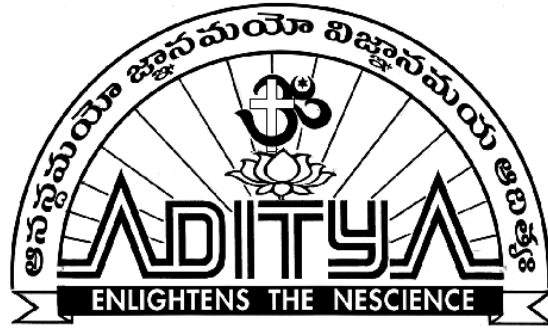


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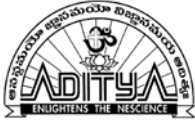
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January

- Where is the 18th edition of the Surya Kiran military exercise being hosted from 31st December 2024 to 13th January 2025?  
(a) Kathmandu, Nepal (b) Saljhandi, Nepal (c) Pokhara, Nepal  
(d) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand (e) Pokhran, India **Ans. b**
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) mission. What is the primary goal of ISRO's SpaDeX mission?  
(a) To demonstrate advanced in-space docking technology (b) To deploy communication satellites  
(c) To test lunar exploration technology (d) To launch interplanetary probes  
(e) both a and d **Ans. a**
- Where was India's first glass bridge over sea inaugurated?  
(a) Shillong (b) Kanyakumari (c) Amravati (d) Mumbai (e) Chennai **Ans. e**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY25, according to the RBI report?  
(a) 5.8% (b) 6.0% (c) 6.6% (d) 7.0% (e) 7.5% **Ans. c**
- Which of the following option is FALSE regarding the proposed lookup facility for NEFT and RTGS?  
(a) The facility will allow users to verify the beneficiary's name before initiating a transaction.  
(b) Member banks are required to implement the facility by April 1, 2025.  
(c) NPCI will develop the facility and onboard all banks.  
(d) The facility will fetch the beneficiary's account name based on the account number and IFSC entered by the remitter.  
(e) The lookup feature will only be available for UPI transactions. **Ans. e**
- Which of the following option is FALSE about the extended deadline for the Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme?  
(a) The new deadline for filing applications is January 31, 2025.  
(b) Taxpayers can settle disputes at reduced rates under column (3) of the scheme's table.  
(c) They must pay 100% of disputed tax and 25% of disputed penalties or interest.  
(d) The taxpayer will incur a 10% additional tax and higher penalties. (e) all are true **Ans. e**
- Who has been reappointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Bandhan Bank?  
(a) Rakesh Sharma (b) Uday Kotak (c) Anup Kumar Sinha  
(d) Chanda Kochhar (e) Arundhati Bhattacharya **Ans. c**
- What is the new deadline for implementing the transaction volume cap on UPI apps as per NPCI?  
(a) December 31, 2024 (b) December 31, 2025 (c) December 31, 2026  
(d) December 31, 2027 (e) December 31, 2028 **Ans. c**
- The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has invested Rs 745 crore in long-term bonds issued by NDR InvIT. Who sponsors NDR InvIT?  
(a) NaBFID (b) NDR Warehousing Private Limited (c) India Ratings  
(d) CARE Ratings (e) Reserve Bank of India **Ans. b**
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has partnered with messaging platform Gupshup to introduce a web-based AI virtual assistant, Jagriti. What is the primary purpose of the AI virtual assistant Jagriti?  
(a) Providing product reviews (b) Assisting with online shopping  
(c) Simplifying the process of filing consumer complaints  
(d) Offering legal advice for consumers (e) Tracking consumer spending patterns **Ans. c**
- West Bengal has won the Santosh Trophy by defeating Kerala in the final of the 78th edition of the Santosh Trophy. How many times has West Bengal won the Santosh Trophy?  
(a) 25 (b) 30 (c) 33 (d) 35 (e) 40 **Ans. c**
- IAS officer Bhuvnesh Kumar took charge as the CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). What additional post does Bhuvnesh Kumar hold apart from being the CEO of UIDAI?  
(a) Secretary of UIDAI (b) Additional Secretary at MEITY (c) Director of UIDAI  
(d) Joint Secretary at MEITY (e) Advisor to the Government of India **Ans. b**

13. Who has taken charge as the chief of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command?  
 (a) Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha (b) Air Marshal Suraj Prakash  
 (c) Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria (d) Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari  
 (e) Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra Ans. e
14. Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)?  
 (a) Deepak Sood (b) Manish Singhal (c) Sunil Kant Munjal  
 (d) Pawan Goenka (e) Ajay Shriram Ans. b
15. Global Family Day is observed annually on 1 January to promote peace, unity, and a sense of shared humanity across the globe. What is the theme for Global Family Day 2025?  
 (a) Strengthening Global Bonds (b) Together for Peace  
 (c) Let's Start The Year With Love, Unity, Appreciation  
 (d) Embracing Diversity (e) Building a Better Tomorrow Ans. c
16. What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) until 2025-26?  
 (a) Rs 69,515 crore (b) Rs 59,015 crore (c) Rs 75,050 crore  
 (d) Rs 80,350 crore (e) Rs 60,000 crore Ans. a
17. Under which guidelines have VFS Capital applied for a small finance bank licence?  
 (a) 'On-tap' Licensing Scheme for SFBs in the Private Sector (b) 'Greenfield' Bank Licensing Guidelines  
 (c) 'Rural Finance' Bank Licensing Guidelines (d) 'Financial Inclusion' Bank Licensing Scheme  
 (e) 'New Age' Bank Licensing Scheme Ans. a
18. India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection grew 7.3% year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 1.77 lakh crore in December 2024. However, the figure marked a 3% decline compared to the Rs 1.82 lakh crore collected in November. Which component of GST contributed the highest amount in December 2024?  
 (a) Central GST (CGST) (b) State GST (SGST) (c) Integrated GST (IGST)  
 (d) Cess (e) Imports Ans. c
19. What has India declared 2025 as in the defence sector?  
 (a) Year of Strategic Defence (b) Year of Defence Modernisation (c) Year of Defence Reforms  
 (d) Year of Military Innovation (e) Year of National Security Ans. c
20. The Groundwater recharge in the country has increased by 15 billion cubic meters and the groundwater extraction has declined by 3 billion cubic meters from the 2017 to 2024 period. Which organization conducted the groundwater assessment for the report released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti?  
 (a) National Water Development Agency (b) Central Ground Water Board  
 (c) Water Resources Development Corporation (d) Indian Meteorological Department  
 (e) Ministry of Earth Sciences Ans. b
21. The Centre decided to maintain a status quo on the returns payable on small savings schemes for the January to March 2025 quarter, making it the fourth successive quarter that these rates have remained unchanged. Which of the following small savings schemes has an interest rate of 8.2% for the January-March 2025 quarter?  
 (a) Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (b) National Savings Certificate (c) Public Provident Fund  
 (d) Monthly Income Account (e) Kisan Vikas Patra Ans. a
22. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the extension of One-time Special Package on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) beyond the NBS subsidy @ Rs 3,500 per MT for the period from 01.01.2025 till further orders to ensure sustainable availability of DAP at affordable prices to the farmers. The approval for the extension of the One-time Special Package on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) was made by which department?  
 (a) Department of Fertilizers (b) Department of Agriculture (c) Ministry of Finance  
 (d) Ministry of Food Processing (e) Department of Commerce Ans. a
23. What is celebrated on 3 January every year?  
 (a) International Mind-Body Wellness Day (b) World Health Day  
 (c) Global Meditation Day (d) International Fitness Day  
 (e) Mental Health Awareness Day Ans. a

24. In January 2025, Which organization clarified the GST rules on pre-paid gift vouchers and cards?  
 (a) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)  
 (c) Ministry of Finance (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)  
 (e) Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Ans. a
25. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ITI Asset Management (ITI AML)?  
 (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Hitesh Thakkar (c) Mahindra Manulife  
 (d) Suresh Patel (e) Jatinder Pal Singh Ans. e
26. Union Bank of India has enhanced its Digital Rupee (e.) application with accessibility features, marking a significant step in digital inclusion. What is the Digital Rupee (e.)?  
 (a) A digital version of fiat currency (b) A cryptocurrency (c) A type of foreign exchange  
 (d) A prepaid gift card (e) A credit-based digital payment system Ans. a
27. What was the total value of UPI transactions in December 2024?  
 (a) Rs 24.00 trillion (b) Rs 22.50 trillion (c) Rs 25.00 trillion  
 (d) Rs 21.55 trillion (e) Rs 23.25 trillion Ans. e
28. Who among the following has not been selected for the 2024 Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award?  
 (a) Sandeep Sangwan (b) Praveen Kumar (c) Gukesh D  
 (d) Manu Bhaker (e) Harmanpreet Singh Ans. a
29. World Introvert Day is celebrated on 2 January to acknowledge and appreciate the unique qualities of introverts, emphasizing their strengths and contributions to society. What is the theme for World Introvert Day 2025?  
 (a) The Power of Reflection (b) Some peace and calm in a noisy world  
 (c) Embracing Inner Strength (d) Building Quiet Confidence  
 (e) Finding Balance Ans. b
30. Which state government has launched a 15-day reading campaign amongst students?  
 (a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Punjab Ans. b
31. Where did Blinkit first launch its 10-minute ambulance service?  
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Gurugram (d) Bengaluru (e) Hyderabad Ans. c
32. What is the name of the initiative launched by MBMC to empower women entrepreneurs in Mira Bhayandar?  
 (a) Sakhi Shakti (b) Faral Sakhi (c) Udyogini Sahayata  
 (d) Women Entrepreneurs Mission (e) Sakhi Pragati Ans. b
33. Renowned botanist K S Manilal, who revived the Latin book 'Hortus Malabaricus', a landmark 17th-century botanical compendium about the medicinal plants of Kerala, by translating it into English and Malayalam, passed away in Thrissur. Which prestigious Indian award was conferred upon K S Manilal in 2020?  
 (a) Padma Bhushan (b) Padma Shri (c) Bharat Ratna  
 (d) Padma Vibhushan (e) Dronacharya Award Ans. b
34. In January 2024, what new initiative has SBI introduced for NRIs to simplify account opening?  
 (a) Mobile Banking App (b) TAB-based digital onboarding (c) Video KYC Service  
 (d) Paperless Banking Service (e) Online Document Upload Portal Ans. b
35. Which of the following option about India's 4th Biennial Update Report (BUR-4) submitted to the UNFCCC is correct?  
 (a) It provides data for the year 2022. (b) It includes India's National GHG inventory for the year 2020.  
 (c) It focuses only on forest cover improvement. (d) It excludes information on finance and technology needs.  
 (e) It replaces the Third National Communication (TNC) entirely. Ans. b
36. Pakistan began its two-year tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2025-26 term. How many times has Pakistan held this position excluding the current term?  
 (a) Seven times (b) Eight times (c) Nine times (d) Six times (e) Ten times Ans. a
37. Federal Bank, one of India's largest private sector banks, has launched FedOne, a new transaction banking platform powered by Nucleus Software's FinnAxia solution. What is the primary objective behind the launch of the FedOne platform by the Federal Bank?  
 (a) Expanding retail banking operations (b) Modernizing corporate banking services  
 (c) Offering personal loan products (d) Increasing credit card sales  
 (e) Launching a mobile payment app Ans. b

