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1. In which of the following years government of India constituted the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal?

[A]1986

[B]1990

[C]1995

[D]1994

Answer:

1990: The Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal was constituted by government of India on 2nd June 1990 to adjudicate the water dispute regarding inter-state river Cauvery and the river valley thereof.

2. Recently, which among the following has been granted the status of Qualified Central Counterparty (QCCP) by RBI?

[A]Indian Clearing Corporation

[B]MCX-SX Clearing Corporation

[C]National Securities Clearing Corporation

[D]Clearing Corporation of India

Answer:

Clearing Corporation of India: The Reserve Bank of India granted the status of Qualified Central Counterparty to Clearing Corporation of India (CCIL). QCCP status means that CCIL now adheres to the principles for Financial Market Infrastructure an international standard to handle counterparty risk on derivatives.

3. The Mor committee on comprehensive financial services for small business and low-income households has recommended all Indians above 18 years of age should have full-service bank accounts by ___?

[A]January 1, 2015

[B]January 1, 2016

[C]March 31, 2015

[D]March 31, 2016

Answer:

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January 1, 2016: A committee headed by RBI board member Nachiket Mor has recommended all Indians above 18 years of age should have full-service bank accounts by January 1, 2016 and every accountholder will have an electronic payment access point within 15 minutes of walk.

4. The union government recently launched the nation's first comprehensive adolescent health programme which will focus on adolescent sexual health. The programme has been named as ___?

[A]Rastriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram

[B]Rastriya Sampurna Swasthya Karyakram

[C]Rastriya Kishor Evam Bal Swasthaya Yojana

[D]National Adolescent Mission

Answer:

Rastriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram: The government launched the nation's first comprehensive adolescent health programme named Rastriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram, which will include a sharp focus on adolescent's sexual health. The programme envisions that all adolescent in India are able to realize their full potential by making informed and responsible decisions related to their health and well-being.

5. The Reunion Island is a small French island located in the _____

[A]Indian Ocean

[B]Pacific Ocean

[C]Arctic Ocean

[D]Antarctic Ocean

Answer:

Indian Ocean: Reunion Island is a small French island in the Indian Ocean, near Mauritius. The Indian-origin population comprises 45 percent of the people on the island that has a population of over 837,000 inhabitants.

6. Bankapura Peacock Sanctuary, which is only the second sanctuary in the country that is exclusively engaged in the conservation of peacocks, is located in ___?

[A]Karnataka

[B]Andhra Pradesh

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[C]Gujarat

[D]Rajasthan

Answer:

Karnataka: Bankapura Peacock Sanctuary is inside the Bankapura Fort in Bankapura in Haveri district of Karnataka. This sanctuary is the only second sanctuary in the country that is exclusively engaged in the conservation and breeding of peacocks.

7. The "Yellow rust" is a dreaded disease of wheat caused by ____?

[A]Bacteria

[B]Virus

[C]Fungus

[D]Virus & Fungus

Answer:

Fungus: Yellow rust is a fungal disease which turns crop's leaves into yellowish colour and stops the photosynthesis activity. It is a dreaded disease of wheat which can cause tremendous losses in yield.

8. The Prime Minister of which country will be the chief guest at this year's India's Republic Day parade?

[A]China

[B]Japan

[C]Singapore

[D]Australia

Answer:

Japan: Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is to be chief guest at this year's Republic Day parade. It is the first time that a Japanese Prime Minister is to be chief guest at India's Republic Day parade.

9. Who among the following has become the first woman to chair United States Central Bank (Federal Reserve)?

[A]Amelia Grace

[B]Aimee Jayne

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[C]Janet Yellen

[D]Margaret Chloe

Answer:

Janet Yellen: The US Senate confirmed Janet Yellen as the new leader of the Federal Reserve, marking the first time a woman has headed the world's most powerful central bank. Yellen, will replace current chairman Ben Bernanke, who steps down on January 31 after eight years in the job.

10. . The Registan Desert is located in which of the following countries?

