

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

All Questions Of The Week In One PDF





- 1. Under whose chairmanship Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has sets-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
- 2. Which of the following Banks has partnered with Zomato to launch cobranded credit cards?
- A. RBL Bank
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Syndicate Bank
- E. Canara Bank
- 3. Which state government has launched 'NIGHA' app to ensure 'clean and healthy' elections by curbing the use of money and alcohol in the upcoming local body elections?
- A. Karnataka
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Maharshtra
- E. Gujarat
- 4. What does the letter 'I' in 'IMPS' stand for?
- A. Interstate
- B. Immediate
- C. Index
- D. Interest
- E. Ink
- 5. The hydroelectric initiative Dibang Multipurpose project is launched in which state?
- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Arunachal Pradesh
- E. West Bengal
- 6. Under which ministry, the government has proposed to set up Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation with a status of deemed University?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation
- C. Ministry of Tourism
- D. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- E. Ministry of Culture
- 7. The Fifth Edition of Joint Military Exercise 'Ajeya Warrior 2020' will be conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 between India and which country?
- A. France
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Italy
- D. Israel
- E. Germany
- 8. By which year Indian Railways has decided to electrify all broad gauge (BG) routes?
- A. 2021
- B. 2022
- C. 2023
- D. 2024
- E. 2025
- 9. According to 'The Banker's Top 500 Banking Brands 2020' report, which bank has topped the list of 'Highest increase in brand value' among global banks?
- A. HDFC Bank
- B. IndusInd Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Axis Bank
- E. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 10. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has started the first tranche of LTROs by conducting a three-year issue worth Rs 25,000 crore. What does 'R' stand for in LTROs?
- A. Reserve
- B. Repo
- C. Receipt
- D. Ratio
- E. Receivable
- 11. The Central Board of Directors of the RBI recommended aligning the financial year of RBI from July-June, with the government's fiscal year (April-March) from the year \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A. 2020-21
- B. 2021-22
- C. 2022-23
- D. 2023-24
- E. 2024-25
- 12. Who will head the Municipal Bonds Development Committee constituted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- A. Rajiv Kumar
- B. Sujit Prasad
- C. Injeti Shrinivas
- D. Akhilesh Ranjan
- E. Subhash Garg
- 13. Which of the following state hosted the SAREX-2020 exercise of Indian Coast Guard?
- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Goa
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Andhra Pradesh
- 14. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of the Yes Bank?
- A. Sunil Mehta
- B. Prashant Kumar
- C. Mahesh Krishnamurthy
- D. Atul Bheda
- E. Rana Kapoor
- 15. 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
- 16. The United Nation's COP26 climate change conference has been postponed till next year due to COVID-19. The conference is set to take place in
- A. Brisbane
- B. Paris
- C. Glasgow
- D. London
- E. Geneva

- 17. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the Government of India (GoI), has hiked the limit of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the centre to \_\_\_\_\_ for the first half of the financial year 2020-21(FY21).
- A. Rs 1 lakh crore
- B. Rs 1.5 lakh crore
- C. Rs 1.2 lakh crore
- D. 1.7 lakh crore
- E. 2 lakh crore
- 18. What is the rank of India as per the World Happiness Report 2020?
- A. 112
- B. 115
- C. 154
- D. 144
- E. 98
- 19. Which financial institution is set to launch a special train 'Swavalamban Express' to empower new entrepreneurs under mission Swavalamban?
- A. SIDBI
- B. EXIM Bank
- C. NABARD
- D. National Housing Bank
- E. Industrial Finance Corporation of India
- 20. Indradhanush V- 2020 is a bilateral excercise between India and Which country?
- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. France
- E. Japan
- 21. Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions released the COVID- 19 National Preparedness Survey 2020 conducted in how many districts of India?
- A. 400
- B. 410
- C. 450
- D. 510
- E. 600
- 22. Which state government has launched CMAST and CMAT scheme for

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welfare of sportsperson and artists of the state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Manipur
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Tamilnadu
- E. Kerala
- 23. India's policy think tank the NITI Aayog is organizing Sustainable Development Goals Conclave 2020 in which city of India?
- A. New Delhi
- B. Guwahati
- C. Kolkata
- D. Ahmedabad
- E. Jaipur
- 24. In order to promote 'Horticulture' which scheme has been mooted in the union budget 2020-21?
- A. Kisan Rail
- B. Krishi Udaan
- C. Dhaanyalakshmi
- D. 'one product one district'
- E. None of these
- 25. Which space agency has launched Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE) to study the Giant Solar Particle Storms?
- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. Chinese National Space Agency
- D. European Space Agency
- E. Roscosmos
- 26. There are three official mascots 'Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen' for 19th Asian Games were unveiled at a digital launch ceremony in Hangzhou, China due to COVID-19 which is collectively known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. "smart fuleco'
- B. 'triplets Lianlian'
- C. "smart triplets"
- D. "smart Zabivaka'
- E. None of these
- 27. Jainsem is the traditional costume for women and is usually made of mulberry silk, a local specialty. Over the jainsem,

they wear cotton shawls called tap-moh khlieh. The dress belongs to which state?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Tripura
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Assam
- E. Nagaland
- 28. Which of the following is not included in Plastic Currency?
- A. Debit Card
- B. Check Book
- C. Credit Card
- D. Store Card
- E. Forex Card
- 29. The Civil services officers' associations have formed which initiative to support and supplement the government's efforts in fighting coronavirus?
- A. 'CARUNA'
- B. 'DAYA'
- C. HRIDAY
- D. 'SEWA'
- E. 'SURAKSHA'
- 30. Headquarter of Jana Small Finance Bank is located in which city?
- A. Kolkata
- B. Lucknow
- C. Bengaluru
- D. New Delhi
- E. Chennai
- 31. 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
- 32. Which payments bank will start issuing Visa debit cards to its customers?
- A. Paytm
- B. Airtel
- C. Aditya Birla
- D. India Post

