argentina men's football team, who won the championship in Qatar.

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Anandiben Patel is the governor of Uttar Pradesh. Ayodhya as a global tourism hotspot, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop a theme park 'Ramaland' modelled on Disneyland to narrate the story of Lord Ram.

With Ramaland, the tourism department is looking to attract children and adults alike to showcase the legendary tales from Ramayan in the template of 'learning with entertainment'.

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ajay Banga, who is of Indian origin, has been officially selected as the new President of the World Bank.

The 25-member executive board of the World Bank elected Ajay Banga, who previously served as the CEO of Mastercard, to hold the position for a period of five years, starting from June 2.

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. IDFC First Bank has announced its collaboration with the Swedish company Crunchfish to launch a pilot project to demonstrate offline retail payments.

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Indian Ministry of Earth Sciences has initiated the REACHOUT Scheme to advance research, education, and training in the realm of Earth Sciences.

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Vande Bharat Express train service between Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in Delhi.

The train will cover a distance of 701 kilometres in 7 hours and 30 minutes and will operate on all days except Saturday. It will stop at Veerangana Laxmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, and Agra.

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. India emerged as the winners in both men's and women's categories at the 4th Asian Kho Kho Championships held in Tamulpur, located in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) of north-central Assam's Baksa district.

Bangladesh and Sri Lanka shared the third place in both men's and women's categories.

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Climate entrepreneur Shreya Ghodawat has been appointed as India's ambassador for She Changes Climate- a global campaign driving awareness of the crucial role of women in accelerating just climate action.

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the launch of Mukhyamantri Ekal Mahila Swarozgar Yojana in the state at the end of Women Empowerment and Safety Week.

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. Asia's biggest International Food and Hospitality Fair begins in Delhi.

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. The theme for this year's World Tuberculosis Day is "Yes! We can end TB!" and it focuses on urging leaders from around the world to take action to stop the TB epidemic.

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. The government implemented changes to the pricing model of domestic natural gas in accordance with the Kirit Parikh committee's recommendations on gas pricing.

The new pricing system will announce prices monthly and link them to 10% of the international price of the Indian crude basket.

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. The government introduced the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, which aims to increase the country's exports to USD 2 trillion by 2030.

The new policy is different from the previous 5-year FTP announcements as it has no specific end date and will be revised as needed, according to the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Santosh Sarangi.

S31. Ans.(d)

Sol. The government e-Marketplace (GeM) held a celebration to celebrate "SWAYATT," a programme to support start-ups, women, and youth advantage through e-Transactions on GeM, which has been a major success.

32. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Indian Ministry of Earth Sciences has initiated the REACHOUT Scheme to advance research, education, and training in the realm of Earth Sciences.

S33. Ans.(c)

Sol. Suryoday Small Finance Bank announced the launch of 'Blossom Women's Savings Account' with 7 percent per annum interest rate with monthly interest credit.

S34. Ans.(b)

Sol. S.S. Dubey took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA). He is the 28th officer to hold the position of CGA.

S35. Ans.(c)

Sol. According to data shared by the GI Registry, Kerala has secured the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags for products among all states in India in FY23.

Several products from Kerala, including Attappady Aattukombu Avara (beans), Attappady Thuvara (red gram), Onattukara Ellu (sesame), Kanthalloor Vattavada Veluthuli (garlic), and Kodungallur Pottuvellari (snap melon) have been recognized with the GI tag.

S36. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Union home ministry has announced a 10 per cent reservation for former Agniveers in vacancies in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), just after taking a similar initiative for jobs for them in the BSF.

S37. Ans.(d)

Sol. On April 5th, during the second T20I match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Dunedin, Kim Cotton became the first woman to serve as an on-field umpire in a men's international match between two full-member teams, making history.

Cotton has previously worked as an on-field and TV umpire in 54 women's T20Is and 24 women's ODIs, as well as officiating at the women's T20 and ODI World Cups from 2018 to 2023.

S38. Ans.(c)

Sol. The committee will be headed by the finance secretary and consists of three other members: the secretaries of the Department of Personnel and Training, the special secretary in the Department of Expenditure, and the Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA).

S39. Ans.(b)

Sol. Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day is observed in India on 23rd March every year to pay homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of India.

S40. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Central Office of the RBI, initially set up in Kolkata, was permanently moved to Mumbai in 1937.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established on April 1, 1935, in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

Sir Osborne Smith the first Governor of the Bank.

S41. Ans.(a)

Sol. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) launched its WhatsApp Banking Services in New Delhi, allowing customers to conveniently access banking services on their mobile phones.

The new WhatsApp Banking channel will enable customers to connect with the bank on WhatsApp and access a range of services, including requesting doorstep services, finding the nearest Post Office, and more.

42. Ans.(d)

Sol. India initiated Operation Kaveri to evacuate its citizens from the unrest-stricken Sudan. As per External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's tweet, the operation is currently in progress, and roughly 500 Indians have already arrived at Port Sudan.

The Ministry of External Affairs had announced the standby status of two C-130s aircraft and INS Sumedha for the safe evacuation of stranded Indians in Sudan.

S43. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Indian government has appointed Deepak Mohanty as the new chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

S44. Ans.(b)

Sol. Earth Day is observed on April 22 each year. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the rapidly-rising levels of pollution, climate change, and other circumstances that contribute to damaging the environment and threaten the survival of our planet.

S45. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Gaj Utsav-2023 was inaugurated at the Kaziranga National Park by the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu.

During her speech, she highlighted the significant bond between nature and humanity, which is regarded as sacred. India has always identified itself with a culture of respecting nature.

Our country has a unique connection between nature and culture, where both have been intertwined and nourishing each other.

S46. Ans.(a)

Sol. India and Australia signed a Framework Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications that will help ease the mobility of students and professionals between the two countries.

S47. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tejal Mehta, an Indian-American woman judge who promised to make a real impact to the community and treat people with compassion, has taken oath as the first Justice of a district court in the US state of Massachusetts.

S48. Ans.(d)

Sol. The economy of Himachal Pradesh is predominantly reliant on agriculture and animal husbandry. The rural households in the state consider livestock care as a crucial aspect, given the livestock population of approximately 4.41 million.

The state government has initiated a project named Sanjeevani to uplift the livelihood of small dairy farmers and livestock owners.

S49. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) and Amazon India have recently signed a collaboration agreement aimed at boosting India's creative economy and promoting creative talent in the country.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Singh Thakur, and senior executives from Amazon India.

S50. Ans.(d)

Sol. Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh has been honoured with Player-of-the-Year award by the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) for clinching the gold medal with a record-breaking score of 9/11 in the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram.

S51. Ans.(b)

Sol. AU Small Finance Bank has announced that it has been granted permission by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an authorized dealer in foreign exchange.

The bank has received a license to operate as an Authorized Dealer Category-I (AD-I) under section 10 of FEMA, 1999.

S52. Ans.(b)

Sol. The 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign was introduced by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi.

The President emphasised that these issues—water scarcity and global warming—are consequences of it.

S53. Ans.(b)

Sol. India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is shortly to be connected to comparable networks in Indonesia, Mauritius, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). UPI was introduced in 2016.

S54. Ans.(d)

Sol. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), a shipbuilding company in India, has launched INS Androth, a vessel claimed to be the "most silent ship in the country" for the Indian Navy.

S55. Ans.(b)

Sol. April 18th marks the observance of World Heritage Day, also referred to as International Day for Monuments and Sites.

The primary objective of this day is to raise awareness of the significance of safeguarding cultural heritage, including historical structures, landmarks, and archaeological locations, and to celebrate the variety of global heritage.

