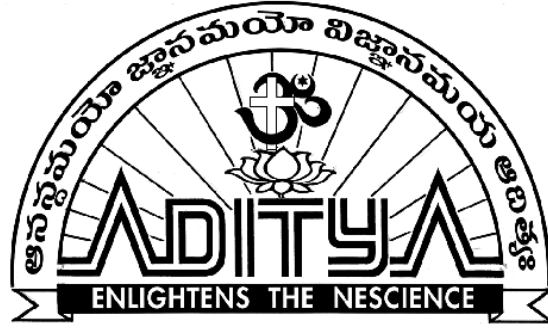


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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects of Rs. 11,200 crore in which state via video conference recently?
(a) Rajasthan (b) Haryana (c) Maharashtra (d) Assam (e) Gujarat Ans. c
- Which insurance has partnered with Bandhan Bank to distribute life insurance products through the bank's expansive network of 1,700 branches?
(a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance (c) Bandhan Life Insurance
(d) Go Digit General Insurance (e) Universal Sampo General Insurance Ans. c
- Who has been chosen for the 54th Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award?
(a) Amitabh Bachchan (b) Mithun Chakraborty (c) Asha Parekh
(d) Dharmendra (e) Anupam Kher Ans. b
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently dedicated three PARAM Rudra supercomputers and two high-performance computing systems to the nation. The three supercomputers have been deployed in which cities to support cutting-edge scientific research?
(a) Pune, Delhi and Mumbai (b) Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai
(c) Chennai, Delhi and Bengaluru (d) Pune, Delhi and Hyderabad
(e) Pune, Delhi and Kolkata Ans. e
- Who inaugurated the 21st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Zone III Conference?
(a) Om Birla (b) Narendra Modi (c) Amit Shah
(d) Draupadi Murmu (e) Jagdeep Dhankar Ans. a
- Where was the 2nd India Sugar & Bio-Energy Conference held?
(a) New Delhi (b) Chandigarh (c) Gurugram (d) Guwahati (e) Aizawl Ans. a
- Who inaugurated the 8th Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav in Secunderabad?
(a) Om Birla (b) Narendra Modi (c) Amit Shah
(d) Draupadi Murmu (e) Jagdeep Dhankar Ans. d
- Where was the 9th World Junior Wushu Championships held?
(a) China (b) Brunei (c) Japan (d) Maldives (e) India Ans. b
- Who inaugurated the Bidkin Industrial Area in Maharashtra?
(a) Nitin Gadkari (b) Narendra Modi (c) Amit Shah
(d) Draupadi Murmu (e) Jagdeep Dhankar Ans. b
- Where will the National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality be set up?
(a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Chennai (d) Hyderabad (e) Noida Ans. b
- On which date is the International Day of Older Persons observed in the world?
(a) 1 October (b) 2 October (c) 3 October (d) 4 October (e) 5 October Ans. a
- The two-time Oscar-winning actor best known for playing the stern Professor McGonagall in the "Harry Potter" movie franchise, Maggie Smith, passed away recently at the age of 89. How many times she was honoured with Emmy Awards?
(a) one time (b) two times (c) three times (d) four times (e) five times Ans. d
- At which place was the closing ceremony of the 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah held?
(a) Ranchi (b) Gandhinagar (c) Jhunjhunu (d) Indore (e) Surat Ans. a
- CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) celebrated the _____ Foundation Day of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) at the National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.
(a) 75th (b) 78th (c) 80th (d) 83rd (e) 90th Ans. d

15. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 programme on the occasion of _____ Gandhi Jayanti in New Delhi.
(a) 152nd (b) 150th (c) 155th (d) 160th (e) 156th Ans. c
16. The Central Government has given additional charge of CMD of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) to _____.
(a) Ajit Kumar Saxena (b) Tarun Goel (c) Tapan Sakia
(d) Anjum Singh (e) Abhinav Pandey Ans. a
17. Who has become the first woman officer to take over as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)?
(a) Anshika Singh (b) Bhawana Kanth (c) Surbhi (d) Pushpa Kumari (e) Arti Sarin Ans. e
18. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has celebrated its Eighth Annual Day on 1st October 2024. Who is the chairperson of IBBI?
(a) Shashank Bhide (b) V Janki Raman (c) Ashima Goel
(d) TV Somnathan (e) Ravi Mittal Ans. e
19. Indian batsman Virat Kohli became only the _____ player in history to complete 27,000 runs in international cricket across formats, a feat that he achieved on the fourth day of the ongoing second Test against Bangladesh here.
(a) second (b) third (c) fourth (d) fifth (e) sixth Ans. c
20. Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved a new asset class, allowing high-net-worth investors to invest in riskier regulated products. SEBI set a minimum investment requirement for this new product, targeting those with larger financial capacity. What is the minimum investment amount required for this new asset class approved by SEBI?
(a) 5 lakh (b) 10 lakh (c) 15 lakh (d) 20 lakh (e) 25 lakh Ans. b
21. Consider the following points about the Cruise Bharat Mission that the Indian government recently launched-
(i) Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Cruise Bharat Mission at Mumbai port on the cruise ship 'Empress'.
(ii) The goal is to triple cruise passenger traffic by 2029.
(iii) The Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is the nodal ministry for implementing the Cruise Bharat Mission.
(iv) The Cruise Bharat Mission will be implemented from 1 October 2024 up to 31 March 2029 in five phases.