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- E. Jana Lakshmi
- 33. The International Transgender Day of Visibility is observed every year on
- A. 27th March
- B. 28th March
- C. 29th March
- D. 30th March
- E. 31st March
- 34. Which of the following institutions has launched Project Isaac to engage its students in creative projects enhancing their critical skills during corona virus lockdown?
- A. IIT Mumbai
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Kharagpur
- D. IIT Gandhinagar
- E. IIT Kanpur
- 35. The deposit insurance coverage has been increased to 5 lakh rupees. What was the earlier limit?
- A. 1 Lkah
- B. 2 lakh
- C. 3 lakh
- D. 4 lakh
- E. None of these
- 36. Who won Best actress in Leading role award at 65<sup>th</sup> Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020?
- A. Kriti Sanon
- B. Alia Bhatt
- C. Katrina Kaif
- D. Kriti Sanon
- E. Taapsee Pannu
- 37. Who won 77<sup>th</sup> Senior National Squash Championship in Man's category?
- A. Utkarsh Baheti
- B. Mahesh Mangaonkar
- C. Ritwik Bhattacharya
- D. Saurav Ghosal
- E. Rajiv Reddy
- 38. Who won 77<sup>th</sup> Senior National Squash Championship in Woman's category?
- A. Surbhi Misra
- B. Lakshmi Shruti Settipalli
- C. Tanvi Khanna

- D. Aparajitha Balamurukan
- E. Joshna Chinappa
- 39. Who won the best Astrologer of the year 2020 award?
- A. Anupam V Kapil
- B. Bansilal M Jumaani
- C. Sanjay B Jumaani
- D. Maa Prem Usha
- E. Sohini Sastri
- 40. Which State Government has signed MoU with HDFC bank to enable startups to list on 'Smart Buy' platform for growth and visibility?
- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab
- E. Mizoram
- 41. Which city hosted the International Fund for Agriculture Development Governing council?
- A. New Delhi
- B. Rome
- C. Houston
- D. Paris
- E. Tokyo
- 42. Anti Hijack mock drill exercise was conducted by INS Dega at airport of which City?
- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Vishakhapatnam
- D. Mumbai
- E. Bangalore
- 43. Which State Government Launched Pyaar Ka Paudha campaign?
- A. Haryana
- B. Odisha
- C. Bihar
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Assam
- 44. Who claimed top spot among all rounders in latest ICC women's T20 international rankings?
- A. Natalie Sciver
- B. Sophie Devine
- C. Hayley Matthews

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- D. Dane van Niekerk
- E. Ellyse Perry
- 45. 1<sup>st</sup> Intercity Electric bus service has been launched between Mumbai and which city?
- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Nagpur
- D. Pune
- E. Ahmedabad
- 46. Which Railway zone has become first zone to have functional "energy neutral" railway stations on the network?
- A. South central Railway
- B. South central Railway
- C. Central Railway
- D. North Eastern Railway
- E. South Western Railway
- 47. Which state government has announced 5 day working week for state government employees?
- A. Haryana
- B. Odisha
- C. Bihar
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Assam
- 48. Who has been named as the in charge of UN climate talks hosted by Britain?
- A. Haryana
- B. Alok Sharma
- C. Bihar
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Assam
- 49. Which boxer has been ranked World no 1 in IOC Boxing Task Force rankings for Olympic qualifiers?
- A. Vikas Krishan Yadav
- B. Amit Panghal
- C. Shiva Thapa
- D. Vijender Singh
- E. Gaurav Bhiduri
- 50. Who will chair the Panel set up by Fifteenth Finance commission to address issues related to Fiscal Policy for both Center and State?
- A. A N Jha
- B. Bimal Jalan

- C. Nandan Nilekani
- D. N.K. Singh
- E. Janak Raj
- 51 .Who has been appointed as Finance Minister of Britain?
- A. Rishi Sunak
- B. Alok Sharma
- C. Priti Patel
- D. Hon Gavin Williamson
- E. Hon Robert Jenrick
- 52. Who has been appointed as new CMD of Air India?
- A. Satyendra Kumar Mishra
- B. Ashwani Lohani.
- C. Syed Zafar Islam
- D. Rajiv Bansal
- E. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi
- 53. Salem Cricket Foundation (SCF) cricket ground is built in which State?
- A. Tamilnadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Punjab
- E. Arunachal Pradesh
- 54. President Ram Nath Kovind has presented President's Colour award to which Naval Ship?
- A. INS Shivaji
- B. INS Vikrant
- C. INS Satpura
- D. INS Khanderi
- E. INS Kalvari
- 55. Which city has installed Largest air quality monitoring network of India?
- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Karnal
- D. Mumbai
- E. Chennai
- 56. Which drug maker has received an Establishment Inspection Report (EIR) from the US health regulator for its manufacturing plant in Nagpur?
- A. Pfizer
- B. Biogen
- C. Abbott Laboratories
- D. Johnson & Johnson

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- E. Lupin
- 57. Which state government has started a new initiative titled 'Food Bank' in view of the threat of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)?
- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Mizoram
- 58. Legendary sportsperson Sir Stirling Moss passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?
- A. Cricket
- B. Football
- C. Formula 1
- D. Hockey
- E. Tennis
- 59. The Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) has signed an MoU with which International Organisation to counter economic impact of COVD-19?
- A. UNDP
- B. ILO
- C. UNIDO
- D. WHO
- E. World Bank
- 60. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Karnataka Bank for next 3 years?
- A. Mahabaleshwara M S
- B. P. Jayarama Bhat
- C. Ashok Haranahalli
- D. Rammohan Rao Belle
- E. Keshav Krishnarao Desai
- 61. The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research designed two products that will help in the fight against the outbreak of COVID-
- 19. Where the institution is located?
- A. Hyderabad
- B. Nagpur
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Guwahati
- E. Dehradun

- 62. Which Indian vaccine company has tie-up with the University of Wisconsin Madison and FluGen to develop a vaccine against COVID-19 called CoroFlu?
- A. Serum Institute of India
- B. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited
- C. Bharat Biotech
- D. GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited
- E. Shantha Biotechnics Limited
- 63. Google partnered with which tech giant to create technology that leverages smartphones for contact tracing activities for Covid-19?
- A. Samsung
- B. Hawaii
- C. Apple
- D. Microsoft
- E. Philips
- 64. Which Indian economist has been appointed to a 12-member advisory group to International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva?
- A. Urjit Patel
- B. C Rangarajan
- C. Raghuram Rajan
- D. Jagdish Bhagwati
- E. Arvind Subramanian
- 65. Renowned personality and Padma Shri awardee Shanti Hiranand Chawla passed away recently, she was a veteran
- A. Classical Dancer
- B. Classical Singer
- C. Film Actress
- D. Social Activist
- E. Novelist
- 66. Which Indian state/UT has launched 'Operation SHIELD' in Containment areas against COVID-19?
- A. Jharkhand
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bihar
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Gujarat
- 67. Who has authored the book titled "Memoirs and Misinformation" a fearless



and semi-autobiographical novel about the reconstruction of personality?

