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1. At present, the funds allowed to members of Parliament for spending on local area development under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) scheme are ___?

[A]Rs. 1 Crore per Year

[B]Rs. 2 Crore per Year

[C]Rs. 5 Crore per year

[D]Rs. 10 Crore per Year

Answer:

Rs. 5 Crore per year Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) scheme allows members of Parliament for spending on local area development. It started as Rs. 1 crore per constituency each year, then grew to Rs. 2 crore and now is Rs. 5 crore — for each of nearly 800 MPs every year. This scheme is open to mis-use, every one knows about it. The total burden on Indian exchequer is Rs. 20,000 crore every five years.

2. Which among the following countries is currently known for highest number of deaths of under-five infants and children in the world?

[A]India

[B]China

[C]Pakistan

[D]Bangladesh

Answer:

India Despite reducing under-five mortality from 2.5 million in 2001 to 1.4 million in 2012, India still holds the dubious distinction of having the highest number of deaths in the world in this vulnerable age group — 22 per cent.

3. The “Arakan Mountain” is the extension of Himalaya mountain range located in which country?

[A]China

[B]Nepal

[C]Myanmar

[D]India

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Answer:

Myanmar The Arakan Mountains is a mountain range in western Burma (Myanmar), between the coast of Rakhine State and the Central Burma basin. The Arakan mountains run from Cape Negrais in the South in to the Manipur State of India in north. Arakan Mountains divide the Rakhine coast from the rest of Burma, and thus have acted as a barrier between the peoples of central Burma and those of the Indian subcontinent. This played a role in fostering the separate development of the Rakhine people, both linguistically and culturally, from the Burmese. (wikipedia)

4. Who among the following will be conferred with the "Centenary Award for India Film Personality of the Year"?

[A]Waheeda Rehman

[B]Adur Gopalkrishnan

[C]Satyajith Ray

[D]Amitabh Bachhan

Answer:

Waheeda Rehman Renowned actress Waheeda Rehman will be coffered with the Centenary Award for Indian Personality of the Year at the International Film Festival of India 2013 in Panjim, Goa. The award has been instituted to commemorate 100 years of Indian Cinema, and will be given annually to an outstanding film personality for his or her contribution to Indian cinema.

5. With reference to internet terminology, in the word URL, "R" stands for ___?

[A]Restart

[B]Resource

[C]Refresh

[D]Relocate

Answer:

Resource URL or Uniform Resource Locator, also known as web address, is a specific character string that constitutes a reference to a resource.

6. Which of the following neighbouring countries of India has decided to cut the size of its Army by reducing the number of non-combatant personnel?

[A]Pakistan

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[B]Bangladesh

[C]China

[D]Sri Lanka

Answer:

China China has decided to cut the size of its 2.3 million strong military by reducing the number of non-combatant personnel in the People's Liberation Army. The number of non-combatant personnel in the PLA, the world largest military will be reduced in an effort to optimize its scale and structure.

7. The "MERCOSUR" is an economical and political agreement among five countries of ____?

[A]North America

[B]Europe

[C]Asia

[D]South America

Answer:

South America Mercusor is an economic and political agreement among Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. The territories of Mercosur consist of the combined territories of five of the twelve countries of South America and their population.

8. Who among the following has been awarded "International Indian of Decade Award"?

[A]Vijay Malya

[B]Lord Swraj Paul

[C]Ajim Premji

[D]Laxmi Mittal

Answer:

Lord Swraj Paul Leading NRI industrialist and educationist, Lord Swraj Paul was presented with the International Indian of Decade" award for his outstanding achievements in the fields of industry, education and philanthropy.

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<p> <button id="butToggle8">Show Answer</button> 9. The Government of India has decided to confer upon Bharat Ratna to C.N.R Rao, for his contribution in solid-state and structural chemistry. Rao is the ___ Indian Scientist to get this award?

[A]Second

[B]Fourth

[C]Third

[D]Fifth

Answer:

Third Prof.Rao, a well recognised international authority in solid state and materials chemistry, who has published hundreds of research papers. He is the third scientist, after C V Raman and the former President A P J Abdul Kalam, to be awarded the Bharat Ratna.

10. . Who among the following has been sworn in as President of Maldives?

[A]Mohammed Nasheed

[B]Abdulla Yameen

[C]Maumonn Abdul Gayoom

[D]Syed Akbaruddin

Answer:

Abdulla Yameen Abdulla Yameen, has been sworn in as President of Maldives. Mr Yameen is a half brother of Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who was president for 30 years until 2008. According to election commission, Mr Yameen secured 51.3% of the vote in the run-off election, compared with 48.6% for Mr Nasheed.

