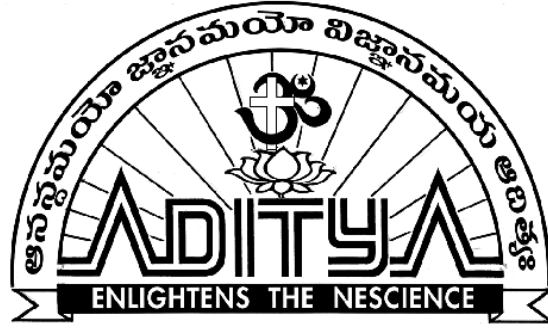


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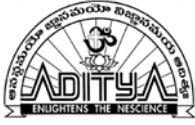
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- Indian Army has launched the E-SeHAT module for Veterans. What is the meaning of 'S' in "E-SeHAT"?
(a) Secure (b) Service (c) Scheme (d) Safety (e) Severe Ans. b
- Who has launched the National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 Portal in New Delhi?
(a) Amit Shah (b) Dharmendra Pradhan (c) Kiran Rijju
(d) Jitendra Singh (e) Shivraj Singh Chauhan Ans. b
- Which city of India will host the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists?
(a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi (c) Surat (d) Gurugram (e) Jaipur Ans. b
- India has been elected as the Vice-Chair of which supply chain body of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)?
(a) Crisis Response Network (b) Supply Chain Council
(c) Labor Rights Advisory Board (d) Both a and b (e) Both b and c Ans. b
- 11 public sector banks—excluding State Bank of India (SBI) — have charged Rs 2,331 crore from account holders for their failure to maintain minimum balance in savings banks in FY2024. Which bank has collected the maximum amount of Rs 633.4 crore from their customers?
(a) Union Bank of India (b) Canara Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
(d) Indian Bank (e) Punjab National Bank Ans. e
- Who has been appointed as next High Commissioner of India to Republic of Rwanda?
(a) Soumendu Bagchi (b) Sita Ram Meena (c) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
(d) Vijay Khanduja (e) Mridu Pawan Das Ans. e
- Which of the following has received the 'Global Water Tech Award 2024' in the 'organization' category for its initiatives in environmental conservation?
(a) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (b) Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation
(c) Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation (d) Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation
(e) Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation Ans. a
- Former Union Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar was sworn in as the _____ Governor of Jharkhand.
(a) 10th (b) 11th (c) 12th (d) 13th (e) 15th Ans. c
- Sanjay Shukla has been recently appointed Managing Director (MD) of which financial institution?
(a) SIDBI (b) SEBI (c) Exim Bank (d) NABARD (e) NHB Ans. e
- The Union government appointed two new members Ramesh Narain Parbat and Prabodh Seth to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the administrative body for the Income Tax Department in August 2024. Who is the current chairman of CBDT?
(a) Ravi Agrawal (b) Pragya Sahay Saksena (c) P K Mishra
(d) Pravin Kumar (e) Sanjay Kumar Ans. a
- Who has won the 2024 Formula One Belgian Grand Prix?
(a) Sebastian Vettel (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Max Verstappen
(d) Oscar Piastri (e) Sergio Pérez Ans. b
- The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) has set up the National basketball academy in collaboration with Corvuss American Academy in which city?
(a) New Delhi (b) Gandhinagar (c) Mumbai (d) Chennai (e) Noida Ans. c
- Swapnil Kusale clinched his first Olympic bronze in the _____ rifle 3 positions event in the Summer Olympics games being held in Paris?
(a) 10m (b) 20m (c) 30m (d) 50m (e) 40m Ans. d
- World Wide Web (WWW) Day is observed every year on 1 August. Tim Berners-Lee invented the WWW in which year?
(a) 1979 (b) 1989 (c) 1999 (d) 1992 (e) 1987 Ans. b

15. World Lung Cancer Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 1 August (b) 2 August (c) 3 August (d) 31 July (e) 30 July Ans. a
16. Who is Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Iran recently?
 (a) Iran's president (b) Iran's defence minister (c) Hamas political head
 (d) Palestine's terrorist (e) Gaza militant leader Ans. c
17. Ride-hailing startup Rapido has raised a funding of \$120 million Capital in its latest Series E funding round led by its existing investor WestBridge, thus making it the latest company to join the coveted unicorn club. Rapido is the _____ Indian startup to become a unicorn this year.
 (a) 2nd (b) 3rd (c) 4th (d) 5th (e) 6th Ans. b
18. Which among the following educational institution has been granted the distinguished Special Consultative Status by the UN Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) for its substantial contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals?
 (a) IIT Delhi (b) KIIT (c) IISc Bengaluru (d) JNU (e) Amity University Ans. b
19. What is India's rank among 119 countries in the World Economic Forum's Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024 report?
 (a) 15th (b) 19th (c) 29th (d) 31st (e) 39th Ans. e
20. How much lakh crore rupees was GST collected in July 2024?
 (a) 1.62 lakh crore (b) 1.72 lakh crore (c) 1.82 lakh crore
 (d) 1.92 lakh crore (e) 1.52 lakh crore Ans. c
21. _____ and the Government of India recently signed a \$ 200 million (about Rs 1,700 crore) loan to improve solid waste management and sanitation in 100 cities across eight states in the country.
 (a) World bank (b) ADB (c) AIIB (d) IMF (e) European Bank Ans. b
22. Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) has partnered with which bank to facilitate easy financing for rooftop solar installations and the establishment of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Indian Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Bank of India Ans. e
23. Which ministry has organised the State Conclave on Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum in August 2024?
 (a) Ministry of Culture (b) Ministry of Education (c) Ministry of MSME
 (d) Ministry of Home Affairs (e) Ministry of Sport Ans. a
24. Who has been conferred the V Venkayya Epigraphy Award for 2024?
 (a) Deepak Shenoy (b) Neeli Bendapudi (c) V. Vedachalam
 (d) Shanti Lakra (e) Deepika Misra Ans. c
25. Who is the first woman to be appointed as the Director General of Medical Services (Army)?
 (a) Anshika Singh (b) Sadhna Saxena Nair (c) Vasudha Gupta
 (d) Ipsita Dasgupta (e) Rajni Srinivasan Ans. b
26. Rohan Bopanna has announced his retirement from Tennis. He is from which state?
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) Kerala (d) Karnataka (e) Maharashtra Ans. d
27. Who has created history by becoming India's youngest Olympic referee in boxing at Paris Olympics 2024?
 (a) Pranjal Banerjee (b) Rahul Dsa (c) Venkatesh Ramachandran
 (d) Tejas Nagvenkar (e) Kabilan Sai Ashok Ans. e
28. India will host which edition of the multinational air exercise, 'Tarang Shakti 2024 from 6th -14th August?
 (a) 1st (b) 2nd (c) 3rd (d) 4th (e) 5th Ans. a
29. Anshuman Gaekwad, who died recently, belongs to which field?
 (a) Cricket (b) Football (c) Tennis (d) Kabaddi (e) Badminton Ans. a
30. National Mountain Climbing Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 3 August (b) 2 August (c) 31 July (d) 30 July (e) 1 August Ans. e
31. World Breastfeeding Week is a global healthcare event celebrated annually from August 1st to 7th. What is the theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2024?
 (a) Let's make breastfeeding and work (b) Step up for Breastfeeding - Educate and Support
 (c) Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility (d) Support breastfeeding for a healthier planet!
 (e) Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all Ans. e

32. India and which country have signed nine agreements to deepen comprehensive strategic partnership and enhance cooperation in the fields of customs, agriculture, legal, radio and television broadcast, culture and tourism?
 (a) Vietnam (b) Laos (c) Sri Lanka (d) Nepal (e) Bhutan Ans. a
33. Which bank has become the first private sector bank to merge both Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) features in RuPay credit cards?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) RBL Bank (c) ICICI Bank (d) Axis Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. b
34. Which food aggregator company has launched a new app, District, to expand its services beyond its core food delivery and quick commerce business?
 (a) Swiggy (b) Food Panda (c) Zomato (d) Dominos (e) Food24 Ans. c
35. India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) upped India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal to what percent from 7.1 percent projected earlier on an expectation of improved consumption demand?
 (a) 7.2% (b) 7.3% (c) 7.4% (d) 7.5% (e) 7.6% Ans. d
36. In August 2024, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a penalty totalling _____ on HDFC Life for violating various IRDAI regulations.
 (a) 1 crore (b) 2 crore (c) 3 crore (d) 50 lakh (e) 70 lakh Ans. b
37. Where was the 4th Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024 held?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Gururam (c) Patna (d) Noida (e) Bhopal Ans. e
38. Who has been appointed as the Director of ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Grinson George (c) Pradeep Singh Kharola
 (d) Sumant Sinha (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra Ans. b
39. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Inderjit Camotra's reappointment as MD & CEO of which small finance bank for two years?
 (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited (c) Unity Small Finance Bank
 (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited Ans. c
40. Nitin Agarwal, who was recently removed from the post of Director General by the Central Government, was the Director General of which Defence Force?
 (a) CISF (b) BSF (c) CRPF (d) ITBP (e) SPG Ans. b
41. Indian astronauts Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair have been shortlisted for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission. Axiom-4 mission is related to _____.
 (a) Artemis 4 Mission (b) Chandrayaan 4 Mission (c) Gaganyaan Mission
 (d) Mangalyaan Mission (e) International Space Station Ans. e
42. Lakshya Sen made history by becoming the first male Indian shuttler to qualify for the semi-finals of an Olympics. He achieved this milestone by defeating _____ with a score of 19-21, 21-15, 21-12 in the quarter-finals of the 2024 Paris Olympics.
 (a) An Se-young (b) Leong Jun Hao (c) Kim Da-bin (d) Kento Momota (e) Chou Tien-chen Ans. e
43. K K Pant passed away recently at the age of 64. He was the former director of which of the following?
 (a) Central Bureau of Communication (b) Planning Commission (c) ANI News
 (d) PIB (e) The Hindu Ans. a
44. National Friendship Day is celebrated every year in India on the _____ of August.
 (a) first Sunday (b) first Saturday (c) first Monday (d) first Friday (e) first Thursday Ans. a
45. Indian Organ Donation Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 1 August (b) 2 August (c) 3 August (d) 4 August (e) 5 August Ans. c
46. According to the World Trade Organisation, what is the position of India in the list of exporters of agricultural products?
 (a) 2nd (b) 4th (c) 6th (d) 8th (e) 10th Ans. d
47. The 5th meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) joint committee was held in which city?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Colombo (c) Dhaka (d) Jakarta (e) Thimpu Ans. d
48. The Ministry of Ayush (GoI) and the World Health Organization signed a donor agreement during a signing ceremony organized at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva. This agreement outlines the financial terms for implementing the activities of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC). GTMC is located in which city?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Bhavnagar (c) Jamnagar (d) Indore (e) Bengaluru Ans. c

