

Current affairs important questions of March 2014

1. Which among the following posts is not mentioned in the Constitution of India?

[A] Solicitor General

[B] Deputy Speaker of Loka Sabha

[C] Deputy Speaker of Rajya Sabha

[D] Attorney General

Answer:

Solicitor General The posts of Solicitor General and the additional Solicitors General are not constitutional posts.

2. Recently launched Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) ETF is an open-ended scheme that consists of shares of ten major public sector units. The (CPSE) ETF scheme is managed by ___?

[A] Goldman Sachs India

[B] Bombay Stock Exchange

[C] RBI

[D] National Stock Exchange

Answer:

Goldman Sachs India

3. Who among the following is the Chairman of Tax Administration Reform Commission (TARC)?

[A] Parthasarathy Shome

[B] C Rangarajan

[C] V Subbarao

[D] S. Mahalingam

Answer:

Parthasarathy Shome Tax Administration Reform Commission was established under Dr. Parthasarathy Shome to review the application of tax policies and tax laws and submit periodic reports that can be implemented to strengthen the capacity of India's tax system.

4. Who among the following is the winner of the Life-Time Achievement Award under 3rd National Photography Awards?

[A] J. Suresh

[B]Rajesh Bedi

[C]Atul Yadav

[D]Dinesh Shukla

Answer:

Rajesh Bedi Rajesh Bedi is a renowned photographer , who has made long and outstanding contribution in the various fields of photography at the national and international level. He is regarded as one of the finest photographers of Indian Wild life.

5. Famous "Jahangiri Mahal" is located inside of which of the following forts?

[A]Golkonda Fort

[B]Agra Fort

[C]Red Fort

[D]Jaipur Fort

Answer:

Agra Fort

6. Govinda Mishra, who has been chosen for the Saraswati Samman for the 2013, is a famous author in which language?

[A]Kannada

[B]Telugu

[C]Hindi

[D]Marathi

Answer:

Hindi Famous Hindi author Govinda Mishra has been chosen for the Saraswati Samman for the 2013 for his book Dhool Paudho Par which was published in 2008. With this he will be the second Hindi author only to receive the honour after Harivansh Rai Bachchan who received the award in 1991.

7. Which among the following has become the first state in the country to declare all election booths in the coming Lok Sabha polls as no smoking zones?

[A]Kerala

[B]Haryana

[C]Gujarat

[D]Jammu & Kashmir

Answer:

Jammu & Kashmir Jammu & Kashmir became the first state in the country to declare all election booths in the coming Lok Sabha polls as no smoking zones. It will now be mandatory for all election booths to display the "No Smoking Zones".

8. "Shigeru Ban" who has won the 2014 Pritzker Architecture Prize belongs to which country?

[A]South Korea

[B]Japan

[C]China

[D]Singapore

Answer:

Japan Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, noted for his airy modernist designs and humanitarian work, has won the 2014 Pritzker Architecture Prize, the top award in the field. Ban is the second consecutive architect from Japan to win the prize and the third architect in the past five years from the country as well.

9. The name of world's first gun for woman launched recently is ___?

[A]Nirbheek

[B]Shravya

[C]Jhansi

[D]Kalpana

Answer:

Nirbheek Nirbheek is the name of lightweight revolver, designed by Indian Ordnance Factory especially for women.

10. . Election ink or indelible ink which is applied to fingers of voters during elections to prevent double voting contains which among the following chemicals which make it stain the skin impossible to wash off?

[A]Cellulose acetate

[B]Sodium iodide

[C]Potassium permanganate

[D]Silver nitrate

Answer:

Silver nitrate

11. The “SVEEP” programme, which is being reporting in newspapers nowadays, is associated with ____?

- [A] Finance Commission
- [B] Election Commission
- [C] Planning Commission
- [D] Agriculture Commission

Answer:

Election Commission

12. Which among the following states has been ranked top in the recently released “Economic Freedom of the States of India” report 2013?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Answer:

Gujarat Gujarat continues to remain the top-ranked Indian state in terms of economic freedom an index that measures governance, growth, citizen’s right and labour and business regulation among the country’s 20 largest state. Gujarat with an index score of 0.65 ranked no.1. Tamil Nadu remains in second position.

13. NASA was launched STEREO spacecraft to study the ____?

- [A] Extreme Space Weather
- [B] Asteroids
- [C] Habitable planets
- [D] Moon

Answer:

Extreme Space Weather STEREO (Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory) is the third mission in NASA's solar terrestrial probes program. The mission, launched in October 2006, the stereo has answered the 3 structure of coronal mass ejections, violent eruptions of matter from the sun that can disrupt satellites and power grids.

14. Recently, RBI has proposed setting up of a trade Receivables and credit exchange (TCE) for financing ____?

- [A]Regional Rural Banks
- [B]Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- [C]Public Sector Banks
- [D]Non Banking Financial Corporations

Answer:

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

15. Who among the following has been awarded with "Green Crusader Award of the Year"?

- [A]Amitabh Bachchan
- [B]Maneka Ghandi
- [C]Ullas Karanth
- [D]Pranab Joshi

Answer:

Maneka Ghandi Maneka Ghandi, Politician, animal rights activist and environmentalist was awarded Green Crusader Award of the Year for her contribution towards protection of animals.

16. Apart from a Chief Election commissioner, the Election Commission of India has how many election commissioners?

- [A]Two
- [B]Three
- [C]Four
- [D]Five

Answer:

Two The election commission consists of a chief election commissioner and two election commissioners, appointed by President of India.

17. As per the Ministry of Environment and Forest latest notification which among the following states has largest "ecologically sensitive area" in Western Ghats?

[A]Kerala

[B]Karnataka

[C]Maharashtra

[D]Tamil Nadu

Answer:

Karnataka The government notification identifies approximately 37 per cent of the Western Ghats as ecologically sensitive, which covers an area of 56,825 sq km only on a horizontal distance of 1,500 km. This is spread across six states of the Western Ghats region namely Gujarat (449 sq km), Maharashtra (17,340 sq km), Tamil Nadu (6,914 sq km), Goa (1,461sq km), Karnataka (20,668 sq km) and Kerala (9,993 sq km).

18. Who among the following is the chairman of National Integration Council?

[A]President

[B]Prime Minister

[C]Home Minister

[D]Vice-President

Answer:

Prime Minister Prime Minister is the chairman of National Integration Council. The NIC was set up in 1962 to review the matters relating to national integration and makes recommendations on such issues.

19. India has recently developed indigenous artillery gun which is said to be improved and indigenous version of the Swedish Bofors. The name of the gun is ___?

[A]Akash

[B]Dhanush

[C]Indra

[D]Tejas

Answer:

Dhanush Dhanush is the name of India's indigenous artillery gun. Dhanush, an improved and indigenous version of the Swedish Bofors, is a 155mm and 45 calibre gun. Dhanush can fire a salvo up to 38 km in the plains.

20. . Which one of the following is not a "Navaratna" company?

[A]Bharat Electronics Limited

[B] Indian Oil Corporation

[C] Airports Authority of India

[D] Rural Electrification and Corporation Limited

Answer:

Indian Oil Corporation Indian Oil Corporation is one of the seven Maharatna status companies of India.

21. The proposed Good & Services Tax (GST) will subsume which among the following taxes?

1. Income Tax 2. Sales Tax 3. Excise Duty 4. Value Added Tax Choose the correct option:

[A] 1 & 2

[B] 2 & 3

[C] 2, 3, & 4

[D] 2 & 4

Answer:

2, 3, & 4 Many central and state taxes such as excise duty, service tax, value-added tax, sales tax and luxury tax will be subsumed under a GST. Income Tax is a direct tax, so it is not under GST.