38. When did the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) celebrate its 67th Foundation Day?  
 (a) January 1, 2025 (b) January 2, 2025 (c) January 3, 2025  
 (d) January 4, 2025 (e) January 5, 2025 Ans. b
39. Which institution has partnered with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to enhance the agricultural extension system?  
 (a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Roorkee (c) IIT Bombay (d) IIT Kanpur (e) IIT Madras Ans. e
40. Who released the book 'Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Through the Ages: A Visual Narrative of Continuities and Linkages'?  
 (a) President of India (b) Amit Shah (c) Narendra Modi  
 (d) Rajnath Singh (e) Nitin Gadkari Ans. b
41. When is World Braille Day observed annually?  
 (a) January 1 (b) January 2 (c) January 3 (d) January 4 (e) January 5 Ans. d
42. Who has been appointed as the chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?  
 (a) Ashutosh Agnihotri (b) Rajiv Gauba (c) Faiz Ahmed Kidwai  
 (d) Sanjeev Chopra (e) Ajay Bhalla Ans. c
43. Which organization has partnered with Stride Ventures to catalyze the growth of Indian startups?  
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade  
 (c) Reserve Bank of India (d) Ministry of Finance (e) Startup India Ans. b
44. In January 2025, Reserve Bank of India has approved the voluntary merger of The National Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore (Karnataka) with Cosmos Co-operative Bank Limited (Maharashtra). Under which legal provision was the merger approved?  
 (a) Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949  
 (b) Section 7 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881  
 (c) Section 12B of the Companies Act, 2013 (d) Section 20 of the RBI Act, 1934  
 (e) Sub-Section (4) of Section 44A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 Ans. e
45. What are the two new deposit schemes launched by the State Bank of India (SBI) in January 2025?  
 (a) SBI Prime and SBI Senior Care (b) Har Ghar Lakhpati and SBI Patrons  
 (c) SBI Gold Deposit and SBI Wealth Care (d) SBI Savings Plus and SBI Recurring Elite  
 (e) Har Ghar FD and SBI Secure Savings Ans. b
46. What is the current rural poverty ratio in India as per the SBI report for FY 2023-24?  
 (a) 6.5% (b) 5.5% (c) 4.86% (d) 10.2% (e) 3.9% Ans. c
47. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI)?  
 (a) Rajeev Singh (b) Ashutosh Agnihotri (c) Sanjay Malhotra  
 (d) Anil Kumar Gupta (e) Rakesh Sharma Ans. b
48. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Nasscom Foundation?  
 (a) Nidhi Bhasin (b) Sheetal Sharma (c) Ramesh Kumar (d) Anjali Singh (e) Jyoti Sharma Ans. e
49. Financial Services Secretary M Nagaraju has launched the revamped 'Baanknet' portal for e-auction of properties including commercial properties, industrial land, shops, vehicles, and agricultural and non-agricultural land. Which organization primarily benefits from the 'Baanknet' portal's services?  
 (a) Private banks (b) Housing societies (c) Public Sector Banks  
 (d) Cooperative banks (e) Real estate firms Ans. c
50. How much aid has the Government of India announced for the quake-hit nation of Vanuatu?  
 (a) \$1 lakh (b) \$10 lakh (c) \$5 lakh (d) \$7 lakh (e) \$3 lakh Ans. c
51. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav in New Delhi. What is the theme of the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025?  
 (a) Empowering Rural Women (b) Innovation in Rural Development  
 (c) Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2024  
 (d) Strengthening Agricultural Infrastructure (e) Towards a Digital Rural Economy Ans. c
52. Which city will be the headquarters of the newly proposed 69th Railway Division of Indian Railways?  
 (a) Firozpur (b) Jammu (c) Srinagar (d) Pathankot (e) Amritsar Ans. b

53. According to the government of India, the country will emerge as the 6th largest exporter of textiles and apparel in the world in 2023. What was India's share in the world's textiles and apparel market in 2023?  
 (a) 5.5% (b) 3.9% (c) 2.1% (d) 4.5% (e) 6.3% Ans. b
54. National Bird Day is celebrated every year on January 5. What is the theme for National Bird Day 2025?  
 (a) Protecting Our Birds, Protecting Our Future (b) Birds for a Better Tomorrow  
 (c) Save Birds, Save Earth (d) Wings of Change  
 (e) Birds in Harmony Ans. a
55. In January 2025, Prabhtej Singh Bhatia was appointed to which position in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?  
 (a) Chief Secretary (b) Joint Secretary (c) Treasurer  
 (d) President (e) General Manager Ans. c
56. Punjab & Sind Bank will launch an instant loan scheme for the MSME sector. What is the maximum loan amount under the instant loan scheme for the MSME sector by Punjab & Sind Bank?  
 (a) Rs 10 lakh (b) Rs 15 lakh (c) Rs 20 lakh (d) Rs 25 lakh (e) Rs 50 lakh Ans. d
57. When was World Day of War Orphans observed annually?  
 (a) January 7 (b) January 8 (c) January 5 (d) January 4 (e) January 6 Ans. e
58. Which bank has received RBI's approval to acquire up to 9.5% stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank, AU Small Finance Bank, and Capital Small Finance Bank?  
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) State Bank of India (c) Axis Bank  
 (d) HDFC Bank (e) Punjab National Bank Ans. d
59. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 13-km additional section of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namoo Bharat corridor. What is the total cost of the Delhi-Meerut Namoo Bharat RRTS line?  
 (a) Rs 4,000 crore (b) Rs 4,200 crore (c) Rs 4,500 crore  
 (d) Rs 4,600 crore (e) Rs 5,000 crore Ans. d
60. How much will farmers in Telangana receive annually per acre under the Rythu Bharosa scheme?  
 (a) Rs.10,000 (b) Rs.16,000 (c) Rs.15,000 (d) Rs.8,000 (e) Rs.12,000 Ans. e
61. Dr Rajagopala Chidambaram, who was the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, when India did the crucial Pokhran-II nuclear tests, passed away at the age of 88. What prestigious award did Dr. Rajagopala Chidambaram receive in 1975 for his contribution to Pokhran-I?  
 (a) Padma Bhushan (b) Bharat Ratna (c) Padma Shri  
 (d) Padma Vibhushan (e) National Science Award Ans. c
62. The world's oldest person Tomiko Itooka, according to Guinness World Records, has died at the age of 116. What was the nationality of Tomiko Itooka?  
 (a) Chinese (b) Japanese (c) South Korean (d) Thai (e) Vietnamese Ans. b
63. Who became the national shooting champion in the Men's 10-meter Air Pistol finals at the 67th National Shooting Championship 2024?  
 (a) Aakash Bhardwaj (b) Pradhyumn Singh (c) Varun Tomar  
 (d) Abhinav Bindra (e) Manu Bhaker Ans. c
64. The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD Convention 2025), will be held at Bhubaneswar in Odisha from the 8th January. What is the theme of the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD Convention 2025)?  
 (a) "The Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat" (b) "Global Indians, Global Future"  
 (c) "Connecting India to the World" (d) "Empowering the Indian Diaspora"  
 (e) "India's Progress Through Its People" Ans. a
65. Consider the following statements regarding the first organic fisheries cluster launched in Sikkim:  
 1. It was launched by the Prime Minister of India.  
 2. It aims to promote sustainability and boost farmer incomes in aquaculture.  
 3. The cluster will sell antibiotic, chemical, and pesticide-free fish.  
 Which of the statements given above are INCORRECT?  
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1 only (e) 2 only Ans. d

66. Costas Simitis, former Prime Minister of Greece and the architect of the country's joining the common currency, has died at age 88. Costas Simitis is credited with being the architect of Greece joining which currency?  
 (a) Dollar (b) Yen (c) Euro (d) Pound (e) Franc Ans. c
67. IndiaBonds.com, a SEBI-registered Stock Broker (Debt Segment) and licensed Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP), has introduced Digital Fixed Deposits (FDs) to its platform. What is the maximum interest rate offered on fixed deposit investments through IndiaBonds.com?  
 (a) 7.5% (b) 8.2% (c) 9.0% (d) 9.4% (e) 10% Ans. d
68. What is the name of the first individual pure-term life insurance plan launched by Go Digit-Life Insurance?  
 (a) Digit Secure Life Plan (b) Digit Glow Term Life Insurance (c) Digit Shield Plus  
 (d) Digit Essential Term Plan (e) Digit Smart Life Coverage Ans. b
69. Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) has signed an MoU with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in January 2025. What is the purpose of the MoU signed between FIU-IND and IRDAI?  
 (a) To promote financial inclusion (b) To facilitate financial education for policyholders  
 (c) To share intelligence and information to combat money laundering  
 (d) To regulate insurance premium rates (e) To introduce new insurance policies Ans. c
70. Who has recently assumed command of the Base Repair Depot (BRD) at Tughlakabad?  
 (a) Air Commodore Debakinandan Sahu (b) Air Marshal V R Chaudhari  
 (c) Air Commodore Rishi Seth (d) Air Commodore Anil Kumar  
 (e) Air Vice Marshal Manish Khanna Ans. c
71. The 15th edition of Asia's biggest biennial air show and aviation exhibition - Aero India 2025 will be held at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka in Bengaluru, Karnataka from 10-14 February 2025. What is the theme of Aero India 2025?  
 (a) "Wings of Progress" (b) "Sky is the Limit"  
 (c) "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities" (d) "Empowering Indian Aerospace"  
 (e) "Innovation in the Skies" Ans. c
72. Consider the following personalities who were honoured with the US Presidential Medal of Freedom in the recent ceremony:  
 1. Hillary Clinton – Former Secretary of State 2. Michael J. Fox – Actor  
 3. Kamala Harris – Politician  
 Which of the above personalities were recipients of the award in the recent ceremony alongside Lionel Messi?  
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 only (e) 2 only Ans. a
73. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the BHARATPOL portal developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation in New Delhi. What is the primary purpose of the BHARATPOL portal?  
 (a) To facilitate the online filing of criminal cases  
 (b) To streamline requests for international assistance through INTERPOL  
 (c) To register complaints about police misconduct  
 (d) To provide online police training through INTERPOL  
 (e) To monitor the progress of ongoing investigations Ans. b
74. Who has inaugurated the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery at Rajghat in New Delhi?  
 (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi (b) Union Home Minister Amit Shah  
 (c) Loksabha Speaker Om Birla (d) President Ram Nath Kovind  
 (e) Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu Ans. c
75. What is the name of the indigenously developed pulse diagnostic tool that became India's first Ayurvedic medical device to get approval from CDSCO?  
 (a) Nadi Shakti (b) Nadi Tarangini (c) Pulse Care (d) AyurPulse (e) Nadi Dhan Ans. b
76. What percentage stake has Suzuki Motor Corporation decided to acquire in NDDB Mirza Ltd?  
 (a) 20 per cent (b) 30 per cent (c) 26 per cent (d) 15 per cent (e) 40 per cent Ans. c
77. Rishi Dhawan has announced his retirement recently. He is related to which sport?  
 (a) Football (b) Kho Kho (c) Hockey (d) Chess (e) Cricket Ans. e