S56. Ans.(c)

Sol. India is reportedly considering joining the 'Climate Club,' an environmental initiative started by the G7 to promote stronger climate action. The club's three pillars are advancing ambitious and transparent climate policies, supporting substantial industrial decarbonisation, and encouraging international cooperation towards a just transition.

S57. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme by the name of 'Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists' (erstwhile 'Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes') to provide financial assistance to veteran artists of the country of the age of 60 years and above in the form of monthly artists' pension.

S58. Ans.(a)

Sol. India and Russia have agreed to explore the possibility of accepting each other's payment cards, RuPay and Mir, for hassle-free payments between the two countries.

The decision was made during the latest meeting of the Internal Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological, and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC), which was jointly chaired by External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar and Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.

S59. Ans.(d)

Sol. G20 spurs socioeconomic development in Kashmir. Collectively, the G20 accounts for a significant portion of the world economy, with a combined GDP of approximately USD 82.8 trillion, representing 74% of the world's total GDP for 2020 according to data from the World Bank.

S60. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Indian government has selected Rajneesh Karnatak as the Managing Director (MD) of the Bank of India (BOI). Karnatak currently serves as the Executive Director of the Union Bank of India.

As per the announcement, he will take up the role of MD & CEO of Bank of India for a period of three years, starting from the date he assumes office or until further instructions.



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S61. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay) to develop a touchless biometric capture system that is easy to use and accessible from anywhere.

S62. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Telangana government introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework. It is designed to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India.

The policy aims to provide support for research and development, encourage collaboration between academia and industry, and promote the adoption of robotics technology across various sectors.

S63. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ghana has made history by becoming the first country to approve a highly effective malaria vaccine developed by scientists at the University of Oxford in the UK.

The vaccine, called R21/Matrix-M, has exceeded the World Health Organization's target of 75% efficacy, making it a significant milestone in the fight against malaria.

S64. Ans.(d)

Sol. The PMMY scheme aims to provide loans of up to ₹10 lakh to small entrepreneurs to start or expand their businesses.

The scheme has shown significant success in promoting entrepreneurship, with 68% of accounts under the scheme belonging to women entrepreneurs and 51% belonging to entrepreneurs from SC/ST and OBC categories.

S65. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers' Colonel Geeta Rana is the first female officer to assume control of an Independent Field Workshop in a remote and forward area in Eastern Ladakh.

S66. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces, a 34-nation naval group.

S67. Ans.(d)

Sol. In the midst of an economic crisis, India has decided to extend a \$1 billion credit line to Sri Lanka for another year, providing the much-needed funds to pay for essential imports. The credit line is part of the \$4 billion emergency assistance extended by India to Sri Lanka during its peak crisis time last year.

S68. Ans.(c)

Sol. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp Ltd (IRCTC) and HDFC Bank, announced the launch of a co-branded travel credit card.

S69. Ans.(a)

Sol. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is celebrated annually on May 8th to honor the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and was the first person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide humanitarian network that operates in almost every country across the globe.

S70. Ans.(d)

Sol. The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has kicked off in Indonesia with a theme of "ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth."

The summit aims to demonstrate the bloc's hopes and efforts to become the center and driving force behind global development.

S71. Ans.(d)

Sol. Microsoft India has announced two new initiatives aimed at supporting small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) in their digital transformation journey.

The tech giant has launched a dedicated helpline and a comprehensive website, specifically designed to help Indian SMBs address their business challenges, improve operations, increase efficiency, and drive growth.

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S73. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Indian Army and Tezpur University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for providing Chinese language training to the Indian Army personnel.

The signing of the MoU was done by HQ 4 Corps on behalf of the Indian Army and the registrar of Tezpur University in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof SN Singh.

S74. Ans.(d)

Sol. To leverage the reach of UPI and the strength of credit card products, Canara Bank in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched the Rupay Credit Card through UPI using the BHIM app.

S75. Ans.(a)

Sol. Neeli Bendapudi, an academic of Indian origin, has been selected as one of the five co-chairs of an Association of American Universities (AAU) task force that aims to enhance research and academic collaborations among higher education institutions in the United States and India.

In collaboration with the Biden administration's US-India initiative on critical and emerging technology, AAU has established a national task force that aims to expand technological and industrial cooperation between the United States and India.

S76. Ans.(d)

Sol. Pankaj Advani, the Indian cue sports champion, has retained his Asian Billiards title in the 100-up format after defeating his compatriot Brijesh Damani.

S77. Ans.(d)

Sol. Africa-India field training exercise AFINDEX-23 to be held in Pune.

S78. Ans.(b)

Sol. Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh has been appointed as the new chief justice of the Tripura High Court, replacing Justice Jaswant Singh who recently retired.

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S80. Ans.(b)

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The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has designated "Asthma Care for All" as the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day.

S81. Ans.(b)

Sol. The World Health Day 2023 has adopted the theme "Health For All" with the objective of reflecting on the accomplishments of public health in enhancing people's quality of life over the past seven decades.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of WHO. Each year, the WHO chooses a theme for the World Health Day, and various activities and events are organized to promote awareness of the issue.

S82. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Centre and the World Bank have signed two complementary loans of \$500 million each to support and enhance the country's health sector development.

S83. Ans.(a)

Sol. Punjab National Bank, nation's public sector bank and Central Warehousing Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate financing under e-NWR (Electronic Negotiable Warehousing Receipt).

S84. Ans.(d)

Sol. In a startling move, the Italian government has announced that it plans to ban the English language and impose heavy fines on individuals and organizations that continue to use it.

The announcement comes just weeks after the ban on ChatGPT, a language model developed by OpenAI.

S85. Ans.(d)

Sol. The government increased the maximum age for Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority's (PFRDA) ombudsman from 65 to 70 years.

S86. Ans.(c)

Sol. Conrad Kongkal Sangma was sworn in as the Meghalaya chief minister for the second successive term in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

S87. Ans.(d)

Sol. Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, Rashmi Shukla has been appointed as the Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

S88. Ans.(a)

Sol. She defeated PV Sindhu from India, marking her first BWF World Tour title and her first win over PV Sindhu in eight matches.

The tournament took place at Centro Deportivo Municipal Gallur in Madrid, Spain from March 28th to April 2nd, 2023, as part of the Spain Masters championship.

S89. Ans.(a)

Sol. Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Delhi on May 1st, 2023, led by RAdm Gurcharan Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, arrived in Singapore to participate in the inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023).

The exercise is scheduled to take place from May 2nd to May 8th, 2023.

S90. Ans.(d)

Sol. Indian author Ruskin Bond wrote a book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life". The Golden Years book is published by HarperCollins India and released on 19 May 2023, Bond's 89th birthday.

"The Golden Years" focuses on Bond's experiences during the 60s, 70s and 80s.

S91. Ans.(c)

Sol. On World Environment Day, Reckitt inaugurated the inaugural Dettol Climate Resilient School in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, as part of its Dettol Banega Swasth India campaign. This initiative aims to provide schools with the necessary tools and knowledge to build climate-resilient communities.

Uttarakhand is highly susceptible to the negative impacts of climate change due to various factors like melting glaciers, population growth, seismic activities, and excessive exploitation of natural resources.

S92. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Maharashtra government has recently launched a new financial scheme aimed at providing support to farmers in the state.

The scheme, known as Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana, was approved at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

S93. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Pinarayi Vijayan-led Kerala government on 5 June officially launched the Kerala Fibre Optical Network (KFON). Now the Kerala government, which was the first state to declare the right to the internet as a basic right, is mulling to decrease the digital divide with KFON and want to ensure high-speed broadband internet access to all houses and government offices.