22. Sales Tax 3. Excise Duty 4. Value Added Tax Choose the correct option:

[A] IMF

[B] European Commission

[C] Federal Reserve (US)

[D] World Trade Organization

Answer:

European Commission The proposed SRM will allow the European Central Bank to directly supervise banks within the Eurozone and other member states choosing to join. This mechanism will allow for troubled banks from sovereign nations to receive bailout funds from the central bank to alleviate the impact on one nation's bank

23. Excise Duty 4. Value Added Tax Choose the correct option:

[A] District

[B] Tehsil / Taluka

[C] Gram Panchayat

[D] Block

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Answer:

Gram Panchayat The government is likely to extend the deadline for completion of its National Optic Fibre Network (NOFN) project, meant to connect 250,000 gram Panchayats with optical fibre for offering a 100 mbps broadband service.

24. Value Added Tax Choose the correct option:

[A]C Rangarajan Committee

[B]Urjit Patel Committee

[C]Nachiket Mor Committee

[D]Rakesh Mohan Committee

Answer:

Urjit Patel Committee Committee headed by RBI Deputy Governor Urjit Patel, had been formed to strengthen India's monetary policy framework. It had recommended sweeping changes such as formation of a monetary policy committee and inflation targeting. It suggested RBI primarily target four per cent inflation, with a deviation of 200 basis points. This recommendations has be rejected by the government.

25. The Petrapole-Benapole border checkpoint controls the foreign trade between India and ___?

[A]Pakistan

[B]Bangladesh

[C]Bhutan

[D]Nepal

Answer:

Bangladesh Petrapole-Benapole border checkpoint is between India and Bangladesh in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Out of them, Petrapole is on Indian side and Benapole is on Bangladesh side. Petrapole is also the largest land customs station in Asia.

26. At present, which among the following states in India leads in total solar power commissioned capacity ?

[A]Gujarat

[B]Rajasthan

[C]Madhya Pradesh

[D]Tamil Nadu

Answer:

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Gujarat Gujarat is ahead with a solar power commissioned capacity of 860.4 Mw. Other states are also picking up. Rajasthan has 666.75 Mw installed and Madhya Pradesh is gaining ground at 195.315 Mw.

27. What is the current (2012-13 data) national average for infant mortality rate (IMR) in India per 1000 live births?

[A]36

[B]42

[C]48

[D]52

Answer:

42 The national average for infant mortality rate is 42 deaths, while the millennium development goal for this is 29.

28. According to the Annual Health Survey (2012-13) released by the Office of Registrar General & Census Commissioner, which among the following states of India has highest IMR (Infant Mortality Rate)?

[A]Madhya Pradesh

[B]Uttar Pradesh

[C]West Bengal

[D]Bihar

Answer:

Uttar Pradesh At 36 deaths/1,000 live births, Jharkhand recorded the lowest infant mortality rate, while at 68, and UP had the highest.

29. What is the name of the apex decision-making body of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)?

[A]National Provident Fund Authority

[B]Employees' Provident Fund Board of India

[C]Central Board of Trustees

[D]Employees' Provident Fund Council

Answer:

Central Board of Trustees

30. . The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is a venture of ___?

[A]HDFC

[B]HSBC

[C]ICICI

[D]EXIM Bank of India

Answer:

HSBC

31. Which among the following is / are primary conditions to be fulfilled by a person who wishes to contest the Lok Sabha elections? 1. He / she must be more than 25 years old 2. He / she must be a member of a political party 3. He / she must be registered as a voter Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1

[B]Only 1 & 2

[C]Only 1 & 3

[D]1, 2 & 3

Answer:

Only 1 & 3 Any Indian citizen who is more than 25 years old and is registered as a voter can contest elections even without forming a party. Similarly, associations can also contest elections without getting registered by the Election Commission

32. He / she must be a member of a political party 3. He / she must be registered as a voter Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

[A]Rigveda

[B]Bhrihadupanishad

[C]Manusmriti

[D]Taittriya Upanishad

Answer:

Manusmriti

33. He / she must be registered as a voter Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

[A]Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

[B]Colombo, Sri Lanka

[C]Dhaka, Bangladesh

[D]Bangalore, India

Answer:

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar Prime Ministers of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and President of Sri Lanka met in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 4 March 2014 for the Third BIMSTEC Summit Meeting.

34. The "Nalanda Project" is a programme of ___?

[A]Ministry of Culture

[B]Ministry of Human Resource Development

[C]Ministry of Minority Affairs

[D]Ministry of External Affairs

Answer:

Ministry of Minority Affairs Nalanda Project is a Faculty Development Program of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, under its Information, Education and Communication (IEC) strategy for awareness, orientation and development of faculties of Minority Universities/ Minority Managed Degree Colleges (MMDCs) and higher educational institutions located in minority concentration areas in the country.

35. What is the maximum number of candidates in a constituency, for which elections can be conducted via the Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) in India?

[A]16

[B]32

[C]64

[D]72

Answer:

64 Electronic Voting Machines are being used in Indian General and State Elections to implement electronic voting in part from 1999 elections and in total since 2004 elections. Elections can be conducted through EVMs if the number of candidates does not exceed 64.

36. With the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, 2014 getting President's assent, which among the following dates has been decided as [Telangana](http://www.gktoday.in/telangana/) Formation Day?

[A]2 June

[B]6 June

[C]27 May

[D]25 May

Answer:

2 June On 4 March 2014 the Government of India declared that 2 June would be the Telangana Formation Day.

37. Which among the following region saw a major polio outbreak in 2013?

[A]Khorasan

[B]Caucasus

[C]Horn of Africa

[D]Congo Basin

Answer:

Horn of Africa Major polio outbreaks were in the Horn of Africa region and the Middle East.

38. Which among the following government ministries / departments have recently launched "Virtual Clusters"?

[A]Department of Information Technology

[B]Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

[C]Department of Education

[D]Ministry of Commerce

Answer:

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Virtual Clusters, an initiative of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, was launched recently. Conceived as supplementing Physical Clusters, Virtual Clusters is a dedicated web-portal which will enable small businesses located anywhere in the country and the other stakeholders like banks, other financial institutions, various Government bodies, NGOs, industry experts, consultants and trainers, academia, research & technical institutions etc. to come together. This will facilitate the stakeholders to leverage the expertise of each other to their mutual growth and benefit.

39. Approximately what fraction of India's GDP is shared by MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) segment?

[A]3%

[B]5%

[C]8%

[D]10%

Answer:

8% The MSME sector is of vital importance to our national economy. It accounts for 8 per cent of the country's GDP, 45 per cent of its manufactured output and 43 per cent of our exports. It provides employment to over 10 crore people.

40. . Every year, the government gives away stree shakti awards which are named after six legendary women of India. Who among the following is NOT among them?

[A]Lakshmbai

[B]Ahilyabai Holkar

[C]Jijabai

[D]Begum Hazrat Mahal

Answer:

Begum Hazrat Mahal Stree Shakti Awards are named after six legendary women of India, Rani Lakshmbai, Rani Rudramma Devi, Kannagi, Rani Gaidinliu Zaliang, Rani Ahilyabai Holkar and Mata Jijabai.

41. As per the United Nation refugee agency, which among the following countries has the biggest source for asylum seekers?

[A]Russia

[B]Syria

[C]Afghanistan

[D]Ukraine

Answer:

Syria Syria became the world's biggest source for asylum seekers in the world. Russia and Afghanistan are the second and third biggest source of asylum seekers in the world according to latest figures from the UN refugee agency.

42. Recently commissioned Kalisindh Super Thermal Power plant is located in __?

[A]Gujarat

[B]Rajasthan

[C]Haryana

[D]Himachal Pradesh

Answer:

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Rajasthan Kalisindh Super Thermal Power Plant is located at Jhalawar district of Rajasthan. The coal based power plant has a designed capacity of 1200 Mwe.

43. Truth, Love and a Little Malice is autobiography of__?

[A]Kushwant Singh

[B]Arundhati Roy

[C]Salman Rushdie

[D]L K Advani

Answer:

Kushwant Singh Truth, Love and Little Malice is an autobiography of Khushwant Singh.

44. The "Baiga" is the most primitive and forest tribal found in ___?

[A]Maharashtra

[B]Madhya Pradesh

[C]Karnataka

[D]Gujarat

Answer:

Madhya Pradesh Baiga is the most primitive and forest tribal found in Mandla and Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh.

