

Que 1: Consider the following statement regarding the G20 health ministers' meeting-

- 1) Australia hosted the meeting of the G-20 Health Working Group.
- 2) G20 countries account for 80 percent of the world's GDP and 80 percent of global cross-border trade.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The inaugural session of the G20 Health Ministers' meeting organized in Yogyakarta, Indonesia by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, was addressed through a virtual medium.
- Indonesia hosted two Health Working Group meetings in Yogyakarta and Lombok to discuss priority issues such as 'coordinating global health protocol standards' and 'building the resilience of the global health system'.
- G20 countries account for 80 percent of the world's GDP and 80 percent of global cross-border trade, so the engagement and leadership of the G20 are critical to strengthening the global health infrastructure and management of any future health emergency.
- G20 countries aim to strengthen the need for health ecosystem assessment, health financing, and their engagement, based on experience gained in managing pandemics.

Que 2: International Day of Yoga is celebrated every year on 21st June, what is the theme of International Yoga Day 2022 this year?

- A. Yoga for All
- B. Yoga for Health
- C. Yoga for Humanity
- D. Good Health is the Wealth

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- International Yoga Day is celebrated every year on the 21st of June.
- The theme of this year's International Day of Yoga is "Yoga for Humanity".
- The idea of the International Day of Yoga was proposed by India during the inauguration of the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2014, under which a resolution was passed by the United Nations in December 2014 and declared 21 June as an International Yoga Day.
- This year International Yoga Day is being celebrated in the year 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', so Yoga Day celebrations have been organized at 75 major places in the country.
- Another highlight of International Day of Yoga is Guardian Ring, a relay yoga streaming program that simultaneously captures a digital feed of International Yoga Day events organized by Indian missions abroad.
- Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India.
- The word 'yoga' is derived from Sanskrit and means a symbol of union of body and consciousness.

Que 3: For outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of Yoga, the Prime Minister's Award-2021 was given, this year's award has been given to two persons - Shri Bhikkhu Sanghasena of Leh, Ladakh and to which other person?

- A. Vishwas Mandlik
- B. Swami Rajshri Muni
- C. Antonietta Rozzi
- D. Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues
- E. None of the above / More than one of the above

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The Prime Minister's Award-2021 has been announced for outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of Yoga.
- The award is one of the most prestigious honors in the field of Yoga, instituted by the Prime Minister of India on the occasion of the 2nd International Day of Yoga celebrations in Chandigarh on June 21, 2016.
- This year's award was presented to two individuals - Mr. Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Leh, Ladakh, and Mr. Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and two organizations - The Divine Life Society, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, and British Wheel of Yoga, United Kingdom.
- Prime Minister's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development and Promotion of Yoga - 2021
- The award winners will be given a trophy, certificate, and a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh.
- This year the winners have been selected after considering the nominations received under four different categories, namely International Persons, International Organizations, National Persons, and National Organizations.

Que 4: Where was the Center for Brain Research recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister?

- A. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- B. Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru
- C. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- D. All India Institute Of Medical Sciences New Delhi
- E. None of the above / More than one of the above

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The Brain Research Center was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the foundation stone of Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispecialty Hospital at IISc Bengaluru was laid.
- The Center for Brain Research has been developed as a one-of-a-kind research facility with the aim of focusing on conducting critical research on providing evidence-based public health interventions to address age-related brain disorders.
- Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispecialty Hospital will be developed on the campus of IISc Bengaluru and aims to help integrate science, engineering, and medicine into this prestigious institution.
- The objective of the Center for Brain Research Hospital is to provide a comprehensive impetus to clinical research in the country as well as work towards finding innovative solutions that can help improve health services in the country.

Que 5: Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations?

- A. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- B. Pradeep Kumar Rawat
- C. Ruchira Kamboj
- D. Nirupama Menon Rao

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Senior diplomat Ruchira Kamboj has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.
- Ruchira Kamboj is a 1987 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service and is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Bhutan, Ruchira is the first woman Ambassador of India to Bhutan.
- Prior to her assignment as Ambassador to Bhutan, Ruchira Kamboj has served as India's High Commissioner to South Africa and India's Ambassador or Permanent Representative to UNESCO.
- She will succeed T S Tirumurti as the Indian ambassador to the UN.

