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1. Which among the following countries has recently become the first country in the world to make it legal to grow, sell and consume marijuana (drug)?

[A]Uruguay

[B]Nigeria

[C]Tanzania

[D]Israel

Answer:

Uruguay. Uruguay has become the first country in the world to make it legal to grow, sell and consume marijuana. After a long debate, senators

gave the government-sponsored bill their historic approval. The law allowing registered Uruguayans over 18 to buy up to 40 g of the drug a month.

2. "Long Walk to Freedom" is an autobiographical work written by ___?

[A]Abraham Lincoln

[B]Nelson Mandela

[C]Vladimir Putin

[D]George W Bush

Answer:

Nelson Mandela. Long Walk to Freedom is an autobiographical work written by South African President Nelson Mandela. The book profiles his early

life, coming of age, education and 27 years in prison. (wikipedia)

3. Google has recently opened its first ever data centres in Asia to boost its growth further in the region. The two new centres are based in ___?

[A]India and China

[B]Taiwan and China

[C]Taiwan and Singapore

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[D]Singapore and India

Answer:

Taiwan and Singapore. Google has opened its first ever data centres in Asia as it looks to boost its growth further in the region. The two new

centres are based in Taiwan and Singapore.

4. Which country is launching a national research project to study the genetic basis of the disease in its population?

[A]USA

[B]Switzerland

[C]Germany

[D]Saudi Arabia

Answer:

Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is launching a national research project to study the genetic basis of the disease in which up to 100,000 people are

have to their genetic codes mapped in new human genome project. The research will look at genes linked with diseases, and pave the way for prenatal and

premarital screening.

5. Who among the following was crowned Miss Earth 2013?

[A]Alyz Henrich

[B]Catharina Choi

[C]Katia Wagner

[D]Pulika Kulsoontornrut

Answer:

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Alyz Henrich. Miss Venezuela, Alyz Henrich was crowned Miss Earth 2013 title at pageant organised at Versailles Palace, Philippines.

6. United Nations Human Rights Day was observed on December 10. The Theme of this year's observance was__ ?

[A]20 Years Working for Your Rights

[B]Protecting Human Rights

[C]Our Rights Our Dignity

[D]Fight for Human Rights

Answer:

20 Years Working for Your Rights. UN marks 10 December as Human Rights Day calling for greater political will and resources to implement laws and

standards designed to promote and protect the rights and dignity of all people everywhere.

7. As per the latest FICCI report, which of the following states has emerged as the biggest exporter of buffalo meat from the country?

[A]Punjab

[B]Maharashtra

[C]Uttar Pradesh

[D]Rajasthan

Answer:

Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the biggest exporter of buffalo meat from the country with Punjab and Maharashtra trending behind.

Apart from having the country's largest buffalo population it also has highest number of abattoirs-cum meat processing export units.

8. India's "Chitra Magimairaj" is associated with which of the following sports/event?

[A]Snooker

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[B]Tennis

[C]Badminton

[D]Basket Ball

Answer:

Snooker. Chitra Magimairaj is a Snooker player. She won Bronze medal at the IBSF World Snooker Championship.

9. The "Mahajan Commission" was constituted to look into the border dispute between which two states?

[A]Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

[B]Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra

[C]Maharashtra and Karnataka

[D]Karnataka and Kerala

Answer:

Maharashtra and Karnataka. The Government of India constituted the Mahajan Commission to look into the border dispute between the Maharashtra and

Karnataka.

10. . The "Tsukheniye", "Bishu", "Moatsu" and "Tuluni" are the important festivals celebrated by the Tribal people of ____?

[A]Tripura

[B]Nagaland

[C]Assam

[D]Mizoram

Answer:

Nagaland. Nagaland is known as the land of festivals, as each tribe celebrates its own festival with dedication and passion. Tsukheniye, Bishu,

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Moastu and Tuluni are some of the important festivals celebrated by Naga people.

11. Name the last scion of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, who passed away recently?

[A]Jaya Chamaraja Wodeyar

[B]Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wodeyar

[C]Nalvadi Narasimha Raja Wodeyar

[D]Nanjaraja Wodeyar

Answer:

Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wodeyar. Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wodeyar, last scion of the erstwhile Mysore royal family passed away. Wodeyar

was recently elected as President of Karnataka State Cricket Association in a hotly contested election. He had also represented Mysore Lok Sabha

constituency.

12. Yellowknife Bay is located on ____?

[A]Mars

[B]Jupiter

[C]Saturn

[D]Venus

Answer:

Mars. The Yellowknife Bay is located on Mars. It's one of the lowest spots topographically on the crate

NASA's curiosity rover analysis of clays drilled out from two rock samples in the area of Yellowknife Bay show

the freshwater lake existed at a time when other parts of Mars were dried up or dotted with shallow, acidic, salty pool ill suited for life.

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13. The "TradeEdge" is a new [software](http://www.gktoday.in/software/) platform launched by___?