[A]Afghanistan

[B]Kazakhstan

[C]Pakistan

[D]Russia

Answer:

Afghanistan: The Registan Desert is an extremely arid plateau region located between Helmand and Kandahar provenances in south-western Afghanistan.

11. Which one of the following is not a capital city of South Africa?

[A]Cape Town

[B]Pretoria

[C]Durban

[D]Bloemfontein

Answer:

Durban: South Africa has three capital cities: Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein. Pretoria is the administrative capital and seat of the President of the cabinet. Cape Town is the legislative capital and the seat of the nation's parliament. Bloemfontein serves as the judicial capital.

12. Name the first woman lawyer to file public interest litigation (PIL) to earn the title "Mother of PIL" who passed away, recently___?

[A]Kapila Hingorani

[B]Shwetha Mahadevi

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[C]Anupama Rao

[D]Srilatha Patkar

Answer:

Kapila Hingorani: Kapila Hingorani, who more than three decades ago became the first woman lawyer to file a public interest litigation on behalf of voiceless under-trial prisoners in Bihar to earn the title "Mother of PIL" has passed away.

13. In which among the following countries "Tenharim" tribal people are living?

[A]Australia

[B]Kenya

[C]Brazil

[D]Republic of Congo

Answer:

Brazil: The Tenharim are an indigenous people of Brazil, living in the state of Amazonas.

14. As per the decision of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), all non-machine readable passports will be phased out globally by ____?

[A]2014

[B]2015

[C]2016

[D]2017

Answer:

2015: All non-machine readable passports (Non-MRP) are to be phased out globally by November 2015 in accordance with the decision of the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

15. Which one of the following is not a member country of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation "(BIMSTEC)?

[A]China

[B]Bhutan

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[C]India

[D]Nepal

Answer:

China: The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation “(BIMSTEC) is an international organisation involving a group of countries in South Asia and South East Asia. These are: Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal.

16. The Palatana power project the biggest gas-based power project in the north-eastern region has been commissioned recently by___?

[A]Reliance Power

[B]Tata Power

[C]ONGC

[D]NTPC

Answer:

ONGC: The Palatana power project is ONGC's first commercial power project in the country started commercial production in Tripura. The project is expected to ease the power problem of seven of the eight north-eastern states.

17. Which among the following has become the first in the country to implement foreign tracking system?

[A]Tamil Nadu

[B]Karnataka

[C]Maharashtra

[D]Goa

Answer:

Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu and Puducherry have become the first in the country to implement the Immigration, Visa, Foreigner Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) system from December 1, 2013. The system, part of national e-governance project facilitates integrated visa and immigration services to foreigners, capture information about visiting foreigners.

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18. Name the Indian who has become the first male junior badminton player from India to be ranked top in the world?

[A]Naveen Singh

[B]Aditya Joshi

[C]Jaswanth Singh

[D]Mahendra Singh

Answer:

Aditya Joshi: Young shuttler Aditya Joshi from Madhya Pradesh has become the first male junior badminton player from India to be ranked top in the world. Aditya, 17, recently got the number one slot in the recent ranking of the World Badminton Federation (WBF).

19. Which among the following Planet pole is the only known hot polar vortex in our solar system?

[A]Jupiter

[B]Earth

[C]Saturn

[D]Mars

Answer:

Saturn: Saturn's South Pole is the only known hot polar vortex in the solar system.

20. . What is India's ranking in the recently released Nuclear Materials Security Index?

[A]20th

[B]22nd

[C]23rd

[D]25th

Answer:

23rd: India has been ranked 23rd out of 25 countries in the 2014 Nuclear Threat Initiative's Nuclear Materials Security Index. India received 41 out of 100 points, which is improvement by one point from the 2012score. In the list China has ranked 20th and Pakistan stands at 22nd place.

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21. Which among the following US states has become the first to legalise selling of Marijuana?

[A]Colorado

[B]California

[C]Illinois

[D]Washington

Answer:

Colorado: The US state of Colorado is making history by becoming the first in the country to allow store to sell cannabis (Marijuana). Colorado, along with Washington State, voted to legalise the use and possession of cannabis for people over the age of 21 in November 2012. Washington is not expected to allow the sale of it until later in 2014.

