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**1. Who among the following has recently won silver in UWW Under-23 World Championships?**

- A.Vinesh Phogat
- B.Babita Kumari
- C.Pooja Gehlot
- D.Ritu Phogat

**Ans -C**

**Explanation:**

Pooja Gehlot (53kg) in wrestling claimed India's second silver medal after going down to Japan's Haruna Okuno in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships in Budapest.

Pooja lost 0-2 to Okuno in the summit clash. She had entered the finals after beating Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil in the semifinals of the tournament.

Three-time World Junior Championships medallist Sajan Bhanwal (77kg), however, lost a close semi-final bout 4-5 to Japan's Kodai Sakuraba. He will now fight for the bronze.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

**2. International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was recently observed on which of the following dates?**

- A.2nd November
- B.1st November
- C.31st October
- D.3rd November

**Ans -A**

**Explanation:**

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International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed on 2 November 2019. The day aims to make every individual and country to reaffirm their attachment to the safety of journalists. It also aims to promote press freedom across the world.

On 2 November, organizations and individuals worldwide are encouraged to talk about the unresolved cases in their countries, and write to government and intra-governmental officials to demand action and justice. UNESCO organizes an awareness-raising campaign on the findings of the UNESCO Director-General's biennial Report on the Safety of Journalists and the Danger of Impunity, which catalogues the responses of states to UNESCO's formal request for updates on progress in cases of killings of journalists and media workers. UNESCO and civil society groups throughout the world also use 2 November as a launch date for other reports, events and other advocacy initiatives relating to the problem of impunity for crimes against freedom of expression.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

**3. On 3rd November 2019, India has recently signed 3 MoUs in fields of Military Medicine and Military Education with:**

- A. Turkmenistan
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Tajikistan
- D. Kazakhstan

**Ans -B**

**Explanation:**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral consultations with his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov during his three-day visit to Tashkent from 1st of November.

This was the first visit by an Indian Defence Minister to Uzbekistan in about 15 years. Both the countries signed three MoUs to enhance cooperation in Military Medicine and Military Education.

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During the meeting, the two sides expressed satisfaction at the enhanced level of defence engagements between India and Uzbekistan since the visit of the then Defence Minister of Uzbekistan to India in September 2018.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

4. Who among the following has recently laid the foundation for the new office building for Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB)?

- A.Narendra Singh Tomar
- B.Thawar Chand Gehlot
- C.Ram Vilas Paswan
- D.Ravi Shankar Prasad

**Ans -A**

Explanation:

Laying the foundation stone for the new office building of Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) at the Pusa Campus in New Delhi on Monday, Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that the revamped ASRB shall play a greater role in ensuring availability of capable and qualified Agriculture Scientists through a transparent and streamlined process.

The Minister added that Agriculture is important to the country and Government's aim is for the betterment of agricultural economy by ensuring increase in agricultural production, farmers' income and agricultural exports.

This aim requires hard working farmers, proper training of farmers, availability of high quality seeds, better equipment, awareness of farmers for judicious use of fertilizers etc.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

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4. Which of the following countries has successfully test-fired a Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile from its latest nuclear-powered submarine?

- A. Japan
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. France

**Ans -B**

**Explanation:**

Russia has successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile from its latest nuclear-powered submarine, the country's defence ministry says.

Footage captured overnight shows the release of the so-called Bulava missile from an underwater position in the White Sea, the ministry said.

It was fired from Russia's new Prince Vladimir submarine and was reported to have travelled thousands of kilometres.

The submarine is expected to be operational by the end of the year.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

5. The Tal Chappar wildlife sanctuary is located at:

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha

**Ans -A**

**Explanation:**

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Tal Chhapar Sanctuary is a sanctuary located in the Churu district of Northwestern Rajasthan.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

6. The Painting of Ajanta depicts stories of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Jatakas
- B. Mahabharata
- C. Chandragupta
- D. Ashoka

**Ans -A**

## **Explanation:**

The Jataka tales are a voluminous body of literature native to India concerning the previous births of Gautama Buddha. These are the stories that tell about the previous lives of the Buddha, in both human and animal form. The future Buddha may appear in them as a king, an outcast, a god, an elephant—but, in whatever form, he exhibits some virtue that the tale thereby inculcates.

In Theravada Buddhism, the Jatakas are a textual division of the Pali Canon, included in the Khuddaka Nikaya of the Sutta Pitaka. The term Jataka may also refer to a traditional commentary on this book.