45. Which among the following national parks has been nominated to UNESCO's world heritage site status for 2014?

[A]Great Himalayan National Park

[B]Jim Corbett National Park

[C]Anshi National Park

[D]Bannerughatta National Park

Answer:

Great Himalayan National Park The Great Himalayan National Park of Himachal Pradesh has been nominated to UNESCO's world heritage site status for 2014. The GHNP, located in Kullu district, was initially constituted in 1984 and formally declared a national park in 1999.

46. According to UNESCO's World Water Development Report, which among the following sectors accounts for maximum water use?

[A]Industries

[B]Agriculture

[C]Domestic use

[D]Construction

Answer:

Agriculture As per the world water development report, the fifth in the series by the UNESCO Agriculture accounts for more than two-thirds of water use.

47. The last book authored by Khushwant Singh is __?

[A]The History of Sikhs

[B]Black Jasmine

[C]The Good, The Bad and The Ridiculous

[D]Tradition of Punjab and many others

Answer:

The Good, The Bad and The Ridiculous

48. Bihari Puraskar is a literary award given for outstanding work published in__?

[A]Hindi / Maithili

[B] Hindi

[C]Hindi / Gujarati

[D]Hindi/Rajasthani

Answer:

Hindi/Rajasthani Bihari Puraskar is a literary award instituted by K K Birla Foundation. The award is named after the famous Hindi Poet Bihari and is awarded to an outstanding work published in Hindi or Rajasthani by a Rajasthani writer.

49. The "Ebola hemorrhagic fever" is a human disease caused by ___?

[A]Bacteria

[B]Virus

[C]Fungi

[D]Bacteria/Virus

Answer:

Virus Ebola hemorrhagic fever is the human disease that may be caused by any of four of the five known ebola viruses.

50. Which among the following companies emerged as the only Indian entities in the 2014 list of World's most ethical companies?

[A]Wipro and Infosys

[B]Infosys and Tata Power

[C]Wipro and Tata Power

[D]TCS and Infosys

Answer:

Wipro and Tata Power Wipro limited and Tata power are the only two Indian companies in the list of world's most ethical companies which was prepared by the US-based entity, Ethisphere Institute.

51. Who among the following will be named goodwill ambassadors of the 2014 Incheon Asian Games?

[A]Abhinav Bindra

[B]Rajavardhan Rathode

[C]Sushil Kumar

[D]Vikas Gowda

Answer:

Sushil Kumar Olympic bronze medallist wrestler Sushil Kumar and star archer Deepika Kumari will be named goodwill ambassador of the 2014 Incheon Asian Games.

52. The Saint Helena Island" located in the middle Atlantic Ocean is a dependency of ___?

[A]France

[B]USA

[C]Britain

[D]Germany

Answer:

Britain Saint Helena is an island of volcanic origin in the South Atlantic Ocean. It is part of the British Overseas Territory.

53. Which among the following states has highest number of primate species found in any Indian state?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Tripura
- [D] West Bengal

Answer:

Tripura Tripura has highest number of primate species found in any Indian state.

54. The Intellectual Property Appellate Board of India comes under the purview of which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Overseas Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of Finance

Answer:

Ministry of Commerce and Industry Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) constituted by a Gazette notification of the central government in the ministry of Commerce and Industry in 2003. The IPAB has its headquarters at Chennai and shall have sitting at Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Ahmadabad.

55. Recently, Union government has launched a nation-wide campaign awareness campaign to curb the spread of dengue disease. The campaign has been named as ___?

- [A] Kill Dengue Before it Kills You
- [B] U and ME against Dengue
- [C] Dengue: No More
- [D] Dengue Free India

Answer:

U and ME against Dengue A nation-wide campaign titled "U & Me Against Dengue" has been launched with an aim to raise awareness and control the rising number of dengue cases across the country. The drive will reach out to over 65,000 school children across 130 schools and 85,000 households to conduct fumigation drive, street plays, neem plantation and cleanliness drive. The campaign will be rolled out in phases across Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Pune and Ahmadabad.

56. Which among the following is the longest National Waterways of India?

- [A] Allahabad to Haldia

[B]Sadia to Kottapuram

[C]Kollam to Kottapuram

[D]Bhadrachalam to Vijayawada

Answer:

Allahabad to Haldia Allahabad-Haldia stretch (1620 km) of the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system is the longest national waterway of India.

57. Chandra Prabha wild life sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh is home to which of the following endangered species?

[A]Asiatic Lion

[B]White Tiger

[C]Hongul

[D]Wild Ass

Answer:

Asiatic Lion Chandraprabha Sanctuary is situated in the eastern region of Uttar Pradesh. The Sanctuary was home to Asiatic Lions.

58. The "six degree channel" lies between which of the following Islands?

[A]Andaman and Nicobar

[B]Nicobar and Sumatra

[C]Andaman and Sumatra

[D]Sumatra and Java

Answer:

Nicobar and Sumatra The six-degree channel lies between the India's Great Nicobar Island and Indonesia's Sumatra Island.

59. Which of the following banks has become the country's first bank to set up payment gateway?

[A]State Bank of India

[B]ICICI Bank

[C]Axis Bank

[D]Canara Bank

Answer:

State Bank of India India's largest lender State Bank of India setting up its payment gateway SBI ePay –with the objective of enrolling government entities and municipal corporations as well as small traders in the online marketplace. SBI is the first bank in India to start its own online aggregator services.

60. The String of Pearls is a strategy that involves establishing a series of military and economic power along sea lines of communication refers to which country?

[A]Sri Lanka

[B]China

[C]India

[D]Japan

Answer:

China The String of Pearl refers to the network of Chinese military and commercial facilities and relationship along its sea lines of communication, which extend from Chinese mainland to Port Sudan.

61. The

[A]Carbon dioxide and Hydrogen

[B]Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen

[C]Hydrogen and Oxygen

[D]Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen

Answer:

Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen

62. Which of the following states are first to get Plastic Photo Identity Card?

- [A] Assam and Tripura
- [B] Assam and Nagaland
- [C] Nagaland and Mizoram
- [D] Mizoram and Sikkim

Answer:

Assam and Nagaland

63. Michelle Bachelet has been recently (2014) sworn in as President of ___?

- [A] Chile
- [B] Argentina
- [C] Colombia
- [D] Paraguay

Answer:

Chile Michelle Bachelet was sworn in as Chile's president for a second time, replacing Sebastián Piñera. Ms Bachelet won the 2013 election promising free universal education, paid for by tax reforms.

64. Partnership to Advance Clean Energy (PACE) was launched to increase collaboration on energy security and clean energy between?

- [A] India and United States
- [B] India and France
- [C] India and Russia
- [D] India and Israel

Answer:

India and United States In 2009, the India and U.S. agreed to significantly increase collaboration on energy security and clean energy through launching the Partnership to Advance Clean Energy (PACE).

65. In which year, National Archives of India was established?

- [A] 1885
- [B] 1891
- [C] 1901

[D]1905

Answer:

1891 The National Archives of India which is a repository of non-current records of permanent value of Government of India is celebrating its 124th Foundation Day on 11 March 2014. It was on 11th March 1891 that the Department was established as Imperial Records Department at Imperial Secretariat Building, Calcutta with G.W.Forrest as the First Officer in charge of the Department. (PIB)

66. Which among the following committees have recently recommended an anti-discrimination law for Muslims on lines of SC/ST law?

[A]Sachar Committee

[B]Amitabh Kundu Committee

[C]Sayyid Hamid Committee

[D]Y Sikand Committee

Answer:

Amitabh Kundu Committee

67. Which among the following is the only Iranian port with direct access to ocean?

[A]Dargahan

[B]Bandar Siraf

[C]Bandar Abbas

[D]Chabahar

Answer:

Chabahar <a href="http://www.gktoday.in/glossary/chabahar/" data-tooltip="Port of Chabahar is a seaport in Chah Bahar in southeastern Iran and it is located on the border of Indian Ocean and Oman Sea. It is the only Iranian port with direct access to ocean. Chabahar is Iran's closest and best access point to the Indian Ocean. The port was partially built by India in the 1990s to provide access to Afghanistan

and Central Asia, by passing Pakistan." class="glossaryLink " target="_blank">Chabahar is the only Iranian port with direct access to ocean. The port was partially built by India in the 1990s to provide access to Afghanistan and Central Asia, bypassing Pakistan

68. For how many years, Hyderabad is envisaged as the common capital for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana as per Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014?

