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Reasoning Ability

Directions (1-5): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Eight fruits viz. Apple, Banana, Berry, Grapes, Kiwi, Papaya, Pomo, and Orange are arranged in eight different boxes which are placed one above the other in a single stack but not necessarily in the same order. The lowermost box is numbered as 1 and the box immediately above it is numbered as 2 and so on.

Arrangement 1:

Pomo was placed at a non-prime numbered position and two boxes above Banana. The number of boxes above Banana is the same as the number of boxes below Grapes. Only three boxes were placed between Grapes and Orange which is placed two boxes below Kiwi. Berry was placed in a box adjacent to Kiwi. Papaya was placed in a box above Apple where no boxes are placed between them.

Arrangement 2:

All the fruits are delivered on the 6th and 15th of June, July, August, and September of the same year, but not necessarily in the same order. The fruits in the odd-numbered boxes are delivered on an even-numbered date of all the months starting from June in ascending order of the box number. Also, the fruits in the even-numbered boxes are delivered on an odd-numbered date of all the months starting from June in descending order of the box number.

Arrangement 3:

All the boxes are arranged in a single linear row such that all of them are facing towards

the north. The fruits which are delivered in the month having 31 days are placed first four places from the left end such that former delivered fruit at the left end and so on. Similarly the fruits which are delivered in the month having 30 days are placed first four places from the right end such that the former delivered fruit is arranged from the right end and so on.

1) Which of the following fruit was delivered on the 15th of September?

- a) Papaya
- b) Pomo
- c) Berry
- d) Banana
- e) None of these

2) What is the position of Apple with respect to Grapes in arrangement 3?

- a) Third to the right
- b) Second to the left
- c) Third to the left
- d) Fourth to the right
- e) None of these

3) In which of the following box does Papaya was placed in arrangement 1?

- a) Three boxes below Banana
- b) Immediately above Grapes
- c) At the bottommost position
- d) Two boxes above Pomo
- e) None of these

4) If both Banana and Kiwi interchange their position in arrangement 3, then which of the following fruit was placed second to the right of Kiwi in arrangement 3?

- a) Pomo
- b) Apple
- c) Grapes
- d) Berry
- e) None of these

5) On which of the following date does Pomo was delivered?

- a) 6th June
- b) 15th August
- c) 6th September
- d) 15th July
- e) None of these

Directions (6-10): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Nine watch brands viz. Casio, Citizen, Diesel, Fossil, Maxima, Puma, Sonata, Timex, and Titan sold different number of watches in different months starting from January to September of the same year, but not necessarily in the same order. The number of watches sold in every month will be in the multiples of 14 between 155 and 290.

Maxima was sold in the month having less than 31 days and immediately before the month in which the maximum number of watches was sold. The number of months after the month in

which the maximum number of watches was sold is the same as the number of months before Fossil was sold. Only three watches were sold between Fossil and Diesel, which was sold immediately after the month in which the second-lowest number of watches was sold. The number of months before Diesel is one more than the number of months after the month in which the fifth lowest number of watches was sold. Timex was sold three months before the month in which the fifth lowest number of watches was sold. The third-highest number of watches was sold four months after Timex was sold. The second-highest number of watches was sold immediately before Titan and immediately after Sonata. Puma was sold in the month having 31 days and immediately before Citizen, which was sold for the least number. The number of months between Casio and the month in which the fourth-lowest number of watches was sold is one less than the number of months between Casio and the month in which the third-lowest number of watches was sold. Watches of Sonata are sold more than the watches of puma.

6) Which of the following watch brand was sold in September?

- a) The one sold 196 watches
- b) The one which is sold two months after Diesel
- c) The one which is sold five months after Sonata
- d) The one sold 210 watches

e) None of these

7) How many watches are sold by Fossil?

- a) 280
- b) 14 less than Puma
- c) 238
- d) 42 more than Titan
- e) None of these

8) In which of the following month does Timex was sold?

- a) January
- b) May
- c) March
- d) July
- e) None of these

9) The number of months before Titan was sold is one less than the number of months after _____.

- a) The one which is sold in June
- b) Maxima
- c) The one which is sold for the third-highest number
- d) Puma
- e) None of these

10) Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and hence form a group. Find the one that doesn't belong to that group.

- a) February – Fossil – 224
- b) July – Puma – 168
- c) April – Casio – 182

d) 196 – Sonata – March

e) Titan – 266 – June

Directions (11-15): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

In a certain coded language,

“Medical journal includes all science” is coded as “nrf wie sdf brt xlg”.

“Final exams need maximum scores” is coded as “erg poj mns dzu erj”.

“Student scores medical science exams” is coded as “brt dzu eon erg wie”

“Maximum news in final journal” is coded as “ber mns het erj sdf”.

“Medical scores all people attention” is coded as “kmr wie nrf erg fke”.

11) What is the code for the phrase “Journal scores all” in the given coded language?

- a) nrf dzu sdf
- b) erg nrf sdf
- c) wie dzu xlg
- d) erg xlg wie
- e) Cannot be determined

12) Which of the following phrase denotes the code “het poj”?

- a) In need
- b) News need
- c) Need final
- d) Either a or c
- e) Either a or b

13) If “People gather more” is coded as “tsd fke jfg”, then what is the code for “student attention”?

- a) eon nrf
- b) erg brt
- c) kmr eon
- d) brt kmr
- e) Cannot be determined

14) Which of the following phrase denotes the code “wie xlg dzu” in the given coded language?

- a) Includes medical exams
- b) All medical includes
- c) Medical scores journal
- d) Final science exams
- e) Cannot be determined

15) What is the code for the phrase “maximum attention need” in the given coded language?

- a) fke poj mns
- b) erj kmr poj
- c) poj fke erj
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Directions (16-20): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

There are two rows in each question. To find out the results of a particular row, the below conditions are to be followed.

Condition 1: If an odd number is followed by an even number which is the multiple of 3, then both the numbers are to be added.

Condition 2: If an even number is followed by an odd non-prime number, then the second number is subtracted from the first number (ignore the negative sign).

Condition 3: If an odd number is followed by an even-number which is not the multiple of 3, then both the numbered are multiplied.

Condition 4: If an even number is followed by an odd prime number, then the first number is divided by the second number and the quotient is taken.

Condition 5: If an odd number is followed by another odd number, then the first number is subtracted from the second number (ignore the negative sign).

Condition 6: If an even number is followed by another even number, then the second number is divided by the first number and the quotient is taken.

16) What is the difference between the results of the two rows?

82 71 26

15 38 49

- a) 489
- b) 493
- c) 495
- d) 498
- e) None of these

17) If X is the resultant of row 1, then what is the resultant of row 2?

43 54 25

62 X 71

- a) 70
- b) 72
- c) 71
- d) 73
- e) None of these

18) What is the product of the resultant of two rows?

56 72 44

13 81 33

- a) 1504
- b) 1405
- c) 1450
- d) 1540
- e) None of these

19) If Y is the resultant of the second row, then what is the resultant of the first row?

Y 65 29

37 41 94

- a) 1
- b) 3
- c) 0
- d) 2
- e) None of these

20) What is the sum of the resultant of both the rows?

325 186 242

451 781 693

- a) 25461
- b) 65468
- c) 912633
- d) 451364
- e) None of these

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Answer Key with Explanation

Directions (1-5):

1) Answer: C

2) Answer: A

3) Answer: D

4) Answer: B

5) Answer: D

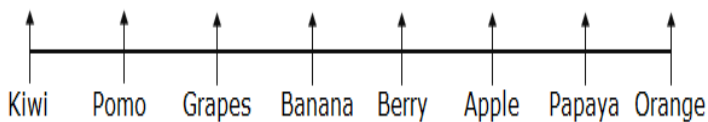
Arrangement 1:

Box	Fruits
8	Papaya
7	Apple
6	Pomo
5	Grapes
4	Banana
3	Kiwi
2	Berry
1	Orange

Arrangement 2:

	June	July	August	September
6 th	Orange	Kiwi	Grapes	Apple
15 th	Papaya	Pomo	Banana	Berry

Arrangement 3:



Arrangement 1:

1. Pomo was placed at a non-prime numbered position and two boxes above Banana. The number of boxes above Banana is the same as the number of boxes below Grapes.

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
Box	Fruits	Fruits	Fruits
8	Pomo		
7			Grapes
6	Banana	Pomo	
5		Grapes	
4		Banana	Pomo
3	Grapes		
2			Banana
1			

2. Only three boxes were placed between Grapes and Orange which is placed two boxes below Kiwi. Berry was placed in a box adjacent to Kiwi. Hence, case 1 gets eliminated.

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
Box	Fruits	Fruits	Fruits
8	Pomo		
7	Orange		Grapes
6	Banana	Pomo	Berry
5		Grapes	Kiwi
4		Banana	Pomo
3	Grapes	Kiwi	Orange
2		Berry	Banana
1		Orange	

3. Papaya was placed in a box above Apple where no boxes are placed between them. Hence, case 3 gets eliminated.

	Case 2	Case 3
Box	Fruits	Fruits
8	Papaya	
7	Apple	Grapes
6	Pomo	Berry
5	Grapes	Kiwi
4	Banana	Pomo
3	Kiwi	Orange
2	Berry	Banana
1	Orange	

Arrangement 2:

1. All the fruits are delivered on the 6th and 15th of June, July, August, and September of the same year, but not necessarily in the same order. The fruits in the odd-numbered boxes are delivered on an even-numbered date of all the months starting from June in ascending order of the box number.

	June	July	August	September
6 th	Orange	Kiwi	Grapes	Apple
15 th				

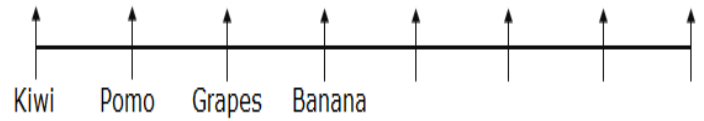
2. Also, the fruits in the even-numbered boxes are delivered on an odd-numbered date of all the months starting from June in descending order of the box number.

	June	July	August	September
6 th	Orange	Kiwi	Grapes	Apple
15 th	Papaya	Pomo	Banana	Berry

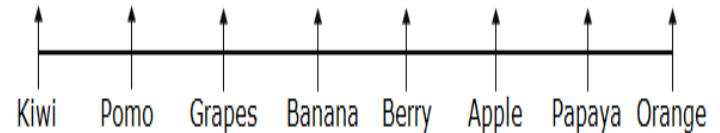
Arrangement 3:

1. All the boxes are arranged in a single linear row such that all of them are facing towards the north. The fruits which are delivered in the

month having 31 days are placed first four places from the left end such that former delivered fruit at the left end and so on.



2. Similarly the fruits which are delivered in the month having 30 days are placed first four places from the right end such that such that former delivered fruit is arranged from the right end and so on.



Directions (6-10):

- 6) Answer: B
- 7) Answer: D
- 8) Answer: A
- 9) Answer: C
- 10) Answer: E (immediately adjacent)

Month	Brand	Count
January	Timex	196
February	Sonata	238
March	Fossil	266
April	Titan	224
May	Casio	252
June	Maxima	182
July	Diesel	280
August	Puma	210
September	Citizen	168

1. The number of watches sold every month will be in the multiples of 14 between 155 and 290.

Therefore the possible numbers are 168, 182, 196, 210, 224, 238, 252, 266 and 280.

2. Maxima was sold in the month having less than 31 days and immediately before the month in which the maximum number of watches was sold. The number of months after the month in which the maximum number of watches was sold is the same as the number of months before Fossil was sold.

Month	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3	
	Brand	Count	Brand	Count	Brand	Count
January						
February	Maxima					
March		280			Fossil	
April			Maxima			
May			Fossil	280		
June					Maxima	
July	Fossil					280
August						
September						

3. Only three watches were sold between Fossil and Diesel, which was sold immediately after the month in which the second-lowest number of watches was sold. The number of months before Diesel is one more than the number of months after the month in which the fifth lowest number of watches was sold.

Month	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3	
	Brand	Count	Brand	Count	Brand	Count
January						
February	Maxima	182		224		
March	Diesel	280			Fossil	
April			Maxima			224
May			Fossil	280		
June					Maxima	182
July	Fossil				Diesel	280
August		224		182		
September			Diesel			

4. Timex was sold three months before the month in which the fifth lowest number of watches was sold. The third highest number of watches was sold four months after Timex was sold. Hence, case 2 gets eliminated.

Month	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3	
	Brand	Count	Brand	Count	Brand	Count
January					Timex	
February	Maxima	182		224		
March	Diesel	280			Fossil	
April			Maxima			224
May	Timex		Fossil	280		252
June					Maxima	182
July	Fossil				Diesel	280
August		224		182		
September		252	Diesel			

5. The second-highest number of watches was sold immediately before Titan and immediately after Sonata. Puma was sold in the month having 31 days and immediately before Citizen, which was sold for the least number. The number of months between Casio and the month in which the fourth-lowest number of watches was sold is one less than the number

of months between Casio and the month in which the third-lowest number of watches was sold. Watches of Sonata are more than the watches of puma. Hence, case 1 gets eliminated.

	Case 1		Case 3	
Month	Brand	Count	Brand	Count
January			Timex	196
February	Maxima	182	Sonata	238
March	Diesel	280	Fossil	266
April	Sonata		Titan	224
May	Timex	266	Casio	252
June	Titan		Maxima	182
July	Fossil		Diesel	280
August	Puma	224	Puma	210
September	Citizen	252	Citizen	168

Directions (11-15):

11) Answer: B

12) Answer: E

13) Answer: C

14) Answer: A

15) Answer: D

Word	Code
Student	Eon
Need	Poj
Journal	Sdf
Medical	Wie
Science	Brt
Scores	Erg
Exams	Dzu
All	Nrf
Includes	Xlg
Maximum/final	mns/erj
News/in	ber/het
People/attention	kmr/fke

16) Answer: C

In row 1,
82 71 26, by condition 4, $82/71 = 1$ is the quotient.

1 26, by condition 3, $1*26 = 26$ is the resultant of row 1.

In row 2,

15 38 49, by condition 3, $15*38 = 570$.

570 49, by condition 2, $570-49 = 521$ is the resultant of row 2.

The difference of resultant of both the rows is $521-26 = 495$.

Hence, option C is correct.

17) Answer: A

In row 1,

43 54 25, by condition 1, $43+54 = 97$.

97 25, by condition 5, $97-25 = 72$ is the resultant of row 1.

In row 2,

62 72 71, by condition 6, $72/62 = 1$.

1 71, by condition 5, $71-1 = 71-1 = 70$ is the resultant of row 2.

Hence, option A is correct.

18) Answer: D

In row 1,

56 72 44, by condition 6, $72/56 = 1$ is the quotient.

1 44, by condition 3, $1*44 = 44$ is the resultant of row 1.

In row 2,

13 81 33, by condition 5, $81-13 = 68$.

68 33, by condition 2, $68-33 = 35$ is the resultant of row 2.

The product of the resultant of both the row is = $44*35 = 1540$.

Hence, option D is correct.

19) Answer: A

In row 2,

37 41 94, by condition 5, $41-37 = 4$.

4 94, by condition 6, $94/4 = 23$ is the quotient and the resultant of row 2.

Therefore, $Y = 23$.

In row 1,

23 65 29, by condition 5, $65-23 = 42$.

42 29, by condition 4, $42/29 = 1$ is the quotient and the resultant of row 1.

Hence, option A is correct.

20) Answer: E

In row 1,

325 186 242, by condition 1, $325+186 = 511$.

511 242, by condition 3, $511*242 = 123662$ is the resultant of row 1.

451 781 693, by condition 5, $781-451 = 330$.

330 693, by condition 2, $693-330 = 363$ is the resultant of row 2.

The sum of the resultant of both the rows is = $123662+(363) = 123662+363 = 124025$.

Hence, option E is correct.

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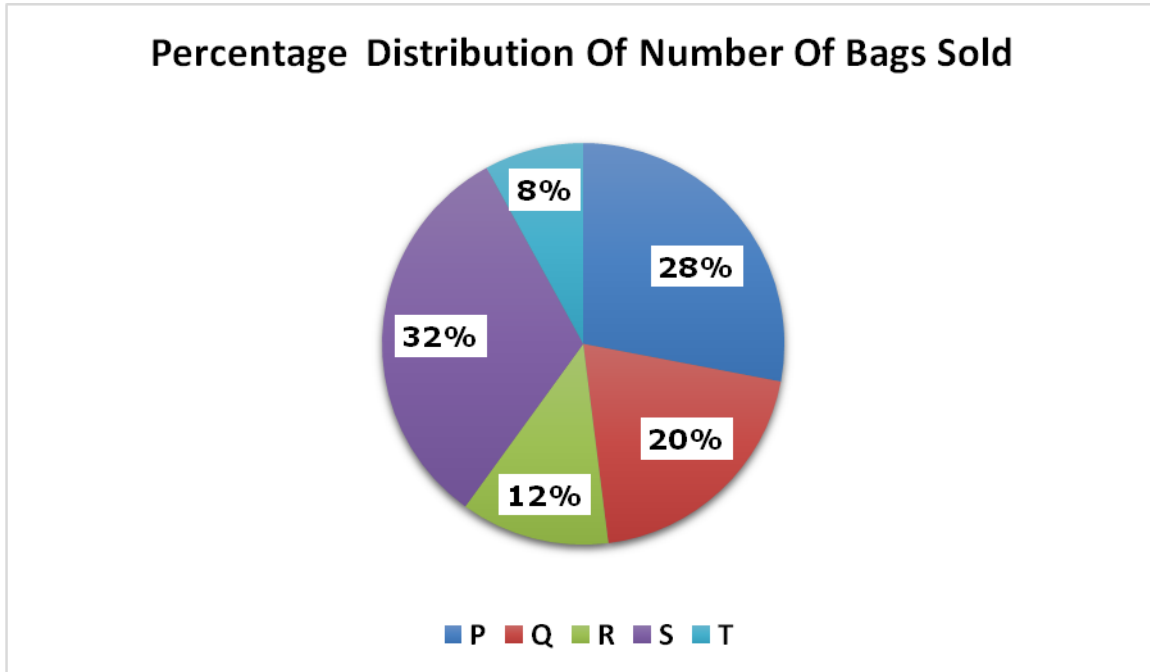
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Quantitative Aptitude

Directions (01 – 06): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions based on it. The pie – chart given below shows the percentage distribution of the total number of bags sold by five different companies – P, Q, R, S and T. The total number of bags which were not sold by five companies together is 4200.



Note: Total number of bags manufactured = Number of Type X bags + Number of type Y bags + Number of type Z bags

The table given below shows information about the number of bags manufactured by different companies.

Company	Sum of Type X and type Y bags Manufactured	Difference between number of type X and type Z bags manufactured (Bag X > Bag Z)	Percentage of (Type X + Type Z) bags manufactured out of the total number of bags manufactured
P	2160	432	65%
Q	1248	192	80%
R	1620	405	68.75%
S	3120	960	62.5%
T	960	144	52%

1) For Company P, if the number of type X bags sold is one-third of the total number of bags sold by company S, and the number of type Y bags sold is 166.66% of type Z bags sold then, find the number of type Y bags which were not sold by company P.

- A. 193
- B. 173
- C. 163
- D. 183
- E. None of these

2) For company Q, If 41.67% of the total number of bags manufactured by the company is the same as the number of type X bags sold by the company, and the respective ratio of the number of type Z and type Y bags sold by the company is 11:8. If the number of type X, Y and Z bags sold were 80%, 62.5% and 50% of the total number of bags they initially planned for manufacturing in each category respectively then find the number of bags that were not manufactured.