- A. Jim Carrey
- B. Dana Vachon
- C. Wesley King
- D. Mary Jordan
- E. Both A and B
- 68. Flipkart, in partnership with which two companies launched health insurance policies that distinctly cover COVID-19?
- A. ICICI Lombard and Go Digit General Insurance
- B. ICICI Lombard and Acko General Insurance
- C. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Bharti Axa General Insurance Co. Ltd
- D. ManipalCigna Health Insurance Co. Ltd and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- E. Acko General Insurance and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 69. Which Infrastructure company has received "Letter of Award" (LoA) for the development and operations of Bhogapuram International Airport in Andhra Pradesh?
- A. GMR Infrastructure Limited
- B. Larsen & Toubro Infrastructure Development Projects Limited
- C. Reliance Infrastructure Limited
- D. IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited
- E. Jaiprakash Associates Limited
- 70. Which ministry has started webportal named 'YUKTI' to cover different dimensions of COVID-19 challenges in a comprehensive and holistic way?
- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry for Human Resource Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- E. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 71. Which becomes the first station of Indian Railways (IR) to install a Walk-Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel?
- A. Mumbai Central
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Jaipur

- E. Hyderabad
- 72. Name the Indian actress who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the India's largest mobile gaming platform Mobile Premier League (MPL)?
- A. Alia Bhatt
- B. Kareena Kapoor
- C. Dipika Padukone
- D. Tamanna Bhatia
- E. Katrina Kaif
- 73. E-commerce firm Flipkart has partnered with which company to distribute essential food and beverage products to Indians?
- A. Tata Consumer Products Ltd
- B. Hindustan Unilever Limited
- C. Colgate-Palmolive
- D. Britannia Industries Limited
- E. Procter and Gamble
- 74. What is the rank of the Indian Football team in the latest FIFA ranking?
- A. 105<sup>th</sup>
- B. 106<sup>th</sup>
- C. 107<sup>th</sup>
- D. 108<sup>th</sup>
- E. 109<sup>th</sup>
- 75. Which Small Finance Bank has launched 'DigiGen', a digital banking platform where customers can digitally open a savings account and fixed deposit instantly; anytime, anywhere?
- A. Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- B. AU Small Finance Bank
- C. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- D. Jana Small Finance Bank
- E. Fino Payments Bank
- 76. The kiosk "COVSACK" for the COVID-
- 19 sample collections is developed by which organization?
- A. DRDO
- B. AIIMS
- C. Indian Institute of Science
- D. National Institute of Immunology
- E. National Institute of Virology
- 77. Which state hospital has employed 'COBOT-Robotics' Robots to serve food,

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medicine to COVID-19 patients without human intervention?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Maharashtra
- 78. Which state government has launched Electronic format of comic textbooks?
- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Karnataka
- E. Maharashtra
- 79. Which becomes the first state to integrate allopathy and Ayurveda to treat COVID-19 patients
- A. Gujarat
- B. Delhi
- C. Goa
- D. Kerala
- E. Karnataka
- 80. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh has set up India's 1st remote health monitoring system in partnership with which institutions?
- A. Infosvs
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited
- C. Wipro
- D. Tata Consultancy Services
- E. Engineers India Limited
- 81. Famous sportsperson Doug Sanders passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?
- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton
- C. Swimming
- D. Golf
- E. Football
- 82. Which becomes the first state to start pool testing of COVID-19 after getting permission from the Indian Council of Medical Research?
- A. Gujarat
- B. Delhi
- C. Uttar Pradesh

- D. Kerala
- E. Karnataka
- 83. Online agriculture trading portal Electronic- National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) to complete 4 years of implementation, which is the leading agency to implement it?
- A. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
- B. National Commission on Farmers (NCF)
- C. Small Farmers Agricultural Business Association (SFAC)
- D. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
- E. None of these
- 84. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its latest edition of the World Economy report projected a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of \_\_\_\_\_ for India in 2020.
- A. 1.5 per cent
- B. 1.9 per cent
- C. 2.0 per cent
- D. 2.5 per cent
- E. 3.0 per cent
- 85. Which digital wallet has launched 'Nearby Spot' to assist users to find local stores selling essentials like groceries that are open, amid the lockdown?
- A. Paytm
- B. Amazon Pay
- C. PhonePe
- D. Jio Money
- E. Google Pay
- 86. J Packirisamy has been appointed as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Union Bank of India (UBI), formerly he was Managing Director of bank?
- A. Syndicate Bank
- B. Corporation Bank
- C. Andhra Bank
- D. Allahabad Bank
- E. Oriental Bank of Commerce
- 87. Who among the following has been appointed as brand ambassador of PokerStars India?
- A. Virat Kohli

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- B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. Rohit Sharma
- E. Mohammad Sami
- 88. Who among the following has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive of credit rating agency "CARE Ratings"?
- A. Rajesh Ramchandra Mokashi
- B. Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan
- C. Ajay Mahajan
- D. Sonal Gunvant Desai
- E. Adesh Gupta Kumar
- 89. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive of Paytm General Insurance Ltd?
- A. Vineet Arora
- B. Madhur Deora
- C. Vikas Garg
- D. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- E. Najib Shah
- 90. Which country will host the Asian Boxing Championship in November 2020?
- A. Nepal
- B. Thailand
- C. China
- D. India
- E. Indonesia
- 91. British multinational pharmaceutical company, GlaxoSmithKline plc has partnered with which company to develop the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine?
- A. Sanofi S.A
- B. Johnson & Johnson
- C. Novartis
- D. Pfizer
- E. Cipla

- 92. Which of the following institutions has developed cost-effective disinfectant chamber called 'ZERO-COV'?
- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- B. National Institute of Technology-Karnataka
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- D. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- E. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 93. Which state government has launched Annapurna portal and the Supply Mitra portals for the convenience of the food needs for the people of the state during the COVID-19 crisis?
- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharshtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar
- E. Gujarat
- 94. Famous Swiss sportsperson Roger Chappot passed away due to Coronavirus, he was associated with which sports?
- A. Football
- B. Tennis
- C. Golf
- D. Ice Hockey
- E. Badminton
- 95. Renowned personality Ranjit Chowdhry passed away recently, he was veteran\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Footballer
- B. Cricketer
- C. Singer
- D. Actor
- E. Journalist



#### ###ANSWERS###

- 1. 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).
- \* 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.
- 2. Ans. A.
- Online food ordering and delivery app Zomato in partnership with RBL Bank and Master Card will launch a co-branded credit.
- The card that starts with an annual membership of ₹500 (plus taxes) for the basic edition will also offer a complimentary Zomato Gold membership.
- The card comes under two variants, the basic Edition Classic card and a more premium Edition Card.
- 3. Ans. C.
- \* The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched 'NIGHA' app to ensure 'clean and healthy' elections by curbing the use of money and alcohol in the upcoming local body elections.
- \* The Panchayat Raj Department, in a bid to crackdown on electoral malpractices, has set up the NIGHA app to empower common citizens to lodge complaints seamlessly.
- \* Photos and videos of the distribution of money and alcohol and any other activity that violates the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) can be registered by this app.
- 4. Ans. B.

Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) is an instant interbank electronic fund transfer service through mobile phones.

- 5. Ans. D.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved expenditure

- on pre-investment activities and various clearances for Dibang Multipurpose Project (MPP) in Arunachal Pradesh for an amount of Rs.1600 crore.
- Dibang MPP, a storage-based hydroelectric project, is the largest ever Hydro Electric Projects to be constructed in India. Project is located on Dibang River, in Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh.

#### 6. Ans. E.

The government has proposed to establish an **Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation** under **Ministry of Culture** with a status of deemed University.

- 7. Ans. B.
- Fifth Edition of Joint Military Exercise between Indian Army and United Kingdom(UK) Army AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 will be conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom(UK) from February (13 to 26) 2020.
- 120 Army Individuals each from Indian and United Kingdom Armies will participate in this Exercise and the Next Edition will be conducted in India, viceversa.
- The Main Aim of this Exercise is to conduct Joint Training Operations with High number of Soldiers and also giving Special Importance on Counter Terrorists operation in Urban and Semi Urban Areas.
- 8. Ans. C.
- Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal informed that Indian Railway (IR) Ministry plans to electrify all broad gauge (BG) routes by December 2023.
- As a target to electrify 4,310 km of BG route in the year 2023-2024 (till December 2023), it is planned to electrify a total of 28,810 km of BG route.
- As part of its solar mission, it plans to source approximately 1000 megawatt (MW) of solar power & to source around 200 MV of wind power, based on the techno-commercial assessment.
- 9. Ans. B.

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- According to 'The Banker's Top 500 Banking Brands 2020' report, IndusInd Bank has topped the list of 'Highest increase in brand value' among global banks.
- The brand value of IndusInd Bank has increased by 122% over the past 12 months, making it the highest placed for growth in brand value, across the globe. The bank reported total assets of Rs 3.1 lakh crore at the end of Q3 FY20.
- As a part of the report, the list "Top 50 By Total Brand Value by Country" has been topped by China, followed by United States (US) at 2nd position while Canada and the United Kingdom (UK) ranked at 3rd and 4th spots.

#### 10. Ans. B.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has started the first tranche of Long Term Repo Operation (LTROs) by conducting a three-year issue worth Rs 25,000 crore for which it received bids of more than Rs 1.944 lakh crore.
- The central bank has accepted bids of ₹25,035 crore. The RBI will conduct the second issue for Rs 25,000 crore on February 24 which will have one-year tenor.

#### 11. Ans. A.

- The board recommended aligning the financial year of RBI, currently July-June, with the government's fiscal year (April-March) from the year 2020-21.
- The meeting reviewed the current economic situation, global and domestic challenges and various areas of operations of the Reserve Bank.
- The meeting was addressed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. She was accompanied by Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur, Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar and Expenditure Secretary T V Somanathan, among other senior officials.

#### 12. Ans. B.

- The Municipal Bonds Development Committee will be headed by Shri Sujit Prasad, Executive Director, SEBI.
- The committee will give recommendations on policy matters pertaining to development of municipal debt securities market.

- The members of the committee include representatives from ministry, Municipal Corporation, lawyers, professionals and market practitioners.
- 13. Ans. C.
- Final exercise of the National level Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2020) was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard in the sea at Vasco, South Goa district.
- 14. Ans. B.
- Prashant Kumar has been appointed as Chief Executive and Managing Director of the Yes Bank. Kumar was earlier appointed as the YES Bank administrator. Sunil Mehta, former non-executive chairman of Punjab National Bank, has been appointed as non-executive chairman of YES Bank.
- Mahesh Krishnamurthy will serve as a non-executive director of the bank, while Atul Bheda as a non-executive director. The investor bank, State Bank of India, will nominate two officers as directors. 15. 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
   16. Ans. C.
- The United Nation's COP26 climate change conference set to take place in Glasgow in November has been postponed till next year due to COVID-19.
- This decision has been taken by the COP Bureau of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), with the UK and its Italian partners.
- Dates for a rescheduled conference in 2021, hosted in Glasgow by the UK in partnership with Italy, will be set out in due course following further discussion with parties.

#### 17. Ans. C.

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the Government of India (GoI), has hiked the limit of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the centre to Rs 1.2 lakh crore for the first half of the financial year 2020-21(FY21),

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up from Rs 75,000 crore in the first half of FY20, and Rs 35,000 crore for the second half of 2019-20.

18. Ans. D.

- \* United Nations released the World Happiness Report on the International Day of Happiness, 2020.
- \* Finland is ranked first in the report and India ranked 144.

19. Ans. A.

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will start Swavalamban Express on June 5 this year for new entrepreneurs.
- The decision to start the train was taken based on the feedback received from various stakeholders.
- The train will travel to 11 enterprising cities starting from Lucknow and thereafter to Jammu, Delhi, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata and finally to Varanasi in a span of 15 days covering 7,000 km.

20. Ans. C.

- A 5-day long 5th edition of Indo-UK (United Kingdom) bilateral air exercise "Indradhanush-V" 2020 between Indian Air Force (IAF) and British Royal Air Forces (RAF) was conducted at Air Force Station Hindan in Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- 'Base Defence and Force Protection' was the focus of this year exercise.

21. Ans. B.

- Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions released the COVID- 19 National Preparedness Survey 2020.
- The survey will serve as a benchmark for policymakers at National and State levels.
- The COVID-19 National Preparedness Survey 2020 was conducted in 410 Districts in the Country within 3 working days beginning on March 25, 2020.
- The survey was conducted with responses from 410 civil servants who are providing field level leadership. 22. Ans. B.
- The Manipur government has announced new schemes to provide benefits to the sportspersons and artistes

in the state who have brought laurels to the nation.