[A]Infosys

[B]IBM

[C]Wipro

[D]HCL

Answer:

Infosys. [Software](http://www.gktoday.in/software/) major Infosys announced the launch of TradeEdge, an insight-driven sales

platform, which would provide visibility to global brands across the demand chain from distributors to consumers.

14. Which of the following countries has signed an agreement with the Palestinians and Jordan to build a pipeline channelling water from the Red Sea to the

Dead Sea?

[A]Turkey

[B]Iran

[C]Israel

[D]UAE

Answer:

Israel. Israel has signed an agreement with the Palestinians and Jordan to build a pipeline channelling water from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea.

The water will be desalinated at new facility in Jordan and used by Israel and Jordan. Some of the water will be used to help replenish the shrinking Dead

Sea.

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15. It was reported in Newspapers that Encephalitis has claimed many lives in Uttar Pradesh. Encephalitis is an acute inflammation of the ___?

- [A]Liver
- [B]Lungs
- [C]Brain
- [D]Intestine

Answer:

Brain. Encephalitis is an acute inflammation of the brain. The disease has claimed 623 lives this year in eastern Uttar Pradesh, according to

government data.

16. According to annual list of Forbes 500 companies in India, the country's biggest company in terms of annual revenue is ___?

- [A]Indian Oil Corporation
- [B]Reliance Industries
- [C]Bharat Petroleum
- [D]Hindustan Petroleum

Answer:

Indian Oil Corporation. State-run Indian Oil Corp has emerged as the country's biggest company in terms of annual revenue, followed by Mukhesh

Ambani-led private sector giant Reliance Industries at second place, as per annual list of Forbes 500 companies in India.

17. The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) contributes nearly what per cent of total world's oil?

- [A]25%
- [B]30%

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[C]35%

[D]40%

Answer:

35%.

18. The 'Beneguela' current is the ocean current passes along the ____?

[A]East coast of North America

[B]West coast of South America

[C]Southeast coast of Africa

[D]East coast of Japan

Answer:

Southeast coast of Africa.

19. Who among the following has won the Economic Times Lifetime Achievement Award 2013?

[A]Narayana Murthy

[B]Azim H Premji

[C]Anil Ambani

[D]Mukesh Ambani

Answer:

Azim H Premji. Wipro's Azim Premji has been conferred with the Economic Times Lifetime Achievement Award 2013.

20. . India is all set for the maiden test firing of its submarine launch of longest range and nuclear capable ballistic missile. The missile is code-named

as__?

[A]K-4

[B]K-5

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[C]M-14

[D]N-4

Answer:

K-4. India is preparing for the maiden test firing of its submarine launch of longest range and nuclear capable ballistic missile code-named K-4

from an underwater platform off the Vizag coast. The missile flies in hypersonic speed and is the world's best weapon in this class.

21. Sandur in Karnataka is known for deposits of which of the following ores?

[A]Manganese and Iron

[B]Iron and Gold

[C]Manganese and Copper

[D]Manganese and Aluminium

Answer:

Manganese and Iron. Sandur has deposits of Manganese and hematite (iron ore), and is home to several mines and steel plants.

22. In which of the following states world's famous hornbill festival celebration held every year?

[A]Assam

[B]Nagaland

[C]Tripura

[D]Meghalaya

Answer:

Nagaland. Hornbill festival is the premier festival of Nagaland held every year in the month of December. The festival is named after the

hornbill, the globally respected bird and which is displayed in folklore in most of the state's tribes.

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23. Which among the following supersonic fighter jets has been phased out from the Indian Air Force, recently?

[A] MiG-21FL

[B] Su-30

[C] MiG-72

[D] Su-72

Answer:

MiG-21FL. The MiG-21 FL fighter jet aircraft, which had heralded the “supersonic era” in IAF and had changed the course of the 1971 Indo-Pak war

due to its accurate target ability, flew into the annals of history when two pairs of MiG-21 FLs roared off a runway at the Kalaikunda air base for the last

time.

24. India has mandated visitors from which of the following countries to take oral polio vaccination before travelling here?

[A] Pakistan

[B] Nigeria

[C] Afghanistan

[D] Iran

Answer:

Pakistan. Pakistanis visiting India will now have to take oral polio vaccination before travelling here. In a new rule coming into effect from

January, Indian government has asked all Pakistanis to show evidence of polio vaccination before being given a visa to India. It applies to Indians

travelling to Pakistan or other countries where polio continues.

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25. The “Lomonosov Ridge” is an unusual underwater ridge of continental crust in the ____?

[A] Indian Ocean

[B] Pacific Ocean

[C] Arctic Ocean

[D] Atlantic Ocean

Answer:

Arctic Ocean. The Lomonosov Ridge is an unusual underwater ridge of continental crust in the Arctic Ocean. It spans 1800 km from the New Siberian

Islands over the central part of the ocean to Ellesmere Island of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. The Lomonosov Ridge was first discovered by the Soviet

high-latitude expeditions in 1948 and is named after Mikhail Lomonosov.

26. “Devagi Prafulla Chandra”, who passed away recently, was a famous__?