11. The "Swarm Mission", which aims to study the Earth's magnetic field is proposed to be launched by?

[A]NASA

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[B]European Space Agency

[C]ISRO

[D]Russian Space Agency

Answer:

European Space Agency Swarm is a European Space Agency mission to study the Earth's magnetic field. The swarm constellation consists of three satellites to be placed in two different polar orbits. The Swarm constellation was originally scheduled to launch on 14th November 2013, but has been rescheduled to on the 22nd of November, 2013.

12. Who among the following has become the first Formula One driver to take eight consecutive victories in a single season?

[A]Sebastian Vettel

[B]Michael Schumacher

[C]Rubens Barrichello

[D]Vitaly Petrov

Answer:

Sebastian Vettel Red Bull's quadruple world champion Sebastian Vettel won the US Grand Prix to become the first Formula One driver to take eight consecutive victories in a single season.

13. The "Battle of Aleppo" is an ongoing military confrontation related to which of the following countries?

[A]Egypt

[B]Turkey

[C]Syria

[D]Cuba

Answer:

Syria The Battle of Aleppo is an ongoing military confrontation in Aleppo, Syria between the Free Syrian Army and its Jihadist allies and the Syrian government. The battle began on 19 July 2012 as a part of the Syrian Civil war.

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14. In which of the following cities India's first privately funded Metro rail system commenced its operation recently?

[A]Mumbai

[B]Bhopal

[C]Gurgaon

[D]Pune

Answer:

Gurgaon The country's first privately funded Metro rail system commenced its operation in Gurgaon.

15. Which of the following countries will host the "Common Wealth Summit 2015"?

[A]Malta

[B]Australia

[C]Mauritius

[D]Maldives

Answer:

Malta Malta was unanimously chosen as the host of the next common wealth summit 2015 after Mauritius pulled out in protest against the decision to hold this year's gathering in Sri Lanka.

16. The "Yashsvini Health Insurance" scheme is associated with which of the following states?

[A]Punjab

[B]Karnataka

[C]Tamil Nadu

[D]Andhra Pradesh

Answer:

Karnataka Yashsvini is a health insurance scheme for the members of the cooperative bodies in Karnataka.

17. The "Akhaura" is the first multi-purpose integrated check post along the India and which among the following neighbours?

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[A]Pakistan

[B]China

[C]Nepal

[D]Bangladesh

Answer:

Bangladesh The Akhaura is the first multi-purpose integrated check post (ICP) along the India and Bangladesh border. The ministry of home affairs has built the Akhaura border terminal at a cost of Rs 73.5 crore over a period of two years to facilitate international traders and business users. The ICP is equipped with all modern facilities such as goods loading and unloading zone, security watch tower, warehouse, export-import zone and all international services under a single roof along with an international standard passenger terminal.

18. Doris Lessing, who passed away recently, was a well known _____?

[A]Actress

[B]Singer

[C]Author

[D]Artist

Answer:

Author Doris Lessing was a British Nobel Prize-winning author. She became the oldest winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature when in 2007 she won the award for her life's work aged 88. Her best-known works include The Golden Notebook, Memoirs of a Survivor and The Summer Before the Dark.

19. India's "Ganganjeet Bhullar" and "Anirban Lahiri" are associated with which one of the following sports/events?

[A]Tennis

[B]Golf

[C]Football

[D]Hockey

Answer:

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Golf Gangajeet Bhullar and Anirban Lahiri are India's professional golfers.

20. . Who among the following has been named male "World Athlete of the Year 2013"?

[A]Usain Bolt

[B]Mo Farah

[C]Bohdan Bondarenko

[D]Tiger Woods

Answer:

Usain Bolt Usain Bolt has been named male World Athlete of the Year for a fifth time. Bolt, who beat Britain's double world champion from Moscow Mo Farah to the award, became the most successful athlete in the history of the World Championships this year with his eight gold and 10th medals in total.

21. The Dhanush missile is a naval variant of India's indigenously developed ___missile?

[A]Akash

[B]Trishul

[C]Agni

[D]Prithvi

Answer:

Prithvi: Dhanush is a variant of the surface-to-surface Prithvi II missile, which has been developed for the Indian Navy. It is capable of carrying both conventional as well as nuclear warheads with pay-load capacity of 500 kg and can strike targets in the range of 350 km.

