

# Weekly General Awareness PDF of Daily Quizzes For IBPS, SBI, LIC, etc Exams 2020

All Questions Of The Week In One PDF

1. Which of the following country joined officially as the 30th and newest member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- A. Moldova
- B. Sweden
- C. North Macedonia
- D. Ukraine
- E. None of these

2. Which of the following public sector banks has signed a pact with Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE) for accessing credit facilities of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME)?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. Bank of Baroda
- C. Union Bank of India
- D. Indian Bank
- E. Canara Bank

3. What is India's rank as most polluted country in the World Air Quality Report 2019 released by the pollution tracker IQAir and Greenpeace?

- A. Second
- B. Third
- C. Fourth
- D. Fifth
- E. Sixth

4. As per Skill development and Entrepreneurship Ministry's data, number of people trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) from 2016-20 are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 69.84 Lakh
- B. 71.97 Lakh
- C. 73.47 Lakh
- D. 75.09 Lakh
- E. 77.79 Lakh

5. Where will the Joint Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 between India and the United Kingdom be conducted?

- A. Pune
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Jhansi
- D. Salisbury Plains
- E. Shillong

6. Which institution has launched an initiative #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks to

encourage people to read books during their stay at home?

- A. NCERT
- B. CBSE
- C. UGC
- D. NBT
- E. Publications Division

7. What is the deadline to implement the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme across the country?

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020

8. An annual event the 'World Sustainable Development Summit 2020', organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) held in which city of India for the first time?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jaipur
- D. Lucknow
- E. Dehradun

9. As per the union budget 2020-21, the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway shall be completed by which year?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2025
- E. 2026

10. A United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket launched the Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF-6) communications satellite for which country?

- A. USA
- B. France
- C. China
- D. India
- E. Israel

11. In order to promote digital India initiative of the central Government which bank launched India's 1st prepaid wallet card 'Enkasu'?

- A. Laxmi Vilas Bank

- B. Karur Vysya Bank
- C. RBL Bank
- D. Axis Bank
- E. HDFC Bank

12. Who has authored the book titled 'Invincible - A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar'?

- A. Tarun Vijay
- B. Vijay Goyal
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. Tawar Chand Gahlot

13. Which bank becomes the 1st bank to launch COVID 19 emergency credit line (CECL) to provide funds to businesses affected by the infectious coronavirus?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. Bank of Baroda
- D. ICICI Bank
- E. HDFC Bank

14. When is World Poetry Day celebrated globally?

- A. 21 March
- B. 22 March
- C. 20 March
- D. 19 March
- E. 12 March

15. How much fund has been allocated to the newly formed Union Territory of Ladakh?

- A. 5413 crore
- B. 5600 crore
- C. 5958 crore
- D. 6100 crore
- E. 6255 crore

16. The International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers agreed to move the Tokyo Games to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. end of 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2023
- E. 2024

17. What amount has been allocated for power and renewable energy sector in the union budget 2020-21?

- A. Rs 10, 000 crore
- B. Rs 11, 000 crore
- C. Rs 22, 000 crore
- D. Rs 27, 000 crore
- E. Rs 33, 000 crore

18. Who has been appointed as new chairman and Managing director of Power Finance corporation?

- A. M K Goel
- B. Mahendra Goyal
- C. Rajeev Sharma
- D. Ravinder Singh Dhillon
- E. K K Singhal

19. Who has been honoured with IIFTC Tourism Impact Award 2020 during the 8th India International Film Tourism Conclave (IIFTC) held in Mumbai?

- A. Alia Bhatt
- B. Zoya Akhtar
- C. Frahan Akhtar
- D. Dipika Padukone
- E. Priyanka Chopra

20. Who among the following has been appointed as the Additional Directors in Yes Bank board by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A. R Gandhi
- B. Prashant Kumar
- C. Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan
- D. Dinabandhu Mohapatra
- E. Both A and C

21. What shall be the corporate Tax for new domestic companies in manufacturing and power sector?

- A. 15
- B. 22
- C. 25
- D. 20
- E. 30

22. Which country has become the first country in the world to withdraw from Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

- A. USA
- B. France
- C. Canada
- D. India
- E. Australia

23. Amid the growing COVID-19 epidemic India has postponed its 1st summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), 'RAISE 2020-Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment' to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. August
- B. September
- C. October
- D. November
- E. December

24. Government has decided to merge Canara Bank with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Central Bank of India
- B. Syndicate Bank
- C. United Bank of India
- D. Union Bank of India
- E. Corporation Bank

25. Gudi Padwa or 'Chaitra Shukla Pratipada' is mainly celebrated in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Haryana

26. What percent of equity has been allowed for NRIs to acquire after cabinet gives nod for FDI policy on civil aviation?

- A. 74%
- B. 49%
- C. 76%
- D. 100%
- E. 24%

27. Who has been adjudged with Player of Tournament award in ICC women's T20 world cup?

- A. Beth Mooney
- B. Alyssa Healy
- C. Magan Schutt
- D. Shafali Verma
- E. Harmanpreet Kaur

28. What is the expected growth rate of G-20 countries as per Moody's?

- A. 2.1 %
- B. 2.2 %
- C. 2.3 %
- D. 2.7 %
- E. 2.05%

29. Human Development Index is published by:

- A. UNDP
- B. IMF
- C. World Bank
- D. UNESCO
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

30. Name the Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) which has acquired the Mutual Fund (MF) business worth Rs. 215 crores of IDBI Bank?

- A. Muthoot Finance
- B. Bajaj Finserv Ltd.
- C. Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited.
- D. Power Finance Corp
- E. Tata Capital

31. Who among the following has been named as the brand ambassador of beverage Major PepsiCo?

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Harmanpreet Kaur
- C. Taniya Bhatia
- D. Shafali Verma
- E. Deepti Sharma

32. By which year NASA is planning to setup Artemis, the first human base camp on Moon's south pole?

- A. 2021
- B. 2022
- C. 2023
- D. 2024
- E. 2025

33. Who among the following cricketers has been named as the leading cricketer in the world 2020 by Wisden?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Ben Stokes
- D. Steve Smith
- E. Aaron Finch

34. What amount has been allocated by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund (SDF) for COVID-19 projects in 8 member countries?

- A. USD 2 million

- B. USD 3 million
- C. USD 4 million
- D. USD 5 million
- E. USD 6 million

35. What will be the maximum amount that has been provided by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) as emergency working capital to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)?

- A. 50 lakh
- B. 75 lakh
- C. 1 crore
- D. 1.5 crore
- E. 2 crore

36. Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has collaborated with which organization for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs)?