- [A]5 years
- [B]7 years
- [C]10 years
- [D]12 years

Answer:

10 years

69. National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) is located at __?

- [A]New Delhi
- [B]Bhopal
- [C]Gurgaon
- [D]Mumbai

Answer:

New Delhi National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) was inaugurated in February 2014 as an apex think tank of the country in guiding and implementing good Governance reforms. It is located in New Delhi. It would work towards resolution of key issues in Governance, analyse policy and programme implementation, develop action plans, support governance reforms and help in developing synergy across various sectors and Ministries/Departments. The expected outcome of the NCGG would be in the form of research papers, best practices on Governance reforms, policy analysis and options would provide the necessary direction, guidance and capacity building inputs on Governance and management issues to the Central and State Government organisations, Central Training Institutes and State Administrative Training Institutes.

70. . The largest solar power plant in India till March 2014 is located in __?

- [A]Gujarat
- [B]Rajasthan
- [C]Madhya Pradesh
- [D]Tamil Nadu

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Answer:

Madhya Pradesh The Welspun Solar MP project, the largest solar power plant in India set up at a cost of Rs. 1,100 crore on 305 hectares of land is located at Bhagwanpur near Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh.

71. The "Bosporus Strait" is the world's narrowest strait used for international navigation connects which of the following seas?

[A]Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea

[B]Black Sea and Sea of Marmara

[C]Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea

[D]Caspian Sea and Sea of Marmara

Answer:

Black Sea and Sea of Marmara The Bosporus strait also referred to sometimes as the Istanbul strait, is a strait that forms part of the boundary between the Asia and Europe. The Bosporus strait connects the Black Sea and Marmara Sea.

72. At present, India imports largest amount of coal from ___?

[A]Australia

[B]Indonesia

[C]Netherland

[D]Japan

Answer:

Indonesia

73. The "Gulabi Gang" is a group of women vigilantes and activists originally from which states?

[A]Madhya Pradesh

[B]Uttar Pradesh

[C]Haryana

[D]Punjab

Answer:

Uttar Pradesh The Gulabi Gang is an extraordinary women's movement formed in 2006 by Sampat Pal Devi in the Banda district of Uttar Pradesh. The gang was initially intended to punish oppressive husbands, fathers and brothers, and combat domestic violence and desertion.

74. Which of the following countries have formed the Indian Ocean trilateral group on maritime security? 1. Sri Lanka 2. India 3. Maldives 4. Mauritius Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]1, 2 & 3

[B]1, 2 & 4

[C]2, 3 & 4

[D]1, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2 & 3

75. Which among the following Universities has ranked number one in the list of recently released Times Higher Education's world reputation ranking of universities?

[A]Cambridge University

[B]Harvard University

[C]Oxford University

[D]University of California

Answer:

Harvard University Harvard University has retained its number one spot on the Times Higher Education's world reputation ranking of universities 2014. Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford follow to make up the top three.

76. Recently, which among the following states has become first Indian state to observe "Child Protection Day"?

[A]Tripura

[B]Sikkim

[C]Assam

[D]Meghalaya

Answer:

Assam Assam became the first state in the country to observe Child Protection Day on March 3rd. The day was observed across the state and a central function was organised under the aegis of Assam state commission for protection of child rights in collaboration with the UNICEF.

77. "INS Sumedha" which has been recently inducted into Navy is an indigenously designed and built ___?

[A]Submarine Ship

[B]Aircraft carrier

[C]Offshore Patrol Vessel

[D]Coast Guard Ship

Answer:

Offshore Patrol Vessel The Indian Navy inducted INS Sumedha, an indigenously designed and built state-of-the-art new generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NOPV). INS Sunedha vessel is the third in the series of four new classes of NOPVs designed and built by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Navy.

78. Consider the following rivers: 1.Godavari 2.Krishna 3.Tapi 4.Narmada Which of the above rivers originate in Maharashtra?

[A]Only 1 & 2

[B]Only 2 & 3

[C]Only 1, 2 & 3

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

Only 1 & 2

79. Consider the following states: 1. Sikkim 2. Mizoram 3. Nagaland 4. Arunachal Pradesh Which among the above have only one parliamentary seat each?

[A]Only 1 & 2

[B]Only 1 & 3

[C]Only 1, 2 & 3

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

Only 1, 2 & 3 Sikkim (1); Mizoram (1); Nagaland (1); Arunachal Pradesh (2); Tripura(2).

80. . At present, how many political parties in India have been recognized as National Parties?

[A]5

[B]6

[C]7

[D]8

Answer:

6 Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP); Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP); Communist Party of India (CPI); Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI (M); Indian National Congress (INC); Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)

81. "Earth Hour" is a movement uniting people to protect the planet, organised by___?

[A]World Wide Fund for Nature

[B]UNESCO

[C]World Bank

[D]World Trade Organisation

Answer:

Worldwide Fund for Nature Earth Hour is a worldwide grassroots movement uniting people to protect the planet, and is organised by World Wide Fund for Nature

82. Currently, which among the following countries is the largest producer of cardamom in the world?

[A]Vietnam

[B]China

[C]Guatemala

[D]Egypt

Answer:

Guatemala Guatemala is the world's biggest producer of cardamom in the world.

83. Which among the following state is the first to issue "Soil Health Cards" for every land farmers?

[A]Karnataka

[B]Gujarat

[C]Rajasthan

[D]Kerala

Answer:

Gujarat The soil health card system is an only one of its kind information project prepared and initiated by the government of Gujarat for the benefits of farmers at the [gross](http://www.gktoday.in/gross/)-root level. The Soil health cards contain agriculture information of all districts of Gujarat which is used for the benefits of farmers.

84. Srimi Food Parks, India's first mega food park is located in which state?

[A]Tamil Nadu

[B]Madhya Pradesh

[C]Andhra Pradesh

[D]Kerala

Answer:

Andhra Pradesh Srimi Food Parks is the country's first mega food park in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. It has commenced its operation in 2012.

85. "Jens Stoltenberg" who has been elected as NATO chief is the former Prime Minister of ___?

[A]Norway

[B]Russia

[C]Netherland

[D]Poland

Answer:

Norway Former Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg will take over as NATO chief starting in October, the second Scandinavian in a row to lead the military alliance.

86. The World's biggest inland-harbour the "Duisburger-Ruhrorter" harbours is located in which country?

[A]Egypt

[B]Russia

[C]Germany

[D]USA

Answer:

Germany The Duisburger-Ruhrorter harbours are located in the Germany city of Duisburg at the embouchure of Rhein and Ruhr. They are regarded as the biggest inland harbours of Europe and in sum of all harberbuildings it is the biggest inland harbour of the world.

87. The Gorumara National Park, which is primarily known for its population of Indian Rhinoceros, is located in ___?

[A]Assam

[B]West Bengal

[C]Jharkhand

[D]Himachal Pradesh

Answer:

West Bengal The Gorumara National Park is located in West Bengal. It is well known for its population of Indian Rhinoceros.

88. Currently, which among the following states are the top three largest cotton producers?

[A]Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra

[B]Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra

[C]Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh

[D]Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh

Answer:

Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh

89. The Montreal Protocol is a multilateral environmental agreement aimed at restoring ___?

[A]Ozone Layer

[B]Wetlands

[C]Glaciers

[D]Soil Productivity

Answer:

Ozone Layer Montreal Protocol is a multilateral environmental agreement aimed at restoring ozone layer via strategic management of ozone depleting chemicals.

90. . Who among the following has won the F1 Malaysian Grand Prix 2014?