22. The "James Bond Island" or "Khao Phing Kan" is a pair of islands on the west coast of ___?

[A]Thailand

[B]Singapore

[C]Japan

[D]Indonesia

Answer:

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Thailand: Khao Phing Kan is a pair of islands on the west coast of Thailand, in the Phang Nga Bay, Strait of Malacca. Since 1974, when it was featured in the James Bond movie "The Man with the Golden Gun", it is popularly called James Bond Island.

23. Which one of the following movies has won Golden Elephant Award for best film at 18th International Children's Film Festival?

[A]Kauwboy

[B]Goopi Gawaiya Bagha Bajaiya

[C]Ernest Et Celestine

[D]Arjun

Answer:

Kauwboy: Kauwboy, a Dutch film about a 10-year-old boy and a bird directed by Boudewijin Koole, won the Golden Elephant Award for best film in the 'International Live Action' category at the 18th International Children's Film Festival.

24. Who among the following has been named as WTA Player of the Year 2013?

[A]Senera Williams

[B]Maria Sharapova

[C]Cara Black

[D]Kim Clijsters

Answer:

Senera Williams: World No.1 women's tennis player Serena Williams was named WTA Player of the Year. She had earlier become the oldest world No.1 in WTA history. It is the fifth time Williams has been named the WTA player of the year. She had received the honour in 2002, 2008, 2009 and 2012.

25. Who among the following is author of the book "Chronicle of a Corpse Bearer"?

[A]Anand

[B]Cyrus Mistry

[C]Mohammed Hasin

[D]Amithav Ghosh

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Answer:

Cyrus Mistry: Cyrus Mistry is the author of the book "Chronicle of a Corpse Bearer". This book has been short listed for the prestigious DSC literature award.

26. The Government of India has planned to erect a security wall (similar to Berlin wall) along the borders of which one of the following neighbouring countries?

[A]China

[B]Pakistan

[C]Nepal

[D]Bangladesh

Answer:

Pakistan: India has planned a 10 meter high embankment along the 198-km stretch of international border that separates Jammu and Pakistan. The security wall being erected to keep infiltrators out will be higher and wider than Berlin Wall. It will be 135 feet wide and pass through 118 villages in the district of Jammu, Kathu and Samba.

27. Which one of following countries has recently announced it was setting up an "air defence identification zone" over East China Sea?

[A]Japan

[B]Vietnam

[C]Taiwan

[D]China

Answer:

China: China announced it was setting up an air defence identification zone over an area that includes islands controlled by Japan but claimed by China, in a move that could inflame the bitter territorial row. The outline of the new zone covers a wide area of the East China Sea between South Korea and Taiwan that includes the Tokyo-controlled islands known as the Senakaku to Japan and Diaoyou to China.

28. What does "T" stands for in TAPI, the proposed natural gas pipeline being developed Asian Development Bank?

[A]Trans-Asia

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[B]Tajikistan

[C]Turkmenistan

[D]Trans

Answer:

Turkmenistan: The TAPI or Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India pipeline is a proposed natural gas pipeline being developed Asian Development Bank. Expected to be completed around 2017, the pipeline will transport Caspian Sea natural gas from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan into Pakistan and then to India.

29. The controversial 300-MW Lakhwar hydroelectric power project is related to which state?

[A]Uttarakhand

[B]Uttara Pradesh

[C]Madhya Pradesh

[D]Himachal Pradesh

Answer:

Uttarkhand: The Lakhwar project is located on the Upper Yamuna River Basin in Dehradun, district of Uttarakhand.

30. . Who among the following has been recently elected as new chief boxing coach of India?

[A]Gurbax Singh Sandhu

[B]Narottam Singh Rawat

[C]Bhaskar Rao

[D]Gurubachan Singh

Answer:

Gurbax Singh Sandhu: The long serving Gurbax Singh Sandhu was retained as the national coach of the men's Indian boxing team till the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Sandhu, was first appointed as the chief coach in 1993, was picked for a fresh term by a committee under the IBF president Abhishek Matoria.

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31. The United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP) has recently issued a warning about the nitrous oxide, which is now biggest threat to the ozone layer. Which among the following is the biggest human activity, that causes maximum nitrous oxide emission?