• The state government announced two new schemes- CMAST scheme and CMAT scheme. The schemes are expected to be implemented at a cost of Rs 7.36 crore and Rs 5.70 crore respectively.

23. Ans. B.

- NITI Aayog is organizing Sustainable Development Goals Conclave 2020: Partnerships, Cooperation and Development of North Eastern states- in Guwahati, Assam.
- The three-day event will see representations from the North Eastern states, Central Ministries, academia, civil society and international development organizations.
- Following the inaugural session, the technical sessions would include SDG localization in the North East, economic prosperity and sustainable livelihoods, climate adaptive agriculture, health and nutrition among others.

24. Ans. D.

- In order to promote horticulture, 'one product one district ' has been mooted wherein one district will focus on one horticulture products.
- Dhaanyalakshmi is a way to boost storage capabilities at village level.
- Krishi Udaan will be launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on international and national routes. This will immensely help improve value realisation especially in North-East and tribal districts.
- The Indian Railways will set up a "Kisan Rail" through PPP arrangements. This will be part of a seamless national cold supply chain for perishables, inclusive of milk, meat and fish.

25. Ans. B.

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA) to launch its new Radio mission called the Sun Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE), a very large radio telescope to study how the sun generates & releases the giant space weather storms(solar particle storms) into planetary space.
- The study will help to protect the astronauts that travel to the moon & mars

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by providing better information on how the Sun's radiation affects the space environment in which they travel. 26. Ans. C.

- The official mascots of the 19th Asian Games, to be from 10 to 25 September 2022, were unveiled at a 20 minutes digital launch ceremony in Hangzhou, China. The ceremony was conducted online due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- There are three mascots namely Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen, which represents the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage sites of Hangzhou in eastern China.
- These three mascots for the XIX Asiadare collectively known as the "smart triplets".

27. Ans. C.

- Meghalaya is home to the Khasi, Jaintia and Garo tribes. Jainsem is the traditional costume for women and is usually made of mulberry silk, a local specialty. Over the jainsem, they wear cotton shawls called tapmoh khlieh.
- Garo women can be seen wearing eking a wraparound.

28. Ans. B.

- All debit cards, credit cards, forex cards, prepaid cash cards, store cards, etc which can be used in the place of bank notes or actual currency for encouraging digital transaction is known as plastic currency.
- Check Book can be used to withdraw money from the bank but can not be used in place of money.

29. Ans. A.

- Civil services officers' associations have formed an initiative called 'Caruna' to support and supplement the government's efforts in fighting coronavirus.
- The acronym 'Caruna' stands for Civil Services Associations Reach to Support in Natural Disasters.
- The platform includes officers from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Revenue Service (IRS), state services and so on.

• This platform was launched by the IAS Association vice-president Sanjeev Chopra.

30. Ans. C.

- Jana Small Finance Bank is a small finance bank that commenced operations on March 28, 2018. The Reserve Bank of India issued a licence to the bank under Section 22 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- Its headquarter is located in Bengaluru, Karnataka

31. Ans. B.

- While presenting union budget Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reiterated government's commitment to double the farmers income by 2022.
- She announced "Kiasan Rail" and "Krishi Udaan" scheme.
- To improve marketing, the Indian Railways will set up a "Kisan Rail" through public private partership (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.

32. Ans. A.

- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) announced that it will now start issuing Visa debit cards to its customers.
- Paytm is targeting to issue over 10 million new digital debit cards in FY 20-21
- The customers will also have an option to request for a physical card 33. Ans. F.
- The International Transgender Day of Visibility is observed every year on March 31 globally since 2009, to celebrate transgender people to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide and their contributions to society.
- The day was founded by US (United States) based transgender activist Rachel Crandall of Michigan in 2009.
- The day has since been spearheaded by the US based youth advocacy

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organization Trans Student Educational Resources.

34. Ans. D.

- Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGN) has launched Project Isaac to engage its students in creative projects enhancing their critical skills during corona virus lockdown.
- Four different online competitions are being organized under this to cultivate new skills among students regarding writing, painting, coding, music, creative expression, and so on.
- Project is inspired by Sir Isaac Newton, who was similarly sent home by Trinity College, Cambridge because of the Great Plague of London in 1665 and he made significant discoveries related to optics and gravity.

35. 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.

36. Ans. B.

- Best Film 'Gully Boy'
- Best Director Zoya Akhtar ('Gully Boy')
- Best Film (Critics) 'Article 15' (Anubhav Sinha) 'Sonchiriya' (Abhishek Chaubey)
- Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male) Ranveer Singh ('Gully Boy')
- Best Actor (Critics) Ayushmann Khurrana ('Article 15')
- Best Actor In A Leading Role (Female) Alia Bhatt ('Gully Boy')
- Best Actress (Critics) Bhumi Pednekar ('Saand Ki Aankh') Taapsee ('Saand Ki Aankh')

37. Ans. D.

77<sup>th</sup> Senior National Squash Championship

- Men: Saurav Ghosal (TN)
- Women: Joshna Chinappa (TN)

38. Ans. E.

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39. Ans. E.

- Kolkata-born renowned astrologer Dr Sohini Sastri, has been graced with prestigious Indian Achievers Award, wherein she was adjudged the Best Astrologer of the Year..
- The award was presented to Dr Sohini Sastri by Union HRD Minister, Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal, in a special ceremony conducted at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

40. Ans. C.

- The Odisha government signed a memorandum of understanding with HDFC Bank Ltd.
- According to the agreement, the startup units will be able to showcase their products to stakeholders while the lender will extend incubation and acceleration support to the firms banking with them. 41. Ans. B.
- Rome hosted the 41st session of the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD GC)
- The theme for event is 'From fragility to long-term resilience: investing in sustainable rural economies'.

42. Ans. C.

- A mock anti-hijack exercise was conducted by INS Dega at Visakhapatnam airport.
- The anti-hijack exercise was conducted with a mock situation created and involved actions by various agencies including Marine Commandos, Central Industrial Security Force, Airport Authority of India and the State Government agencies.

43. Ans. C.

- Bihar state government has launched a campaign to promote planting of trees in the state.
- The campaign asked the people to gift a plant of love to their closed ones and take care of plants and trees.
- This initiative is to make the state greener by creating environmental awareness.