78. Consider the following statements about the CloudSEK Threat Landscape Report 2024:
1. India ranked second globally for cyberattacks, with 95 attacks reported.
  2. The financial and banking sector experienced 20 breaches, the highest among sectors.
  3. The Israel was the most targeted nation for cyberattacks, with 140 attacks reported.
  4. The education sector reported more breaches than the healthcare and pharma sector.
- Which of the above statements is INCORRECT?
- (a) 1 & 2                      (b) 2 & 3                      (c) 3 & 4                      (d) 4 & 1                      (e) 1 & 4                      Ans. c
79. Which organization has developed the technology to produce Paracetamol indigenously in India?
- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)  
 (b) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)  
 (c) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)  
 (d) Department of Biotechnology (DBT)  
 (e) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)                      Ans. b
80. Who has been elected as the new President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in 2025?
- (a) Milkha Singh                      (b) Adille Sumariwalla                      (c) Neeraj Chopra  
 (d) Bahadur Singh Sagoo                      (e) Anju Bobby George                      Ans. d
81. Where has the Central Government approved the establishment of a memorial dedicated to former President Pranab Mukherjee?
- (a) India Gate                      (b) Rashtrapati Bhavan                      (c) Rashtriya Smriti Complex  
 (d) Parliament House                      (e) Teen Murti Bhavan                      Ans. c
82. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched a new scheme to provide cashless treatment to road accident victims. What is the maximum financial assistance provided under the new cashless treatment scheme for road accident victims?
- (a) Rs 1 lakh                      (b) Rs 1.5 lakh                      (c) Rs 2 lakh                      (d) Rs 75,000                      (e) Rs 50,000                      Ans. b
83. In January 2024, the e-Shram portal has been upgraded in how many languages?
- (a) 5                      (b) 6                      (c) 12                      (d) 20                      (e) 22                      Ans. e
84. On which date is Earth's Rotation Day observed every year?
- (a) January 5                      (b) January 6                      (c) January 8                      (d) January 9                      (e) January 7                      Ans. c
85. Which organization has partnered with Axis My India to bridge skill gaps across India?
- (a) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship                      (b) National Skill Development Corporation  
 (c) Indian Institute of Technology                      (d) National Institute of Open Schooling  
 (e) National Entrepreneurship Network                      Ans. b
86. In January 2025, who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?
- (a) K. Sivan                      (b) A. S. Kiran Kumar                      (c) S. Somanath  
 (d) Dr. V Narayanan                      (e) P. S. Goel                      Ans. d
87. Who has been invited as the chief guest for India's 2025 Republic Day parade?
- (a) Joko Widodo                      (b) Prabowo Subianto                      (c) Lee Hsien Loong  
 (d) Rodrigo Duterte                      (e) Fumio Kishida                      Ans. b
88. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has achieved 'Excellent' rating for the performance MoU signed with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) for the financial year 2023-24, with a score of 98.24. How many consecutive years has IREDA received the 'Excellent' rating?
- (a) Two                      (b) Three                      (c) Four                      (d) Five                      (e) Six                      Ans. c
89. Consider the following statements regarding the PLI Scheme 1.1 for specialty steel:
1. It was launched by the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries.
  2. It covers seven product categories, including Electrical Steel and Specialty Rails.
  3. The application window for the scheme is open from January 6 to January 31, 2025.
  4. The production period for the scheme will be from FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30.
  5. The Ministry of Steel estimates Rs. 2,000 crore in incentives to be disbursed in the first round.
- How many of the given statements is/are INCORRECT?
- (a) only one                      (b) only two                      (c) only three                      (d) only four                      (e) all are correct                      Ans. a



90. What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in the fiscal year 2024-25 as per the first advance estimates?  
 (a) 7.0% (b) 6.4% (c) 6.6% (d) 5.8% (e) 8.2% Ans. b
91. Which companies have partnered to introduce a 3-in-1 account solution integrating banking, broking, and investment services?  
 (a) HDFC Bank and Bajaj Broking (b) ICICI Securities and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank  
 (c) Bajaj Broking and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank  
 (d) Axis Bank and Bajaj Finance Ltd. (e) Kotak Securities and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ans. c
92. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director and Group Chief Risk Officer of State Bank of India?  
 (a) Shiva Om Dikshit (b) Dinesh Khara (c) Arundhati Bhattacharya  
 (d) Rajnish Kumar (e) Baldev Prakash Ans. e
93. EXIM Bank has successfully raised \$1 billion (approximately Rs. 8,570 crore) through overseas bond issuance at highly competitive rates. What is the primary purpose of the funds raised by EXIM Bank through the overseas bond issuance?  
 (a) To repay previous debt only (b) To support the bank's ongoing and new initiatives worldwide  
 (c) To invest in the Indian stock market (d) To fund infrastructure projects exclusively in India  
 (e) To support mergers and acquisitions Ans. b
94. Which organization has Bank of Baroda partnered with for its upgraded Employee Assistance Program (EAP)?  
 (a) Apollo Hospitals (b) Truworth Wellness (c) Fortis Healthcare  
 (d) LIC of India (e) Tata Health Ans. b
95. What is the total issue size announced by Edelweiss Financial Services Limited (EFSL) for its public Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) issue?  
 (a) Rs. 1,000 million (b) Rs. 1,500 million (c) Rs. 2,000 million  
 (d) Rs. 2,500 million (e) Rs. 3,000 million Ans. c
96. In January 2025, which regulatory body lifted the supervisory restrictions on Asirvad Micro Finance Limited and DMI Finance Private Limited?  
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Ministry of Finance  
 (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)  
 (d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)  
 (e) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Ans. a
97. Who has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance?  
 (a) Arunish Chawla (b) Tuhin Kanta Pandey (c) Rajesh Kumar  
 (d) Parul Tyagi (e) Anil Kumar Ans. b
98. In January 2025, who has been sworn in for a second term as Ghana's president?  
 (a) Mahamudu Bawumia (b) John Mahama (c) Nana Akufo-Addo  
 (d) Kofi Annan (e) Kwame Nkrumah Ans. b
99. In January 2025, India and Malaysia have agreed to deepen cooperation in which of the following areas?  
 (a) Counter-terrorism and deradicalization (b) Space exploration  
 (c) Renewable energy (d) Agricultural research  
 (e) Climate change mitigation Ans. a
100. Which Indian player won the Under-17 Girl's Singles title at the British Junior Open in 2024?  
 (a) Dipika Pallikal (b) Joshna Chinappa (c) Anahat Singh  
 (d) Sunayna Kuruvilla (e) Tanvi Khanna Ans. c
101. Martin Guptill announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 38. He is from which country?  
 (a) Australia (b) South Africa (c) England (d) Netherlands (e) New Zealand Ans. e
102. What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India by SBI for FY25?  
 (a) 6.5% (b) 6.3% (c) 6.1% (d) 6.4% (e) 6.2% Ans. b

103. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Henley Passport Index 2025?
1. Singapore ranks first with visa-free access to 195 destinations.
  2. India ranks 85th with visa-free access to 57 destinations.
  3. Afghanistan remains at the bottom of the ranking with the largest mobility gap.
  4. France, Germany, Italy, and Spain hold the second position.
- How many of the given statements is/are CORRECT?
- (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. d
104. Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India) Pvt. Ltd. has launched its new Mirae Asset smallcap fund, an open-ended equity scheme focusing predominantly on smallcap stocks. What is the benchmark index for the Mirae Asset smallcap fund?
- (a) Nifty 50 Index TRI (b) S&P BSE Smallcap Index (c) Nifty Smallcap 100 Index  
(d) Nifty Smallcap 250 TRI (e) NSE Midcap Index Ans. d
105. Veteran soldier Havaldar (ret'd) Baldev Singh passed away recently at his residence in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district. He was 93. Which of the following statements about Havaldar (ret'd) Baldev Singh is correct?
- (a) He fought in the Indo-China war only. (b) He served in the Indian Navy.  
(c) He passed away in Punjab. (d) He fought four wars against Pakistan.  
(e) He was a recipient of the Bharat Ratna. Ans. d
106. Consider the following statements regarding the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and its initiative EmpowHER Biz – Sapno Ki Udaan:
1. The initiative is launched by WEP in partnership with New Shop, India's largest 24/7 convenience retail chain.
  2. The initiative focuses on empowering women entrepreneurs in the technology sector.
  3. The program is being launched for women from Delhi NCR, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat.
  4. WEP transitioned into a public-private partnership in 2022.
- Which of the above statements is/are CORRECT?
- (a) 1, 3, and 4 only (b) 1, 2, and 3 only (c) 2 and 4 only  
(d) 1, 2, and 4 only (e) 3 and 4 only Ans. a
107. What is the brand name under which KredX has launched its Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform?
- (a) Global Trade Exchange (b) Domestic Trade Exchange  
(c) Cross-Border Trade Exchange (d) International Trade Finance System  
(e) MSME Trade Platform Ans. b
108. India and the United States have announced a strategic partnership aimed at co-producing sonobuoys for Undersea Domain Awareness (UDA) within the Indian Navy. Which company is collaborating with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for the development of sonobuoys?
- (a) Ultra Maritime (b) Lockheed Martin (c) Boeing  
(d) Raytheon Technologies (e) Northrop Grumman Ans. a
109. Which statutory body entered into an MoU with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad to provide high-quality, professional legal training to civil society members who support the District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs) and State Animal Welfare Boards in their efforts to assist animals?
- (a) Central Pollution Control Board (b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(c) Animal Welfare Board of India (d) National Green Tribunal  
(e) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ans. c
110. Which company has PhonePe partnered with to offer insurance cover for people travelling to the Maha Kumbh Mela?
- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) HDFC ERGO General Insurance  
(c) ICICI Lombard General Insurance (d) SBI General Insurance  
(e) Tata AIG General Insurance Ans. c
111. Chief Minister of Goa Pramod Sawant has launched the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' in the state to provide "insurance for all". Which organization is associated with the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana'?
- (a) SBI Life Insurance (b) HDFC Life (c) Max Life Insurance  
(d) ICICI Prudential (e) Life Insurance Corporation of India Ans. e