[A]Agriculture

[B]Industries

[C]Mining

[D]Automobiles

Answer:

Agriculture: Nitrous oxide is one of several greenhouse agents which are dubbed "Cinderella gases, because their contribution passes unnoticed. Nitrous oxide exists naturally in the atmosphere but agriculture is by far the biggest human source, producing two-thirds of emissions. It is also used in dentistry and surgery as anaesthetic and a painkiller. Now, researchers say that it has emerged as the single biggest threat to the ozone layer since chlorofluorocarbons and other damaging gases were restricted by the Montreal Protocol signed in 1987.

32. Frederick Sanger, who passed away, recently was a ___?

[A]Economist

[B]Biochemist

[C]Author

[D]Philanthropist

Answer:

Biochemist: Frederick Sanger was a British biochemist, who twice won the Nobel Prize in chemistry and was a pioneer of genome sequencing. He died at the age of 95. Sanger first won the Nobel Prize in 1958 at the age of 40 for his work on the structure of proteins. Again in 1980 he was jointly awarded Nobel Prize with Stanford University's Paul Berg and Walter Gilbert, for their work determining base sequences in nucleic acids.

33. On November 21, 2013 India entered the golden jubilee of the launch of its rocket. India's first rocket was launched from which among the following places?

[A]Thumba

[B]Balsore

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[C]Sriharikota

[D]Wheeler Island

Answer:

Thumba: India entered the golden jubilee of the launch of its first rocket from the coastal hamlet of Thumba. The American-built rocket was fired on November 1, 1963. The launch site in due course came to be known as Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launch Station and later became Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, a major centre of ISRO named after pioneer of Indian space Vikram Sarabhai.

34. The "Aranumala International Airport" is an airport project planned to be built in which state?

[A]Kerala

[B]Madhya Pradesh

[C]Gujarat

[D]Odisha

Answer:

Kerala: Aranumala International Airport is planned to be built at Aranumala, Kerala, at a cost of Rs 2,000 crores. The airport is proposed to be built on about 700 acres of land. The project faces strong protest from environmentalists and local people as well as the opposition parties in Kerala.

35. Which of the following countries is hosting the 2013 United Nations Climate Change Conference?

[A]Poland

[B]Peru

[C]Norway

[D]Sweden

Answer:

Poland: The 2013 UN Climate Change Conference being held in Warsaw, Poland from 11 to 22 November 2013, is the 19th yearly session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 19) to the 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the 9th session of the Meeting of the Parties (CMP 9) to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.

36. As per the RBI guidelines Public Sector Banks has to give loans to women SHGs at the interest rate of ___?

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[A]5 percent

[B]6 percent

[C]7 percent

[D]8 percent

Answer:

7 percent: The RBI directed public sector banks to provides loans to women self help groups at a rate of 7 per cent per annum so to get benefit of interest rate subvention scheme under the SGSY-Aajeevika scheme.

37. Which of the following countries has recently tested its first stealth drone, joining the elite group of four nations in the world to develop the Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle?

[A]China

[B]Japan

[C]Pakistan

[D]India

Answer:

China: China has successfully tested its stealth drone, joining the elite group of four nations in the world to develop the Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle. With this test flight China become the fourth power in the world, after the US, the EU and the UK, capable of putting a stealth drone into the sky.

38. The "Tirumayam Fort" popular for its architectural beauty of rock-cut temples is located in which state?

[A]Kerala

[B]Tamil Nadu

[C]Maharashtra

[D]Andhra Pradesh

Answer:

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Tamil Nadu: The Tirumayam Fort is a 40-acre wide fortress in the town of Thirumayam, Tamil Nadu. It was constructed by Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathi, the Raja of Ramnad in 1687. Recently, this fort is in news for discovery of rock paintings at three places atop the fort.

39. Who among the following is the new Chairman of the 20th Law Commission of India?

- [A]Justice D K Jain
- [B]Justice A P Shah
- [C]Justice Vikram Sen
- [D]Justice Gopal Gowda

Answer:

Justice A P Shah: The former Chief Justice of Delhi High court, Justice Ajit Prakash Shah, has taken over as Chairman of the 20th Law Commission of India. The post fell vacant following the resignation of Justice D K Jain.

40. . "Magnus Carlsen" who has been recently become the youngest worlds chess championship belongs to which country?

- [A]Russia
- [B]Sweden
- [C]France
- [D]Norway

Answer:

Norway: Norway's Magnus Carlsen ended 5 times title-holder Viswanathan Anand's reign as the world champion. Magnus Carlsen took the crown after a hard-fought draw in the 10th game of the World Chess Championship match. This was the first time in 8 world championship matches starting from 1995 that Anand has was unable to win even a single game.