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. a
22. The Government of India has appointed 3 people to the Monetary Policy Committee in October 2024. Who among the following has not been selected to the Monetary Policy Committee?
(i) Ram Singh (ii) Tapan Ray (iii) Saugata Bhattacharya
(iv) Raghu Ram Rajan (v) Nagesh Kumar
(a) i & ii (b) ii & iii (c) iii & iv (d) iv & v (e) ii & iv Ans. e
23. India won the 2024 SAFF Men's U17 Championship by defeating which team in the final?
(a) Bhutan (b) Sri Lanka (c) Pakistan (d) Nepal (e) Bangladesh Ans. e
24. International Coffee Day is celebrated every year on which day?
(a) 1 October (b) 2 October (c) 3 October (d) 4 October (e) 5 October Ans. a
25. How much lakh crore rupees were GST collected in September 2024?
(a) Rs.1.53 lakh crore (b) Rs.1.63 lakh crore (c) Rs.1.73 lakh crore
(d) Rs.1.83 lakh crore (e) Rs.1.93 lakh crore Ans. c
26. The birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Sastri is celebrated every year on 2 October. Lal Bahadur Shastri was the India's - _____ Prime Minister. In 2024, India celebrates the _____ birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri.
(a) third; 124th (b) fourth; 120th (c) fifth; 118th (d) third; 120th (e) second; 120th Ans. d
27. Claudia Sheinbaum has recently taken oath as the first female President of which country?
(a) Mexico (b) Spain (c) Finland (d) Norway (e) Belgium Ans. a

28. Political strategist-cum-activist Prashant Kishor has launched his political outfit Jan Suraaj Party. As a political party, Jan Suraaj would contest in all 243 seats in the Assembly elections in Bihar, which is due next year in October-November. Who is the president of Jan Suraaj Party?
 (a) Prashant Kishore (b) Manoj Bharti (c) Yogendra Yadav
 (d) Manish Kashyap (e) Rabadi Devi Ans. b
29. National carrier Air India said that flights operated by Vistara will start using the flight code _____ after the merger of the two airlines next month.
 (a) AI2 (b) AI4 (c) VI2 (d) AV2 (e) VA2 Ans. a
30. The 2024 edition of the annual apex-level international conference of the Indian Navy, the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD), will be held in which city?
 (a) Chennai (b) Gandhinagar (c) Gurugram (d) New Delhi (e) Noida Ans. d
31. Which state has become the first state in India to establish a chapter of NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), an initiative aimed at promoting and supporting women entrepreneurs across various sectors?
 (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Telangana (c) Kerala (d) Odisha (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. b
32. Which of the following countries will host the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup in 2025?
 (a) India (b) Japan (c) USA (d) China (e) Vietnam Ans. a
33. In October 2024, which bank partnered with MakeMyTrip to unveil a co-branded credit card tailored specifically for travel enthusiasts, that offers a range of features such as infinite reward points that never expire, myCash (MakeMyTrip's reward currency) for various purchases, and a dual offering of cards powered by Mastercard and RuPay?
 (a) Axis Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) HDFC Bank
 (d) Yes Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. b
34. In October 2024, which general insurance company launched OneProtect, a personal accident insurance product that features over 20 customizable add-ons to cater to adventurous activities?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 (c) Magma HDI General Insurance (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India
 (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. c
35. Federal Bank has joined hands with Bhashini, an AI-powered language translation platform, to provide vernacular language support to Federal Bank's AI Virtual Assistant, named _____, this chatbot can now assist users in 14 different Indian languages, greatly expanding its reach and accessibility to a broader customer base across India.
 (a) Fed Mobile (b) Feddy (c) Fed Alexa (d) Feddy One (e) Feddy AI Ans. b
36. Which edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup begins in Sharjah, UAE recently?
 (a) 8th (b) 9th (c) 5th (d) 10th (e) 11th Ans. b
37. In tennis, Carlos Alcaraz beat defending champion and world No. 1 Jannik Sinner, winning 6-7 6-4 7-6 to claim his first China Open title. Carlos Alcaraz is from which country?
 (a) Spain (b) Serbia (c) China (d) Belgium (e) France Ans. a
38. India has become an affiliate member of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF), which will open doors to invaluable opportunities for reliance and collaboration with regulatory authorities worldwide. In which year IMDRF was established?
 (a) 2010 (b) 2011 (c) 2015 (d) 2018 (e) 2008 Ans. b
39. Decorated all-rounder Dwayne Bravo has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He is from which country?
 (a) Netherland (b) England (c) West Indies (d) Sri Lanka (e) New Zealand Ans. c
40. In October 2024, A proposed acquisition of Bharat Serums and Vaccines by Mankind Pharma for _____ was approved by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
 (a) 13,230 crore (b) 13,530 crore (c) 13,430 crore (d) 13,830 crore (e) 13,630 crore Ans. e
41. In October 2024, Markets regulator SEBI has imposed a penalty of how much rupees on NSE Data And Analytics Ltd for its failure to segregate IT infrastructures and manpower between itself and its parent firm National Stock Exchange (NSE)?
 (a) 5 crore (b) 5 lakh (c) 12 Crore (d) 12 lakh (e) 10 crore Ans. d

42. Where was the 12th International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife, known as CMS Vatavaran, held?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Chennai (c) Bengaluru (d) Hyderabad (e) Mumbai Ans. a
43. How many Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were signed during Jamaica's Prime Minister's visit to India in October 2024?
