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1. Recently (September, 2013), which one of the following countries has successfully tested the "Epsilon" new cheaper rocket?

[A] China

[B] Italy

[C] Japan

[D] USA

Answer:

Japan Japan's Aerospace Exploration Agency or JAXA successfully launched a new rocket named Epsilon which is cheaper and more efficient than its previous rockets.

2. Which of the followings is/are the major basins in India with shale gas potential?

1. Krishna Godavari 2. Cauvery 3. Damodar 4. Indo Gangetic

Chose the correct answer from codes given below:

[A] Only 1 & 2

[B] Only 2 & 3

[C] Only 1 & 4

[D] 1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2, 3 & 4 The major basins in India with shale gas potential include Cambay, Gujarat, Assam-Arakan in the northeast, Gondawana in central India, Krishna Godavari in Andhra Pradesh, Cauvery onshore, Damodar basin and the Indo Gangetic basin.

3. Damodar 4. Indo Gangetic Chose the correct answer from codes given below:

[A] Haryana

[B] Himachal Pradesh

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[C]Uttarakhand

[D]Uttar Pradesh

Answer:

Uttarakhand Rajaji National Park is famous park in Uttarakhand

4. Indo Gangetic Chose the correct answer from codes given below:

[A]Operation Nizam

[B]Operation Diamond

[C]Operation Polo

[D]Operation Bluestar

Answer:

Operation Polo Operation Polo, the code name of the Hyderabad Police Action was a military operation in September 17, 1948 in which the Indian Armed Force invaded the State of Hyderabad and overthrew its Nizam, annexing the state into the Indian Union.

5. Who among the followings has become the first Indian-Origin contestant to win the Miss America Pageant?

[A]Theresa Vali

[B]Nina Davuluri

[C]Mallory Hagan

[D]Priya Hassan

Answer:

Nina Davuluri Indian-origin American, Nina Davuluri became the first Indian-origin contestant to win the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. She is the first Indian-origin woman to be chosen as Miss America.

6. As per the latest annual Forbes wealthiest Americans list, the richest person in America is?

[A]Warren Buffett

[B]Bill Gates

[C]Michael Dell

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[D]Mark Zuckerberg

Answer:

Bill Gates Bill gates is the richest American for the 20th year in a row and has reclaimed the title of world's richest person from the Mexico's Carlos slim with a net worth of \$72 billion. Warren Buffett, again number two, was the year's biggest dollar gainer, having added \$ 12.5 billion dollar to his fortune.

7. Recently (September, 2013), which of the following countries has committed financial and technical assistance to India for the Green Energy Corridor?

[A]Japan

[B]Germany

[C]Australia

[D]Norway

Answer:

Germany Germany has committed financial and technical assistance to India for the green energy corridors. It includes financial assistance of Euro 250 million as reduced interest loan.

8. In which of the following deserts "Death Valley" is located?

[A]Kalahari

[B]Mojave

[C]Sahara

[D]Great Sandy

Answer:

Mojave Death Valley is a desert valley located in Eastern California. Situated within the Mojave Desert, it is the lowest, hottest and driest area in North America.

9. Which of the following countries is/are often referred to as the Gulf Cooperation Council states?

1.UAE 2.Bahrain 3.Saudi Arabia 4.Oman 5.Iraq Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1, 2 & 3

[B]Only 1, 2 & 4

[C]Only 1, 2, 3 & 4

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[D]All the above

Answer:

Only 1, 2, 3 & 4 United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait are often referred to as the Gulf Cooperation Council states. Iraq is the only Arab country bordering the Persian Gulf that is not a member of the council.

10. . Which of the followings is the largest cultivable crop in India?

[A] Wheat

[B]Paddy

[C]Barley

[D]Soyabean

Answer:

Paddy Paddy is the largest cultivable crop in India.

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11. Which of the followings is the only planet other than earth on which deserts have been identified?

[A]Mercury

[B]Mars

[C]Venus

[D]Saturn

Answer:

Mars Mars is the only planet in the solar system on which deserts have been identified.

12. Which of the following committees is/are related to Pachayat Raj system? 1.Balwant Rai Mehta Committee 2.Ashok Mehta Committee 3.G V K Rao Committee 4.Tarakunde Committee Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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[A]Only 1 & 2

[B]Only 1, 2 & 3

[C]Only 2, 3 & 4

[D]All the above

Answer:

Only 1, 2 & 3

13. G V K Rao Committee 4.Tarakunde Committee Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Ozone lets save it

[B]A healthy atmosphere, the future we want

[C]Ozone safety future safety

[D]Save earth

Answer:

A healthy atmosphere, the future we want

14. Tarakunde Committee Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Vitamin B

[B]Vitamin A

[C]Protein

[D]Iodine

Answer:

Vitamin A Golden rice is a variety of rice produced through genetic engineering to biosynthesize beta-carotene, a precursor of Vitamin A, in the edible parts of rice. The research was conducted with the goal of producing a fortified food to be grown and consumed in areas with a shortage of dietary Vitamin A.