S94. Ans.(d)

Sol. At Pathikonda in Kurnool district, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, provided financial aid to farmers for the fifth consecutive year through the YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan program.

In this year's initial installment, CM Jagan distributed a total of Rs 3,923.21 crore to 52,30,939 farmers.

S95. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Maharashtra government has recently announced the renaming of Ahmednagar district to Ahilyadevi Nagar in honor of the 18th-century warrior-queen Ahilyadevi Holkar.

This decision is seen as a significant step to appease and empower the Dhangar community, which holds considerable numerical strength in Maharashtra's population.

S96. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Indian government has established a commission of inquiry, led by former Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Ajai Lamba, to investigate the recent series of violent incidents in Manipur.

The commission aims to delve into the causes, spread, and administrative response to these tragic events.

S97. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Mekedatu project has recently become a topic of discussion in the news, with Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister, D K Shivakumar, advocating for the construction of a balancing reservoir across the Cauvery River near Kanakapura.

S98. Ans.(c)

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S99. Ans.(a)

Sol. Telangana was formed on June 2nd 2014.

The day is celebrated with various activities such as parades, cultural programs, and speeches. It is also an occasion to honor the sacrifices made by those who fought for the establishment of Telangana.

S100. Ans.(d)

Sol. Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The city has adopted a Voluntary Local Review (VLR) process, which is a tool that helps cities to assess their progress on the SDGs and identify areas where they need to improve.

S101. Ans.(d)

Sol. The 50th anniversary of World Environment Day will be hosted by Côte D'Ivoire, with the theme of "solutions to plastic pollution".

World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of our planet. It was first established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972, and since then, over 150 countries participate in various activities to celebrate this day.

S102. Ans.(d)

Sol. The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, observed every year on June 4, brings attention to children who experience various forms of aggression.

It serves as a solemn reminder of the suffering endured by countless children globally, regardless of the specific type of abuse they endure.

S103. Ans.(b)

Sol. World Bicycle Day is an annual event celebrated on June 3rd. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 to recognize the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport.

The selection of this date is significant as it commemorates the anniversary of the invention of the bicycle by Karl von Drais in 1817. The theme for this year's World Bicycle Day is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future."

S104. Ans.(b)

Sol. World Food Safety day is celebrated on June 7 annually across the globe to highlight the importance of maintaining food standards. The day was aimed at inspiring the UN member nations to prioritise food safety standards and work collaboratively to protect consumers from foodborne diseases.

S105. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Global Day of Parents is a special observance that recognizes the critical role parents play in the lives of their children and the well-being of society as a whole. Celebrated on June 1st each year, this day serves as an opportunity to honour and appreciate the dedication, love, and sacrifices of parents worldwide.

S106. Ans.(c)

Sol. International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is celebrated on June 5 every year. The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017 to raise awareness of the problem of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

S107. Ans.(d)

Sol. Every year on June 6, the United Nations celebrates UN Russian Language Day, which was established by UNESCO in 2010. This day aligns with the birthday of Alexander Pushkin, a renowned Russian poet known as the founder of modern Russian language.

S108. Ans.(c)

Sol. World Milk Day, observed every year on 1st June, was created in the year 2001 by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) to promote the consumption and benefits of milk around the world.

According to worldmilkday.org, the theme of World Milk Day 2023 is "Showcasing how dairy is reducing its environmental footprint, while also providing nutritious foods and livelihoods."

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S110. Ans.(b)

Sol. World Oceans Day, observed annually on June 8th, serves as a global reminder of the crucial role oceans play in sustaining life on Earth. Recognized by the United Nations, this day promotes ocean awareness and encourages people worldwide to take action towards protecting our marine environments.

S111. Ans.(c)

Sol. India's Sunil Kumar scored 7003 points and clinched gold in men's decathlon at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea.

Apart from Sunil's heroics, Pooja clinched women's high jump silver after finishing with a 1.82m jump while Bushra Khan, secured silver in women's 3000m race.

S112. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Indian junior men's hockey team maintained its continental supremacy by beating arch-rivals Pakistan 2-1 to become Asia Cup champions in Salalah, Oman.

This was India's fourth title having been crowned champions on three previous occasions in 2004, 2008 and 2015. Meanwhile, Pakistan has won the tournament in 1987, 1992 and 1996.

S113. Ans.(a)

Sol. Serbia's men and the United States women won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023, which took place in Vienna, Austria. In the men's category, Serbia extended their historic World Cup heroics, capturing their sixth title in just 8 editions after defeating USA (21-19) in the final.

S114. Ans.(b)

Sol. Max Verstappen emerged victorious at the Spanish Grand Prix, clinching the pole position and extending his lead in the Formula One championship by 53 points. Red Bull's dominance continued as they celebrated their seventh consecutive triumph of the season.

S115. Ans.(a)

Sol. The third edition of the Khelo India University Games concluded at the IIT BHU campus in Varanasi. The closing ceremony was attended by Anurag Singh Thakur, the Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister, Nishith Pramanik, the Union Minister of State for Sports, and Yogi Adityanath, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

S116. Ans.(d)

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S117. Ans.(d)

Sol. AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic announces his retirement from football after they played season's final game against Hellas Verona. The Swedish player decided to conclude a trophy-laden career in which he featured for clubs such as Malmo, Ajax, Juventus, Inter, Barcelona, PSG, Manchester United and the LA Galaxy.

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S121. Ans.(c)

Sol. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das recently unveiled a new financial inclusion dashboard called 'Antardrishti.' The dashboard aims to provide valuable insights and track the progress of financial inclusion by capturing relevant data.

S122. Ans.(a)

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S123. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently initiated the '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign, aimed at tracing and settling the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within a span of 100 days.

S124. Ans.(d)

Sol. To leverage the reach of UPI and the strength of credit card products, Canara Bank in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched the Rupay Credit Card through UPI using the BHIM app.

S125. Ans.(a)

Sol. In a significant move, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has directed SBI Life Insurance Co to take over the life insurance business of Sahara India Life Insurance Co (SILIC) with immediate effect.

The decision comes as Sahara Life failed to comply with IRDAI's directives and neglected to protect the interests of policyholders.

S126. Ans.(c)

Sol. UPI was introduced in 2016.

The surge in UPI transactions comes at a time when the Indian government is actively promoting digital payments and aims to bring various tax collections under the digital payment ecosystem.

S127. Ans.(b)

Sol. Chennai is HQ of Indian Overseas Bank.

The penalty was imposed due to the bank's failure to make a minimum mandatory transfer of a sum equivalent to 25 percent of its disclosed profit and a significant divergence between the non-performing assets (NPAs) reported by the bank and those assessed during inspection.

S128. Ans.(c)

Sol. The (RBI) has recently updated its 'Alert List' to caution the public about unauthorised forex trading platforms. The list, which initially contained 34 entities, has now been expanded to include eight additional names, bringing the total to 56.

S129. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Federal Bank has initiated a unique campaign in Chennai, titled 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me,' to celebrate the rich culture and stories of the local community. The campaign transforms an entire bank branch into a museum of local stories, showcasing the struggles and triumphs of individuals who make Adyar special.

S130. Ans.(b)

Sol. Bank of Baroda, a prominent public lender, has recently launched the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility for its customers.

This innovative service allows customers to withdraw money from ATMs using the United Payment Interface (UPI), eliminating the need for a physical card.

S131. Ans.(b)

Sol. Germany is preparing to host the biggest air deployment exercise in NATO's history, a show of force intended to impress allies and potential adversaries such as Russia. The Air Defender 23 exercise starting next week will see 10,000 participants and 250 aircraft from 25 nations respond to a simulated attack on a NATO member country.