 (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 5 (d) 4 (e) 6 Ans. d
44. Which ministry of the GoI is the nodal ministry for the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan of the government of India that was recently inaugurated by PM Modi?
 (a) Ministry of Culture (b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 (c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment
 (e) Ministry of Tribal Affairs Ans. e
45. Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and which country's Aerospace Industries (IAI), have established a joint venture company (JVC), which has been incorporated in the name of BEL IAI AeroSystems Private Ltd?
 (a) Russia (b) Israel (c) USA (d) France (e) Japan Ans. b
46. Which company has signed an MoU with the Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) and the Mumbai Port Sustainability Foundation (MPSF) to create a state-of-the-art green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai Port?
 (a) Hindustan Petroleum (b) Indian Oil Corporation
 (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (d) Steel Authority of India Limited
 (e) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Ans. e
47. Indian Air Force has signed an MoU with which IIT to collaborate on advancing innovative technologies for aviation textiles focusing on parachutes and other safety equipment.
 (a) IIT Kanpur (b) IIT Delhi (c) IIT Madras (d) IISc Bengaluru (e) IIT Roorkee Ans. a
48. Which company has signed an agreement with US-based defence companies AM General and Mandus Group. The collaboration focuses on the development and production of advanced artillery gun platforms designed to meet the evolving needs of modern armies?
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
 (c) Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited (d) Tata Advanced Systems
 (e) Bharat Forge Ans. e
49. Consider the following points about the National Mission on Edible Oils and Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds) that was recently approved by the union government-
- (i) The duration of the scheme is seven years from 2024-25 to 2030-31.
 (ii) The total outlay for the scheme is Rs 10,103 crore.
 (iii) The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare will implement the NMEO-Oilseeds.
 (iv) The mission aims to increase primary oilseed production from 39 million metric tonnes in 2024-25 to 69.7 million metric tonnes by 2030 –31.
- 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. c
50. The Union Cabinet has decided to merge all Central schemes in the agriculture sector into two new schemes, Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) and Krishonnati Yojana (KY). In which year was the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana launched?
 (a) 2005-06 (b) 2006-07 (c) 2007-08 (d) 2008-09 (e) 2009-10 Ans. c
51. Which Indian languages have the central government accorded classical language status in October 2024?
 (a) Hindi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese (b) Marathi, Gujarati, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese
 (c) Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Oriya and Assamese (d) Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Sindhi
 (e) Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese Ans. e
52. Animal Welfare Day is observed annually on October 4. What is the theme of Animal Welfare Day 2024?
 (a) Great or Small, Love Them All (b) A Shared Planet
 (c) Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
 (d) Men and Animal (e) The World Is Their Home Too Ans. e

53. World Space Week is an annual event celebrated from _____ to _____, highlighting the benefits of space exploration and promoting international cooperation in space activities.
 (a) 4 October to 10 October (b) 3 October to 9 October
 (c) 5 October to 11 October (d) 6 October to 12 October
 (e) 7 October to 13 October Ans. a
54. Which state will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Hornbill Festival 2024 from 1 December to 10 December, in a vibrant cultural showcase attracting global visitors?
 (a) Tripura (b) Nagaland (c) Assam
 (d) Meghalaya (e) Arunachal Pradesh Ans. b
55. In October 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated GAIL's first CBG plant in which district of Jharkhand?
 (a) Bokaro (b) Deoghar (c) Dhanbad (d) Ranchi (e) Hazaribagh Ans. d
56. The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) and which payment bank have joined forces to introduce co-branded National Common Mobility Cards (NCMC), aimed at streamlining travel for commuters?
 (a) Airtel Payments Bank (b) India Post Payments Bank (c) FINO Payments Bank
 (d) Paytm Payments Bank (e) Jio Payments Bank Ans. a
57. Dr. Jitendra Singh disclosed that the 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held in IIT Guwahati, marking a significant milestone in the region's journey towards becoming a hub for scientific and technological innovation. What is the theme of this Festival?
 (a) Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal
 (b) Marching towards Amrit Kaal with Science, Technology, and Innovation
 (c) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
 (d) RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation
 (e) Transforming India into an S&T driven Global Manufacturing Hub Ans. e
58. Jio Financial Services' joint venture with BlackRock to enter the mutual fund (MF) space in India has received the nod from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Where is the headquarters of BlackRock?
 (a) Paris (b) Berlin (c) Switzerland (d) New York (e) Singapore Ans. d
59. Aviral Jain has been appointed as the Executive Director of which of the following organizations in October 2024?
 (a) SEBI (b) SIDBI (c) RBI (d) NABARD (e) LIC Ans. c
60. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated DefConnect 4.0 in which city?
 (a) Noida (b) Mumbai (c) Delhi (d) Hyderabad (e) Jaipur Ans. c
61. Which Indian city will host the Malabar International Naval Exercise 2024 from October 8 to 18, aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation, enhancing interoperability among participating countries, and addressing shared maritime security challenges in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific regions?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Visakhapatnam (c) Chennai (d) Jodhpur (e) Umroi Ans. b
62. Prakash Man Singh Raut has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of which country in October 2024?
 (a) Bangladesh (b) Sri Lanka (c) Afghanistan (d) Nepal (e) Bhutan Ans. d
63. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the logo and mascot for the Women's Asian Champions Trophy-2024, which will be held in Rajgir from November 11-20. What is the name of this mascot?