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<p><input type="button" id="butToggle1" class="answerbutton" onclick="this.value=this.value=='Show Answer'?'Hide Answer':'Show Answer'" value="Show Answer" /> 2. Which one of the following countries has become the 18th Euro-area member to adopt Euro currency, recently?

[A]Switzerland

[B]Latvia

[C]Sweden

[D]Romania

Answer:

Latvia: Latvia has become the 18th member of the euro zone to adopt Euro. The euro became Latvia's official currency on January 1st as New Year's fireworks exploded in the skies over the capital, Riga.

23. Corey Anderson, who hit the fastest century in one-day international history recently, belongs to which country?

[A]Australia

[B]New Zealand

[C]England

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[D]South Africa

Answer:

New Zealand: New Zealand all-rounder Corey Anderson cracked the fastest century in one-day international history, in just 36 balls against the West Indies. The previous record was held by Shahid Afridi, who took 37 balls to reach his ton playing for Pakistan against Sri Lanka in 1996.

24. With which one of the following, the Election Commission of India tie up for online voters registration?

[A]Facebook

[B]Yahoo

[C]Google

[D]Twitter

Answer:

Google: The Election Commission of India has entered a key partnership with US based internet giant, Google, to help it to manage online voter registration and facilitation services ahead of the democratic exercise. Google will offer EC its resources, including its search engine, to enable voters to check their enrolment status online and locate their polling station, complete with directions using Google maps.

25. Who among the following is the new Air Force Chief of India?

[A]Arup Raha

[B]Vivek Tyagi

[C]Arun Singh

[D]Kishore Chandra

Answer:

Arup Raha: Air Marshal Arup Raha, an ace fighter pilot took over as the Air Force Chief succeeding Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne. Raha is expected to have tenure of three years as the Chief of Air Staff.

26. World's top three biggest [coffee](http://www.gktoday.in/coffee/) exporting countries are ____?

[A]Brazil, Indonesia and Vietnam

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[B]Vietnam, Brazil and Indonesia

[C]Brazil, Vietnam and Indonesia

[D]Indonesia, Vietnam and Brazil

Answer:

Brazil, Vietnam and Indonesia:

27. Which among the following states has launched free CFL bulbs scheme for hut dwellers?

[A]Tamil Nadu

[B]West Bengal

[C]Manipur

[D]Haryana

Answer:

Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu government began the first phase of distributing free Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs to over 14 lakh hut dwellers in the state. The scheme is aimed at saving 40 mw of electricity.

28. What is the name of cyclone which is recently battered west coast of Australia?

[A]Hemp

[B]Christine

[C]Lava

[D]Pristine

Answer:

Christine: Cyclone Christine was the third tropical cyclone and second severe tropical cyclone of the 2013-14 slammed west coast of Australia.

29. Which of the following countries has recently assumed the coveted chair of the ASEAN?

[A]Myanmar

[B]Indonesia

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[C]Cambodia

[D]Philippines

Answer:

Myanmar: Myanmar took over the chairmanship of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on January 1.

30. . According to latest study, which Indian city is expected to witness the highest demand for office space in the Asia during 2014?

[A]New Delhi

[B]Mumbai

[C]Bangalore

[D]Chennai

Answer:

Bangalore: IT hub Bangalore is expected to witness the second highest demand for office space in the Asia Pacific region during 2014 in a list topped by Tokyo, according to property consultant Cushman and Wakefield. Tokyo is forecast to see the highest office absorption among the 30 cities in Asia in 2014 at 7.6 million sq ft, followed by Bangalore at 2nd position and Manila at 3rd, with expected absorption of 6.3 million sq ft and 6 million sq ft respectively, during 2014.