Que 6: The National Intelligence Grid has been transferred to which security force by the Ministry of Home Affairs?

- A. Central Industrial Security Force
- B. Border Security Force
- C. Central Reserve Police Force
- D. Sashastra Seema Bal

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The tenure of the Chief Executive Officer of the National Intelligence Grid has been reduced by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Intelligence Grid has been transferred to the Border Security Force.
- This year, Mr. Ashish Gupta was appointed as the CEO of NATGRID, Ashish Gupta is a 1989 batch IPS officer.
- NATGRID is an online database that aggregates information from more than 20 organizations in the fields of telecommunications, tax records, banks, immigration, etc.
- The National Intelligence Grid (NetGrid) project was launched in the year 2009 after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.
- The objective of the National Intelligence Grid is to provide access to data held by central agencies such as IB, RAW, and others on a secure platform for counter-terrorism investigations.

Que 7: According to the Periodic Labor Force Survey (PLFS) for the year 2020-21 released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programs, the unemployment rate has decreased by what percentage?

- A. 0.4 Percent
- B. 0.6 Percent
- C. 2 Percent
- D. 5 Percent
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

Answer ||| B



Solution |||

- According to the Periodic Labor Force Survey (PLFS) for the year 2020-21 released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programs, India has registered a decrease of 0.6% in the unemployment rate during the year 2020-21.
- As per the survey, the unemployment rate has been recorded at 3.3% in rural areas and 6.7% in urban areas.
- According to the report, the Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in the year 2020-21, the percentage of persons in the labor force in the population was 41.6% as against 40.1% in the previous year.
- In the periodic labor force survey released under the Ministry of Statistics and Programs, the worker population ratio is defined as the percentage of employed persons in the population.
- The survey defines migrants as a member of a family whose last common place of residence was, at any time in the past, different from the current place of enumeration.

Que 8: Who has been honored with the 2021 Golden Achievement Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Federation?

- A. Vijay Amritraj
- B. Pierre Darmon
- C. Stuart Smith
- D. Ramesh Krishnan

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- Vijay Amritraj of India has been honored with the Golden Achievement Award for the year 2021.
- The Golden Achievement Award is presented annually by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Federation.
- The Golden Achievement Award is given to an individual in tennis who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of tennis in the field of governance, promotion, and education at the international level.
- Vijay Amritraj is known to be one of the world's most important tennis players who converted professional tennis into the ATP Tour.

Que 9: Consider the following statement regarding the Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) Scheme-

1. The Partnership Plan for Global Infrastructure and Investment was formally launched by President Biden and the leaders of the G7
2. The global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) Scheme is a \$500 billion fund-raising plan for the developing world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The Partnership Plan for Global Infrastructure and Investment was formally launched by President Biden and the leaders of the G7.

- It is a \$600 billion fund-raising plan for the developing world in a move seen as a counterpoint to China's Belt and Road plan.
- The initiative will be geared towards tackling climate change, improving global health, achieving gender equality, and building digital infrastructure.
- The infrastructure plan was first unveiled at the 2021 G7 summit in the UK.
- Initially known as Build Back Better World, the project was renamed PGII at the 2022 summit.

Que 10: Consider the following statement regarding the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)-

- 1). The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was made a part of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) program by the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- 2). The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched on 19 August 2016

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was made a part of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) program by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), with the help of which direct government financial assistance will be provided to all the trainees.

* The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched on 19 August 2016 with the objective of promoting apprenticeship and training programs in the country and providing financial assistance to training establishments.

* The objective of this scheme is to promote apprenticeship under Skill India and help in realizing its potential.

* The program aims to motivate employers to hire apprentices and help them find the right jobs while maximizing their capabilities through intensive skill development.

* With the introduction of the DBT scheme by the government, its contribution will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the trainees through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which will be payable up to 25% of the scholarship i.e., up to Rs 1500 per month.

* DBT was introduced on January 1, 2013, with the main objective of revamping the existing process in welfare schemes by improving the delivery system of the government and speeding up the flow of money and information, providing security, and reducing the number of frauds.