 (a) Phryges (b) Blaze and Tonk (c) Lyla (d) La'eeb (e) Gudiya Ans. e
64. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted three flight tests of the 4th Generation technically-advanced miniaturised VSHORADS at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan. What is the meaning of 'R' in 'VSHORADS'?
 (a) Radar (b) Range (c) Reimage (d) Research (e) Regenerate Ans. b
65. Which company has signed an MoU with the leading global resources company, BHP to support steelmaking decarbonization in October 2024?
 a) Hindustan Petroleum (b) Indian Oil Corporation
 (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (d) Steel Authority of India Limited
 (e) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Ans. d
66. Who was the captain of the Mumbai team that won the 2024-25 season Irani Cup?
 (a) Sarfraz Khan (b) Ajinkye Rahane (c) Ruturaj Gaikwad (d) Murali Vijay (e) Shivam Dube Ans. b

67. Which of the following countries recently signed a trilateral agreement to facilitate cross-border electricity trade, allowing one of them to export its surplus electricity to another at a fixed rate of 6.4 cents per unit?
 (a) Nepal, India and Bhutan (b) Nepal, India and Sri Lanka
 (c) Bhutan, India and Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh
 (e) Nepal, India and Bangladesh Ans. e
68. World Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on October 5. What is the theme of World Teachers Day 2024?
 (a) The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage
 (b) Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future
 (c) The transformation of education begins with teachers
 (d) Teachers at the heart of education recovery
 (e) Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education Ans. e
69. World Cerebral Palsy Day is celebrated every year on which day?
 (a) 5 October (b) 6 October (c) 7 October (d) 8 October (e) 9 October Ans. b
70. World Smile Day is celebrated every year on first _____ of October?
 (a) Wednesday (b) Thursday (c) Friday (d) Saturday (e) Sunday Ans. c
71. World Cotton Day is celebrated every year on which day?
 (a) 5 October (b) 6 October (c) 7 October (d) 8 October (e) 9 October Ans. c
72. Indian Air Force Day (IAF) is observed every year on 8 October. This year marks the _____ anniversary of the IAF.
 (a) 90th (b) 91st (c) 92nd (d) 93rd (e) 94th Ans. c
73. How much loan has been sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank to the Himachal Pradesh Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in October 2024?
 (a) \$120 million (b) \$152 million (c) \$162 million (d) \$180 million (e) \$250 million Ans. c
74. In October 2024, which financial institution launched a new product called 'Uday', offering Small Ticket Loans Against Property (STLAP)?
 (a) Muthoot Finance (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited
 (c) Shriram Transport Finance Corporation Ltd. (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
 (e) Arka Fincap Limited Ans. e
75. Which Insurance company has unveiled a new deferred annuity plan, the Nishchit Pension, which is designed to provide a guaranteed lifelong income, allowing customers to streamline their retirement income and protect against any decline in long-term interest rates?
 (a) Reliance Nippon Life Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (d) Go Digit General Insurance
 (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. a
76. Which state government has launched the Sankalp initiative to tackle drug trafficking and support the rehabilitation of drug addicts in the state?
 (a) Gujrat (b) Punjab (c) Haryana
 (d) Uttarakhand (e) Himachal Pradesh Ans. e
77. In October 2024, India has agreed to provide a currency swap facility of how much to Maldives ?
 (a) \$100 million (b) \$200 million (c) \$300 million (d) \$400 million (e) \$500 million Ans. d
78. Dipa Karmakar, who announced her retirement, belongs to which sport?
 (a) Cycling (b) Swimming (c) Gymnastic (d) Squash (e) Golf Ans. c
79. Japan's parliament formally elected Shigeru Ishiba, head of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, as the country's new prime minister. Shigeru Ishiba as the _____ Prime Minister of Japan.
 (a) 100th (b) 101st (c) 102nd (d) 103rd (e) 104th Ans. c
80. Who has been appointed as the new head of BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit?
 (a) Arti Sarin (b) Ajit Kumar Saxena (c) Alok Ranjan
 (d) Amit Garg (e) Sharad Kumar Ans. e

81. Who was elected as the Chairperson of the 77th session of the WHO's Regional Committee for Southeast Asia?
 (a) Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (b) T Raja (c) S Jaishankar
 (d) Ruchika Kamboj (e) JP Nadda Ans. e
82. The Union Health Minister J P Nadda announced that, all TB patients will now receive nutritional support of _____ to _____ under Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY) which aims to enhance support for patients and their household contacts, especially those with a BMI less than 18.5, through the introduction of Energy Dense Nutritional Supplementation (EDNS).
 (a) Rs 1000; Rs 2000 (b) Rs 2000; Rs 4000 (c) Rs 3000; Rs 6000
 (d) Rs 4000; Rs 8000 (e) Rs 5000; Rs 10000 Ans. c
83. India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank has approved 100% stake sale of subsidiary HDFC Education to Vama Sundari Investments in an all-cash deal amounting to how much crore. As per the agreement, the bank will sell 91% of its stake by October 31, 2024, and the remaining 9% before June 30, 2025, after which HDFC Edu will cease to be a subsidiary of the bank?