31. Who among the following has won the FIFA Ballon d' Or award for 2013?

[A]Lionel Messi

[B]Cristiano Ronaldo

[C]Franck Ribery

[D]Manuel Neuer

Answer:

Cristiano Ronaldo: The Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo picked up the FIFA Ballon d'Or for a second time after being named the world's greatest footballer at a ceremony in Zurich. Ronaldo, who ended Lionel Messi's four-year domination of the honor, polled 1,365 points in the voting, 160 ahead of Barcelona forward Messi with Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery third on 1,127.

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32. According to Indian Council for Medical Research report, which of the following cities has largest number of child cancer cases in the country?

- [A]Bangalore
- [B]Chennai
- [C]Bhopal
- [D]Mumbai

Answer:

Chennai: Chennai has largest number of child cancer cases in the country, with 159 new cases per 10 lakh population reported every year. National capital Delhi stood at second place with 149 new cases, according to the population-based study by the Indian Council for Medical Research on prevalence of cancer among children (under the age of 14).

33. Recently, South Korean steel maker giant POSCO has received environment clearance from the MoEF to set up steel plant in which state?

- [A]Odisha
- [B]Bihar
- [C]Jharkhand
- [D]West Bengal

Answer:

Odisha: POSCO has received environment clearance from the Union ministry of Environment and Forest for a steel plant of Rs 52000 crore in Odisha with an annual production capacity of 12 million tones. The project was in the pipeline for clearance for past eight years and this approval will pave way for the largest FDI investment ever in the country.

34. Which among the following has been adjudged "Best Motion Picture" at 71st annual Golden Globe Awards?

- [A]American Hustle
- [B]Gravity
- [C]12 Years a Slave
- [D]The Wolf of Wall Street

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Answer:

12 Years a Slave:

35. The term “Wavetable Synthesis” is related to _____?

[A]Video

[B]Sound

[C]Memory

[D]CD-ROM

Answer:

Sound: Wavetable synthesis is used in certain digital music synthesizers to implement a restricted form of real-time additive synthesis.

36. Recently, which of the following has become the first “5S” certified public sector enterprises in the steel industry?

[A]SAIL

[B]RINL

[C]MECON

[D]NMDC

Answer:

RINL: Rastriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (Visakapatnam Steel Plant) has achieved the plant-level certification in “5S” Work Place Management System. The Navaratna Company has become the first 5S certified public sector enterprise in the steel industry.

37. World Hindi Diwas is being observed every year on ____?

[A]January 6

[B]January 7

[C]January 9

[D]January 10

Answer:

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January 10: World Hindi Diwas is being observed every year on January 10.

38. In computer terminology DPI refers to: ____?

- [A]Data Process Information
- [B]Dots Per Inch
- [C]Data Programme Information
- [D]Data Protocol Integration

Answer:

Dots Per Inch:

39. Ariel Sharon, who passed away recently, was a former Prime Minister of which country?

- [A]Iran
- [B]Sweden
- [C]Israel
- [D]Rwanda

Answer:

Israel: Areil Sharon, was 11th Prime Minister of Israel. On September 2003, Sharon became first Prime Minister of Israel to visit India, he remarked India as one of the most important countries in the world.

40. . Which among the following countries has claimed that it overtook the United States as the world's top trading nation, recently?

- [A]Japan
- [B]Russia
- [C]China
- [D]Australia

Answer:

China: China has claimed that it is very likely that it overtook the US as the world's top trading nation, a title US has held for decades.

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41. Which one of the following is not a capital city of South Africa?

[A]Cape Town

[B]Pretoria

[C]Durban

[D]Bloemfontein

Answer:

Durban: South Africa has three capital cities: Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein. Pretoria is the administrative capital and seat of the President of the cabinet. Cape Town is the legislative capital and the seat of the nation's parliament. Bloemfontein serves as the judicial capital.

42. The Gangotri National Park, which is home to snow leopard, is located in ___?

[A]Uttrakhand

[B]Uttar Pradesh

[C]Assam

[D]Himachal Pradesh

Answer:

Uttrakhand:

43. Y B Datuk Seri Palanivel, who was the chief guest of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas-2014, belongs to which country?

[A]Canada

[B]Australia

[C]Malaysia

[D]Indonesia

Answer:

Malaysia: Indian origin Y B Datuk Seri Panivel is Malaysia's Minister of Natural Resource and Environment.