49. Robert "Kelly" Ortberg has been appointed as the CEO of which of the following company?
 (a) Spirit AeroSystems (b) Boeing (c) Airbus SE
 (d) Tesla (e) McDonnell Douglas Ans. b
50. IIT Madras has partnered with which bank to launch a cybersecurity Lab to develop and deploy security solutions in crucial sectors such as healthcare, fintech and aerospace?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Axis Bank (d) IDBI Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. d
51. Who has been given the additional charge of Director General of Border Security Force?
 (a) Anish Dayal Singh (b) Sujoy Lal Thaosan (c) Vineet McCarty
 (d) Daljit Singh Chawdhary (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal Ans. d
52. Who will be India's flagbearer in the closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics?
 (a) Manu Bhaker (b) PV Sindhu (c) Rhythm Sangwan
 (d) Ramita Jindal (e) Palak Gulia Ans. a
53. Which country will help in the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat?
 (a) Bhutan (b) Singapore (c) Sri Lanka (d) Nepal (e) Vietnam Ans. e
54. Veteran Yamini Krishnamurthy passed away recently at the age of 83. She is related to which dance?
 (a) Kathak (b) Odissi (c) Manipuri (d) Mohiniyattam (e) Bharatnatyam Ans. e
55. Graham Thorpe passed away recently. He is related to which sport?
 (a) Cricket (b) Badminton (c) Football (d) Volleyball (e) Tennis Ans. a
56. Tata Group unveils Rs.27,000 crore semiconductor facility in which state?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Gujarat (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Assam Ans. e
57. Veteran Gandhian and social worker Shobhana Ranade passed away recently at the age of 100. In which year she was awarded the Padma Bhushan for her social work?
 (a) 2002 (b) 2003 (c) 2004 (d) 2006 (e) 2001 Ans. e
58. Who has launched the e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti and e-Summon apps for the three new criminal laws in Chandigarh?
 (a) JP Naddaa (b) Amit Shah (c) Rajnath Singh
 (d) Ashwini Vishnaw (e) Narendra Modi Ans. b
59. In August 2024, The Textile Ministry is organising a fortnight-long exhibition called _____ to celebrate the 10th National Handloom Day, which commenced at Handloom Haat in Janpath.
 (a) COTTON DYES (b) HAAT (c) KASTURI (d) AMANAT (e) VIRASAT Ans. e
60. The Government of India and _____ have signed an agreement for the construction of the Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in an aggregate length of 781 km for the states of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
 (a) ADB (b) World Bank (c) IMF (d) AIIB (e) European Bank Ans. b
61. HDFC Securities has partnered with which of the following to Offer Access to Global Investing for Indians and NRIs?
 (a) Muthoot Finance (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited
 (c) Vested Finance (d) LIC Housing Finance (e) PNB Housing Finance Limited Ans. c
62. Which sports have been depicted in the commemorative stamp issued by the Department of Post on the 33rd Paris Olympics?
 (i) Javelin Throw (ii) Table Tennis (iii) Sailing
 (iv) Shooting (v) Archery (vi) Field Hockey (vii) Sailing
 (a) i, ii, iii, vii (b) ii, iii, iv, v (c) iii, iv, vi, vii (d) i, iii, v, vi (e) i, ii, iii, vi Ans. e
63. Who has been elected as the president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences?
 (a) Jesse Beaton (b) Michael Hausman (c) Kathryn Bigelow
 (d) Diana Pokorny (e) Janet Yang Ans. e
64. Who has won the gold medal in the men's singles Tennis title at the 2024 Paris Olympics?
 (a) Novak Djokovic (b) Rafael Nadal (c) Roger Federer
 (d) Alexander Zverev (e) Daniil Medvedev Ans. a

65. Who has been conferred with Fiji's highest honour, the Companion of the Order of Fiji, in August 2024?
 (a) Droupadi Murmu (b) Jagdeep Dhankhar (c) S Jaishankar
 (d) Narendra Modi (e) Manmohan Singh Ans. a
66. Who has been appointed the league ambassador of the SA20 League?
 (a) MS Dhoni (b) Sourav Ganguly (c) Sachin Tendulkar
 (d) Dinesh Kartik (e) Rohit Sharma Ans. d
67. India will host the first Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Business Summit in which city?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Surat (d) Jaipur (e) Gurugram Ans. a
68. Who is the author of the book titled "Breaking Rocks and Barriers"?
 (a) Amartya Sen (b) Arvind Subramanian (c) Shashi Tharoor
 (d) Sudipta Sengupta (e) Pulapre Balakrishnan Ans. d
69. Bharat Forge has been recently granted a defence license to manufacture various defence products specially designed for military application at its Jejuri unit. Bharat Forge is the wholly-owned subsidiary of _____.
 (a) Adani Group (b) TATA Group (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
 (d) Kalyani Strategic Systems (e) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ans. d
70. Which state government has signed an MoU with SBI General Insurance for Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS)?
 (a) Assam (b) Tripura (c) West Bengal (d) Sikkim (e) Nagaland Ans. e
71. Hiroshima Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) August 4 (b) August 5 (c) August 6 (d) August 7 (e) August 8 Ans. c
72. Which ministry has launched the e-Sankhyiki portal, marking a significant advancement in data management and dissemination in India?
 (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
 (c) Ministry of Finance (d) Ministry of Education
 (e) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Ans. e
73. Which bank has launched a 'Golden Circle' exclusive banking program for senior citizens?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) HDFC Bank (d) DBS Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. d
74. Which Indian company has been included in the 2024 Fortune Global 500 list for the first time?
 (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (c) Axis Bank
 (d) HDFC Bank (e) Rajesh Export Ans. d
75. Five major payment companies have applied to join the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) pilot program for India's central bank digital currency (CBDC) eRupee. What are the names of these five companies?
 (a) Google Pay, Paytm, Amazon Pay, Cred, MobiKwik
 (b) Google Pay, PhonePe, Amazon Pay, Cred, Rozarpay
 (c) Google Pay, PhonePe, Amazon Pay, Cred, BHIM (d) Google Pay, PhonePe, Paypal, Cred, MobiKwik
 (e) Google Pay, PhonePe, Amazon Pay, Cred, MobiKwik Ans. e
76. According to the Deloitte report released in August 2024, what is the likely growth rate of the Indian economy in FY25?
 (a) 7-7.2% (b) 6.6 - 6.8% (c) 7.2-7.4% (d) 6.7-6.9% (e) 6.5-6.8% Ans. a
77. Who has been appointed as senior vice-president and chief operating officer of quick commerce vertical Swiggy Instamart?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Sairam Krishnamurthy (c) Pradeep Singh Kharola
 (d) Sumant Sinha (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra Ans. b
78. Who has been appointed as the 22nd Director General of the Assam Rifles?
 (a) Anish Dayal Singh (b) Sujoy Lal Thaosan (c) Vineet McCarty
 (d) Umesh Mishra (e) Vikas Lakhera Ans. e

79. Which Small Finance Bank Limited has partnered with Edelweiss Life Insurance to access Edelweiss Life Insurance's life insurance products suite, thereby meeting their need for financial security?
 (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
 (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank
 (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited Ans. b
80. Noah Lyles edged past Jamaican Kishane Thompson to win his first Olympic gold medal in a lifetime-best 9.784 seconds. He is from which country?
 (a) USA (b) India (c) Poland (d) France (e) Australia Ans. a
81. Avinash Sable became the first Indian man to qualify for the _____ steeplechase final after finishing fifth in his heat.
 (a) 1000m (b) 2000m (c) 3000m (d) 4000m (e) 5000m Ans. c
82. Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the women's _____ wrestling final in the Paris Olympics. She was found ineligible to compete as she was found 100 gram overweight during the weigh-in in the final.
 (a) 48kg (b) 50kg (c) 52kg (d) 55kg (e) 60kg Ans. b
83. Which insurance company has launched new term life insurance plans - Yuva Term, Digi Term, Yuva Credit Life, Digi Credit Life - for providing term insurance and safety net against loan repayments?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India
 (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. d
84. National Javelin Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) August 5 (b) August 6 (c) August 7 (d) August 8 (e) August 9 Ans. c
85. Purandar Highlands Farmers Producer Company Ltd has achieved a significant milestone by exporting India's first GI-tagged fig juice to which country?
 (a) Netherlands (b) USA (c) Finland (d) Norway (e) Poland Ans. e
86. Which institute in collaboration with Airbus has started its first executive training program for the aviation sector in New Delhi?
 (a) Delhi University (b) IIT Roorkee (c) IISc Bengaluru
 (d) IIT Delhi (e) Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya Ans. e
87. Challa Sreenivasulu Setty has been appointed as Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI) for how many years?
 (a) one year (b) two years (c) three years (d) four years (e) five years Ans. c
88. Who has been appointed additional secretary in the PMO?
 (a) Vatsalya Saxena (b) Mugdha Sinha (c) Ajay Bhadoo
 (d) Manisha Saxena (e) Amit Singh Negi Ans. a
89. Who has been appointed as the head of Bangladesh's interim government after the resignation of Sheikh Hasina?
 (a) Iqbal Quadir (b) Waqar-uz-Zaman (c) Muhammad Yunus
 (d) Sajeeb Wazed (e) Sophia Rehana Wazed Ans. c
90. Who has been appointed as the Member in Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Jetha Ahir (c) Pradeep Singh Kharola
 (d) Harish Dudani (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra Ans. d
91. In August 2024, which bank approved a proposal for raising funds of up to Rs 25,000 crore via the issue of Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonds?
 (a) Punjab national Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) State Bank of India (e) Exim Bank Ans. d
92. Piyush Gupta, the Indian-origin Chief Executive of Singapore's largest bank DBS Group, will step down in March 2025. In which year DBS bank was founded?
 (a) 1978 (b) 1968 (c) 1997 (d) 1988 (e) 2002 Ans. b
93. India will host the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 from October 15 to 24 in which city?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Noida (d) Bengaluru (e) Ahmedabad Ans. a