112. NRI or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9th January to mark the contribution of overseas Indian community to the development of India. Where was the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention held in 2025?  
 (a) New Delhi (b) Varanasi (c) Ahmedabad (d) Bhubaneswar (e) Bengaluru Ans. d
113. The World Hindi Day, popularly called the 'Vishwa Hindi Diwas', is celebrated on January 10 every year to promote Hindi as one of the most widely spoken languages around the world, along with English and Mandarin. What is the theme for World Hindi Day 2025?  
 (a) "Celebrating Hindi Literature" (b) "Hindi for the World"  
 (c) "A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride" (d) "Promoting Hindi in Digital Age"  
 (e) "Cultural Pride and Heritage" Ans. c
114. According to a United Nations report, by what percentage is the Indian economy expected to expand in 2025?  
 (a) 5.6% (b) 6.6% (c) 7.2% (d) 5.0% (e) 6.2% Ans. b
115. What is the name of the new food delivery app launched by Swiggy, It is a 15-minute food delivery app offering quick snacks and meals, similar to Zepto's Zepto Cafe?  
 (a) Swiggy Express (b) Snacc by Swiggy (c) Swiggy Snack  
 (d) Swiggy Dash (e) Swiggy Quick Ans. b
116. Who has been announced as the international event ambassador for the Tata Mumbai Marathon?  
 (a) Usain Bolt (b) Mo Farah (c) Eliud Kipchoge  
 (d) Michael Phelps (e) Haile Gebrselassie Ans. b
117. Who has been appointed to chair the Advisory Board of the ID verification firm Equal?  
 (a) Justice Ranjan Gogoi (b) Justice A.M. Khanwilkar (c) Justice Dipak Misra  
 (d) Justice N.V. Ramana (e) Justice B.N. Srikrishna Ans. e
118. In January 2025, with whom has the UP government signed an MoU for the Uttar Pradesh Open Network for Agriculture?  
 (a) Microsoft India (b) Amazon Web Services (c) Google Cloud India  
 (d) Infosys (e) IBM Ans. c
119. RenewBuy, an online insurance platform, has introduced the RenewBuy Smart Term Plan. Under which product line has the RenewBuy Smart Term Plan been launched?  
 (a) RB Premium Line (b) RB Proprietary Line (c) RB Insurance Line  
 (d) RB Smart Coverage Line (e) RB Protection Line Ans. b
120. In January 2025, Indian Overseas Bank decided to put non-performing assets to the tune of Rs 11500 crore on sale in a bid to improve asset quality further before the end of the fiscal. How many NPA accounts have been identified by Indian Overseas Bank for the sale?  
 (a) 46 (b) 40 (c) 66 (d) 30 (e) 55 Ans. a
121. The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub and IIMA Ventures have launched Swanari TechSprint 3.0. What is the primary aim of Swanari TechSprint 3.0?  
 (a) To promote digital payments in rural areas  
 (b) To foster women-centric fintech startups in India  
 (c) To provide scholarships for female entrepreneurs  
 (d) To improve stock market literacy among women  
 (e) To launch a government-backed financial scheme for women Ans. b
122. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal has launched of 8th edition of National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) at the Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium (NASC Complex), Pusa in New Delhi. Which organization collaborated with FICCI to organize the event?  
 (a) NABARD (b) ICAR (c) NITI Aayog  
 (d) Ministry of Agriculture (e) APEDA Ans. e
123. What rating did SECI achieve for its MoU performance with MNRE for FY 2023-24?  
 (a) Very Good (b) Excellent (c) Good (d) Outstanding (e) Satisfactory Ans. b
124. Who was elected as the new President of Lebanon after a two-year-long presidential vacuum?  
 (a) Saad Hariri (b) Najib Mikati (c) Joseph Aoun (d) Michel Aoun (e) Hassan Diab Ans. c

125. P Jayachandran passed away recently at the age of 81. What profession was P. Jayachandran associated with?  
 (a) Playback singer (b) Film director (c) Music producer  
 (d) Classical dancer (e) Music teacher Ans. a
126. Which country has launched its first certificate course in Hindi on the occasion of the World Hindi Day in 2025?  
 (a) Bhutan (b) Nepal (c) Sri Lanka (d) India (e) Indonesia Ans. c
127. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has mandated that all auctions for the sale of assets under the liquidation process must be conducted exclusively on the eBKray auction platform starting April 1, 2025. How many assets had been listed on the eBKray platform according to IBBI?  
 (a) 150 (b) 210 (c) 320 (d) 100 (e) 250 Ans. b
128. In January 2025, the Centre has released tax devolution of Rs 1.73 lakh crore to the state governments to accelerate capital expenditure and finance welfare activities. Which state received the largest share of tax devolution?  
 (a) Bihar (b) Uttarakhand (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Maharashtra (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. c
129. Which institution has been chosen by ICMR to establish South India's first Infectious Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory?  
 (a) All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
 (b) Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (c) Christian Medical College  
 (d) Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research  
 (e) Madras Medical College Ans. b
130. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal has unveiled the 'Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform' in New Delhi. Which sectors does the Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform focus on enhancing?  
 (a) Agriculture and Fisheries (b) Transportation and Logistics (c) Manufacturing and Textiles  
 (d) Information Technology and Services (e) Solar, wind, hydrogen, and battery storage Ans. e
131. How much investment will be made to boost infrastructure along national waterways in the next five years?  
 (a) Rs 30,000 crore (b) Rs 40,000 crore (c) Rs 50,000 crore  
 (d) Rs 60,000 crore (e) Rs 70,000 crore Ans. c
132. Tamim Iqbal has recently announced his retirement from international cricket. He is from which country?  
 (a) Pakistan (b) Bangladesh (c) Sri Lanka (d) Afghanistan (e) Oman Ans. b
133. Who has been named the best javelin thrower of 2024 by American magazine Track and Fields News?  
 (a) Johannes Vetter (b) Anderson Peters (c) Neeraj Chopra  
 (d) Arshad Nadeem (e) Keshorn Walcott Ans. c
134. How many overseas Indian/institutions were honoured with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards at the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2025?  
 (a) 15 (b) 18 (c) 22 (d) 27 (e) 31 Ans. d
135. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit in France from February 10 to 11. Which of the following is NOT a key theme of the AI Action Summit?  
 (a) Public interest in AI (b) The future of work (c) Climate change  
 (d) Trust in AI (e) Global AI governance Ans. c
136. Software major Infosys has signed a MoU with the Andhra Pradesh government to provide technical support for the country's first skills census programme of the state. Under this, Infosys will provide a digital platform powered by generative AI for pre-validation of skills of candidates as part of the skills census initiative, without any financial involvement. Which age group will be covered under skills pre-validation by Infosys in Andhra Pradesh?  
 (a) 10-25 years (b) 15-59 years (c) 18-45 years (d) 25-59 years (e) 20-50 years Ans. b
137. Which country will host the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Parliaments (CSPOC) in 2026?  
 (a) Australia (b) India (c) Canada (d) UK (e) South Africa Ans. b
138. Varun Aaron, who was in the news recently, is related to which sport?  
 (a) Tennis (b) Chess (c) Football (d) Badminton (e) Cricket Ans. e
139. Nicolás Maduro was recently sworn in as the President of which country?  
 (a) Colombia (b) Chile (c) Brazil (d) Argentina (e) Venezuela Ans. e

140. National Youth Day is celebrated annually on 12th January in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, a spiritual leader and philosopher. In which year did the Indian government start celebrating National Youth Day?  
 (a) 1975 (b) 1984 (c) 1991 (d) 2000 (e) 2010 Ans. b
141. South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) has launched a dedicated Post-Retirement Benefit (PRB) Cell to enhance the welfare and convenience of its retired employees. Which organization is South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) a subsidiary of?  
 (a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)  
 (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) (d) Coal India Limited (CIL)  
 (e) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) Ans. d
142. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6.5 km Z-Morh tunnel in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. What is the expenditure incurred for the construction of the Z-Morh tunnel?  
 (a) Rs.2,000 crore (b) Rs.2,500 crore (c) Rs.2,700 crore (d) Rs.3,000 crore (e) Rs.3,500 crore Ans. c
143. Which organization signed an agreement with IIT Mandi and IIT Jammu for the development of a Wideband Spectrum-Sensor ASIC-Chip?  
 (a) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) (b) Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)  
 (c) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)  
 (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)  
 (e) Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) Ans. b
144. How much total investment has the Adani Group committed in Chhattisgarh for energy and cement projects?  
 (a) Rs 50,000 crore (b) Rs 60,000 crore (c) Rs 65,000 crore  
 (d) Rs 70,000 crore (e) Rs 75,000 crore Ans. c
145. How much is Bank of India planning to raise through its first dollar syndicated loan since 2012?  
 (a) \$200 million (b) \$300 million (c) \$400 million (d) \$500 million (e) \$600 million Ans. c
146. Who was elected as the Treasurer of the Indian Cricket Board?  
 (a) Rajeev Shukla (b) Devajit Saikia (c) Prabhtej Singh Bhatia  
 (d) Jay Shah (e) Roger Binny Ans. c
147. Which bank is spearheading the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) initiatives for Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 by offering AI-driven customer support, forex transaction facilities, onsite ATMs, and coin vending machines?  
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) HDFC Bank  
 (d) Union Bank of India (e) Bank of Baroda Ans. e
148. What was the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation in December 2024 as reported by MoSPI?  
 (a) 5.00% (b) 5.22% (c) 5.48% (d) 5.76% (e) 4.58% Ans. b
149. Odisha has become the 34th state to join the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). Which existing health scheme will be converged with Ayushman Bharat in Odisha?  
 (a) Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) (b) Niramaya Health Scheme (NHS)  
 (c) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) (d) Mukhyamantri Amrutam Yojana (MAY)  
 (e) Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana (GJAY) Ans. e
150. India has signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia for Hajj 2025, finalising a quota of 1,75,025 pilgrims. India's Union Minister for Minority signed the deal in Jeddah with the Saudi Minister for Hajj and Umrah Tawfiq Bin Fawzan Al Rabiah. Who is the Union Minister for Minority in India?  
 (a) Arjun Ram Meghwal (b) Mansukh Mandaviya (c) Chirag Paswan  
 (d) Pashupati Kumar Paras (e) Kiren Rijiju Ans. e
151. In January 2025, which new fixed deposit scheme has IDBI Bank introduced for customers aged 80 years and above?  
 (a) IDBI Super Senior FD (b) IDBI Chiranjeevi-Super Senior Citizen FD  
 (c) IDBI Golden Age FD (d) IDBI Senior Citizen Premium FD  
 (e) IDBI Elderly Benefit FD Ans. b
152. How many persons can an investor declare as nominees under the revised SEBI rules for demat accounts or mutual fund folios?  
 (a) 5 persons (b) 8 persons (c) 10 persons (d) 12 persons (e) 15 persons Ans. c