44. The Agulhas and Kuroshio are the names refer for ___?

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[A]Mountains

[B]Ocean Currents

[C]Arctic winds

[D]Volcanoes

Answer:

Ocean Currents:

45. Consider the following: 1.Estonia 2.Latvia 3.Lithuania 4.Finland Which of the above correctly represents the "Baltic Nations"?

[A]Only 1, 2 & 4

[B]Only 2, 3 & 4

[C]Only 1, 2 & 3

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

Only 1, 2 & 3: The Baltic States are three northern European countries east of the Baltic Sea- Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which gained independence from the Russian Empire in the wake of World War I.

46. Ila Pathak, who passed away recently, was a famous ___?

[A]Folk dancer

[B]Author

[C]Social activist

[D]Actress

Answer:

Social activist: Ila Pathak was a social activist. Pathak was the founder secretary of Ahmadabad Women's Action Group (AWAG). Pathak played a key role in movement for justice to the victims of 2002 Gujarat riots. She also supported Manipur's Irom Sharmila's agitation against Armed Forces Special Power's Act (ASPA).

47. Which of the following statements is true about "Nirbheek"?

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- [A]It is India's first gun for woman
- [B]A mobile app for woman safety
- [C]Transport facility exclusively for women
- [D]Fund for rehabilitation of rape victims

Answer:

It is India's first gun for woman: Nirbheek is India's first firearm designed for women.

48. The "Sunil Gangopadhyay Memorial Award" is given for excellence in ____?

- [A]Telugu
- [B]Bengali
- [C]Odisi
- [D]Rajasthani

Answer:

Bengali: The Sunil Gangopadhyay Memorial Award is given for excellence in Bengali. It was instituted in 2012 by the Bengal, a cultural organisation following the demise of its immediate past President Late Shri Sunil Gangopadhyay. Eminent poet and litterateur Nirendranath Chakravarty and Sankha Ghosh are the recipient of the 2012 and 2013 award respectively.

49. As per the YouGov poll survey, who among the following has been named as the most admired person in world?

- [A]Sachin Tendulkar
- [B]Bill Gates
- [C]Barack Obama
- [D]Narendra Modi

Answer:

Bill Gates: Microsoft founder Bill Gates has been named as the most admired person in the world. The world most admired people poll was conducted by YouGov for The Times by surveying almost 14,000 people across 13 countries including India. There were four Indians in the top ten and seven overall in the list of 30 most-admired people. Sachin Tendulkar is fifth on a list of 30 people.

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50. . World's first Bitcoin storage service that insures deposits of the digital currency against loss and theft has launched in ___?

- [A]London
- [B]New York
- [C]Sydney
- [D]Beijing

Answer:

London: The World's first Bitcoin storage service that insures deposits of the digital currency against loss and theft has launched in London. The new Bitcoin storage services offering insurance in UK, named elliptic Vault, uses "deep cold storage" technique to secure the digital currency.

51. Who among the following has won The Hindu Prize for Best Fiction 2013?

- [A]Manu Joseph
- [B]Anees Slim
- [C]Sonora Jha
- [D]Manjul Bajaj

Answer:

Anees Slim: Kerala-based writer Anees Slim won The Hindu Prize for Best Fiction 2013 for his novel, Vanity Bagh for consistent writing and humour and imagination. The book is a very comic account of a young man from minority group from a place called Vanity Bagh, also called little Pakistan. The Hindu Prize for Best Fiction recognises the contribution of Indian writers to literary culture. It comprises a cash component of Rs. 5 lakh and a plaque.

52. As per the Index of Economic Freedom 2014, which among the following is the country / territory with highest economic freedom?