41. Which among the following is the largest steel producing company of the world?

- [A]ArcelorMittal
- [B]Nippon Steel
- [C]Hebei Group

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[D]Baosteel Group

Answer:

ArcelorMittal: Options A, B, C and D are largest steel producers of the world respectively.

42. Which of the following correctly represents the world's top four largest steel producing countries?

[A]China, Japan, US and India

[B]China, US, India and Japan

[C]China, US, Japan and India

[D]US, China, Japan and India

Answer:

China, Japan, US and India: World's top four steel producing countries are China, Japan, US and India.

43. Hall of Fame Vern Mikkelsen, who passed away recently, was a famous player of __?

[A]Cricket

[B]Badminton

[C]Football

[D]Basketball

Answer:

Basketball: Vern Mikkelsen, was a famous Basketball player, who played all 10 of his NBA seasons with the then-Minneapolis Lakers died at 85.

44. Volocopter, world's first green helicopter which is noiseless and emission free has been tested in which country, recently?

[A]Japan

[B]Russia

[C]Germany

[D]USA

Answer:

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Germany: The world's first green helicopter which is noiseless and emission-free has been successfully tested in Germany. The two-seat prototype of the "Volocopter", by the company e-volo, made its maiden voyage on November 17 in Karlsruhe, Germany. The Volocopter is an environmentally friendly and emission-free private helicopter.

45. Which of the following parties has emerged as the leading party in election to Nepal's second constituent assembly?

[A]The Nepali Congress

[B]The Sadbhavna Party

[C]Nepal Majdoor Kisan Party

[D]Rastriya Prajantra Party

Answer:

The Nepali Congress: The Nepali Congress emerged as the single largest party in election to Nepal's second constituent assembly winning 105 of the 240 seats under the first-past-the-post category results which were finally declared. The Nepali congress was followed by the Communist Party of Nepal with 92 seats.

46. In Banking system, an account is designated as inoperative if it is not used for more than ___ years. Fill the blank with correct option?

[A]One

[B]Three

[C]Two

[D]Four

Answer:

Two: An account is designated as inoperative if it is not operated for more than two years. After it is deemed inoperative and eight years lapse without any operation other than interest credits and service charge debits, the account is shifted to an unclaimed deposit.

47. The Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India contains the provisions regarding:

[A]Oaths and Affirmations

[B]Scheduled languages

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[C]Administration of Tribal areas

[D]Union, State and Concurrent Lists

Answer:

Union, State and Concurrent Lists: The seventh schedule of the constitution allocates the power and functions between union and states consist of union list, state list and concurrent list

48. The "[Mount Etna](http://www.gktoday.in/mount-etna/)", "Mount Sinabung" and "Mount Merapi" are the active volcanoes located in which of the following countries, respectively?

[A]Italy, Russia and Indonesia

[B]Italy, Indonesia and Russia

[C]Italy, Indonesia and Indonesia

[D]Japan, Italy and Russia

Answer:

Italy, Indonesia and Indonesia: [Mount Etna](http://www.gktoday.in/mount-etna/) is an active stratovolcano on the east coast of Sicily, Italy. Mount Sinabung and the Mount Merapi are the active volcanoes in Indonesia.

49. In which of following states "Melghat" and "Tadoba-Andhari" Tiger reserves are located?

[A]Odisha

[B]Bihar

[C]Maharashtra

[D]West Bengal

Answer:

Maharashtra:

50. . With reference to the Amazon rainforest, consider the following statements: 1. It is spread across as many as nine countries in South America 2. Majority of the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil 3. It is a type of moist broadleaf forest Which among the above statements is / are correct?

[A]1 & 2

[B]2 & 3

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[C]1, 2 & 3

[D]1 & 3

Answer:

1, 2 & 3: The Amazon rainforest is a moist broadleaf forest that covers most of the Amazon Basin of South America. This region includes territory belonging to nine nations. The majority of the forest is contained within Brazil, with 60% of the rain forest, followed by Peru with 13%, Colombia with 10% and with minor amounts in Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.

51. Who among the following will be awarded the “Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2013”?

[A]Julian Gillard

[B]Hilary Clinton

[C]Angela Merkel

[D]Sheikh Hasina

Answer:

Angela Merkel: German Chancellor Angela Merkel will be awarded the “Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2013”. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh headed jury has chosen her name for the coveted prize. The prize was being given to the German leader because of the work done by for her for promotion of global economic stability, her commitment to universal peace and disarmament and her leadership role in strengthening productive and mutually beneficial relations with India and other developing countries.