153. The first edition of the Kho Kho World Cup started at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on 13 January 2025. Who is leading the Indian men's team in the Kho Kho World Cup 2025?  
 (a) Pratik Waikar (b) Rahul Sharma (c) Rohit Kumar (d) Arvind Singh (e) Vijay Kumar Ans. a
154. Which state government launched the Swami Vivekanand Yuva Shakti Mission on the occasion of the National Youth day?  
 (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Punjab  
 (d) Haryana (e) Rajasthan Ans. a
155. Consider the following statements regarding the newly inaugurated National Turmeric Board:  
 1. The National Turmeric Board has been inaugurated at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi.  
 2. Palle Ganga Reddy has been appointed as the first chairperson of the Board.  
 3. The headquarters of the National Turmeric Board is located in Hyderabad.  
 4. India is the second largest producer, consumer, and exporter of turmeric in the world.  
 Which of the above statements are correct?  
 (a) 1, and 2 (b) 2, 3, and 4 (c) 1 and 4 (d) 1, 3, and 4 (e) all are correct Ans. a
156. The Gaan Ngai festival commemorates the end of the harvest season and is celebrated in Manipur. Which community celebrates the Gaan Ngai festival in Manipur?  
 (a) Meitei (b) Kuki (c) Kabui/Rongmei Naga  
 (d) Tangkhul (e) Hmar Ans. c
157. Identify the correct statement about the new slabs introduced by Equitas Small Finance Bank in January 2025:  
 (a) Two new slabs introduced are for balances between Rs.10 lakhs and Rs.25 lakhs and Rs.25 lakhs to Rs.1 crore.  
 (b) The new slabs apply only to balances below Rs.10 lakhs.  
 (c) All balances above Rs.1 crore now earn a uniform interest rate.  
 (d) Balances below Rs.1 lakh have seen an increase in interest rates. (e) all are correct Ans. a
158. In January 2025, which small finance bank has partnered with Tata Digital to offer fixed deposits on the Tata Neu platform?  
 (a) AU Small Finance Bank (b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank  
 (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank (d) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
 (e) Jana Small Finance Bank Ans. c
159. Who is the author of the book titled "Middle Class India: Driving Change in the 21st Century"?  
 (a) Arundhati Roy (b) Shashi Tharoor (c) Chetan Bhagat  
 (d) Ramachandra Guha (e) Manisha Pande Ans. e
160. What is the name of the first orbital rocket launched by Jeff Bezos's company Blue Origin?  
 (a) New Shepard (b) Falcon Heavy (c) New Glenn (d) Starship (e) Atlas V Ans. c
161. Who has been appointed as the group CEO of Angel One?  
 (a) Ambarish Kenghe (b) Piyush Goyal (c) Vikram Singh  
 (d) Sandeep Kumar (e) Rahul Joshi Ans. a
162. Who is the Chairman of the reconstituted Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)?  
 (a) Parul Tyagi (b) Pankaj Kumar Mishra (c) T V Somanathan  
 (d) Manoj Govil (e) Ajit Kumar Mohanty Ans. e
163. Which sports brand has signed PV Sindhu as its brand ambassador recently?  
 (a) Nike (b) Adidas (c) Reebok (d) PUMA India (e) Under Armour Ans. d
164. What position did K Vinod Chandran hold before being appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court?  
 (a) Chief Justice of Delhi High Court (b) Chief Justice of Patna High Court  
 (c) Judge of the Bombay High Court (d) Chief Justice of Kerala High Court  
 (e) Judge of the Supreme Court Ans. b
165. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched "Mission Mausam", which aims to make the country a "weather-ready" and "climate-smart" nation, in New Delhi as part of the events marking the 150th foundation day of the India Meteorological Department. When was the India Meteorological Department (IMD) founded?  
 (a) 15 January 1875 (b) 14 January 1875 (c) 13 January 1875  
 (d) 10 January 1875 (e) 16 January 1875 Ans. a

166. What monthly pension has the Odisha government announced for people jailed during the Emergency?  
 (a) Rs 20,000 (b) Rs 15,000 (c) Rs 25,000 (d) Rs 10,000 (e) Rs 30,000 Ans. a
167. PM Narendra Modi dedicated three frontline naval combatants to the nation on the occasion of Indian Navy Day, including \_\_\_\_\_, which is part of the P15B Guided Missile Destroyer Project, \_\_\_\_\_, the first ship of the P17A Stealth Frigate Project, and INS Vaghsheer, the final submarine of the P75 Scorpene Project?  
 (a) INS Rajput, INS Aravalli (b) INS Kolkata, INS Kaveri (c) INS Mysore, INS Vindhya  
 (d) INS Surat, INS Nilgiri (e) INS Chennai, INS Sahyadri Ans. d
168. Indian Army Day is celebrated annually on 15th January to honour the bravery and sacrifices of Indian Army personnel. What is the theme for Indian Army Day 2025?  
 (a) "United We Stand" (b) "Samarth Bharat, Saksham Sena" (c) "Courage and Honor"  
 (d) "India First, Army Strong" (e) "Veer Bharat, Shakti Sena" Ans. b
169. Who has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for December 2024?  
 (a) Ellyse Perry (b) Smriti Mandhana (c) Annabel Sutherland  
 (d) Alyssa Healy (e) Harmanpreet Kaur Ans. c
170. When is National Startup Day celebrated in India?  
 (a) 15th January (b) 16th January (c) 17th January (d) 14th January (e) 13th January Ans. b
171. What is the name of the new fixed deposit scheme introduced by Bank of Baroda in January 2025?  
 (a) Baroda Smart FD (b) bob Liquid Fixed Deposits (c) Baroda Flexi Deposit  
 (d) bob Premium Fixed Deposit (e) Baroda Secure FD Ans. b
172. According to Swiss Re's latest report, India's insurance market is expected to grow at an average rate of what percentage annually between 2025 and 2029?  
 (a) 5.2 percent (b) 6.1 percent (c) 7.3 percent (d) 8.4 percent (e) 9.1 percent Ans. c
173. India and Spain have signed two MoUs to strengthen and deepen the bilateral relations between the two countries. Which areas are the focus of the MoUs signed between India and Spain?  
 (a) Technology and Defense (b) Sports and Sustainable Urban Development  
 (c) Agriculture and Water Conservation (d) Finance and Education  
 (e) Tourism and Transport Ans. b
174. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the registration portal for the third edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam, a 10-day event to be held in Varanasi. The event will be held from 15 February to 24, 2025. Which organization is hosting the registration portal for Kashi Tamil Sangamam?  
 (a) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (b) Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
 (c) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (d) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur  
 (e) Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee Ans. b
175. Where has the first astronomical observatory of Eastern India been inaugurated?  
 (a) Darjeeling (b) Purulia (c) Kolkata (d) Howrah (e) Siliguri Ans. b
176. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Institutional Equities at JM Financial?  
 (a) Ravi Gupta (b) Amit Kapoor (c) Sandeep Sharma  
 (d) Ramesh Patel (e) Ankur Jhaveri Ans. e
177. Who has been conferred with the Honorary Citizen Award by Singapore in January 2025?  
 (a) Ratan Tata (b) Tarun Das (c) Narayan Murthy  
 (d) Sundar Pichai (e) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw Ans. b
178. NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has partnered with UAE-based payment solution provider Magnati. What is the purpose of the partnership between NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and Magnati?  
 (a) To introduce new currencies for trade  
 (b) To enable QR-based UPI merchant payments in the Middle East  
 (c) To offer digital loans to businesses (d) To create a new payment app for the UAE  
 (e) To establish a global digital banking system Ans. b
179. What is the name of the major military exercise conducted by the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force to enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces?  
 (a) Exercise Shatrujeet (b) Exercise Vayu Shakti (c) Exercise Devil Strike  
 (d) Exercise Yudh Abhyas (e) Exercise Garuda Ans. c

180. Smriti Mandhana smashed the fastest ODI century by an Indian woman at the Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot. Against which team did Smriti Mandhana achieve this milestone?  
 (a) England (b) Australia (c) Ireland (d) New Zealand (e) South Africa Ans. c
181. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Rs. 2,960 crore contracts with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for the Indian Navy. What type of missile system is being supplied under the contract with BDL?  
 (a) Long-Range Ballistic Missile (b) Anti-Tank Guided Missile  
 (c) Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (d) Cruise Missile  
 (e) Short-Range Air-to-Air Missile Ans. c
182. Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education?  
 (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Alok Sharma (c) Vineet Joshi (d) Anil Chauhan (e) Amit Khare Ans. c
183. Which Indian grandmaster recently defeated Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana in an online chess event?  
 (a) Viswanathan Anand (b) Praggnanandhaa R (c) Arjun Erigaisi  
 (d) Nihal Sarin (e) Vidit Gujrathi Ans. c
184. In January 2024, which government department partnered with ITC Limited to promote startup growth?  
 (a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (b) Department of Science and Technology  
 (c) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade  
 (d) Ministry of Electronics and IT (e) NITI Aayog Ans. c
185. Google-backed Indian space start-up company Pixxel has become the first Indian private company to launch its commercial satellite constellation named Firefly on board a Space X rocket. Which rocket was used to launch Pixxel's Firefly satellite constellation?  
 (a) PSLV-C55 (b) GSLV Mk III (c) Falcon 9 (d) New Shepard (e) Electron Ans. c
186. Who has recently assumed the position of Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Bank?  
 (a) Atul Kumar Goel (b) Dinesh Kumar Khara (c) Binod Kumar  
 (d) Sandeep Bakshi (e) Rajkiran Rai G Ans. c
187. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Punjab National Bank (PNB)?  
 (a) Dinesh Kumar Khara (b) Ashok Chandra (c) Atul Kumar Goel  
 (d) Binod Kumar (e) Sandeep Bakshi Ans. b
188. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025', the largest mobility expo in the country, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Which organization is coordinating the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025?  
 (a) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)  
 (b) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)  
 (c) Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) (d) National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)  
 (e) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Ans. c
189. What is the GDP growth forecast for India by FICCI for the financial year 2024-25?  
 (a) 7.0% (b) 6.4% (c) 8.2% (d) 6.0% (e) 5.8% Ans. b
190. State-owned PFC has inked an agreement with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for 120 billion Japanese yen (around Rs 6,600 crore) loan facility. Which initiative is the loan to PFC provided under?  
 (a) Global Economic Growth Initiative  
 (b) Global Action for Reconciling Economic Growth and Environmental Preservation  
 (c) Economic and Environmental Preservation Program  
 (d) Sustainable Growth and Development Initiative  
 (e) Global Environmental Protection Scheme Ans. b
191. Which insurance company has recently partnered with Saraswat Co-operative Bank Ltd for a strategic bancassurance collaboration in January 2025?  
 (a) HDFC Life (b) SBI Life Insurance (c) PNB MetLife  
 (d) ICICI Prudential Life (e) Max Life Insurance Ans. c



192. What is the name of the new savings plan launched by Shriram Life Insurance?  
 (a) Shriram Life Sunishchit Laabh (b) Shriram Life Guaranteed Savings Plan  
 (c) Shriram Life Secure Future (d) Shriram Life Wealth Builder  
 (e) Shriram Life Premium Saver Ans. a
193. Which e-commerce giant has signed an agreement to acquire fintech lending start-up Axio?  
 (a) Flipkart (b) Amazon (c) Walmart (d) Alibaba (e) PayPal Ans. b
194. What is the new name of Shriram Housing Finance (SHF) after its rebranding?  
 (a) Shriram Housing Finance 2.0 (b) Truhome Finance (c) Shriram Home Loans  
 (d) Warburg Housing Finance (e) QIA Housing Finance Ans. b
195. The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of a Third Launch Pad (TLP) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. What is the projected cost for the completion of the TLP project?  
 (a) Rs. 5000 crore (b) Rs. 2984 crore (c) Rs. 3984 crore  
 (d) Rs. 3509 crore (e) Rs. 4500 crore Ans. c
196. Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya urged corporates to adopt one sport during the first-ever corporate round-table conference in New Delhi. What is the primary objective behind the Union Minister's initiative to involve corporates in sports?  
 (a) To promote sports tourism in India  
 (b) To strengthen the Indian sports ecosystem for hosting the 2036 Olympic Games  
 (c) To launch a new national sports league (d) To encourage local sports events only  
 (e) To promote physical education in schools Ans. b
197. Indigenously developed micro missile system Bhargavastra was successfully tested at the Gopalpur Seaward firing range, Odisha. Which company developed the Bhargavastra micro missile system?  
 (a) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)  
 (c) Economic Explosives Ltd (EEL) (d) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)  
 (e) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) Ans. c
198. Who has been reappointed as the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library Society?  
 (a) Rajiv Kumar (b) Smriti Irani (c) Nripendra Mishra  
 (d) Syed Ata Hasnain (e) Shekhar Kapur Ans. c
199. Which bank's Indian arm has received RBI approval to open 20 branches across 20 cities in January 2025?  
 (a) Barclays Bank (b) Standard Chartered Bank (c) HSBC India  
 (d) Citibank India (e) Deutsche Bank Ans. c
200. Recently, which act has been amended by the Reserve Bank of India to promote cross-border transactions in Indian Rupee (INR)?  
 (a) Banking Regulation Act (b) Foreign Exchange Management Act (c) Companies Act  
 (d) Income Tax Act (e) Payment and Settlement Systems Act Ans. b
201. Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated India's 1st of its kind CSIR Innovation complex through virtual mode in which city?  
 (a) New Delhi (b) Bengaluru (c) Hyderabad (d) Mumbai (e) Chennai Ans. d
202. What is the total amount approved by the Union Cabinet for the revival of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)?  
 (a) Rs.10,300 crore (b) Rs.11,440 crore (c) Rs.12,000 crore  
 (d) Rs.1,140 crore (e) Rs.15,000 crore Ans. b
203. What is the projected growth rate of India for FY26 and FY27 as per the IMF?  
 (a) 5.5% (b) 6.5% (c) 7.0% (d) 6.0% (e) 7.5% Ans. b
204. Which indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer is participating in the fourth edition of the La Perouse naval exercise?  
 (a) INS Kolkata (b) INS Mumbai (c) INS Chennai  
 (d) INS Delhi (e) INS Visakhapatnam Ans. b