At the Ajanta Caves, Jataka scenes are inscribed with quotes from Arya Shura, with script datable to sixth century. It had already been translated into Chinese in 434 CE. Borobudur contains depictions of all 34 Jatakas from Jataka Mala.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

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**7. Who of the following was awarded the Nobel Prize for his measurement of elementary electronic charge?**

- A. Rutherford
- B. Robert Millikan
- C. James Chadwick
- D. JJ Thomson

**Ans -B**

**Explanation:**

Robert Andrews Millikan was an American experimental physicist honored with the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1923 for the measurement of the elementary electronic charge and for his work on the photoelectric effect.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

**8. Chlorophyll containing autotrophic thallophytes is called as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Fungi
- B. Bryophytes
- C. Algae
- D. Lichens

**Ans -C**

**Explanation:**

Chlorophyll containing autotrophic thallophytes is called as Algae.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

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9. Bad Advances of a bank are called as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.FDI
- B.Teaser loans
- C.NPA
- D.MFs

**Ans -C**

**Explanation:**

A nonperforming asset (NPA) refers to a classification for loans on the books of financial institutions that are in default or are in arrears on scheduled payments of principal or interest. In most cases, debt is classified as nonperforming when loan payments have not been made for a period of 90 days. While 90 days of nonpayment is the standard period of time for debt to be categorized as nonperforming, the amount of elapsed time may be shorter or longer depending on the terms and conditions set forth in each loan.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

10. Which one of the following types of unemployment is common in Indian agriculture?

- A.Seasonal
- B.Disguised
- C.Frictional
- D.Structural

**Ans -A**

**Explanation:**

Seasonal Unemployment occurs when people are unemployed at certain times of the year because they work in industries where they are not needed all year round. Examples of industries where demand, production, and employment are seasonal include tourism and leisure, farming, construction, and retailing.

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Hence, the correct answer is option A.

**11. Yellow Revolution belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A.Wool
- B.Fish
- C.Oil Seeds Production
- D.Shrimp

**Ans -C**

**Explanation:**

Yellow Revolution belongs to Oil Seeds Production.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

**12. Which of the following countries does not have a coastline with the Arabian Sea?**

- A.Afghanistan
- B.Pakistan
- C.Oman
- D.Iran

**Ans -A**

**Explanation:**

The Arabian Sea is a region of the northern Indian Ocean bounded on the north by Pakistan and Iran, on the west by northeastern Somalia and the Arabian Peninsula, and on the east by India. Historically the sea has been known by other names including the Erythraean Sea and the Persian Sea. Its total area is 3,862,000 km<sup>2</sup> and its maximum depth is 4,652 meters. The Gulf of Aden is in the southwest, connecting the Arabian Sea to the Red Sea through the strait of Bab-el-Mandeb, and the Gulf of Oman is in the northwest, connecting it to the Persian Gulf.



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Hence, the correct answer is option A.

**13. Which among the following is not among six fundamental rights provided by Constitution?**

- A.Right to equality
- B.Right to Protest
- C.Right against exploitation
- D.Right to freedom of religion

**Ans -B**

**Explanation:**

Except for the Right to Protest, all the above-mentioned rights are fundamental rights.

Six fundamental rights provided by Constitution are:

1. Right to equality
2. Right to liberty
3. Right against exploitation
4. Right to freedom of religion
5. Cultural and Educational rights
6. Right to constitutional remedy

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

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**14. Which of the following is the correct combination of justice sought to be secured to the citizens of India in the Preamble to the Constitution of India?**

- A. social, religious and political
- B. economic, religious and political
- C. social, educational and economic
- D. social, economic and political

**Ans -D**

**Explanation:**

Social, economic and political is the correct combination of justice sought to be secured to the citizens of India in the Preamble to the Constitution of India.

In simple words the Preamble serves as an introduction to the Constitution and highlights in brief the basic ideas for which the constitution stands and what the frames of the Constitution sought out to achieve for the citizens of India.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.

**15. Vivekananda Rock Memorial is located at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu
- B. Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu
- C. Dakshineswar, paschim banga
- D. Ajmer, Rajasthan

**Ans -A**

**Explanation:**

Vivekananda Rock Memorial is a popular tourist monument in Vavathurai, Kanyakumari, India. The memorial stands on one of two rocks located about 500 meters east off mainland of Vavathurai, India's southernmost tip.

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It was built in 1970 in honour of Swami Vivekananda who is said to have attained enlightenment on the rock. According to local legends, it was on this rock that Goddess Kumari performed austerity. A meditation hall (Dhyana Mandapam) is also attached to the memorial for visitors to meditate. The design of the mandapa incorporates different styles of temple architecture from all over India. It houses a statue of Vivekananda, made by renowned sculptor Sitaram S. Arte. The rocks are surrounded by the Laccadive Sea. The memorial consists of two main structures, the Vivekananda Mandapam and the Shripada Mandapam.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

**16. The philosophy of Vishishtadvaita was preached by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A.Ramanuja
- B.Shankaracharya
- C.Kapila
- D.Madhwa

**Ans -A**

**Explanation:**

Ramanuja was a Hindu theologian, philosopher, and proponent of the Vishishtadvaita.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