94. Global investors International Finance Corporation, the Asian Development Bank, and Deutsche Investitions (DEG) have invested _____ in Hyderabad-based renewable energy solutions platform Fourth Partner Energy Ltd.
 (a) \$175 million (b) \$275 million (c) \$375 million (d) \$475 million (e) \$575 million Ans. b
95. Which company has partnered with Mahindra Finance Company to provide motor and other non-life insurance solutions to over 10 million Mahindra Finance customers?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 (c) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance (d) Go Digit General Insurance
 (e) Edelweiss General Insurance Ans. c
96. Which company has emerged as India's most 'attractive employer brand,' according to the findings of Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2024?
 (a) TCS (b) Reliance (c) Wipro (d) HCL (e) Microsoft Ans. e
97. Who took the oath as the 25th Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry?
 (a) C. P. Radhakrishnan (b) Gulab Chand Kataria (c) Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde
 (d) Ramen Deka (e) K. Kailashnathan Ans. e
98. National Handloom Day is celebrated every year on 7 August to honour the nation's handloom weavers and to shed spotlight on India's handloom industry. Which year was the first Handloom Day celebrated?
 (a) 2014 (b) 2015 (c) 2016 (d) 2017 (e) 2019 Ans. b
99. Small Industry Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 27 August (b) 28 August (c) 29 August (d) 30 August (e) 31 August Ans. d
100. Who has been elected as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?
 (a) Sourav Ganguly (b) Roger Binny (c) Anil Kumble
 (d) Mohammad Azharuddin (e) Jay Shah Ans. e
101. Central Government has declared Adichunchanagiri in _____ and Choolannuar in _____ as Peacock Sanctuary.
 (a) Karnataka; Kerala (b) Kerala; Karnataka
 (c) Madhya Pradesh; Karnataka (d) Karnataka; Maharashtra
 (e) Tamil Nadu; Kerala Ans. a
102. The National Commission for Women has inaugurated the Digital Shakti Center to combat cyber crimes against women in which city?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Gurugram (d) Chennai (e) Ahmedabad Ans. a
103. India and which country have signed a customs cooperation arrangement to ease trade between the two countries?
 (a) Australia (b) Finland (c) Norway (d) New Zealand (e) South Africa Ans. d
104. In August 2024, Kamel Madouri has been appointed as the PM of which country?
 (a) Poland (b) Azerbaijan (c) Armenia (d) Tunisia (e) Angola Ans. d
105. The Reserve Bank of India has decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent for the _____ in a row in August 2024.
 (a) 7th time (b) 8th time (c) 9th time (d) 10th time (e) 11th time Ans. c
106. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the upper limit for tax payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) from Rs 1 lakh to _____ per transaction.
 (a) Rs.2 lakh (b) Rs.3 lakh (c) Rs.5 lakh (d) Rs.7 lakh (e) Rs.10 lakh Ans. c
107. Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat announced her retirement from wrestling a day after she was disqualified from the 50kg category Paris Olympics finals. She is from which state?
 (a) Punjab (b) Haryana (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Maharashtra (e) Mizoram Ans. b
108. ISRO will launch its Earth Observation Satellite-08 (EOS-08) through which rocket on 15 August 2024, its 55th foundation day?
 (a) Ariane-5 (b) SSLV - D3 (c) PSLV-C48 (d) GSLV-Mk III (e) LVM3 M4 Ans. b
109. Which exercise did the Indian Army recently conduct in Ladakh?
 (a) Snow Parvat (b) Tiger Triumph (c) Operation Parvat (d) Zoravar (e) Parvat Pahaar Ans. e
110. Neeraj Chopra won the Silver Medal in the men's javelin throw event with a best throw of 89.45 meters at the Paris Olympics and Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem won gold with a throw of _____.
 (a) 92.67 meters (b) 92.77 meters (c) 92.87 meters (d) 92.97 meters (e) 92.57 meters Ans. d

111. The Indian men's hockey team won the bronze medal in the 2024 Paris Olympics by defeating which team?
 (a) France (b) Pakistan (c) Germany (d) Spain (e) Japan Ans. d
112. Which state government has joined hands with UNICEF to promote father's involvement in encouraging new mothers to breastfeed their infants till the age of six months?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Rajasthan (c) Maharashtra (d) Haryana (e) West Bengal Ans. e
113. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed annually on which day?
 (a) 7 August (b) 8 August (c) 9 August (d) 10 August (e) 11 August Ans. c
114. Former Chief Minister of _____ Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee passed away at the age of 80.
 (a) Odisha (b) West Bengal (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Kerala (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. b
115. Quit India Movement Day is celebrated every year on August 9. In which year Mahatma Gandhi started the Quit India Movement Day?
 (a) 1932 (b) 1939 (c) 1942 (d) 1945 (e) 1947 Ans. c
116. Which state government and the World Bank have decided to develop a roadmap enabling partnership between the State government and the World Bank for making a positive, ambitious and highly impactful outcome relating to lives of around four crore people of the State?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Telangana
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. c
117. Which edition of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, aimed at fostering patriotism and national pride by encouraging citizens to display the national flag at their homes, will run from August 9 to August 15?
 (a) 2nd (b) 3rd (c) 4th (d) 5th (e) 6th Ans. b
118. Based on data compiled by the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI), What is the rank of India's Reserve Bank of India around the world?
 (a) 5th (b) 7th (c) 10th (d) 12th (e) 15th Ans. d
119. Pine Labs-owned Setu, an application programming interface (API) infrastructure provider, introduced a Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-focused payments platform for businesses and developers in partnership with which bank?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) ICICI Bank (d) Canara Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. b
120. According to the 2024 Barclays Private Clients Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses List report, the wealth of Ambani, Bajaj and Birla is equivalent to the gross domestic product of which country?
 (a) Vietnam (b) Japan (c) Singapore (d) Taiwan (e) South Korea Ans. c
121. In August 2024, which company has received the official certificate of registration as a non-banking financial company (investment and debt company) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
 (a) Muthoot Finance (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited
 (c) L&T Finance Ltd (d) LIC Housing Finance (e) PNB Housing Finance Limited Ans. c
122. HCLSoftware, the software business division of Indian IT services giant HCLTech, will acquire Zeenea, a _____ - based firm providing data catalog and governance solutions, for Euro 24 million (around Rs 218 crore).
 (a) Bengaluru (b) Paris (c) New York (d) Seoul (e) Italy Ans. b
123. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of MCX, the country's largest commodity exchange?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Jetha Ahir (c) Pradeep Singh Kharola
 (d) Harish Dudani (e) Praveena Rai Ans. e
124. Goritsa Gruncharova-Kozhareva has been appointed as the new PM of which country?
 (a) Bahrain (b) Barbados (c) Belgium (d) Bulgaria (e) Bermuda Ans. d
125. Aman Sehrawat became the youngest Indian to win an Olympic medal after he won a bronze medal in the men's freestyle _____ wrestling event at the Paris Olympics.
 (a) 50kg (b) 53kg (c) 57kg (d) 60kg (e) 62kg Ans. c
126. The Odisha government introduced India's first 'Rice ATM' to revolutionise the public distribution system (PDS) for ration cardholders. What is the name of this Rice ATM?
 (a) Mera Ration Grain ATM (b) Anna Grain ATM (c) Annarice Grain ATM
 (d) Annadevta Grain ATM (e) Annapurta Grain ATM Ans. e

127. The Government of India has constituted a committee to monitor the current situation on the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB). Who will chair this committee?
 (a) National Security Advisor (b) ADF of ITBP (c) ADG of BSF
 (d) Home Minister (e) Foreign Minister Ans. c
128. World Lion Day is celebrated annually on which day?
 (a) 8 August (b) 9 August (c) 10 August (d) 11 August (e) 12 August Ans. c
129. Nagasaki Day is observed every year on 9 August. This year marked the _____ Anniversary of Nagasaki Day.
 (a) 76th (b) 77th (c) 79th (d) 80th (e) 81st Ans. c
130. World Biofuel Day is celebrated annually on which day?
 (a) 8 August (b) 9 August (c) 10 August (d) 11 August (e) 12 August Ans. c
131. In August 2024, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved _____ projects of the Ministry of Railways with a total estimated cost of around Rs.24,657 crore.
 (a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 8 (e) 9 Ans. d
132. India's defence exports soared by how much percent in the first quarter of 2024-25 as compared to the same period last fiscal year?
 (a) 50% (b) 60% (c) 75% (d) 78% (e) 82% Ans. d
133. According to the 2024 Barclays Private Clients Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses report, who is the India's most influential woman leader?
 (a) Nita Ambani (b) Nirmala Sitharaman (c) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
 (d) Soma Mondal (e) Roshini Nadar Ans. e
134. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann unveiled a pioneering initiative for the Punjabi diaspora with the inauguration of the 'Punjab Help Centre' at Terminal 3 of which airport?
 (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi (b) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 (c) Cochin International Airport, Kochi (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
 (e) Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru Ans. a
135. How much government assistance will be provided to the eligible beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 scheme?
 (a) 2 lakh (b) 2.5 lakh (c) 3.5 lakh (d) 4 lakh (e) 5 lakh Ans. b
136. Union Finance Secretary T V Somanathan has been appointed Cabinet Secretary for two years. He will be taking over from _____.
 (a) Manoj Govil (b) Sanjay Malhotra (c) Rajiv Gauba
 (d) Pramod Kumar Mishra (e) Ajay Kumar Bhallaas Ans. c
137. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) New Delhi has signed an MoU with which institute to collaborate on education, research, and technology?
 (a) Delhi University (b) Amity University
 (c) Lovely Professional University (d) Manav Rachna International University
 (e) Jawahar Lal University Ans. b
138. Which Indian leader has been recently conferred with Timor Leste's highest civilian award the Grand Collar of Order of Timor Leste?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Droupadi Murmu (c) S Jaishankar
 (d) Nitin Gadkari (e) Jagdeep Dhankar Ans. b
139. Consider the following points about the 2024 Paris Olympics-
 (i) USA led the medal tally at the Paris Olympics with 124 medals.
 (ii) India was 69th with 6 medals.
 (iii) It is the third time Paris is hosting the Summer Olympics.
 (iv) Manu Bhaker and Neeraj Chopra were the Indian flag bearers at the closing ceremony.
 (v) PV Sindhu and Sharath Kamal were the Indian flag bearers at the opening ceremony.
 How many of the given point(s) is/are CORRECT?
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. b
140. Exercise Udara Shakti 2024 is a bilateral Air Force exercise between Air Force of which countries?
 (a) India and Magnolia (b) India and Malaysia (c) India and Japan
 (d) India and UAE (e) India and USA Ans. b