15. Which of the following is the first Urdu law dictionary released recently?

[A]Taziraat-e-Hind

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[B]Qanoon Shahadat-e-Hindi

[C]Kanoon Lugat

[D]Taziraat Lugat

Answer:

Kanoon Lugat Kanoon Lugat an Urdu law dictionary, billed as a first of its kind in the country, was released in Mumbai. The dictionary encompassing 52,000 legal terms, has been translated in Urdu for the first time.

16. As per the New Pension scheme, if a subscriber exists after age of 60 years, the subscriber would be required to invest at least ___% of pension wealth to purchase an annuity. Fill the blank with correct answer?

[A]20

[B]40

[C]60

[D]80

Answer:

40 As per the New Pension scheme, if a subscriber exists after age of 60 years, the subscriber would be required to invest at least 40 % of pension wealth to purchase an annuity. The remaining 20% may be withdrawn as lump sum.

17. Recently (September, 2013), which country has decided not to supply weapon systems to Pakistan?

[A]USA

[B]China

[C]Israel

[D]Japan

Answer:

Israel With its defence ties with India growing at a rapid pace, Israel asserted that it will not supply any weapon systems and military hardware to Pakistan, saying the policy in this regard was very clear and strict.

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18. In which of the following countries is located "Mount Sinabung" volcano?

[A]Indonesia

[B]Chile

[C]Argentina

[D]Japan

Answer:

Indonesia Mount Sinabung is a Pleistocene-to-Holocene stratovolcano in North Sumatra, Indonesia. On 15 September, the volcano erupted. More than 3,700 people were evacuated from areas within a three kilometre radius of the volcano.

19. India and _____ has decided to observe 2014 as the "Year of Friendly Exchanges". Fill the blank with correct option?

[A]China

[B]Bhutan

[C]Russia

[D]Pakistan

Answer:

China India and China will observe 2014 as the year of Friendly Exchanges.

20. . Which of the followings has been awarded with "Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Shield " on the occasion of Hindi Diwas?

[A]NTPC

[B]ONGC

[C]BSNL

[D]SBI

Answer:

NTPC In recognition of its effort towards propagation of Rajbhasha, NTPC, India's largest power company has been awarded with Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Shield by the president of India Sri Pranab

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Mukherjee on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. The award was received by Dr Arup Roy Choudhury, Chairman and Managing Director of NTPC.

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21. As per the latest announcement made by RBI, domestic scheduled commercial banks are now allowed to open branches in ____ centres without RBI permission. Fill the blank with correct option?

[A] Tier I

[B] Tier II

[C] Tier III

[D] Tier IV

Answer:

Tier I With the objective of further liberalising and rationalising the branch authorisation policy, the general permission to domestic scheduled commercial banks (other than RRBs) is now allowed to open branched in Tier I centres without RBI permission provided they fulfil certain conditions.

22. Pico hydro is a term used for hydroelectric power generation of under ____?

[A] 10-50 kw

[B] 10-100 kw

[C] 0-5 kw

[D] 100-300 kw

Answer:

0-5 kw Pico hydro is a term used for hydroelectric power generation of under 5 kw. It is useful in small, remote communities that require only a small amount of electricity.

23. Recently (September, 2013), Tata group has planned to set up new full-service airline in India with which of the following airline companies?

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[A]American Airlines

[B]Singapore Airlines

[C]British Airways

[D]Qantas Airways

Answer:

Singapore Airlines Indian conglomerate Tata Group and Singapore Airlines plan to set up a new full-service airline in India, nearly 15 years after their last attempt failed. The two companies plan to initially invest \$ 100m in the new airline, Tata will own 51% and Singapore Airlines will own the rest.

24. The “National Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Policy aims to promote optimal development and active learning capacity of children below__ years. Fill the blank with correct option?

[A]Five

[B]Six

[C]Ten

[D]Twelve

Answer:

Six The National Early Childhood Care and Education Policy is to promote inclusive, equitable and contextualized opportunities for promoting optimal development and active learning capacity of all children below six years.

25. With which of the following games the term “Muzzle” is associated?

[A]Shooting

[B]Football

[C]Hockey

[D]Badminton

Answer:

Shooting

26. Which of the followings is/are can be used in Food irradiation technology? 1.X-rays 2.Gamma rays 3.Electron beams 4.Infrared rays Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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[A]Only 1 & 3

[B]Only 1 & 2

[C]Only 2 & 4

[D]Only 1, 2 & 3

Answer:

Only 1, 2 & 3 Food irradiation is the process of treating food with a specific dosage of ionizing radiation. This treatment slows or halts spoilage by retarding enzymic action or destroying microorganisms and it can also inactivate foodborne pathogenic organisms. Irradiation treatment can be achieved by exposing the food items to electronic beam, Gamma rays and X-rays.