- A. WTO
- B. WHO
- C. UNICEF
- D. UNDP
- E. UNEP

37. Indian-American, Brahm Kanchibotla, passed away due to coronavirus, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Doctor
- B. Businessman
- C. IT Professional
- D. Journalist
- E. Scientist

38. Renowned personality Honor Blackman passed away recently, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Hollywood Actress
- B. Journalist
- C. Scientist
- D. Social Activist
- E. Environmentalist

39. Who among the following has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti AXA Life Insurance?

- A. Akhil Kumar Gupta
- B. Harjeet Kohli

- C. Parag Raja
- D. Rajesh Sud
- E. Uma Ajay Relan

40. Which platform has been launched by the government of India for all front-line workers to equip them with the training and updates in coping with Pandemic?

- A. mGOT e-learning platform
- B. iGOT e-learning platform
- C. hGOT e-learning platform
- D. iGOV e-learning platform
- E. cGOV e-learning platform

41. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has removed export restrictions on 24 pharma ingredients including 12 active pharmaceutical ingredients, it operates under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- B. Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- E. Ministry of Home Affairs

42. As per the report published by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for the year ended March 31, 2018 which state commits highest crime related to the environment in the country?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Tamil Nadu

43. Which Public Sector Bank has initiated four Agro schemes for Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO/FPC) and farming community to provide financial relief to the agriculture sector which is under distress due to COVID-19?

- A. Bank of India
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda
- E. Canara Bank

44. Which becomes the first state to extend Covid-19 lockdown till April 30?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha



- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Punjab
- E. Maharashtra

45. Who among the following female cricketers has been named the Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World 2020?

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Sana Mir
- C. Shashikala Siriwardene
- D. Ellyse Perry
- E. Mark Lane

46. Who has been appointed as head of special cell created by Ministry of External Affairs to coordinate issues related to coronavirus?

- A. Dammu Ravi
- B. Santosh Kumar
- C. Sameer Misra
- D. Amit Mahantana
- E. Shivraj Kumar

47. Who won women's title at Badminton All England Championship?

- A. Chen Yufei
- B. Tai Tzu-ying
- C. Akane Yamaguchi
- D. Nozomi Okuhara
- E. P. V. Sindhu

48. Who has been nominated as Director on Central board of Reserve Bank of India?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. B P Kanungo
- C. Michael Patra
- D. Debasish Panda
- E. Pami Dua

49. Which state has launched India's first digital parcel locker service?

- A. Haryana
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. West Bengal
- E. Maharashtra

50. Dana Zatopkova who recently passed away belonged to which field?

- A. Sports
- B. Comedy

- C. Politics
- D. Journalism
- E. Teaching

51. Which state government has launched Kaushal Satrang, Yuva hub and Apprenticeship scheme for skill development for youth of state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Tamilnadu
- E. Kerala

52. Who has recently stepped down from Microsoft's board of directors?

- A. Bill Gates
- B. Satya Nadella
- C. Reid Hoffman
- D. Hugh Johnston
- E. Teri List-Stoll

53. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is a Central Armed Police Force in India headquartered at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Dehradun
- D. Chandigarh
- E. Lucknow

54. Who among the following has won Macao Open trophy?

- A. Anirban Lahiri
- B. Gaganjeet Bhullar
- C. Arjun Atwal
- D. Jyoti Randhawa
- E. Shiv Kapur

55. As per the Hurun Global Rich List 2020, what is the rank of Mukesh Ambani in the richest people in the world?

- A. 6<sup>th</sup>
- B. 7<sup>th</sup>
- C. 8<sup>th</sup>
- D. 9<sup>th</sup>
- E. 10<sup>th</sup>

56. What is rank of India in the Global Animal Protection Index 2020 released by World Animal Protection?

- A. First
- B. Second

- C. Third
- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

57. Who has won the ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open men's singles title?

- A. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
- B. Harmeet Desai
- C. Achanta Sharath Kamal
- D. Soumyajit Ghosh
- E. Anthony Amalraj

58. Under whose chairmanship Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has set-up 12-member High-level committee to prepare investigation manual for probe agency Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)?

- A. Rajiv Kumar
- B. Injeti Srinivas
- C. Akhilesh Ranjan
- D. Aruna Sundararajan
- E. Vijay Raghavan

59. N Vijayan Pillai who recently passed away belonged to which field?

- A. Comedy
- B. Journalism
- C. Cricket
- D. Politics
- E. Teaching

60. Which Indian cricket player has announced his retirement recently?

- A. Wasim Jaffer
- B. Ganesh Satish
- C. Akshay Wakhare
- D. Akshay Karnewar
- E. Faiz Fazal

61. Mastercard recently announced the launch of its first Lab in India, which will work with partners in the fintech industry to identify and experiment with future technologies. The Labs will be set up in\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Pune
- C. Mumbai
- D. Gandhi Nagar
- E. Bengaluru

62. Nedungadi Bank Ltd (NBL) has recently taken over by which of the following public sector banks?

- A. Allahabad Bank
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. Bank of Baroda
- D. State Bank of India
- E. Canara Bank

63. What is the maximum voting right for any shareholders in Payments Bank?

- A. 5 Per cent
- B. 10 per cent
- C. 15 per cent
- D. 18 percent
- E. 20 per cent

64. The deposit insurance coverage has been increased to 5 lakh rupees. What was the earlier limit?

- A. 1 Lakh
- B. 2 lakh
- C. 3 lakh
- D. 4 lakh
- E. None of these

65. To assist farmers in transporting agricultural products and to improve product's value realisation which ministry will launch 'Krishi Udaan' scheme?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- B. Ministry of Civil Aviation
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- E. None of the above

66. Who has been selected as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame after his demise?

- A. Kobe Bryant
- B. Michael Jordan
- C. LeBron James
- D. Larry Bird
- E. None of these

67. Who has/have been conferred with The Hindu Annual prize 2019?

- A. Mirza Waheed
- B. Santanu Das
- C. Amitava Kumar
- D. Sohini Bagchi

E. Both A and B

68. Who claimed spot for Asia's richest person as per Hurun Global Rich List?

- A. Sachin Bansal
- B. Satya Nadella
- C. Sundar Pichai
- D. Mukesh Ambani
- E. Ajay Banga

69. Which Film won best Film award at Dada Saheb Phalke International awards?

- A. Gully Boy
- B. Raazi
- C. Article 15
- D. Super 30
- E. Kabir Singh

70. Which film has been declared as best film in the 92nd annual Academy Awards 2020?

- A. 1917
- B. Parasite
- C. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
- D. Joker
- E. Little Women

71. Michael Miebach has replaced who of the following as the new CEO of MasterCard?

- A. Ajay Banga
- B. Rajiv Suri
- C. Satya Nadella
- D. Sunder Pichai
- E. None of these

72. Adnan al-Zurfi has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which of the following country?

- A. Yamen
- B. Oman
- C. Iraq
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Iran

73. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Sundaram Home Finance?