[A]Nico Rosberg

[B]Lewis Hamilton

[C]Sebastian Vettel

[D]Nico Hulkenberg

Answer:

Lewis Hamilton Lewis Hamilton has won the F1 Malaysian Grand Prix 2014.

91. The Moro Islamic Liberation Front is one of the largest Muslim rebel group located in ___?

[A]Afghanistan

[B]Indonesia

[C]Philippines

[D]Pakistan

Answer:

Philippines The Moro Islamic Liberation is a Muslim group located in the southern Philippines.

92. Recently, WHO-India has launched IVR 2020 programme to protect and increase the number of ____?

[A]Tigers

[B]One-horn Rhinos

[C]Indian Bustard

[D]Asiatic Lions

Answer:

One-horn Rhinos WHO-India has launched IVR 2020 programme to protect and increase number of one horned rhinoceros. As per this programme number of rhinos should reach to 3000 by 2020 in Assam state. Under the programme, the horns of rhinos will be trimmed before their translocation to Laokhowa-Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary in Nagaon district of the state. The trimming will be done in a way that any damage is not done to their internal organs and the trimmed horns will grow back to their original shape within four to five months. This action of trimming will also protect them from the poachers, who hunt them just to take away their horns.

93. Recently, it was reported in newspaper that CERT-In has detected a new smartphone virus which can compromise the data stored on the user's phone. The virus is named as ____?

[A]Dendroid

[B]Killer

[C]Ebola

[D]SmartX

Answer:

Dendroid The CERT-In the nodal agency to combat hacking, phishing and to fortify security-related defences of the Indian Internet domain have alerted users of Android smartphones about the malicious activities of a tricky virus called 'Dendroid' whose infection could 'completely compromise' their personal phone device. The virus of the Trojan family, once activated, could change the command and control server of a user's personal Android phone and intercept private SMSes coming in or going out.

94. Akkampalli , where ancient caves depicting 7000 years old civilisation were discovered recently, is located in ?

- [A]Tamil Nadu
- [B]Karnataka
- [C]Andhra Pradesh
- [D]Maharashtra

Answer:

Andhra Pradesh A group of caves inhabited by ancient humans has been discovered in Akkampalli near Kurnool district's Sanjamala. The discovery is archaeologically significant as the caves contain artwork that depicts the state of civilization and culture 7,000 years ago. The site comprises five caves, three natural and two rock-cut the etchings on whose walls throw a great deal of light on the life, culture, traits and beliefs of the era.

95. Which among the following finance companies has received RBI approvals to set up a minimum of 9,000 white label ATMs (WLAs) in the next three years in rural India?

- [A]CMS Finvest Lts
- [B]SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd
- [C]Reliance Capital Ltd
- [D]Tokyo Finance Ltd

Answer:

SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd has received Reserve Bank of India approvals to set up a minimum of 9,000 white label ATMs (WLAs) in the next three years in rural India.

96. Apart from India, which of the following South Asian countries have been declared Polio free by WHO, recently? 1. Bangladesh 2. Pakistan 3. Nepal 4. Bhutan Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- [A]Only 1 & 2
- [B]Only 2 & 3
- [C]Only 1, 3 & 4
- [D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

Only 1, 3 & 4 India was officially declared 'Polio Free' by the World Health Organization. India is one of the 11 countries in the South East Asian region which have been certified as being free of

the wild polio virus. The 11 countries in the South East Asia region are Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor- Leste

97. Which among the following countries clinched the South Asian Handball Championship 2014?

- [A]Pakistan
- [B]Bangladesh
- [C]India
- [D]Afghanistan

Answer:

India India clinched the 3rd South Asian Handball Championship title after defeating Pakistan 36-31 in the summit clash. Five teams Afghanistan, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India took part in the Championship, which began on March 23.

98. Which among the following has become the first state in the country to declare all election booths in the coming Lok Sabha polls as no smoking zones?

- [A]Kerala
- [B]Haryana
- [C]Gujarat
- [D]Jammu & Kashmir

Answer:

Jammu & Kashmir Jammu & Kashmir became the first state in the country to declare all election booths in the coming Lok Sabha polls as no smoking zones. It will now be mandatory for all election booths to display the "No Smoking Zones".

99. Which among the following countries is the world's largest producer of "Rare Earths"?

- [A]USA
- [B]Russia
- [C]India
- [D]China

Answer:

China China produces more than 90 percent of the world's rare earths, which are used in wide range from the elements in defence industry components and modern technology from iPhones and disk drives to wind turbines.

100. . Which of the following is the largest bank in the world in terms of market capitalization?

- [A]China Construction Bank
- [B]Industrial & Commercial Bank of China
- [C]Wells Fargo & Co
- [D]Bank of America

Answer:

Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) is the world's largest bank in terms of market capitalization, profitability and customer deposit.

101. As per the Indian Aviation report 2014, which one of the following is the main reason for rendering Indian aviation sector uncompetitive?

- [A]Over Taxation
- [B]Lack of Skill
- [C]Infrastructure
- [D]Privatisation

Answer:

Over Taxation Indian Aviation report 2014 released by FICCI and KPMG state that aviation industry is over-taxed, this aspect is clearly reflected in the industry's lack of competitiveness at the global level.

102. The state in which Vrindavan Chandrodaya Mandir is proposed to be built is ___?

- [A]Uttar Pradesh
- [B]Gujarat
- [C]Madhya Pradesh
- [D]Rajasthan

Answer:

Uttar Pradesh A project for building a skyscraper temple "Vrindavan Chandrodaya Mandir", billed to be tallest shrine in the world, was inaugurated in Vrindavan, UP coinciding with the Holi festival. The project will cost more than Rs 300 crore and ISKCON is hoping to conclude the temple construction within the next five years.

103. According to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which among the following are world's top three arms importing countries?

- [A]China, India and Pakistan

[B]Pakistan, China and India

[C]India, China and Pakistan

[D]China, Pakistan and India

Answer:

India, China and Pakistan India remains the biggest buyer of arms in the world, importing nearly three times as many weapons as its nearest competitors China and Pakistan over the last five years. According to SIPRI, world's top five arms importers were now India, China, Pakistan, UAE and Saudi Arabia.

104. Which among the following countries is the largest supplier of arms to India in 2009-13?

[A]Russia

[B]USA

[C]Israel

[D]Japan

Answer:

Russia Russia is the main supplier of arms to India in 2009-13, accounting for 75 per cent of all imports.

105. Recently, government has approved to set up country's second nuclear fuel complex to reprocess atomic fuel in ___?

[A]Rajasthan

[B]Maharashtra

[C]West Bengal

[D]Jharkhand

Answer:

Rajasthan The cabinet committee on security cleared the proposal to set up a second nuclear fuel complex next to Rawabhata nuclear plant in Kota, Rajasthan at a cost of Rs 2,400 crore. The new nuclear fuel complex in Kota will cater to atomic plants in North India.

106. "Rani-ki-Vav" which has been nominated for World Heritage Status is a 11th century step well located in ___?

[A]Karnataka

[B]Gujarat

[C]Rajasthan

[D]Haryana

Answer:

Gujarat India has nominated Rani-ki-Vav, a 11th century step well located in Patan, Gujarat as candidate for UNESCO's World Heritage Site status this year. Rani-ki-Vav, one of the finest examples of step wells in Gujarat, was constructed by Queen Udayamati of Solanki Dynasty.

107. Name the Czech priest, philosopher who has won the 2014 Templeton Prize?

[A]Chris Herlinger

[B]Tomas Halik

[C]Graham Greene

[D]Billy Graham

Answer:

Tomas Halik Tomas Halik, a Roman Catholic priest and philosopher, one time Czech political activist and an advocate for religious freedom and interfaith dialogue, won the 2014 Templeton Prize for religious and spiritual progress.