 (a) Rs 150 cr (b) Rs 100 cr (c) Rs 182 cr (d) Rs 192 cr (e) Rs 212 cr Ans. d
84. In October 2024, who among the following RBI Deputy Governor's tenure has been extended by one year?
 (a) Michael D Patra (b) M Rajeshwar Rao (c) Tavarna Rabi Sankar
 (d) J Swaminathan (e) Both b and d Ans. b
85. World Habitat Day is celebrated every year on the first Monday of October. This year it was celebrated on 7 October. What is the theme of World Habitat Day?
 (a) Mind the Gap: Leave No One and Place Behind
 (b) Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world (c) Housing for All: A better Urban Future
 (d) Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth
 (e) Engaging youth to build a better urban future Ans. e
86. United States-based Scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun have won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for which discovery?
 (a) For the nucleoside base modification of messenger Ribonucleic Acid (mRNA) Vaccine
 (b) For their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch
 (c) For the discovery of Hepatitis C virus
 (d) For the discovery of microRNA and its role in gene regulation
 (e) For the discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution. Ans. d
87. World Post Day is celebrated annually on which day?
 (a) 7 October (b) 8 October (c) 9 October (d) 10 October (e) 11 October Ans. c
88. The Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory was inaugurated by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary DAE & Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, at _____.
 (a) Hanle, Ladakh (b) Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir (c) Sri Nagar, Jammu and Kashmir
 (d) Leh, Ladakh (e) Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir Ans. a
89. Who has launched the 'Humsafar Policy' in New Delhi to enhance convenience of travelling on National Highways and accelerate development of the Wayside Amenities?
 (a) Amit Shah (b) Nitin Gadkari (c) Atishi (d) VK Saxena (e) both c and d Ans. b
90. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd delivered survey vessel named _____ to the Indian Navy, that is the second in a series of four such vessels being constructed by GRSE, with the first delivered to the Navy 10 months ago in December 2023.
 (a) INS Dharti (b) INS Sukanya (c) INS Sindhu (d) INS Disha (e) INS Nirdeshak Ans. e
91. John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton have been awarded the Physics Nobel Prize 2024 for which achievement?
 (a) for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter
 (b) for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science
 (c) for the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming
 (d) for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks
 (e) for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity Ans. d

92. Bank of Baroda (BoB) has proposed to sell its operations to Bank Dhofar as part of rationalising a foreign operation. The bank has accorded approval for accepting the offer to acquire the banking business of operations by Bank Dhofar on a going concern basis. Bank Dhofar belongs to which of the following countries?
 (a) UAE (b) Iran (c) Qatar (d) Oman (e) Bangladesh Ans. d
93. The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has partnered with which bank to provide a \$500 million loan to help develop a blue finance market and scale up financing of green projects in India?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) HDFC Bank (d) Yes Bank (e) Canara Bank Ans. b
94. Who has been elected as the president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for the year 2024-25?
 (a) Sharad Kumar (b) KK Mishra (c) Ajit Kumar Saxena
 (d) Prasanth Kumar (e) Alok Ranjan Ans. d
95. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chief of Air Staff?
 (a) Arti Saren (b) Amar Preet Singh (c) Amit Mohan Prasad
 (d) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti (e) SP Dharkar Ans. e
96. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company for a five-year term?
 (a) Aviral Jain (b) Ram Singh (c) Ravindra Kumar Kunda
 (d) Praveen Gupta (e) Nagesh Kumar Ans. c
97. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has granted approval for transactions including the acquisition of _____ of the total paid-up share capital of JM Financial Credit Solutions Limited (JMFCSL) by JM Financial Limited (JMFL).
 (a) 22.99% (b) 32.99% (c) 42.99% (d) 52.99% (e) 62.99% Ans. c
98. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth more than Rs 7600 crore in which state through video conference in October 2024?
 (a) Haryana (b) Punjab (c) Maharashtra (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Gujrat Ans. c
99. Where is the National Maritime Museum Complex being set up?
 (a) Lothal, Gujarat (b) Indore, Madhya Pradesh (c) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Surat, Gujarat (e) Mumbai, Maharashtra Ans. a
100. The Reserve Bank of India decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent for the _____ time in a row in October 2024.
 (a) Ninth (b) Tenth (c) Eleventh (d) Twelfth (e) Eighth Ans. b
101. Renowned industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata passed away recently at the age of 86. In which year he was awarded India's second highest civilian honour?
 (a) 2010 (b) 2008 (c) 2006 (d) 2014 (e) 2000 Ans. b
102. World Mental Health Day is observed every year on October 10. What is the theme of World Mental Health Day 2024?
 (a) Mental health is a universal human right
 (b) Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority (c) Mental Health in an unequal world
 (d) Move for mental health: Increased investment in mental health
 (e) Mental Health At Work Ans. e
103. How many seats have been won by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the 2024 Haryana legislative election?
 (a) 37 (b) 48 (c) 51 (d) 40 (e) 54 Ans. b
104. In October 2024, the central government released tax devolution of over Rs. 1,78,173 to the state governments as against the normal monthly devolution of Rs.89,086.50 crore. Which state has received the largest chunk of tax devolution of 31,962 crore rupees?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra (c) Bihar
 (d) Madhya Pradesh (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. a
105. In October 2024, the government announced the establishment of _____ new ESIC Medical Colleges at various locations in the country.