27. Which one of the following statements is/are correct about "Direct Bank" system? 1.It is a bank without any branch network and offer its service via online banking and telephone banking 2.Most direct banks offer only online savings accounts and these bank typically offer higher interest rates Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1

[B]Only 2

[C]Both 1 & 2

[D]Neither 1 nor 2

Answer:

Both 1 & 2

28. Recently (September, 2013), which country senate has approved the ban on beauty pageants for children below 16 years?

[A]France

[B]Russia

[C]USA

[D]Canada

Answer:

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France France senate has voted to ban beauty pageants for children under 16, in an effort to defend children's especially girls' rights. Anyone who enters a child into such a contest would face up to two years in prison and 30,000 euros fines.

29. Which of the followings is the modern method of production of synthetic petrol?

[A]Karrick process

[B]Bergius process

[C]Fischer-Tropsch process

[D]Bessemer process

Answer:

Fischer-Tropsch process Fischer-Tropsch conversion is the modern method of production of synthetic petrol. The Fischer-Tropsch process is a collection of carbon reactions that converts a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen into liquid hydrocarbons.

30. . "Obabiyi Aishah Ajibola" who won Miss Muslimah World 2013 title is from which country?

[A]Nigeria

[B]Kenya

[C]Indonesia

[D]Turkey

Answer:

Nigeria Miss Nigeria, Obabiyi Aishah Ajibola" won the Miss Muslimah World contest which was organised by the World Muslimah Foundation in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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31. What is the name of powerful Typhoon which hit Philippines and Taiwan recently?

[A]Typhoon Narghese

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[B]Typhoon Usagi

[C]Typhoon Rambo

[D]Typhoon Swift

Answer:

Typhoon Usagi Typhoon Usagi, the most powerful storm of this year, unleashed torrential rain and ferocious winds in Taiwan and Philippines. Usagi which means rabbit in Japanese packed winds of 165 km/h hits.

32. Which one of the following is the only African state not a member of African Union?

[A]Algeria

[B]Morocco

[C]Cameroon

[D]Libya

Answer:

Morocco The African Union is a union consisting of 54 African states. The only all-African state not in the AU is Morocco. Morocco left AU's predecessor, the Organisation of African Unity in 1984, when majority of the member countries supported the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, resulting on SADR admission to the AU.

33. Recently (September, 2013), who among the followings has been appointed as chairman of "National Commission for Backward Classes"?

[A]Justice V Eswaraih

[B]Justice M N Rao

[C]Justice Narendra Babu

[D]Justice Gopala Gowda

Answer:

Justice V Eswaraih Government of India has appointed Justice Vangala Eswaraih, former acting Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh as the chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes. The National Commission of Backward Classes has been set up under the National Commission for Backward Classes Act 1993.

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34. "Naseem Al Bahr" is a biennial Naval Exercise between India and which country?

- [A]Iran
- [B]Mexico
- [C]Oman
- [D]Nigeria

Answer:

Oman The ninth edition of the bilateral Indian Navy-Royal Omani Navy biennial exercise begins in the North Arabian Sea. With the first Indian Navy-Royal Navy of Oman exercise having been conducted in 1993, this year marks 20 years of IN-RNO bilateral exercise. "Naseem Al Bahr" 2013 will be the ninth edition of the bilateral exercise between two navies.

35. Who among the followings is/are members of National Integration Council (NIC) of India? 1.Union Ministers 2.Governors of all States 3.Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha 4.Chief Minister of all States & UT's with Legislature Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Answer:

Only 1, 3 & 4 National Integration Council set up in early 1960s by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the NIC held its first meeting in 1962. Currently chaired by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, the NIC has 147 members including Union Ministers, leaders of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, Chief Ministers of all the States and Union Territories with Legislature.

36. The "Emmy Awards" are given for recognizes excellence in the _____?

- [A]Theatre
- [B]Music
- [C]Television
- [D]Film

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Answer:

Television Emmy awards or simply Emmy recognises excellence in the Television Industry.

37. Against which of the following Indian power projects Pakistan has raised objections? 1.Ratle 2.Lower Kalnai 3.Miyar Nallah 4.Pakaldul Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1 & 2

[B]Only 1, 2 & 4

[C]Only 1, 2 & 3

[D]All the above

Answer:

All the above Indus water commissioners of India and Pakistan began discussion on four power projects that are coming up in Jammu and Kashmir. The commissioners will discuss objections raised by Pakistan on India's four hydrothermal projects in Chenab basin, being constructed under Indus water treaty 1960. Three of the projects, namely Ratle (850 MW), lower Kalnai (48 MW), and Miyar Nallah (120 MW) are run of the river projects, while the 1000 MW Pakaldul project involves very insignificant pondage.

38. "Angela Merkel" who won the German election for the third time belongs to which political party?

[A]Christian Democratic Union

[B]Social Democratic Party

[C]Christian Social Union

[D]Free Democratic Party

Answer:

Christian Democratic Union The German Chancellor Angela Merkel has secured a third time in office, with her party the Christian Democrats winning 41 and half percent of the vote in federal states.