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2. Which of the following super computers has recently retained its place at the top of a list of the world's most powerful systems?

[A]Piz Daint

[B]Tital

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[C]Tianhe-2

[D]Sequoia

Answer:

Tianhe-2: Tianhe-2, a supercomputer built by the Chinese government has retained its place at the top of the world's most powerful systems. Tianhe-2 can operate at 33.86 petaflop/s-the equivalent of 33,863 trillion calculations per second-according to a test called the Linpack benchmark. Tianhe-2 which translates as Milky Way-2 was developed by China's University of Defence Technology and will be based in the city of Guangzhou.

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<p><input type="button" id="butToggle2" class="answerbutton" onclick="this.value=this.value=='Show Answer'?'Hide Answer':'Show Answer'" value="Show Answer" /> 3. India and which of the following countries has recently decided to hold their first-ever joint air combat exercise in the Peter the Great Bay?

[A]Japan

[B]China

[C]Russia

[D]Sri Lanka

Answer:

Russia: India and Russia decided to hold their first-ever joint air combat exercise in the Peter the Great Bay-the largest gulf of the Sea of Japan adjoining Russia's cost next year.

54. The Vedanta Aluminium Ltd (VAL) has commissioned a world's first red mud powder plant in Odisha. Red mud powder has great usage in which industry?

[A]Fertilizer

[B]Cement

[C]Handicrafts

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[D]Chemicals

Answer:

Cement: [Vedanta](http://www.gktoday.in/vedanta/) Aluminium Ltd (VAL) has commissioned a red mud powder producing unit at Lanjigarh refinery in Odisha, describing it as first of its kind in aluminium industry tackling major environmental hazards. Red mud is a waste from alumina industry and it can be easily be utilised in cement industry.

55. The "ISON" which is in news nowadays is a ____?

[A]Asteroid

[B]Comet

[C]Galaxy

[D]Pulsar

Answer:

Comet: ISON is the much anticipated "comet of the century". Astronomers have predicted that the icy object could become the brightest comet of the century. ISON will come within approximately 724,000 miles of the star's surface on 28th November. ISON should become visible to the naked eye in early morning throughout December and then during the night through January.

57. What is India's ranking at the first ever "Environment and Gender Index (EGI)" launched at a side event of the Conference of Parties (COP19), recently?

[A]46

[B]54

[C]35

[D]41

Answer:

46: India's ranked 46th at the first ever "Environment and Gender Index (EGI)" launched at a side event of the Conference of Parties (COP19). The EGI-a project of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) claimed to monitor gender equality and women's empowerment in the environmental area. China ranks 34th.

58. The "CityNext" an initiative to leverage technology for sustainable growth of cities in India is being launched by____?

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[A]IBM

[B]Microsoft

[C]Facebook

[D]Yahoo

Answer:

Microsoft: Microsoft is launching its CityNext initiative to leverage technology for sustainable growth of cities in India. It has tied up with IT services majors TCS and Wipro to launch CityNext initiative. The initiative will work on 40 areas in eight domains energy and water, infrastructure, planning & buildings, transportation, public safety and justice, tourism.

59. "Leo Messi" who has been chosen for Golden Boot trophy for third time is from which country?

[A]France

[B]Italy

[C]Argentina

[D]Germany

Answer:

Argentina: Leo Messi is a Argentinean footballer. He will receive his third Golden Boot trophy in the event will be celebrated in Barcelona. The award is given to the player with highest league goal tally from the previous season. Lessi score 46 goals in the 2012-13 season, also won 2009-10 and 2011-12 editions of the award.

60. . Which one of the following book has won the 2013 US National Book Award in fiction?

[A]The Good Lord Bird

[B]Tenth of December

[C]The Lowland

[D]Bleeding Edge

Answer:

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The Good Lord Bird: Author James McBird's "The Good Lord Bird", about the journey of a young slave in the 1850s has won the prestigious US National Book Award in fiction. Pulitzer Prize winning Indian-American author Jhumpa Lahiri's new novel "The Lowland" failed to win the award.