- A. 512
- B. 492
- C. 532
- D. 472
- E. None of these

3) Number of type X bags manufactured by company P and the number of type Z bags manufactured by company T together is approximately what percent of the total number of unsold bags by all the companies together?

- A. 33%
- B. 37%
- C. 34%
- D. 36%
- E. 39%

4) For Company T, the number of type X bags unsold is $\frac{1}{24}$ times the total number of unsold bags by all the companies together. The total number of luxury bags manufactured by company T is 200% more than the number of type X bags sold by the company. Type Y bags sold by the company are 5% of the total number of bags sold by all the companies together. The number of unsold bags of type Y and type Z is approximately how much % of non – luxury bags manufactured by the company.

- A. 71%
- B. 70%
- C. 72%
- D. 75%
- E. 74%

5) The total number of type Z bags manufactured by all the companies together is what percent of the total number of bags manufactured by all companies together?

- A. 24.4%
- B. 23.1%
- C. 22.1%
- D. 24.6%
- E. None of these

6) The total number of bags manufactured by company S is 23.2% less than the total number of bags manufactured by company U. Number of type Y bags sold by company S is 27% of the total number of bags manufactured by company U and type X bags sold is 37.5% of type X bags manufactured by company S. Find the number

of type Y and type Z bags together unsold by company S?

- A. 294
- B. 284
- C. 384
- D. 394
- E. None of these

Directions (07 – 12): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions based on it.

The table given below shows the number of teachers in a particular college of a University, the average number of students under the supervision of one teacher, the percentage by which the number of boys is more or less than that of girls in the college and the percentage of students who had taken admission through the entrance exam out of the total number of students in the college and the number of girls who had taken admission through the management quota. The number of girls who had taken admission through the entrance exam in college A is 500% more than the number of girls who had taken admission in college D through the Management quota. The number of girls in college B and college D is more than that of boys and for the girls in other colleges, this statement is not true.

College	No. of Teachers	Average number of students under a faculty	Percentages by which number of boys are more or less than that of girls	% of students who had taken admission through Entrance Exam	Number of girls who had taken admission through Management quota
A	32	200	66.66%	80%	$1.5a + 90$
B	65	80	16.66%	75%	$4a - 40$
C	56	100	33.33%	60%	$6.5a - 50$
D	80	75	14.28%	90%	$a + 60$
E	45	120	25%	54%	$5.5a + 70$

7) The number of girls who had taken admission through Management quota in college B is how much % of the number of girls who had taken admission through Entrance exam in college D?

- A. 28.8%
- B. 34.72%
- C. 35.72%
- D. 33.33%

E. None of these

8) Find the difference between the number of girls who had taken admission through Entrance exams in college C and E together and the number of boys who had taken admission through management quota in college A and D together.

- A. 680
- B. 780
- C. 520
- D. 620
- E. None of these

9) If 37.5%, 20%, 43.75%, 30% and 25% of students who had taken admission through management quota in college A, B, C, D and E respectively belong to Delhi, then find the number of students who had taken admission through management quota in all colleges together who do not belong to Delhi.

- A. 5393
- B. 5373
- C. 5383
- D. 5353
- E. None of these

10) If 30% and 25% of boys who had taken admission through management in college D and E respectively are from Assam then find the number of students who belong to Assam?

- A. 230
- B. 530
- C. 430

D. 330

E. None of these

11) Total number of students in college D is how much % more than the number of boys who had taken admission through management quota in college A?

- A. 65%
- B. 650%
- C. 750%
- D. 550%
- E. None of these

12) Find the value of $(P - Q)$, Where

P = number of boys who had taken admission through entrance in all colleges together

Q = Number of girls who had taken admission through entrance in all colleges together.

- A. 4716
- B. 4176
- C. 4726
- D. 4126
- E. None of these

Directions (13 – 17): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions based on it.

There are four traders – Nikhil, Karunesh, Salman and Elma selling different products – Air conditioner (AC), Dual Battery Inverter (DBI) and Refrigerator (RG). Total number of products sold by Nikhil, Karunesh, Salman and Elma is in the ratio of 68:77:79:56. Number of AC, DBI and RG sold by Salman is in the ratio of 42:53:63.

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Number of AC sold by Karunesh is the same as the number of RG sold by Salman. Number of RG sold by Karunesh is 580 less than the DBI sold by him. Number of DBI sold by Nikhil and Karunesh is the same. Number of AC sold by Nikhil is 400 less than the number of DBI sold by him. Number of RGs sold by Nikhil is 90% of the number of AC sold by him. Number of AC and RG sold by Elma is the same, which is 50% of the number of DBI sold by her.

13) Find the average number of products sold by all the traders together.

- A. 2600
- B. 2800
- C. 3200
- D. 3600
- E. None of these

14) Number of RG sold by Elma is how much percentage more or less than the number of DBI sold by Karunesh?

- A. 56.66%
- B. 52.5%
- C. 56.25%
- D. 53.33%
- E. None of these

15) Number of AC sold by Karunesh is how much percentage of the number of RG sold by Nikhil?

- A. 175%
- B. 125%
- C. 150%
- D. 75%

E. None of these

16) Find the difference between the number of DBI sold by Salman and Elma together and RG sold by Nikhil and Karunesh together?

- A. 940
- B. 820
- C. 1040
- D. 740
- E. None of these

17) If Salman sold one AC, RG and DBI at Rs.1120, Rs.1840, and Rs.2250 respectively then find the total revenue generated by Salman?

- A. Rs.56.462 lakhs
- B. Rs.56.442 lakhs
- C. Rs.55.442 lakhs
- D. Rs.56.342 lakhs
- E. None of these

Directions (18 – 22): In each of the following questions find the value of the question mark (?). You are expected to calculate the approximate value.

18) $156.99 \times 144.98 + 124.01 \times 115.92 + 78.02 \times 61.91 + 28^2 = (?)^2$

- A. 204
- B. 202
- C. 207
- D. 206
- E. 203

19) $59.89^2 \div (3.12^3 + 7.92 \times 122.92) + 84.89\%$
of $(649 \times 34.99) = (?)$

- A. 19311
- B. 19331
- C. 19341
- D. 19321
- E. 19351

20) 28.22% of $(56.77 \times 43.25) - (1234 \div 36.98)$
 $+ (9468 \div 46) = (?)$

- A. 893
- B. 859
- C. 793
- D. 923
- E. 813

21) $(18.99^3 - 61.98^2) + (43.16 \times 27.98) - (22.12$
 $\times 91.28) = (?)^2$

- A. 44
- B. 46
- C. 47
- D. 48
- E. 45

22) $(8.01^3 + 21.99^2) \%$ of $80 + 62.60\%$ of $1240 -$
 $194 = (?)$

- A. 1381
- B. 1321
- C. 1421
- D. 1351
- E. 1361

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Answer Key with Explanation

Directions (01 – 06):

For company P,

(Type X + type Y) manufactured = 2160..... (1)

(Type X + Type Z) manufactured = $0.65 \times$ (type X
+ type Y + type Z) manufactured.

From equation 1, Put $X + Y = 2160$

(Type X + Type Z) = $0.65 \times (2160 + \text{Type Z})$

Type X + $0.35 \times$ type Z = 1404..... (2)

(Type X - type Z) = 432..... (3)

(Equation 2 – equation 3) we get

$1.35 \times$ type Z = 972

Type Z bags manufactured = $972/1.35 = 720$

Type X bags manufactured = $720 + 432 = 1152$

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Type Y bags manufactured = $2160 - 1152 = 1008$

Similarly, we can find the data for all companies

Company	Type X Mfd.	Type Y Mfd.	Type Z Mfd.	Total Mfd.
P	1152	1008	720	2880
Q	864	384	672	1920
R	945	675	540	2160
S	1680	1440	720	3840
T	384	576	240	1200
Total	5025	4083	2892	12000

Total number of bags manufactured by all the companies together = 12000

Total number of bags that were not sold = 4200

So, number of bags sold by five companies together = $12000 - 4200 = 7800$

Now, from the pie chart percentage distribution we can find the number of bags sold by a company.

Company	Number of bags sold
P	28% of 7800 = 2184
Q	20% of 7800 = 1560
R	12% of 7800 = 936
S	32% of 7800 = 2496
T	8% of 7800 = 624

1) Answer: C

According to the Question,

Number of type X bags sold by company P = $\frac{1}{3} \times 2496 = 832$

Let the number of type Z bags sold by company P = $3a$

So, number of type Y bags sold by company P = $\frac{5}{3} \times 3a = 5a$

Total number of bags sold by company P = 2184

Now, $(5a + 3a) = 2184 - 832$

$8a = 1352$

So, value of $a = \frac{1352}{8} = 169$

So, number of type Y bags sold = $169 \times 5 = 845$

Number of type Y bags which were not sold = Manufactured – sold = Unsold

Number of type Y bags unsold = $1008 - 845 = 163$

Hence, the answer is option C

2) Answer: D

For Company Q,

Number of type X bags sold = $\frac{5}{12} \times 1920 = 800$

Total number of bags sold = 1560

So, number of type Y bags sold = $\frac{8}{19} \times (1560 - 800) = 320$

Number of type Z bags sold = $\frac{11}{19} \times (1560 - 800) = 440$

Total number of bags initially planned to manufacture = $(800/0.8 + 320/0.625 + 440/0.5) = 1000 + 512 + 880 = 2392$

Number of bags which were not manufactured = $2392 - 1920 = 472$

Hence answer is option D

3) Answer: A

Number of type X bags manufactured by company P and number of type Z bags manufactured by company T together = $1152 + 240 = 1392$

Required % = $\frac{1392}{4200} \times 100 = 33\%$ (approx.)

Hence answer is option A

4) Answer: B

For company T,

$$\text{Number of type X bags unsold} = \frac{1}{24} \times 4200 = 175$$

$$\text{Number of type X bags manufactured} = 384$$

$$\text{So, Number of type X bags sold} = 384 - 175 = 209$$

$$\text{Number of type Y bags sold} = 5\% \text{ of } 7800 = 390$$

$$\text{Number of type Y bags Unsold} = 576 - 390 = 186$$

$$\text{Total number of bags sold} = 624$$

$$\text{So, number of type Z bags sold} = 624 - (209 + 390) = 25$$

$$\text{Number of type Z bags unsold} = 240 - 25 = 215$$

$$\text{Number of luxury bags manufactured} = 3 \times 209 = 627$$

$$\text{Number of non-luxury bags manufactured} = 1200 - 627 = 573$$

$$\text{Number of (type Y + Type Z) bags unsold} = 215 + 186 = 401$$

$$\text{Required \%} = \frac{401}{573} \times 100 = 70\% \text{ (approx.)}$$

Hence answer is option B

5) Answer: E

$$\text{Total number of type Z bags manufactured} = 2892$$

$$\text{Total number of bags manufactured} = 12000$$

$$\text{Required \%} = \left(\frac{2892}{12000}\right) \times 100 = 24.1\%$$

Hence answer is option E

6) Answer: A

$$\text{Number of bags manufactured by U} = \left(\frac{3840}{76.8}\right) \times 100 = 5000$$

$$\text{Number of type Y bags sold} = 27\% \text{ of } 5000 = 1350$$

$$\text{Number of type Y bags unsold} = 1440 - 1350 = 90$$

$$\text{Number of type X bags sold} = 37.5\% \text{ of } 1680 = 630$$

$$\text{Number of type Z bags sold} = 2496 - (1350 + 630) = 516$$

$$\text{Number of type Z bags unsold} = 720 - 516 = 204$$

$$\text{Required sum} = 90 + 204 = 294$$

Hence answer is option A

Directions (07 – 12):

$$\text{Total number of students in college A} = 200 \times 32 = 6400$$

$$\text{Number of boys in college A} = \frac{5}{8} \times 6400 = 4000$$

$$\text{Number of girls in college A} = 6400 - 4000 = 2400$$

$$\text{Number of students who had taken admission through Entrance exam in A} = 80\% \text{ of } 6400 = 5120$$

$$\text{Number of students who had taken admission through management quota in A} = 6400 - 5120 = 1280$$

$$\text{Number of girls who had taken admission through entrance exam in A} = \text{Total} - \text{management quota} = 2400 - (1.5a + 90)$$

$$\text{Number of girls who had taken admission through Management Quota in D} = a + 60$$

$$\text{Now, } 2400 - (1.5a + 90) = 6 \times (a + 60)$$

$$2400 - 1.5a - 90 = 6a + 360$$

$$1950 = 7.5a$$

$$\text{So, value of } a = \frac{1950}{7.5} = 260$$

So number of girls who had taken admission through Management Quota in A = $1.5 \times 260 + 90 = 480$

Number of boys who had taken admission through Management Quota in A = $1280 - 480 = 800$

Number of girls taken Admission through Entrance Exam = $2400 - 480 = 1920$

Number of boys taken admission through Entrance exam = $4000 - 800 = 3200$

Similarly, we can find the data for all colleges

Colleges	Total students	boys	girls	Entrance	Mgmt.	Boys Entrance	Girls Entrance	Girls Mgmt.	Boys Mgmt.
A	6400	4000	2400	5120	1280	3200	1920	480	800
B	5200	2400	2800	3900	1300	2100	1800	1000	3000
C	5600	3200	2400	3360	2240	2600	760	1640	6000
D	6000	2800	3200	5400	6000	2520	2880	3200	2800
E	5400	3000	2400	2916	2484	2016	900	1500	984

7) Answer: B

According to the Question,

Number of girls who had taken admission through Management quota in college B = 1000

Number of girls who had taken admission through Entrance exam in college D = 2880

Required percentage = $\frac{1000}{2880} \times 100 = 34.72\%$

Hence answer is option B

8) Answer: E

Required difference = $(760 + 900) - (800 + 280) = 580$

Hence answer is option E

9) Answer: C

Required sum = $62.5\% \times 1280 + 80\% \times 1300 + 56.25\% \times 2240 + 70\% \times 600 + 2484 \times 75\% = 800 + 1040 + 1260 + 420 + 1863 = 5383$

Hence answer is option C

10) Answer: D

Required Sum = $30\% \text{ of } 280 + 25\% \text{ of } 984 = 84 + 246 = 330$

Hence answer is option D

11) Answer: B

Total number of students in college D = 6000

Number of boys who had taken admission in management quota in college A = 800

Required % change = $\frac{(6000 - 800)}{800} \times 100 = 650\%$

Hence answer is option B

12) Answer: B

Value of P = $3200 + 2100 + 2600 + 2520 + 2016 = 12436$

Value of Q = $1920 + 1800 + 760 + 2880 + 900 = 8260$

Required difference = $12436 - 8260 = 4176$

Hence answer is option B

Directions (13 – 17):

Let the number of total products sold by Nikhil, Karunesh, Salman and Elma is $68a$, $77a$, $79a$ and $56a$ respectively.

Number of AC sold by Salman = $79a \times 42 / (42 + 53 + 63) = 21a$

Number of DBI Sold by Salman = $79a \times 53 / (42 + 53 + 63) = 26.5a$

Number of RG sold by Salman = $79a \times 63 / (42 + 53 + 63) = 31.5a$

Number of AC sold by Karunesh = $31.5a$

Number of RG sold by Karunesh = $DBI - 580$

Total number of products sold by Karunesh = $77a$

So, $77a = 31.5a + DBI - 580 + DBI$

Number of DBI Sold by Karunesh = $22.75a + 290$

Number of RG Sold by Karunesh = $22.75a + 290 - 580 = 22.75a - 290$

Number of DBI Sold by Nikhil = $22.75a + 290$

Number of AC sold by Nikhil = $22.75a + 290 - 400 = 22.75a - 110$

Number of RG sold by Nikhil = 90% of $(22.75a - 110) = 20.475a - 99$

Now, $68a = 22.75a + 290 + 22.75a - 110 + 20.475a - 99$

$2.025a = 81$

So value of $a = 40$

Total number of products sold by Elma = $56a = 56 \times 40 = 2240$

Number of AC sold by Elma = $1/4 \times 2240 = 560$

Number of RG sold by Elma = 560

Number of DBI sold by Elma = $2240 - 560 - 560 = 1120$

Now we can find the data for all traders

Traders	AC	DBI	RG	Total
Nikhil	800	1200	720	2720
Karunesh	1260	1200	620	3080
Salman	840	1060	1260	3160
Elma	560	1120	560	2240
Total	3460	4580	3160	11200

13) Answer: B

According to the question,

Required Average = $(2720 + 3080 + 3160 + 2240) / 4 = 11200 / 4 = 2800$

Hence answer is option B

14) Answer: D

Number of RG sold by Elma = 560

Number of DBI sold by Karunesh = 1200

Required percentage change = $(1200 - 560) / 1200 \times 100 = 53.33\%$

Hence answer is option D

15) Answer: A

Number of AC sold by Karunesh = 1260

Number of RG sold by Nikhil = 720

Required percentage = $1260 / 720 \times 100 = 175\%$

Hence answer is option A

16) Answer: E

DBI sold by Salman and Elma together = $1060 + 1120 = 2180$

RG sold by Nikhil and Karunesh together = $720 + 620 = 1340$

Required difference = $2180 - 1340 = 840$

Hence answer is option E.

17) Answer: B

Total revenue generated by Salman = $840 \times 1120 + 1260 \times 1840 + 1060 \times 2250 = 56.442$ lakhs

Hence answer is option B

18) Answer: D

$(150 + 6) \times (150 - 6) + (120 + 4) \times (120 - 4) + (70 + 8) \times (70 - 8) + 784 = (?)^2$

$(150^2 - 6^2) + (120^2 - 4^2) + (70^2 - 8^2) + 784 = (?)^2$

$41684 + 784 = (?)^2$

$(?)^2 = 42468$

$(?) = 206$

Hence answer is option D

19) Answer: A

$3600 \div (27 + 984) + 85\% \text{ of } (649 \times 35) = (?)$

$3 + 19308 = (?)$

$19311 = (?)$

Hence answer is option A

20) Answer: B

$28\% \text{ of } (2451) - (33) + (206) = (?)$

$686 + 173 = (?)$

$(?) = 859$

Hence answer is option B

21) Answer: C

$3015 + 1204 - 2002 = (?)^2$

$(?)^2 = 2217$

$(?) = 47$

Hence answer is option C

22) Answer: A

$800 + 5/8 \times 1240 - 194 = (?)$

$(?) = 1381$

Hence answer is option A

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English Language

Directions (1-7): In the following passage there are some blanks; below the passage five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested. Find out the appropriate option which will fit in the blank appropriately. If none of the words is suitable, choose option (E) as your answer.

While recognizing society's deep-rooted _____ (1) and initiating a course correction in the way the judiciary itself views gender rights, the Supreme Court went back to Henrik Ibsen, a playwright known for his _____ (2) women characters that break free of traditions of familial confines and notions of social propriety. Setting aside a _____ (3) rakhi-for-bail order of the Madhya Pradesh High Court to a sexual offender, the Court issued a set of guidelines on March 18 to be followed by the judiciary while dealing with sexual crimes against women. The two-member Bench of Justices A.M.Khanwilkar and S.Ravindra Bhat used a quote from Ibsen to say that a woman 'cannot be herself' in an 'exclusively _____ (4) society, with laws framed by men', and laid it down as a guiding force for all future judicial proclamations. The judiciary's corrective voice is a welcome step in the aftermath of CJI S.A. Bobde reported remarks during a virtual hearing, when he asked an alleged rapist's lawyer to find out whether his client would marry the victim. He later said he had been misquoted. Powerful men seem to be reiterating _____ (5) besides carelessly

linking sexual crimes to women being alone at night or wearing clothes of their choice.