39. Which of the following hill stations located in the Kumaon ranges?

[A]Almora

[B]Udagamandalam

[C]Yercaud

[D]Kodaikanal

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Answer:

Almora Almora is located on a ridge at the southern edge of the Kumaon Hills of the Himalaya range. Almora is considered the cultural heart of the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand.

40. . In which of the following states “Mainline Electrical Multiple Unit (MEMU)” Coach factory is being coming up?

[A]Gujarat

[B]Haryana

[C]Rajasthan

[D]Tamil Nadu

Answer:

Rajasthan Sonia Gandhi, the Chairperson of UPA has laid the foundation stone of Mainline Electrical Multiple Unit (MEMU) Coach Factory at near Rupaheli station, Bhilwara District, Rajasthan. MEMU Coach Factory has been approved in the Rail Budget 2013-14 at an estimated cost of Rs 800 crore. This factory is a joint effort of Indian Railways, Government of Rajasthan and BHEL. Once operational, this factory will meet the demand of MEMU coaches on Indian Railways to large extent.

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41. Who among the following has been honoured with the Pride of the Nation award?

[A]John Abraham

[B]Akshay Kumar

[C]Salman Khan

[D]Saif Ali Khan

Answer:

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John Abraham Bollywood actor John Abraham has been conferred the Pride of the Nation award for his attempt to raise the sensitive issue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi assassination through his role as a RAW agent in Madras Cafe film.

42. Which one of the following countries is known as “Play ground of Europe”?

[A]Turkey

[B]Brazil

[C]Switzerland

[D]Germany

Answer:

Switzerland Switzerland is known as Play ground of Europe.

43. Which one of the followings has bagged the best film award at “Ladakh International Film Festival”?

[A]Lunch Box

[B]Chennai Express

[C]OASS

[D]Barfi

Answer:

OASS Abhinav Shiv Tiwari's OASS, a movie on human trafficking, was adjudged as the best film at the second edition of the Ladakh International Film Festival.

44. Recently (September, 2013), which software company has launched Finacle 11E an advanced universal banking solution to simplify banking transformation?

[A]Infosys

[B]IBM

[C]Wipro

[D]TCS

Answer:

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Infosys Infosys launched Finacle 11E – An advanced universal banking solution to simplify banking transformation. The solutions componentized approach helps banks of the all size to rapidly monetize their operations, in a phased manner while minimizing risk.

45. Recently (September, 2013), which of the following nations has been granted status as “authorizing nation” under the international Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) to test and certify electronic and IT products?

[A]India

[B]Pakistan

[C]Sri Lanka

[D]China

Answer:

India India has been granted status as “authorizing nation” under the international Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) to test and certify electronic and IT products with respect to cyber security. India has become the 17th nation to earn such recognition among the 26-member CCRA countries like South Korea, France, Japan, Australia and Turkey.

46. Recently (September, 2013), which of the following internet search company has decided to set up a company called Calico, to develop technologies to tackle health issues related to aging?

[A]Yahoo

[B]Google

[C]MSN

[D]Rediff

Answer:

Google Google said it plans to set up a new company called Calico, headed by Apple and Genetech Chairman Art Levinson, to develop technologies to tackle health issues related to aging. The new company will focus on issues including life-threatening diseases and problems affecting mental and physical agility due to aging.

47. In which of the following states “Sipat Thermal Power Plant” has been inaugurated recently?

[A]Odisha

[B]Chhattisgarh

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[C]Jharkhand

[D]Madhya Pradesh

Answer:

Chhattisgarh Prime Minister Manmohan Singh dedicated the state-run NTPC's Sipat thermal power plant in Chhattisgarh to the nation. The 2,980 WM coal-based Sipat thermal power plant has three units of 660 MW and two units of 500WM, which are already operational.

48. Recently (September, 2013), which of the following UNESCO world heritage site of India has been restored to formal glory?

[A]Red fort

[B]Humayun's Tomb

[C]Taj Mahal

[D]Hampi

Answer:

Humayun's Tomb UNSECO world heritage site, Humayun's Tomb has been restored to its formal glory by Aga Khan Trust for culture in partnership with Archaeological Survey of India. The restoration project began in 2007 and was co-funded by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust.

49. The "Murrah" is the most important and well known buffalo breed indigenous to which state?

[A]Haryana

[B]Karnataka

[C]Rajasthan

[D]Punjab

Answer:

Haryana The Murrah buffalo is the most important and well known buffalo breed in the world. It is one of the best breeds for milk production and found all over the Asia. Murrah buffalo originate in Haryana and dispersed to the Punjab in India and Punjab province of Pakistan.

50. . Who among the followings has been chosen for "Policy Leadership Award-2013" in Agriculture?

[A]Oman Chandi

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[B]Narendra Modi

[C]Prakash Singh Badal

[D]Siddaramaiah

Answer:

Prakash Singh Badal Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal would be honoured with the Policy Leadership Award in agriculture during the Agriculture Leadership Summit-2013. The 6th Agriculture Leadership Award Committee-2013 headed by eminent agriculture scientist and Parliamentarian M S Swaminathan had selected Badal for Policy Leadership Award for the year 20113.