[A] Agriculturist

[B] Artist

[C] Musician

[D] Author

Answer:

Agriculturist. Devagi Prafulla Chandra was a well-known agriculturist and technologist. He was popularly known as “Krishi Rushi” for his work in

the areas of agriculture, energy conservation and rural development. He had bagged several coveted prizes and honours from number of institutions in the

country and abroad like-Krushi Samrat, state awards, world food day medal from the United Nations, American farmer’s award and 8 gold medals from government

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of India for excellence in crop production.

27. The Russian's Central Bank has recently adopted an official symbol for its national currency. The national currency of Russia is called__?

[A]Yuan

[B]Ruble

[C]Pound

[D]Krona

Answer:

Ruble. Russian's Central Bank has adopted an official symbol for the national currency, the ruble, which has been approved in a public vote. The

Cyrillic "P" with a horizontal stroke has won 61 percent of vote. The letter is pronounced as "R".

28. Which among the following has become the first country to grant non-human personhood status to dolphin & whales to recognise their unique

intelligence and self-awareness?

[A]India

[B]Mauritius

[C]Sri Lanka

[D]New Zealand

Answer:

India. India declares Dolphins and Whales as non-human persons.

29. Who among the following has been named as "Time Magazine Person of the Year"?

[A]Edward Snowden

[B]Ted Cruz

[C]Bashar al-Assad

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[D]Pope Francis

Answer:

Pope Francis. Time Magazine named Pope Francis its person of the year.

30. . The European Union (EU) has recently imposed a blanket ban on all airlines from which country to fly into the 28 nation bloc?

[A]Nepal

[B]India

[C]Pakistan

[D]Bangladesh

Answer:

Nepal. The EU imposed a ban on all airlines from Nepal from flying into the 28-nations bloc under the latest changes to a list of unsafe

carriers.

31. Which of the following countries has recently displaced India as the topmost country of origin of migrants to UK?

[A]Australia

[B]China

[C]Japan

[D]Russia

Answer:

China. China is now the top country of last residence for immigration to the UK for the first time. India moved down to second place following a

statistically significant decrease in the numbers of immigrants from India to the UK, from 61,000 to 37,000 in 2012.

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value="Show Answer" /> 2. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), which one of the following countries has highest work participation

rates for women?

[A]Norway

[B]China

[C]USA

[D]Switzerland

Answer:

Norway. According to the International Labour Organisation, out of 131 countries Norway has highest work participation rates for women. India has

ranked 11th from the bottom in female labour force participation.

33. The world's largest Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) project based on CLFR technology is coming up in which state?

[A]Gujarat

[B]Rajasthan

[C]Haryana

[D]Madhya Pradesh

Answer:

Rajasthan. Reliance Power has started pre-commissioning activities for its Concentrated Solar Power project in Rajasthan, Jaisamler district. The

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project is the world's largest CSP project based on CLFR technology. The 100 MW CSP plant is being built at a cost of Rs 2,100 crores.

34. Which of the following has been chosen to host the "World Expo Trade Convention" in 2020?

[A] London

[B] Dubai

[C] Sydney

[D] Mumbai

Answer:

Dubai. Dubai has been chosen to host the world expo trade convention in 2020-beating off rival bids from Brazil, Turkey and Russia. Dubai will be

the first Middle Eastern city to hold the Expo, which takes place every five years. The 2015 Expo takes place in Milan.

35. The 22nd Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting which concluded in Sri Lanka recently, has adopted which of the following three independent

declarations?

[A] Youth, International Trade and Inclusive Development

[B] Youth, International Trade and Sustainable Development

[C] Youth, Industry and Environment

[D] Industry, Individual and Development

Answer:

Youth, International Trade and Inclusive Development.

36. Which of the following nation has recently qualified for World T20 Championship for the first time?

[A] Denmark

[B] Holland

[C] Nepal

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[D]UAE

Answer:

Nepal. Nepal qualified for next year's ICC World T20 after beating Hong Kong by 5 wickets.

37. Consider the following banks: 1.ABN Amro Bank 2.Barclays Bank 3.Kookmin Bank Which of the following correctly represents their

countries of origin?

[A]Dutch, USA, Japan

[B]Japan, USA, China

[C]Dutch, UK, South Korea

[D]Dutch, USA, China

Answer:

Dutch, UK, South Korea. ABN Amro is an all-round Dutch bank that offers a full range of products and services to retail, private, commercial and

investors. Barclays is a British multinational banking and financial services company headquartered in London, UK. KB Kookmin bank is the largest bank by

both asset value and market capitalization in South Korea.

38. Which of the following statements is true about the "Operation Oliver" of coast guard?

[A]It's a mission to check the Bangladeshi immigrants

[B]It's a rescue operation conducted to safeguard the Helen hit victims

[C]An annual mission to ensure safety of breeding Olive Ridley sea turtles

[D]A combat exercise to check Naxal operations

Answer:

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An annual mission to ensure safety of breeding Olive Ridley sea turtles. The Operation Oliver is an annual mission to ensure the safe mid-sea

sojourn of breeding Olive Ridley sea turtles in Gahirmatha marine sanctuary area of Odisha. It has been launched by coast guard. With round-the-clock vigil,

the coast guard is trying to provide adequate protection to the endangered species.