61. Who among the following has recently become the first Indian to win the Indonesia Open?

- [A] Shiv Kapur
- [B] Anirban Lahiri
- [C] Jyoti Randhawa
- [D] Gaganjeet Bhullar

Answer:

Gaganjeet Bhullar: India's Gaganjeet Bhullar scripted a brilliant chapter in India's golfing history, winning the Indonesia Open. The Arjun awardee carded a blemish-free three-under 68 in the final round to leave behind Thailand's Chapchai Nirat and Nicolas Fung of Malaysia by three strokes.

62. At present, which of the following states has largest number products protected by the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

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

Answer:

Karnataka: As of April this year, Karnataka with 32 GI products topped the national list followed by Tamil Nadu (24), Andhra Pradesh (22) and Kerala (20).

63. Recently, the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II has upheld its award of 2010 and raising the height of the Almati reservoir from 519.60 metres to 524.26 metres. The Almatii Dam is located in __?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Odisha

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Answer:

Karnataka: The Almatti Dam is a dam project on the Krishna River in North Karnataka. The Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal II has upheld its award of 2010 raising the height of the Almatti reservoir from 519.60 metres to 524.26 metres.

64. 26 metres. The Almatii Dam is located in ___?

[A]Axis Bank

[B]Andhra Bank

[C]SBI

[D]ICICI

Answer:

Andhra Bank: Andhra Bank has launched its new insurance-linked savings account scheme "AB Jeevan Abhya Plus" from December 1. As per the scheme, customers who would opt for this savings account will be provided insurance cover of Rs.2 lakhs.

65. Who among the following has won the Macau Prix Gold Title 2013?

[A]PV Sindhu

[B]Ashwini Ponnappa

[C]Saina Nehwal

[D]P Kashyap

Answer:

PV Sindhu: India's rising shuttler PV Sindhu clinched the women's singles title at the Macau Open Grand Prix Gold tournament. Sindhu beat world no.30 Li Michelle of Canada 21-15, 21-12.

66. The Rural Ministry has launched a "Kaam Mango Abhiyan" which seeks to increase awareness around the entitlements of ___?

[A]MGNREGA

[B]NRLM

[C]NBA

[D]IAY

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Answer:

MGNREGA: The Ministry of Rural Development has launched a "Kaam Mango Abhiyan" after recognising the work under MGNREGA is not necessarily due to lack of demand but caused by a failure to capture demand effectively. This campaign seeks to increase awareness around the entitlements of MGNREGA and increase participation in the programme by fulfilling the guarantee

67. Which of the following committees has been constituted to prepare a roadmap for enhancing domestic production of oil and gas so as to reduce the nation's import dependency by 2030?

[A]Mayaram Committee

[B]Vijay Kelkar Committee

[C]Shah Committee

[D]Jain Committee

Answer:

Vijay Kelkar Committee: The government had in March appointed a panel under economist Vijay Kelkar to prepare a roadmap for enhancing domestic production of oil and gas so as to reduce the nation's import dependency by 2030. The panel has been asked to suggest steps to be taken for enhancing domestic oil and gas production from the unconventional energy sources and institutional mechanism for appraisal of Indian sedimentary basins to the extent of 75 per cent by 2015 and 100 per cent by 2025.

68. With reference to "Operation Blue Virus" which of the following statement is true?

[A]An undercover investigation by Cobrapost

[B]An operation conducted by terrorists to steal information from foreign websites

[C]A mission carried out to destroy chemical weapons in Syria

[D]An operation to check MERS disease spread in Arab countries

Answer:

An undercover investigation by Cobrapost: The operation blue virus, an undercover investigation by Cobrapost to show how social media platforms such as facebook, Twitter and other are coming in handy for politicians to artificially boost their popularity, and malign their opponents, with help of IT companies across India which specialize in providing customized online reputation management services, for a fee.

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69. The “Tuareg separatist group” is a rebellion group active in which country?

[A]Turkey

[B]Mali

[C]Somalia

[D]Nigeria

Answer:

Mali: The Tuareg separatist group is a rebel group active in Mali with the aim of achieving autonomy or forming their own nation-state.

70. . The term Cephalic Index is used for ___?

[A]Head

[B]Nose

[C]Brain

[D]Eyes

Answer:

Head: The Cephalic index or cranial index is the ratio of the maximum width of the head of an organism multiplied by 100 divided by its maximum length. Today it is mainly widely used to describe individuals appearances and for estimating the age of foetuses for legal and obstetrical reasons.

71. Who among the following has recently become UNICEF’s brand ambassador for South Asia?

[A]Amir Khan

[B]Ajay devagan

[C]Sachin Tendulkar

[D]Virat Kohli

Answer:

Sachin Tendulkar: Recently-retired batting legend Sachin Tendulkar became the UNICEF’s first brand ambassador for South Asia and is all set to work in promoting hygiene and sanitation in the region.