- A. Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy
- B. Raghuttama Rao Ragavendra
- C. P N Venkatachalam
- D. Shobhana Ramachandhran
- E. Rajiv C Lochan

74. Lalji Tandon is an Indian politician serving as the 22nd and current Governor of which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Odisha
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Gujarat
- E. Bihar

75. Who has been sworn as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Digvijay Singh
- B. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- C. Kamal Nath
- D. Kailash Vijayvargiya
- E. Jyotiraditya Scindia

76. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), for 2020-21?

- A. Rekha M Menon
- B. UB Pravin Rao
- C. Salil Parekh
- D. D N Prahlad
- E. D Sundaram

77. Mahmoud Jibril passed away due to COVID-19 was former prime minister of which country?

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. Oman
- D. UAE
- E. Libya

78. Who among the following has been conferred with 'Hero to Animals Award' by animal rights body PETA India?

- A. YS Jaganmohan Reddy
- B. Ashok Gehlot
- C. Captain Amarinder Singh
- D. Naveen Patnaik
- E. Mamata Banerjee

79. Which of the following states has installed 'V Safe Tunnel' to sanitize people?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Karnataka
- D. Delhi
- E. Punjab



80. Under whose chairmanship government has constituted an Empowered Group for coordinating with Private Sector, NGOs and International Organisations for COVID-19-related Response Activities?

- A. Rajiv Guaba
- B. Amitav Kant
- C. Rajiv Kumar
- D. Subhash Garg
- E. Injeti Srinivasan

81. Which of the following state has topped in micro-irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Haryana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Punjab
- E. Rajasthan

82. The low-cost ventilator 'Jeevan' has been developed by which of the following entities?

- A. Indian Railway
- B. Naval Dockyard, Vishakhapatnam
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- D. IIT Roorkee
- E. None of these

83. The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has banned which two countries from participating in weightlifting events at the Tokyo Olympics due to multiple doping offences?

- A. Thailand and Malaysia
- B. Thailand and Indonesia
- C. Malaysia and Indonesia
- D. Indonesia and Vietnam
- E. Indonesia and Myanmar

84. Who has authored the book titled "Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs"?

- A. Paolo Giordano
- B. Dr. Neil A Feldstein
- C. Michael Osterholm
- D. Mark Olshaker
- E. Both C and D

85. The World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on which date?

- A. 5<sup>th</sup> April
- B. 6<sup>th</sup> April
- C. 7<sup>th</sup> April
- D. 8<sup>th</sup> April
- E. 9<sup>th</sup> April

86. Who has been facilitated with World Book of Records Golden Era of Bollywood honour?

- A. Manoj Kumar
- B. Shashi Kapoor
- C. Vinod Khanna
- D. Amitabh Bachchan
- E. Gulzar

87. Which country hosted the Defence and Security expert working group meeting of SCO?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. Pakistan
- E. Russia

88. In which city has India's first floating jetty been inaugurated?

- A. Chennai
- B. Kochi
- C. Goa
- D. Vishakhapatnam
- E. Pune

89. In which city has India's 1<sup>st</sup> Squat machine been installed?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Indore
- E. Chennai

90. Who has been appointed as US-India Business Council chairman?

- A. Vijay Advani
- B. Arun Kumar Singh
- C. Navtej Sarna
- D. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- E. Arun Kumar Singh

91. Who has become world's first cricketer to play 100 matches in all three formats?

- A. Aaron Finch
- B. Ben Stokes
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Ross Taylor
- E. Rohit Sharma

92. Which country's PM named Leo Varadkar has resigned recently ?

- A. Norway
- B. Sweden
- C. Ireland
- D. Belgium
- E. Germany

93. What is the rank of India in Sustainability Index 2020?

- A. 52
- B. 72
- C. 77
- D. 131
- E. 58

94. What is the rank of India in Flourishing index 2020?

- A. 58
- B. 72
- C. 42
- D. 131
- E. 52

95. What country will switch world's cleanest petrol and diesel from April 1?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Iraq
- E. Saudi Arabia

96. Where has Northeast Frontier Railway built India's tallest railway pier bridge?

- A. Manipur
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Tripura
- D. Mizoram
- E. Nagaland

97. Larry Tesler who recently passed away was associated with which field?

- A. Acting
- B. Journalism

- C. Sports
- D. Industrialism
- E. Scientist

98. Which country has successfully tested air-launched cruise missile Ra'ad-II?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Pakistan
- E. Russia

99. Who has taken charge as Commandant of Naval war college, Goa?

- A. Sanjay Singh
- B. Devender Kumar Joshi
- C. Sunil Lanba
- D. Karambir Singh
- E. RK Dhowan

100. "Run for India Tea" has been organised by Tea development corporation of which state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Tripura
- C. Manipur
- D. Kerala
- E. Assam

101. V L Dutt who recently passed away was associated with which field?

- A. Acting
- B. Journalism
- C. Sports
- D. Industrialism
- E. Author

102. From which city will Kashi Mahakal express, 3rd private train of IRCTC start its operations?

- A. Prayagraj
- B. Indore
- C. Varanasi
- D. Ujjain
- E. Patna

103. The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Banking Regulation Act to empower the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to have better control over \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Urban Co-operative banks
- B. Multi-State Cooperative banks
- C. Payments Banks

- D. Small Finance Banks
- E. Both A and B

104. Which digital payment company of India has launched an all-in-one QR, point-of-sale (POS) device for merchants across India?

- A. MobiKwik
- B. Google Pay
- C. Paytm
- D. Amazon Pay

- E. PhonePe

105. Which Railway Zone of the Indian Railways has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI) for 'doorstep banking'?

- A. Central Railway
- B. Northern Railway
- C. North Eastern Railway
- D. South Central Railway (SCR) zone
- E. Eastern Railway

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###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

\* The Republic of North Macedonia has inducted officially as the 30th and newest member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

\* This membership comes after North Macedonia's 2017 deal with Greece under which the former changed its name from Macedonia.

\* After the name change, Greece agreed to drop objections to its NATO and European Union (EU) membership.

\* North Macedonia was granted a protocol on accession to NATO membership in February 2019.