Leaning on the 'Bangkok General Guidance for Judges on Applying a Gender Perspective in Southeast Asia', the Bench listed a host of avoidable _____

(6): women are physically weak; men are the head of the household and must make all the decisions related to family; women should be submissive and obedient. Women are battling society's ingrained prejudices, and the judgment acknowledges this bitter reality, saying gender violence is most often

_____ (7) in a culture of silence.

Pointing to the entrenched unequal power equations between men and women, including cultural and social norms, financial dependence, and poverty, it said data may not reflect the actual incidence of violence against women.

1)

- A. treachery, hoodwink
- B. equalitarianism, tumultuous
- C. patriarchy, devotion
- D. rapacious, avaricious
- E. None of these

2)

- A. coterie, horde
- B. feisty, gutsy
- C. splurge, prodigy
- D. puerile, juvenile
- E. None of these

3)

- A. unkempt, serendipity
- B. feud, wrangle
- C. vicious, wicked
- D. preposterous, farcical
- E. None of these

4)

- A. virile, laddish
- B. maladroit, clumsy
- C. haughty, fidelity
- D. labyrinth, conundrum
- E. None of these

5)

- A. benign, suave
- B. misogyny, misandrist
- C. malevolent, vindictive
- D. obnoxious, loathsome
- E. None of these

6)

- A. braggart, exaggerate
- B. stereotypes, cliché
- C. delinquency, supercilious
- D. heinous, atrocious
- E. None of these

7)

- A. surfeit, copious
- B. throes, pangs
- C. shrouded, cloaked
- D. deride, jeer
- E. None of these

Directions (8-12): In each of the questions below, a short paragraph is shuffled into four parts, and a blank is also given, you are required to rearrange the paragraph in order to make the sentence grammatically correct and coherently meaningful.

8) green technologies, notably electric vehicles (EVs), and also as an initiative to achieve (A)/route to _____ COVID-19-affected economies by privileging (B)/net zero emissions by mid-century under Paris Agreement commitments (C)/vehicle scrappage and replacement is seen internationally as a (D)/ No rearrangement required. (E)

- A. DBCA / rejuvenate
- B. DABC / reconstruct
- C. DCBA / revitalize
- D. DBAC / rejuvenate
- E. No rearrangement required / reinvigorate

9) India has signalled its unwillingness to upset its neighbor. At the same time,(A)/ by _____ from the vote on the U.N. Human Rights Council resolution on Sri Lanka,(B)/ or endorsing the country's stubborn refusal to ensure any sort of accountability for its war-time past (C)/it does not want to be seen as ignoring Sri Lanka's reluctance to meet the political aspirations of the Tamils (D)/No rearrangement required (E)

- A. BADC / abstaining
- B. ADCB / renouncing
- C. BDAC / Abstaining
- D. ABDC / forbearing

E. No rearrangement required / Forbearing

10) India's concerns in Sri Lanka have always been different from the rest of the (A)/rights defenders and NGOs, interference with the few prosecutions in emblematic cases from the past, and the dangerous anti-minority rhetoric (B)/ The UN High Commissioner's report raises concern over increasing militarization, heightened _____ against (C)/international community, informed by a sense of the long-term well-being of the Tamils, and that power-sharing does foster reconciliation (D)/ No rearrangement required (E)

- A. CBAD / insurgents
- B. CDBA / insurgents
- C. CBAD / surveillance
- D. ADCB / surveillance
- E. No rearrangement required / sovereignty

11) The unique identification scheme has been in existence for more than a decade and (A)/ were cancelled for not being linked with the Aadhaar database and that these were connected to reported starvation deaths in some States (B)/ recent data has estimated that nearly 90% of India's projected population has been assigned the Aadhaar number (C)/The Supreme Court, on Wednesday, did the right thing by terming as serious the _____ by a petitioner that three crore ration cards (D)/ No rearrangement required (E)

- A. DBAC / exculpate
- B. ABDC / accusation
- C. DBAC / allegation

D. ABDC / avowal

E. No rearrangement required / apprehension

12) In a country with a large informal workforce and _____ social security systems, reasonable savings for retirement should not be penalized (A)/preservation of self-interests deriding an equitable approach to taxation (B)/ but to give tax relief for such savings only to government employees smacks of bureaucratic (C)/ The least the government could have done was to offer the same cap of Rs 5 lakh to EPF members, by including their employer contributions during the year (D)/ No rearrangement required

- A. ADBC / visceral
- B. ACBD / sporadic
- C. DABC / vacuous
- D. DBAC / visceral
- E. No rearrangement required / sporadic

Directions (13-17): In each of the following questions two columns are there and in both the columns sentences are divided into three parts which may or may not be properly arranged. You are first required to rearrange the phases from both the columns and then match Column I with Column II in order to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

13)

Column I	Column II
a) for people above 60 years and those above	d) CoWIN platform has made

45 years with comorbidities, India has now undertaken course correction (i)/ three weeks after it rolled in the second phase of the mass vaccination programme (ii)/ to vaccinate anyone above 45 years immaterial of comorbidity status from April 1.(iii)	vaccination into a largely passive, (i)/ Also, unlike the immunization programme, overreliance on the (ii)/ facility-based exercise rather than a public-health initiative (iii)
b) What is missing is the political will to achieve that, reflected in absent targets and (i)/ India has the wherewithal to accelerate the daily vaccination rate (ii)/ awareness building exercises, including vaccine safety, vaccine sites and permissibility of walk-ins.(iii)	e) By following the U.K. model of vaccination based (i)/millions would become eligible to receive the vaccine and be fully protected (ii)/ on age bands rather than on comorbidities (iii)
c) A video of a strange encounter (i)/ has triggered hilarious reactions online after it went viral on social media (ii)/ between a	f) “Don’t push your weaknesses; always know to play with your strengths.”(i)/ along with a caption that read, (ii)/ The clip was

monkey and tiger (iii)	shared by Indian Forest Officer Praveen Angusamy (iii)
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- A. Only (a-e)
- B. Only (a-e) and (b-d)
- C. (a-e), (b-d) and (c-f)
- D. Only (b-d) and (c-f)
- E. None of the above

14)

Column I	Column II
a) water, roads, sewage, gardens, urban forestry and (i)/ the focus on public health, housing, basic facilities like(ii)/ The budget this year is back to basics with (iii)	d) including the VS hospital and other municipal hospitals (i)/and health centers, along with public housing (ii)/ last year’s budget and focuses on upgrading health infrastructure(iii)
b) The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) draft (i)/on Wednesday is over Rs 1,400 crore lesser than (ii)/budget tabled by Municipal Commissioner Mukesh Kumar (iii)	e) create awareness among the migrant workers(i)/we have started working on ways to (ii)/ Though it is a routine during the festival (iii)
c) they are going back to their native place (i)/ to celebrate Holi and attend marriages of their relatives.(ii)/ We	f) public health and housing, said Mukesh Kumar (i)/creating infrastructure for the newly merged areas(ii)/

talked to the passengers and they told us that (iii)	Among these, substantial focus will be on (iii)
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- A. Only (c-e)
- B. Only (a-f) and (b-d)
- C. (c-e), (b-d) and (a-f)
- D. Only (b-d) and (c-e)
- E. None of the above

15)

Column I	Column II
a) It has come to our notice that in Surat city,(i)The Gujarat government and municipal corporations (ii)/ is more competent to prevent further infections.(iii)	d) Mumbai's civic body BMC has planned to increase (i)/13,773 to 21,000 in the next 15 days besides scaling up testing. (ii)/ the bed capacity in hospitals from the current (iii)
b) Unabated as the city recorded 5,504 new Covid-19 cases (i)/ and 14 deaths in the last 24 hours. Consequently, (ii)/ Coronavirus cases in Mumbai continue to increase (iii)	e) upcoming festivals in the respective states (i)/ Considering this, the states of Gujarat, Karnataka, and Rajasthan (ii)/ today placed restrictions on public gathering for the (iii)
c) in just two days as the second wave (i)/ India added over one lakh coronavirus infections (ii)/of the virus	f) in the labourers in the industrial areas, (i)/ some notorious people are creating fear (ii)/and putting pressure on them

grew stronger in big cities and states.(iii)	to go back to their native places (iii)
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- A. Only (c-e)
- B. Only (a-f) and (b-d)
- C. (c-e), (b-d) and (a-f)
- D. Only (b-d)
- E. None of the above

16)

Column I	Column II
a) The Uttarakhand government(i)/ limited to the month of April owing to the recent surge in Covid-19 cases.(ii)/ The duration of Kumbh Mela in Haridwar will be(iii)	d) as the price of Brent crude fell from a peak of \$70 per barrel in earliest March to \$63.5 (i)/ OMCs cut the price of petrol by 21 paise to Rs 90.78 per liter and (ii)/ reduced the price of diesel by 20 paise to Rs 81.1 in the national capital on Thursday (iii)
b) in Santa Cruz recording a maximum temperature of 38.7 degrees Celsius,(i)/ warm conditions continued in the city on Thursday,(ii)/ with the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) automatic weather station (iii)	e) The IMD issued a yellow alert, with a warning of (i)/ the season's highest and 5.2 degrees above normal. (ii)/ heat wave conditions in some parts of Mumbai till Saturday.(iii)

c) rising consistently and hitting record highs across the country(i)/ for the second consecutive day after a near six-month period, who saw petrol and diesel prices (ii)/ Oil marketing companies on Thursday cut petrol and diesel prices (iii)	f) has made it mandatory for pilgrims to have a “negative” RT-PCR (i)/ in Uttarakhand will take place from April 1 to 30, with three “shahi snan” (major bathing) dates on April 12, 14 and 27 (ii)/ test report to attend the mega congregation. the congregation on the banks of the Ganges in Haridwar(iii)
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- A. Only (c-d)
- B. Only (a-f) and (b-e)
- C. Only (b-d) and (a-f)
- D. Only (c-d) and (b-e)
- E. None of the above

17)

Column I	Column II
a) which becomes fatal in the human body when exposed (i)/ the heat wave is a condition of air temperature,(ii)/ according to the weather bureau, qualitatively, (iii)	d) All of those identified on or after March 12. (i)/ According to BBMP war room data, (ii)/ the city has 22 active containment zones,(iii)
b) Bengaluru Urban has reported 15,599 cases (i)/ and 84 patients succumbed to the	e) rising crude prices as fuel prices had become an electoral (i)/ sources notes that

infection during the same time. (ii)/ since the beginning of March, (iii)	OMCs had halted price revisions despite (ii)/ issue in key upcoming state elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Assam.(iii)
c) after holding them constantly for a 24-day period which (i)/ Oil marketing companies are cutting prices of petrol and diesel (ii)/ has witnessed significant volatility in the global prices of crude oil.(iii)	f) the temperature thresholds over a region on(i)/ Quantitatively, it is defined based on (ii)/terms of actual temperature or its departure from normal.(iii)

- A. Only (c-e)
- B. Only (a-f) and (b-d)
- C. Only (b-d) and (a-f)
- D. (c-e) (a-f) and (b-d)
- E. None of the above

Directions (18-22): Rearrange the following sentences to make a meaningful paragraph and then answer the following questions below.

- A. According to police, the Rangrez siblings allegedly assaulted Shadab and Sameel with a wooden stool, stick and a metal-sheet object kept inside the jail barrack following an argument. “Around 7.30 pm on Monday, we were all offering namaz when Shahrukh hurling an expletively at other inmates.

B. Around 11.30 pm on Monday, prisoner Shadab Hakeem and Sameel Qureshi (a)/ were allegedly assaulted by two other inmates, Shahrukh Rangrez and Shabbir Rangrez,(b)/ inside circle 3-1 barrack of the prison in Ranip, police said.(c)/ Both the prisoners have admitted to Civil Hospital, they added.(d)

C. I objected and told Shahrukh that it's not nice to swear while praying, after which (a)/ he threatened to saw me after the prayers. Around 11.30 pm, as I was arranging (b)/ mine bed sheet to sleep, I was attacked by Shahrukh and Shabbir. Sameel, (c)/ who tried to intervening, was also assaulted," Shadab stated in his complaint. (d)

D. Hakeem, police said, was convicted in a 2018 murder case and has been incarcerated since the past three years while Qureshi is under trial in a 2020 murder case. Shahrukh and Shabbir are under trial in a 2019 murder case. All the four men were lodged in the same barrack, police said.

E. A brawl between two groups of prisoners at Sabarmati Central Prison in Ahmedabad left two persons injured, police said on Wednesday.

18) Which of the following is the Second sentence after rearrangement?

- A. B
- B. D
- C. A
- D. C
- E. None of the above

19) Find out the error free part from sentence C.

- A. Only a
- B. Both b and c
- C. Both a and d
- D. Only d
- E. Both c and d

20) Which of the following will replace the phrase/group of words printed in bold in statement A?

- A. hurled an expletive on other inmate.
- B. hurling an expletive at other inmates.
- C. hurled an expletive at other inmate.
- D. hurled an expletive at another inmate.
- E. No correction required

21) Find out the erroneous part from sentence B.

- A. Only a
- B. Both b and c
- C. Both a and d
- D. Only d
- E. Both c and d

22) What is the correct rearrangement of the above passage?

- A. ECDAB
- B. EBDAC
- C. EDABC
- D. EBCDA
- E. None of the above

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Answer Key with Explanation

1) Answer: C

Among the given set of words “patriarchy” and “devotion” can fit in the given blank which means a society or government in which men hold the power and women are largely excluded from it.

Hence, option (C) is the most suitable answer choice.

Hoodwink= cheat, swindle, dupe, treachery

Rapacious= Greedy, avaricious, selfish

Equalitarianism = equality, emancipation, suffrage

2) Answer: B

Among the given set of words “feisty” and “gutsy” can fit in the given blank which means lively, determined and courageous.

Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Coterie= a large group of people, crowd

Splurge= squander, waste, prodigy

Puerile= Immature, juvenile

3) Answer: D

Among the given set of words “preposterous” and “farcical” can fit in the given blank which means utterly absurd or ridiculous.

Vicious= cruel, harmful

Feud= dispute, wrangle

Unkempt= dirty, slovenly

4) Answer: A

Among the given set of words “virile” and “laddish” can fit in the given blank which means having or characterized by strength and energy, masculine

Maladroit= inefficient, clumsy

Veracity= truthfulness, credence, fidelity

Labyrinth= confused, conundrum

5) Answer: B

Here, misogyny, misandrist words will be most suitable for the blank which means a person who hates women.

Malevolent= Hostile, vindictive, ill-mannered

Benign= gentle, suave, disciplined

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Obnoxious= extremely unpleasant, loathsome.

6) Answer: B

Here, stereotypes, cliché words will be most suitable for this blank which means an idea or statement about all of the members of a group or all the instances of a situation.

Braggart= someone who boasts, exaggerate

Delinquency= crime, guilt, accusation.

Heinous= cruelty, atrocious, devilish

7) Answer: C

Here shrouded word will be most suitable for this blank which means as in masked, cloaked.

Deride= mock, criticize, jeer, ridicule

Throes= suffering, pangs, agony, trauma

Surfeit= extra, plenty, copious

8) Answer: D

Correct rearrangement is DBAC

Vehicle scrappage and replacement is seen internationally as a route to rejuvenate COVID-19-affected economies by privileging green technologies, notably electric vehicles (EVs), and also as an initiative to achieve net zero emissions by mid-century under Paris Agreement commitments

Rejuvenate means- to restore to an original or new state

9) Answer: A

The correct rearrangement is BADC

By abstaining from the vote on the U.N. Human Rights Council resolution on Sri Lanka, India

has signalled its unwillingness to upset its neighbor. At the same time, it does not want to be seen as ignoring Sri Lanka's reluctance to meet the political aspirations of the Tamils or endorsing the country's stubborn refusal to ensure any sort of accountability for its war-time past.

Abstain means restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.

10) Answer: C

Correct rearrangement is CBAD

The UN High Commissioner's report raises concern over increasing militarization, heightened surveillance against rights defenders and NGOs, interference with the few prosecutions in emblematic cases from the past, and the dangerous anti-minority rhetoric. India's concerns in Sri Lanka have always been different from the rest of the international community, informed by a sense of the long-term well-being of the Tamils, and that power-sharing does foster reconciliation.

Surveillance means close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.

11) Answer: C

Correct rearrangement is DBAC

The Supreme Court, on Wednesday, did the right thing by terming as serious the allegation by a petitioner that three crore ration cards were cancelled for not being linked with the Aadhaar database and that these were connected to

reported starvation deaths in some States. The unique identification scheme has been in existence for more than a decade and recent data has estimated that nearly 90% of India's projected population has been assigned the Aadhaar number.

Allegation means a charge or claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong

12) Answer: B

Correct rearrangement is ACBD

In a country with a large informal workforce and sporadic social security systems, reasonable savings for retirement should not be penalized.

But to give tax relief for

such savings only to government employees smacks of bureaucratic preservation of self-interests deriding an equitable approach to taxation. The least the government could have done was to offer the same cap of Rs 5 lakh to EPF members, by including their employer contributions during the year.

13) Answer: D

The correct match is (b-d) and (c-f)

(b-d): India has the wherewithal to accelerate the daily vaccination rate. What is missing is the political will to achieve that, reflected in absent targets and awareness building exercises, including vaccine safety, vaccine sites and permissibility of walk-ins. Also, unlike the immunization programme, overreliance on the CoWIN platform has made vaccination into a largely passive,

facility-based exercise rather than a public-health initiative.

(c-f): A video of a strange encounter between a monkey and tiger has triggered hilarious reactions online after it went viral on social media. The clip was shared by Indian Forest Officer Praveen Angusamy along with a caption that read, "Don't push your weaknesses, and always know to play with your strengths."

(a-e) is contextually correct but grammatically incorrect.

Errors:

In a- "rolled in" is wrong phrase, the correct phrase will be "rolled out"

In e- we always use "than" with rather and here "then" is grammatically incorrect.

14) Answer: C

The correct match is (a-f), (b-d) and (c-e)

(a-f)- The budget this year is back to basics with the focus on public health, housing, basic facilities like water, roads, sewage, gardens, urban forestry and creating infrastructure for the newly merged areas. Among these, substantial focus will be on public health and housing, said Mukesh Kumar.

(b-d)- The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) draft budget tabled by Municipal Commissioner Mukesh Kumar on Wednesday is over Rs 1,400 crore lesser than last year's budget and focuses on upgrading health infrastructure, including the VS hospital and

other municipal hospitals and health centres, along with public housing.

(c-e)- We talked to the passengers and they told us that they are going back to their native place to celebrate Holi and attend marriages of their relatives. Though it is a routine during the festival, we have started working on ways to create awareness among the migrant workers.

15) Answer: A

The correct match is (c-e).

(c-e)- India added over one lakh coronavirus infections in just two days as the second wave of the virus grew stronger in big cities and states. Considering this, the states of Gujarat, Karnataka, and Rajasthan today placed restrictions on public gathering for the upcoming festivals in the respective states.

(a-f) and (b-d) is contextually correct but grammatically incorrect.

Errors:

In a- “is” is grammatically incorrect, use “are” instead of “is”.

In f- “in” is grammatically incorrect, use “among” instead of “in”.

The Gujarat government and municipal corporations are more competent to prevent further infections. It has come to our notice that in Surat city, some notorious people are creating fear among the labourers in the industrial areas, and putting pressure on them to go back to their native places

Errors:

In b- “continue” is grammatically incorrect, use “continued” instead of “continue”.