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51. In which of the following places, union government decided to set up an "Information Technology Investment Region"?

[A]Bangalore

[B]Hyderabad

[C]Bhopal

[D]Panaji

Answer:

Hyderabad Central government has decided to set up an Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) in Hyderabad. The cabinet committee on economic affairs chaired by Manmohan Singh, approved ITIR near Hyderabad subject to certain conditions. Total investment envisaged for ITIR is about 1.19 lakh crore of which IT/ITES sector could attract 1.18 lakh crore and the Electronic Hardware Manufacturing 1.01 lakh crore.

52. Recently (September, 2013), which country firm has won a 1,900 crore order from India to supply self-protection system for Dhruv, indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter?

[A]France

[B]Swedish

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[C]Japan

[D]Russia

Answer:

Russia Swedish defence firm Saab announced it has won a 1, 900 crore order from India to supply self-protection system for Dhruv, its indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter. The order, worth Swedish Krona 216 million, was placed by Indian Defence Public Sector Undertaking for aerospace systems, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

53. Which of the following states of India are home to Rhino? 1.Assam 2.West Bengal 3.Bihar 4.Uttar Pradesh Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1 & 2

[B]Only 2 & 3

[C]Only 1 & 4

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2, 3 & 4 There are four rhino-bearing states in India viz.Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

54. Uttar Pradesh Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]K N Daruwall

[B]Tsering Namgyal Shanoo

[C]Wajahat Habibullah

[D]Ajaib Singh

Answer:

Wajahat Habibullah Wajahat Habibullah is the current Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities.

55. Which of the following movies has been nominated to represent India in the best foreign film category at next Oscar awards?

[A]The Lunchbox

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[B]Bhaag Milkha Bhaag

[C]English Vinglish

[D]The Good Road

Answer:

The Good Road Gyan Correa's National award-winning Gujarati film "The Good Road" a lost and found story of a small boy, was nominated to represents India in the best foreign film category at next year's Oscars. There were 22 entries from different parts of India for consideration this year.

56. World Alzheimer's Day is observed on _____?

[A]September 20

[B]September 21

[C]September 22

[D]September 22

Answer:

September 21 September 21st of each year, is a day on which Alzheimer's organisations around the world concentrate their efforts on raising awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia.

57. "Maliabad", a place in Uttar Pradesh is world renowned for _____?

[A]Banana

[B]Apple

[C]Mangoes

[D]Citrus

Answer:

Mangoes Maliabad is a town and a nagar panchayat in Lucknow district of Uttar Pradesh. It is the mango belt of North India and is internationally acclaimed for its mangoes.

58. Recently (September, 2013), union government gave its approval for setting up refinery-cum-petrochemical complex in Rajasthan which would be developed by?

[A]HPCL

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[B]ONGC

[C]Reliance

[D]IOC

Answer:

HPCL The government gave its approval for setting up a Rs 37,299 crore refinery-cum-petrochemical complex by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in Rajasthan. HPCL will set up the Greenfield project in Barmer district of Rajasthan in a joint venture with the state government. HPCL is to hold up to 74 per cent stake in the project, while the balance will be with Rajasthan government.

59. Which of the followings has been separated by the "Luzon Strait"?

[A]Taiwan and Philippines

[B]China and Japan

[C]Australia and New Zealand

[D]India and Sri Lanka

Answer:

Taiwan and Philippines The Luzon strait is the strait between Taiwan and Luzon island of the Philippines. The strait thereby connects the Philippines Sea to the South China Sea in the western Pacific Ocean.

60. . Recently (September, 2013), who among the followings has been appointed as first Ambassador for Border Security Force (BSF)?

[A]Virat Kohli

[B]Sachin Tendulkar

[C]Ranbeer Kapoor

[D]Amir Khan

Answer:

Virat Kohli Indian cricket team's batting mainstay Virat Kohli has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of the country's second largest paramilitary force BSF.

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61. Which of the following countries will host "NATO summit-2014" nearly after 20 years of hosting first summit?

[A] Britain

[B] Egypt

[C] Australia

[D] Japan

Answer:

Britain Britain will host the 2014 NATO Summit, the first time the meeting has been held in the country in more than 20 years. Britain last hosted the summit in 1990, when Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister.

62. Recently (September, 2013), which of the following become the latest country to ratify "Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty"?

[A] Italy

[B] Iraq

[C] Turkey

[D] Uganda

Answer:

Iraq Iraq ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). With this number of countries that have fully adhered to the treaty rose to 161. The accord, however, cannot enter into force until the US, China and six other states follow suit. The CTBT must be signed and ratified by 44 specific states, only 36 of which have done so including France, Russia and Britain.

63. Consider the following Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology 2013 recipients: 1. Dr Yamuna Krishnan 2. Dr S C Raghavan 3. Dr Ekanth Prabhakar Ghate 4. Dr Pushkar Sharma Which of the following correctly represents the fields from which they have been chosen for the award?