S132. Ans.(a)

Sol. The test, held at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha, showcased the missile's exceptional accuracy and reliability, meeting all objectives set for the trial.

S133. Ans.(a)

Sol. The first edition of India, France, and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced on 7th June 2023 in the Gulf of Oman, featuring the participation of INS Tarkash, French Ship Surcouf, French Rafale aircraft and UAE Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

S134. Ans.(d)

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S135. Ans.(c)

Sol. INS Vikramaditya, Vikrant lead Navy's mega ops in Arabian Sea.

This was one of the most significant demonstrations of the Navy's operational capabilities to date, and comes at a time when there are increasing Chinese forays into the Indian Ocean.

S136. Ans.(c)

Sol. The 6th IOC is set to take place on May 12-13, 2023, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and is being organised by India Foundation in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, and S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore. The theme for the conference is "Peace, Prosperity and Partnership for a Resilient Future".

S137. Ans.(c)

Sol. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries have kicked off military exercises with a pledge to defend their newest member, Finland, which is hosting its first joint training in the Arctic region since becoming part of the Western alliance in April.

S138. Ans.(c)

Sol. Rajnath Singh is Union minister for Defence Ministry.

This impressive growth of 23 times demonstrates India's advancement in the global defense manufacturing industry.

S139. Ans.(a)

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S140. Ans.(c)

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S141. Ans.(c)

Sol. India and the United States have taken a significant step towards deepening cooperation in high-tech trade and technology partnership. During the inaugural meeting of the India-US Strategic Trade Dialogue (IUSSTD) held in Washington D.C., the two nations agreed to establish a monitoring group to review and monitor the progress of their collaborative efforts.

S142. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$130 million loan agreement to support initiatives aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, improving irrigation access, and promoting horticulture agribusinesses in Himachal Pradesh.

S143. Ans.(a)

Sol. President Droupadi Murmu of India and her Serbian counterpart, Aleksandar Vucic, have expressed their commitment to strengthen bilateral relations and explore new areas of cooperation.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) highlighted the significant discussions and engagements between the two leaders during President Murmu's visit to Serbia.

S144. Ans.(d)

Sol. The United States and the United Kingdom have recently unveiled a groundbreaking strategic pact known as the "Atlantic Declaration."

This agreement reaffirms their longstanding "special relationship" and outlines a joint effort to tackle challenges posed by Russia, China, and economic instability.

S145. Ans.(a)

Sol. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have set an ambitious target to increase their non-oil bilateral trade from the current USD 48 billion to USD 100 billion by 2030.

The decision was reached during the first meeting of the Joint Committee of India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

S146. Ans.(c)

Sol. Rashtriya Raksha University is located at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The MoU also provides for exchange of knowledge and resources between IICA and RRU for conducting research, training and consultancy.

S147. Ans.(d)

Sol. Microsoft and AirJaldi Networks, a leading provider of internet connectivity solutions for rural areas, have joined forces through a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) titled 'Contentful Connectivity.'

S148. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay) to develop a touchless biometric capture system that is easy to use and accessible from anywhere.

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S151. Ans.(d)

Sol. The insurance regulator of India has recently released a directive to all insurers operating in the country to establish unique 14-digit identifiers, known as Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs, for all individuals residing within India.

This new rule applies to both fresh insurance applicants and established policyholders.

S152. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, launched the 'Sagar Samridhi' online dredging monitoring system as part of the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the ministry.

The National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) developed the system, which replaces the old Draft and Loading Monitor system and offers improved efficiency and transparency.

S153. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) was established during the British era, the CRS has evolved over time to become an independent authority under the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA).

S154. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has stated that India has moved from 4th largest producer of crude steel to the second largest producer of crude steel from 2014-15 to 2022-23 standing just behind China which is the largest exporter of crude steel in the world.

S155. Ans.(a)

Sol. An agreement has been made with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) to establish a regional office in New Delhi, which will provide development cooperation and technical assistance to the region.

This decision was approved by the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and will allow India to play a more active role in the postal sector, with a focus on South-South and Triangular cooperation.

S156. Ans.(c)

Sol. According to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data, the outstanding portfolio under education loans grew 17 per cent at ₹96,847 crore in the year 2022-23 as against ₹82,723 crore in the previous year.

S157. Ans.(d)

Sol. Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency situated in Jammu & Kashmir.

Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency stands out as one of the most developed constituencies among the 550 Parliamentary Constituencies in India.

With its remarkable progress and comprehensive growth, the constituency serves as a shining example of development.

S158. Ans.(c)

Sol. These actions were taken in response to the production of content deemed "anti-India" and in violation of Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act. The Ministry aims to combat misinformation and safeguard India's sovereignty and integrity.

S159. Ans.(a)

Sol. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state. Besides the monthly pension, the chief minister has also announced a free travel facility in the 'Volvo bus' service of the state government for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardees from Haryana.

S160. Ans.(b)

Sol. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan, the cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), a France-based international non-governmental organization, made the recommendation.

S161. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Indian government has announced its intention to sell up to a 3% stake in Coal India Ltd through the offer for sale (OFS) route, according to a recent regulatory filing.

The OFS will be open for both retail and non-retail investors on June 1 and 2, offering an opportunity to participate in the sale of shares in the renowned coal producer.

S162. Ans.(d)

Sol. Indian Oil Corp (IOC), one of India's largest oil refiners, has announced its collaboration with LanzaJet, a leading sustainable fuels technology company, to establish an aviation fuel plant in Haryana.

With an investment of approximately 23 billion rupees (\$280.1 million), this strategic partnership aims to promote the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in the country.

S163. Ans.(b)

Sol. India's Tata Group, a leading multinational conglomerate, has entered into an outline deal to construct a lithium-ion cell factory in Gujarat, India.

With an investment of approximately 130 billion rupees (\$1.58 billion), the plant aims to bolster the country's electric vehicle (EV) supply chain and reduce its dependence on battery imports.

S164. Ans.(d)

Sol. Insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its equity shareholding in IT services provider Tech Mahindra through a series of open market transactions over a period of more than six months.

LIC's stake in Tech Mahindra has risen from 6.869 percent to 8.884 percent, with an increase of 2.015 percent during the period from November 21, 2022, to June 6, 2023.

S165. Ans.(c)

Sol. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh is headquartering of SIDBI.

The program will primarily support NBFCs lending to MSMEs in tier two and tier three cities.

This collaborative initiative aims to address the funding challenges faced by micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by focusing on capacity building for smaller Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).



S166. Ans.(a)

Sol. India has emerged as the global leader in digital payments for the year 2022, surpassing other nations in terms of both value and volume of transactions.

The data from the government's citizen engagement platform, MyGovIndia, reveals India's dominant position in the digital payment landscape.

S167. Ans.(b)

Sol. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services company, has expanded its partnership with Google Cloud and unveiled a new offering called TCS Generative AI.

This collaboration aims to leverage Google Cloud's generative AI services to develop customized business solutions that drive growth and transformation for clients across various industries.

S168. Ans.(a)

Sol. Google Pay, in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has announced the integration of RuPay credit cards onto the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform.

This new feature allows users to link their RuPay credit cards with Google Pay, enabling them to make payments at both online and offline merchants that accept RuPay credit cards.

S169. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Indian government have recently signed a loan agreement worth \$141.12 million to support the development of high-quality internal infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh (AP).

The funding will be utilized for the construction of roads, water supply systems, and an electricity distribution network in three industrial clusters within the state.

S170. Ans.(b)

Sol. Equitas Small Finance Bank has entered into a partnership with IBM Consulting to develop and construct a digital banking platform.