 (a) 5 (b) 8 (c) 10 (d) 15 (e) 20 Ans. c
106. Diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to which country?
 (a) USA (b) Russia (c) France (d) Japan (e) Australia Ans. c

107. Who has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) of Nestlé India, effective August 1, 2025?
 (a) Prashanth Kumar (b) Sharad Kumar (c) Arti Sarin
 (d) Manish Tiwary (e) Alok Ranjan Ans. d
108. Kais Saied has been re-elected as the president of Tunisia for the second time. What is the term of the President of Tunisia?
 (a) 3 years (b) 4 years (c) 5 years (d) 6 years (e) 8 years Ans. c
109. After the success of Chandrayaan-3 in August 2023, India's National Space Commission (NSC) has approved a new lunar mission, called the Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (Lupex). This mission is a partnership between India's space agency ISRO and _____ and it will focus on exploring the Moon's resources, especially water at the lunar south pole.
 (a) Japan's space agency JAXA (b) Russia's space agency Roscomos (c) USA's space agency NASA
 (d) France's space agency CNES (e) SpaceX Ans. a
110. The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the continuation of the universal supply of Fortified Rice under all schemes of the Government including Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) upto _____.
 (a) March 2026 (b) December 2026 (c) April 2027 (d) December 2028 (e) April 2029 Ans. d
111. The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) has announced the integration of the which of the following app with DigiLocker- India's Digital Wallet, that aims to provide citizens with seamless access to a wide range of ambitiousbaba.com Online Test Series government services bringing greater convenience and allowing users to manage multiple services through a single platform in October 2024?
 (a) UMANG (b) mAadhaar (c) MyGov.in (d) cVIGIL (e) ePathshala Ans. a
112. David Baker was awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for which of his achievements?
 (a) For protein structure prediction (b) For the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots
 (c) For the development of click chemistry (d) For computational protein design
 (e) For the development of asymmetric organocatalysis Ans. d
113. Which IIT has introduced a new device for the early detection of breast cancer, specifically designed to help women in rural and remote areas?
 (a) IIT Guwahati (b) IIT Delhi (c) IIT Indore
 (d) IIT Bhubaneswar (e) IIT Roorkee Ans. c
114. The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated annually on October 11. What is the theme of International Day of the Girl Child 2024?
 (a) Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being (b) Girls' Vision for the Future
 (c) Our time is now—our rights, our future (d) Digital generation, Our generation
 (e) My Voice, Our Equal Future Ans. b
115. Rafael Nadal, one of the greatest men's tennis players in the open era, has announced his retirement from professional tennis. He is from which country?
 (a) Serbia (b) France (c) Spain (d) Belgium (e) Netherlands Ans. c
116. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular radio program Mann Ki Baat has completed how many years on 3 October 2024?
 (a) 5 years (b) 6 years (c) 7 years (d) 8 years (e) 10 years Ans. e
117. India has officially launched its 'Study in India' campaign at the 20th International Education Show in which city, marking a significant push to attract international students to its universities?
 (a) Dubai (b) Tokyo (c) New York (d) Sharjah (e) Kathmandu Ans. d
118. The World Bank upped India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year, ending in March 2025, to how much per cent year-on-year, up from April's estimate of 6.6%?
 (a) 7.0% (b) 7.1% (c) 7.2% (d) 7.3% (e) 7.4% Ans. a
119. Instant payment system Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transaction volumes recorded a _____ percent year-on-year surge to 78.97 billion in the first six months of 2024, according to a report.
 (a) 45% (b) 50% (c) 55% (d) 52% (e) 65% Ans. d
120. The Royal Swedish Academy of Science has selected novelist Han Kang for the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life. She is from which country?
 (a) China (b) South Korea (c) North Korea (d) Myanmar (e) Taiwan Ans. b

121. The Central Government has approved to develop Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve. It is located in which state?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Bihar
 (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Rajasthan Ans. c
122. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved appointment of Partha Pratim Sengupta as MD & CEO of which bank for a period of three years?
 (a) ICICI Bank (b) HDFC Bank (c) Bandhan Bank
 (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank (e) Yes Bank Ans. c
123. Which state will host the 38th National Games from 28 January to 14 February 2025?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Goa (c) Madhya Pradesh
 (d) Uttarakhand (e) Himachal Pradesh Ans. d
124. Where was the 27th Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024 held ?
 (a) Kazakhstan (b) Uzbekistan (c) Kyrgyzstan (d) Tajikistan (e) Uzbekistan Ans. a
125. The Indian Navy has signed an MoU with which insurance company to offer life insurance options, including term insurance, tailored specifically for Naval Civilians, thereby providing essential financial security for their families?
 (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. a
126. Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has notified Scheme Guidelines for implementation of 'Innovative Projects' under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana in October 2024. Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT regarding this?
 (i) Under the scheme component 'Innovative Projects', Rs.500 crores has been earmarked to encourage advancements in rooftop solar technologies, business models, and integration techniques.
 (ii) The scheme has an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore and is to be implemented till FY 2027-28.
 (iii) The Government of India has approved the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana on August 2023, to increase the share of solar rooftop capacity and empower residential households to generate their own electricity.
 (a) only i (b) only ii (c) only i & ii (d) only ii & iii (e) all are correct Ans. a
127. In October 2024, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually dedicated to the nation how many project infrastructure projects of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at Rs 2,236 crore?
 (a) 40 (b) 50 (c) 75 (d) 100 (e) 25 Ans. c
128. In October 2024, The Union Government released the first installment of the 15th Finance Commission grants for the Financial Year 2024–25 to the Rural Local Bodies (ULBs) for which of the following states?