In d- “beside” is grammatically incorrect, use “besides” instead of “beside”.

Coronavirus cases in Mumbai continued to increase unabated as the city recorded 5,504 new Covid-19 cases and 14 deaths in the last 24 hours. Consequently, Mumbai’s civic body BMC has planned to increase the bed capacity in hospitals from the current 13,773 to 21,000 in the next 15 days besides scaling up testing.

16) Answer: B

The correct match is (a-f) and (b-e).

(a-f)- The duration of Kumbh Mela in Haridwar will be limited to the month of April owing to the recent surge in Covid-19 cases.

The Uttarakhand government has made it mandatory for pilgrims to have a “negative” RT-PCR test report to attend the mega congregation. The congregation on the banks of the Ganges in Haridwar in Uttarakhand will take place from April 1 to 30, with three “shahi snan” (major bathing) dates on April 12, 14 and 27.

(b-e)- Warm conditions continued in the city on Thursday, with the India Meteorological Department’s (IMD) automatic weather station in Santa Cruz recording a maximum temperature of 38.7 degrees Celsius, the season’s highest and 5.2 degrees above normal. The IMD issued a yellow alert, with a warning of heat wave conditions in some parts of Mumbai till Saturday.

(c-d) is contextually correct but grammatically incorrect

Errors-

In c- Use “which” instead of “who”

In d- Use “early” instead of “earliest”

Oil marketing companies on Thursday cut petrol and diesel prices for the second consecutive day after a near six-month period, which saw petrol and diesel prices rising consistently and hitting record highs across the country. OMCs cut the price of petrol by 21 paise to Rs 90.78 per liter and reduced the price of diesel by 20 paise to Rs 81.1 in the national capital on Thursday as the price of Brent crude fell from a peak of \$70 per barrel in early March to \$63.5.

17) Answer: E

The (c-e) (a-f) and (b-d) matches are contextually correct but grammatically incorrect.

Errors-

In a- “fatal in” is incorrect, “fatal to” can be used to correct the statement

In f- we never use “on terms”, the correct phrase is “in terms”

According to the weather bureau, qualitatively, the heat wave is a condition of air temperature, which becomes fatal to the human body when exposed. Quantitatively, it is defined based on the temperature thresholds over a region in terms of actual temperature or its departure from normal.

Errors-

In b- replace “and” by “while”

In d- replace “those” by “them”

Bengaluru Urban has reported 15,599 cases since the beginning of March, while 84 patients succumbed to the infection during the same time. According to BBMP war room data, the city has 22 active containment zones, all of them identified on or after March 12.

Errors-

In c- Use “constant” instead of “constantly”.

In e- Use “noted” instead of “notes”.

Oil marketing companies are cutting prices of petrol and diesel after holding them constant for a 24-day period which has witnessed significant volatility in the global prices of crude oil.

Sources noted that OMCs had halted price revisions despite rising crude prices as fuel prices had become an electoral issue in key upcoming state elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Assam.

18) Answer: A

The correct sequence is EBDAC and B is the Second sentence after rearrangement.

The above passage is about the brawl between two prisoners.

Here apart from statement (E), none of the given statements is independent and will therefore be the introductory sentence which states that a fight between different groups of prisoners left two of them injured. Further, statement (B) will follow statement (E), where it talks about injured prisoners being admitted to the hospital after the brawl. Further, statement (D) will follow statement (B), where it gives the additional information about the two accused.

Further, statement (A) will follow the statement (D) where it mentions how they got injured by the group of prisoners. Further, statement (C) will conclude the given passage as it ends with the statement of one of the injured prisoners.

19) Answer: A

Error free part is only a

All the other parts are erroneous.

b- use “see” instead of “saw”

c- use “my” instead of “mine”

d- use “intervened” instead of “intervening”

20) Answer: D

Option D is the correct answer

“Hurled an expletive at another inmate” will replace “hurling an expletively at other inmates” in order to make the sentence correct.

21) Answer: C

Option C is the correct answer

The error is in part ‘a’ and ‘d’

In a- prisoner is incorrect because the sentence is stating about two prisoners so we have to make prisoner plural.

“Prisoners” instead of “Prisoner”

In d – replace “have” by “have been” because the sentence is in passive.

22) Answer: B

The correct sequence is EBDAC

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Current Affairs

1. The government has extended the deadline to file ITR for individuals to Jan 10, 2021. The late filing fees are only Rs 1,000 for those with taxable income up to Rs 5 lakh and those required to file returns under the _____ proviso of Section 139(1) of the Income-tax Act.

- A) 7th
- B) 8th
- C) 9th
- D) 10th
- E) 11th

Answer: A

The government extended the deadline to file income tax return (ITR) for individuals by 10 days to January 10, 2021. Prior to that, the deadline was December 31, 2020. This is the third time that the government has extended the deadline to file ITR first from the normal deadline of July 31 to November 30, 2020, and then to December 31, 2020.

The last date for filing ITR has been extended for those taxpayers whose filings using ITR-1 and ITR-4 forms are not required to be audited.

Further, this year, if the ITR was not filed by the earlier deadline December 31, then the penalty or late filing fees levied for filing a belated ITR would have been twice that payable the previous year.

It is to be noted that late filing fees or penalty are only Rs 1,000 for those with taxable income up to Rs 5 lakh and those required to file returns under the seventh proviso of Section 139(1) of the Income-tax Act.

Under this newly inserted seventh proviso of section 139 of the Income-tax Act, ITR filing is mandatory in the following cases:

- A) If you have deposited Rs 1 crore or more in one or more current accounts maintained with a bank or co-operative bank;
- B) If you have spent Rs 2 lakh or more on foreign travel on self or any other person in the relevant financial year; and
- C) If you have paid an electricity bill of Rs 1 lakh or more in the relevant FY

2. The Central government has recently launched INSACOG to monitor the genomic variations in the SARS-CoV-2 on a regular basis through a multi-laboratory network. INSACOG was formed under the leadership of which among the following?

- A) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi.
- B) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi
- C) NITI Aayog, New Delhi
- D) Serum Institute of India, Maharashtra
- E) National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), New Delhi.

Answer: E

The Central government has formed a genomic surveillance consortium for laboratory and epidemiological surveillance of circulating strains of the SARS-CoV-2 in India.

The Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG) has been launched. Coordinated by ₂

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the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) along with MoH&FW, ICMR, and CSIR, the strategy and roadmap of the National SARS CoV2 Genome Sequencing Consortium (INSACOG) have been prepared.

The genomic surveillance consortium, INSACOG, has been formed under the leadership of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), New Delhi.

3. On the recommendation of which committee, the Department of Commerce has notified the rates of Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) to all export goods?

- A) Kasthuri Rangan
- B) Sunil Mehta
- C) G.K Pillai
- D) Sanjiv Puri
- E) R S Sharma

Answer: C

The Government has decided to extend the benefit of the scheme for the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) to all export goods to boost exports. The RoDTEP rates were notified shortly by the Department of Commerce, based on the recommendation of a committee chaired by former Commerce and Home Secretary Dr. G.K. Pillai

4. The BPR&D released the Data on Police Organizations in Jan '21. Generally, who

released the Data on Police Organization as of 01.01.2019?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Jitendra Singh
- E) Ramnath Kovind

Answer: A

The Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) released Data on Police Organizations. The BPR&D has been publishing the Data on Police Organizations (DoPO), annually, since the year 1986.

DoPO as of 01.01.2019 was released by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, on 29th January 2020. This is for the first time in the history of BPR&D that DoPO for a particular year has been released during the year itself.

5. . Home Minister Amit Shah recently has released the National Police K-9 Journal in New Delhi. It is a biannual Journal released every year in which two months?

- A) April and December
- B) January and July
- C) March and November
- D) April and October
- E) June and October

Answer: D

Home Minister Amit Shah released the inaugural issue of the National Police K-9 Journal in New Delhi.

It is the first such publication in the country on the subject of Police Service K9s, Police Dogs.

The journal comprises different sections in Hindi and English.

It is a biannual journal that will be released in April and October every year.

6. Union Cabinet has approved the Multi-Modal Logistics Hub & Multi-Modal Transport Hub (MMTH) at Greater Noida. The Proposal for the construction was made by whom?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Invest India
- C) DPIIT
- D) NRDC
- E) CSIR

Answer: C

The government approved a multi-modal logistics and transport hub (MMTH) at Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

The Union Cabinet also approved a proposal to set up industrial corridor nodes at Krishnapatnam and Tumakuru under CBIC.

The proposals have a total estimated cost of Rs 7,725 crore. The Union Cabinet has approved proposals of the Department of Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) for construction of various tank infrastructure components, which includes: Krishnapatnam Industrial Area in Andhra Pradesh (estimated cost of the project of Rs. 2,139.44 crore) Tumakuru Industrial Area in Karnataka (estimated cost of Rs. 1,701.81 crore) Multi-Modal Logistics Hub (MMLH) and Multi-Modal Transport Hub (MMTH) at Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh (estimated cost of Rs. 3,883.80 crore)

7. Bharat Electronics Limited has signed a contract with the Indian Navy for the initial supply of Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation Dazzlers in New Delhi. How many Laser dazzlers were contracted to supply initially?

- A) 24
- B) 20
- C) 21
- D) 30
- E) 22

Answer: B

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a contract with the Indian Navy for initially supplying 20 Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation Dazzlers (Laser Dazzlers) in New Delhi.

The BEL had earlier this month won the contract beating global Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the global category.

These would be manufactured by BEL, Pune plant. Laser dazzler technology was developed by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

8. Prime Minister has inaugurated the National Metrology Conclave 2021 through video conferencing. What is the theme of National Metrology Conclave 2021?

- A) Meteorology for the Inclusive Growth of the Nation
- B) Metrology and Climatic Changes
- C) Inclusive growth is in Metrology
- D) Growth of atmosphere in Metrology

E) Metrology and Weather

Answer: A

Prime Minister inaugurated National Metrology Conclave 2021 through video conferencing.

National Metrology Conclave 2021 was organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Director General, CSIR, Shekhar Mande and Principal Scientific Adviser to the Central Government, Professor K VijayRaghavan was also present on the occasion. The theme of 2021: Meteorology for the Inclusive Growth of the Nation.

9. Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally inaugurated the 7th NHM National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices through a video conference. He has launched the Operational guidelines for which of the following diseases?

- A) TB & HIV
- B) TB & Leprosy
- C) Anemia & Pneumonia
- D) Leprosy & HIV
- E) HIV & Anemia

Answer: B

Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare digitally inaugurated the 7th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices through a video conference. Vardhan also launched New Health Management Information System (HMIS) along with the Operational Guidelines for TB services at AB-

HWCs and the Operational Guidelines 2020 on Active Case Detection and Regular Surveillance for Leprosy. While the first one was held in 2013 at Srinagar.

10. The foundation stone of Light House projects under Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC) at six sites across six States, has been laid by _____.

- A) Ramnath Govind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Amit shah
- D) Hardeep Singh puri
- E) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer: B

On 1st January Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Light House projects (LHPs) under the Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC)- at six sites across six States, through video conference. The projects are being undertaken under the Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC).

11. India begins its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Presently, How many total non-permanent members are in the UNSC?

- A) 15
- B) 10
- C) 25
- D) 20
- E) 12

Answer: B

Solution: India will begin its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). India will sit in the 15-nation UNSC for the 2021-22 term as a non-permanent member — the eighth time that the country has had a seat on the powerful horseshoe table. On January 1, India, Norway, Kenya, Ireland and Mexico will join non-permanent members Estonia, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Vietnam and the five permanent members China, France, Russia, U.K. and the U.S.

12. India Post expects to make the Post Office Savings Bank interoperable with other bank accounts by April 2021. Who is the Secretary of the Department of Posts?

- A) Akshay Kumar Jain
- B) Prathiksha Patel
- C) Arun Kumar Sharma
- D) Pradipta Kumar Bisoi
- E) Pradeep Kumar Patil

Answer: D

India Post expects to make the Post Office Savings Bank interoperable with other bank accounts by April 2021.

Department of Posts Secretary Pradipta Kumar Bisoi said that The postal department during the lockdown was at the frontline to deliver essential parcels when rail, road and air traffic were grounded and continues to enhance capacity as trains are not fully operational yet.

13. After consultation with the 4 Chief Justice of India, Chief Justices/ Judges of High Courts have been transferred as per clause (1) of Article 222 of the Constitution of India. Who has the authorization to transfer the Justices/ Judges of High Courts?

- A) President
- B) Vice President
- C) Prime Minister
- D) Supreme court Chief Judge
- E) Home Minister

Answer: A

The President of India in the exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 222 of the Constitution of India, and after consultation with the 4 Chief Justice of India, transferred the Chief Justices/ Judges of High Courts. Recently 4 Chief Justices and 6 judges of High Courts are transferred by President after the consultation with the Chief /justice of India.

14. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has capped the amount of trans fatty acids (TFA) in oils and fats to _____ for 2021.

- A) 2%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 3%
- D) 1.5%
- E) 3.5%

Answer: C

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has capped the amount of trans fatty acids (TFA) in oils and fats to 3% for 2021

and 2% by 2022 from the current permissible limit of 5%.

The step to reduce trans-fat came after the World Health Organization (WHO) called for the global elimination of Trans fats by 2023.

Chairperson: Rita Teatota.

Primary Tag: National

Secondary Tag: In-depth

15. The 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has opened in January '21. 'Another Round' was the opening movie of the festival.

This movie belongs to _____

- A) Norway
- B) South Korea
- C) Denmark
- D) North Korea
- E) England

Answer: C

Denmark's Oscar nominee 'Another Round' was opening movie at 51st IFFI in Goa.

The 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) opened with the Indian premiere of the movie 'Another Round' by Thomas Vinterberg.

The movie starring Cannes Best Actor Award winner Mads Mikkelsen is among a star-studded lineup of movies being showcased at IFFI.

The movie is also Denmark's official entry to the Oscars. The Japanese film bagged Silver Lion for Best Director at Venice International Film Festival.

16. Bajaj Auto has become the first two-wheeler company in the world to cross a market

capitalization of Rs 1 lakh crore. Where is the headquarters of Bajaj Auto located?

- A) Pune
- B) Ahmadabad
- C) Chennai
- D) Mumbai
- E) Kolkata

Answer: A

Bajaj Auto has become the first two-wheeler company in the world to cross a market capitalization of Rs 1 lakh crore, making it the most valuable two-wheeler maker. Bajaj Auto is India's largest exporter of two-wheelers and three-wheelers.

Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra

Managing Directors: Rajiv Bajaj

17. The Journalist Day was observed on January 6 in memory of late journalist Balshastri Jambhekar. This day was observed by the people of which of the following states?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) West Bengal
- C) Gujarat
- D) Odisha
- E) Haryana

Answer: A

The Journalist Day is observed by the Maharashtra state government on 6th January every year. This day was celebrated in memory of late journalist Balshastri Jambhekar.

18. A Bank announced the launch of a video KYC account opening facility for savings bank

accounts. This bank has already launched a mobile banking application “I-Quick”, which allows its customers to avail themselves a multiple ranges of services. Name the Bank.

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) Yes Bank
- C) Canara bank
- D) IDBI Bank
- E) RBL Bank

Answer: D

IDBI Bank announced the launch of a video KYC account opening (VAO) facility for savings bank accounts.

IDBI Bank has already launched its mobile banking application “I-Quick”, which allows its customers to avail themselves a range of services such as funds transfer, bill payment, mobile/DTH recharge, and an account view across savings, current account, fixed/recurring deposits, loans and Demat.

19. World Bank has signed a \$105 million project to improve waterways in West Bengal. The Project will facilitate passenger and freight movement across which of the following river in West Bengal?

- A) Hooghly
- B) Damodar
- C) Jamuna
- D) Mahananda
- E) Padma

Answer: A

The Government of India and the Government of West Bengal and the World Bank signed a \$105

million project to improve the inland water transport infrastructure in Kolkata, West Bengal. The \$105 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), has a maturity of 17 years, including a grace period of 7 years.

The West Bengal Inland Water Transport, Logistics and Spatial Development Project will facilitate passenger and freight movement across the Hooghly River.

20. The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) has been appointed _____ as the vice-chairman of the apex body.

- A) Ashish Pethe
- B) Sukumar Sen
- C) C.R.Chaudhary
- D) Saiyam Mehra
- E) Om Prakash Rawat

Answer: D

The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC), the national apex body of the gems and jewellery industry, has announced the appointment of Ashish Pethe as chairman and Saiyam Mehra as vice chairman for two years.

21. The Centre has decided to form a committee to protect the language, culture and land of Ladakh and ensure citizen's participation in the Union Territory's development. The Committee was headed by whom?

- A) Hardeep Singh Puri
- B) G Kishan Reddy
- C) Amit Shah

- D) Jitendra Singh
- E) Prahlad Joshi

Answer: B

The Centre has decided to form a committee to protect the language, culture and land of Ladakh and ensure citizen's participation in the Union Territory's development.

The Committee would be headed by the Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy and will include elected representatives from Ladakh, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, central government, and the Ladakh administration.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah met a 10-member delegation from Ladakh who expressed their views about the need to protect Ladakh's unique cultural identity.

22. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the New Rewari-New Madar section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC). What is the total distance covered (approximately) by the project?

- A) 306 Km
- B) 300 Km
- C) 305 Km
- D) 301 Km
- E) 310 Km

Answer: A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 306-km New Rewari-New Madar section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC). The Rewari-Madar section is situated in Haryana, approximately 79km in Mahendragarh

and Rewari districts and Rajasthan approximately 227km, in Jaipur, Ajmer, Sikar, Nagaur and Alwar districts.

23. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a video teleconference with his German counterpart Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel. This year marks ____ anniversary of setting up bilateral relations between India and Germany.

- A) 75
- B) 55
- C) 80
- D) 85
- E) 70

Answer: E

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a video-teleconference with his German counterpart Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of setting up bilateral relations between India and Germany and the 20th anniversary of the Strategic Partnership, the two leaders agreed to hold the sixth Inter-Governmental Consultations at an early date in 2021 and to set an ambitious agenda for the same.

24. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) recorded the year 2020 as _____ warmest year since 1901.

- A) 5th
- B) 8th
- C) 11th
- D) 7th
- E) 10th

Answer: B

The year 2020 was the eighth warmest year on record since nation-wide records commenced in 1901, the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

However, the past year was substantially lower than the highest warming recorded in 2016. As per the IMD, the five warmest years on record in order were 2016, 2009, 2017, 2010 and 2015.

25. A new approach for surveying using satellite imagery and artificial intelligence (AI) could help in solving some of the present challenges in the conservation of the species. This Survey is going to be implemented for which of the following species?

- A) Asiatic Lion
- B) White Tiger
- C) Chimpanzee
- D) African elephants
- E) One-horned Rhino

Answer: D

A new approach for surveying African elephants using satellite imagery and artificial intelligence (AI) could help in solving some of the present challenges in the conservation of the species.

The survey method was developed by an international team of researchers led by the University of Oxford.

26. SBI Mutual Fund has acquired an additional 86,993 shares in CSB Bank Ltd (formerly The Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd), which raised its stake in the bank to _____ from 4.96% earlier.

- A) 5.01%
- B) 5.00%
- C) 5.05%
- D) 5.10%
- E) 5.03%

Answer: A

SBI Mutual Fund has acquired an additional 86,993 shares in CSB Bank Ltd (formerly The Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd), which consequently raised its stake in the bank to 5.01% from 4.96% earlier. The acquisition was made through open market purchase.

It is currently the oldest private sector bank in Kerala. In 1969 it became a Scheduled Bank, as it was included in the Second Schedule of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

27. TRIFED & Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish TRIFOOD Parks in how many districts of Madhya Pradesh?