**17. Muhammad Imran was recently appointed as the new High Commissioner of Bangladesh to which country?**

- A.Nepal
- B.Pakistan
- C.Sri Lanka
- D.India

**Ans -D**

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## Explanation:

Mohammad Imran has been appointed as the new High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India. He is currently Bangladesh's Ambassador to United Arab Emirates. He succeeds Syed Muazzem Ali. The announcement was made today by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

A career diplomat Muhammad Imran belongs to the 1986 batch of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Foreign Affairs cadre. He has served Bangladesh Missions in different capacities in Kolkata, Berlin, Bonn, Ottawa and Jeddah. He has also been Bangladesh's Ambassador to Uzbekistan.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.

**18. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) organised a workshop titled 'DRDO-Academia Interaction for Achieving Leadership in Future Technologies' in which city?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Mumbai
- D. Mumbai

**Ans -A**

## Explanation:

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) organised a workshop titled 'DRDO-Academia Interaction for Achieving Leadership in Future Technologies' in New Delhi. The workshop was aimed to leverage the academic expertise available in the country and increase the synergy with Academia. Various ideas were discussed to explore new horizons of collaboration so that research directly contributes towards defence products and applications. The avenues where the researchers and technology experts available in the country can be engaged strategically for contribution to the design and development of advanced defence products were also discussed.

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Defence Research and Development has huge potential to absorb innovation which is not only limited to R&D organisations but can sprout from any corner of the country. DRDO has already established eight Centers of Technology in various universities in order to undertake targeted advanced research on the topics of special interest to DRDO for conceiving and realizing futuristic defence applications. Eminent academicians present in the workshop brought forward many ideas to forge the interactions between DRDO and academic institutions.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has appreciated DRDO for its efforts towards strengthening the ties between Academia and Defence R&D. He said, Scientific and Technological Excellence is associated with National Pride and stressed that sustained efforts are required for utilising academic expertise for futuristic defence applications.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

**19. Dhaka International Folk Fest has been started in which of the following countries?**

- A.Vietnam
- B.Bangladesh
- C.Nepal
- D.Bhutan

**Ans -B**

**Explanation:**

The fifth edition of the Dhaka International Folk Festival was held at Bangladesh Army Stadium, Bangladesh. It was inaugurated by the Information Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. Hasan Mahmud. More than 200 artistes from 6 countries performed in the largest folk festival in Asia. The event was held from 14-16 November 2019.

The event included performances of artistes of Bhabna Nrityadal, a prominent dance troupe from Bangladesh.

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Daler Mehendi from India, Shah Alam Sarkar from Bangladesh, and Georgian folk band Chveneburebi performed on the programme.

The three-day festival witnessed the participation of a large number of popular and renowned artistes from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Russia, and other countries.

Among the notable ones Junoon and Hina Nasrullah from Pakistan and Sattuma from Russia performed in the three-day-long event.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

**20. The National Development Council or Rashtriya Vikas Parishad, the apex body for decision creating and deliberations on development matters in India was founded in:**

- A. 1952
- B. 1951
- C. 1953
- D. 1954

**Ans -A**

**Explanation:**

The National Development Council (NDC) or Rashtriya Vikas Parishad is the apex body for decision creating and deliberations on development matters in India, presided over by the Prime Minister. It was set up on 6 August 1952 to strengthen and mobilize the effort and resources of the nation in support of the Five Year Plans made by Planning Commission, to promote common economic policies in all vital spheres, and to ensure the balanced and rapid development of all parts of the country.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

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**21. The first newspaper published in English language in India was:**

- A. The Hindu
- B. The Bengal Gazette
- C. Young India
- D. Native Opinion

**Ans -B**

**Explanation:**

Hicky's Bengal Gazette was the first English-language newspaper and the first printed newspaper to be published in both the Indian sub-continent and in Asia.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

**22. What is the currency of Mongolia?**

- A. Mangolian Dollar
- B. Mangolian Tughrik
- C. Mongolian Dollar
- D. Mongolian Rupiyah

**Ans -B**

**Explanation:**

The Mongolian Tughrik is the currency of Mongolia.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

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**23. Which one of the following is known as Freon?**

- A. Liquid ammonia
- B. Carbon tetrafluoride
- C. Dichloro- difluoro-methane
- D. Sulphur dioxide

**Ans -C**

**Explanation:**

Dichloro- difluoro-methane is known as Freon.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

**24. Name the person who has written the famous book “the path to power”.**

- A. Bill Clinton
- B. V.P. Singh
- C. Margaret Thatcher
- D. Mikhail Gorbachev

**Ans -C**

**Explanation:**

The Path to Power is a memoir by former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Margaret Thatcher covering her life from her birth in 1925 until she became Prime Minister in 1979.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.