This collaboration aims to enhance Equitas' digital product offerings and service capabilities, as the bank adapts its business for the digital-first generation.

S171. Ans.(c)

Sol. The foreign ministers of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) have gathered in Cape Town for a two-day meeting to discuss various issues, including local currency trading and a peace plan for the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

S172. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, holds the position of Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group during India's G20 Presidency.

The SAI20 Summit is scheduled to take place in Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023, and will be attended by delegates from SAI20 member SAIs of G20 countries, Guest SAIs, Invited SAIs, International Organizations, Engagement Groups, and other invitees. Sixteen countries will be participating in-person.

S173. Ans.(c)

Sol. Washington D.C. is the capital city of USA.

The summit's primary objective is to bring attention and support for the concerns and issues faced by the Hindu community, which has been underrepresented in politics.

S174. Ans.(b)

Sol. The theme chosen for India's G20 Presidency, "Navigating Global Challenges Together," reflects the nation's commitment to fostering international cooperation in addressing pressing global issues.

As a platform that brings together the world's major economies, the G20 represents a unique opportunity for India to lead global discussions and drive impactful change.

S175. Ans.(a)

Sol. The India-EU Connectivity Conference, organized jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), EU Delegation to India, and the Asian Confluence, is set to take place in Meghalaya from June 1 to June 2.

The conference aims to explore opportunities for enhancing connectivity investments in India's North Eastern States and its neighboring countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh.

S176. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Second G20 Anti-corruption Working Group Meeting, held from May 25 to May 27 in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, concluded with productive discussions and key agreements.

The meeting witnessed the participation of delegates from 20 member countries, 10 invitee countries, and 9 international organizations.

S177. Ans.(b)

Sol. The foreign ministers of eight member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) are meeting in Goa on May 4 and 5. This meeting will set the stage for the SCO Leaders' Summit to be held in July in New Delhi.

India, the host country, attaches special importance to the SCO in promoting multilateral, political, security, economic, and people-to-people interactions in the region. India's theme for its Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is 'SECURE-SCO'.

S178. Ans.(c)

Sol. The UAE government recently launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit, an international conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) held at the Museum of the Future in Dubai.

The event was held in partnership between the Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications Office and 'Machines Can See' company.

S179. Ans.(c)

Sol. The 6th IOC is set to take place on May 12-13, 2023, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and is being organised by India Foundation in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, and S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore. The theme for the conference is "Peace, Prosperity and Partnership for a Resilient Future".

S180. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Petersberg Climate Dialogue, a forum for high-level international climate talks held annually before the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (COP), took place in Berlin, Germany from May 2-3, 2023.

S181. Ans.(b)

Sol. Aamir Raza Husain, a renowned theater actor and director famous for his grand open-air stage productions like "The Fifty Day War," inspired by the Kargil War, and "The Legend of Ram," has passed away at the age of 66.

He was also the Creative Director of Stagedoor Theatre company, established in 1974, which has presented over 91 productions and more than 1,100 performances.

S182. Ans.(a)

Sol. Ama Ata Aidoo, the iconic Ghanaian writer whose classics *The Dilemma of a Ghost* and *Changes* were taught to children in West African schools for decades, has died aged 81.

The death of the playwright and poet who was famous for her feminist ideals was announced on Wednesday in a short statement by her family.

S183. Ans.(c)

Sol. Veteran actress Sulochana Latkar has passed away at the age of 94. She has been a part of 300 films, including Hindi and Marathi.

Some of her popular films include *Ab Dilli Dur Nahin*, *Sujata*, *Aaye Din Bahar Ke*, *Dil Deke Dekho*, *Aasha*, and *Majboor*, *Nai Roshni*, *Aayi Milan Ki Bela*, *Gora Aur Kala*, *Devar*, *Bandini* amongst others.

S184. Ans.(d)

Sol. Alby D'Cruz, one of Kerala's proud Defence personnel who always maintained a low profile despite being the first Keralaite to be conferred the Ashoka Chakra, passed away.

It was way back in 1962, he received the Asoka Chakra (Class III) from the country's first president Rajendra Prasad. Since 1967, this award has been called 'Shaurya Chakra'.

S185. Ans.(a)

Sol. Gitanjali Aiyar, one of India's first English female news presenters on national broadcaster Doordarshan, passed away. Aiyar is survived by a son and daughter Pallavi Aiyar, who is also an award-winning journalist.

After completing graduation from Kolkata's Loreto College, she had joined Doordarshan in 1971 and was awarded the best anchor four times.

S186. Ans.(c)

Sol. Sanskrit scholar Ved Kumari Ghai passed away at the age of 91. She was born in Jammu City, Jammu and Kashmir, in 1931. She did her MA and PhD in Sanskrit from the University of Jammu.

She also studied at the Banaras Hindu University and the University of Oxford. Ghai was a prolific scholar and author of several books on Sanskrit literature.

S187. Ans.(d)

Sol. Cormac McCarthy, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such acclaimed novels as *"The Road"* and *"No Country for Old Men,"* passed away. McCarthy was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1933.

He began writing fiction in the early 1960s, and his first novel, *"The Orchard Keeper,"* was published in 1965. He went on to publish more than 20 novels, including *"Blood Meridian,"* *"All the Pretty Horses,"* and *"Suttree."*

S188. Ans.(c)

Sol. Daniel Ellsberg, a U.S. military analyst, passed away at the age of 92. He became known for leaking the "Pentagon Papers," which exposed how the U.S. government deceived the public about the Vietnam War. This revelation sparked a significant fight for freedom of the press.

S189. Ans.(a)

Sol. N. Gopalakrishnan, the creator of the Indian Institute of Scientific Heritage (IISH) and a former scientist at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has passed away at the age of 68. Gopalakrishnan held a Master of Science degree in Chemistry, a Master of Arts degree in Sociology, and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry.

S190. Ans.(d)

Sol. Former All India Football Federation (AIFF) Vice-President A.R. Khaleel passed away. He was 91. Khaleel, who had served as the president of the Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) for 28 years, had also served as the AIFF treasurer and executive committee member.

S191. Ans.(c)

Sol. The government has appointed Ashwani Kumar as managing director of UCO Bank in place of Soma Sankara Prasad whose terms comes to an end. Kumar is currently an executive director of Indian Bank and prior to this, he served as Chief General Manager of Punjab National Bank.

S192. Ans.(b)

Sol. Janardan Prasad has been appointed as the new Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI). Prasad has taken charge of the 174-year-old institution, succeeding Dr S Raju who has been the Director General since 2020.

S193. Ans.(d)

Sol. New Delhi is head quarter of SAIL.

Prakash was previously involved in driving business transformation and financial turnaround of SAIL, which resulted in bringing back the company from a three year streak of losses, from FY16 to FY18, to being back in the black in FY19.

S194. Ans.(b)

Sol. V Anantharaman, a seasoned banker with extensive experience in the banking industry, has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of credit bureau TransUnion CIBIL. Anantharaman has held leadership positions in corporate and investment banking teams at renowned international firms such as Standard Chartered Bank, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, and Bank of America.

S195. Ans.(a)

Sol. The 193 UN Member States, elected a veteran diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago, Dennis Francis as the President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.

Francis, who has had a nearly 40-year-career, will take the helm of the UN's main policy-making body, starting in September.

S196. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ms. Nirmala Lakshman has been appointed Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL) for a term of three years.

She succeeds Ms. Malini Parthasarathy, who stepped down as Chairperson at the Board's meeting, June 5, 2023 upon nearing the completion of her three-year term.