39. Who among the following is the head of the committee constituted by Supreme Court to deal with complaints of sexual harassment within its precincts?

[A]Ranjana Prakash Desai

[B]Gyan Sudha Ratna

[C]Shanta Sinha

[D]Mamatha Sharma

Answer:

Ranjana Prakash Desai. Supreme Court constituted a 10-member committee headed by its woman judge, Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, to deal with

complaints of sexual harassment within its precincts. The Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) has six female members and two

members who outsiders and not connected with the apex court in any manner. The panel is in consonance with the guidelines laid down by apex court in its

judgment in Vishaka case for dealing with complaints of sexual harassments at workplace.

40. . In which of the following countries world's oldest Buddhist shrine has been discovered recently?

[A]Nepal

[B]Sri Lanka

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[C]China

[D]Pakistan

Answer:

Nepal. Archaeologists in Nepal have discovered traces of a wooden structure dating from the sixth century BC that they believe in the world's

oldest Buddhist shrine. The structure was unearthed inside the sacred Mayadevi Temple in Lumbini.

41. Which among the following is the major aim of the "Perform Achieve Trade (PAT)" scheme?

[A]To reduce energy consumption in industries

[B]To improve export of agriculture products

[C]To minimise the Greenhouse gas emission

[D]To reduce the energy wastage in industries

Answer:

To reduce energy consumption in industries. The Perform Achieve Trade is a trading scheme aimed to reduce energy consumption in industries across

India using market oriented mechanisms. The scheme is being designed and implemented by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the ministry of power,

India.

42. Who among the following has become the highest-ranked Indian golfer in the world?

[A]Anirban Lahiri

[B]Shiv Kapur

[C]Chiragh Kumar

[D]Arjun Atwal

Answer:

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Anirban Lahiri. Bangalore golfer Anirban Lahiri became the highest-ranked Indian golfer in the world at 111, following his tied fourth finish at

the just concluded \$ 1 million Thailand Golf Championships.

43. The "Eurasia Project" a new international project plans to develop innovative technologies for drilling ultra-deep wells is initiating by which

country?

[A]Russia

[B]Kazakhstan

[C]Iran

[D]Saudi Arabia

Answer:

Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan is initiating a new international project called Eurasia Project. The project looks to develop innovative technologies for

drilling ultra-deep wells with depths of 14 to 15 kilometres.

44. Who among the following has been voted the BBC sports personality of 2013?

[A]Andy Murray

[B]Novak Djokovic

[C]Usain Bolt

[D]Rafel Nadal

Answer:

Andy Murray. Wimbledon champion Andy Murray has been voted the BBC's 60th Sports Personality of the Year, winning the accolade after becoming the

first British man to lift the trophy at the All England Club in 77 years.

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45. "Jallikattu" is a bull taming sport played in which of the following states?

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

Answer:

Tamil Nadu. Jallikattu is a bull taming sport played in Tamil Nadu as a part of Pongal celebrations on Mattu Pongal day.

46. The Luzon strait lies between the Philippines and which one of the following countries?

- [A] Malaysia
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] Taiwan
- [D] Japan

Answer:

Taiwan. The Luzon Strait is the strait between Taiwan and Luzon islands of the Philippines. The strait connects the Philippine Sea to the South

China Sea in the western Pacific Ocean.

47. "Ocean acidification" is the ongoing decrease in pH of Earth Ocean's caused by uptake of ____?

- [A] Methane
- [B] Carbon dioxide
- [C] Sulphur dioxide
- [D] Nitrogen oxide

Answer:

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Carbon dioxide. Ocean Acidification is the process of decrease in the pH of the Earth's Oceans, caused by uptake of carbon dioxide from the

atmosphere.

48. The Nile River which is regarded as the longest river in the world empties into the ____?

[A]Mediterranean Sea

[B]Bering Sea

[C]Caribbean Sea

[D]Sea of Okhotsk

Answer:

Mediterranean Sea. The Nile ends in a large delta that empties into the Mediterranean Sea.

49. The "Sagar Thermal Power Plant" is a proposed power plant coming up in which state?

[A]Bihar

[B]Andhra Pradesh

[C]West Bengal

[D]Odisha

Answer:

West Bengal. The Sagar Power Plant is the 2000 MW at Bengal's Nayachar Island on the Hoogly River. The Sagar Super Thermal Project, estimated to

be worth Rs 8,600 crore, is struck because of the ministry of environment has not given its clearance.

50. . Which among the following is not a minority community in India?

[A]Muslim

[B]Christians

[C]Jainism

[D]Buddhists

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Answer:

Jainism. According to existing law, five communities Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians are notified as minority communities

and enjoy the benefits and scheme meant for minorities. Jains have long been demanding recognition as a separate religion, saying their religious practices

are unique and it is unfair to club them with Hindu.