- A) 10
- B) 11
- C) 6
- D) 3
- E) 5

Answer: E

TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) & Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish TRIFOOD Parks in 5 districts in Madhya Pradesh.

The agreement was signed by Pravir Krishna, Managing Director (MD), TRIFED & Yogesh Bapat, and General Secretary of Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Ashram. The main aim of TRIFOOD is to enhance the income of tribal through optimal utilization of value addition to Minor Forest Produces (MFPs) collected by Tribal Forest Gatherers

28. Admiral Karambir Singh, the Chief of the Naval Staff has visited _____, Indian Navy's forward operating base at Okha, Gujarat.

- A) INS Sinduvir
- B) INS Darshak
- C) INS Dwarka
- D) INS Dhruv
- E) INS Shivalik

Answer: C

Admiral Karambir Singh, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) visited INS Dwarka, Indian Navy's forward operating base at Okha, Gujarat, on New Year's Eve.

29. 'LUKOSIN' Developer and Senior scientist Hemant Kumar Pandey has been honoured with DRDO's 'Scientist of the Year Award'. LUKOSIN is _____ based company.

- A) Cosmetics Company
- B) Food based Company
- C) Mineral based Company
- D) Medicines based Company
- E) Hardware Company

Answer: D

'LUKOSIN' Developer and Senior scientist Hemant Kumar Pandey has been honoured with DRDO's 'Scientist of the Year Award' for his contribution in developing several herbal medicines, including the popular drug Lukoskin meant for the treatment of leucoderma.

30. BEML has received orders from MoD to supply the High-Mobility Vehicles to Indian Army within 1 year. Which BEML Plant has received the order?

- A) Mysore Complex
- B) Vignyan Industries Limited
- C) Bangalore Complex
- D) Palakkad Complex
- E) Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) Complex

Answer: D

BEML Ltd (previously known as Bharat Earth Movers Limited) has received orders worth ~ INR 758 crores from the Ministry of Defense (MoD) for supplying high-mobility vehicles to the Indian army.

The equipment would be manufactured at BEML's Palakkad Plant in Kerala and will be supplied to the Indian Army in a period of 1 year. The vehicles will play a vital role in the logistics management of the army.

31. Delhi Government Department of Art, Culture, and Language has set up a Tamil Academy in Delhi. The Delhi government has appointed _____ as the vice Chairman of the academy.

- A) P Chidambaram

- B) N Raja
- C) R Mani
- D) G Jawahar
- E) R Rakesh

Answer: B

Delhi Government Department of Art, Culture, and Language has set up a Tamil Academy to promote the language and culture of the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

The Delhi government has appointed a former municipal councilor and current member of Delhi Tamil Sangam N Raja as the vice-chairman of the academy.

32. The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) would use indigenously designed ballastless tracks for the country's first RRTS. RRTS stands for:

- A) Regional Rapid Transport System
- B) Regional Rapid Transit System
- C) Regional Rapid Tracking System
- D) Regional Rapid Turn System
- E) Regional Rapid Turning System

Answer: B

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will use indigenously designed ballastless tracks for the country's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).

As RRTS technology supports high-speed trains therefore these tracks will be suitable for high-speed trains running up to 180 kmph and require low maintenance.

Track slabs will first be used on the 17-km-long Sahibabad-Duhai priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad Meerut RRTS corridor.

The section will be operational by 2023; while the entire 82-km-long corridor will be completed by 2025. Tracks will be manufactured indigenously in a unit, currently being constructed in Meerut.

33. Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti has been honoured with 'OBE-Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire' in Queen Elizabeth II's 2021 New Year's Honours list. Dr. Raghu Ram is a founder and CEO of _____

- A) Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation
- B) Poorna sudha cancer Foundation
- C) Shri Shankara cancer Foundation
- D) Shyam Oncology Foundation
- E) Karunakare foundation

Answer: A

India's Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti (54 years old), Director and Consultant Breast Surgeon, KIMS-USHALAKSHMI Centre for Breast Diseases has been honoured with 'OBE-Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire' in Queen Elizabeth II's 2021 New Year's Honours list.

This second highest ranking Order of the British Empire award (excluding a knighthood/ dame hood) conferred to him in recognition of his outstanding services to Breast Cancer care and Surgical Education in India and UK/India relations. The award was instituted in 1917 by King George V.

34. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has signed an MoU with Indo-Tibetan Border Police for the supply of 1,72, 000 cotton durries every year. Who is the chairman of KVIC?

- A) Vinoth Kumar Sharma
- B) Vijay Kumar Saxena
- C) Varun Kumar Sharma
- D) Vinai Kumar Saxena
- E) ViduyutKumar Sharma

Answer: D

Khadi and Village Industries Commission signed MoU with Indo-Tibetan Border Police, ITBP for the supply of 1,72,000 cotton durries every year. The total value of these durries is eight crore 74 lakh. The development comes after Home Minister Amit Shah gave instructions to the paramilitary forces to encourage local products to support the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena termed the development as “historic” saying this would not only encourage the use of Swadeshi products in our forces but also create large-scale additional employment for Khadi artisans.

35. Lt Gen Shantanu Dayal has been named the new Deputy Chief of Army Staff. Lt Gen Dayal is the Corps Commander of the _____ based 4 Corps.

- A) Kanpur
- B) Solapur
- C) Jabalpur
- D) Sonapur
- E) Tejpur

Answer: E

Lt Gen Shantanu Dayal has been named the new DCOAS. Lt Gen Dayal is the Corps Commander of the Tejpur based 4 Corps. He takes place of Lt Gen SS Hasabnis who superannuated on December 31 as soon as his replacement arrives. Lt Gen Taranjit Singh, the first Army officer to join as the Additional Secretary in the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) under the Ministry of Defence.

36. The World Bank has projected _____% economic growth rate for Bangladesh for the FY 2020-21.

- A) 1.9 %
- B) 1.5 %
- C) 1.3 %
- D) 2.0 %
- E) 1.6 %

Answer: E

The World Bank has projected an economic growth rate of 1.6 percent for Bangladesh for the FY 2020-21. In its latest report on Global Economic Prospects released, the Bank has noted that the world economy is likely to grow by 4 percent in 2021.

This report points out that in Bangladesh, which had been one of the fastest growing emerging market and developing economies prior to the pandemic, growth is estimated to have decelerated to 2% in FY 2019/20.

The World Bank has estimated India’s GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth to be in the range of 7.5 to 12.5 per cent during FY 2021-22

(FY 22). For the fiscal year 2020-21 ending on Wednesday, GDP contraction is estimated at 8.5 per cent as against a growth of 4 per cent during FY 2019-20.

37. Alex Ellis was appointed as a new British high commissioner to India. Alex Ellis succeeded whom for this post?

- A) Sir Richard Stagg
- B) Sir Rob Young
- C) Sir Dominic Asquith
- D) Sir Philip Barton
- E) Sir James Bevan

Answer: D

Alex Ellis, a British strategic expert, has taken charge as the new UK High Commissioner to India.

The 53-year-old civil servant has been serving as Deputy National Security Adviser in the UK Cabinet Office for the government's Integrated Review on diplomacy, development and defense. He succeeded Sir Philip Barton.

38. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to introduce the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for all payment transactions of value 50 crore and above undertaken by entities (non-individuals) via RTGS and NEFT. How Many digits do LEI consist of?

- A) 10
- B) 20
- C) 15
- D) 9
- E) 11

Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to introduce the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for all payment transactions of value ₹ 50 crore and above undertaken by entities (non-individuals) via RTGS and NEFT.

Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) are the Centralized Payment Systems operated by RBI.

This will come into effect from April 01, 2021

39. The CCEA has approved a modified scheme to enhance ethanol distillation capacity in the country for producing 1G ethanol from feedstocks. India will need about 1,000 crore liters of ethanol for doping in petrol by _____.

- A) 2030
- B) 2035
- C) 2040
- D) 2022
- E) 2025

Answer: A

The CCEA has approved a modified scheme to enhance ethanol distillation capacity in the country for producing 1st Generation, 1G ethanol from feedstocks such as cereals like rice, wheat, barley, corn and sorghum and sugarcane, sugar beet etc.

An interest subvention of Rs 4,573 crore will also be provided for the production of ethanol, which can be used for doping in petrol. India will need about 1,000 crore liters of ethanol for doping in petrol by 2030 to cut dependency on imports for

meeting oil needs. The nation currently has a capacity of 684 crore liters.

40. The Cabinet Approved the Export of the Akash Missile System and Created a Committee for faster approval of Exports worth \$5 billion by 2024. Akash is a _____ Missile.

- A) Air-to-air
- B) Air-to-surface
- C) Antitank
- D) Surface-to-air
- E) surface-to-surface

Answer: D

The Union Cabinet also gave its approval to the sale of Akash surface-to-air missile systems to friendly foreign countries.

It created a high-powered Committee comprising Defence Minister (Rajnath Singh), External Affairs Minister (Subrahmanyam Jaishankar) and National Security Advisor-NSA (Ajit Kumar Doval) to provide faster approvals for export of such platforms.

Notably, the Government of India targets defence exports worth \$5 billion by 2024. Akash is a Surface to Air Missile with a range of 25 Kms. The missile was inducted in 2014 in IAF and in 2015 in Indian Army.

41. The PM gave away annual PMAY -Urban Awards-2019 for excellence in six categories for the implementation of PMAY-U. Which state has awarded in the Best Performing State category for the implementation of PMAY-U?

- A) Uttar Pradesh

- B) Bihar
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

The PM gave away annual “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Awards-2019” for excellence in six categories for the implementation of PMAY-U. Best Performing State-Uttar Pradesh (UP) followed by Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP)

42. RBI Launched Jan 2021 Round of “Consumer Confidence Survey” & “Inflation Expectations Survey of Households”. How many cities are covered in the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households?

- A) 18
- B) 20
- C) 27
- D) 15
- E) 22

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the January 2021 round of household surveys namely “Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)” and “Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)” to represent inflation expectations and consumer confidence.

This survey covers 6000 households across 18 cities by capturing subjective assessments i.e. qualitative and quantitative responses on price movements and inflation as per the individual’s consumption in the three-month ahead as well as

one-year ahead periods. The 18 cities are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi and Thiruvananthapuram.

43. Dr. Harsh Vardhan released a Book titled “Metrology for Inclusive Growth of India”. This book was edited by whom?

- A) Rasana Atreya
- B) Varsha Naik
- C) D.K. Aswaland
- D) Harika Bantupalli
- E) Tara Khandelwal

Answer: C

Dr. Harsh Vardhan released a Book titled “Metrology for Inclusive Growth of India”, edited by Dr. D.K. Aswaland contributed by CSIR-NPL’s Scientists. This book signifies the role of metrology for inclusive growth in India and describes various metrological applications. He also released a “Thesaurus of NPL” on the occasion.

44. John Fulton (F) Reid, former New Zealand cricketer passed away recently. The name of New Zealand national cricket team is nicknamed as_____.

- A) Red cap
- B) Blue cap
- C) Purple cap
- D) Black cap
- E) White cap

Answer: D

John Fulton(F) Reid, former New Zealand cricketer passed away at the age of 64 after a long illness at Christchurch, City in the South Island, New Zealand.

The Left-handed batsman was born on March 3, 1956 in Auckland, City in the North Island, New Zealand. He served as the New Zealand Test captain. The name of New Zealand national cricket team is nicknamed as Blackcap.

45. What is the Interest Rates for Small Savings Schemes for PPF according to the recently announced interest rate for Q4 2020-21?

- A) 7.0%
- B) 6.9%
- C) 7.2%
- D) 7.5%
- E) 7.1%

Answer: E

The finance ministry notified that the interest rates on small savings schemes including Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) for 4th quarter of 2020-21 (January 1 to March 31, 2021) will remain unchanged from those notified for the third quarter (October 1-December 31, 2020).

Scheme	Interest Rate
Public Provident Fund	7.1%
National Savings Certificate	6.8%
Savings Deposit	4%
Five-year Senior Citizens Savings	7.4% (Paid Quarterely)

Scheme	
Sukanya Samridhi Yojana	7.6%
Term deposits of 1-5 years	5.5 – 6.7% (Paid Quarterely)
5 – year recurring Deposit	5.8%
Kisan Vikas Patra	6.9%

46. Harmony Foundation hosted the Mother Teresa Memorial Awards. This award was given to which of the following field?

- A) Social Justice
- B) Art & Culture
- C) Sports
- D) Journalist
- E) Business

Answer: A

Harmony Foundation hosted the Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice. The Awards in its 16th year is the only award endorsed by Sister Prema, the Superior General of the Missionaries of Charity, the organization started by Mother Teresa. The theme for awards was, Celebrating Compassion in Times of Covid.

47. A person referred as “Lone Wolf” has replaced Ambani as Asia’s richest person, Name the Person who is one of the fastest in history to achieve the feat.

- A) Colin Huang
- B) Goh Cheng Liang
- C) Zhang Zhidong
- D) Jack Ma

E) Zhong Shanshan

Answer: E

Solution: Zhong Shanshan, referred to as “Lone Wolf”, has replaced Ambani as Asia’s richest person; he is one of the fastest in history to achieve the feat.

Zhong Shanshan is Chinese billionaire whose net worth is 78.2 billion USD, which is attributed to the listing of Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy Enterprises Co and Nongu Spring Co, a bottled water firm.

48. Which among the following bank in January ’21 has announced the launch of banking services on messaging platform whatsapp?

- A) Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) Indian bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Canara bank

Answer: D

Bank of Baroda offers WhatsApp banking services, to activate the banking facility on WhatsApp, need to save WhatsApp number 8433 888 777 of Bank of Baroda (BoB) in phone book. The bank would be offering these services on Whats App- balance inquiry, mini statement, cheque status inquiry, cheque book request, blocking of a debit card, information on Bank’s product and services, register/apply for digital products, etc.

49. Indian student Harsh Dalal’s startup has built 120-employee business across eight cities and

won the recognition in Singapore for his start up.

What was the name of his Startup?

- A) TEAM WIN
- B) TEAM START
- C) TEAM UP
- D) TEAM WILL
- E) TEAM LABS

Answer: E

A 19-year-old Indian student in Singapore is keeping his options open on a startup named “TEAMLABS” he has built with four applications in his teenage while schooling.

While keeping up with his schooling for a diploma in business administration at Singapore Polytechnic, Harsh Dalal, as CEO, has built 120-employee Team Labs’ business across eight cities.

50. The Japanese firm Sumitomo Forestry and Kyoto University have joined the forces in the aim of developing a wooden satellite. Japan has decided to launch the first wood-based satellite by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2022
- C) 2028
- D) 2023
- E) 2030

Answer: D

The first ever wooden satellite could be launched from Japan in 2023.

The Japanese firm Sumitomo Forestry and Kyoto University have joined forces in the aim of developing a wooden satellite that would burn up

more readily as its lifespan ends, without leaving debris or waste behind.

51. Government has extended Income Tax Returns Filing Date To which date?

- A) January 11
- B) January 12
- C) January 10
- D) January 15
- E) January 18

Answer: C

The government extended the deadline to file income tax return (ITR) for individuals by 10 days to January 10, 2021.

Prior to that the deadline was December 31, 2020

This is the third time that the government has extended the deadline to file ITR first from the normal deadline of July 31 to November 30, 2020, and then to December 31, 2020.

The last date for filing ITR has been extended for those taxpayers whose filings using ITR-1 and ITR-4 forms are not required to be audited.

52. Veteran broadcaster Indira Joseph Venniyor who passed away was a renowned ____.

- A) Director
- B) Producer
- C) Actor
- D) Broadcaster
- E) Singer

Answer: D

Indira Joseph Venniyor, Renowned broadcaster, All India Radio Veterean, and the first English

news announcer of Travancore Radio, passed away. She was 94.

She was the wife of well-known literary scholar and art critic the late E.M.J. Venniyoor.

She is a lover of music and performing arts, she encouraged budding professionals in the fields.

53. Government has extended deadline for FASTag till which date?

- A) February 11
- B) February 13
- C) February 17
- D) February 18
- E) February 15

Answer: E

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has extended the deadline for FASTags for all vehicles in India till February 15, 2021.

Earlier, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had announced to completely do away with cash transactions for paying toll charges from January 1.

The new deadline for FASTags to be made mandatory to cross a toll plaza has been set on February 15, 2021.

The compulsory use of FASTags will help vehicles pass through the toll plazas swiftly, preventing long queues.

54. Which state assembly has passed a Bill to abolish all government-run Madrasahs?

- A) Bihar
- B) Assam
- C) Haryana

D) Kerala

E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B

The Assam Legislative Assembly passed the repeal provincialisation of Madrasah Bill, 2020 to abolish all government-run Madrasahs in the state and convert them to general schools.

The new act will come into effect from April 1, 2021. The Bill was tabled in the assembly by the state government on December 28, 2020.

Assam, the state government has decided to make 'education secular' and 198 high madrasahs and 542 other madrasahs in the state will operate as any other general educational institute and will not give admission to students for theological studies.

55. Which state is organizing Exhibition Raag - Bhopali being organized to promote Zari-Zardozi?

- A) Nagaland
- B) Assam
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Bihar
- E) Chhattisgarh

Answer: C

Madhya Pradesh Government is Organizing an exhibition called Raag-Bhopali is being organized to promote Zari-Zardozi crafts of Bhopal.

The exhibition is being organised till 30 December in GauharMahal, Bhopal. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan while

inaugurating the exhibition on that fading art of Zari-Zardozi will be revived.

Different kinds of zari work

Zardozi: This is a heavy and more elaborate embroidery work which uses varieties of gold threads, spangles, beads and gota.

It is used to embellish wedding outfits, heavy coats, cushions, curtains etc.

Kamdani : This is a lighter needlework which is done on lighter material like scarves, veils, and caps.

Mina Work: This is thus called owing to its resemblance with enamel work. The embroidery is done in gold.

56. Navy and which organization has conducted a maiden trial of 1st indigenous air-droppable container?

- A) BEL
- B) BHEL
- C) BDL
- D) DRDO
- E) ISRO

Answer: D

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) along with the Indian Navy conducted the successful maiden test trial of 'SAHAYAK-NG' India's first indigenously designed and developed Air Dropped Container from IL 38SD aircraft (Indian Navy) off the coast of Goa.

The trial was conducted by the Indian Navy to enhance its operational logistics capabilities and provide critical engineering stores to ships that

are deployed more than 2000 kilometers from the coast.

SAHAYAK-NG is an advanced version of SAHAYAK Mk I.

The newly developed GPS aided air dropped container is having the capability to carry a payload that weighs up to 50 kilograms and can be dropped from heavy aircraft.

SAHAYAK-NG container was developed by two DRDO laboratories i.e. NSTL, Visakhapatnam and ADRDE, Agra along with Avantel for GPS integration.

57. Which bank has introduced a one-stop integrated travel marketplace Travel Now?

- A) Axis
- B) Yes
- C) ICICI
- D) SBI
- E) DBS

Answer: E

DBS Bank India introduced a one-stop travel marketplace within the digibank app.

Named as Travel Now, the platform enables customers to browse and book flights, bus tickets and hotels across hundreds of destinations both within and outside of India.

With the help of this new platform customers will now be able opt for travel insurance, offered by Bharti AXA General Insurance, with an automated claims process for flight cancellation, and flight departure and arrival delays of more than 60 minutes.