S197. Ans.(d)

Sol. IndiGo announced that its CEO, Pieter Elbers, has been elected as the chair-elect of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Board of Governors. He will succeed present Chair, Yvonne Manzi Makolo, the CEO of Rwandair with effect from June 2024.

S198. Ans.(c)

Sol. A meteorologist of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Dr Abdulla Al Mandous has been elected as the new President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for a four-year term from 2023 to 2027.

He will succeed Prof Gerhard Adrian from the German Meteorological Service, who served as WMO President since June 2019.

S199. Ans.(a)

Sol. Printer company Epson India has signed actor Rashmika Mandanna as its brand ambassador. The actress will collaborate with the company to promote its products in a multi-media campaign for its 'EcoTank' printers this month.

In collaborating with the actress known for her performances across Kannada, Telugu, Hindi and Tamil cinema, the company said in a statement that it hopes to leverage her popularity to reach a wider audience across the country, particularly the younger generation.

S200. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ajay Banga, who is of Indian origin, has been officially selected as the new President of the World Bank.

The 25-member executive board of the World Bank elected Ajay Banga, who previously served as the CEO of Mastercard, to hold the position for a period of five years, starting from June 2.

S201. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Indian government has established a commission of inquiry, led by former Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Ajai Lamba, to investigate the recent series of violent incidents in Manipur.

S202. Ans.(b)

Sol. On World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two schemes, namely Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes).

These schemes are aimed at reviving and conserving India's wetlands and mangroves, contributing to the campaign for a green future and green economy.

S203. Ans.(d)

Sol. The National Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research is the full form of MAHIR.

The funding for this mission will come from the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and Central Public Sector Enterprises, with additional resources allocated from the Indian government's budget if necessary.

S204. Ans.(b)

Sol. Disaster Management boosted with Amit Shah's unveiling of ₹8,000 crore schemes.

Union home minister Amit Shah conducted a meeting with disaster management ministers from states and union territories to discuss disaster risk reduction and strengthen the country's disaster management system. While presiding over the meeting, Shah announced three major schemes valued at over ₹8,000 crore to improve disaster management efforts across the country.

S205. Ans.(a)

Sol. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has hailed this scheme as the "world's largest foodgrain storage programme" in the cooperative sector.

With the current grain storage capacity at approximately 1,450 lakh tonnes, this initiative seeks to add 700 lakh tonnes of storage over the next five years, eventually reaching a total capacity of 2,150 lakh tonnes.

S206. Ans.(c)

Sol. At Pathikonda in Kurnool district, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, provided financial aid to farmers for the fifth consecutive year through the YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan program.

In this year's initial installment, CM Jagan distributed a total of Rs 3,923.21 crore to 52,30,939 farmers.

S207. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri, recently praised the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme on its momentous completion of three years.

The scheme, launched in June 2020, aimed to empower street vendors by restoring self-employment, self-sustenance, and self-confidence.

S208. Ans.(c)

Sol. This program, developed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), in collaboration with the French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the European Union (EU), and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), will be implemented from 2023 to 2027.

S209. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) Scheme, launched in 2019, aims to enhance energy security for farmers in India and promote the use of clean energy in the agriculture sector.

The scheme seeks to achieve India's commitment to increasing the share of non-fossil fuel sources in the country's installed capacity of electric power.

S210. Ans.(d)

Sol. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Ladli Behna Yojana 2023, with the first installment of Rs 1,000 deposited into the accounts of beneficiary women in Jabalpur.

S211. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, made a significant decision to reform the prison system in the state in June of 2023.

During a high-level meeting where he reviewed the conditions of the current prisons, Adityanath issued crucial guidelines that emphasised the importance of prisoner rehabilitation.

S212. Ans.(d)

Sol. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state. Besides the monthly pension, the chief minister has also announced a free travel facility in the 'Volvo bus' service of the state government for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardees from Haryana.

S213. Ans.(b)

Sol. The 146th Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath commenced in the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, with tight security measures in place. A large number of devotees gathered along the 18-kilometer procession route to catch a glimpse of the deity.

This year, the Gujarat Police employed advanced 3D mapping technology to monitor the entire route and utilized anti-drone technology to prevent the unauthorized use of drones during the event.

S214. Ans.(d)

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S215. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Maharashtra government has recently announced the renaming of Ahmednagar district to Ahilyadevi Nagar in honor of the 18th-century warrior-queen Ahilyadevi Holkar.

This decision is seen as a significant step to appease and empower the Dhangar community, which holds considerable numerical strength in Maharashtra's population.

S216. Ans.(c)

Sol. Raja or Raja Parba or Mithuna Sankranti is a three-day-long festival of womanhood celebrated in Odisha, India.

On this occasion, people enjoy by cooking traditional delicacies, relishing paan, playing cards and other games with family and friends.

S217. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Mekedatu project has recently become a topic of discussion in the news, with Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister, D K Shivakumar, advocating for the construction of a balancing reservoir across the Cauvery River near Kanakapura.

S218. Ans.(a)

Sol. Arunachal Pradesh Police has introduced 'Arunpol App' & 'e-Vigilance portal' for safety & security of the citizens of the state.

Arunpol App will facilitate common people to lodge complaints without coming to a police station.

S219. Ans.(a)

Sol. Telangana was formed on June 2nd 2014.

The day is celebrated with various activities such as parades, cultural programs, and speeches. It is also an occasion to honor the sacrifices made by those who fought for the establishment of Telangana.

S220. Ans.(d)

Sol. Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The city has adopted a Voluntary Local Review (VLR) process, which is a tool that helps cities to assess their progress on the SDGs and identify areas where they need to improve.

S221. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Personnel Ministry announced that the central government has launched a new collection of courses called "Dakshta" (Development of Attitude, Knowledge, Skill for Holistic Transformation in Administration) on the iGOT Karmayogi Platform.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has established Karmayogi Bharat, a government-owned not-for-profit special purpose vehicle, to steer the mission's fundamental goals.

S222. Ans.(d)

Sol. India's Animation, Gaming, Visual Effects, and Comics (AVGC) sector is set to make a remarkable impression on the global stage as the country participates for the first time at the prestigious Annecy International Animation Festival (AIAF) in France.

S223. Ans.(a)

Sol. On the auspicious occasion of the Jagannath Rath Yatra, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, inaugurated various development works and performed Bhoomipujan in Ahmedabad.

S224. Ans.(d)

Sol. New York, USA is headquarter of United Nations. The event showcased India's commitment to nurturing traditions that unite and embrace diversity, with a call to eliminate contradictions and obstacles through the practice of yoga.

S225. Ans.(a)

Sol. This initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy), aims to help professionals relieve stress, rejuvenate their energy levels, and enhance concentration.

The protocol includes a series of simple yoga practices, such as asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing techniques), and dhyana (meditation), all of which can be easily incorporated into a short break from work.

S226. Ans.(c)

Sol. At a special meeting presided over by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, who is Vice-President of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society, it was resolved to change the society's name to Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society.

The decision was influenced by the completion of the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, a museum dedicated to all the Prime Ministers of India, which opened to the public on 21 April 2022 on Teen Murti Premises in New Delhi.

S227. Ans.(b)

Sol. Kamala Sohonie, born on June 18, 1911, in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, was a trailblazing Indian scientist. She became the first Indian woman to earn a Ph.D. degree in a scientific discipline.

Despite facing gender bias within the scientific community, including opposition from Nobel laureate CV Raman, Sohonie persevered and made significant contributions to the field of biochemistry.

S228. Ans.(c)

Sol. These actions were taken in response to the production of content deemed “anti-India” and in violation of Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act. The Ministry aims to combat misinformation and safeguard India’s sovereignty and integrity.