 (a) Punjab and Rajasthan (b) Haryana and Rajasthan
 (c) Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat (d) Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan
 (e) Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Ans. d
129. The Government data showed Net direct tax collection grew _____ to about Rs 11.25 trillion as of October 10 this fiscal, the mop-up includes personal income tax collection of Rs 5.98 trillion and corporate tax collection of Rs 4.94 lakh crore.
 (a) 11.3% (b) 15.3% (c) 18.3% (d) 22.3% (e) 25.3% Ans. c
130. To whom has the government given the additional charge of CEO of the public procurement portal Government e-Marketplace (GeM)?
 (a) Manish Tiwary (b) Arti Sarin (c) Ajit Kumar Saxena
 (d) L Satya Srinivas (e) Sharad Kumar Ans. d
131. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has reduced its growth forecast for the volume of global merchandise trade in 2025 to how much per cent from 3.3 per cent?
 (a) 3.2% (b) 3.1% (c) 3.0% (d) 2.8% (e) 2.9% Ans. c
132. The Nobel Peace Prize 2024 was awarded to the Nihon Hidankyo Organization" for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again". This organization is located in which country?
 (a) South Korea (b) Japan (c) USA (d) India (e) Taiwan Ans. b

133. The first phase of the Second Army Commanders' Conference for the year 2024 has been organised in a hybrid mode in which city?
 (a) Shillong (b) Gangtok (c) Guwahati (d) Shimla (e) Dehradun Ans. b
134. The Telangana state government has launched a new effort to study the sub-classification of Scheduled Castes (SCs) for reservation benefits. This is being done to ensure that the different groups within SCs get a fair share of the benefits offered by the government. _____ has been given the task of leading this investigation.
 (a) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde (b) Justice Shameem Akhtar (c) Justice Uday Lalit
 (d) Justice N. V. Ramana (e) Justice Ranjan Gogoi Ans. b
135. The 19th East Asia Summit (EAS) was held in which country?
 (a) Laos (b) Vietnam (c) Indonesia (d) Singapore (e) Malaysia Ans. a
136. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Tata Trusts?
 (a) Neville Tata (b) Leah Tata (c) Cyrus Mistry
 (d) Vikram Kirloskar (e) Noel Tata Ans. e
137. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday of May and October. This year, the dates are May 11 and October 12, 2024. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2024?
 (a) Water: Sustaining Bird Life (b) Dim the Lights for Birds at Night (c) Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird
 (d) Birds Connect Our World (e) Protect Insects, Protect Birds Ans. e
138. Which Indian Naval Ship arrived at Port Mina Rashid, Dubai, UAE, as part of its Long Range Training Deployment that aims to enhance maritime security, interoperability, and foster goodwill between India & UAE?
 (a) INS Shardul (b) INS Sahyadri (c) INS Tabar (d) INS Talwar (e) INS Karma Ans. a
139. World Arthritis Day is observed annually on which day?
 (a) 11 October (b) 12 October (c) 13 October (d) 14 October (e) 15 October Ans. b
140. World Sight Day is observed every year on the second _____ of October.
 (a) Thursday (b) Friday (c) Saturday (d) Sunday (e) Monday Ans. a
141. In October 2024, The World Health Organisation (WHO) certified India, Nepal, and Myanmar as having eliminated Trachoma as a public health problem. Trachoma is a disease that affects which part of the human body?
 (a) Ears (b) Eyes (c) Heart (d) Kidney (e) Lungs Ans. b
142. Who has inaugurated the eMigrate V2.0 web portal and Mobile App in Delhi?
 (a) S Jaishankar (b) Narendra Modi (c) Amit Shah
 (d) JP Nadda (e) Ashwani Vishnaw Ans. a
143. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has become the _____ Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) of India.
 (a) 12th (b) 13th (c) 14th (d) 15th (e) 16th Ans. c
144. India's Tanya Hemanth beat Tung Ciou-Tong of Taipei in straight games to win the women's singles title at the Bendigo International Challenge Badminton Tournament. This tournament has been organized in which country?
 (a) New Zealand (b) Australia (c) Japan (d) Taiwan (e) India Ans. b
145. Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee, who were seen in the news in October 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, are associated with which of the following sports?
 (a) Billiards (b) Golf (c) Badminton (d) Table Tennis (e) Chess Ans. d
146. Which country will host the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in 2025?
 (a) India (b) Japan (c) Spain (d) USA (e) South Korea Ans. a
147. Harmanpreet Singh emerges as the most expensive player in the Hockey India League auction. Which team acquired Harmanpreet Singh?
 (a) Tamil Nadu Dragons (b) Team Gonasika (c) UP Rudras
 (d) Shraichi Rarh Bengal Tigers (e) Soorma Hockey Club Ans. e
148. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated which edition of International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA). The event which is being hosted for the first time in India by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO)?
 (a) 18th (b) 19th (c) 20th (d) 21st (e) 15th Ans. b

149. The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in partnership with Meta, has established five Centers of Excellence (CoEs) in Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) at various National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs). Identify the located City of Centers of Excellence (CoEs) that is NOT included in this.
 (a) Hyderabad (b) Bengaluru (c) Jodhpur (d) Mumbai (e) Kanpur Ans. d
150. Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James Robinson win Economics Nobel Prize 2024 for which achievement?