58. Union Cabinet has approved a Multi-Modal Logistics Hub & Multi-Modal Transport Hub (MMTH) at _____.

- A) Indore
- B) Noida
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Bhopal
- E) Surat

Answer: B

The government approved a multi-modal logistics and transport hub (MMTH) at Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

For a view to making India a strong player in the global value chain. The Union Cabinet also approved a proposal to set up industrial corridor nodes at Krishnapatnam and Tumakuru under CBIC.

The proposals have a total estimated cost of Rs 7,725 crore and an estimated employment generation of more than 2.8 lakh persons

The Union Cabinet has approved proposals of Department of Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) for construction of various trunk infrastructure components, which includes:

Krishnapatnam Industrial Area in Andhra Pradesh (estimated cost of the project of Rs. 2,139.44 crore)

59. India's First Testbed for Autonomous Navigation Systems has been launched at which institution?

- A) IIT Roorkee
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Delhi

- D) IIT Hyderabad
- E) IIT Madras

Answer: D

Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank virtually laid the foundation stone of 'TiHAN-IIT Hyderabad, India's first Testbed for Autonomous Navigation Systems (Terrestrial and Aerial) at IIT Hyderabad.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, has sanctioned Rs. 135 crores to IIT Hyderabad under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) to set up a Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation and Data Acquisition Systems.

The Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation Systems for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Remotely Operated Vehicles at IIT Hyderabad, known as 'TiHAN Foundation' has been incorporated as a Section-8 company by the institute in June 2020.

60. Which institution has developed a plaque therapy successfully used on eye cancer patients in AIIMS?

- A) BHEL
- B) BDL
- C) BARC
- D) ISRO
- E) DRDO

Answer: C

The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Mumbai has developed an eye cancer therapy in the form

of the first indigenous Ruthenium 106 Plaque for the treatment of ocular tumours.

The handling of plaque is very convenient for surgeons and it has been acknowledged to be at par with international standards.

About Ocular Tumours:

Ocular tumors are tumors inside the eye.

They are collections of cells that grow and multiply abnormally and form masses.

They can be benign or malignant. In adults the most common type is metastatic, from another part of the body (lung, breast, prostate, etc).

About Ruthenium-106:

Ruthenium-106 is a radioactive form of the rare heavy metal ruthenium, which is a "platinum group" metal similar to platinum.

61. Who among the following has been conferred with Eminent Engineer Award ?

- A) Naren Singh
- B) VK Paul
- C) Suresh Mehta
- D) Ramesh Chand
- E) VK Yadav

Answer: E

Shri V.K. Yadav, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways has been conferred with the prestigious Eminent Engineer Award for the Year 2020

The award is given by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) for his outstanding contribution towards modernization and reforms over Indian Railways.

Every year the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Delhi Local Network celebrates Engineers' Day on the 15th of September to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya.

On this occasion, besides technical activities, the Institution also presents the Eminent Engineer's Award to distinguished Engineering personalities for their outstanding services in the field of Engineering and technology.

62. Mother Teresa Memorial Awards For Social Justice 2020 Announced. This is the ____year of the award.

- A) 12th
- B) 14th
- C) 16th
- D) 15th
- E) 13rd

Answer: C

On December 27, 2020, Harmony Foundation hosted the Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice.

The Awards in its 16th year is the only award endorsed by Sister Prema, the Superior General of the Missionaries of Charity, the organization started by Mother Teresa.

The theme for this year's awards was, Celebrating Compassion In Times OfCovid
Dr Anthony Fauci (USA) is the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, USA. He and his task force were

among the first ones to realize the seriousness of this pandemic.

Fr Fabio Stevenazzi (Milan, Italy) decision to return to medical practice in order to help those infected with COVID 19 has thrust him to be the modern day example of St Charles Borromeo who in 1576 during the Great Plague that hit the city of Milan and cut the population by half, stayed behind to nurse the sick and renovate hospitals.

DrPradeep Kumar (Chennai) took it upon himself to give a befitting burial to his colleague with the help of two ward boys, at a cemetery in the city in the middle of the night.

CristianFracassi and Alessandro Romaioli (Italy) CEO and Founder of ISINNOVA along with his teammate and engineer Alessandro Romaioli built prototypes on Isinnova's 3D printers, to create the parts of the use-and-throw valves for ventilators which were desperately needed in Italy and provided it to them for free helped many patients survive the terrors of this pandemic.

Sanjay Pandey, IPS (DG Home Guards, Maharashtra) went beyond the call of duty as a police officer to open the first relief camp in the Mumbai city suburbs for migrant workers whose livelihood were disrupted by the lockdown to contain the pandemic.

VikasKhanna (Manhattan, USA) heart still moves to serve the lonely and underprivileged here in India.

63. ISRO chairman K Sivan has received a _____ year extension as Department of Space secretary.

- A) 3
- B) 2.5
- C) 1.5
- D) 1
- E) 2

Answer: D

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of tenure of K Sivan, secretary, Department of Space and chairman, Space Commission, for a period of one-year beyond January 14, 2021, that is up to January 14, 2022.

Sivan is also Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Sivan joined Isro in 1982 and was inducted into the PSLV Project.

He took over as Isro chairman in January 2018.

Under his chairmanship, the space agency launched various important projects, including Chandrayaan 2, the second mission to the moon, on July 22 last year and currently working on the human spaceflight mission.

He was the chief architect of 6D trajectory simulation software, SITARA, which is the backbone of the real-time and non-real-time trajectory simulations of all Isro launch vehicles.

64. Which city will host the much-awaited Tansen Music Festival?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Gwalior

- C) Indore
- D) Chandigarh
- E) Jaipur

Answer: B

In Madhya Pradesh, the much-awaited Tansen Music Festival began in Gwalior with strict COVID-19 guidelines in place. In the inaugural ceremony renowned santoor player Pt Satish Vyas was conferred upon the prestigious Tansen Samman.

Bhopal-based institution Abhinav Kala Parishad was honoured with Raja Mansingh Tomar award. The inaugural day events started with cross-cultural offerings of Harikatha, Milad and shehnaivadan at Tansen's samadhi in Hazira.

The festival will conclude on December 30 at Behat village, the birthplace of the music maestro Tansen.

65. Dr. Harsh Vardhan has digitally inaugurated the _____ NHM National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices through a video conference.

- A) 3rd
- B) 4th
- C) 7th
- D) 5th
- E) 6th

Answer: C

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare digitally inaugurated the 7th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices through a video conference.

Dr. Vardhan also launched New Health Management Information System (HMIS) along with the Operational Guidelines for TB services at AB-HWCs and the Operational Guidelines 2020 on Active Case Detection and Regular Surveillance for Leprosy.

Main Objective : to recognize, showcase and document various best practices and innovations in public healthcare system

66. Global family Day 2020 is observed on which of the following date?

- A) January 3
- B) January 15
- C) January 4
- D) January 5
- E) January 1

Answer: E

Global Family Day is an annual celebration observed on January 1st of every year.

People all over the world find no time to spend with their family.

The reason varies from person to person due to their work, living atmosphere, and so on.

This Day is celebrated as the global day of peace and sharing in the United States.

Spending time with the family members has reasonably reduced in recent years.

The Day aims in promoting peace and sharing. Assembly's declaration made in 1997 started with the theme "One Day of Peace" which was then observed on the first day of every year to welcome the New Year.

67. Who among the following has recently launched the Global PravasiRishta portal & mobile App to connect with Indian Diaspora across the world?

- A) Anurag Thakur
- B) Prahlad Patel
- C) V.Muraleedharan
- D) S.Jaishankar
- E) NarendraModi

Answer: C

Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan launched the Global PravasiRishta portal and mobile App, to connect with Indian Diaspora across the world.

About the Portal :

The portal will act as a dynamic communication platform between our pravasis, the Ministry of External Affairs and missions abroad and will help in engaging Indian diaspora more intensively.

The portal will also assist the Indian overseas during any crisis management and will also lend a helping hand.

The portal will also contain useful information for the Indian diaspora such as information on passport, visa, and other consular services. It will also have the details about various events that are organized by the missions and the invites will be sent to diaspora members for greater participation.

The dynamic nature of the portal and the app will also allow the ministry to take useful opinions of the Indian diaspora on policy issues, conducting surveys, sharing e-newsletters, etc.

PravasiBharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th January every year to mark the contribution of the Overseas Indian Community in the development of India.

68. PM Modi has laid the foundation stone of Light House projects (LHPs) across ___ states via video conference.

- A) 4
- B) 8
- C) 7
- D) 6
- E) 5

Answer: D

On 1st January Prime Minister NarendraModi laid the foundation stone of Light House projects (LHPs) under Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC)- at six sites across six States, through video conference.

The projects are being undertaken under the Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC). The LightHouse Projects will be undertaken at Rajkot in Gujarat, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Ranchi in Jharkhand, Chennai in Tamil Nadu and Agartala in Tripura. The project will comprise around 1000 houses at each location along with allied infrastructure facilities.

It will mainly aim to deliver ready to live houses at a fastened pace within twelve months.

The Chief Ministers of all six states took part in the foundation laying ceremony.

It has been conceptualised by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The LightHouse Projects will showcase the best use of new-age alternate global technologies, processes and materials in the construction sector at such a large scale for the first time in the country.

These houses will be more economical, sustainable, durable and of high quality in comparison to the conventional brick and mortar construction.

69. Indian Army Chief MM Naravane receives Guard of Honour at Army Headquarters of which country?

- A) Israel
- B) France
- C) South Korea
- D) Nepal
- E) Bhutan

Answer: C

Chief of Army Staff General MM Naravane has received a Guard of Honour at Republic of Korea Army Headquarters at Gyeryong, South Korea. He called on General Nam Yeong shin, Chief of Staff of Korean Army and discussed issues of bilateral defence cooperation.

The Army chief visited the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) near the border with North Korea. General Naravane visited the 30th Armoured Brigade and DMZ.

During his three day visit, he met senior military and civilian leadership of the Republic of Korea and discussed avenues for enhancing defence relations between the two countries.

70. Prime Minister has laid the Foundation stone of AIIMS in which state recently?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Haryana
- C) Bihar
- D) Gujarat
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: D

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Rajkot in Gujarat through video conferencing.

Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat, Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Union Minister of State for Health Ashwini Kumar Choubey were also present on the occasion.

AIIMS will play a big role in ensuring the modern health care facility reaches to the last mile in the State.

Under AIIMS project, 201 acres of land has been allotted near Rajkot.

It will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 1,195 crore and is expected to be completed by mid of 2022.

The state-of-the-art 750-bed hospital will also have a 30-bed AAYUSH block.

It will have 125 MBBS seats and 60 nursing seats.

71. DRDO has recently celebrated its ____ Foundation Day of its establishment on January 01, 2021.

- A) 58th
- B) 60th

- C) 61st
- D) 62nd
- E) 63rd

Answer: E

The DRDO observed the 63rd Foundation Day of its establishment on January 01, 2021.

DRDO was established in 1958 with just 10 laboratories to enhance the research work in the Defence sector.

It was tasked with designing and developing cutting edge defence technologies for Indian Armed Forces.

DRDO is working in multiple cutting edge military technology areas, which include aeronautics, armaments, combat vehicles, electronics, instrumentation, engineering systems, missiles, materials, naval systems, advanced computing, simulation, cyber, life sciences and other technologies for defence.

72. PM Modi has inaugurated a permanent campus of IIM Sambalpur in which state?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Haryana
- C) Odisha
- D) Bihar
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C

Prime Minister NarendraModi will lay the foundation stone of the permanent campus of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Sambalpur, on January 2 via video-conferencing.

Odisha Governor GaneshiLal and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik along with Union

Ministers Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', DharmendraPradhan and Pratap Chandra Sarangi will also be present on the occasion. The ceremony will be virtually attended by more than 5,000 invitees, including officials, industry leaders, academicians and students, alumni and faculty of IIM, Sambalpur.

The institute also outscored all other IIMs in terms of highest gender diversity with 49 per cent girl students in the MBA batch of 2019-21 and 43 per cent in the 2020-22 MBA batch.

The proposed campus of IIM Sambalpur will be equipped with State-of-the-art infrastructure with energy efficient green features as per GRIHA standards.

It will be a green campus with maximum usage of renewable energy.

The project is scheduled to be completed by April 2022.

73. Petroleum Minister has launched missed call facility for LPG consumers in which city?

- A) Chandigarh
- B) Delhi
- C) Kolkata
- D) Bhubaneswar
- E) Indore

Answer: D

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel DharmendraPradhan launched the missed call facility for LPG consumers in Bhubaneswar.

Indian Oil LPG customers can now give a missed call to 8454955555 for refill booking for all India and for new connection for Bhubaneswar city.

The Minister also rolled out the second phase of the world class octane 100 premium grade petrol, under the brand XP 100.

The Petroleum Minister said that while about 13 crore people were given LPG connection between 1955 and 2014, now it is about to reach 30 crore, representing a quantum jump there by empowering Indian women.

Rolling out the Indian Oil's branded XP 100 to seven more cities including Bhubaneswar, Mr Pradhan said it epitomizes the Prime Minister's vision of Purvoday.

"In the line Modi's vision for a Digital India, the missed call facility will play a crucial role in making LPG more easily accessible to the consumers.

The Petroleum Ministry has always strived to improve customer convenience and this facility by IndianOil will play a crucial role in making LPG more easily accessible.

74. Who among the following has inaugurated the Virtual Agri-hackathon 2020?

- A) Prahlad Patel
- B) Nitin Gadkari
- C) Venkiah Naidu
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) NS Tomar

Answer: E

Virtual Agri-hackathon Atmanirbhar Krishi inaugurated To make Agriculture profitable and

attract youth towards agriculture are challenges of the Agri-hackathon

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said Agri-Startups can help improve the lot of farmers

Building Smart India with Self-Reliant Agriculture. The application of the hackathon was made live on mygov.in and will remain open till 20 January, 2021.

The hackathon will happen in 3 elimination rounds and the final 24 winners will get a cash prize of INR 1,00,000 along with incubation support, tech & business mentoring and various other benefits.

The hackathon will accept innovations & ideas on farm mechanization, precision agriculture, supply chain & food technology, waste to wealth, green energy, etc.

Narendra Singh Tomar said "In the light of Prime Minister's vision to introduce new-age technology and innovations in agriculture, the Agri India Hackathon is being organised.

It is a proud moment for all of us where young minds will discuss, collaborate, and create some of the best ideas & solutions which will guide us for years to come.

Agriculture is the backbone of our country and plans are afoot to strengthen this backbone with youth engagement, employment generation, technology & digitization".

75. India is all set to begin its _____ year tenure as a non-permanent member in UNSC.

- A) 6

- B) 1
- C) 2
- D) 3
- E) 4

Answer: C

India will begin its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

India will sit in the 15-nation UNSC for the 2021-22 term as a non-permanent member — the eighth time that the country has had a seat on the powerful horseshoe table.

On January 1, India, Norway, Kenya, Ireland and Mexico will join non-permanent members Estonia, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Vietnam and the five permanent members China, France, Russia, U.K. and the U.S.

India will be UNSC President in August 2021 and will preside over the council again for a month in 2022.

76. Which country has recently changed the words of its national anthem?

- A) France
- B) Australia
- C) England
- D) Malaysia
- E) Singapore

Answer: B

On new year eve, Australia has changed one word in its national anthem to reflect “the spirit of unity” and the country’s Indigenous population.

Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison announced that the second line of the anthem, Advance Australia Fair, has been changed from For we are young and free to For we are one and free.

Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt, who is also the first Indigenous Australian elected to the federal Parliament’s lower house, has given his support to the change.

He said that the one-word change was small in nature but significant in purpose.

77. Who among the following has launched the IAF e-Governance (e-Office) portal?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Anurag Thakur
- C) Prahlad Patel
- D) RKS Bhadauria
- E) Narendra Modi

Answer: D

Indian Air Force Chief, Air Marshal R K S Bhadauria launched the IAF e-Governance (e-Office) portal in New Delhi.

Bhadauria launched the portal at VayuBhawan. The launch of the portal is part of Digital India and e-governance initiative that will transform the entire Indian Air Force into a paperless office workflow.

It marks a major shift from the current method of correspondence, filing and documentation to a digital one.

The platform will ensure enhanced transparency, improved efficiency, increased accountability, assured data integrity and rapidly accessible

archives along with a major reduction in the use of paper.

This project started in April and was to be completed by January 1, 2021

78. India and ADB have signed USD _____ million loan to augment electricity generation capacity in Assam.

- A) 260
- B) 245
- C) 231
- D) 250
- E) 247

Answer: C

India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a USD 231 million loan to augment electricity generation capacity in the State of Assam through construction of a 120 MegaWatts hydroelectric power plant that will enhance availability of electricity for households.

This is the third tranche loan for the ongoing Assam Power Sector Investment Programme that was approved by the ADB Board in July 2014.

The programme, including its two previous tranches, focuses on enhancing capacity and efficiency of the energy generation and distribution systems in Assam to improve electricity service to end users.

79. Which state has launched a Crop Relief Scheme - KisanFasalRahatYojana?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Chhattisgarh

- C) Kerala
- D) Jharkhand
- E) Assam

Answer: D

Jharkhand is set to replace the Prime Minister's insurance scheme for farmers with its own crop relief scheme - KisanFasalRahatYojana.

To be launched on December 29, the scheme will take three months to come into effect.

What is Jharkhand's KisanFasalRahatYojana?

It is a compensation scheme aimed at providing security cover to Jharkhand farmers in case of crop damage due to natural calamity.

It will cover both land owning and landless farmers. The Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Co-operative will be the implementing agency and it will work in association with a project management unit, which will be a consultancy firm that will take care of technical requirements.

Food safety, crop diversification, rapid development in agriculture and paving the way for competition, are among the aims of the scheme. It is not an insurance scheme where premiums are paid.

80. Chief of Naval Staff recently visited INS Dwarka in which state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Gujarat
- D) Kerala
- E) Maharashtra

Answer: C

Admiral Karambir Singh, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) visited INS Dwarka, Indian Navy's forward operating base at Okha, Gujarat, on new year's eve.

The CNS was briefed by the Flag Officer Commanding Gujarat, Daman and Diu on maritime operations and security aspects relevant to Gujarat, Daman & Diu (GD&D) Naval Area.

He also took stock of coastal surveillance initiatives by GD&D Area and interacted with personnel from Naval Station Okha and other units.

Appreciating the quality work put in by the station, he encouraged the personnel to keep up the good work as INS Dwarka enters its golden jubilee year.

The CNS also wished all personnel and families at GD&D Area the very best for the new year.

81. State-owned _____ announced the extension of its festival bonanza offer till March.

- A) HDFC
- B) ICICI
- C) SBI
- D) BOB
- E) PNB

Answer: E

State-owned Punjab National Bank NSE 0.92 % (PNB) announced the extension of its festival bonanza offer till March.

The promotional scheme has now been rechristened as "PNB NEW YEAR BONANZA-2021", the bank said in a statement.

"Under the PNB New Year Bonanza 2021 (during the offer period from January 1 to March 31, 2021), PNB will offer a full waiver of upfront or processing fees and documentation charges on all fresh housing loans, takeover housing loans, car loans, and property loans," it said. About PNB:

82. Post Office Savings Bank be apt interconnected with other banks by which month?

- A) August
- B) April
- C) March
- D) June
- E) July

Answer: B

India Post expects to make the Post Office Savings Bank interoperable with other bank accounts by April and will focus on enhancing digitisation of all services in 2021, a senior official of the department said.

Department of Posts Secretary Pradipta Kumar Bisoi said that The postal department during the lockdown was at the frontline to deliver essential parcels when rail, road and air traffic were grounded and continues to enhance capacity as trains are not fully operational yet.