- [A]Hong Kong
- [B]Switzerland
- [C]Singapore
- [D]Australia

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Answer:

Hong Kong: The Index of Economic Freedom is an annual index and ranking created by The Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal in 1995 to measure the degree of economic freedom in the world's nation. The Index of Economic Freedom rates 186 countries in 10 categories of economic performance such as rule of law, regulatory efficiency, limited government and open markets. Hong Kong and Singapore finished first and second in the ranking for the 20th straight year. The Index ranks India 120th globally and 25th among 43 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

53. Namdeo Dhasal who passed away recently, was a famous poet in which language?

[A]Kannada

[B]Marathi

[C]Tamil

[D]Konkani

Answer:

Marathi: Namdeo Dhasal was a Marathi poet, writer and Human right activists. His first collection of poems "Golpitha" was published in 1973. He along with others formed a radical organisation called Dalit Panthers on July 9, 1972 inspired by the American Black Panther.

54. The FARC is one of the world's richest guerrilla armies active in which country?

[A]Egypt

[B]Columbia

[C]China

[D]Spain

Answer:

Columbia: The FARC is the oldest and largest group among Colombia's left-wing rebels and is one of the world's richest guerrilla armies.

55. Which among the following countries has conducted "Island defence" drill in the controversial Senkaku islands, recently?

[A]China

[B]Japan

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[C]Vietnam

[D]South Korea

Answer:

Japan: The Japanese Self Defence Force held a public drill with the theme of "Island defence" to simulate recapturing an island from an enemy nation for the second year in a row, as Chinese government vessels sail near islands disputed with Japan for the first time this year.

56. In which among the following cities, India's first Climate Change Theatre opened, recently?

[A]Kapurthala

[B]Bangalore

[C]Chennai

[D]Kolkata

Answer:

Kapurthala: India's first climate change theatre was opened at Pushpa Gujral science city in Kapurthala to educate people on one of the pressing developmental issue in the world. This theatre is India's first, it is second in the world, with the other in Canada.

57. Recently, which among the following has announced the launch of "Academia Accelerator" programme which is aimed at building a deep and long-term association between industry and academia?

[A]IBM

[B]Infosys

[C]Microsoft

[D]TCS

Answer:

Microsoft: Microsoft has announced the launch of the Microsoft Academic Accelerator, a new programme aimed at building a deep and long-term association between industry and academia. Under this programme Microsoft in collaboration with the faculty at 10 leading Indian engineering colleges, will aim to enhance the Computer Science curriculum in selective areas and foster even greater student-driven innovation and entrepreneurship.

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58. Currently, which among the following nations holding the number one position in the FIFA ranking?

[A]Spain

[B]Portugal

[C]Brazil

[D]Egypt

Answer:

Spain: Spain remains the best team in the world according to the latest world rankings. Spain has 1507 ranking points which gives them a comfortable lead over Germany (1,318) and Argentina (1,251).

59. India's only and first hospital for fish will come up in which of the following states?

[A]Andhra Pradesh

[B]Kerala

[C]Karnataka

[D]Goa

Answer:

Kerala: The country's first hospital for fish has been coming up in Kochi, Kerala. The hospital will be set up with Rs 5.6 millions assistance from the central government. The hospital will act as a one-stop place for technical assistance, help and guidance for people who are interested in aquaculture and also it will address pollution-related problem faced by the fisheries sector.

60. . Name the India-American, who has been elected a foreign member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, recently?

[A]Subra Suresh

[B]Mahesh Nair

[C]Aravind Singh

[D]Amith Mishra

Answer:

Subra Suresh: Subra Suresh, Chennai-born Indian-American president of Carnegie Mellon University has been elected a foreign member of the Chinese Academy of Science, a rare and highly coveted distinction

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within the academic fraternity. He was chosen for his scientific contribution in materials science and engineering.

61. India and which one of the following countries has recently agreed to hold third "2 plus 2" dialogue?

[A]USA

[B]Japan

[C]China

[D]Australia

Answer:

Japan: India and Japan agreed to hold the third "2 plus 2" dialogue and the fourth defence policy dialogue in Delhi in 2014. It was decided in the defence minister level talks between the two sides recently.