205. Union Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has unveiled a series of initiatives, including the Sanchar Saathi Mobile App, and the National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0. What is the primary objective of the National Broadband Mission (NBM)?  
 (a) Launching 5G services in cities (b) Increasing mobile app usage  
 (c) Providing broadband access to all villages (d) Promoting smart cities (e) Enhancing satellite internet services Ans. c
206. In January 2025, which among the following state has approved solar power projects worth around Rs 10,000 crore to achieve the state's renewable energy capacity of 22,000 megawatts (Mw)?  
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra (c) Uttarakhand (d) Punjab (e) Bihar Ans. a
207. Which country has recently been admitted as a "partner country" of the BRICS bloc?  
 (a) Turkey (b) Nigeria (c) Azerbaijan (d) Saudi Arabia (e) Malaysia Ans. b
208. The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has launched the Internet Governance Internship and Capacity Building Scheme. The program aims to build awareness and develop expertise in internet governance (IG) among Indian citizens. What is the monthly stipend provided to interns under the scheme?  
 (a) Rs.10,000 (b) Rs.15,000 (c) Rs.20,000 (d) Rs.25,000 (e) Rs.30,000 Ans. c
209. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?  
 (a) Anish Dayal Singh (b) Gyanendra Pratap Singh (c) Vitul Kumar  
 (d) Kuldeep Singh (e) Ajay Bhalla Ans. b
210. Who was awarded the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025?  
 (a) Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar (b) Prof. C.N.R. Rao (c) Prof. Urbasi Sinha  
 (d) Dr. Vandana Shiva (e) Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala Ans. c
211. Who won the men's singles title at the India Open Super 750 badminton tournament?  
 (a) Lee Cheuk Yiu (b) Viktor Axelsen (c) Kento Momota  
 (d) Anthony Ginting (e) Kidambi Srikanth Ans. b
212. India has won both the men's and women's titles in the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup. The Indian women's kho kho team claimed the 2025 title at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, defeating Nepal 78-40. Meanwhile, the men's team followed suit with a 54-36 victory over Nepal in their final. Who was the captain of the Indian women's Kho Kho team in the 2025 World Cup?  
 (a) Priyanka Ingle (b) Smriti Mandhana (c) Harmanpreet Kaur  
 (d) Deepika Kumari (e) Anju Sharma Ans. a
213. In January 2025, what is the name of the new initiative launched by Policybazaar.ae in the UAE?  
 (a) PB Health (b) PB Shield (c) PB Care (d) PB Advantage (e) PB Premium Ans. d
214. Who inaugurated the 85th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) in Patna?  
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Jagdeep Dhankhar (c) Om Birla  
 (d) Nitish Kumar (e) Amit Shah Ans. c
215. Karnataka emerged triumphant against Vidarbha by 36 runs in the Vijay Hazare Trophy (VHT) 2024-25 final played at the Kotambi Stadium in Vadodara. How many Vijay Hazare Trophy titles has Karnataka won, excluding the 2024-25 season?  
 (a) Three (b) Four (c) Five (d) Six (e) Two Ans. b
216. What is the name of Sarala Aviation's prototype air taxi unveiled at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo?  
 (a) SkyFly (b) AeroLift (c) Shunya (d) Hanuman (e) SkyTaxi Ans. c
217. Which northeastern state is the first to distribute property cards under the Centre's village survey scheme 'SVAMITVA'?  
 (a) Assam (b) Meghalaya (c) Nagaland  
 (d) Mizoram (e) Arunachal Pradesh Ans. d
218. Donald Trump has been sworn in as the 47th President of the United States. Who took the oath as Vice President of the United States?  
 (a) Joe Biden (b) Donald Trump (c) JD Vance  
 (d) Kamala Harris (e) Brett Kavanaugh Ans. c
219. Who has been confirmed as the 72nd US Secretary of State?  
 (a) Mike Pompeo (b) Antony Blinken (c) Marco Rubio (d) John Kerry (e) Rex Tillerson Ans. c

220. When is National Penguin Awareness Day observed?  
 (a) 22 January (b) 21 January (c) 20 January (d) 19 January (e) 23 January Ans. c
221. Which of the following statements is incorrect about the Standing External Advisory Committee (SEAC), which was in the news recently?  
 (a) M. K. Jain, former Deputy Governor of RBI, is the Chairperson of SEAC.  
 (b) The SEAC evaluates applications for Universal Banks and Small Finance Banks.  
 (c) The RBI first screens applications for prima facie eligibility before SEAC evaluation.  
 (d) The SEAC receives secretarial support from the Department of Regulation, RBI.  
 (e) The tenure of SEAC is for five years. Ans. e
222. What rank does India hold among the world's largest coffee producer, according to the Commerce Ministry?  
 (a) Fifth (b) Sixth (c) Seventh (d) Eighth (e) Ninth Ans. c
223. Building on the success of DigiLocker, the government has introduced 'Entity Locker,' a new digital platform aimed at streamlining the management and verification of business and organizational documents. Which organization developed the 'Entity Locker' platform?  
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) Reserve Bank of India  
 (c) National eGovernance Division (d) Ministry of Finance  
 (e) Central Bureau of Statistics Ans. c
224. Bajaj Finance has entered into a partnership with Bharti Airtel to create a digital platform for financial services. On which platform will Airtel initially offer Bajaj Finance's retail financial products?  
 (a) Airtel Payments Bank (b) Airtel Thanks App (c) Bajaj Finance App  
 (d) Airtel Money Wallet (e) MyAirtel Portal Ans. b
225. Who has won the men's elite race at the Mumbai Marathon 2025?  
 (a) Merhawi Kesete (b) Tesfaye Demeke (c) Berhane Tesfay  
 (d) Joyce Chepkemoi Tele (e) Shitaye Eshete Ans. c
226. Where was the 7th edition of the India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) held?  
 (a) Vembanad Lake (b) Kochi Water Metro Terminal  
 (c) Ernakulam Town Hall (d) Marine Drive  
 (e) Bolgatty Palace Event Centre Ans. e
227. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Zurich Kotak General Insurance?  
 (a) Suresh Agarwal (b) Alok Kumar Agarwal (c) Rajesh Verma  
 (d) Deepak Parekh (e) Arun Gupta Ans. b
228. The Department of Telecommunications launched the vision document for the National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0, a follow-up to the previous NBM released in December 2019. What percentage of rural Indians are targeted to become broadband subscribers by 2030 under the NBM 2.0?  
 (a) 50% (b) 55% (c) 60% (d) 70% (e) 45% Ans. c
229. Which organization partnered with the Odisha government to establish the Global Competency Centre?  
 (a) World Bank (b) Global Finance & Technology Network  
 (c) International Finance Corporation (d) Asian Development Bank  
 (e) United Nations Development Programme Ans. b
230. Which state government has launched 'Deendayal Upadhyay Bhoomiheen Krishi Majdoor Kalyana Yojana' to provide Rs 10,000 annual aid to labourers?  
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Kerala (c) Odisha (d) Haryana (e) Chhattisgarh Ans. e
231. Which northeastern states celebrate their Statehood Day on January 21?  
 (a) Assam, Meghalaya, and Tripura (b) Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura  
 (c) Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Mizoram  
 (d) Meghalaya, Assam, and Nagaland (e) Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Sikkim Ans. b
232. Who inaugurated the two-day international seminar on "Formalization and Social Security Coverage for Workers in the Informal Sector"?  
 (a) Dr. Harsh Vardhan (b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (c) Nitin Gadkari  
 (d) Smriti Irani (e) Rajnath Singh Ans. b

233. The third National Mining Ministers Conference concluded in Konark, Odisha, focusing on critical minerals mining. Which state won the award for conducting the highest number of mining auctions in 2023-24?  
 (a) Odisha (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Rajasthan  
 (d) Telangana (e) Gujarat Ans. c
234. United States President Donald Trump signed an executive order to withdraw from the World Health Organisation (WHO) on his very first day in office. What percentage of the WHO's total revenue did the US contributions account for during the 2024-25 budget cycle?  
 (a) 10% (b) 15% (c) 29% (d) 25% (e) 19% Ans. e
235. From which international agreement did the United States decide to withdraw under Donald Trump's second term as President?  
 (a) Kyoto Protocol (b) Paris Agreement (c) Montreal Protocol  
 (d) Doha Amendment (e) UN Climate Charter Ans. b
236. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has partnered with Apna, the country's jobs and professional networking platform, for a talent hunt to equip DPIIT-registered startups with highly skilled manpower thus creating new job opportunities for the unemployed youth. What sector is primarily being targeted through the DPIIT and Apna partnership?  
 (a) Education (b) Agriculture (c) Startups (d) Manufacturing (e) Healthcare Ans. c
237. What is the approved Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Raw Jute (TD-3 grade) for the 2025-26 marketing season?  
 (a) Rs. 5,000 per quintal (b) Rs. 5,315 per quintal (c) Rs. 5,650 per quintal  
 (d) Rs. 6,060 per quintal (e) Rs. 4,800 per quintal Ans. c
238. What position has India secured in the Brand Finance 2025 ranking for IT services brand value?  
 (a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. b
239. What is the name of the cyber insurance solution launched by TATA AIG General Insurance Company in January 2025?  
 (a) CyberSecure (b) CyberEdge (c) CyberShield (d) DataGuard (e) TechProtect Ans. b
240. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF)?  
 (a) Ajay Kumar Singh (b) Rajeev Ranjan (c) Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal  
 (d) Sanjay Arora (e) Rakesh Asthana Ans. c
241. Who has been elected as the president of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for 2025?  
 (a) Pawan G Chandak (b) Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal (c) Parul Tyagi  
 (d) Rakesh Asthana (e) Dhananjay Shukla Ans. e
242. The 1st International Olympic Research Conference is set to be hosted in \_\_\_\_\_. Officials from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and experts will discuss strategies and economic models for hosting the Olympics in India.  
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Delhi (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. b
243. India has been ranked as having the 4th most powerful military in the world after the United States of America, Russia and China by the Global Firepower Index 2025. Which country was ranked at the bottom of the Global Firepower Index 2025?  
 (a) Maldives (b) Bhutan (c) Nepal (d) Sri Lanka (e) Afghanistan Ans. b
244. What is the GDP growth projection for India in the current fiscal by Deloitte India?  
 (a) 5.5-5.8% (b) 6.0-6.3% (c) 6.5-6.8% (d) 7.0-7.3% (e) 7.5-7.8% Ans. c
245. Maharashtra government has signed 54 MoUs worth 15.70 lakh crore rupees during the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2025 in Davos. Which company signed the largest MoU with Maharashtra government during the WEF Annual Meeting 2025?  
 (a) Adani Group (b) Tata Group (c) Wipro  
 (d) Reliance Group (e) Infosys Ans. d
246. Which edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival will be held from 30 January to 3 February 2025?  
 (a) 16th edition (b) 18th edition (c) 15th edition (d) 10th edition (e) 25th edition Ans. b
247. Who has been entrusted with the additional charge of Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)?  
 (a) Zulfiqar Hasan (b) Amrit Mohan Prasad (c) Rajesh Kumar  
 (d) Sanjay Arora (e) Pankaj Kumar Ans. b

248. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti, also known as 'Parakram Diwas' or Courage Day, is celebrated annually on 23 January to honour one of India's most prominent freedom fighters, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This year marks the \_\_\_\_\_ birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose.  
 (a) 120th (b) 128th (c) 138th (d) 140th (e) 150th Ans. b
249. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Power?  
 (a) Mukesh Ambani (b) Neeraj Parakh (c) Anil Ambani  
 (d) Parul Tyagi (e) Ajay Singh Ans. b
250. In January 2025, HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurers, has recently entered into a Corporate Agency tie-up with CARS24 Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. What type of company is CARS24 Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.?  
 (a) Mutual Fund Company (b) Non-Banking Financial Company (c) E-commerce Platform  
 (d) Bank (e) Stockbroking Firm Ans. b
251. Which Bengaluru-based fintech firm has received in-principle approval from RBI to operate as a Payment Aggregator-Cross Border (PA-CB) entity in January 2025?  
 (a) Razorpay (b) Skydo (c) PhonePe (d) Paytm (e) Instamojo Ans. b
252. In January 2025, the Reserve Bank of India has cancelled registration of X10 Financial Services Ltd, a non-banking financial company (NBFC). The Certificate of Registration (CoR) of X10 Financial Services Ltd was cancelled due to violations in which area?  
 (a) Tax compliance (b) Banking fraud (c) Stock market regulations  
 (d) Insurance sales guidelines (e) Digital lending operations Ans. e
253. Which bank has purchased a personal loan portfolio from Standard Chartered Bank in January 2025?  
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Axis Bank  
 (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank (e) SBI Ans. d
254. Which institution has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025 in the Institutional Category?  
 (a) National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) (b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)  
 (c) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)  
 (d) Geological Survey of India (GSI) (e) National Centre for Seismology (NCS) Ans. c
255. Who is recognised as the most influential woman of Indian origin in the HSBC Hurun Global Indians List 2024?  
 (a) Jayshree Ullal (b) Reshma Kewalramani (c) Indra Nooyi  
 (d) Leena Nair (e) Arundhati Bhattacharya Ans. d
256. IDFC FIRST Bank, in partnership with RuPay, a global card payment network from India, has launched the UPI enabled RuPay Credit Card. What is the name of the UPI-enabled RuPay Credit Card launched by IDFC FIRST Bank?  
 (a) FIRST REWARDS (b) FIRST EARN (c) FIRST SAVE  
 (d) FIRST CASHBACK (e) FIRST POINTS Ans. b
257. What is the name of the life insurance solution launched by Tata AIA Life Insurance to help families prepare financially for weddings, a major life milestone in India?  
 (a) Shubh Muhurat (b) Shubh Vivah (c) Wedding Secure  
 (d) Wedding Bliss (e) Marriage Protect Ans. a
258. Which company has acquired the packaged foods brand SIL Food India?  
 (a) Tata Consumer Products (b) Reliance Consumer Products (c) HUL  
 (d) Britannia (e) Nestlé Ans. b
259. Which organization signed an MoU with the Bhaane Group, a subsidiary of Shahi Exports Pvt Ltd, to promote startup ecosystem in manufacturing sector?  
 (a) Ministry of Commerce (b) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade  
 (c) Confederation of Indian Industry (d) Ministry of Textiles  
 (e) Indian Apparel Export Council Ans. b
260. National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on January 24. The day also marks the anniversary of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) scheme, launched on January 22, 2015. What is the theme for National Girl Child Day 2025?  
 (a) Educate the Girl Child (b) Equal Opportunities for All  
 (c) Empowering Girls for a Bright Future (d) Ending Gender Disparity  
 (e) Protecting Rights of Girls Ans. c

261. With reference to the SANJAY - The Battlefield Surveillance System (BSS), consider the following statements:
1. It is an automated system that integrates inputs from both ground and aerial battlefield sensors.
  2. The system is indigenously developed by the Indian Army and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
  3. It operates using a secured Army Data Network and Satellite Communication Network.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 3 only                      (c) 2 and 3 only                      (d) 1, 2, and 3                      (e) all are incorrect      Ans. b
262. Which two organizations have partnered to enhance the digital payments landscape in India, in January 2025?
- (a) SBI Payments and Paytm                      (b) SBI Payments and Pine Labs                      (c) SBI Payments and Razorpay  
(d) SBI Payments and PhonePe                      (e) SBI Payments and Google Pay                      Ans. b
263. In January 2025, Hitachi Payment Services partnered with which of the following organizations to launch the Hitachi Payments Accelerator (HPX) program, aimed at fostering fintech innovation in areas like Embedded Finance, AI, Core Banking, and Web 3.0?
- (a) IvyCamp                      (b) NASSCOM                      (c) NPCI Innovation Hub  
(d) Both b and c                      (e) Razorpay Innovation Lab                      Ans. a
264. Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of IDBI Bank?
- (a) Rajnish Kumar    (b) Uday Kotak    (c) Chanda Kochhar    (d) Shikha Sharma    (e) Rakesh Sharma    Ans. e
265. National Voters' Day is celebrated annually in India on January 25 to mark the foundation of the Election Commission of India (ECI), which was established on this day in 1950. What is the theme of National Voters' Day 2025?
- (a) Vote for Change                      (b) Empowering Voters for Democracy  
(c) Nothing like voting, I vote for sure    (d) Every Vote Counts  
(e) Vote for a Better Future                      Ans. c
267. National Tourism Day is celebrated annually on January 25 to highlight the importance of tourism in India and promote its potential as a key driver of the country's economy. What is the theme for National Tourism Day in 2025?
- (a) Tourism for Sustainable Future    (b) Sustainable Development through Tourism  
(c) Tourism for Inclusive Growth    (d) Tourism as a Tool for Peace  
(e) Exploring India's Rich Heritage                      Ans. c
268. International Day of Education is celebrated on January 24 each year to recognize the pivotal role of education in achieving global peace, development, and human rights. What is the theme for International Day of Education 2025?
- (a) Education for All                      (b) Education for Environmental Sustainability  
(c) Global Literacy for Sustainable Development                      (d) Empowering Women through Education  
(e) AI and Education: Preserving Human Agency in a World of Automation                      Ans. e
269. Elon Musk-owned social media platform X is collaborating with Visa to introduce a real-time payment system, marking progress toward Musk's long-standing goal of transforming the platform into an "everything app." What is the name of the upcoming payment service on X?
- (a) X Pay                      (b) X Wallet                      (c) X Money Account  
(d) X Digital Cash                      (e) X Finance                      Ans. c
270. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated India's first fully integrated disaster warning system KaWaCHaM. What does the KaWaCHaM system stand for?
- (a) Kerala Warnings and Coastal Hazard Management  
(b) Kerala Warnings Crisis and Hazard Management  
(c) Kerala Weather Climate Hazard Management  
(d) Kerala Weather and Coastal Health Management  
(e) Kerala Warning and Climate Hazard Monitoring                      Ans. b
271. What is the target set by the Government of India for Geographical Indication (GI) tags by 2030?
- (a) 5,000 GI tags    (b) 18,000 GI tags    (c) 8,000 GI tags    (d) 12,000 GI tags    (e) 10,000 GI tags    Ans. e
272. Where will the 4th Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships be held in February 2025?
- (a) Tokyo, Japan                      (b) Qingdao, China                      (c) Bangkok, Thailand  
(d) Jakarta, Indonesia                      (e) Seoul, South Korea                      Ans. b

273. Which of the following correctly describes the distribution of Padma Awards in 2025?  
 (a) 10 Padma Vibhushan, 20 Padma Bhushan, and 109 Padma Shri Awards  
 (b) 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri Awards  
 (c) 5 Padma Vibhushan, 15 Padma Bhushan, and 119 Padma Shri Awards  
 (d) 9 Padma Vibhushan, 18 Padma Bhushan, and 112 Padma Shri Awards  
 (e) 7 Padma Vibhushan, 29 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri Awards Ans. b
274. Which player was named the ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year for 2024?  
 (a) Smriti Mandhana (b) Esha Oza (c) Amelia Kerr  
 (d) Annerie Dercksen (e) Harleen Deol Ans. c
275. NITI Aayog has unveiled the inaugural edition of the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025 in New Delhi, aiming to assess and improve the fiscal health of Indian states. Which state ranked first in the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025?  
 (a) Chhattisgarh (b) Goa (c) Odisha (d) Karnataka (e) Kerala Ans. c
276. Who won the 2025 Australian Open Men's Singles title?  
 (a) Alexander Zverev (b) Jannik Sinner (c) Novak Djokovic  
 (d) Rafael Nadal (e) Daniil Medvedev Ans. b
277. On which date is the International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorated every year?  
 (a) 27 December (b) 25 January (c) 27 January (d) 1 February (e) 14 March Ans. a
278. Which bank has appointed P. Suriaraj as its Executive Director?  
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) Dhanlaxmi Bank (c) ICICI Bank (d) Axis Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. b
279. International Customs Day is observed annually on 26th January to recognize the role of customs officials and agencies in the global trade system. What is the theme for International Customs Day in 2025?  
 (a) Customs Promoting Sustainable Trade (b) Customs: The Backbone of Global Security  
 (c) Customs Delivering on its Commitment to Efficiency, Security, and Prosperity  
 (d) Innovations in Customs and Trade (e) The Future of International Trade Ans. c
280. Which two organizations signed an MoU to advance technological innovation in India's maritime sector?  
 (a) Ministry of Commerce and ISRO  
 (b) Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)  
 (c) Ministry of Ports and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)  
 (d) Indian Coast Guard and DRDO  
 (e) Shipping Corporation of India and Ministry of Science and Technology Ans. b
281. Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland for the second time?  
 (a) Micheal Higgins (b) Micheal Martin (c) Leo Varadkar  
 (d) Simon Coveney (e) Mary Lou McDonald Ans. b
282. Which Indian athlete broke her own national record and won gold in the women's 60m indoor hurdles at the Meeting de Nantes Métropole 2025?  
 (a) Hima Das (b) Jyothi Yarraji (c) Dutee Chand (d) Annu Rani (e) Neeraj Chopra Ans. b
283. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has resolved 95 per cent of complaints received under the Reserve Bank-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) between April 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024. Which region reported the highest number of complaints under RB-IOS per lakh accounts in FY 2023-24?  
 (a) Chandigarh (b) National Capital Territory of Delhi (c) Rajasthan  
 (d) Gujarat (e) Uttarakhand Ans. a
284. In which country did the Ministry of Tourism participate in the FITUR travel fair in January 2025?  
 (a) Italy (b) Spain (c) France (d) Portugal (e) Germany Ans. b
285. Which country's leader, Alexander Lukashenko, was declared the winner of a presidential election?  
 (a) Ukraine (b) Latvia (c) Russia (d) Poland (e) Belarus Ans. e
286. Which organization imposed a penalty on Royal Sundaram General Insurance for violation of norms pertaining to outsourcing of activities?  
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)  
 (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)  
 (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) (e) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Ans. c