83. RuPay partners with which Bank to introduce 'RuPayPoS'?

- A) Axis
- B) ICICI
- C) SBI

D) RBL

E) HDFC

Answer: D

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced that RuPay has partnered with RBL Bank to launch an innovative payment solution for Indian merchants – RuPayPoS in association with PayNearby.

The RuPayPoS will transform smartphones into merchant Point of Sale (PoS) terminals for the retailers.

Merchants will now be able to accept contactless payments of up to INR 5000 through a simple tap and pay mechanism on his NFC enabled mobile phones.

Customers using RuPay cards or have tokenized their RuPay Cards, can carry out contactless payments for their regular purchases.

The introduction of RuPayPoS to digitally empower merchants by turning their smartphones into a PoS machine

RuPayPoS will provide cost effective acceptance infrastructure to retailers at no additional capital cost.

This unique phenomena will proliferate digital payments acceptance among millions of underserved Indian MSMEs.

84. IFSCA has become an associate member of the global lobby group ____.

A) UNICEF

B) UNESCO

C) WB

D) IMF

E) IOSCO

Answer: E

International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has become an associate member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

The IOSCO works closely with the G20 nations and the Financial Stability Board (FSB), in setting up the standards for strengthening the securities markets.

The IOSCO Objectives and Principles of Securities Regulation have been endorsed by FSB as one of the key standards for sound financial systems.

The membership of IOSCO will provide the IFSCA a platform to exchange information at the global level, and even at the regional level, on areas of common interests.

With this new membership, IFSCA will get the platform to exchange information at the global level and regional level on areas of common interests and help to learn from the experiences and best practices of the regulators of other well established financial centres.

85. P Ravi Kumar appointed as Chief Secretary of which state?

A) Chhattisgarh

B) Telangana

C) Karnataka

D) Gujarat

E) Kerala

Answer: C

Senior IAS officer P Ravi Kumar has been appointed as Karnataka's 38th chief secretary. He will replace TM Vijay Bhaskar who will superannuate on December 31 2020.

About P. Ravi Kumar:

He is 1984-batch IAS officer Ravi Kumar is currently additional chief secretary (ACS) and was earlier Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's ACS.

Ravi Kumar is the second senior most IAS officer of Karnataka cadre after Bhaskar.

86. Who among the following has taken over the charge of new Chairman & CEO of Railway Board?

- A) AnandVarma
- B) Sumeet Sharma
- C) Manoj Kumar
- D) Surender Singh
- E) Vishesh Singh

Answer: B

Suneet Sharma has been appointed as the new Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board (Ministry of Railways) and ex-officio Principal Secretary to Government of India.

Prior to this, Suneet Sharma worked as General Manager, Eastern Railway.

He took over in his new role with effect from January 01, 2021.

Suneet Sharma joined the Indian Railways in 1979 as a Special Class Apprentice while he was studying engineering at IIT Kanpur.

He was Chief Workshop Manager, Parel workshop in Mumbai where he was instrumental in manufacturing narrow gauge locomotives for hill railways.

He also restored an old steam narrow gauge locomotive for the heritage Matheran line near Mumbai.

87. Soma Mondal has taken over from Anil Kumar Chaudhary as Chairman of which organization?

- A) HPCL
- B) ONGC
- C) BDL
- D) SAIL
- E) BHEL

Answer: D

Soma Mondal has taken over as Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) with effect from January 01, 2021.

Before joining SAIL as a Director, Mondal was the Director (Commercial) at fellow Central public sector enterprise, National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO).

She replaces Anil Kumar Chaudhary, who superannuated on 31 December 2020.

Under her leadership, the company launched niche branded products like NEX (Structural) and SAIL SeQR (TMT bars), a company.

88. Narendra 'Bull' Kumar who passed away was a famous _____.

- A) Actor
- B) Director

- C) Writer
- D) Singer
- E) Mountaineer

Answer: E

Ace mountaineer Colonel Narendra 'Bull' Kumar, 87, who helped India secure the Siachen Glacier, passed away.

He earned the nickname 'Bull' for relentlessly charging into everything he did.

India had launched 'Operation Meghdoot' in April 1984 to gain total control of the strategically-located glacier as well as nearby passes following Col Kumar's ground report about Pakistani activities.

89. Who among the following has been appointed Deputy Election Commissioner?

- A) Naveen Gupta
- B) Sumit Singh
- C) UmeshSinha
- D) Manoj Kumar
- E) Anand Raj

Answer: C

UmeshSinha has been appointed as the deputy election commissioner in the Election Commission of India, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

Sinha, a 1986-batch IAS officer (retired) of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, is at present the secretary general in the commission.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved extension in the term of reemployment of Sinha as deputy election commissioner on contract basis for a period of six months beyond

December 31, 2020, that is up to June 30, 2021, it said.

Sinha is a part of a committee set up by the Election Commission to look into the issue of revising the election expenditure of candidates during campaigning.

90. Which state government has promoted 3 IPS Officers recently?

- A) Haryana
- B) Punjab
- C) Kerala
- D) Chhattisgarh
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B

The Punjab Government has promoted three Additional Director Generals of Police (ADGPs) to the rank of DGP.

ADGPs SanjeevKalra, B K Uppal, and Parag Jain, who are IPS officers, have been promoted to the rank of Director General of Police (DGP) from January 1.

Parag Jain, IPS, who is presently on central deputation with cabinet secretariat, New Delhi would be entitled only to the notional benefits and the actual benefits would be admissible as and when he would join his duty in the state government.

It is mentioned here that SanjeevKalra is ADGP railways at Patiala and BK Uppal is holding charge of state vigilance bureau chief.

91. DRDO's 'Scientist of the Year' award has been won by whom?

- A) SushilGupte
- B) AnandTiwary
- C) Hemant Kumar Pandey
- D) Manoj Kumar
- E) SurenderPrakash

Answer: C

‘LUKOSIN’ Developer and Senior scientist Hemant Kumar Pandey has been honoured with DRDO's 'Scientist of the Year Award' for his contribution in developing several herbal medicines, including the popular drug Lukoskin meant for treatment of leucoderma.

A recipient of several prestigious awards for his contribution in the field of herbal medicine, Pandey has been undertaking research at the Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) lab Defence Institute of Bio-Energy Research (DIBER) at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand for the past 25 years.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had recently facilitated the scientist at an event here with the prestigious award that comprises a certificate and cash prize of Rs 2 lakh.

92. GST collections for December has been highest ever at Rs _____ lakh crore.

- A) 1.05
- B) 1.10
- C) 1.30
- D) 1.24
- E) 1.15

Answer: E

Goods and Services Tax collections for December Rs 1.15 lakh crore, the highest ever

since the implementation of the nationwide tax in July 2017.

The previous monthly GST collection record was just short of Rs 1.14 lakh crore in April 2019.

The revenues for the month of December 2020 are 12 percent higher than the GST revenues in the same month in 2019.

In November 2020, the GST collection had crossed Rs 1 lakh crore mark.

This has been due to the combined effects of the rapid economic recovery and the nationwide drive against the GST evaders and fake bills along with many systemic changes introduced recently, which have led to improved compliance.

93. J&K UT Administration has signed an MoU with which organization?

- A) ONGC
- B) BHEL
- C) HPCL
- D) NAFED
- E) NAREDCO

Answer: D

In Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territory Administration signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), an apex organization of marketing cooperatives for agricultural produce.

The MoU with NAFED is seen as a game changer for the Horticulture sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

High Density plantation of Apple, Walnut, Cherry, Flowers etc has potential to increase the income of farmers by 3 to 4 times.

After signing of the MoU, NAFED to cover 5500 Hectares at a cost of Rs.1700 Crore in the next five years with major focus on Apple, Walnut, Cherry, Pear and other significant horticulture produce. NAFED will also set up 20 Farmer-Producer Organizations, one in each district, in the next three months.

The NAFED will set up three cold storage clusters, one each in North Kashmir, South Kashmir and Kathua at a cost of Rs.500 Crore, besides ensuring Geographical Indications tags (GI Tags) for all premium/niche horticulture produce, branding and marketing of fruit crops like Apple, Walnut, Cherry, Olive, Litchi etc.

94. ADB and India have signed a _____million loan to support project preparation to expand horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.

- A) 14
- B) 13
- C) 10
- D) 11
- E) 12

Answer: C

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India on 30th December 2020 signed a \$10 million project readiness financing (PRF).

Mainly to help finance piloting activities, and design and capacity building for an ensuing project that aims to expand horticulture

production and farm household income in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh.

The PRF project aims to ensure implementation readiness with prior testing of new production technologies and marketing systems so that the ensuing project is cost-effective and gets completed in a timely manner to enhance farm profitability.

95. John Fulton Reid who died at the Age of 64 played for which country?

- A) England
- B) New Zealand
- C) West Indies
- D) Australia
- E) South Africa

Answer: B

On December 28, 2020, John Fulton Reid, New Zealand cricketer passed away. He was 64.

The left-handed batsman, who made his Test debut against Pakistan in 1979, played 19 Tests and 25 ODIs for his country, mostly batting at No 3.

He finished his Test career with a noteworthy average of 46.28, scoring six hundreds. He compiled his highest Test score of 180 against Sri Lanka in Colombo in 1984.

Reid was one of the key members of the successful New Zealand side in the 1980s, and is fondly remembered for his crucial hand of 108 and his stand of 224 with Martin Crowe versus Australia at the Gabba in 1985.

He served as the chief executive of Auckland Cricket,

And then he was appointed the cricket operations manager and high performance manager of New Zealand Cricket. Reid also played a leading role in the establishment of the National High Performance Centre at Lincoln.

96. World Braille Day Observed is observed on which date?

- A) January 1
- B) January 14
- C) January 4
- D) January 15
- E) January 12

Answer: C

World Braille Day is observed every year on 4 January to celebrate the importance of braille, a form of communication and written language for people who are blind and visually challenged. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the man who invented braille in the year 1809.

Aim of the day : The day aims to raise awareness about braille language and other forms of communication, As many establishments such as banks, restaurants, hospitals still don't offer braille versions of their printed materials, the day serves as a reminder of the importance of accessibility and independence for people who are visually impaired.

97. ShantanuMohapatra who died at 84 in Bhubaneswar was an eminent ____.

- A) Actor
- B) Writer
- C) Director
- D) Musician
- E) Dancer

Answer: D

Legendary Odia music director ShantanuMohapatra died in Bhubaneswar on December 30 .He was 84 years old. Born at Baripada in Mayurbhanj district in 1936. ShantanuMohapatra was the first Odia music director to work with acclaimed singers and music composers of the Hindi film industry. These included LataMangeskar (Surjyamukhi), Mohd Rafi (Arundhati), Manna Dey (Surjyamukhi), UshaMangeskar (Arundhati) and other artists like Suresh Wadekar, AnuradhaPaudwal, UshaUthup, Kavita Krishnamurthy, etc. He composed the first modern lullaby in AIR, first qawali, first bhangra tune, and first fusion and jumping note.

98. Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) has been launched under the leadership of ____.

- A) MoH&FW
- B) AIIMS
- C) CSIR
- D) ICMR
- E) NCDC

Answer: E

The Central government has formed a genomic surveillance consortium for laboratory and

epidemiological surveillance of circulating strains of the SARS-CoV-2 in India.

The Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG) has been launched. Coordinated by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) along with MoH&FW, ICMR, and CSIR, the strategy and roadmap of the National SARS CoV2 Genome Sequencing Consortium (INSACOG) has been prepared.

The genomic surveillance consortium, INSACOG, has been formed under the leadership of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), New Delhi.

Aim : To monitor the genomic variations in the SARS-CoV-2 on a regular basis through a multi-laboratory network. This vital research consortium will also assist in developing potential vaccines in the future.

99. Drug regulator has given final approval for Covid-19 vaccines of which of the following?

- A) Sputnik V
- B) SII
- C) Cipla
- D) Pfizer
- E) Ranbaxy

Answer: B

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has formally announced the final approval for Oxford-AstraZeneca and Bharat Biotech vaccines against the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) for emergency use.

CDSCO (Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation) accepts the subject expert

committee reform rations on Serum and Bharat Biotech Covid vaccines.

About Covishield :

The subject expert committee (SEC) under CDSCO had recommended Oxford-AstraZeneca's vaccine, which is being manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII) as Covishield, for emergency use and Covaxin for restricted use.

100. Which organization has released data on Police Organizations?

- A) RPF
- B) CRPF
- C) CISF
- D) BPRD
- E) NitiAayog

Answer: D

The Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) released Data on Police Organizations. The BPR&D has been publishing the Data on Police Organizations (DoPO), annually, since the year 1986.

Do PO as on 01.01.2019 was released by the Union Home Minister ShriAmit Shah, on 29th January, 2020.

This is for the first time in the history of BPR&D that DoPO for a particular year has been released during the year itself.

The number of people getting police protection across India stood at 19,467 in 2019 and 21,300 in 2018 a reduction of 1,833 (or 8.7 percent).

The number of police personnel put on protection duty in 2018 and 2019 for ministers, MPs, MLAs,

judges, bureaucrats, etc., outnumbered their sanctioned strength for the job by around 35 percent.

101. Who among the following has released the inaugural issue of 'National Police K-9 Journal'?

- A) Anurag Thakur
- B) Prahlad Patel
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) Venkiah Naidu

Answer: C

Home Minister Amit Shah released the inaugural issue of the National Police K-9 Journal in New Delhi.

It is the first such publication in the country on the subject of Police Service K9s, Police Dogs.

This is a unique initiative that will further enrich the subjects related to Police Service Dog, K-9, PSK teams in the country.

The event was attended by Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Directors General of Central Armed Police Forces and senior ranking Police Officers of the Forces, while CAPF personnel from all over the country attended through virtual conference.

102. RBI has recently introduced the Digital Payments Index with the base year as _____.

- A) 2019
- B) 2018
- C) 2017
- D) 2016
- E) 2015

Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India has constructed a composite Digital Payments Index (DPI) to capture the extent of digitisation of payments across the country.

The RBI-DPI comprises 5 broad parameters that enable measurement of deepening and penetration of digital payments in the country over different time periods.

These parameters are

Payment Enablers (weight 25%),

Payment Infrastructure – Demand-side factors (10%),

Payment Infrastructure – Supply-side factors (15%),

Payment Performance (45%) and

Consumer Centricity (5%).

The RBI-DPI has been constructed with March 2018 as the base period, i.e. DPI score for March 2018 is set at 100. The DPI for March 2019 and March 2020 work out to 153.47 and 207.84 respectively, indicating appreciable growth.

RBI-DPI shall be published on RBI's website on a semi-annual basis from March 2021 onwards with a lag of 4 months.

The base period for RBI-DPI is March 2018.

This means that the DPI score for March 2018 is set at 100.

103. Government has extended the benefit of the RoDTEP scheme to all export goods to boost exports based on the recommendation of _____ committee.

- A) Ramesh Chand

- B) VK Paul
- C) V Srinivasan
- D) GK Pillai
- E) Suresh Mathur

Answer: D

Government has decided to extend the benefit of the scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) to all export goods to boost exports.

The scheme will refund to exporters the embedded Central, State and local taxes that were so far not being given rebate or refunded.

The refund will be credited in the exporter's ledger account with Customs and used to pay Basic Customs duty on imported goods.

The RoDTEP rates will be notified shortly by the Department of Commerce, based on the recommendation of a Committee chaired by former Commerce and Home Secretary Dr. G.K. Pillai

104. The government of which state has Permitted all shops to remain open for 24x7?

- A) Telangana
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) West Bengal
- D) Kerala
- E) Karnataka

Answer: E

All shops and commercial establishments employing ten or more people in Karnataka are now allowed to operate on a 24x7 basis, the state government.

The move is aimed at generating employment and accelerating economic growth.

The permission is subject to the establishments which employ ten or more people.

The state government also mandated that no employee will be made to work more than eight hours and in case of overtime the working hours should exceed ten hours a day and 48 hours in a week.

105. ISRO to launch the first satellite developed entirely by which country's space agency?

- A) US
- B) Japan
- C) Brazil
- D) France
- E) Germany

Answer: C

The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) is set to launch Amazonia-1, the first satellite to have been developed completely in Brazil by the National Institute for Space Research (INPE), the Latin American nation's apex space research body.

Emirates SkyCargo, the freight division of Emirates airline, has executed a cargo charter to transport Amazonia-1 from Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil to Chennai. This is the first time that Emirates SkyCargo has transported a space satellite from South America.

The satellite is due to be sent to space in February 2021 from the SatishDhawan Space Centre on the East coast of India.

India and Brazil signed a Framework Agreement for cooperation in the field of outer space in January 2004. Apart from this, an agreement on the programme of cooperation between the two space agencies was also signed. Under this, Brazil received data from ISRO's remote sensing satellite ResourceSAT-1.

106. Which company has signed a contract with Indian Navy for Initial Supply of indigenously developed Laser Dazzlers?

- A) ISRO
- B) BEL
- C) DRDO
- D) BDL
- E) GRSE

Answer: B

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a contract with Indian Navy for initially supplying 20 Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation Dazzlers (Laser Dazzlers) in New Delhi. The BEL had earlier this month won the contract beating global Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the global category.

These would be manufactured by BEL, Pune plant.

Laser dazzler technology was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

This unique product is indigenously designed and developed for the first time for the Armed Forces.

107. Which country will be a co-chair of a regional forum to conserve wildlife habitats - Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP)?

- A) Thailand
- B) China
- C) Russia
- D) India
- E) Qatar

Answer: D

India has been chosen as the IUCN-supported Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP) for 3 years and it could, on this capability, help different Asian nations in managing their protected areas.

About APAP :

The APAP is a regional platform to assist governments and different stakeholders to collaborate for more practical administration of protected areas (PA) within the region.

The APAP presently consists of 21 members from 17 nations together with China, Japan, South Korea, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The APAP, formally launched at the IUCN World Parks Congress in Australia in 2014, is chaired by IUCN Asia and co-chaired by an APAP nation member.

India will substitute South Korea which held this place for 3 years until November, 2020.

Currently there are 21 members from 17 international locations.

108. Who among the following has inaugurated the National Metrology Conclave 2021?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Prahlad Patel
- C) NarendraModi
- D) Harsh Vardhan
- E) Anurag Thakur

Answer: C

Prime Minister inaugurates National Metrology Conclave 2021 through video conferencing.

National Metrology Conclave 2021 was organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Director General, CSIR, ShekharMande and Principal Scientific Adviser to the Central Government, Professor K VijayRaghavanwere also present on the occasion.

Theme of 2021 : Meteorology for the Inclusive Growth of the Nation.

He also The National Atomic Time Scale generates Indian Standard Time with an accuracy of 2.8 nanosecond.

BhartiyaNirdeshakDravya aims at supporting testing and calibration of laboratories for quality assurance, at par with international standards.

109. Leon Mendonca has become India's _____ chess Grandmaster.

- A) 63rd
- B) 64th
- C) 65th
- D) 66th
- E) 67th

Answer: E

Goa's 14-year-old Leon Mendonca has become India's 67th chess GrandMaster (GM) by winning the third and final norm at a tournament in Italy. Mendonca, who achieved the feat at 14 years, 9 months and 17 days, is the second GM from the Coastal State.

The All India Chess Federation (AICF) acknowledged the development. Leon is the second Indian to become GM this year after G. Akash.

He achieved his first GM norm at the Rigo Chess GM Round Robin in October while the second came at the first Saturday in Budapest in November. His final GM norm came at the Vergani Cup in Italy that ended on December 30. GM is a title awarded by FIDE (International Chess Federation). It is the highest title a chess player can obtain apart from World Champion.