141. The Ministry of External Affairs and ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) signed an agreement to grant assistance for launching the Munal satellite. Munal is the satellite of which country?
 (a) Nepal (b) Bhutan (c) Sri Lanka (d) Vietnam (e) Iran Ans. a
142. India's first individual Olympic gold medalist, Abhinav Bindra was awarded the prestigious Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the 142nd IOC Session in Paris. Bindra won India's first individual Olympic gold in the Men's 10-meter Air Rifle event at which Olympics?
 (a) 2006 Winter Olympics Torino (b) 2010 Winter Olympics Vancouver
 (c) 2012 Summer Olympics London (d) 2004 Summer Olympics Athens
 (e) 2008 Summer Olympics Beijing Ans. e
143. International Youth Day is celebrated every year on August 12. What is the theme of International Youth Day?
 (a) Intergenerational solidarity (b) Green Skills for Youth (c) Transforming Food Systems
 (d) Youth Engagement for Global Action (e) From Clicks to Progress Ans. e
144. World Elephant Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) August 10 (b) August 11 (c) August 12 (d) August 13 (e) August 14 Ans. c
145. Vijay Kadam passed away recently at the age of 67. Who was he?
 (a) Actor (b) Writer (c) Politician (d) Historian (e) Journalist Ans. a
146. In August 2024, India and which country have renewed their MoU to bolster the training of 1000 civil servants?
 (a) Malaysia (b) Maldives (c) Myanmar (d) Sri Lanka (e) Nepal Ans. b
147. Who has launched the 'Amrit Gyan Kosh' Portal and 'Faculty Development portal' at the Civil Service Training Institutions Convention at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi?
 (a) Amit Shah (b) Narendra Modi (c) JP Nadda
 (d) Jitendra Singh (e) Shivraj Singh Chauhan Ans. d
148. In August 2024, Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) signed an MoU with which of the following to Promote Indian Sign Language?
 (a) Army Welfare Association (b) Indian Space Research Organization (c) NITI Aayog
 (d) Ministry of Education (e) Ministry of Culture Ans. a
149. Which state government has launched the 'Nijut Moina Scheme', an initiative aimed at eradicating child marriages by empowering female students and promoting education over early marriage?
 (a) West Bengal (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) Chhattisgarh (d) Telangana (e) Assam Ans. e
150. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of NHPC Limited?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Jetha Ahir (c) Raj Kumar Chaudhary
 (d) Harish Dudani (e) Praveena Rai Ans. c
151. Rwanda's President Paul Kagame was sworn in for his fourth term after securing over 99 per cent of the vote. What is the currency of Rwanda?
 (a) Dollar (b) Pound (c) Franc (d) Peso (e) Krone Ans. c
152. The Javelin Throw gold medallist in the Paris Olympics 2024, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem is set to be honoured with Hilal-e-Imtiaz by the country's government. Hilal-e-Imtiaz is the _____ highest civilian award given by the Government of Pakistan.
 (a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. b
153. Consider the following points about the recently released NIRF Ranking 2024:
 (i) NITI Aayog has released the NIRF Rankings 2024.
 (ii) This is the 8th consecutive edition of India Rankings of HEIs in India.
 (iii) IIT Madras retains its 1st position in Overall Category for the sixth consecutive year.
 (iv) IISc Bengaluru stood first in Research Institutions Category for the fourth consecutive year.
 (v) Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi tops the ranking in Pharmacy this year.
 How many of the point(s) is/are INCORRECT?
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) only four (e) all are correct Ans. b
154. Om Prakash Mathur was sworn in as the 18th Governor of which state?
 (a) Sikkim (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Rajasthan (d) Telangana (e) Jharkhand Ans. a
155. In August 2024, which country has won the CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League?
 (a) India (b) Nepal (c) Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka (e) Bhutan Ans. a

156. Which edition of India- Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI commenced at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka?
 (a) 8th (b) 9th (c) 10th (d) 11th (e) 12th Ans. c
157. What percent has SBI projected India's real GDP growth rate to be in FY 2025?
 (a) 7.0% (b) 7.2% (c) 7.4% (d) 7.6% (e) 7.8% Ans. b
158. World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) August 11 (b) August 12 (c) August 13 (d) August 14 (e) August 15 Ans. c
159. K Natwar Singh passed away recently at the age of 93. Who was he?
 (a) Former CM of Rajasthan (b) Former Home Minister (c) Former Finance Minister
 (d) Former External Affairs Minister (e) Former Defense Minister Ans. d
160. Former _____ CEO Susan Wojcicki passed away recently at the age of 56.
 (a) Toshiba (b) Facebook (c) Twitter (d) YouTube (e) Microsoft Ans. d
161. As on 31 July 2024, how many of total beneficiaries (account-holders) are there under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?
 (a) 42.99 crore (b) 52.99 crore (c) 62.99 crore (d) 72.99 crore (e) 82.99 crore Ans. b
162. In August 2024, which among the following company partners with Gentari to increase their EV delivery fleet to 10,000 by 2025, aiming to enhance last-mile delivery services and scale up electric vehicle adoption across over 400 cities in India?
 (a) Amazon India (b) Meesho (c) Flipkart (d) Tata Neu (e) Snapdeal Ans. a
163. In August 2024, The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) have collaborated to launch _____ initiative to enhance the travel experience for passengers on Indian Railways and Nammo Bharat Trains.
 (a) One India – One Rail (b) One India – One Ticket (c) One India – One Nammo
 (d) One India – One Coach (e) One India – One Window Ans. b
164. Which bank has recently launched the ANTAH DRISHTI Braille Debit Card for visually impaired customers?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) ICICI Bank
 (d) Bank of Baroda (e) HDFC Bank Ans. b
165. What was the retail inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in July 2024?
 (a) 1.54% (b) 2.54% (c) 3.54% (d) 3.44% (e) 3.24% Ans. c
166. Jakson Engineering Limited has signed an MoU with which bank to set up solar projects to a wide range of consumers across commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors in August 2024?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) ICICI Bank
 (d) Bank of Baroda (e) HDFC Bank Ans. a
167. In August 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on five financial institutions—CSB Bank, Union Bank of India, Muthoot Housing Finance, Nido Home Finance and Ashoka Viniyoga—for various regulatory non-compliances. CSB Bank Limited was fined _____ for violations, including paying commissions to employees for Non-Performing Assets' recovery, failure to inform the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?
 (a) Rs.1.06 crore (b) Rs.1.86 crore (c) Rs.3 lakh (d) Rs.5 lakh (e) Rs.5.4 crore Ans. b
168. Which is the first state to provide cash to adolescent girls to buy sanitary napkins?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Rajasthan
 (d) Punjab (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. b
169. In August 2024, which among the following Indian company has joined forces with Singaporean semiconductor maker Zero-Error Systems to enhance satellite onboard computer (OBC) subsystems, using advanced technology to protect commercial-off-the-shelf electronics from radiation-induced errors?
 (a) DRDO (b) Hindustan Aerospace Limited (c) Dhurva Space
 (d) Boeing (e) ISRO Ans. c
170. In August 2024, which among the following institutes has been awarded the "UTKRISHT" Accreditation Certification for its work in promoting and developing MSMEs, on the successful completion of the National Standards for Civil Services Training Institutions (NSCSTI) process in recognition of excellent services in the field of promotion and development of MSMEs?
 (a) Central Institute of Tool Design (b) National Institute for MSME
 (c) Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises
 (d) Central Manufacturing Technology Institute
 (e) National Research Development Corporation Ans. b