287. Georgia is the \_\_\_\_\_ country in the world to be certified malaria-free by WHO.  
 (a) 42nd (b) 43rd (c) 44th (d) 45th (e) 46th Ans. d
288. Which bank has approved filing an application with the RBI for a universal bank license, in January 2025?  
 (a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) (b) Jana Small Finance Bank (SFB)  
 (c) AU Small Finance Bank (SFB) (d) Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)  
 (e) ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) Ans. a
289. Dr K.M. Cherian passed away recently in Bengaluru. What significant milestone is Dr. K.M. Cherian known for in Indian medical history?  
 (a) Performing the first kidney transplant in India  
 (b) Performing India's first coronary bypass surgery  
 (c) Performing the first liver transplant in India  
 (d) Conducting the first heart transplant in India  
 (e) Developing the first artificial heart valve in India Ans. b
290. Hariman Sharma, a visionary farmer from Himachal Pradesh, has been honored with 2025 Padma Shri, one of the highest Civilian Award. For what contribution was Hariman Sharma honored with the Padma Shri?  
 (a) For his contribution to Indian agriculture (b) For his work in biotechnology  
 (c) For his innovation in dairy farming (d) For his environmental conservation efforts  
 (e) For his development in irrigation techniques Ans. a
291. Which company is acquiring up to 72.64% shareholding in ITD Cementation India Limited?  
 (a) Adani Enterprises (b) Renew Exim DMCC (c) Tata Projects  
 (d) Larsen & Toubro (e) GMR Infrastructure Ans. b
292. In 2025, World Leprosy Day is observed on which date?  
 (a) 24 January (b) 26 January (c) 29 January (d) 25 January (e) 27 January Ans. b
293. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 38th National Games in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Which two sports have been included in the National Games for the first time?  
 (a) Kabaddi and Kho-Kho (b) Yoga and Mallakhamb (c) Judo and Gymnastics  
 (d) Wrestling and Archery (e) Tennis and Badminton Ans. b
294. Which company signed an MoU with the Odisha government to set up a steel plant in Keonjhar district?  
 (a) Tata Steel (b) Jindal Steel & Power (c) JSW Group  
 (d) SAIL (e) Vedanta Ans. c
295. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Utkarsh Odisha, Make in Odisha Conclave'. Where was the 'Utkarsh Odisha, Make in Odisha Conclave' inaugurated?  
 (a) Cuttack (b) Rourkela (c) Bhubaneswar (d) Puri (e) Sambalpur Ans. c
296. Which ministry has partnered with ONDC to launch the MSME Trade Enablement And Marketing (TEAM) initiative?  
 (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (b) Ministry of Finance  
 (c) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises  
 (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (e) Ministry of Electronics and IT Ans. c
297. Christine Carla Kangaloo has been conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award by India in 2025. Which country does Christine Carla Kangaloo serve as President?  
 (a) Guyana (b) Fiji (c) Trinidad and Tobago  
 (d) Suriname (e) Mauritius Ans. c
298. Which Union Territory finished on top of the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2025?  
 (a) Jammu & Kashmir (b) Ladakh (c) Delhi  
 (d) Puducherry (e) Chandigarh Ans. a
299. Who won the men's singles title at the Senior National Table Tennis Championships 2025?  
 (a) Payas Jain (b) Sathiyam Gnanasekaran (c) Harmeet Desai  
 (d) Manush Shah (e) Sharath Kamal Ans. d
300. Which film directed by Kiran Rao has been nominated for the Japan Academy Film Prize 2024?  
 (a) Dhobi Ghat (b) Laapataa Ladies (c) Secret Superstar  
 (d) Dangal (e) Pihu Ans. b



301. How many agreements were signed between India and Indonesia during the visit of the Indonesian President to India in January 2025?  
 (a) 3 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7 (e) 2 Ans. b
302. Which Indian cities have been included in the inaugural Wetland City Accreditation list of cities under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands?  
 (a) Bhopal and Jaipur (b) Indore and Udaipur (c) Chennai and Bengaluru  
 (d) Delhi and Kolkata (e) Hyderabad and Pune Ans. b
303. Which state government has launched the Rythu Bharosa scheme to provide financial assistance of Rs 12,000 per year to eligible state farmers?  
 (a) Kerala (b) Odisha (c) Tamil Nadu  
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Telangana Ans. e
304. Which state government has launched the Chief Ministers Mobile Operation Theater initiative on the occasion of the 76th Republic Day 2025?  
 (a) Kerala (b) Odisha (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Nagaland (e) Telangana Ans. d
305. Which team won the inaugural edition of the Women's Hockey India League 2024-25?  
 (a) Odisha Warriors Club (b) Soorma Hockey Club (c) Delhi Hurricanes  
 (d) Bangalore Tigresses (e) Mumbai Guardians Ans. a
306. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched its new generation satellite NVS-02 from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. What significant milestone did ISRO achieve with the launch of NVS-02?  
 (a) First satellite for the NavIC system (b) 100th launch from Satish Dhawan Space Centre  
 (c) First satellite in the NVS series (d) First launch of GSLV-F15  
 (e) Launch of India's first interplanetary mission Ans. b
307. Consider the following statements regarding the Republic Day Parade 2025:  
 1. Uttar Pradesh's tableau, themed 'Mahakumbh 2025 – Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas,' won the best tableau award.  
 2. Andhra Pradesh's tableau, depicting 'Etikoppaka Bommalu – Eco-Friendly Wooden Toys,' secured the second prize.  
 3. Tripura's tableau was themed on 'Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh.'  
 Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only (e) 1, 2, and 3 Ans. c
308. UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has announced 2025 as the Year of Community, launching a national initiative aimed at fostering unity and inclusion across society. What is the slogan of the UAE's Year of Community initiative?  
 (a) Together We Rise (b) Unity in Diversity (c) One Nation, One Vision  
 (d) Hand in Hand (e) Stronger Together Ans. d
309. When is the International Day of Clean Energy observed?  
 (a) 26 January (b) 27 January (c) 28 January (d) 29 January (e) 30 January Ans. a
310. What is the rate of interest applicable on the Government of India Floating Rate Bonds, 2035 (GOI FRB 2035) for the period January 25, 2025, to January 24, 2030?  
 (a) 5.75% (b) 6.25% (c) 6.50% (d) 6.66% (e) 7.10% Ans. d
311. What is the total expenditure approved by the Union Cabinet for the National Critical Mineral Mission?  
 (a) Rs 14,500 crore (b) Rs 16,300 crore (c) Rs 18,000 crore  
 (d) Rs 20,000 crore (e) Rs 25,000 crore Ans. b
312. In January 2025, India and \_\_\_\_\_ signed a protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance (DTAA) between the two countries and agreed to expedite the talks for early signing of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).  
 (a) UAE (b) Oman (c) Iran (d) Iraq (e) Indonesia Ans. b
313. In January 2025, which system has the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) launched to simplify the certification process for exporters and enhance trade efficiency?  
 (a) Export Certification System (b) Enhanced Certificate of Origin (eCoO) 2.0 System  
 (c) Import-Export Trade System (d) International Trade Certification (ITC) System  
 (e) Trade and Export Authorization System Ans. b

314. In January 2025, what trophy did Australia win after the 10-team competition?  
 (a) ICC Women's T20 World Cup (b) ICC Women's Cricket World Cup  
 (c) ICC Women's Championship (d) ICC Women's World Test Championship  
 (e) ICC Women's Super League Ans. c
315. In which state was the International Saraswati Mahotsav 2025 held?  
 (a) Gujarat (b) Haryana (c) Punjab (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Uttarakhand Ans. b
316. In January 2025, who has decided to step down as the ICC Chief Executive?  
 (a) Shashank Manohar (b) Greg Chappell (c) David Richardson  
 (d) Geoff Allardice (e) Mike Baird Ans. d
317. French rail major, Alstom has been awarded a contract worth •144 million (about Rs.1,285 crore) to supply Mitrac traction components and other electrical equipment for 17 Vande Bharat Sleeper trainsets (408 cars). Where will the supplied systems be delivered?  
 (a) Integral Coach Factory Chennai (b) Mumbai Railway Workshop  
 (c) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (d) Kolkata Rail Depot  
 (e) Bangalore Rail Manufacturing Facility Ans. a
318. Who has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vedanta Resources Ltd (VRL)?  
 (a) Sunil Duggal (b) Deshnee Naidoo (c) Anil Agarwal  
 (d) Ravi Kant (e) Shashi Bhushan Ans. b
319. Martyrs' Day on 30th January is observed to mark the death anniversary of which prominent leader?  
 (a) Bhagat Singh (b) Subhas Chandra Bose (c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel  
 (d) Mahatma Gandhi (e) Jawaharlal Nehru Ans. d
320. In January 2025, which organization invested Rs.830 crore in Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. (ABHFL) through non-convertible debentures (NCDs)?  
 (a) World Bank (WB) (b) Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
 (c) International Finance Corporation (IFC) (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)  
 (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Ans. c
321. Markets regulator SEBI has developed a web-based portal for the submission of preliminary and final Root Cause Analysis (RCA) reports of technical glitches by stock exchanges and other market infrastructure institutions (MIIs). What is the name of SEBI's new web-based portal for reporting technical glitches?  
 (a) SEBI Tech Monitor (b) Digital SEBI Reports  
 (c) Integrated SEBI Portal for Technical Glitches  
 (d) SEBI Compliance Tracker (e) SEBI Error Management System Ans. c
322. Which fintech company has become the first to launch a beta version of its e-rupee wallet?  
 (a) Paytm (b) PhonePe (c) Google Pay (d) CRED (e) Razorpay Ans. d
323. MobiKwik, one of India's largest digital wallet providers, has launched a full production version of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-rupee wallet in partnership with the Reserve Bank of India and which bank?  
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) State Bank of India  
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. e

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