110. Buta Singh who passed away recently belonged to which political party?

- A) CPI
- B) JDU
- C) Congress
- D) BJP
- E) BJD

Answer: C

Former Union minister, ex-MP from Rajasthan and Congress leader Buta Singh passed away. He was 86.

About ButaSingh :

Born in 1934 in Punjab's Jalandhar, Buta Singh joined the Congress under Jawaharlal Nehru's

leadership and was close to Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, both.

Mr Singh was first elected to the Parliament in 1962.

He also served as the Home Minister in the Rajiv Gandhi government from 1986 to 1989, National President of Scheduled Caste Commission, governor for West Bengal and Bihar, and Union minister for Agriculture, Railways, Commerce and Sports, among other departments.

He subsequently held many positions including those of the Union home minister and Union agriculture minister.

He was the chairperson of the National Commission For Scheduled Caste from 2007 to 2010.

He also authored a collection of articles on Punjabi literature and Sikh history and wrote a book Punjabi Speaking State: A Critical Analysis.

111. National Bird Day is observed on which of the following date?

- A) January 1
- B) January 3
- C) January 5
- D) January 9
- E) January 7

Answer: C

In 2002, Born Free USA in coordination with the Avian Welfare Coalition launched the first annual National Bird Day to promote avian awareness. Nature lovers, bird lovers, and bird watchers across the country annually recognize National Bird Day on January 5th.

According to Born Free USA, nearly 12 percent of the world's almost 10,000 bird species are in danger of extinction.

112. Which division of the Indian Railways will start a train service connecting international airport?

- A) Western
- B) South Central
- C) Northern
- D) South Western
- E) Eastern

Answer: D

Indian Railways' South Western Railway zone will start operating train services from Bengaluru city station to the newly built KIA, Devanahalli Railway halt station.

According to South Western Railway, three pairs of DEMU services would be introduced from the Bengaluru area to the Kempegowda International Airport (KIAD) Halt Station from January 4. The new railway halt station is bound to benefit thousands of commuters daily

113. Who among the following will inaugurate the Kochi-Mangaluru natural gas pipeline?

- A) Venkiah Naidu
- B) Anurag Thakur
- C) Prahlad Patel
- D) NitinGadkari
- E) NarendraModi

Answer: E

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate the Kochi - Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline to the nation through video conference.

The 'futuristic project', PM Modi said, will positively impact many people.

Modi said that it is a landmark day in India's quest for Urja Aatmanirbharta.

He said, this is a futuristic project that will positively impact many people.

The event marks an important milestone towards the creation of One Nation One Gas Grid.

The 450 kilometre long pipeline has been built by GAIL (India) Limited.

It has a transportation capacity of 12 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres per day.

It will carry natural gas from the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Regasification Terminal at Kochi, Kerala to Mangaluru, Karnataka, while passing through Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasaragod districts.

The total cost of the project was about Rs.3000 crore and its construction created over 12 lakh man-days of employment.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyoorappa and Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan will participate in the inaugural function.

114. India has recently begun its _____ Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.

- A) 36th
- B) 37th

- C) 40th
- D) 39th
- E) 38th

Answer: C

India launched the 40th Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.

This Indian expedition marks four decades of the country's scientific endeavour to the southern white continent.

The 40th expedition journey will be flagged off from Goa with 43 members onboard.

The chartered ice-class vessel MV Vasiliy Golovnin will make this journey and will reach Antarctica in 30 days.

After leaving behind a team of 40 members, it would return to India in April.

On return, it will also bring back the winter team of the preceding trip.

115. FSSAI has slashed the limit for trans fat levels in foods to _____ per cent for 2021.

- A) 2.5
- B) 3
- C) 2
- D) 4
- E) 3.5

Answer: B

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has capped the amount of trans fatty acids (TFA) in oils and fats to 3% for 2021 and 2% by 2022 from the current permissible limit of 5%.

This Regulation through an amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Regulations.

The revised regulation applies to edible refined oils, vanaspati (partially hydrogenated oils), margarine, bakery shortenings, and other mediums of cooking such as vegetable fat spreads and mixed fat spreads.

India first passed the TFA limit of 10% in oils and fats in 2011.

116. Which edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will open on 16th January?

- A) 47th
- B) 48th
- C) 49th
- D) 51st
- E) 52nd

Answer: D

The 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will open on 16th January, with the Indian premiere of the movie 'Another Round' by Thomas Vinterberg.

The movie starring Cannes Best Actor Award winner MadsMikkelsen is among a star-studded line up of movies being showcased at IFFI. The movie is also Denmark's official entry to the Oscars.

The festival will also witness the World Premier of 'Mehrunisa'. The film by Sandeep Kumar will premier mid-fest.

117. The government of which state has set up a Tamil Academy to promote the language?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Delhi
- D) Punjab
- E) Haryana

Answer: C

Delhi Government Department of Art, Culture, and Language has set up a Tamil Academy to Promote the language and culture of the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

The Delhi government has appointed former municipal councillor and current member of Delhi Tamil Sangam N Raja as the vice-chairman of the academy.

The Department of Art, Culture and Language of the Delhi government has decided that the new academy will introduce various awards to promote and reward the good works of people in Tamil language and culture.

The government will also provide language courses through this academy.

It will also celebrate and organise cultural festivals for the people of Tamil Nadu.

118. Justice S Muralidhar has taken Oath as Chief Justice of which High Court?

- A) Punjab
- B) Madras
- C) Mumbai
- D) Haryana
- E) Odisha

Answer: E

On January 04, Justice S Muralidhar took oath as the 32nd Chief Justice of Orissa High Court. Governor of Odisha Prof. Ganeshi Lal administered the oath of office at Raj Bhawan in Bhubaneswar in a simple ceremony.

Justice S Muralidhar succeeds Justice Mohammad Rafiq as the new chief justice of the Orissa High Court.

S Muralidhar was appointed as an Additional Judge of Delhi High Court on May 29, 2006, and as Permanent Judge on August 29, 2007.

Later, he was transferred to Punjab and Haryana High Court on March 6, 2020.

119. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade is organizing _____ - a marathon of focused sector-specific webinars for promoting Quality and Productivity in Indian Industry from Jan 4 to March 2.

- A) Udyog
- B) AayatNiryat
- C) UdyogManthan
- D) UdyogUday
- E) UdyogUjjala

Answer: C

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade is organizing UdyogManthan - a marathon of focused sector-specific webinars for promoting Quality and Productivity in Indian Industry.

It got underway Jan 4 and will go on till 2nd of March.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will chair the session.

The webinar series comprising 45 sessions will cover various major sectors in manufacturing and services. Each webinar will be a two-hour session involving discussions led by sectoral and industry experts in a particular sector.

Participants will include representatives from industry, testing and standardization bodies.

120. The Petroleum Minister has inaugurated the Migrant Worker Cell in which city?

- A) Chennai
- B) Delhi
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Surat
- E) Indore

Answer: D

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated a migrant worker cell of Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) at Udhna based iLab in Surat.

Mr. Pradhan said that the migrant workers cell with linkage with the city livelihood centre will help extend all kinds of assistance and government-led benefits to them.

Migrant workers' Cell has been created by Surat Municipal Corporation for the first time in the Country under the 'National Urban Livelihood Mission Scheme'.

The city has a presence of over 15 lakh migrant workers.

He said that this cell will do a detailed mapping of migrant workers and classify them according to their skill.

This will help in connecting 'Shramshakti' to relevant industries and boost their livelihood and also ensure their dignity.

121. Who among the following has taken oath as new chief justice of J&K and Ladakh high court?

- A) Raj Gupta
- B) Pankaj Mittal
- C) Suresh Singh
- D) Naresh Mehta
- E) Anand Raj

Answer: B

On January 04, 2021, Lieutenant Governor ManojSinha administered the oath of office to Justice PankajMithal as the new chief justice of the common high court for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh.

Chief justice Mithal has been appointed in view of the retirement of chief justice Gita Mittal recently.

Chief Justice Mithal was administered the oath of office by Lieutenant Governor of J&k, ManojSinha.

122. Digital channels of PrasarBharati have registered more than _____ percent growth in 2020, with Pakistan being the second highest digital audience for Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR).

- A) 50
- B) 80
- C) 100
- D) 90

E) 70

Answer: C

Digital channels of PrasarBharati have registered more than 100 percent growth in 2020, with Pakistan being the second highest digital audience for Doordarshan (DD) and All India Radio (AIR).

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting stated the channels across Doordarshan and Akashvani clocked over a billion digital views and over six billion digital watch minutes in the year. During 2020, Pakistan accounted for the second highest digital audience for DD and AIR content after domestic audience.

During 2020, PrasarBharati's mobile application 'NewsOnAir' added more than 2.5 million users with the platform registering over 300 million views.

PrasarBharati Archives and DD Kisan have been steady digital performers featuring in top 10.

123. US Congress passes 'MalalaYousafzai Scholarship Act' for women of which country?

- A) Turkmenistan
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) Uzbekistan
- D) Pakistan
- E) Afghanistan

Answer: D

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The US Congress has passed the MalalaYousafzai Scholarship Act which will expand the number of scholarships available to

Pakistani women to receive higher education under a merit and needs-based programme.

The bill was passed by the United States Senate by a voice vote on January 1.

The bill now heads to the White House for US President Donald Trump to sign into law.

About the bill :

The bill requires the US Agency for International Development to award at least 50 percent of scholarships under a Pakistan-based higher education scholarship programme to Pakistani women, from 2020 to 2022, across a range of academic disciplines and in accordance with existing eligibility criteria.

The bill also requires USAID to consult with and leverage investments by the Pakistani private sector and Pakistani diaspora in the United States to improve and expand access to education programmes in Pakistan.

124. A 5-day national folk dance festival will be organized in _____ by the Ministry of Culture.

- A) Delhi
- B) Indore
- C) Chennai
- D) Chandigarh
- E) Jammu

Answer: E

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North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala (Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India) and Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Jammu is jointly organizing National Folk Dance Festival from December 26-28.

The festival is of five days and for three days it will be organised at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

Artists from Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Assam, Tripura, Maharashtra, Telangana and Haryana, will participate in it.

The festival is part of our efforts to bring together tribal artists from different regions of the country. Encourage them and ensure that arts forms are showcased to the people. It's a way to preserve the great cultural traditions of India.

This Festival was inaugurated by Former Deputy CM, Kevinder Gupta, S D Singh Jamwal and senior Journalist SohailKazmi was also Present.

125. India has sent relief materials to which country for its cyclone affected people?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Madagascar
- C) Fiji
- D) Mauritius
- E) St. Knits and Keeves

Answer: C

India has sent over six tons of relief material to Fiji for its cyclone-affected people, reflecting its close ties with the island nation in the South Pacific.

Fiji was hit by cyclone Yasa on December 17 and 18 that caused extensive damage and destruction of critical infrastructure.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management is an important pillar of India's Indo-Pacific Oceans' Initiative announced by Prime Minister NarendraModi in November 2019.

The Ministry of External Affairs said, India remains committed to extend full support to Fiji's

efforts to restore livelihoods of the affected communities and to build resilient infrastructure

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Computer Awareness

1) Registers which are partially visible to users and used to hold conditional codes (bits set by the CPU hardware as the result of operations), are known as

- A. PC
- B. Flags
- C. Memory Address Registers
- D. General Purpose Registers
- E. None of these

Answer: B

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2) _____ is an error screen that indicates the system conflicts and the potential for a crash.

- A. Fault
- B. Motherboard Crash
- C. BIOS
- D. BSoD
- E. Kernel Panic

Answer: D

Blue screen of death (BSoD) is a Microsoft Windows operating system error screen that is displayed to indicate system conflicts and the potential for a crash.

BSoD errors relate to system hardware, temperature, timing, resources, corrupt registries or viruses.

The BSoD error screen serves as an alert to avert further computer and system damage.

A BSoD freezes Windows and requires that the system be rebooted in order to continue to operate.

3) The storage subsystem is a microcomputer consists mainly of _____ or _____ media with varying capacities

- A. Memory or video
- B. Magnetic or optical
- C. Optical or memory
- D. Video or magnetic
- E. None of these

Answer: B

A microcomputer uses magnetic or optical media storage. A magnetic media stores the data on a material which is magnetisable and the information is read using a head. The optical media is comprised of the modern disks, hard drives etc. which are read by the optical reader.

4) In the Microsoft Office, Spelling & Grammar tool is located under which among the following tabs?

- A. Reference Tab
- B. View Tab
- C. Insert Tab
- D. Home Tab
- E. Review Tab

Answer: E

Spelling & Grammar tool is located under the Proofing group of Review Tab.

The tools in the Review Tab helps to improve the document. It contains the following control groups and keys.

- Proofing Group (Spelling & Grammar, Thesaurus, Autocorrect, word count)
- Comments Group (Add new comment, show comment, Delete comment)
- Tracking Group (Track changes, Simple mark-up, Review pane)
- Changes Group (Accept or Reject changes)
- Compare Group (Comparing the documents)
- Protect Group (Restrict editing, Block Authors)

5) Which of the following can be used to send and receive files from a remote host?

- A. FTP
- B. HTTP
- C. NFS
- D. SMTP
- E. TCP

Answer: A

The File Transfer Protocol (FTP) is a standard network protocol used for the transfer of computer files between a client and server on a computer network. FTP is built on a client-server model architecture and uses separate control and data connections between the client and the server. FTP users may authenticate themselves with a clear-text sign-in protocol, normally in the form of a username and password, but can connect anonymously if the

server is configured to allow it. For secure transmission that protects the username and password, and encrypts the content, FTP is often secured with SSL/TLS (FTPS). SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) is sometimes also used instead; it is technologically different.

6) In most of the IBM PCs, the CPU, the device drivers, memory, expansion slots and active components are mounted on a single board.

What is the name of the board?

- A. Motherboard
- B. Daughterboard
- C. Breadboard
- D. Fatherboard
- E. None of the above

Answer: A

A motherboard (also called mainboard, main circuit board, system board, baseboard, planar board, logic board, and mobo) is the main printed circuit board (PCB) in general-purpose computers and other expandable systems.

7) What type of control pins are needed in a microprocessor to regulate traffic on the bus, in order to prevent two devices from trying to use it at the same time?

- A. Bus control
- B. Interrupts
- C. Bus arbitration
- D. Status
- E. None of the above

Answer: C

Bus Arbitration will control pins which needed in a microprocessor to regulate traffic.

Explanation: When a bus needs to access master control and leaves it and passes the control to another bus.

8) Once you load the suitable program and provide required data, computer does not need human intervention. This feature is known as

- A. Accuracy
- B. Reliability
- C. Versatility
- D. Automatic
- E. None of the above

Answer: D

Once you load a suitable program and provide the required data, the computer does not need "human intervention". This feature is called as "Automatic".

9) _____ is the application of investigation and analysis techniques to gather and preserve evidence from a particular computing device in a way that is suitable for presentation in a court of law.

- A. Robotics
- B. Animation
- C. Simulation
- D. Computer Forensics
- E. None of these

Answer: D

Computer forensics is a branch of digital forensic science pertaining to evidence found in computers and digital storage media. Computer

forensics is the application of investigation and analysis techniques to gather and preserve evidence from a particular computing device in a way that is suitable for presentation in a court of law

10) The process that checks all the components of the computer working properly is known as_____.

- A. Mailing
- B. Editing
- C. Removing
- D. Booting
- E. None of the above

Answer: D

Booting refers to the process that checks whether all the components of the computer are working properly and all are connected properly or not

11) A complete electronic circuit with transistors and other electronic components on a small silicon chip is called a (n) _____.

- A. Workstation
- B. CPU
- C. Magnetic disk
- D. Integrated circuit
- E. None of these

Answer: D

An integrated circuit (IC) is a semiconductor wafer on which thousands or millions of tiny resistors, capacitors, and transistors are fabricated. An IC can function as an amplifier,

oscillator, timer, counter, computer memory, or microprocessor.

12) This is the protocol that is used by all the computers participating in the web based addresses_____.

- A.HTML
- B.HTTP
- C.XMP
- D.IMXP
- E. Other than those given in options

Answer: B

The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is an application protocol for distributed, collaborative, and hypermedia information systems. HTTP is the foundation of data communication for the World Wide Web.

Hypertext is structured text that uses logical links (hyperlinks) between nodes containing text.

13) If the data is transmitted to all the nodes in the network without routing, it is known as _____.

- A. Repeating
- B. Broadcasting
- C. Optimizing
- D. Flooding
- E. Token Passing

Answer: D

There are two techniques to transmit data over the Mesh topology. They are Routing, Flooding.

Routing – The nodes have a routing logic to direct the data to reach the designation using the shortest distance.

Flooding – The data is transmitted to all the nodes in the network; hence no routing is required.

14) Among which of the following does the delay that occur during the playback of a stream known as?

- A. Stream delay
- B. Playback delay
- C. Jitter
- D. Event delay
- E. Both A & C

Answer: C

Jitter is the delay that occurs during the playback of a stream.

15) In which of the following signals, the data is transmitted in the electronic form of data?

- A. Hybrid signal
- B. Digital signal
- C. Analog signal
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer: B

Computers are digital in nature. Computers process, store, and communicate information in binary form, i.e. in the combination of 1s and 0s which has specific meaning in computer language. A binary digit (bit) is an individual 1 or 0. Multiple bit streams are used in a computer network. Contemporary computer systems

communicate in binary mode through variations in electrical voltage. Digital signalling, in an electrical network, 'involves a signal which varies in voltage to represent one of two discrete and well-defined states, such as either a positive (+) voltage and a null or zero (0) voltage (unipolar) or a positive (+) or a negative (-) voltage (bipolar).

16) The blank white area near the edges of every page in a word document is known as a _____.

- A. Cut mark
- B. Margin
- C. New area
- D. Gutter
- E. Indent

Answer: B

Margins refer to the blank white areas near the edges of a page. Every page has top, bottom, left and right margins. The area surrounded by these four margins where you write, edit, and format the text is known as the text area.

Therefore, if you increase or decrease the margin of a page, you get less or more space for writing text.

17) LISA is one of the first commercial computers to have a Graphical User Interface (GUI). It was developed by which among the following?

- A. IBM
- B. Microsoft
- C. Apple
- D. Google

E. None of the above

Answer: C

Lisa is a desktop computer developed by Apple. It is one of the first personal computers to offer a graphical user interface (GUI) in a machine aimed at individual business users.

Locally Integrated Software Architecture is an acronym of LISA.

18) What is the term used to refer to the study of machines which are supposed to display intelligence of the levels which humans show?

- A. Nano science
- B. Nanotechnology
- C. Simulation
- D. Artificial intelligence (AI)
- E. None of these

Answer: D

Artificial intelligence is the study which deals with the machines and computers supposed to possess analytical and decision making abilities.

19) Which of the following feature of Excel allows you to create small charts that you can insert in individual cells?

- A. Sparkline
- B. Slicer
- C. Macro
- D. All of the above
- E. None of these

Answer: A

Spark lines are mini charts that you can place inside a cell of a worksheet to represent

numerical data. They also allow you to quickly recognise time-based trends or variants in data.

20) _____ may be used to improve the overall efficiency of your computer system.

- A. Accelerator
- B. Aggregator
- C. Ignition motor
- D. Patch system
- E. None of the above

Answer: A

An accelerator device is hardware device or software program designed to improve the overall performance of the computer. A good example is a 3D graphics accelerator, which has its own processor (GPU) and RAM, allowing it to perform tasks that would otherwise burden the other components of the computer. Another good example is a download accelerator, which can be installed to help improve download speeds.

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