62. In international banking system, what does the TIBOR stands for ____?

[A]Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate

[B]Taiwan Interbank Offered Rate

[C]Thailand Interbank Offered Rate

[D]Tongling Interbank Offered Rate

Answer:

Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate: TIBOR stands for the Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate and is a daily reference rate based on the interest rates at which banks offer to lend unsecured funds to other banks in Japan wholesale money market. TIBOR is published by the Japanese Bankers Associations.

63. According to the 2010-12 Sample Registration Survey report, which one of the following states registered lowest mortality rate in the country?

[A]Mizoram

[B]Goa

[C]Kerala

[D]Gujarat

Answer:

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Kerala: Kerala has once again gained the position of being the state with the lowest maternal mortality rate in the country. The MMR stands at 66 per one lakh live births according to the 2010-12 Sample Registration Survey report published by the centre.

64. Which among the following parties has gain majority in the 10th Parliamentary elections held in Bangladesh, recently?

[A]Awami League Party

[B]Bangladesh Worker's Party

[C]Jatiyo Samjtantrik Dal

[D]Bangladesh Nationalist Party

Answer:

Awami League Party: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party has won 104 seats of the 147 contested in the 10th parliamentary elections concluded recently. Having won 127 seats uncontested, the Awami league has 231 seats, which gives it a clear three-fourth majority in the 10 parliament.

65. Which of the following is the theme of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2014?

[A]Engaging Diaspora: Connecting Across Generation

[B]Sharing a Common Heritage: The Emotional Connect

[C]Engaging Diaspora: Connecting All Indians

[D]One India: One World

Answer:

Engaging Diaspora: Connecting Across Generation: Engaging Diaspora: Connecting Across Generation is the theme of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2014 which kicks off in New Delhi.

66. Recently, India and Nepal decided to work together for joint conservation efforts for the endangered ____?

[A]Bengal Tiger

[B]Asian Elephant

[C]South Asian Rover Dolphin

[D]Rhinoceros

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Answer:

Bengal Tiger: India and Nepal is working for joint conservation efforts for the endangered tigers. The aim is to get the most accurate data on tiger population in all 11 protected areas along Nepal-India border. This will be the first time that Nepalese and Indian conservation authorities are matching the tiger populations in their respective tiger reserves.

67. Who among the following is the new chairman of NASSCOM?

[A]R Chandrashekar

[B]Naveen Patnaik

[C]Kushal Mittal

[D]Aditya Birla

Answer:

R Chandrashekar: Former telecom secretary R Chandrashekar took over as president of NASSCOM a body representing the \$ 108 billion Indian IT-BPM industry. He succeeds Som Mittal who served as the president of Nasscom from 2007-13.

68. The "Araku Valley" known for its rich biodiversity is located in ___?

[A]Assam

[B]Tripura

[C]Andhra Pradesh

[D]Odisha

Answer:

Andhra Pradesh: The Araku Valley is a hill station in Visakapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. It is a valley in the Eastern Ghats inhabited by different tribes. The Anantagiri and Sunkarimetta Reserved forest which are part of Araku valley are rich in biodiversity.

69. Which one of the following committees was set up by RBI to study the various issues relating to financial benchmarks?

[A]Umesh Chandra

[B]Vijaya Bhaskar

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[C]Urjit Patel

[D]Subbu Rao

Answer:

Vijaya Bhaskar: The RBI had set up a committee under its Executive Director P Vijaya Bhaskar on June 28,2013 with a mandate to study the various issues relating to financial benchmarks. The committee has recommended a change in the way of determining the money market benchmarks so as to remove any possible scope for manipulation along with some other recommendations.

70. . What is the name of India's satellite-based flight navigation system which has been certified by aviation regulator DGCA, recently?

[A]GAGAN

[B]BHUVAN

[C]BHOOMI

[D]PRITHVI

Answer:

GAGAN: GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) system is the India's ambitious navigation system. GAGAN would enable aircraft fitted with satellite-based augmentation equipment to use its signals in space for en route navigation and precision approach without vertical guidance over the huge air space. GAGAN is jointly developed by Airports Authority of India and ISRO.