[A] Chemical, Biological, Mathematical, Medical

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[B]Biological, Chemical, Mathematical, Medical

[C]Medical, Mathematical, Biological, Chemical

[D]Biological, Medical, Chemical, Mathematical

Answer:

Chemical, Biological, Mathematical, Medical

64. Dr Pushkar Sharma Which of the following correctly represents the fields from which they have been chosen for the award?

[A]No One to Attest

[B]None of the Above

[C]None Other Than Assigned

[D]No Objection To Avoid

Answer:

None of the Above The Supreme Court of India for the first time allowed voters to cast negative vote by pressing a button saying none of the candidate is worthy of his vote. The SC asked the Election Commission to Provide None Of The Above (NOTA) button on EVMs and ballot papers. The court said that the right to vote and the right to say NOTA are both part of basic rights of voters.

65. The Salary of Chief Election Commissioner of India is equal to the salary of___?

[A]Judges of High Court

[B]Judge of Supreme Court

[C]Comptroller and Auditor General

[D]Chief Justice of India

Answer:

Judge of Supreme Court The salary of Chief Election Commissioner of India is equal to the salary of Supreme Court Judge.

66. Which of the following constituents the "Foreign Exchange Reserves" of India? 1. Gold 2. Special Drawing Rights 3. Foreign Currency loans 4. Reserve Position in the IMF Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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[A]Only 1, 2 & 3

[B]Only 1, 2 & 4

[C]Only 1, 3 & 4

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2, 3 & 4 In India, Foreign Exchange Reserves are the foreign assets held or controlled by the Reserve Bank of India. The reserves are made of gold or specific currency. They can also be special drawing rights (SDR) and marketable securities dominated in foreign currencies like treasury bills, government bonds, corporate bonds and equities and foreign currency loans.

67. Recently (September, 2013), which of the following ministries kicked off “777 Days of the Incredible Indian Himalayas” campaign?

[A]Ministry of Forest and Environment

[B]Ministry of Science and Technology

[C]Ministry of Tourism

[D]Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Answer:

Ministry of Tourism To promote the virgin peaks of Himalayas and attract both domestic and International tourist during lean summer seasons, the Ministry of Tourism launched the “777 Days of Incredible Indian Himalayas” campaign.

68. Which one of the following is not G-4 country?

[A]Germany

[B]India

[C]Australia

[D]Japan

Answer:

Australia The G4 nations include India, Brazil, Germany and Japan.

69. Which of the following constituents of whole milk is almost absent in the Skimmed milk?

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[A]Protein

[B]Fat

[C]Calcium

[D]Minerals

Answer:

Fat Skimmed milk is milk with an extremely low percentage of fat, also called fat free milk.

70. . “World Tourism Day” is observed on _____ ?

[A]September 22

[B]September 25

[C]September 27

[D]September 28

Answer:

September 27 World Tourism Day is celebrated every year on September 27. The theme of this year is Tourism and Water: protecting our common future.

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71. Which of the following is called as “Gateway to Tiger Reserves” in India?

[A]Mysore

[B]Nagpur

[C]Ranchi

[D]Patna

Answer:

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Nagpur Nagpur, Maharashtra's second capital promoted as the "gateway to tiger reserve" as it is the entry point to 13 of the 39 tiger reserves in the country.

72. In context to India's defence structure "Helina" is an upgraded version of which missile?

[A]Prithvi

[B]Nag

[C]Akash

[D]Dhanush

Answer:

Nag Helina is HELicopter launched Nag. It is the upgraded version of India's third generation anti-tank Nag missiles. Nag is a third generation "fire-and-forget" anti-tank missile developed in India. It is one of the five missile systems developed by DRDO under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.

73. With which of the following sports the "Sultan Johor Cup" is related?

[A]Hockey

[B]Football

[C]Baseball

[D]Tennis

Answer:

Hockey

74. Recently (September, 2013), India and Nepal armies have come together for a joint military exercise, which focuses on counter-insurgency operations. The exercise is codenamed as_____?

[A]Surya Kiran

[B]Indra Shakti

[C]Eagle Eyes

[D]Surya Shakti

Answer:

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Surya Kiran India and Nepal armies have come together once again at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand for a joint military exercise, which focuses on counter-insurgency operations. The exercise codenamed "Surya Kiran" will continue till October 6. In this exercise, which is the fifth edition in the series, an infantry battalion from the Indian army and an equivalent strength from the Nepalese army would share their experiences gained during counter-insurgency operations.

75. Name the top Chinese Politician who has been recently gets life time sentence for corruption and abuse of power?

[A]Tsai Tsong Po

[B]Bo Xilai

[C]Jio Xing

[D]Jio Tsong

Answer:

Bo Xilai Bo Xilai the former party chief of Chongqing was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was found guilty of bribery, embezzlement and abuse of power.