108. National Mission for protein supplements is a subscheme under ___? Integrated Child Development Services National Food Security Mission Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana National Horticulture Mission

9. Bahini Darbar is a monthly newspaper by the women for the women in ___?

[A]West Bengal

[B]Jharkhand

[C]Maharashtra

[D]Madhya Pradesh

Answer:

Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana National Mission for protein supplements is a subscheme of RKVY. It focuses on animal based protein production through livestock development, dairy farming, piggery, goat rearing and fisheries in selected blocks.

109. Bahini Darbar is a monthly newspaper by the women for the women in ___?

109. The Hutti and Uti mines in India are famous for ___?

[A]Uranium

[B]Gold

[C]Bauxite

[D]Coal

Answer:

Gold India has only three major working gold mines- Hutti and Uti (both in Karnataka) along with the Hirabuddini mines in Jharkhand.

110. The Humboldt Current is a cold, low salinity ocean current which has considerable cooling influence on the climate of _____?

[A]Chile and Peru

[B]Chile and Brazil

[C]Brazil and Cuba

[D]Chile and US

Answer:

Chile and Peru The Humboldt Current is a cold, low salinity ocean current that flows north along the west coast of South America from the southern tip of Chile to northern Peru. The Humboldt has a considerable cooling influence on the climate of Chile, Peru and Ecuador.

111. Currently, India's per capita steel consumption is approximately _____?

[A]50 kg

[B]60 kg

[C]80 kg

[D]110 kg

Answer:

60 kg India's per capita steel consumption is 59 kg, as against the world average of over 210 kg, and 460 kg in China.

112. Which among the following sectors contributes maximum excise revenue to Indian exchequer?

[A]Oil and Gas

[B]Steel Industry

[C]Cement Industry

[D]Automobiles

Answer:

Oil and Gas Oil and Gas industry is the largest contributor to excise revenues in India followed by Steel industry.

113. Which one of the following states does not come under the Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan states scheme?

[A] Uttarakhand

[B] Himachal Pradesh

[C] Jharkhand

[D] Jammu & Kashmir

Answer:

Jharkhand Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan states is a centrally sponsored scheme for overall development of Horticulture. The mission covers states including Sikkim and three Himalayan states namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

114. The "Khavda Flamingo Colony" which is one of the biggest flamingo colonies in the world found in which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Gujarat

[C] Kerala

[D] Assam

Answer:

Gujarat Khavda Flamingo Colony is in Gujarat. It is reputed among the biggest flamingo colony in the world. Each year, about half a million flamingos migrate from hotter climates to the watery expanse of this area to breed.

115. Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) is a process control system designed to identify and prevent microbial and other hazards in ____?

[A] Food Processing

[B] Leather Industry

[C] Rubber Industry

[D] Petroleum Industry

Answer:

Food Processing Hazard analysis and critical control points or HACCP is a systematic preventive approach to food safety and biological, chemical, and physical hazards in production processes that can cause the finished product to be unsafe, and designs measurements to reduce these risks to a safe level. In this manner, HACCP is referred as the prevention of hazards rather than finished

product inspection. The HACCP system can be used at all stages of a food chain, from food production and preparation processes including packaging, distribution, etc.

116. Which among the following is/are Rabi crops? 1. Wheat 2. Paddy 3. Barley 4. Gram Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1, 2 & 3

[B]Only 1, 2 & 4

[C]Only 1, 3 & 4

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

Only 1, 3 & 4

117. Which of the following nutrients are most likely to be affected by food processing and storage?

[A]Carbohydrates

[B]Vitamins

[C]Minerals

[D]Proteins

Answer:

Vitamins

118. . Which among the following is the largest foreign bank operating in India in terms of asset base?

[A]Stanchart

[B]HSBC

[C]Citibank

[D]DBS

Answer:

Citibank Citibank is the largest foreign bank operating in India in terms of asset base. Other key foreign banks are StanChart, which has 100 branches, HSBC 50, Deutsche Bank 17 and DBS 12 branches. As of March 2013, there were 43 foreign banks in India with 333 branches.

119. The inventor of the world wide web has marked the 25th anniversary of his creation by calling for a 'Magna Carta' bill of rights to protect its users. Identify him from the given options:

[A]Tim Berners-Lee

[B]Stuart Harris

[C]Robert Taylor

[D]Claude Shannon

Answer:

Tim Berners-Lee

120. "Henderson Brooks-Bhagat Report" is a classified report related to ___?

[A]Sino-Indian war 1962

[B]Indo-Pak war 1947

[C]Kargil War 1999

[D]Indo-Pak war 1971

Answer:

Sino-Indian war 1962 The Henderson Brooks Report is a classified report prepared by two Indian Army officers, on the Sino-Indian war 1962.

121. Recently, which one of the following countries was ordered to halt its whaling programme by the International Court of Justice?

[A]Japan

[B]South Korea

[C]USA

[D]Australia

Answer:

Japan The International Court of Justice was ordered Japan to halt its whaling programme because the hunt cannot be justified for scientific research purpose. The court said Japan's open-ended programme that allows for the killing of about 1,000 whales a year in the Southern Ocean must cease

122. Consider the following: 1. Gudi Padava 2. Ugadi 3. Navreh 4. Cheti Chand Which among the above generally celebrated on same day in various parts of India?

[A]Only 1, 2 & 3

[B]Only 2, 3 & 4

[C]Only 1, 3 & 4

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2, 3 & 4 Gudi Padava, Ugadi, Chaitra Sukhladi, Navreh and Cheti Chand are celebrated simultaneously.

123. In which among the following countries, the Multilateral Humanitarian Assistance / disaster relief (HA/DR) Exercise, KOMODO was conducted recently?

[A]South Korea

[B]Indonesia

[C]Brunei

[D]New Zealand

Answer:

Indonesia Multilateral Humanitarian Assistance / disaster relief (HA/DR) Exercise, "KOMODO" is being conducted from 28 Mar-03 Apr 14 at Indonesia. The exercise participants include India, Indonesia, USA, China, Russia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines and Laos. Indian Navy is being represented by INS Sukanya with integral Chetak. (PIB)

124. Which among the following parliamentary constituencies in India has largest number of electors?

[A]Mumbai South, Maharashtra

[B]Araria, Bihar

[C]Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh

[D]Malkajiri, Andhra Pradesh

Answer:

Malkajiri, Andhra Pradesh Malkajiri in Andhra Pradesh with 29,53,915 electors has the largest number of electors while Lakshadweep with 47,972 electors has the smallest number of electors.

125. Recently, the RBI has deferred the implementation of Basel-III capital regulations by Indian Banks. What is the new deadline for meeting the Basel-III norms?

[A]March 2017

[B]March 2018

[C]March 2019

[D]March 2020

Answer:

March 2019 RBI extended deadline for meeting Basel-III norms to March 2019.

126. Recently, two large industrial firms viz. Lafarge and Holcim announced plans for a merger. These two firms are specialized in production of ___?

- [A]Engineering Goods
- [B]Building Materials
- [C]Petrochemicals
- [D]Home Appliances

Answer:

Building Materials

127. Which among the following countries / regions was recently making news with respect to Sunflower Student Movement?

- [A]Tibet
- [B]Taiwan
- [C]Mongolia
- [D]Ukraine

Answer:

Taiwan Sunflower Student Movement is a protest movement driven by a coalition of students and civic groups in Taiwan. The activists protested the passing of the Cross-Strait Service Trade Agreement (CSSTA) by the ruling party Kuomintang at the legislature without clause-by-clause review.

128. . Which among the following is NOT a famous architecture prize?

- [A]Pritzker Prize
- [B]Driehaus Prize
- [C]LEAF Award
- [D]Deming Prize

Answer:

Deming Prize Deming Prize is one of the highest awards on TQM (Total Quality Management) in the world

129. Government has increased the number of workdays from 100 days to 150 days under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Programme (MGNREGA) for ___:

[A]SC and ST

[B]Tribals with Forest Rights

[C]Below Poverty Rural Households

[D]All who are enrolled in the scheme

Answer:

Tribals with Forest Rights The government raised the workdays under its flagship Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Programme (MGNREGA) from 100 to 150 for tribal's, a move that will benefit 14 lakh families. Those tribals who have received land rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, will be eligible for additional 50 days of wage employment under the scheme.