S229. Ans.(a)

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S230. Ans.(b)

Sol. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended Santiniketan, the cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), a France-based international non-governmental organization, made the recommendation.

S231. Ans.(d)

Sol. World Blood Donor Day is observed annually on June 14 to express gratitude towards selfless voluntary blood donors and celebrate the essence of life and humanity.

This occasion serves as a significant platform to appreciate and acknowledge voluntary blood donors worldwide for their generous contribution of blood, while also emphasizing the importance of ensuring universal access to safe blood transfusion.

S232. Ans.(b)

Sol. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed annually on 13th June to create awareness about a genetic skin condition called Albinism, and promote the rights and regulations of Albinism on a global level. This year’s theme, “Inclusion is Strength,” builds on last year’s theme of “United in making our voice heard.”

S233. Ans.(c)

Sol. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is an annual event observed on June 15th to raise awareness about the mistreatment, discrimination, and neglect endured by elderly individuals.

The day serves as a platform to underscore the importance of upholding the rights of older adults, encouraging society to value and respect their presence.

S234. Ans.(d)

Sol. 9th International Yoga Day has been observed on 21st June 2023. Every year, the 21st of June marks the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, known as the longest day of the year.

S235. Ans.(a)

Sol. World Day Against Child Labour, observed on June 12th, aims to inspire a global movement against child labour. With the slogan “Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!” in 2023, it highlights the connection between social justice and the eradication of child labour.

S236. Ans.(c)

Sol. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is a United Nations observance on June 19 to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence.

S237. Ans.(d)

Sol. World Refugee Day is an internationally recognized day established by the United Nations to pay tribute to refugees worldwide. It is observed annually on June 20th and serves as a platform to acknowledge the bravery and determination of individuals who have been compelled to flee their homeland due to conflicts or persecution.

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S238. Ans.(d)

Sol. Sustainable Gastronomy Day which takes place on June 18 every year, highlights the important role that food plays in promoting sustainable development and the crucial choices about what we eat.

According to the United Nations, gastronomy is sometimes called the art of food. It also refers to a style of cooking from a particular region.

S239. Ans.(a)

Sol. Every year on June 23, we celebrate United Nations Public Service Day. This special day is all about appreciating the importance of public services and the people who work in them. Public services play a big role in making our communities better and helping them grow.

S240. Ans.(d)

Sol. Global Wind Day, also known as World Wind Day, is a global event celebrated annually on June 15th. This day encourages us to delve into the power of wind and the immense possibilities it offers to reshape our energy landscape.

S241. Ans.(a)

Sol. RBI is set to introduce a new secured web-based portal called "PRAVAAH" (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And Authorisation) aimed at simplifying and streamlining the application processes. The portal will display the timeframes for deciding on applications and approvals, leading to greater effectiveness in regulatory processes and making it easier for regulated entities to do business with RBI.

S242. Ans.(d)

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S243. Ans.(b)

Sol. Max Verstappen emerged victorious at the Spanish Grand Prix, clinching the pole position and extending his lead in the Formula One championship by 53 points. Red Bull's dominance continued as they celebrated their seventh consecutive triumph of the season.

S244. Ans.(d)

Sol. President Droupadi Murmu of India and her Serbian counterpart, Aleksandar Vucic, have expressed their commitment to strengthen bilateral relations and explore new areas of cooperation.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) highlighted the significant discussions and engagements between the two leaders during President Murmu's visit to Serbia.

S245. Ans.(d)

Sol. The 50th anniversary of World Environment Day will be hosted by Côte D'Ivoire, with the theme of "solutions to plastic pollution".

World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of our planet. It was first established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972, and since then, over 150 countries participate in various activities to celebrate this day.

S246. Ans.(c)

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S247. Ans.(b)

Sol. Germany is preparing to host the biggest air deployment exercise in NATO's history, a show of force intended to impress allies and potential adversaries such as Russia. The Air Defender 23 exercise starting next week will see 10,000 participants and 250 aircraft from 25 nations respond to a simulated attack on a NATO member country.

S248. Ans.(a)

Sol. An agreement has been made with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) to establish a regional office in New Delhi, which will provide development cooperation and technical assistance to the region.

This decision was approved by the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and will allow India to play a more active role in the postal sector, with a focus on South-South and Triangular cooperation.

S249. Ans.(a)

Sol. Indian Oil Corp (IOC), one of India's largest oil refiners, has announced its collaboration with LanzaJet, a leading sustainable fuels technology company, to establish an aviation fuel plant in Haryana.

With an investment of approximately 23 billion rupees (\$280.1 million), this strategic partnership aims to promote the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in the country.

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S251. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, launched the 'Sagar Samridhi' online dredging monitoring system as part of the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the ministry.

The National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) developed the system, which replaces the old Draft and Loading Monitor system and offers improved efficiency and transparency.

S252. Ans.(c)

Sol. India's Sunil Kumar scored 7003 points and clinched gold in men's decathlon at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea.

Apart from Sunil's heroics, Pooja clinched women's high jump silver after finishing with a 1.82m jump while Bushra Khan, secured silver in women's 3000m race.

S253. Ans.(d)

Sol. To leverage the reach of UPI and the strength of credit card products, Canara Bank in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched the Rupay Credit Card through UPI using the BHIM app.

S254. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$130 million loan agreement to support initiatives aimed at increasing agricultural productivity, improving irrigation access, and promoting horticulture agribusinesses in Himachal Pradesh.

S255. Ans.(b)

Sol. World Oceans Day, observed annually on June 8th, serves as a global reminder of the crucial role oceans play in sustaining life on Earth. Recognized by the United Nations, this day promotes ocean awareness and encourages people worldwide to take action towards protecting our marine environments.

S256. Ans.(c)

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S261. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Indian government has selected Rajneesh Karnatak as the Managing Director (MD) of the Bank of India (BOI). Karnatak currently serves as the Executive Director of the Union Bank of India.

As per the announcement, he will take up the role of MD & CEO of Bank of India for a period of three years, starting from the date he assumes office or until further instructions.

S262. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, who is a well-known physicist and also serves as the director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy.

S263. Ans.(a)

Sol. Vadodara is headquartering of Bank of Baroda. Chand is currently serving as the Executive Director of the bank. He will assume the position of MD for a term of three years, effective from July 1, 2023, or until further notice.

S264. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Indian government has officially announced the appointment of Justice TS Sivagnanam as the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court. Justice Sivagnanam, who has been the senior-most judge at the court, had been serving as the Acting Chief Justice since March 31, 2023.

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S266. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PSEB) recommended Central Coalfields CMD Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad as the next Chairman and Managing Director of Coal India (CIL).

Prasad is expected to take the charge of India's largest coal miner accounting for almost 80 per cent of the mined commodity from July 1.

S267. Ans.(b)

Sol. Neera Tandon, an Indian-American, was appointed as the Domestic Policy Advisor in the Biden administration. This move was made with the presidential election in mind, which is set to take place in 2024.

Tandon's appointment is historic, as she became the first Asian-American to lead the White House Advisory Council.

S268. Ans.(a)

Sol. Rathendra Raman, who belongs to the 1995 batch of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), has taken charge as the new chairman of the Kolkata Port, which has been renamed as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP).

S269. Ans.(a)

Sol. Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy, has appointed Alia Bhatt as its first global ambassador from India. She will debut as the brand's newest global ambassador at the Gucci Cruise 2024 show in Seoul next week.

This appointment is an important moment for both the brand and the Indian fashion industry, especially since it comes after Bhatt's Met Gala debut.

S270. Ans.(d)

Sol. Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana has been chosen to inspire and support the Indian contingent participating in the upcoming Special Olympics for individuals with intellectual disabilities, set to take place in Berlin from June 16 to June 25.