2. Ans. B.

• The State owned Bank of Baroda has partnered with Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE) for assessing the credit qualities of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME).

• Loan value for SMEs will be identified through 8 -Point scale. Number 1 indicates the highest creditworthiness and 8 - poor creditworthiness.

• The rating agency will evaluate the credit quality of existing and prospective SME customers of the bank.

3. Ans. D.

• India was the fifth most polluted country in 2019 and accounts for almost two-thirds of the world's most polluted cities according to the World Air Quality Report 2019.

• The report was released by the pollution tracker IQAir and Greenpeace.

• The ranking is based on a comparison of PM 2.5 levels.

• Bangladesh emerged as the most polluted country for PM 2.5 exposure followed by Pakistan, Mongolia, Afghanistan and India.

4. Ans. C.

• As on January 17, 2020 approximately 73.47 lakh candidates were provided skilling under Short Term Training (STT) courses and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across India from 2016-2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

• It is a flagship program under the Skill India Mission of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSD&E).

• Post placement support of Rs. 1500 per month per trainee will be given for special groups & special areas for 2 or 3 months after the training.

5. Ans. D.

• Joint Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 between India and the United Kingdom will be conducted at [Salisbury Plains](#), the United Kingdom from 13 to 26 February 2020.

6. Ans. D.

• The National Book Trust, India has launched an initiative #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks to encourage people to read books during their stay at home.

• This initiative has been launched as a preventive measure to contain the spread of Covid-19.

• #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks encourage people to #StayIn and #StayHome and to read books while at home.

• Through this initiative, NBT is providing people its select and best selling titles for FREE Download.

7. Ans. C.

• The 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme is to be implemented by June 1, 2020 across the country.

• Under this scheme, a beneficiary will be able to avail benefits across the country using the same ration card.

• On January 1, 2020, the scheme is operational in 12 states across the country which includes Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Tripura, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana.

8. Ans. A.

• The World Sustainable Summit is an annual event organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

• It is being organized since 2001. The event has become a premier international event focusing on developing actions.

- The event was held between January 29, 2020 and January 31, 2020. The theme of the event is 'Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count'.

9. Ans. B.

- In the budget speech Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that Delhi-Mumbai Expressway to be completed by 2023.

- The budgetary allocation for the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has also been enhanced to ₹91,823.22 crore as against ₹83,016 crore earlier.

- She said to augment infrastructure, an accelerated highways development programme will be taken up that includes constructing 15,500 kms of highways including 9,000 kms of economic corridors.

10. Ans. A.

- A United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket lifted off carrying a USD 1.4 billion Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF-6) communications satellite for the U.S. Space Force in Florida.

- This was the sixth and final satellite of the AEHF constellation that provides secure, jam-proof voice and data communications for U.S. national leadership, military forces.

- It has international partners like Canada, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Australia.

11. Ans. B.

- \* In a bid to promote digital India initiative of the central Government, Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has launched India's 1st prepaid wallet card 'Enkasu' (My cash in Tamil) in Karur, Tamil Nadu (TN) under its Quit cash movement.

- \* The card functions based on Near Field Communication Technology (NFC) in a semi closed loop & the customers buying this card can make 'tap & go' payments for even small purchases to merchants from an amount of Rs. 1 to doing away with the need for cash & small change.

12. Ans. A.

- The "Invincible – A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar" was authored by Tarun Vijay and released by defence minister Rajnath Singh on 16th March 2020.

- Recently Union Minister Nitin Gadkari presented the book to President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on the first death anniversary of Manohar Parrikar.

13. Ans. A.

- \* State Bank of India (SBI), an Indian multinational, public sector bank, became the 1st bank to launch COVID 19 emergency credit line (CECL) to provide funds to businesses affected by the infectious coronavirus.

- \* Under this emergency credit line, loan will be given at an fixed interest rate of 7.25 % for a period of 12 months. Maximum loan amount of up to Rs 200 crore or 10 % of the existing fund based working capital limits (FBWC) will be provided and such facility will be available by 30 June 2020.

14. Ans. A.

- \* World Poetry Day is celebrated on March 21.

- \* One of the main objectives of the Day is to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression and to offer endangered languages the opportunity to be heard within their communities.

15. Ans. C.

- Union Territory, Ladakh, which was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, has been allocated Rs 5,958 crore in the Budget.

- In Ladakh, the government has allocated Rs 83.38 crore for rural development, Rs 80.69 crore for public works, Rs 54.07 crore for power, Rs 52 crore for civil aviation and Rs 47.50 crore for tourism sector among others.

- The Centre had abrogated special status of Jammu and Kashmir state under Article 370 on August 5 last year and split it into two Union Territories--Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

16. Ans. B.

- \* The International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers agreed to move the Tokyo Games to 2021. Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the head of the International Olympic Committee agreed to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Games by a year in an extraordinary move, unprecedented in peacetime, as

the world battles the coronavirus pandemic.

17. Ans. C.

- Union Budget 2020-2021 has allocated Rs 22, 000 crore towards power and renewable energy sector.
- It is proposed to promote "smart" metering in all the States and Union Territories by replacing conventional energy meters by prepaid smart meters in the next 3 years.

18. Ans. D.

- Ravinder Singh Dhillon has taken over as the Director (Projects) in Power Finance Corporation.
- He was serving as an Executive Director in PFC. Dhillon has more than 34 years of experience in various areas of the power sector.

19. Ans. B.

\* Zoya Akhter honoured with IIFTC Tourism Impact Award 2020 during the 8th India International Film Tourism Conclave (IIFTC) held in Mumbai.

\* The award was presented by NaheedNenshi- Mayor of Calgary, Alberta (Canada) in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the world tourism through her cinema.

\* She has promoted tourism through her films like 2011 'Zindagi Na MilegiDobara' which was shot in Spain, and 2015 comedy-drama 'DilDhadakne Do' shot in Turkey.

20. Ans. E.

- The Reserve Bank of India has appointed R Gandhi and Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan as additional directors to the board of YES Bank for a period of two years.

- Gandhi, a former deputy governor of RBI, was previously appointed to the YES Bank board as an additional director by the RBI in May 2019 for a period of two years.

- Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan was previously Standard Chartered Bank's regional head of financial markets for ASEAN and South Asia.

21. Ans. A.

- To boost power generation capacity, government has extended the new corporate tax regime for new

manufacturing plants to new power generation companies.

- New power generation companies will have to pay just 15 per cent tax under the new corporate tax regime.

- The move will help is setting up of new power generation companies to meet the growing energy needs of India.