71. Who among the following has won men's Chennai Open Tennis Trophy 2013?

[A]Somdev Burman

[B]Roger Vasselin

[C]Stanislas Wawrika

[D]David Federer

Answer:

Stanislas Wawrika: Top seed Stanislas Wawrika lifted his fifth ATP world tour title and second Chennai open trophy after a convincing straight sets win over Edouard Roger Vasselin in the final.

72. The Loser festival is the most important festival celebrated in___?

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[A]Ladakh

[B]Leh

[C]Shimla

[D]Srinagar

Answer:

Ladakh: The Loser festival marks the beginning of the New Year in Ladakh and China's Tibet and considered to be the most important festival of the region. During this festival the Ladakhi Buddhists make religious offering before their deities in the domestic shrines or in the Gompas.

73. Recently, which among the following has announced to launch of an All Woman's Insurance branch?

[A]Bajaj Allianz

[B]Tata AIG General

[C]ICICI Lombard

[D]Reliance General

Answer:

Bajaj Allianz: Private General Insurer Bajaj Allianz general insurance announced the launch of an All Women Branch at their headquarters in Pune. As the name suggests this branch will have only women employees and recruit and train women agents and intermediaries. Bajaj Allianz is one of the first insurers to come up with such an initiative in the general insurance space.

74. In which one of the following states, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has decided to set up world's largest corporate learning and development centre?

[A]Kerala

[B]Punjab

[C]Maharashtra

[D]Karnataka

Answer:

Kerala: Tata Consultancy Services, India's largest software services exporter has decided to set up the

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world's largest corporate learning and development centre in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The proposed centre will have capacity to train 15,000 professionals at one time and 50,000 professionals annually.

75. Who among the following has been chosen for Portugal highest honor "Order of Prince Henry"?

[A]Cristiano Ronaldo

[B]Lopes Anthony

[C]Alves Bruno

[D]Costa Ricardo

Answer:

Cristiano Ronaldo: Cristiano Ronaldo is to be granted one of Portugal' highest honors by the country's President. The Real Mandrid forward, named FIFA player of the year in 2008, is Portugal's most famous athlete.

76. The Strait of Gibraltar connects the Atlantic Ocean to the ___?

[A]Indian Ocean

[B]Mediterranean Sea

[C]Arctic Ocean

[D]Pacific Ocean

Answer:

Mediterranean Sea: The strait of Gibraltar is a narrow strait that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea and separates Gibraltar and Spain in Europe from Morocco in Africa.

77. According to latest Green 500 supercomputers list, PARAM Yuva II has been raked no.1 power efficient supercomputer in India. PARAM computer was developed by__?

[A]CSIR

[B]C-DAC

[C]IITM

[D]ISRO

Answer:

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C-DAC: India's supercomputer PARAM Yuva II, developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), has bagged 44th rank among the world's most power efficient computer systems, according to a Green500 list announced at the supercomputing conference in Denver, US. The PARAM Yuva II supercomputer has been ranked no.1 and no.9 in the Asia Pacific Region.

78. Which among the following has created the India's first most comprehensive "Financial Inclusion Index", recently?

[A]RBI

[B]CRISIL

[C]ICRA

[D]CIBIL

Answer:

CRISIL: CRISIL has developed "Inclusix" India's most comprehensive financial inclusion index for measuring the progress of financial inclusion in the country, down to district level. Inclusix, whose methodology is similar to other global indices, such as UNDP's Human Development Index, measures financial inclusion on the three critical parameters of basic banking services-branch penetration, deposit penetration and credit penetration.

79. World Braille Day is observed on which of the following days?

[A]December 30

[B]December 31

[C]January 4

[D]January 6

Answer:

January 4:

80. . Football legend "Eusebio Silva Ferreira" who passed away recently, belongs to which country?

[A]France

[B]Portugal

[C]Egypt

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[D]Spain

Answer:

Portugal: Eusebio da Silva Ferreira, commonly known simply as Eusebio, was a Mozambican born Portuguese football player. He is considered one of the greatest footballers of all time. During his professional career, he scored 733 goals in 745 matches.

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