51. India's first museum for customs and central excise has been opened in which state, recently?

[A]Maharashtra

[B]Goa

[C]Kerala

[D]Gujarat

Answer:

Goa. The headquarter of Alfandega-as the custom administration was known in Goa during Portuguese rule till 1961 when it was liberated and came

under Indian control has been converted into the country's first museum for customs and central excise and display some rare items seized from smugglers

since Independence and before.

52. The "ESCAP Sasakawa Award for Disability Inclusive Business in Asia and Pacific" has won by ____?

[A]Reliance

[B]Wipro

[C]Infosys

[D]HCL

Answer:

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Wipro. Wipro has won the ESCAP Sasakawa Award for Disability Inclusive Business in Asia and Pacific. Wipro achieved this award in the category

disability inclusive multinational enterprise. This award was established by ESCAP in cooperation with Asia Pacific Development Centre on Disability (APCD).

53. By defeating which of the following countries India clinched the women's kabaddi World Cup Championship-2013?

[A]Pakistan

[B]New Zealand

[C]Sri Lanka

[D]Nepal

Answer:

New Zealand. India clinched the women's kabaddi World Cup Championship for the third time in row, defeating debutant New Zealand 49-21 in the

summit clash played at Guru Gobind Singh sports complex. The Indian team took home a first-place prize of Rs one crore.

54. The European Parliament has recently granted GSP Plus. status to which one of the following countries, recently?

[A]India

[B]Pakistan

[C]Singapore

[D]Japan

Answer:

Pakistan. The European Parliament has granted GSP Plus status to Pakistan. The status has been granted till 2017. The status will prove to be of

great benefit to Pakistan's textile manufacturers and exporters who will now have access to 27 European countries without having to pay duties.

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55. Which of the following states has been honoured with prestigious WTTCII tourism award?

[A] Kerala

[B] Gujarat

[C] Nagaland

[D] New Delhi

Answer:

New Delhi. Delhi tourism received the prestigious, Tourism for Tomorrow Awards, India announced by World Travel & Tourism Council India

Initiative (WTTCII) for best destination leadership award 2013.

56. The Hubble Space Telescope has recently detected the first strong evidence of water plumes erupting from which one of the Jupiter's moons?

[A] Europa

[B] Ganymede

[C] Callisto

[D] Amalthea

Answer:

Europa. The Hubble Space Telescope has detected the first strong evidence of water plumes erupting from the icy surface of one of Jupiter's moon

Europa. After this finding Europa would be the second moon in the solar system to have water vapour plumes. Scientist has already determined that an ocean

lies beneath Europa's frozen crust.

57. Currently, in which of the following states the AFSPA (Armed Force Special Powers Act, 1958) is in force? 1. Manipur 2. Assam

3. Nagaland 4. Arunachal Pradesh Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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[A]Only 1 & 2

[B]Only 2 & 4

[C]Only 1 & 3

[D]1, 2, 3 & 4

Answer:

1, 2, 3 & 4. AFSPA is in force in Manipur (excluding the Imphal Municipal Council area), Assam and Nagaland and in the Tirap and Changlang

districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

58. Who among the following has been named the most powerful celebrity of 2013 by Forbes India?

[A]Mahendra Singh Dhoni

[B]Shah Rukh Khan

[C]Salman Khan

[D]Sachin Tendulkar

Answer:

Shah Rukh Khan. Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan has been named the most powerful celebrity of 2013 by Forbes India for the second time in a row.

Indian cricketer captain M S Dhoni moved up from the third spot last year and has come in at the number two spots with his immense popularity and endorsement

deals.

59. Which of the following foreign banks has been granted license to start its banking operation in India, recently?

[A]Doha Bank

[B]Bank of Japan

[C]Barclays Bank

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[D]Kookmin Bank

Answer:

Doha Bank. Doha bank has been granted licence to commence banking operations in India and has been permitted to open a branch in Mumbai to

provide full scale banking services.

60. . The International Conference on the Great Lake Region is an intergovernmental organisation of ____ countries?

[A]African

[B]European

[C]Asian

[D]North American

Answer:

African. International Conference on the Great Lake Region is an intergovernmental organisation of African Countries in the African Great Lakes

region.

61. Which of the following movies has won Golden Peacock award at the 44th International Film Festival of India?

[A]Beatriz's War

[B]Apur Panchali

[C]Meghe Dhaka Tara

[D]Kush

Answer:

Beatriz's War. Beatriz's War, East Timor's first feature film in its post colonization period and its co-director Bety Reis's debut, won the

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Golden Peacock award for the 2013 best film, and prize money of 40 lakh.

62. As per the study of Ipsos Economic Pulse of the world, India is the __ economically confident country in the world. Fill the blank with correct option?

[A]4th

[B]5th

[C]7th

[D]8th

Answer:

7th. As per the study of Ipsos Economic Pulse of the world, India is the 7th economically confident country in the world. Ipsos is the global

research firm. India

63. Pulichintala multipurpose project, which was conceived in 1911 by British engineer Col.Ellis has been inaugurated exactly after 102 years recently. On

which river is this project located?