44. Ans. E.

• Ellyse Perry claimed top spot among all rounders in latest ICC women's T20 international rankings

45. Ans. D.

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- The first inter-city electric bus service, between Mumbai and Pune.
- 46. Ans. A.
- The Indian Railways South Central Railways (SCR) zone has become the first zonal railway in the country to have functional "energy neutral" railway stations on the network.
- The South Central Railways has converted a total of 13 railway stations into "energy neutral" stations, which is the highest amongst all the zones across the Indian Railways network.
- 47. Ans. D.
- The Maharashtra government has decided to implement a five-day week for its employees from the month-end.
- The State Cabinet decided to increase the working hours by 45 minutes on weekdays.
- 48. Ans. B.
- Indian-origin Alok Sharma was named the new UK minister in charge of the crunch UN climate talks to be hosted by Britain this November.
- Agra-born Sharma, promoted to the post of Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Cabinet reshuffle.
- 49. Ans. B.
- World silver-medallist Amit Panghal (52kg) has been ranked number one by the IOC's Boxing Task Force ahead of next month's Olympic Qualifiers.
- He is first Indian pugilist in over a decade to achieve the global top position in his category
- 50. Ans. D.
- The Fifteenth Finance Commission will set up a panel to address issues related to fiscal policy for both the Centre and the States
- Commission had also constituted a group on defence and internal security, whose mandate will be 'to examine whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up, and if so, how such a mechanism could be operationalised
- This group will be chaired by Mr. Singh with A.N. Jha, Member, Fifteenth Finance Commission as well as Secretary, Ministry

- of Home Affairs, Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance as members
- 51. Ans. A.
- Indian-origin politician Rishi Sunak is appointed as the U.K.'s new Finance Minister
- Mr. Sunak is the son-in-law of Infosys Co-founder Narayana Murthy.
- He will join Home secretary Priti Patel on the top government bench as the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- 52. Ans. D.
- Gujarat cadre IAS officer Raj Kumar was named Secretary of Defence Production while Debashish Panda was appointed as Secretary, Financial Services.
- Mr. Bansal took over from Ashwani Lohani, whose one-year term as CMD of Air India ended. This is a second stint for Mr. Bansal as CMD for Air India, where he served briefly in 2017
- 53. Ans. A.
- Tamil Nadu CM inaugurated SCF cricket ground in Valapadi, Salem in Tamil Nadu.
- The ground was built on behalf of Salem Cricket Foundation. Cricketer Rahul Dravid, TN Cricket Association head Rupa Gurunath and BCCI former head Srinivasan attended the inauguration.
- 54. Ans. A.
- President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the coveted President's Colours to the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Shivaji, Lonavla
- The award is one of the most prestigious for defence institutes and regiments for its contribution during war and peace time. INS Shivaji was commissioned in 1945
- 55. Ans. D.
- The Brihan umbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will develop an air quality monitoring network across 90 locations in Mumbai. This will make it the largest network in India.
- The project is likely to be finished over the next five years. The ambitious project will be funded by the BMC and private players.
- 56. Ans. E.
- \* Drug maker Lupin has received an Establishment Inspection Report (EIR)

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from the US health regulator for its manufacturing plant in Nagpur.

- \* The US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) issues an EIR to a company when an inspection is satisfactorily closed.
- 57. Ans. C.
- \* Government of Manipur starts a new initiative titled 'Food Bank' in view of the threat of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
- \* This initiative provides immediate aid within the sort of free food to the poor and needy who face scarcity of essential commodities due to the long statewide lockdown.

58. Ans. C.

- \* The legendary motor-racing driver, Sir Stirling Moss has passed away.
- \* Moss was widely regarded as the greatest driver never to win the Formula One drivers' world championship.
- \* The British driver took part in Formula One from 1951 to 1961 and also made 67 starts in the F1 World Championship, claiming victory winning 16 races and claiming 16 pole positions and 24 podium positions.
- 59. Ans. C.
- \* United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has inked an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) to promote consumers to contribute to the global development agenda as well as support their respective governments in times of global crisis like coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- \* The MoU, valid for 5 years, aims to create a joint technical co-operation initiatives to support ongoing activities in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).
- \* As per the MoU, CUTS will support ecommerce as a platform to accelerate Member States' transition to the digital economy and adapt to the 4th Industrial Revolution.

60. Ans. A.

\* Private sector lender Karnataka Bank received RBI approval for the reappointment of Mahabaleshwara M S as MD and CEO for next 3 years.

- \* The RBI has also approved for reappointment of Polali Jayarama Bhat as part time non-executive chairman.
- \* Mahabaleshwara took charge as MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank on April 12, 2017 and has over 29 years of banking experience both at operational and administrative levels.

61. Ans. D.

- \* The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Guwahati designed two products that will help in the fight against the outbreak of COVID-19.
- \* The first one is a 3D-printed hands-free object that could be used to help open or close doors, windows, drawers.
- \* The second product is a 3D-printed antimicrobial face-shield to control the spread of coronavirus.
- \* The face shield is also easy to design and it is possible to have rapid development of prototypes.

62. Ans. C.

- \* The University of Wisconsin Madison, vaccine companies FluGen and Bharat Biotech tie-up develop a vaccine against COVID-19 called CoroFlu.
- \* CoroFlu will build on the backbone of FluGen''s flu vaccine candidate known as M2SR.
- \* Based on an invention by UW-Madison virologists and FluGen co-founders Yoshihiro Kawaoka and Gabriele Neumann, M2SR is a self-limiting version of the influenza virus that induces an immune response against the flu.

63. Ans. C.

- \* Apple and Google are joining hands to create technology that leverages smartphones for contact tracing activities for Covid-19.
- \* This will use the Bluetooth low energy technology built into modern-day smartphones.
- \* BY these governments and health agencies will be able to better identify individuals via a voluntary contract tracking mechanism.
- \* This announcement comes at a time when the world is struggling to contain the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic. 64. Ans. C.

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- \* Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has been appointed to a 12-member advisory group to International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.
- \* Mr Rajan is currently working as a professor at the prestigious University of Chicago.
- \* The External Advisory Group will provide its perspectives from around the world on developments and policy issues to the exceptional challenges surrounding the global coronavirus pandemic and its economic impact.