130. The government has recently approved the National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) to sustain the Himalayan ecosystem, continuously assess its health status. The NMSHE covers how many states of India?

[A]Ten

[B]Twelve

[C]Eight

[D]Nine

Answer:

Twelve The union cabinet approved the mission document on the National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE). The mission is launched under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) with an outlay of Rs.550 crore during the 12th Plan. Its primary objective is to develop a sustainable national capacity in a time bound manner to continuously assess the health status of the Himalayan ecosystem and enable policy formulation to assist Himalayan states to implement sustainable development programmes. The mission covers 12 Himalayan states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam and West Bengal.

131. Which among the following movies has bagged the best picture award at the 86th Oscar Awards 2014?

[A]12 Years A Slave

[B]Gravity

[C]American Hustle

[D]Frozen

Answer:

12 Years A Slave Steve McQueen's historical drama "12 Years A Slave" won best picture award at the 86th annual Academy Awards. The film has portrayed America's slave in past. It marks the first time a film directed by a black filmmaker has won best picture.

132. The duration of President's rule in a State in the first instance is ____?

[A]Twelve Months

[B]Six Months

[C]Nine Months

[D]One Year

Answer:

Six Months

133. The "Basij Militia" is a volunteer militia force operating in which of the following countries?

[A]Syria

[B]Iran

[C]Iraq

[D]Ukraine

Answer:

Iran The Basij Militia is an Iranian volunteer force of Islamic government loyalists which is often called out onto the street at times of crisis to dispel dissent. The force was originally set up by Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979 as a resistance force during the Iran-Iraq war.

134. Where is the headquarters of the "Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)" located?

[A]Geneva, Switzerland

[B]New York, USA

[C]Vienna, Austria

[D]Durban, Germany

Answer:

Vienna, Austria The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) is the world's largest security-oriented intergovernmental organisation. It has its headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

135. Currently, India is the world's largest producer of which of the following fruits? 1. Mango 2. Papaya 3. Banana 4. Pomegranate Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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[A] Only 1 & 2

[B] Only 2 & 3

[C] Only 1 & 4

[D] 1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2, 3 & 4 India is now the world's largest producer of Mango, Banana, Papaya, Pomegranate and Sapota.

136. Which of the following committee has been formed to study demand for Bodoland state?

[A] G K Pillai Committee

[B] M S Gill Committee

[C] Rakesh Sharma Committee

[D] Navin Goyal Committee

Answer:

G K Pillai Committee Ministry of Home Affairs set up a committee headed by former home secretary G K Pillai to look into the demands of a separate Bodoland state to be carved out of Assam. The panel will submit its report in nine months.

137. India's first private bank to commence operation in China is ___:

[A] HDFC Bank

[B] Axis Bank

[C] ICICI Bank

[D] Federal Bank

Answer:

Axis Bank Axis Bank is the first Indian private sector bank to set up a branch in China.

138. C R Simha who passed away recently was a renowned theatre and film personality in which language?

[A] Telugu

[B] Kannada

[C] Malayalam

[D] Marathi

Answer:

Kannada C R Simha was a renowned theatre and film personality in Kannada. Simha was also an avid writer and documented his experiences in films and theatre in Nimma Simha. He essayed the character of Tughlaq in a play written by Girish Karnad for nearly 30 years.

139. With reference to elections in India, how many delimitation commissions have been set up so far to redraw the boundaries of various assembly and Lokasabha constituencies?

[A] Two

[B] Three

[C] Four

[D] Five

Answer:

Four Delimitation commissions have been set up four times in the past in 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002 under Delimitation Commission acts of 1952, 1962, 1972 and 2002.

140. The Union government has recently launched the "Maulana Azad Sehat Scheme" a health scheme for ____?

[A] Minority Women's

[B] Minority Students

[C] Minority Senior Citizens

[D] Minority Disabled Person's

Answer:

Minority Students The government launched the "Maulana Azad Sehat Scheme" which would see a "Sehat Card" being issued to each minority student enrolled in institutions aided by Maulana Azad Education Foundation. Under this scheme students in the age group of 5-14 years will be provided with a health card which will entitle them to free check-ups twice a year at the place where they are studying.

141. Among the following plant species, which one is widely grown for its sweet leaves as sweetener and sugar substitute?

[A] Patchouli

[B] Stevia

[C] Arborvitae

[D] Lavender

Answer:

Stevia The species *Stevia rebaudiana* or simply *Stevia*, is widely grown for its sweet leaves as sweetener and sugar substitute. With its steviol glycoside extracts having up to 300 times the sweetness of sugar; stevia has attracted attention with the rise in demand for low-carbohydrate, low-sugar sweeteners.

142. With which among the following neighbours, India recently conducted the Ex-Surya Kiran Drills VI joint military exercise?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Pakistan

[C] Nepal

[D] Bangladesh

Answer:

Nepal The armies of India and Nepal are jointly conducting the military exercise, known as Ex-Surya Kiran Drills VI, at Saljhandi in Rupandehi district, Nepal. In the two week long exercise, both the armies will work to upgrade their practical and principle aspects of jungle warfare, anti-insurgency operations and rescue operations.

143. Which among the following team is the winner of 68th Santosh Trophy for Football for 2014?

[A] Railways

[B] Mizoram

[C] Chhattisgarh

[D] Punjab

Answer:

Mizoram On March 10, Mizoram has lifted the 68th Santosh Trophy for Football . They defeated Railways 3 - nil in the final played at Siliguri ,West Bengal.

144. According to the latest data released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), which among the following states has emerged as fastest growing state during 2012-13?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Kerala

[C] Gujarat

[D] Bihar

Answer:

Bihar The latest data released by the Central Statistics Office shows that Bihar is the fastest growing State with its [Gross](http://www.gktoday.in/gross/) State Domestic Product growing at 15.05 per cent during 2012-13. It is the only State to clock a double-digit growth rate. According to the CSO data, Gujarat ranked sixth with growth rate at 7.96 per cent, behind Bihar and Madhya Pradesh with 9.89 per cent, Goa 8.47 per cent, Kerala 8.24 per cent and Odisha 8.09 per cent. The all-India growth rate in 2012-13 was 4.47 per cent.

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[A] INS Tribhuvan

[B] INS Sumedha

[C] INS Sunayana

[D] INS Saryu

Answer:

INS Sumedha INS Sumedha, the third Offshore Patrol Vessel designed and constructed by Goa Shipyard Limited was commissioned at Goa shipyard in Vasco in March 2014. INS Sumedha is the third of its class (Saryu class) of vessels and the largest patrolling vessel and marks the 200th ship constructed by Goa shipyard. It is suitable for monitoring sea lanes of communication, defence of offshore oil installations and other national offshore assets, escorting ships and fleet support operations

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[A] Faridabad

[B] Jalandhar

[C] New Delhi

[D] Noida

Answer:

Jalandhar Five-day India-Pakistan International Trade Fair was organized in Desh Bhagat Yaadgar Hall in Jalandhar in March 2014.

147. Dehing Patkai Wildlife sanctuary is located in which one of the following states?

[A] Assam

[B] Arunachal Pradesh

[C] Haryana

[D] Meghalaya

Answer:

Assam Dehing Patkai, is the only rainforest in Assam. It is located in the Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts of Assam.

148. . The Beaufort Sea is a part of which one of the following Oceans?

[A] Pacific Ocean

[B] Atlantic Ocean

[C] Arctic Ocean

[D] Indian Ocean

Answer:

Arctic Ocean The Beaufort Sea is a marginal sea of the Arctic Ocean, located north of the Northwest Territories, west of Canada's Arctic Islands. The sea is named after hydrographer Sir Francis Beaufort.