76. Union government has launched a new skill development scheme "Seekho aur Kamao" for the youth of _____ ?

[A]Scheduled Tribes

[B]Backward Classes

[C]Minority Communities

[D]Scheduled Caste

Answer:

Minority Communities The government has launched a new skill development scheme for the youth of minority communities. Seekho aur Kamao (Learn and Earn) scheme in partnership with the private sector will provide training and employment to the youths. Through "Seekho aur Kamao", the ministry hopes to arm minorities, especially Muslims who suffer from particularly high school dropout and unemployment rates, with vocational skills so that they could make a living on their own.

77. Which of the following Tiger reserves is/are located in Madhya Pradesh? 1.Bandhavgarh 2.Bori-Satpur 3.Sanjay Dubri 4.Nagarahole Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1, 2 & 3

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[B]Only 2, 3 & 4

[C]Only 1, 2 & 4

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

Only 1, 2 & 3 Nagarhole tiger reserve is in Karnataka

78. Who among the following has been elected as Chairperson of “International Coffee Council”?

[A]Jawaid Akhtar

[B]Sayeed Ibrahim

[C]Naveen Kocchar

[D]Shafiq Uddin

Answer:

Jawaid Akhtar Jawaid Akhtar, the chairman of Coffee Board of India, has been elected as the Chairperson of the International Coffee Council.

79. “London Whale” scandal, which is in news recently, is related to which foreign bank?

[A]Fulton Financial

[B]JP Morgan Chase

[C]Citigroup

[D]U.S. Bancorp

Answer:

JP Morgan Chase London Whale is the nickname for the unsafe and unsound practices made by US's biggest bank JP Morgan that led to its \$6.2bn losses last year.

80. . Recently (September, 2013), which of the following has decided to acquire BlackBerry for \$4.7 billion?

[A]Microsoft

[B]Dell

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[C]Fairfax

[D]Samsung

Answer:

Fairfax Struggling smartphone maker BlackBerry has agreed in principle to be bought by a consortium led by Fairfax Financial Holding Ltd. For \$4.7 bn.

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81. Which of the following entities constitute the system of Shadow Banking in India? 1.Hedge fund 2.Structured investment vehicles 3.Money market funds 4.Special purpose entity conduits Chose the correct answer from the codes given below?

[A]Only 1 & 2

[B]Only 1 & 3

[C]Only 1, 2 & 3

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2, 3 & 4 The Shadow banking system is the collection of non-bank financial intermediaries that provide services similar to traditional commercial banks. It is sometimes said to include entities such as hedge funds, structured investment vehicles, money market funds, special purpose entity conduits, credit insurance providers and finance companies.

82. Structured investment vehicles 3.Money market funds 4.Special purpose entity conduits Chose the correct answer from the codes given below?

[A]Jupiter

[B]Saturn

[C]Mars

[D]Neptune

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Answer:

Jupiter Jupiter is called Lord of Heaven.

83. Money market funds 4.Special purpose entity conduits Chose the correct answer from the codes given below?

[A]Jyoti Amge

[B]Siddiqa Parveen

[C]Rupa Amte

[D]Meena Sundar

Answer:

Siddiqa Parveen Siddiqa Parveen from South Dinajpur in West Bengal was declared the world's tallest woman. Parveen received the title from the Guinness World Records. This was announced in the new record book launched in the second week of 2013 in London. The entry said the tallest woman living is Siddiqa Parveen, who was measured to be at least 7 feet 3.5 inches.

84. Special purpose entity conduits Chose the correct answer from the codes given below?

[A]New Delhi

[B]Mumbai

[C]Kolkata

[D]Bangalore

Answer:

New Delhi The urban agglomerations of Mumbai and Delhi, which barely matched up to global cities in size in 1950, are now counted among the seven most populous mega-cities in the world, reveals the 2013 World Population Data sheet released by the US's Population Reference Bureau. Delhi and its extended suburbs, with its population of 22.7 million as of 2011, is the second most populous urban sprawl in the world after Tokyo, out sizing the traditionally populous Shanghai and New York.

85. As per the Prime Minister's economic advisory panel India's economy growth for 2013-14 is ____ ?

[A]5.9 percent

[B]6 percent

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[C]5.3 percent

[D]5 percent

Answer:

5.3 percent The Economic Advisory council to Prime Minister slashed its growth forecast for 2013-14 but signalled that the economy may pick up pace in the second half on the back of a rebound in the farm sector and impact of reform measures. The council headed by former RBI governor C Rangarajan said the economy is expected to grow 5.3% in 2013-14.

86. Which of the following country has launched a deep ultraviolet (DUV) solid state laser device, making the country first ever in the world to possess such technology?

[A]Japan

[B]China

[C]Russia

[D]USA

Answer:

China The Chinese Academy of Science has launched a deep ultraviolet (DUV) solid state laser device, making the country first ever in the world to possess such technology.

87. As per the latest decision by SEBI, who among the followings can now invest in government securities without any auction mechanism? 1.Foreign institutional investors 2.Qualified foreign investors 3.Overseas Indian citizens 4.Non resident Indians Chose the correct answer from the codes given below?