22. Ans. C.

\* Canada has become the first country in the world to withdraw from Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The decision has been taken in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

\* The Canadian Olympic Committee announced that holding the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as per schedule would threaten the health of its athletes.

23. Ans. C.

\* Amid the growing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, the Indian government announced the postponement of the country's 1st summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), 'RAISE 2020- Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment' to October 5-6, 2020.

\* It was to be conducted between April 11 & 12, 2020 in New Delhi by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

\* The summit is a drive to India's vision & roadmap for social empowerment, inclusion & transformation through AI.

24. Ans. B.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced following mergers-

1-Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank together (2nd Largest)

2-Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank (4th Largest)

3-Union Bank, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank (5th Largest)

4-Indian Bank and Allahabad Bank (7th Largest)

25. Ans. C.

- **CHAITRA SHUKLA PRATIPADA OR GUDI PADWA. Gudi Padwa, the first Holy festival which marks the beginning of the New Year, new month and new day for the Hindus falls on Chaitra Shukla Pratipada.**



**(8th April 2016) It is known as Gudhi Padwa (in Maharashtra), Ugadi (in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh).**

26. Ans. D.

- Cabinet gives nod for FDI policy on civil aviation; NRIs can acquire up to 100% equity in Air India.
- The Cabinet approved Foreign Direct Investment, FDI policy on civil aviation

27. Ans. A.

- Beth Mooney has been adjudged the 'Player of the Tournament'.
- Alyssa Healy has been adjudged the 'Player of the Match'

28. Ans. A.

- As per Moody's Investors Service, G-20 countries are expected to grow by 2.1 per cent in 2020.

- The G-20 grouping includes advanced economies such as the US, Euro area, Japan, Germany and the UK, and emerging economies such as China, India, Brazil, Russia and Mexico.

29. Ans. A.

The Human Development Index (HDI) is a tool developed by the **United Nations Development Program** to measure and rank countries' levels of social and economic development. Four principal areas of examination are used to rank countries: mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling, life expectancy at birth and gross national income per capita. This index makes it possible to follow changes in development levels over time and to compare the development levels of different countries. Thus, the correct answer is (A).

Note:

**India was ranked 129** out of 189 countries on the 2019 Human Development Index (HDI) improving from the 130th position in 2018. HDI is part of the Human Development Report that is published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

**Norway, Switzerland, Ireland** are the top three nations on the index.

Germany occupies the fourth position along with Hong Kong, and Australia secured the fifth rank on the global

ranking. India's neighbours Sri Lanka and China ranked higher, at 71 and 85 positions, respectively.

30. Ans. A.

Kerala based non-banking finance company Muthoot Finance has entered into an agreement with IDBI Bank in acquiring its Mutual Fund business for 215 crores.

With this acquirement Muthoot Finance' foray into gets into 26 trillion MF space.

31. Ans. D.

\* Beverage Major PepsiCo has named Shafali Verma, 16 years old, Indian Women Cricketer, as one of its brand ambassadors for one year.

\* Pepsi will be Shafali's first contract with a major brand. The beverage firm recently signed Bollywood star Salman Khan as its face for 2 years.

32. Ans. D.

\* NASA unveils plan to setup Artemis, the first human base camp on Moon's south pole by 2024.

\* NASA is working on the Artemis program that aims to land humans on the moon by 2024.

\* NASA submitted a 13-page report to the National Space Council on 2 April.

\* As per the report, the base camp will demonstrate the US's continued leadership in space and will eventually help them prepare to undertake humanity's first mission to Mars.

33. Ans. C.

\* England's all-rounder Ben Stokes has been named as the leading cricketer in the world 2020 by Wisden.

\* Andrew Flintoff was the last English player to win the award in 2005. Ben Stokes was the hero of the Cricket World Cup 2019 final as he guided England to their maiden triumph in the 50-over showpiece tournament at Lord's on July 14.

34. Ans. D.

\* The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund (SDF) has allocated USD 5 million (about Rs 38 crore) for COVID-19 projects in 8 member countries, in an effort to mitigate the

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financial losses and severe socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

\* The approval process, project implementation, funding disbursement, management, monitoring and reporting will be in accordance with the existing SDF-Board approved policy and the procedures of the SDF and social Window.

\* This project will be funded by the SDF under its Social Window thematic areas. SDF's social window primarily funds projects on poverty alleviation, social development focusing on education, health, and human resource development, among others.

\* Currently, SDF operates 90 projects in SAARC countries under its 3 funding windows, with a total financial commitment or allocation of USD 198.24 million.

35. Ans. C.

\* The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has announced that it will provide emergency working capital of up to Rs 1 crore to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

\* The SIDBI Assistance to Facilitate Emergency response against coronavirus (SAFE) loan limit has been increased to 2 crores from Rs 50 lakhs.

36. Ans. C.

\* Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has collaborated with UNICEF for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs).

\* The partnership aims to highlight the importance of Social Distancing.

\* UNICEF would provide the necessary support to be circulated to the SHG centres in the form of Digital Multimedia content, Webinars for Virtual training (basic orientation on COVID response, key preventive behaviours), Social Media campaigns (on social distancing, home quarantine, etc.) and Vanya Radio. It is aimed to reach more than 18,000 participants and would cover tribal regions across all the 27 States.

37. Ans. D.

\* Indian-American journalist, Brahm Kanchibotla, passed away due to

coronavirus. He was a former contributor to the United News of India news agency and was working as New York and UN correspondent of the United News of India.

\* He got infected with the disease while he was busy doing ground reports for his news agency United News of India (UNI).  
38. Ans. A.

\* James Bond film actress Honor Blackman has passed away.

\* She was best known for playing the legendary Bond girl Pussy Galore in the 1964 James Bond movie 'Goldfinger' starring alongside Sean Connery.

\* She also featured in the popular 1960s TV spy series 'The Avengers' while playing the character of "Cathy Gale".

39. Ans. C.

\* A Life Insurance company, Bharti AXA Life Insurance has appointed Parag Raja as managing director and chief executive officer of the company.

\* Parag Raja will be succeeding Vikas Seth, who is leading the insurance company for the past two-and-a-half years and is set to retire after April 30, 2020.

\* Parag Raja has an extensive experience in the domestic life insurance industry and has exhibited his leadership across different areas such as the agency, bancassurance, broking and direct sales force channels.

40. Ans. B.

\* The Department of Personnel and Training has announced the launch of a learning platform (<https://igot.gov.in>) to combat COVID 19 for all front-line workers to equip them with the training and updates in coping with Pandemic.

\* Giving COVID 19 training to other potential second line workforce, India will be better prepared for the emergent situations.