72. The “Panch Prayag” which connotes the five sacred river confluences is in the state of ___?

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[A]Himachal Pradesh

[B]Madhya Pradesh

[C]Uttarakhand

[D]Andhra Pradesh

Answer:

Uttarakhand: The Panch Prayag the five sacred river confluence is in the state of Uttarakhand. The five prayags are Vishnu Prayag, Nand Prayag, Karn Prayag, Rudra Prayag and Dev Prayag.

73. The National Tiger Conservation Authority has recently given approval to set up Tiger Reserve in Nagzira, which is located in ___?

[A]Punjab

[B]Maharashtra

[C]Tamil Nadu

[D]Odisha

Answer:

Maharashtra: The National Tiger Conservation Authority has given approval to set up 5th Tiger Reserve in Nagzira, Maharashtra. This reserve would be between Gondia and Bhandra districts, it would be home to surplus tigers from Tadoba.

74. In which of the following states India's first Synthetic Rubber Plant was launched, recently?

[A]Kerala

[B]Goa

[C]Haryana

[D]Tamil Nadu

Answer:

Haryana: India's first Synthetic Rubber Plant launched by Veerappa Moily, Union Minister of Petroleum at Panipat in Haryana. Country's first styrene butadiene rubber (e-SBR) unit was set up by Indian Synthetic Rubber Limited. This will be used for manufacturing of dairy need products and manufacturing automobiles.

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75. The "Peace Clause" which is in news recently, is an Agreement on Agriculture related to __?

[A]European Union

[B]World Trade Organisation

[C]ASEAN

[D]SAARC

Answer:

World Trade Organisation: The Peace Clause refers to article 13 of the World Trade Organisation's Agreement on Agriculture. Article 13 holds that domestic support measures and export subsidies of a WTO member that are legal under the provisions of the agreement on agriculture cannot be challenged by other WTO members on grounds of being illegal under the provisions of another WTO agreement.

76. Name the Indian Origin who received Asian Lite Professional Excellence Award in UK?

[A]Jaswinder S Bamrah

[B]Jaipal S Singh

[C]Aravind Ramesh

[D]Dinesh Mishra

Answer:

Jaswinder S Bamrah: Asian Lite Professional Excellence Award in UK Achieved by Jaswinder S Bamrah, Indian origin. He achieved this award for his contribution to the medical field in UK.

77. Which one of the following treaties aims at eliminating the anti-personnel landmines around the world?

[A]Ottawa treaty

[B]Moscow treaty

[C]Geneva treaty

[D]Berlin treaty

Answer:

Ottawa treaty: The Ottawa treaty or often simply referred to as the Mine Ban Treaty, but officially known as the Convention on the Prohibition and Transfer of Anti-Production and Transfer of Anti-

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Personnel Mines and on their destruction, aims at eliminating anti-personnel landmines around the world.

78. The International lawn tennis player nicknamed as "King of Clay Court":

[A] Roger Federer

[B] Rafael Nadal

[C] Novak Djokovic

[D] Andrew Murray

Answer:

Rafael Nadal: Spanish professional tennis player Rafael Nadal has earned the nickname "King of Clay".

79. Who among the following has been named as new Chief Justice of Pakistan?

[A] Tassaduq Hussain Jilani

[B] Salman Bhatt

[C] Mohammed Khan

[D] Misba-Ullakh-Khan

Answer:

Tassaduq Hussain Jilani: Tassaduq Hussain Jilani was named Pakistan's new Chief Justice of Pakistan, replacing Iftikar Chaudhry. President Mamnoon Hussain approves Jilani's elevation to the post. His appointment will come into effect from December 12, a day after Chaudhry, the longest serving Chief Justice, retires.

80. . In which of the following states the " Sonepur Cattle Fair" Asia's largest cattle fair has been kicked off, recently?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Bihar

[C] Rajasthan

[D] Odisha

Answer:

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Bihar: The Sonapur Cattle Fair or Malegaon Mela is held on Karthika Poornima in the month of November in Sonapur, Bihar, on the confluence of river Ganges and Gandak. Till date, it is the biggest cattle fair of Asia and stretches from fifteen days to one month. It has origins during ancient times. This is when Chandragupta Maurya used to buy elephants and horses across the river Ganges. This year the fair began on November 16.

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