[A]Only 1 & 3

[B]Only 1 & 2

[C]Only 2 & 3

[D]Only 2 & 4

Answer:

Only 1 & 2 To boost foreign fund inflows into the capital markets, regulator SEBI allowed overseas entities to invest in government securities without any auction mechanism. It has been decided that Foreign institutional investors/Qualified foreign investors can now invest in government debt without purchasing debt limits till the overall investment reaches 90% after which the auction mechanism shall be initiated for the allocation of the remaining limits.

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88. The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought was established by ___ ?

[A]European Parliament

[B]United Nation

[C]World Bank

[D]UNICEF

Answer:

European Parliament The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, named after Soviet scientist and dissident Andrei Sakharov was established in December 1988 by the European Parliament as a means to honour individuals or organisations who have dedicated their lives to the defence of human rights and freedom of thought.

89. Who among the following is the current Director General of World Trade Organisation (WTO)?

[A]Pascal Lami

[B]Roberto Azevedo

[C]William Rappard

[D]Harry White

Answer:

Roberto Azevedo Roberto Azevedo is the current Director-General of World Trade Organisation.

90. . In which of the following country the Kashagan oil field is located?

[A]Pakistan

[B]Russia

[C]Kazakhstan

[D]Argentina

Answer:

Kazakhstan Kashagan field is an offshore oil field in the Kazakhstan's zone of the Caspian Sea.

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91. Name the Indian environmentalist, who has been conferred this year's prestigious "Clinton Global Citizen Awards"?

[A] Ullas Karanth

[B] Medha Patkar

[C] Bunker Roy

[D] Ila Bhat

Answer:

Bunker Roy Indian environmentalist Bunker Roy and Pakistan's teenage education activist Malala Yousafai were declared the winner of prestigious "Clinton Global Citizens Award". Roy is the founder of the Barefoot College, which has been providing solutions to problem in rural communities for more than 40 years.

92. Recently (September, 2013), China has decided to ban the export of several weapon-related technologies to which country?

[A] Pakistan

[B] South Korea

[C] Sri Lanka

[D] North Korea

Answer:

North Korea China has banned the export to North Korea of several weapon-related technologies which could be used in the development of nuclear weapons. It said the move would help implement UN resolution on North Korea, and would be effective immediately.

93. Who among the followings has won 2013 Women's Table Tennis World Cup?

[A] Wu Yang

[B] Liu Shiwen

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[C]Feng Tianwei

[D]Jiang Huajan

Answer:

Liu Shiwen Chinese Liu Shiwen won women's table tennis world cup after defeating teammate Wu Yang in four sets. She defeated Wu Yang 11-3, 11-7, 11-7, 11-2.

94. Which country is the largest producer of Greenhouse gases in the world?

[A]USA

[B]China

[C]Australia

[D]India

Answer:

China China is the largest producer of Greenhouse gases in the world.

95. What is the name of Australia's most powerful super computer which is unveiled recently?

[A]Spirit

[B]Raijin

[C]Aizen

[D]Shinto

Answer:

Raijin Australia unveiled its most powerful computer Raijin named after the Japanese God of thunder and rain. Raijin is considered the 27th most powerful computer in the world.

96. Who among the following has been appointed as CEO of PepsiCo Asia, Middle East and Africa region?

[A]Abhinav Gupta

[B]Sanjay Singh

[C]Sanjeev Chadha

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[D]Nanda Kishore

Answer:

Sanjeev Chadha PepsiCo has promoted Indian born Sanjeev Chadha to the position of Chief Executive Officer of its Asia, Middle East and Africa (AMEA) region operations, spanning across 90 countries.

97. Recently (September, 2013), RBI has decided to allow all types of companies to avail of trade credit not exceeding _____ million up to a maximum period of five years for import of capital goods. Fill the blank with correct option?

[A]\$10

[B]\$20

[C]\$30

[D]\$40

Answer:

\$20 Relaxing norms to raise funds from abroad, the RBI has said all types of companies can now avail themselves of trade credit facility from overseas for import of capital goods. It has been decided to allow companies in all sectors to avail of trade credit not exceeding \$20 million up to a maximum period of five years for import of capital goods.

98. Which one of the followings is not a computer operating system?

[A]Windows

[B]Linux

[C]Ubuntu

[D]Jelly bean

Answer:

Jelly bean

99. As per the latest report, which of the following are the most advanced states in India?

[A]Goa and Karnataka

[B]Haryana and Kerala

[C]Kerala and Goa

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[D]Kerala and Andhra Pradesh

Answer:

Kerala and Goa The Raghuram Ranjan panel report on “Special category” criteria for providing additional assistance to poorer states, ranked Goa and Kerala as the most advanced state and Odisha and Bihar least developed states.

100. . Recently (September, 2013), which of the following social network has launched emergency alert system which could be useful in natural disasters or other emergencies?

[A]Orkut

[B]Facebook

[C]Twitter

[D]Skype

Answer:

Twitter Twitter launched a system for emergency alerts which can help spread critical information when other lines of communications are down. The alerts could be useful in natural disasters or other emergencies when traditional channel may be overloaded or unavailable.