149. The official residence of the U.S. Ambassador in Embassy of United States in India is known as ___?

[A]Roosevelt House

[B]Truman House

[C]Washington House

[D]Kennedy House

Answer:

Roosevelt House

150. Which among the following is the venue for the third nuclear summit concluded recently?

[A]Zurich, Switzerland

[B]The Hague, Netherland

[C]Tokyo, Japan

[D]Moscow, Russia

Answer:

The Hague, Netherland The third nuclear summit was held in The Hague, Netherlands on March 24-25, 2014. The summit is aimed at preventing nuclear terrorism around the globe.

151. The Royal Mail, Britain's postal service company, has issued a postage stamp commemorating Noorunissa Inayat Khan, a World War II heroine of Indian origin. Khan was a descendent of ___?

[A]Nizam of Hyderabad

[B]Tipu Sultan of Mysore

[C]Adil Shahis of Bijapur

[D]Bahmani Sultanate

Answer:

Tipu Sultan of Mysore Noorunissa Inayat Khan was a descendant of Tippu Sultan of Mysore. She worked as a wireless officer for the British Special Operations Executive (SOE) in Paris during 1943, when the city was occupied by Nazi forces.

152. Which among the following countries has won the coveted ICC Laureus Spirit of Sports award 2014?

[A]India

[B]Pakistan

[C]Afghanistan

[D]Australia

Answer:

Afghanistan

153. In context to astronomy, "Charkilo" which is in news recently is ___?

[A]Meteorite

[B]Miniature Planet

[C]Asteroid

[D]Comet

Answer:

Miniature Planet Charkilo is a recently discovered miniature planet with two rings of ice and pebbles between Saturn and Uranus in the Kuiper Belt. This is the first ever discovery of a celestial body with rings like giant planets Saturn and Jupiter.

154. Which among the following communication satellite of India has gone out of service after being in the orbit for ten-and-a-half years?

[A]INSAT-2A

[B]INSAT-3E

[C]INSAT-4A

[D]INSAT-4E

Answer:

INSAT-3E Communication satellite INSAT-3E has completed its life and gone out of service. Built to last 15 years, it has completed ten-and-a-half years in orbit. The third generation satellite was launched in September 2003 with 36 transponders-24C bands and 12 extended C-band transponders but only 25 of them have been working since 2009.

155. Recently, President of India has cleared the ordinance of the SEBI law. The ordinance empowers the SEBI chairman to order searches and seizures on ___?

[A]Illegal Trade

[B]Ponzi Schemes

[C]Inside Trading

[D]Foreign Direct Investments

Answer:

Ponzi Schemes President Pranab Mukherjee cleared the re-promulgation of the SEBI ordinance that has lapsed in the winter session 2013. The ordinance empowers the Securities and Exchanges Board of India (SEBI) chairman to order searches and seizures and crack downs on Ponzi schemes.

156. Recently, which bank became the first state-run lender to allow withdrawal of funds to individuals from ATM's without an account in the bank?

[A]United Bank of India

[B]State Bank of India

[C]Bank of India

[D]Corporation Bank

Answer:

Bank of India Bank of India became the first state-run lender to allow withdrawal of funds to individuals from its ATMs without an account in the bank. The bank launched a domestic remittance service called "Instant money transfer" that allows cardless cash withdrawal from selected ATMs which are tuned for this facility.

157. Which among the following has become the first new generation private sector bank to launch an electronic Kisan Card on the RuPay platform?

[A]Axis Bank

[B]HDFC Bank

[C]ICICI

[D]City Bank

Answer:

Axis Bank Private sector lender Axis Bank becomes the first bank to introduce electronic Kisan Card on the RuPay platform. The card aimed at helping farmers access liquidity round-the-clock.

158. . Name the Indian Shooter who won the silver medal in World Cup in USA, recently?

[A]Anjali Bhagwat

[B]Tejaswini Sawant

[C]Heena Sindhu

[D]Ashwini Gupta

Answer:

Heena Sindhu World number two air pistol shooter Heena Sindhu clinched a silver medal at the ISSF World cup in Fort Benning, USA. Sindhu shot an impressive 386 with rounds of 98, 96, 96, 96. Heena shot a good 200.8 in the final to clinch the medal.

159. The "Crimean Tatars" or Crimeans who are in news recently, are a Muslim ethnic group native to which country?

[A]Russia

[B]Ukraine

[C]Romania

[D]Turkey

Answer:

Ukraine The “Crimean Tatars” or Crimeans, are a Muslim ethnic group native to the Crimea in modern-day Ukraine.

160. In which among the following countries world’s largest salt pan “Salar de Uyuni” is located?

[A]Bolivia

[B]China

[C]Tanzania

[D]Mongolia

Answer:

Bolivia The largest salt pan in the world is the Salar de Uyuni, located in the Potosi and Oruro, Bolivia. It covers 4,086 square miles and is located at an elevation of 11,995 feet.

161. Which of the following is/are the member countries of BIMSTEC? 1. Bangladesh 2. China 3. Nepal 4. India 5. Indonesia Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1, 2, 3 & 4

[B]Only 1, 3, 4 & 5

[C]Only 1, 3 & 4

[D]1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Answer:

Only 1, 3 & 4 Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), is a regional grouping of seven south and East Asian countries. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand are the member countries of the BIMSTEC.

162. India 5. Indonesia Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]GSAT-5

[B]GSAT-6

[C]GSAT-7

[D]GSAT-4

Answer:

GSAT-7 GSAT-7, the multi band communication satellite named Rukmini is the first satellite by ISRO that will provide services to the Indian defence forces with the main user being Indian Navy.

163. Indonesia Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Narmada Bachavo Andolan

[B]Chipko Movement

[C]Navdanya Movement

[D]Jungle Bachao Andolan

Answer:

Chipko Movement Eminent Gandhian and environmentalist Chandi Prasad Bhatt has been selected for the 2013 Gandhi Peace Prize. Bhatt is a pioneer of the chipko movement for which he was also awarded the Magsaysay Award in 1982. He was also given the Padma Bhushan in 2005.

164. According to Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2014, which of the following cities has been ranked world's most expensive city?

[A]Singapore

[B]New York

[C]Moscow

[D]Tokyo

Answer:

Singapore Singapore topped 131 cities globally to become the world's most expensive city to live in 2014, according to the economist intelligence unit (IEU). Beside Singapore, cities making up the top five most expensive cities to live in are Paris, Oslo, Zurich, and Sydney, with Tokyo falling to sixth place. As per the index Mumbai is the cheapest location in the world.

165. Recently, Leaders at the third BIMSTEC summit in Myanmar agreed to establish a permanent secretariat in which country to oversee the regional grouping of nations on a full time basis?

[A]Sri Lanka

[B]Bangladesh

[C]India

[D]Myanmar

Answer:

Bangladesh BIMSTEC (the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Mutli-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) member countries have established a permanent secretariat in Bangladesh to oversee

the regional grouping of nations on a full time basis. Sumith Nakadala is the first Secretary General of BIMSTEC.

166. Pacaya is an active complex volcano and popular tourist attraction located in_____?

[A]Chile

[B]Kenya

[C]Guatemala

[D]Nigeria

Answer:

Guatemala Pacaya is an active complex volcano in Guatemala. It is also a popular tourist attraction.

167. Who among the following has been appointed as the Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)?

[A]Yadav Kanta Silwal

[B]Arjun Bahadur Thapa

[C]Shiva Prasad Koirala

[D]Ahmed Saleem

Answer:

Arjun Bahadur Thapa Nepal's former Foreign Secretary Arjun Bahadur Thapa has assumed charge as the Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Thapa, who succeeds Ahmed Saleem of Maldives, is the 12th Secretary General of the regional grouping. This is the second time Nepal assumed the top post of the regional body since its establishment in 1995.

168. Which of the following statements is correct about "Solvency II"?

[A]It is a European Union (EU) directive for insurance companies

[B]It is a World Bank guideline for international banking

[C]A RBI framework on financial regulations

[D]It is a European Union (EU) directive for banking companies

Answer:

It is a European Union (EU) directive for insurance companies Solvency II is a fundamental review of the capital adequacy regime for the European insurance industry. It aims to establish a revised set

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of EU-wide capital requirements and risk management standards with the aim of increasing protection for policyholders.

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