Expressing gratitude, the actor considers himself lucky to have met numerous exceptional individuals throughout his journey.

S271. Ans.(b)

Sol. India's Tata Group, a leading multinational conglomerate, has entered into an outline deal to construct a lithium-ion cell factory in Gujarat, India.

With an investment of approximately 130 billion rupees (\$1.58 billion), the plant aims to bolster the country's electric vehicle (EV) supply chain and reduce its dependence on battery imports.

S272. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has stated that India has moved from 4th largest producer of crude steel to the second largest producer of crude steel from 2014-15 to 2022-23 standing just behind China which is the largest exporter of crude steel in the world.

S273. Ans.(a)

Sol. In a significant move, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has directed SBI Life Insurance Co to take over the life insurance business of Sahara India Life Insurance Co (SILIC) with immediate effect.

The decision comes as Sahara Life failed to comply with IRDAI's directives and neglected to protect the interests of policyholders.

S274. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Telangana government introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework. It is designed to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India.

The policy aims to provide support for research and development, encourage collaboration between academia and industry, and promote the adoption of robotics technology across various sectors.

S275. Ans.(c)

Sol. International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is celebrated on June 5 every year. The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017 to raise awareness of the problem of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

S276. Ans.(a)

Sol. Arunachal Pradesh Police has introduced 'Arunpol App' & 'e-Vigilance portal' for safety & security of the citizens of the state.

Arunpol App will facilitate common people to lodge complaints without coming to a police station.

S277. Ans.(b)

Sol. On World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two schemes, namely Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes).

These schemes are aimed at reviving and conserving India's wetlands and mangroves, contributing to the campaign for a green future and green economy.

S278. Ans.(a)

Sol. Serbia's men and the United States women won the FIBA 3×3 World Cup 2023, which took place in Vienna, Austria.

In the men's category, Serbia extended their historic World Cup heroics, capturing their sixth title in just 8 editions after defeating USA (21-19) in the final.

S279. Ans.(c)

Sol. Sanskrit scholar Ved Kumari Ghai passed away at the age of 91. She was born in Jammu City, Jammu and Kashmir, in 1931. She did her MA and PhD in Sanskrit from the University of Jammu.

She also studied at the Banaras Hindu University and the University of Oxford. Ghai was a prolific scholar and author of several books on Sanskrit literature.

S280. Ans.(d)

Sol. On the auspicious occasion of the Jagannath Rath Yatra, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, inaugurated various development works and performed Bhoomipujan in Ahmedabad.

S281. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Maharashtra government has recently launched a new financial scheme aimed at providing support to farmers in the state.

The scheme, known as Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana, was approved at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

S282. Ans.(b)

Sol. World Bicycle Day is an annual event celebrated on June 3rd. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 to recognize the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport.

The selection of this date is significant as it commemorates the anniversary of the invention of the bicycle by Karl von Drais in 1817. The theme for this year's World Bicycle Day is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future."

S283. Ans.(d)

Sol. Pankaj Advani, the Indian cue sports champion, has retained his Asian Billiards title in the 100-up format after defeating his compatriot Brijesh Damani.

S284. Ans.(d)

Sol. The first edition of India, France, and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Maritime Partnership Exercise commenced on 7th June 2023 in the Gulf of Oman, featuring the participation of INS Tarkash, French Ship Surcouf, French Rafale aircraft and UAE Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

S285. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently updated its 'Alert List' to caution the public about unauthorised forex trading platforms. The list, which initially contained 34 entities, has now been expanded to include eight additional names, bringing the total to 56.

S286. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ms. Nirmala Lakshman has been appointed Chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited (THGPPL) for a term of three years.

She succeeds Ms. Malini Parthasarathy, who stepped down as Chairperson at the Board's meeting, June 5, 2023 upon nearing the completion of her three-year term.

S287. Ans.(d)

Sol. The United States and the United Kingdom have recently unveiled a groundbreaking strategic pact known as the "Atlantic Declaration."

This agreement reaffirms their longstanding "special relationship" and outlines a joint effort to tackle challenges posed by Russia, China, and economic instability.

S288. Ans.(a)

Sol. India has emerged as the global leader in digital payments for the year 2022, surpassing other nations in terms of both value and volume of transactions.

The data from the government's citizen engagement platform, MyGovIndia, reveals India's dominant position in the digital payment landscape.

S289. Ans.(a)

Sol. The SAI20 Summit is scheduled to take place in Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023, and will be attended by delegates from SAI20 member SAIs of G20 countries, Guest SAIs, Invited SAIs, International Organizations, Engagement Groups, and other invitees. Sixteen countries will be participating in-person.

S290. Ans.(d)

Sol. India's Animation, Gaming, Visual Effects, and Comics (AVGC) sector is set to make a remarkable impression on the global stage as the country participates for the first time at the prestigious Annecy International Animation Festival (AIAF) in France.

S291. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Second G20 Anti-corruption Working Group Meeting, held from May 25 to May 27 in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, concluded with productive discussions and key agreements.

The meeting witnessed the participation of delegates from 20 member countries, 10 invitee countries, and 9 international organizations.

S292. Ans.(b)

Sol. Chennai is HQ of Indian Overseas Bank.

The penalty was imposed due to the bank's failure to make a minimum mandatory transfer of a sum equivalent to 25 percent of its disclosed profit and a significant divergence between the non-performing assets (NPAs) reported by the bank and those assessed during inspection.

S293. Ans.(d)

Sol. Microsoft and AirJaldi Networks, a leading provider of internet connectivity solutions for rural areas, have joined forces through a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) titled 'Contentful Connectivity.'

S294. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ajay Banga, who is of Indian origin, has been officially selected as the new President of the World Bank.

The 25-member executive board of the World Bank elected Ajay Banga, who previously served as the CEO of Mastercard, to hold the position for a period of five years, starting from June 2.

S295. Ans.(a)

Sol. AC Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic announces his retirement belongs to Sweden. The Swedish player decided to conclude a trophy-laden career in which he featured for clubs such as Malmo, Ajax, Juventus, Inter, Barcelona, PSG, Manchester United and the LA Galaxy.

S296. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Indian government has established a commission of inquiry, led by former Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Ajai Lamba, to investigate the recent series of violent incidents in Manipur.

The commission aims to delve into the causes, spread, and administrative response to these tragic events.

S297. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers' Colonel Geeta Rana is the first female officer to assume control of an Independent Field Workshop in a remote and forward area in Eastern Ladakh.

S298. Ans.(c)

Sol. Insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its equity shareholding in IT services provider Tech Mahindra through a series of open market transactions over a period of more than six months.

LIC's stake in Tech Mahindra has risen from 6.869 percent to 8.884 percent, with an increase of 2.015 percent during the period from November 21, 2022, to June 6, 2023.

S299. Ans.(d)

Sol. Cormac McCarthy, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such acclaimed novels as "The Road" and "No Country for Old Men," passed away. McCarthy was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1933.

He began writing fiction in the early 1960s, and his first novel, "The Orchard Keeper," was published in 1965. He went on to publish more than 20 novels, including "Blood Meridian," "All the Pretty Horses," and "Suttree."

S300. Ans.(b)

Sol. Disaster Management boosted with Amit Shah's unveiling of ₹8,000 crore schemes.

Union home minister Amit Shah conducted a meeting with disaster management ministers from states and union territories to discuss disaster risk reduction and strengthen the country's disaster management system.

While presiding over the meeting, Shah announced three major schemes valued at over ₹8,000 crore to improve disaster management efforts across the country.