\* The target group is Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Hygiene Workers, Technicians, Auxiliary Nursing Midwives (ANMs), Central & State Govt. Officers, Civil Defence Officials, various Police Organisations, National Cadet Corps (NCC), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS),

Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Bharat Scouts & Guides (BSG) and other volunteers.

\* The platform delivers curated, role-specific content, to each learner at his place of work or home and to any device of his choice.

41. Ans. B.

\* The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under Ministry of Commerce & Industry has removed export restrictions on 24 pharma ingredients including 12 active pharmaceutical ingredients.

\* In this regard, amendment has been made in the chapter 29 and 30 of the Schedule 2 of the ITCHS (Indian Trade Clarification based on Harmonized System) Export Policy, 2018 which is related APIs and formulations.

\* It should be noted that the outbound shipments of paracetamol and its formulations continue to remain restricted or need a license from the government to get exported.

42. Ans. A.

\* In accordance with the report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for the year ended March 31, 2018, 40.59% of the crimes related to the environment in the country were committed in Rajasthan (RJ) during 2014-16.

\* The major crimes were violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Protect Act, 1972 which resulted in using of forest land for non-forest purposes without approval of government and capturing, poisoning, snaring or trapping of wild animals respectively.

43. Ans. D.

\* In a bid to provide financial relief to the agriculture sector which is under distress due to COVID-19, the Bank of Baroda (BoB) has initiated four agro schemes for Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO/FPC) and farming community. It should be noted only the existing borrowers of BoB whether individual or FPO or SHG are eligible for the schemes.

\* The Schemes are:

1. Additional Assurance to SHGs- COVID-19

2. Baroda Emergency Credit Line for Farmer Producer Organization (FPO/FPC)

3. Baroda Special Scheme for existing Agriculture Investment Credit borrowers

4. Baroda Special Scheme for existing BKCC borrowers impacted by COVID-19

44. Ans. B.

\* Amid unconfirmed speculation about the nationwide lockdown due to end on April 14, Odisha has become the first Indian state to extend the ongoing lockdown.

\* In a statement Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said that his government has decided to extend the lockdown period in Odisha till April 30.

45. Ans. D.

\* Australia's Ellyse Perry has been named the Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World.

\* Perry scored the highest runs and took the most wickets as Australia successfully retained their Women's Ashes title against England last year.

46. Ans. A.

• The Ministry of External Affairs to ensure the safety of Indians abroad has set up a special cell to coordinate the issues related with the response to the pandemic that has claimed more than 5,000 lives worldwide.

• Additional Secretary Dammu Ravi has been appointed as the point person for coordinating the response to COVID-19.

47. Ans. B.

• In the men's event, Denmark's Viktor Axelsen won his first All England Championship title, beating Taiwanese top seed Chou Tien-chen.

• **Tai Tzu Ying** is the women's champion for the third time in four years, defeating China's **Chen Yu Fei**.

48. Ans. D.

• Debasish Panda Nominated As Director On RBI Central Board.

• The Central Government has nominated Debasish Panda, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India vice Rajiv Kumar

49. Ans. D.

- India Post to launch free digital locker service in Kolkata.
- The Department of Posts is introducing a free digital parcel locker service in the city to enable customers collect their consignment from specified post offices at their convenience

50. Ans. A.

- Dana Zatopkova was women's javelin throw player.
- She who won the women's javelin throw for Czechoslovakia in the 1952 Olympics an hour after her husband, Emil Zatopek, won the men's 5,000-meter run.

51. Ans. C.

- Uttar Pradesh government has launched three ambitious schemes for skill development and employment generation for youths in the state
- They also announced to depute "Arogya Mitras" at all primary health centres to inform people about govt health schemes.

52. Ans. A.

- Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has stepped down from the company's board of directors to devote more time to his philanthropic projects
- Gates will continue to serve as technology adviser to CEO Satya Nadella

53. Ans. B.

- **It is directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and not the Ministry of Defence, its headquarters are at New Delhi. The CISF provides security cover to 300 industrial units, government infrastructure projects and facilities and establishments located all over India.**

54. Ans. B.

- **Indian golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar has clinched the 2017 Macao Open golf tournament title to bag his 8th Asian Tour title.**

- **As a result, Bhullar etched his name on the Macao Open trophy for the second time having previously won the event in 2012.**

- **It was also Bhullar's third wire-to-wire victory of his career following the Macao Open 2012 and the Indonesia Open 2013.**

- **With this, he equalled Arjun Atwal and Jyoti Randhawa's record of most wins (8) by an Indian on the Asian Tour.**

55. Ans. D.

- The Hurun Global Rich List 2020 was jointly released by Shanghai-based Hurun Research Institute and Shenzhen-based Shimao Shengkong International Center.

- Jeff Bezos retains 1st rank for the third running year and Mukesh Ambani is positioned at 9th.

- It is a ranking of US-Dollar billionaires in the world.

- Ranking is based on the wealth calculation as of 31 January 2020.

- It is the 9th year of ranking.

- The Title sponsor of the list is Shimao Shengkong International Center, a real estate development in Shenzhen.

56. Ans. B.

- Global Animal Protection Index 2020 was released by World Animal Protection, an international animal welfare charity. India was ranked second in the index.

- The Animal Protection Index ranks countries from A to G. India was ranked along with Spain, Mexico, France and New Zealand. In other words, these countries were ranked equally to India.

- According to the index, they were best performing countries. There are strong laws to protect animals in these countries. However, the laws are not as strict to protect dairy animals.

57. Ans. C.

- Ace Indian paddler of Table Tennis, Achanta Sharath Kamal wins the ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open men's singles title. He beat top-seeded Marcos Freitas of Portugal 4-2 in the final played in Muscat.

- It was in 2010, Sharath bagged a title last time when he won the Egypt Open.

58. Ans. B.

- \* Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has sets-up 12-member High-level committee under Injeti Srinivas (Corporate Affairs Secretary) to prepare investigation manual for probe agency Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).

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\* The committee shall be responsible to devise standard operating procedures and methodologies for the investigating officers for carrying out effective investigations in tune with provisions of relevant Acts.

59. Ans. D.

- CPIM MLA N Vijayan Pillai (65-years) passed away in at a private hospital in Kochi, Kerala.

- Pillai, who is the son of veteran Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) leader Narayanan Pillai, started his political career as a Panchayat Member in 1979 and continued so for 20 years.

60. Ans. A.

- Wasim Jaffer has announced his retirement from international and first-class cricket.

- Jaffer started his career with Mumbai, moved to Vidarbha ahead of the 2015-16 season.