[A] Manjira

[B]Narmada

[C]Krishna

[D]Tungabhadra

Answer:

Krishna. The Pulichintala project, the terminal reservoir on River Krishna that was conceived in 1911 by British engineer Col.Ellis has been

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inaugurated exactly after 102 years. Named after eminent engineer and former Union Minister, Late K L Rao, the Pulichintala dam built across the Krishna

River between areas in Nalgonda on one side and Guntur on the other side, is the third major irrigation project, after Srisaillam and Nagarjunasagar.

64. The "Operation IceBridge" is a NASA mission that aims to monitor changes in polar ice on __?

[A] Mars

[B] Earth

[C] Saturn

[D] Moon

Answer:

Earth. IceBridge, a six-year NASA mission, is the largest airborne survey on the Earth's polar ice ever flown. It will yield an unprecedented

three-dimensional view of Arctic and Antarctic ice sheets, ice shelves and sea ice. These flights will provide a yearly, multi-instrument look at the

behaviour of the rapidly changing features of the Greenland and Antarctic ice.

65. Who among the following has won UN Human Rights Prize 2013?

[A] Malala Yousafzai

[B] Angel Merkel

[C] Nelson Mandela

[D] Kofi Anann

Answer:

Malala Yousafzai. Pakistani teen activist Malala Yousafzai won the UN Human Rights Prize 2013. The winners of the prestigious UN prize in the

field of Human Rights for 2013 are Ms. Malala Yousafzai and Mr. Biram Dah Abeid from Mauritania.

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66. As per the latest Census data, which one of the following states has the highest proportion of homeless population in the country?

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Karnataka

Answer:

Rajasthan. Rajasthan has the highest proportion of homeless and had the least success in reducing the proportion of homeless persons along

Haryana and West Bengal. Four states Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh account for about half the country's homeless population.

67. Paul Walker, who died recently, was famous for which of the following movie series?

- [A] Hell Boy
- [B] Ghost Rider
- [C] Fast and Furious
- [D] Star War

Answer:

Fast and Furious. Paul Walker was an American actor. He became famous as Brian O'Conner in the Fast and Furious film series. His other films

include Eight Below, Into the Blue, Joy Ride, She's All That and Takers.

68. S P Roy Burman, who passed away recently, was a well known___?

- [A] Industrialist
- [B] Diplomat
- [C] Scientist
- [D] Actor

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Answer:

Industrialist. S P Roy Burman was a well known industrialist. He was the founder and chairman emeritus of Khadim India Limited. Mr Burman had

conceptualised “affordable fashion footwear” which had placed Khadim on the leather industry map of India.

69. Name the Pakistan cricket player who has been inducted into cricket's Hall of Fame, recently?

[A] Waqar Younis

[B] Inzamam Ul-ak

[C] Sahid Afridi

[D] Saheed Anwar

Answer:

Waqar Younis. Pakistan's pace bowling great Waqar Younis and former Australian wicket-keeper Adam Gilchrist were inducted into cricket's Hall of

Fame. Waqar joins Hanif Mohammad and former team-mates Imran Khan, Javed Miandad and Wasim Akram as the Pakistanis in the exclusive club.

70. . Which of the following countries parliament has adopted a law protecting state secrets despite of public opposition?

[A] China

[B] Japan

[C] Russia

[D] South Korea

Answer:

Japan. Japan's parliament has adopted a law on protecting state secrets despite a public outcry, with strong opposition from the media and

academics who fear it will infringe on the right to information and free expression.

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71. As per the National Family Health Survey latest data, which state has maximum cases of malnutrition in the country?

[A]Andhra Pradesh

[B]Bihar

[C]Jharkhand

[D]West Bengal

Answer:

Jharkhand. The National Family Health Survey provides the data on nutrition indicators at National and State level. As per the latest data

Jharkhand has recorded maximum cases of malnutrition in children.

72. Which one of the following books is not authored by A P J Abdul Kalam?

[A]Wings of Fire

[B]Target 3 Billion

[C]Ignited Minds

[D]My Country My Life

Answer:

My Country My Life. My Country My Life is an autobiographical book by L K Advani.

73. Which among the following countries has won Junior Men's Hockey World Cup?

[A]France

[B]India

[C]Germany

[D]Japan

Answer:

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Germany. Germany has won Junior Men's Hockey World Cup to their record sixth world title, beating unheralded France 5-2 in the final match at

Major Dhyan Chand stadium.

74. What is the name of India's defence ministry's internet surveillance system which is proposed to be launch soon?

[A]Lakshya

[B]Garuda

[C]Netra

[D]Drusti

Answer:

Netra. The government will shortly launch "Netra" the defence ministry's internet spy system that will be capable of detecting words like attack,

bomb, blast or kill in a matter of seconds from reams of tweets, status updates, emails, instant messaging transcripts, internet calls, blogs and forums. The

Netra internet surveillance system has been developed by Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, a lab under Defence Research and Development

Organisation.

75. Which of the following is/are the major objectives of MGNREGA? 1.Wage employment 2.Create durable community assets 3.Empower gram

panchayats Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1

[B]Only 1 & 2

[C]Only 1 & 3

[D]1, 2 & 3

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Answer:

1, 2 & 3. There are three objectives of NREGA. First to provide wage employment, second is to create durable community assets and third to

empower grama panchayats.