171. Recently, which state government mandated registration of temples, mutts and trusts?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) West Bengal
 (d) Bihar (e) Uttarakhand Ans. d
172. India's Tokyo 2020 Paralympic gold medal winner Pramod Bhagat has been suspended for a period of 18 months for breaching the anti-doping regulations. He is related to which sport?
 (a) Tennis (b) Badminton (c) Squash (d) Javelin (e) Hockey Ans. b
173. The Government of India has declared August 23rd as "National Space Day" to celebrate the remarkable success of which mission?
 (a) Aditya-L1 (b) Gaganyaan (c) Venus Orbiter Mission
 (d) Parker Solar Probe (e) Chandrayaan-3 Ans. e
174. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has hived off the UPI-based payment application Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) as a separate subsidiary to address the growing demand for digital transactions in the country and to promote financial inclusion. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the new subsidiary named NPCI Bhim Services Ltd (NBSL)?
 (a) Rajnish Kumar (b) Arun Bansal (c) Rajeev Agarwal
 (d) Dinesh Kumar Khara (e) Lalitha Nataraj Ans. e
175. Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Managing Director of which bank?
 (a) Axis Bank (b) State Bank of India (c) ICICI Bank
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Indian Bank Ans. b
176. India and which country signed an MoU to enable Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from both countries to participate more effectively in global markets and foster trade?
 (a) Netherlands (b) Fiji (c) Norway (d) Maldives (e) USA Ans. e
177. National Health Authority (NHA) has signed an MoU with which institute to offer its Digital Health Foundation Course to NHA and co-develop additional Digital Health programs to support the roll-out of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?
 (a) N.K.P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences (b) IIT Madras (c) AIIMS Delhi
 (d) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences
 (e) Institute of Medical Sciences - Banaras Hindu University Ans. d
178. State-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has secured a _____ project from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC). The coal-based unit will be set up in the Koderma district of Jharkhand on an EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) basis.
 (a) 500 MW (b) 600 MW (c) 1000 MW (d) 1500 MW (e) 1600 MW Ans. e
179. Recently, which of the following flowering plants has been included on the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) official Red List of Threatened Species?
 (a) Bougainvillea (b) Tiobouchina (c) Neelakurinji
 (d) Pleroma raddianum (e) Hibiscus Rosa Sinensis Ans. c
180. Which bank has launched the 'Primus' credit card in partnership with Visa?
 (a) Axis Bank (b) Canara Bank (c) ICICI Bank (d) HDFC Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. a
181. In August 2024, who among the following has been appointed as the new India junior men's hockey team head coach?
 (a) Harmanpreet Singh (b) Krishan Pathak (c) Dhanraj Pillay
 (d) Ashwini Ponnappa (e) PR Sreejesh Ans. e
182. In August 2024, Sandeep Poundrik has assumed charge as Secretary of the _____.
 (a) Ministry of Home Affairs (b) Ministry of Defence (c) Ministry of Steel
 (d) Ministry of Ayush (e) Ministry of MSMEs Ans. c
183. Which company has got the Indian Navy's approval to build six submarines with a project worth Rs 60,000 crore in partnership with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems?
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (b) Hindustan Shipyard (c) ABG Shipyard
 (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers and (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited Ans. a

184. In August 2024, The Big Cricket League (BCL), a franchise-based T20 event that will offer aspiring local players a chance to play alongside their cricketing heroes, has joined hands with the national broadcaster Prasar Bharati in a landmark long-term deal.
Which city will the inaugural edition of BCL be held in September 2024?
(a) Lucknow (b) Noida (c) Mumbai (d) New Delhi (e) Kolkata Ans. a
185. What is the current rate of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation as of July 2024?
(a) 2.54% (b) 2.94% (c) 3.04% (d) 2.04% (e) 4.04% Ans. d
186. What is GAURAV, which was recently seen in the news?
(a) Long Range Air Gun (b) Ballistic Missile (c) Light Weight Nuclear Bomb
(d) High Altitude Drone System (e) Long-Range Glide Bomb Ans. e
187. Chhattisgarh government decided to declare a new tiger reserve covering areas of Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla wildlife sanctuary in the state. This will be the _____ tiger reserve in the state.
(a) third (b) fourth (c) fifth (d) sixth (e) seventh Ans. b
188. Which IIT has signed an MoU with IG Drones to establish an Advanced Drone Excellence Centre at the IIT's Research and Entrepreneurship Park?
(a) IIT Guwahati (b) IIT Delhi (c) IIT Madras
(d) IIT Bhubaneswar (e) IIT Roorkee Ans. d
189. Which bank has secured a loan of 25.5 billion Japanese yen (around Rs 147 crore) from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for a wind energy project?
(a) Muthoot Finance (b) Power Finance Corporation
(c) Shriram Transport Finance Corporation Ltd.
(d) LIC Housing Finance (e) PNB Housing Finance Limited Ans. b
190. India celebrates its Independence Day annually on August 15. This year, the nation marks its 78th Independence Day or Swatantrata Diwas. What is the theme of the 78th Independence Day?
(a) Nation @2047 (b) One Nation (c) Nation First, Always First
(d) India @2047 (e) Viksit Bharat Ans. e
191. India has observed the 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' every year on which date to pay tribute to those who lost their lives and were displaced during the country's partition in 1947?
(a) 12 August (b) 13 August (c) 14 August (d) 15 August (e) 16 August Ans. c
192. In August 2024, GST taxpayers who do not furnish bank account details to GST authorities will be barred from filing outward supply return GSTR-1 from 1 September, GST Network (GSTN). Which of the following point(s) is/are INCORRECT regarding this?
(i) Taxpayers must furnish valid bank account details within 15 days of receiving GST registration or before filing GSTR-1/IFF, whichever is earlier.
(ii) Taxpayers without valid bank account details will be allowed to file GSTR-1 but will face additional scrutiny.
(iii) The amendment to GST Rule 10A was approved by the GST Council to combat fake and fraudulent registrations.
(a) i and ii (b) ii and iii (c) i and iii (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. a
193. Which of the following state governments announced the development of the 'Shri Krishna Gaman Path' religious circuit connecting Krishna's birthplace, and both governments will work jointly for the development of this circle while identifying the places where he (Krishna) left his footprints while travelling from Mathura to Ujjain?
(a) Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan (b) Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh
(c) Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh (d) Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand
(e) Uttarakhand and Rajasthan Ans. b
194. Which Small Finance Bank has launched the Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to offer cardholders exclusive benefits and privileges?
(a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
(c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank (d) ESAF Small Finance Bank
(e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited Ans. d
195. In August 2024, which Small Finance Bank was honoured with the titles of Best Small Finance Bank, India, Best Performance on Profitability (Runners-up), Best Performance on Asset Quality, and Best Performance on Risk Management at the 2nd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards?
(a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
(c) Jana Small Finance Bank (d) ESAF Small Finance Bank
(e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited Ans. c

196. The Reserve Bank of India will launch ULI to facilitate the seamless and consent-based flow of digital information, like PAN and Aadhaar records, previous lending history, income and credit records of individuals, as well as land records of various states, from multiple data service providers to lenders. What is the full form of ULI?
 (a) Unified Land Interface (b) Unified Loan Interface (c) Unified Leverage Interface
 (d) Unified Lock Interface (e) Unified Lending Interface Ans. e
197. Which state has become the first state to adopt Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Gujarat (d) Goa (e) Kerala Ans. a
198. In August 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired the meeting of the _____ edition of PRAGATI, the ICT-based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments.
 (a) 42nd (b) 41st (c) 44th (d) 45th (e) 50th Ans. c
199. Women and Child Development Minister, _____ has launched the She-Box portal to make workplaces safer for women.
 (a) Smriti Irani (b) Shobha Karandlaje (c) Anupriya Patel
 (d) Savitri Thakur (e) Annpurna Devi Ans. e
200. Moody's Ratings has raised its real GDP growth projections for India, forecasting a robust _____ percent growth for the fiscal year 2024, up from a previous estimate of 6.8 percent.
 (a) 7.0% (b) 7.1% (c) 7.2% (d) 7.3% (e) 7.4% Ans. c
201. Three more Indian sites have been added to the list of wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, taking the total number of such highly-recognised waterlogged ecosystems in the country to 85. Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary and the Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary in _____ and the Tawa Reservoir in _____ are the three wetlands which have got the Ramsar site tag.
 (a) Tamil Nadu; Kerala (b) Kerala; Karnataka
 (c) Karnataka; Madhya Pradesh (d) Madhya Pradesh; Tamil Nadu
 (e) Tamil Nadu; Madhya Pradesh Ans. e
202. In August 2024, which of the following has received regulatory approval from the Reserve Bank of India for the acquisition of a majority stake in NBFC Kushal Finnovation Capital?
 (a) Kisanmojo (b) Instamojo (c) Rozar Pay (d) Rosaria (e) Jai Kisan Ans. e
203. Patongtarn Shinawatra has recently become the youngest Prime Minister of which country?
 (a) Norway (b) Thailand (c) Spain (d) Iceland (e) Denmark Ans. b
204. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has increased the Ceiling Amount Payable out of Investor Protection Fund (IPF) Trust from Rs 25 lakh to _____.
 (a) 30 lakh (b) 35 lakh (c) 40 lakh (d) 50 lakh (e) 1 crore Ans. b
205. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will step down in September, ending a three-year term marred by political scandals. What is the currency of Japan?
 (a) Euro (b) Franc (c) Dollar (d) Yen (e) Rubel Ans. d
206. In August 2024, who has been appointed as India's Permanent Representative to United Nations (UN)?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Parvathaneni Harish (c) Raj Kumar Chaudhary
 (d) Harish Dudani (e) Praveena Rai Ans. b
207. In August 2024, who has been appointed as new Home Secretary?
 (a) Manoj Govil (b) Sanjay Malhotra (c) Rajiv Gauba
 (d) Pramod Kumar Mishra (e) Govind Mohan Ans. e
208. In August 2024, Acting Enforcement Directorate (ED) chief Rahul Navin has been appointed full-time director of the anti-money laundering agency for how many years?
 (a) one year (b) two years (c) three years (d) 6 months (e) 18 months Ans. b
209. President Droupadi Murmu has approved how many Gallantry awards to Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the occasion of Independence Day?
 (a) 99 (b) 103 (c) 108 (d) 105 (e) 110 Ans. b
210. Gus Atkinson has been awarded the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for July 2024? He plays cricket for which team?
 (a) Australia (b) England (c) New Zealand (d) South Africa (e) USA Ans. b