- He was appointed as batting coach for Bangladesh cricket team.

61. Ans. B.

- **Mastercard announced the launch of its first Lab in India, which will work with partners in the fintech industry to identify and experiment with future technologies.**

- **Mastercard Labs, which has been set up in Pune, is the ninth such lab for the company globally, and the second in the Asia Pacific region.**

62. Ans. B.

- **Public sector Punjab National Bank (PNB) has taken over Kozhikode-based Nedungadi Bank Ltd (NBL).**

- **All the 174 branches of the erstwhile private bank are now working as PNB branches**

63. Ans. B.

- **As per Section 12 (2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, any shareholder's voting rights in private sector banks are capped at 10 per cent.**

- **This limit can be raised to 26 per cent in a phased manner by the RBI.**

- **Further, as per Section 12B of the Act ibid, any acquisition of 5 per cent or more of paid-up share capital in a**

**private sector bank will require prior approval of RBI**

64. Ans. A.

- DICGC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India, also acted fast and increased the deposit insurance limit to Rs 5 lakh with effect from February 4.

- Earlier the limit was Rs 1 lakh, since 1993.

- This was announced in the union budget 2020-21.

65. Ans. B.

- While presenting union budget Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reiterated government's commitment to double the farmers income by 2022.

- She announced "Kisan Rail" and "Krishi Udaan" scheme.

- To improve marketing, the Indian Railways will set up a "Kisan Rail" - through public private partnership (PPP) arrangements -- to build a seamless national cold supply chain for perishables, inclusive of milk, meat and fish.

- 'Krishi Udaan' will be launched by the Civil Aviation Ministry on international and national routes.

- This will immensely help improve value realisation especially in North-East and tribal districts.

66. Ans. A.

- The late Kobe Bryant has been selected as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

- He has been selected as the member of the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

- Kobe Bryant, the 18-time NBA All Star, has now become a part of 9-member class that also constitutes multiple All-Star selections Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett.

- Kobe Bryant, along with other 8-members will be included in the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts in the month of August 2020.

67. Ans. E.

- \* The Hindu Annual Prize 2019 is awarded to Mirza Waheed's Tell Her Everything (Fiction)-2019 and Santanu Das's India, Empire, and First World War Culture:

Writings, Images and Songs (Non-Fiction)-2018.

\* Mirza Waheed's novel talks about human ethics, noble love & the corrosive nature of companionship & is published by Westland Publications Limited (Context).

\* He also has written 2 other novels namely: The Collaborator (2012), The Book of Gold Leaves(2014) & also is a journalist.

\* Santanu Das' book retrieves the intellectual worlds of militants, non-combatants and civilians from India, who were not divided in World War I, is published by Cambridge University Press.  
68. Ans. D.

• 'Hurun Global Rich List 2020' recently revealed that Mukesh Ambani is the richest person in India while Jeff Bezos is the richest man in the world.

• The ninth edition of Hurun Global Rich List said that Mukesh Ambani is the ninth richest person in the world.

69. Ans. D.

• Super 30 won Best Film award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020.

70. Ans. B.

• Directed by Bong Joon-ho 'Parasite' won the Best best picture award at the 92nd Academy Awards 2020.

• Filmmaker Bong Joon-ho also won in the international feature and original screenplay categories, as well as best director.

• These awards are presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) to honour the excellence in cinematic achievements of 2018 in 24 different categories.

• The Academy Awards were presented for the first time on May 16, 1929, at a private function at Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

71. Ans. A.

• Mastercard named Michael Miebach as its new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

• He will replace Ajaypal Singh Banga, who assumes charge as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors.

• Miebach currently serving as the Chief Product Officer(CPO) in Mastercard and will become the President from March 1, 2020.

• He will also assume charge as CEO and a member of the Board of Directors from January 1, 2021.

72. Ans. C.

• Iraq president Barham Salih has appointed Adnan al-Zurfi as Prime Minister (PM) of Iraq.

• He will succeed Mohammed Allawi, the 1st politician named by the president as PM-designate who withdrew his candidacy for the post.

73. Ans. A.

• Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy has become the new Managing Director of the Sundaram Home Finance. He assumed the charge as MD of Sundaram Home Finance on 1st April, 2020.

• Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy has replaced Srinivas Acharya who was serving as the Managing Director of Sundaram Home Finance since 2010.

• Sundaram Home Finance is the wholly owned home finance subsidiary of Sundaram Finance Ltd.

74. Ans. C.

• Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Lalji Tandon was sworn in as the 22nd Governor of Madhya Pradesh.

• He was administered oath by the Madhya Pradesh High Court Chief Justice Ravi Shankar Jha at a function in Raj Bhawan, Bhopal in the presence of Chief Minister Kamal Nath, state ministers and bureaucrats.

75. Ans. B.

\* BJP's Shivraj Singh Chouhan was sworn in as chief minister of Madhya Pradesh by Governor Lalji Tandon at a ceremony at the Raj Bhawan in Bhopal.

\* This is the fourth time Shivraj Singh Chouhan has been administered the oath of office as CM.

\* The ceremony was held amid a coronavirus-induced lockdown in the state capital resulting in no invitations for party leaders or the press.

\* On earlier occasions, Chouhan had taken oath at the Jamboree Grounds in



the BHEL township making it a mammoth affair.

76. Ans. B.

\* Infosys' chief operating officer, UB Pravin Rao, has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), for 2020-21.

\* He will succeed Keshav Murugesh, Group CEO, WNS Global Services.

\* Rekha M Menon, Chairman and Senior Managing Director, Accenture in India, will be the Vice-Chairperson for the industry body.

\* The newly appointed leadership, along with President Debjani Ghosh, will help the industry body achieve its 2025 vision for the industry.

77. Ans. E.

\* Former Libya Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril passed away due to COVID-19. Mahmoud Jibril was the former head of the Libyan rebel government that ousted the long term ruler Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

\* Before joining the revolution in 2011, Jibril served the Gaddafi government as an economic advisor in its final years.

78. Ans. D.

\* Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik has been conferred with 'Hero to Animals Award' by animal rights body PETA India.

\* He has been awarded by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for allocating funds to feed community animals in Odisha during the lockdown over the novel coronavirus pandemic.

\* The lockdown has not only affected people but animals as well. In the concern that the animals do not go starving in such conditions, CM approved of Rs 54 lakhs from a relief fund to feed animals of the community.

\* The initiative undertaken to feed animals are conducted in five municipal corporations and all 48 municipalities of Odisha.

79. Ans. B.

\* 'V Safe Tunnel' has been installed in Telangana to sanitize people. The sanitising tunnel has been installed at the state Director General of Police's office.