76. Who among the following has been appointed new chairman of NABARD?

[A] Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

[B] Chandra Shekar

[C] Hemanth Banswal

[D] Amith Mishra

Answer:

Harsh Kumar Bhanwala. The government has appointed Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

(NABARD). Bhanwala succeeds Praksh Bakshi, who retired as NABARD chairman in September.

77. "Michelle Bachelet" has been recently elected as President of ___?

[A] Ireland

[B] Chile

[C] Kenya

[D] Nigeria

Answer:

Chile. Left-wing candidate Michelle Bachelet has been elected Chilean President for a second time by a wide margin. With almost all the votes counted, Ms Bachelet had 62% against 38% for Evelyn Matthei, a former minister

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from the governing centre-right coalition. Ms Bachelet first served from 2006 to 2010, but under Chile's constitution she could not stand for a second

consecutive term.

78. Who among the following has won best actor award at the 10th Dubai International Film Festival?

[A]Irfan Khan

[B]Abhishek Bacchan

[C]Ranabir Singh

[D]Shahid Kapoor

Answer:

Irfan Khan. Acclaimed actor Irfan Khan won the best actor award for his brilliant performance in the Lunchbox at the 10th edition of Dubai

International Film Festival.

79. Which one of the following has become the first Eurozone nation to exit from bailout programme?

[A]Ireland

[B]Portugal

[C]Cyprus

[D]Greece

Answer:

Ireland. Ireland formally left its three-year bailout programme, becoming the first nation to do so. Ireland is now returning unaided to the

international lending markets while eurozone strugglers Greece, Portugal and Cyprus remain locked into the bailout process.

80. . Babul Phukan, who passed away, recently was associated with which of the following sports?

[A]Tennis

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[B]Football

[C]Hockey

[D]Golf

Answer:

Football. Babul Phukan, former international footballer from Assam died after prolonged illness. Phukan had represented the state nine times in

the Santhosh Trophy and also played several international matches in Germany, England and Italy. He played for Mohammedan Sporting Club and also represented

Maharana club, one of the oldest clubs of the North East.

81. Which of the following is the India's first indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft?

[A]Dhruva

[B]Lakshya

[C]Tejas

[D]Garuda

Answer:

Tejas. Tejas is India's first indigenously developed light combat aircraft. Recently it has achieved a milestone by launching an infrared

seeking air to air missile that hit the target in a direct hit with precision and destroyed the target.

82. India's first heritage transport museum has recently opened at____?

[A]Bangalore

[B]Gurgaon

[C]Mumbai

[D]Bhopal

Answer:

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Gurgaon. India's first heritage transport museum has been opened in Gurgaon, Haryana. The museum which has been inspired by similar structure in

London in the UK and Los Angeles in the US showcase the history of transportation in India.

83. The "Hezbollah" is an Islamic militant group and political party based in ___?

[A] Syria

[B] Turkey

[C] Lebanon

[D] Nigeria

Answer:

Lebanon. Hezbollah is a Shia Islamic militant group and political party based in Lebanon. The government of U.S, Netherlands, France and Gulf

Cooperation Council, UK, EU and Israel classify Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation in whole or in part.

84. With reference to Indian sports, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range is located in ___?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Chandigarh

[C] Jodhpur

[D] Mumbai

Answer:

New Delhi. There are five stadia in Delhi viz., Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Maj. Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Indira Gandhi Stadium, Dr. Shyama

Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex and Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range.

85. In recent times, the Trade Facilitation Package (TFP) was making news with reference to ___?

[A] World Economic Forum

[B] World Trade Organization

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[C]World Bank

[D]International Monetary Fund

Answer:

World Trade Organization. The 159 members of the World Trade Organization have recently struck a deal called Trade Facilitation Package that is

expected to give the global economy a \$1 trillion boost.

86. Which among the following companies is generally known as Salt-to-software conglomerate?

[A]Tata Group

[B]Reliance Group

[C]Mahindra Group

[D]Birla Group

Answer:

Tata Group.

87. According to the recent global survey of leading consultancy firm Ernst and Young (EY), which among the following countries has emerged as the most

attractive investment destination of the world recently?

[A]China

[B]India

[C]United States

[D]Canada

Answer:

India. With relaxation in FDI norms to boost investor sentiments, India has emerged as the most attractive investment destination surpassing

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neighbouring China and the US as per this survey.

88. Which one of the following countries has recently agreed to include a “limitation of benefits (LOB)” clause in its revised tax treaty with India?

[A]Switzerland

[B]Japan

[C]Mauritius

[D]South Korea

Answer:

Mauritius. Mauritius has agreed to include a “limitation of benefits” clause in its revised tax treaty with India. The move aims to strengthen

its jurisdiction from any attempts of round tripping and money laundering activities.

89. The Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) of India was set up on the basis of the recommendation made by which committee?