211. In August 2024, Fintech firm Navi has partnered with which bank to roll out a credit line on UPI product for customers on the platform?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Karnataka Bank (d) Yes Bank (e) Axis Bank Ans. c
212. Which state will bring five Royal Bengal Tigers from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh by September?
 (a) Odisha (b) Kerala (c) Tamil Nadu
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Telangana Ans. a
213. Renowned Indian scientist Dr Ram Narain Agarwal, a pivotal figure in the development of India's missile system, died at the age of 84. He known as the Father of _____.
 (a) Prithvi (b) Prahaar (c) Agni (d) BrahMos (e) Pralay Ans. c
214. Which airport has become the first Indian airport to achieve the status of 'Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport' (Level 5 certification) under the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) programme of Airport Council International (ACI)?
 (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi (b) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 (c) Cochin International Airport, Kochi (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
 (e) Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru Ans. a
215. The Union Government has launched the AI-based NPSS Platform that will help farmers to connect with agriculture scientists and experts on controlling pests using their phones. What is the meaning of "P" in NPSS Platform?
 (a) Proper (b) Procurement (c) Procedure (d) Pest (e) Privilege Ans. d
216. Union Minister for Jal Shakti unveiled the 'FloodWatch India' 2.0 mobile application, aimed at providing a more comprehensive and detailed overview of flood conditions across the country. What is the name of Union Minister for Jal Shakti?
 (a) Sarbananda Sonowal (b) Jitan Ram Manjhi (c) Shivraj Singh Chauhan
 (d) Manohar Lal Khattar (e) C R Paatil Ans. e
217. Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan Yojana on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Bihar (e) Punjab Ans. c
218. In August 2024, who has inaugurated the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Nitin Gadkari (c) S Jaishankar
 (d) Ajit Doval (e) Amit Shah Ans. a
219. Which bank has launched a special "Vijay Fixed Deposits" plan to commemorate India's 78th year of independence?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) SBI (c) Axis Bank
 (d) RBL Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. d
220. In August 2024, Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of how much rupees on Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) for violating its directions, including on Know Your Customer (KYC)?
 (a) 1.27 crore (b) 2.27 crore (c) 3.27 crore (d) 4.27 crore (e) 5.27 crore Ans. a
221. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)?
 (a) Rajnish Kumar (b) Arun Bansal (c) Sukumaran Nair
 (d) Tablesh Pandey (e) Siddhartha Mohanty Ans. c
222. Deutsche Bank has appointed _____ as its head of global corporate coverage for India and Sri Lanka.
 (a) Rajnish Kumar (b) Arun Bansal (c) Sukumaran Nair
 (d) Sunil Grover (e) Manik Chhabra Ans. e
223. Which state government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana' on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Kerala (c) Maharashtra
 (d) Bihar (e) Madhya Pradesh Ans. c
224. Who has won the Best Male Actor award in the feature film category of the 70th National Film Awards 2022?
 (a) Rishab Shetty (b) Manoj Bajpayee (c) Arijit Singh
 (d) Bombay Jayashri (e) Pavan Malhotra Ans. a

225. In August 2024, Indian has joined hands with country for the establishment of a new water technology center at IIT-Madras, which is expected to serve as a "key contributor" to India's efforts to achieve sustainable water supply for all?
 (a) Japan (b) Isarel (c) USA (d) Kazakhstan (e) Bhutan Ans. b
226. The Indian student team has bagged multiple prestigious medals at the 17th edition of the International Earth Sciences Olympiad (IESO). The 17th IESO was organized in which city?
 (a) Tokyo (b) New Delhi (c) New York (d) Paris (e) Beijing Ans. e
227. World Photography Day is observed annually on which day?
 (a) 17 July (b) 18 July (c) 19 July (d) 20 July (e) 21 July Ans. c
228. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a new Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) of the Coast Guard. In which city has it been inaugurated?
 (a) Kochi (b) Chennai (c) Bengaluru (d) Hyderabad (e) Kolkata Ans. b
229. Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has been rated " _____ " for the second consecutive year in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024.
 (a) A (b) A+ (c) A++ (d) B (e) B+ Ans. b
230. Who has been appointed as the chef de mission of the Indian contingent at the upcoming Paris Paralympics?
 (a) Gagan Narang (b) Abhinav Bindra (c) Satya Prakash Sangwan
 (d) Annu Raj Singh (e) Karnam Malleswari Ans. c
231. In August 2024, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) sold how much per cent stake in state-owned Hindustan Copper for Rs 447 crore through an open market transaction?
 (a) 1.09 per cent (b) 2.09 per cent (c) 3.09 per cent (d) 4.09 per cent (e) 5.09 per cent Ans. b
232. In August 2024, Consumer payments and lending company Slice received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with which small finance bank?
 (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
 (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank
 (e) North East Small Finance Bank Ans. e
233. In August 2024, which bank received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to set up a unit to undertake the asset management business of mutual funds?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Yes Bank (d) IndusInd Bank (e) Axis Bank Ans. d
234. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)?
 (a) Samir Ashwin (b) M Suresh (c) Ramesh Goyal
 (d) Raj Kumar Chauhan (e) Amit Singh Negi Ans. b
235. The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 venue has been shifted to which country from Bangladesh due to the political unrest in the country?
 (a) India (b) Sri Lanka (c) Nepal (d) UAE (e) Qatar Ans. d
236. As per the latest Food & Drink 2024 report, which Indian brand has been ranked as the "strongest food brand in the world"?
 (a) Mother Dairy (b) Amul (c) Dabur (d) Patanjali (e) Britannia Ans. d
237. Ilkay Gundogan announced his retirement from international football. He is from which country?
 (a) Germany (b) Belgium (c) France (d) Spain (e) Japan Ans. a
238. In August 2024, The Ulchi Freedom Shield Exercise was conducted between which of the following two countries?
 (a) South Korea and India (b) India and USA (c) USA and Japan
 (d) Japan and South Korea (e) South Korea and USA Ans. e
239. The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 20 August (b) 21 August (c) 22 August (d) 19 August (e) 18 August Ans. b
240. S. Padmanabhan passed away recently at the age of 89. Who was he?
 (a) Former Navy Chief General (b) Former Army Chief General
 (c) Former Air Force Chief General (d) Former Coast Guard Chief General
 (e) Former BRO Chief Ans. b

241. Former Director-General of the _____ Girish Sahni passed away at the age of 68.
 (a) Employees State Insurance Corporation (b) Union Public Service Commission
 (c) University Grants Commission (d) Institute of Banking Personnel Selection
 (e) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Ans. e
242. Which country has recently conducted the successful training launch of its surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-II?
 (a) Afghanistan (b) Bangladesh (c) Pakistan (d) Iran (e) Iraq Ans. c
243. World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 18 August (b) 19 August (c) 20 August (d) 21 August (e) 22 August Ans. b
244. India's Designated Authority for Cross-Border Trade has approved an additional 251 MW of power exports from 12 hydropower projects in which country?
 (a) Bangladesh (b) Nepal (c) Bhutan (d) Myanmar (e) Sri Lanka Ans. b
245. Which foundation has signed an MoU with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to provide improved weather information and support to climate-affected communities?
 (a) Smile Foundation (b) M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (c) Paani Foundation
 (d) Foundation for Ecological Security (e) Reliance Foundation Ans. e
246. Who has been appointed as the President of National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Jetha Ahir (c) Raj Kumar Chaudhary
 (d) Rajesh Nambiar (e) Rajesh Kumar Singh Ans. d
247. The latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India showed, Net foreign direct investment (FDI) during the April-June period of the current financial year was _____, compared to \$4.7 billion in the year-ago period.
 (a) \$6.2 billion (b) \$6.5 billion (c) \$6.7 billion (d) \$6.9 billion (e) \$5.9 billion Ans. d
248. Which payments bank has launched the AI-powered Face Match, a new security feature designed to protect customer accounts from fraudulent activities?
 (a) Airtel Payments Bank (b) India Post Payments Bank (c) FINO Payments Bank
 (d) Paytm Payments Bank (e) Jio Payments Bank Ans. a
249. In August 2024, which of the following company has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire a 60% majority stake in Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited and Invesco Trustee Private Limited?
 (a) Reliance Industries (b) Adani Group (c) HDFC Limited
 (d) IndusInd International Holdings Limited (e) Aditya Birla Group Ans. d
250. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for GRM Basmati Rice?
 (a) Sharukh Khan (b) Salman Khan (c) Amitabh Bachchan
 (d) MS Dhoni (e) Priyanka Chopra Ans. b
251. In August 2024, who has assumed the charge of Secretary of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Jetha Ahir (c) Raj Kumar Chaudhary
 (d) Amardeep Singh Bhatia (e) Rajesh Kumar Singh Ans. d
252. Consider the following points about the National Geoscience Awards 2023 recently presented by President Murmu-
- The awardees were honoured in four categories.
 - This year, a total of 12 awards to 21 Geoscientists.
 - Prof Aarti Shukla received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering work on phosphorites, isotope geology, and organic geochemistry.
 - Dr Ashutosh Pandey was awarded the National Young Geoscientist Award for his groundbreaking research on the geodynamic evolution of the Eastern Dharwar Craton.
- How many of the given point(s) is/are CORRECT?
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. b
253. In August 2024, which airport has won the title of Best Airport at the India Travel Awards?
 (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi (b) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 (c) Cochin International Airport, Kochi (d) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
 (e) Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru Ans. d

254. In August 2024, The Indian Navy signs an MoU with which among the following 'Schedule A' company under the Ministry of Defence, aiming to indigenize the design, development, manufacture, and support of critical Marine Engineering equipment and systems, in alignment with the Gol's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative?
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
 (c) Bharat Earth Movers Limited (d) Tata Advanced Systems
 (e) Bharat Electronics Limited Ans. e
255. Who is the author of the book 'Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity'?
 (a) Tarun Chugh (b) Amit Shah (c) J. P. Nadda
 (d) Manohar Lal Khattar (e) Shivraj Singh Chauhan Ans. a
256. In August 2024, India signed a loan package of USD 500 million with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve access to quality and affordable tertiary health care and medical education in which state?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Maharashtra
 (d) Manipur (e) Mizoram Ans. c
257. World Mosquito Day is observed annually on which day?
 (a) August 20 (b) August 19 (c) August 21 (d) August 22 (e) August 23 Ans. a
258. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed annually on which day?
 (a) August 20 (b) August 19 (c) August 21 (d) August 22 (e) August 23 Ans. a
259. Who has inaugurated the 19th CII India Africa Business Conclave?
 (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar (b) S Jaishankar (c) Ajit Doval
 (d) Droupadi Murmu (e) Narendra Modi Ans. a
260. In August 2024, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Posts, which is part of the Communications Ministry under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). What is the aim of this MoU?
 (a) To improve postal services (b) To promote digital transactions
 (c) To physical verification of new units being set up across the Country
 (d) To enhance training for MSMEs
 (e) To verify PMEGP units and support entrepreneurship Ans. c
261. In August 2024, which of the following introduced a new feature called 'UPI Circle' on its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform allowing primary account holders to securely delegate payment responsibilities to trusted secondary users in which UPI user acts as a primary link with their trusted secondary users on their UPI App for either partial or full delegation?
 (a) National Stock Exchange (b) Ministry of Finance
 (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (d) Reserve Bank of India
 (e) National Payments Corporation of India Ans. e
262. Which country's government has recently announced visa-free access to citizens from 35 countries, including India, the U.K. and the U.S. to the island nation for six months from Oct 31?
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) Bangladesh (c) Mauritius (d) Maldives (e) Singapore Ans. a
263. Which bank and financial services company Navi Technologies have launched the credit line on UPI, an offering by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Axis Bank (d) Karnataka Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. d
264. Consider the following points about 3 online platforms to promote efficiency and transparency of the power sector recently launched by the union Power minister and find the INCORRECT point.
 (a) Manohar Lal Khattar launched three online platforms to enhance the power sector's efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness
 (b) The portals are named PROMPT, DRIPS and JAL VIDYUT DPR.
 (c) The portals have been developed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the Union Ministry of Power.
 (d) NTPC helped the Central Electricity Authority in developing the PROMPT platform.
 (e) All are correct Ans. c
265. In August 2024, which organization partnered with the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) to scale up indigenous Zinc-ion battery technologies and develop new variants of zinc materials?
 (a) Vedanta Limited (b) Bharat Aluminum Company (c) Tata Steel Ltd
 (d) Sterlite Copper (e) Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Ans. e