65. Ans. B.

- \* Renowned Hindustani classical singer and Padma Shri awardee Shanti Hiranand Chawla passed away.
- \* The singer was trained in thumri, dadra and ghazal singing by Begum Akhtar, and was world-renowned for keeping the legendary ghazal singer's style alive in her performances.
- \* She had also penned a book titled "Begum Akhtar: The Story of My Ammi."
- \* She has received numerous accolades, including the Padma Shri, which was awarded to her in 2007.

66. Ans. B.

- \* Delhi Chief Minister Aravind Kejriwal has launched "Operation SHIELD" in 21 identified Containment Areas of the state to control the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.
- \* It deals with sealing, home quarantine, isolation & tracking, essential supply of commodities, local sanitisation and door-to-door health checkups.

67. Ans. E.

- Canadian American comedian & actor Jim Carrey and writer Dana Vachon authored a novel "Memoirs and Misinformation" a fearless and semi-autobiographical novel about the reconstruction of personality. It is published by Alfred A Knopf, publishing house & will be published on May 2020.
- The novel is a tale of acting, Hollywood, agents, celebrity, privilege, friendship, romance, addiction to relevance, fear of personal destruction, our "one big soul," and a catastrophic ending of the world apocalypse within and without.

• Jim Carrey has written a children's fiction novel "How Roland Rolls"(2013), Disney's A Christmas Carol (2010) among others.

68. Ans. A.

- \* Flipkart, in partnership with ICICI Lombard and Go Digit General Insurance, launched health insurance policies that distinctly cover COVID-19.
- \* COVID-19 Protection Cover of ICICI Lombard provides an instant Rs. 25,000 benefits on a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 at an annual premium of ₹159.
- \* The Digit Illness Group Insurance offered by Digit Insurance allows consumers to avail a hospitalisation cover up to a sum assured of ₹1 lakh with an annual premium of ₹511.

69. Ans. A.

- \* GMR Airports Limited, one of the subsidiary of GMR Infrastructure has received "Letter of Award" (LoA) for the development and operations of Bhogapuram International Airport in Andhra Pradesh.
- \* In February 2019, GMR Airports had emerged as the highest bidder for project on a public-private partnership basis.
- \* The project involves design, build, finance, construction, development, upgradation, modernization, operation and maintenance of Bhogapuram International Airport for 40 years, extendable by additional 20 years. 70. Ans. B.
- \* Ministry for Human Resource Development has starts web-portal named YUKTI (Young India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation) in New Delhi.
- \* The web portal and dashboard will help to monitor and record the efforts and initiatives of the Ministry of HRD.
- \* Its plan to cover different dimensions of COVID-19 challenges in a comprehensive and holistic way.

71. Ans. C.

\* The Ahmedabad railway station at Kalupur, Gujarat of Western Railway became the first station of Indian Railways (IR) to install a Walk-Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel to ensure the safety of staff and passengers in the view

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- of the COVID-19. The tunnel was inaugurated by Ahmedabad DRM (Divisional Railway Manager) Deepak Iha.
- \* The tunnel uses WHO (World Health Organization) approved sanitizer and fitted with a sensor, so that when a passenger approaches the tunnel entrance it starts fogging automatically.
- \* The distance of the tunnel is 20 feet long which can be covered within 10 seconds. The tunnel has a capacity of sanitizing 25 to 30 people per minute & consumes approximately 20 ml sanitizer per person.

72. Ans. D.

- \* India's largest mobile gaming platform, Mobile Premier League (MPL) has brought Tamannaah Bhatia as its brand ambassador, to endorse their gaming platform.
- \* Recently, MPL also renewed its association with Indian Cricket Captain Virat Kohli for another one year.
- \* Tamannaah is popular in Bollywood and regional film landscape and that is what makes her suitable to promote the brand across its diverse user base. She will promote MPL across all channels.
- \* MPL currently has more than 35 million users, with over 40 games on the platform.

73. Ans. A.

- \* E-commerce firm Flipkart and Tata Consumer Products Ltd have partnered to distribute essential food and beverage products to Indians.
- \* This will be made through a system where the latter's distributors will list as marketplace sellers on the former's platform
- \* Consumers can use the Flipkart platform to buy different combo packs of essential products such as beverages (Tata Tea and Coffee) and food (Tata Sampann Spices, pulses and others) offered by Tata Consumer Products.

74. Ans. D.

- \* India football team retained its 108th spot in the latest FIFA rankings.
- \* Belgium and France retained their first and second positions respectively in the

latest rankings. Brazil is on the third place followed by England.

\* In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the whole raft of international fixtures including qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup and other major tournaments has been postponed.

75. Ans. D.

- \* Jana Small Finance Bank has launched 'DigiGen', a digital banking platform where customers can digitally open a savings account and fixed deposit instantly; any time, anywhere.
- \* DigiGen onboarding is a three-step process to open an account.
- \* True to its brand promise 'paise ki kadar', customers are eligible for 4.5 per cent interest rates on savings account and up to 7.5 per cent interest on fixed deposits.

76. Ans. A.

77. Ans. C.

- \* The Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad of DRDO has developed the 'COVID-19 Sample Collection Kiosk' (COVSACK).
- \* The unit has been developed by the DRDL in consultation with the doctors of Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Hvderabad.
- \* The COVSACK is a kiosk through which healthcare workers can take coronavirus samples from suspected infected patients. The patient walks into the kiosk and a nasal/oral swab is taken by healthcare professional from outside through the built-in gloves.
- \* Jharkhand hospitals employ 'COBOT-Robotics' Robots to serve food, medicine to COVID-19 patients without human intervention.
- \* The remote-controlled robot dubbed as 'COBOT-Robotics' has been developed by District Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC) Aditya Ranjan and his team of engineers.
- \* The 20-bed 'high-tech isolation wards' are going to be inaugurated at the ANM Skill Centre, Chaibasa Sadar Hospital.
- \* The 30-bed 'high-tech isolation wards' are going to be inaugurated at COVID-19 Railway Hospital, Chakradharpur. 78. Ans. A.

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- \* Government of Manipur has launched Electronic format of comic textbooks.
- \* The Department of Education (schools) has initiated the electronic format comic textbooks for Class III, IV and V as steps and measures to make up the gaps for the academic situation, especially for the schools.
- \* The electronic format comic textbook for each class comprises three subjects namely Mathematics, Environmental Studies and English Language in a single electronic comic textbook format.

#### 79. Ans. C.

- \* Goa Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant announced that Goa becomes the first state to integrate allopathy and Ayurveda to treat COVID-19 patients and those who have been quarantined.
- \* The CM also added that although Ayurveda cannot cure COVID-19, it will certainly boost patients' immunity.
- \* The treatment will be administered in consultation with doctors who are dealing with COVID-19 patients, who is also an Ayurvedic practitioner.