[A]Naresh Chandra Committee

[B]Narasimhan Committee

[C]Singhvi Committee

[D]Damodharan Committee

Answer:

Naresh Chandra Committee. The Serious Fraud Investigation Office was set on 9th January 2003 on the basis of the recommendations made by the

Naresh Chandra Committee which was set up by the government on 21st August 2002 on corporate governance. Recently, Serious Fraud Investigation Office has

been accorded statutory status.

90. . Which of the following has been awarded the title of “World’s Leading Island Destination” at the 2013 World Travel Awards in Qatar?

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[A]Indonesia

[B]Maldives

[C]Cook Islands

[D]Jamaica

Answer:

Maldives. The Maldives has been awarded the title of World's Leading Island Destination at the 2013 World Travel Award in Qatar. This is the

third time the Maldives has won the prestigious travel award. The World Travel Awards are hailed as the "Oscars of the Travel Industry".

91. According to Transparency International Corruption Perception Index 2013 which of the following countries is least corrupt country in the world?

[A]Denmark

[B]New Zealand

[C]Switzerland

[D]Australia

Answer:

Denmark. Denmark and New Zealand were found to be the least corrupt on the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index for 2014.

India ranked at the 94th spot in global list, while Somalia emerged as the most corrupt.

92. The "Sankirtana" a famous tradition of ritual singing, drumming and dancing which is set to be declared intangible cultural heritage of humanity is

practiced mainly in which state?

[A]Kerala

[B]Himachal Pradesh

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[C] Manipur

[D] Assam

Answer:

Manipur. Sankirtana is Manipur's famous tradition of ritual singing, drumming and dancing. Sankirtan and Bangladesh's traditional art of Jamdani

weaving, that is also famous in India, are set to be declared intangible cultural heritage of humanity. Sankirtan is practiced primarily by the Vaishnava

community of the plains of Manipur.

93. Akihwumi Adesina, who has been named Forbes African of the Year, is ___?

[A] Nigerian Agriculture Minister

[B] Kenya's Defence Minister

[C] Mali's Food Minister

[D] South Africa's Vice-President

Answer:

Nigerian Agriculture Minister. Nigerian Agriculture Minister Akihwumi Adesina has been named Forbes African of the Year of his reforms to the

country's farming sector.

94. Which of the following has recently named as World's leading low cost Airline at the World Travel Awards 2013?

[A] Air Berlin

[B] Jet Blue Airways

[C] Air Asia

[D] Air Arabia

Answer:

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Air Asia. Air Asia has given the name as the world's leading low cost airline at the World Travel Awards 2013. In the travel industry value of

this award equal to Oscars.

95. Who among the following has won LG People's Choice Award 2013?

[A] Alastair Cook

[B] M S Dhoni

[C] Virat Kohli

[D] AB de Villiers

Answer:

M S Dhoni. India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has won this year's LG People's Choice Award, thus becoming the only the second Indian cricketer to

win the coveted prize after just-retired Sachin Tendulkar. Dhoni has now become the only the third cricketer to win this award after Tendulkar, who was the

first-ever recipient in 2010, and Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara, who won it in 2011 and 2012.

96. Which of the following countries have defied China's recently created "No Air Space Zone"?

[A] Vietnam and Japan

[B] Japan and South Korea

[C] South Korea and Taiwan

[D] Japan and Taiwan

Answer:

Japan and South Korea. Japan and South Korea defy China in disputed air space.

97. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has recently approved the proposal to undertake scientific drilling in the Koyana inter-plate seismic zone.

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Koyna is located in __?

[A]Maharashtra

[B]Madhya Pradesh

[C]Odisha

[D]West Bengal

Answer:

Maharashtra. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal to undertake scientific deep in the Koyna intra-plate seismic zone,

in Maharashtra. The total cost of the project is around Rs.470 crore for five years. The proposed investigation in Koyna region will provide a unique

opportunity to better understand the mechanism of reservoir-triggered earthquakes, developing a forecast model and assessing earthquake hazard in a stable

continental region.

98. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed on __?

[A]November 29

[B]December 2

[C]December 3

[D]December 4

Answer:

December 3. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed on 3rd December across the world. This day is observed to support and

promote the rights and dignity of persons with disability and mobilise support for their well being. This day was first started in 1981 by United Nations.

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99. With which of the following neighbouring countries, India has recently agreed to slew of naval cooperation measures to target pirates and terrorist

groups operating in Indian Ocean?

[A] Bangladesh

[B] China

[C] Sri Lanka

[D] Pakistan

Answer:

Sri Lanka. India and Sri Lanka have agreed to slew of naval cooperation measures to target pirates and terrorist groups operating in the Indian

Ocean.

100. Washoku, which is being considered for designation as part of the world's priceless cultural heritage by the United Nations, is the traditional cuisine

of __?

[A] China

[B] Thailand

[C] Japan

[D] Singapore

Answer:

Japan. Washoku, the traditional cuisine of Japan, is being considered for designation as part of the world's priceless cultural heritage by UN.

Washoku embraces seasonal ingredients, a unique taste, time consuming preparation and style of eating steeped in centuries of tradition.