266. Ola Electric's S1 X 3 kWh and S1 X 4 kWh scooters have received certification for compliance with the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the automobile and auto components sector. In which year PLI Scheme was launched?
 (a) 2019 (b) 2020 (c) 2021 (d) 2023 (e) 2024 Ans. c
267. Consider the following point about Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024 recently presented by President Draupadi Murmu-
 (i) It is the first edition of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar.
 (ii) 33 awards were presented to distinguished scientists in five categories - Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva, Vigyan Bhushan and Vigyan Team.
 (iii) The Vigyan Team Award was given to the team of Aditya L1.
 (iv) The Vigyan Ratna Award was given to Prof. Govindarajan Padmanabhan.
 How many of the given point(s) is/are INCORRECT?
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. b
268. Which country's Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology participated with its BRICS counterparts at the launch of the Industrial Capability Centre in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to support the development of industrial skills and capabilities?
 (a) Russia (b) China (c) South Africa (d) India (e) UAE Ans. e
269. Which among the following institutions has announced the establishment of India's first Constitution Museum, "The Constitution Academy and The Rights & Freedoms Museum," to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution?
 (a) Delhi University (b) IIT Delhi (c) National Law School of India University
 (d) Lovely Professional University (e) Jindal Global University Ans. e
270. In August 2024, who has assumed charge as Secretary to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)?
 (a) Jaideep Singh (b) Amardeep Singh Bhatia (c) T V Somanathan
 (d) Vikram Misri (e) Giridhar Aramane Ans. b
271. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed annually on which day?
 (a) August 20 (b) August 21 (c) August 22 (d) August 23 (e) August 24 Ans. d
272. World Senior Citizens Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) August 20 (b) August 21 (c) August 22 (d) August 23 (e) August 24 Ans. b
273. Former _____ Chief Minister Salseng C Marak passed away at the age of 82.
 (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Mizoram (c) Manipur
 (d) Meghalaya (e) Nagaland Ans. d
274. The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is organizing the next World Water Week on 25-29 August 2024. What is the theme of this water week?
 (a) Save Water, Save Life (b) Save future (c) Bridging the Gap
 (d) Save Water Save Earth (e) Bridging Borders Ans. e
275. National Sports Day is celebrated every year on which day?
 (a) 26 August (b) 27 August (c) 28 August (d) 29 August (e) 30 August Ans. d
276. In August 2024, In a significant collaboration to enhance cooperative management in the fisheries sector, ICAR-CIFE signed an MoU with which among the following institutes to explore opportunities in fishery cooperatives, education, and research?
 (a) Balaji Institute of Modern Management (b) Symbiosis Institute of Business Management
 (c) S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research
 (d) Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management
 (e) Sydenham Institute of Management Studies, Research and Entrepreneurship Education Ans. d
277. In August 2024, which organization signed an MoU with the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, RINL for the supply of hydraulic and lubricating oils & greases for a period of 5 years from 2024 to 2029?
 (a) ONGC (b) IOCL (c) NTPC (d) HPCL (e) BPCL Ans. b
278. In August 2024, which ministry approved 4 Start-Ups in the field of Technical Textiles, each receiving a grant of approximately INR 50 Lakhs under the 'Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)' scheme?
 (a) Ministry of MSMEs (b) Ministry of Textiles (c) Ministry of Commerce
 (d) Ministry of Finance (e) Ministry of Ayush Ans. b

279. In August 2024, which telecom company has partnered with Apple to bring exclusive offers for Apple Music and Apple TV+ to customers in India with premium wifi and postpaid plans?
 (a) Reliance Jio (b) Bharti Airtel (c) Vodafone Idea (d) BSNL (e) MTNL Ans. b
280. Consider the following points about the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)-
 (i) The PMJDY has observed its 10th anniversary on 28 August 2024.
 (ii) A significant boost in the bank account ownership of women in a decade, has gone up from just 26 per cent in 2011 to 78 per cent in 2021.
 (iii) The gender gap in accessing financial services was 20 per cent in 2011, and it has been reduced to 6 per cent in 2017 which was less than the Global gap of 9 per cent.
 (iv) The scheme launched in 2014, has proven to be the foundation stone in bringing over 80 per cent of Indian women under the ambit of financial inclusion.
 How many of the given point(s) is/are CORRECT?
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. d
281. Which ministry has launched the second cycle of its Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disability (SLD) under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP)?
 (a) Ministry of MSMEs (b) Ministry of Culture (c) Ministry of Ayush
 (d) Ministry of Family Welfare (e) Ministry of Education Ans. e
282. Which Tamil actor has recently launched his party Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam?
 (a) Vijay (b) Vikram (c) R Madhvan (d) Surya (e) Dhanush Ans. a
283. Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman has recently inaugurated the GST Bhawan, an Official complex of CGST, in which city?
 (a) Udhampur (b) Udaipur (c) Uri (d) Ujjain (e) Unnao Ans. b
284. Which state government has launched the Subhadra scheme under which .50,000 will be provided over five years to one crore women between the ages of 21 and 60?
 (a) Odisha (b) Kerala (c) Haryana
 (d) Madhya Pradesh (e) Uttar Pradesh Ans. a
285. _____ has developed 'Prabodh' chatbox for easier access to railway rules.
 (a) Eastern Railway (b) Western Railway (c) Southern Railway
 (d) Northern Railway (e) Central Railway Ans. a
286. Which bank has launched an Avni Saving Account for women customers?
 (a) Axis Bank (b) Bandhan Bank (c) Citi Bank (d) ICICI Bank (e) HDFC Bank Ans. b
287. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Nestle?
 (a) Paul Bulcke (b) Peter Brabeck-Letmathe (c) Rex Tillerson
 (d) Urs Rohner (e) Laurent Freixe Ans. e
288. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has presented four BHISHM Cubes to the Ukrainian government during his visit to the war-torn country where he met President Volodymyr Zelenskyy under the shadow of the raging war with Russia. What is the meaning of 'M' in "BHISHM"?
 (a) Medical (b) Madad (c) Maitri (d) Mini (e) Maple Ans. c
289. In August 2024, who among the following athletes won the Lausanne Diamond League javelin event 2024, surpassing Neeraj Chopra's impressive season-best throw of 89.49m, with a remarkable second-round throw of 90.61m?
 (a) Arshad Nadeem (b) Oliver Helander (c) Julius Yego
 (d) Julian Weber (e) Anderson Peters Ans. e
290. Consider the following pairs about the 26th CEAT Cricket Awards:
 (i) Men's International Cricketer of the Year- Virat Kohli
 (ii) Most matches as captain in women's T20I history- Harmanpreet Kaur
 (iii) ODI Batter of the Year- Rohit Sharma (iv) T20 Leadership Award- Shreyas Iyer (KKR)
 (v) Lifetime Achievement- Rahul Dravid
 (vi) Fastest double-century in women's Test- Smriti Mandhana
 How many of the pairs are CORRECTLY matched?
 (a) only two (b) only three (c) only four (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. b