#### 80. Ans. B.

- \* The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)-Rishikesh, in collaboration with Bengaluru-based Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), has developed a health monitoring system to remotely assess the health of Covid-19 patients quarantined in homes and hospitals.
- \* Besides aiming at significantly reducing the risk of exposure to healthcare workers, the solution is also expected to reduce the increasing demand of PPE and other logistics.
- 81. Ans. D.
- \* Former pro golfer Doug Sanders passed away.
- \* Known as the 'Peacock of the Fairways', Sanders was one of the most colourful personalities on the PGA Tour, capturing 20 titles including the 1956 Canadian Open.
- \* He had four runner-up finishes in majors with the 1970 Open Championship engrained in most golf fans minds.
- 82. Ans. C.

- \* The ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) gave permission for the state of Uttar Pradesh to start pool testing of COVID-19. With this, UP has become the first state to start pool testing.
- \* Pool testing is being done in the state to increase the number of testing.
- \* Under Pool Testing, if 10 samples of COVID-19 test negative, then it is an indicator that all the samples test negative.
- \* On the other hand, if the samples tested are not negative, individual testing will be done. Under pool testing, the samples will be mixed and tested.
- \* The pool testing increases the testing capacity of a state. The method will accelerate the testing process.

#### 83. Ans. C.

- \* Online agriculture trading portal Electronic- National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), to complete 4 years of implementation.
- \* The Small Farmers Agricultural Business Association (SFAC) is the leading agency to implement it, under the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Tribal Welfare of the Government of India.
- \* It was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 21 mandis on 14th April, 2016.
- \* It is an innovative initiative in the marketing of agriculture, to improve farmers' access to many markets and buyers digitally and to bring transparency in trade transactions & also to realize the vision of "One Nation, One Market" for Agri-produce.

#### 84. Ans. B.

- \* The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday projected a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 1.9 per cent for India in 2020.
- \* With this subdued forecast, India is likely to record its worst growth performance since the 1991 liberalisation.
- \* But the IMF, in its latest edition of the World Economy report, has placed India as the fastest-growing emerging economies of the world.

85. Ans. E.

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- \* Google has launched 'Nearby Spot' under "Google Pay" to assist users to find local stores selling essentials like groceries that are open, amid the lockdown.
- \* The Google "Nearby Spot" is going to be launched in Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, and Delhi soon.
- \* The company has launched the COVID-19 Spot on Google Pay that aggregates all pertinent information on the subject, sourced directly from the Health Ministry. 86. Ans. C.
- Andhra Bank Managing Director (MD) J Packirisamy has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Union Bank of India (UBI).
- The appointments come after some of the public sector banks were merged by the government with effect from April 2020.
- Packirisamy has been appointed as OSD on supernumerary basis in the Union Bank of India, with effect from April 1, 2020 or the date of assumption of office till the age of his retirement in February 2021.
- Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank have merged with Union Bank of India from April 1, 2020.

87. Ans. B.

- PokerStars India has appointed former Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its new brand ambassador.
- Muskan Sethi and Sharad Rao are the other brand ambassadors of PokerStars India, while Aditya Agarwal quit the brand in December 2019.
- PokerStars India's motive to bring MS Dhoni on board is aimed at increasing its market share in the industry as the cricketer has a fan following among millions of Indians.
- Prior to MS Dhoni's appointment popular Bollywood actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui was the brand ambassador of the company.

88. Ans. C.

- Ajay Mahajan has been appointed as Managing Director & Chief Executive of credit rating agency "CARE Ratings".
- He will replace Rajesh Mokashi, who resigned in December 2019.

- Mahajan started his career with Bank of America in 1990 and went on to become MD & Country Head of Global Markets Group.
- Ajay Mahajan earlier worked at IDFC First Bank.

89. Ans. A.

- Paytm has appointed Vineet Arora as new managing director and chief executive officer of Paytm General Insurance Ltd.
- Prior to this, he has served as managing director and chief executive officer of Aegon Life Insurance Company.
- The appointment is a step for Paytm to further its journey into the insurance sector with an instantaneous specialise in general insurance.

90. Ans. D.

- India will host the Asian Boxing Championships for men and women in November-December this year.
- It was announced by the National Sports Federation of India.
- The host city of the competition is not yet decided.
- India last hosted the men's Asian meet back in 1980 in Mumbai, while it conducted the women's event in 2003 in Hisar.
- The tournament became a combined event for men and women last year. 91. Ans. A.
- GlaxoSmithKline plc, a British multinational pharmaceutical company, has tied-up with France's Pharmaceutical company Sanofi S.A., to develop the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine to deal with the current epidemic.
- Both companies plan to conduct first phase clinical trials in the second half of 2020.
- If it succeeds, it is planned to complete its development by the second half of 2021 for availability based on regulatory approval.
- Under the partnership, Sanofi will deliver the S-protein Covid-19 antigen, based on 'Recombinant DNA' technology.
- Based on this technology, Sanofi designed the product Recombinant Influenza in the US. At the same time, GSK of London will provide adjuvants

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(additives that boost the immune response and can reduce the amount of vaccine protein required per dose).

92. Ans. B.

- In view of increasing pandemic coronavirus (Covid-19) cases, a team of researchers from National Institute of Technology-Karnataka (NIT-K) at Surathkal, has designed a disinfection chamber called 'ZERO-COV' to disinfect personal protective equipment (PPE) tools, surgical masks, vegetables, packaged food items, currency notes and other day-to-day items within 15 minutes.
- 93. Ans. C.
- Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government has launched two portals namely the Annapurna portal and the Supply Mitra portals for the convenience of the food needs for the people of the state during the COVID-19 crisis.

- The Annapurna portal will help people get the knowledge of food products and packets.
- Supply Mitra portal will provide free home delivery of etables. 94. Ans. D.
- Former Switzerland's Ice hockey player Roger Chappot passed away due to Coronavirus. He played more than 100 games for Switzerland's national team.
- He also represented the Switzerland national team at the Winter Olympics in 1964. He was the Swiss league's leading scorer in the 1964 season. 95. Ans. D.
- Film, television and theatre actor Ranjit Chowdhry has passed away.
- Ranjit was best known for his work in movies Baton Baton Mein, Mississippi Masala, Khubsoorat and Bollywood/Hollywood.



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