\* A unique disinfectant named 'V Safe Tunnel' sanitizes people from any possible bacteria and other microbes within 20 seconds.

80. Ans. B.

\* Government has constituted an Empowered Group chaired by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant for coordinating with Private Sector, NGOs and International Organisations for COVID-19-related Response Activities.

\* It will address the issues pertaining to identification of problems, effective solutions and formulation of plans with three groups of stakeholders.

\* First group is the UN agencies, World Bank and Asian Development Bank, second is Civil Society Organisations and development partners and the third group is of Industry associations - CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, NASSCOM.

81. Ans. C.

\* The state of Tamil Nadu has topped the all-India level for micro-irrigation (MI), under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), with a coverage of 2,06,853.25 ha for the year financial year 2019-20.

\* The state is followed by Karnataka and Gujarat with 1,41,103.56 Ha and 1,08,322.00 Ha of coverage respectively.

82. Ans. A.

\* The Indian Railways has developed a low-cost ventilator 'Jeevan' at its premier coach production unit, Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala in Punjab. The cost of "Jeevan" is around Rs 10,000 without the compressor and it will not rise over Rs 30,000 even after adding a few more indicators. The ventilator is now awaiting the final clearance from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

83. Ans. A.

\* International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has banned Thailand and Malaysia from participating in weightlifting events at the Tokyo Olympics due to multiple doping offences.

\* It has suspended the Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association (TAWA) for 3 years to April 2023 and imposed a fine of USD 2,00,000 & also suspended

Malaysian Weightlifting Federation (MWF) for a year to April 2021.

84. Ans. E.

\* To provide better understanding and prevention of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) the book has been authored by epidemiologist Michael Osterholm and author Mark Olshaker.

\* The book will be published by **Hachette**, United States (US).

\* *Deadliest Enemy* is a high scientific drama, a chronicle of medical mystery and discovery, a reality check and a practical plan of action.

85. Ans. C.

\* The World Health Day is observed on 7 April as a global health awareness day. The day marks the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO).

\* In 1948, the WHO held the First World Health Assembly. The Assembly decided to celebrate 7 April of each year, with effect from 1950, as the World Health Day.

\* World Health Day 2020 is dedicated to the nurses and midwives who are at the forefront and curing the people from COVID-19 infection.

\* The Theme of World Health Day 2020 is 'Support Nurses and Midwives'.

\* The WHO has named this year the 'International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife'.

\*

86. Ans. A.

• Actor Manoj Kumar has been felicitated by the World Book of Records, London with the WBR Golden Era of Bollywood honour for being a legendary actor and for his contribution to Indian cinema

87. Ans. D.

• Pakistan hosted the two-day 9th Defence and Security Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

88. Ans. C.

• India's first floating jetty has been inaugurated in Panaji, Goa on the banks of Mandovi River.

89. Ans. A.

• In a bid to promote the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led "Fit India" initiative, the Indian Railways has installed a squat

machine at the Anand Vihar Railway Station in New Delhi.

• In a first-of-its-kind scheme, a person who performs 30 squats in three minutes will not have to pay the fees for a platform ticket

90. Ans. A.

• The US-India Business Council has appointed Vijay Advani as new Chair of its Global Board of Directors.

91. Ans. D.

• Veteran New Zealand batsman Ross Taylor made history when he took the field against India in the opening Test as he became the first player to play 100 matches in all three formats of the game

92. Ans. C.

• Ireland's Indian-origin Prime Minister Leo Varadkar resigned from his post after a crushing defeat in a parliamentary vote, which failed to garner him enough supporters for a re-election.

93. Ans. C.

• India ranked 77th on a sustainability index that takes into account per capita carbon emissions and ability of children in a nation to live healthy lives.

94. Ans. D.

• India ranks 131 on flourishing index.

• India was placed 131st on a ranking that measures the best chance at survival and well-being for children, according to a UN-backed report

95. Ans. A.

• State-owned oil refineries spent about ₹35,000 crore to upgrade plants that could produce ultra-low sulphur fuel

• India to switch to world's cleanest petrol, diesel from April 1

96. Ans. A.

• The Northeast Frontier Railway Construction Organisation has built India's tallest railway pier bridge — 100 m tall equivalent to a 33-storey building, across river Makru in the Tamenglong district of Manipur.

97. Ans. E.

• Larry Tesler, an ex-Xerox PARC engineer who joined Apple in 1980 and rose to become the company's chief scientist, has passed away at the age of 74

98. Ans. D.

- Pakistan conducted a successful flight test of the air launched nuclear-capable cruise missile Ra'ad-II with a range of 600 km.

99. Ans. A.

- The Ministry of Defence has announced that Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh took over as the Commandant of the prestigious Naval War College, Goa.

100. Ans. B.

- Tripura Tea Board organizes 'Run for India Tea' event.

- Tripura, Tea Board of India in collaboration with Tripura Tea Development Corporation (TTDC) organized "Run for India Tea" to promote and popularise Tripura tea alongside India tea.

101. Ans. D.

- VL Dutt was former president of FICCI and executive chairman of KCP Group, died at his residence.

- He was 82.

102. Ans. C.

- Kashi Mahakal Express, the third privately operated train of Indian Railways will begin its commercial run from Varanasi

- Passengers travelling this train may visit the three Jyotirlinga pilgrim centres – Omkareshwar (near Indore), Mahakaleshwar (Ujjain) and Kashi Vishwanath (Varanasi) in its journey

103. Ans. E.

- The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Banking Regulation Act to empower India's Central Bank (Reserve Bank of India) to have better

control over urban co-operative banks and multi-state cooperative banks.

- These amendments will apply to the urban co-operative banks and multi-state cooperative banks.

- This is to prevent a repeat of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank-like crisis.

104. Ans. C.

- India's leading digital payments company, has launched an all-in-one QR (Quick Response), point-of-sale (POS) device for merchants across India & SDK (software development kit) for third-party integration .

- With the help of QR & POS device, businessmen will be able to get unlimited payments across the country at zero percent fees through Paytm wallet, Rupay Cards & all UPI (Unified Payments Interface) based apps directly.

105. Ans. D.

- \* Indian Railways' South Central Railway(SCR) zone has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India(SBI) for 'doorstep banking'.

- \* The signed MoU will help in the direct pickup of earnings covering all 585 Railway stations over SCR Zone.

- \* The newly introduced facility of doorstep banking as per the MoU will do away with the difficulties faced earlier, besides increasing the pace of financial transactions and digitization of remittance of cash earnings of the Railways.



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