291. Indian wrestler Ronak Dahiya has won the bronze medal in Men's Greco-Roman _____ kilograms event at Under-17 World Wrestling Championship in Jordan.
 (a) 50 (b) 60 (c) 80 (d) 100 (e) 110 Ans. e
292. Diana Pundole, who was in the news recently, is associated with which sport?
 (a) Racing (b) Squash (c) Kho Kho (d) Squash (e) Wushu Ans. a
293. Civil aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has slapped a fine of .90 lakh on which airline for operating a flight on July 9 from Mumbai to Riyadh with an unqualified crew?
 (a) Air India (b) Indigo (c) AirAsia (d) Vistara (e) Qatar Airways Ans. a
294. What is the theme of the first National Space Day celebrated on 23 August 2024?
 (a) Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat (b) Global Science for Global Wellbeing
 (c) Future of STI: Impacts on Education, Skills, and Work
 (d) Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future
 (e) Touching Lives while Touching the Moon Ans. e
295. Shikhar Dhawan has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Shikhar Dhawan made his debut for India in an ODI Match against Australia in Visakhapatnam in which year?
 (a) 2009 (b) 2012 (c) 2010 (d) 2015 (e) 2006 Ans. c
296. Recently, the government of India launched a portal where construction workers can register themselves to avail benefits of various schemes. The portal will function as the centralised data management system for compilation and analysis of the data obtained from BoCW welfare boards of the states. What is the name of this portal?
 (a) Samadhan Portal (b) Unified Shram Suvidha Portal
 (c) National Shram Portal of India (d) Construction Samadhan Portal
 (e) Building and other Construction Workers Ans. e
297. Recently, which scholarship scheme has the Department of Post launched to encourage Philately amongst the school children?
 (a) Bandu Nath Sparsh Yojana (b) Atal Bihari Sparsh Yojana
 (c) Shyam Prasad Sparsh Yojana (d) Mahatma Gandhi Sparsh Yojana
 (e) Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana Ans. e
298. What was the theme of the inaugural edition of the e-magazine Sapno ki Udaan?
 (a) Space (b) Science (c) Soft dream (d) Stories (e) Sapno ki Sarkar Ans. a
299. India and which country have entered into a bilateral non-binding Security of Supply Arrangements (SOSA) to ensure the mutual supply of defence goods and services and address unanticipated supply?
 (a) Ukraine (b) Russia (c) Poland (d) USA (e) Japan Ans. d
300. In August 2024, _____ has entered into an MoU with LTL Holdings of Sri Lanka, for the supply of LNG to LTL's dual-fuelled power plants in Kerawalapitiya, Colombo.
 (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (b) Indraprastha Gas (c) GAIL
 (d) Hindustan Petroleum (e) Petronet LNG Ans. e
301. In August 2024, which company has partnered with OTO Capital to enable two-wheeler loans. Additionally, the company has also partnered with Volt Money to facilitate loans against Mutual Funds to its merchant partners?
 (a) BharatPe (b) PhonePe (c) Google Pay (d) Paytm (e) BHIM Ans. a
302. India and which country have inked four agreements and resolved to enhance their cooperation in a range of key areas including defence, trade, pharmaceuticals, green energy and education?
 (a) Ukraine (b) Russia (c) Poland (d) USA (e) Japan Ans. a
303. Which company has recently developed India's first reusable hybrid rocket, RHUMI-1?
 (a) AeroIn SpaceTech Private (b) Aero2Astro (c) DREAM Aerospace
 (d) Brahmastra Aerospace (e) Space Zone India Ans. e
304. In India, Mumbai ranked 2nd and New Delhi 3rd in the Global Property Price Index have recorded an annual increase in their real estate prices at 13% and 10.6% respectively, while Bengaluru has witnessed a modest 3.7% rise. Globally, which city has topped Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index with an increase of 26%?
 (a) Tokyo (b) Berlin (c) Germany (d) Manila (e) New York Ans. d
305. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the registration of _____ -headquartered Margdarshak Financial Services Ltd over high net NPAs and defaults on repayment to lenders.
 (a) Kolkata (b) Mumbai (c) Lucknow (d) Indore (e) Bengaluru Ans. c

306. Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) has signed an agreement with which bank to provide financing for solar units to residential and corporate customers?
 (a) Axis Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) HDFC Bank (d) UCO Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. b
307. The IAF dispatched its _____ Display Team to participate in the inaugural edition of the Egypt International Airshow.
 (a) Garud Commando (b) Ghatak Platoon (c) Special Protection Group
 (d) Sayeret Matkal (e) Sarang Helicopter Ans. e
308. Who has won the Dutch Grand Prix 2024?
 (a) Sebastian Vettel (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Max Verstappen (d) Lando Norris (e) Sergio Pérez Ans. d
309. International Dog Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 23 August (b) 24 August (c) 25 August (d) 26 August (e) 27 August Ans. d
310. Consider the following points about the Unified Pension Scheme that the Union Cabinet recently approved:
 (i) 1 April 2025 is the Unified Pension Scheme proposed to be implemented by the central government.
 (ii) 10 years is the minimum duration of central government employment under the UPS to benefit from Pension.
 (iii) Rs 10,000 per month is the minimum pension guaranteed under the Unified Pension Scheme.
 (iv) Under UPS, if you work for 25 years or more, you will receive 50% of your average pay for the preceding 12 months as a pension.
 How many of the given point(s) is/are INCORRECT?
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. d
311. Where was the review meeting of the Left-Wing Extremism affected states held in August 2024?
 (a) Raipur (b) Nagpur (c) Kochi (d) Puri (e) Hyderabad Ans. a
312. Consider the following points about the Unified Vigyan Dhara scheme which the union government recently approved:
 (i) Science and Technology (S&T) Institutional and Human Capacity Building, Research and Development and Innovation, Technology Development and Deployment have been merged under the Vigyan Dhara Scheme of the Department of Science and Technology.
 (ii) Five years from 2023-24 to 2028-29 is the duration of the newly approved Vigyan Dhara Scheme.
 (iii) Rs.10,579.84 crore from 2023-24 to 2028-29 is the total outlay for the newly approved Vigyan Dhara Scheme.
 Find the INCORRECT points.
 (a) only i & ii (b) only ii & iii (c) only i & iii (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. b
313. Who has been appointed as Additional Director General (ADG) of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?
 (a) Anish Dayal Singh (b) Sujoy Lal Thakosen (c) Vineet McCarty
 (d) Umesh Mishra (e) Sanjeev Raina Ans. e
314. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the industry body NASSCOM?
 (a) Gaurav Banerjee (b) Jetha Ahir (c) Sindhu Gangadharan
 (d) Harish Dudani (e) Praveena Rai Ans. c
315. Which country has recently unveiled a new type of "suicide drone"?
 (a) Japan (b) China (c) India (d) North Korea (e) USA Ans. d
316. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Texas Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) board?
 (a) Amit kumar (b) Anuj Pandit (c) Arun Agarwal (d) Anshika Sharn (e) Ashima Goel Ans. c
317. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has lowered India's growth forecast to _____ for 2024-25?
 (a) 6.7% (b) 6.8% (c) 6.9% (d) 7.0% (e) 7.2% Ans. a
318. Samanatham Tank is to be converted into bird sanctuary. It is located in which state?
 (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Kerala
 (d) Odisha (e) Madhya Pradesh Ans. b
319. The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to create five new districts in the union territory of Ladakh. After the creation of the new districts, Ladakh will have _____ districts in total.
 (a) six (b) seven (c) eight (d) nine (e) ten Ans. b
320. 14-year-old Tanvi Patri won the women's singles title at the Asian U-15 Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2024 by defeating Vietnamese Nguyen Thi Thu Huyen in the final. She is from which state?
 (a) Kerala (b) Odisha (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Maharashtra Ans. b

321. Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited (Piramal Finance), a subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Limited, has partnered with which bank to expand their co-lending operations?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Axis Bank (c) Central Bank of India
 (d) ICICI Bank (e) HDFC Bank Ans. c
322. India won the silver medal in the Maruhaba Cup at Thulusdhoo, Maldives. Maruhaba Cup is related to which sport?
 (a) Surfing (b) Wushu (c) Swimming (d) Archery (e) Golf Ans. a
323. Consider the following points about BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) policy recently approved by the Cabinet-
 (i) The BioE3 Policy aims to establish Biomanufacturing & Bio-AI hubs and Biofoundries.
 (ii) The policy prioritizes regenerative bioeconomy models and supports the Government's 'Net Zero' carbon economy initiative.
 (iii) India on the path of accelerated 'Green Growth' by promoting a 'Square Bioeconomy'.
 Which among the following statement(s) are/is correct?
 (a) i and ii (b) ii and iii (c) iii and i (d) i and iii (e) all are correct Ans. b
324. Former _____ Prime Minister Salim al-Hoss has died at the age of 94.
 (a) Poland (b) Oman (c) Iran (d) Iraq (e) Lebanon Ans. e
325. Vasant Rao Chavan passes away recently at the age of 70. Who was he?
 (a) Politician (b) Writer (c) Actor (d) Journalist (e) Sculpture Ans. a
326. Who has inaugurated the Model Indigenous Electric Vehicle Charging Station at C-DAC Thiruvananthapuram, Technopark Campus?
 (a) Ajit Doval (b) Jitendra Singh (c) Amit Shah (d) S Krishnan (e) Nitin Gadkari Ans. d
327. The Spices Board, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has launched a new scheme to boost exports and enhance cardamom productivity. What is the name of this scheme?
 (a) SPICY (b) SPICED (c) SPICED UP (d) SPICE GROW (e) SAFE SPICES Ans. b
328. Which e-commerce company has launched its artificial intelligence (AI)-powered shopping assistant 'Rufus' in India?
 (a) Flipkart (b) Amazon India (c) Snapdeal (d) Ajio (e) Tata Neu Ans. b
329. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board?
 (a) Pallavi Singh (b) Abhinav Pandey (c) Shreya Mishra (d) Javed Khan (e) Satish Kumar Ans. e
330. Senior IPS officer B Srinivasan has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of _____.
 (a) Special Protection Group (b) Border Security Force
 (c) Central Industrial Security Force (d) Indo-Tibetan Border Police
 (e) National Security Guard Ans. e
331. In August 2024, which insurance company launched the 'Sampoorna Raksha Promise' term insurance product, featuring an instant .3 lakh payout on death claim intimation, and offers coverage up to the age of 100 with options like Life Promise and Life Promise Plus?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Tata AIA Life Insurance
 (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India
 (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. b
332. The 24th International Mother Teresa Awards Ceremony, commemorating the 114th birth anniversary of Mother Teresa, was held outside India for only the second time, this prestigious event, organized by the All-India Minority and Weaker Sections Council, Which among the following city hosted this event?
 (a) Paris (b) New York (c) Singapore (d) Dubai (e) Berlin Ans. d
333. In August 2024, which bank has entered into a co-lending partnership with Newtap Finance Private Limited to provide personalised financing solutions for creditworthy individuals on payments platform CRED?
 (a) Axis Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) HDFC Bank
 (d) Yes Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. d
334. Which state government has launched "Mukhya Mantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana"?
 (a) Uttarakhand (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Arunachal Pradesh Ans. c

335. Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of Shriram Capital Pvt Ltd, the holding company of the Shriram Group?
 (a) Amit Singh (b) Devendra Kumar (c) Parul Goel
 (d) Anshika Verma (e) Subhasri Ans. e
336. Fatemeh Mohajerani has been appointed as the first female government spokesperson of which country?
 (a) Iraq (b) Afghanistan (c) UAE (d) Iran (e) Qatar Ans. d
337. Joseph Francis A. Pereira, a Christian from Pakistan, has become the first person in which state to receive Indian citizenship under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)?
 (a) Goa (b) Gujarat (c) Maharashtra (d) Bihar (e) Uttarakhand Ans. a
338. _____ healthcare firm Siemens Healthineers AG received the Indian drug regulator's approval to manufacture mpox detection kits in the country, a significant step to help screen and prevent the spread of the viral infection.
 (a) USA (b) German (c) France (d) Russia (e) Australia Ans. b

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