 (a) For having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes
 (b) For research on banks and financial crises
 (c) For their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships
 (d) For studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity
 (e) For his empirical contributions to labour economics Ans. d
151. Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of the Public Sector Undertaking Indian Railways Financial Corporation (IRFC)?
 (a) Noel Tata (b) L Satya Srinivasan (c) Prasanth Kumar
 (d) Sharad Kumar (e) Manoj Kumar Pandey Ans. e
152. International Day for Rural Women is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 13 October (b) 14 October (c) 15 October (d) 16 October (e) 17 October Ans. c
153. The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed every year on 13 October 2024. What is the theme of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2024?
 (a) Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future (b) Fighting inequality for a resilient future
 (c) Only together...can we save the planet (d) It's all about governance
 (e) Early warning and early action for all Ans. a
154. World Egg Day is observed annually on the second _____ of October.
 (a) Friday (b) Saturday (c) Sunday (d) Monday (e) Thursday
155. Indranand Singh Jha passed away recently at the age of 78 years. Who was he?
 (a) Former Doordarshan Anchor (b) Former Chief of Akashvani (c) Former Chief Editor of PIB
 (d) Former Radio Presenter (e) Former President of ANI Ans. d
156. Payments major PhonePe has tied up with which Insurance company to offer affordable insurance coverage against firecracker-related accidents during Diwali for a limited period?
 (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. a
157. Which bank has introduced a 400-day 'Utsav Deposit Scheme' for the festive season, offering 7.30 per cent interest to general citizens?
 (a) Bank of Baroda (b) Canara Bank (c) HDFC Bank (d) ICICI Bank (e) UCO Bank Ans. a
158. In October 2024, A digital lending SaaS platform and a subsidiary of Biz2Credit, Biz2X surpassed a significant milestone in loan disbursements and the company's AI-integrated platform, DigiKred, has been a key contributor to its growth. What is the total loan disbursement amount Biz2X has surpassed?
 (a) 5,000 cr (b) 60,000 cr (c) 17,000 cr (d) 18,000 cr (e) 9,000 cr Ans. e
159. In October 2024, who took over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?
 (a) SP Dharkar (b) Arti Sarin (c) Amar Preet Singh
 (d) Parmesh Sivamani (e) Amrit Mohan Prasad Ans. e
160. Who has won the women's singles title of the WTA Wuhan Open 1000 tennis tournament?
 (a) Irina Khromacheva (b) Zheng Qinwen (c) Anna Danilina
 (d) Asia Muhammad (e) Aryna Sabalenka Ans. e
161. Who has won the 2024 ATP Shanghai Masters Tennis tournament singles title?
 (a) Novak Djokovic (b) Rafael Nadal (c) Roger Federer
 (d) Jannik Sinner (e) Daniil Medvedev Ans. d
162. Tanya Hemanth, who was in the news recently, belongs to which sports?
 (a) Badminton (b) Basketball (c) Tennis (d) Archery (e) Shotput Ans. a

163. Telecom gear maker Ericsson secured a multi-billion-dollar contract from India's Bharti Airtel to supply 5G equipment, following its earlier involvement in a \$3.6 billion contract with Vodafone Idea, this new deal underscores the company's significant role in meeting the rapidly growing demand for 5G services in India in October 2024. Ericsson is the company of which country?
 (a) Japan (b) South Korea (c) Sweden (d) Vietnam (e) Denmark Ans. c
164. Tata Capital received the Reserve Bank of India's approval for its merger with Tata Motors Finance, creating India's 12th largest non-banking finance company, following the merger, Tata Motors will hold a 4.7% stake in the merged entity. As of March 31, 2024, what percentage of Tata Capital's equity shares does Tata Sons, the holding company of Tata Group, directly own?
 (a) 72.83 % (b) 82.83 % (c) 92.83 % (d) 62.83 % (e) 52.83 % Ans. c
165. India's largest payment and API banking firm, Cashfree Payments has received certification from the National Payments Corporation of India for its UPI Switch service. Cashfree can offer settlement of around _____ transactions per second with this certification.
 (a) 10,000 (b) 22,000 (c) 12,000 (d) 24,000 (e) 15,000 Ans. c
166. India has signed a deal with the US for the procurement of how many Predator MQ-9B High Altitude Long Endurance UAV manufactured by General Atomics?
 (a) 10 (b) 16 (c) 21 (d) 31 (e) 45 Ans. d
167. The 75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) opened at the MiCo Convention Center in Milan, Italy. What is the theme of this 75th IAC?
 (a) Global Challenges and Opportunities: Give Space a Chance (b) Space for @ll
 (c) Inspire, Innovate & Discover for the Benefit of Mankind (d) IAF Connecting @ll Space People
 (e) Responsible Space for Sustainability Ans. e
168. Indian shooter Sonam Uttam Maskar won the silver medal in the Women's _____ Air Rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 final in Delhi.
 (a) 10m (b) 20m (c) 40m (d) 50m (e) 100m Ans. a
169. In October 2024, NASA launched a groundbreaking mission to investigate Jupiter and which of its moons, one of the prime locations in the search for life beyond Earth?
 (a) Ganymede (b) Callisto (c) Himalia (d) Lysithea (e) Europa Ans. e
170. Where was the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) - World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 held?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Noida (c) Jaipur (d) Bengaluru (e) Hyderabad Ans. a
171. World Students' Day is observed every year on 15 October to honour the contributions of the former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam in the field of education. What is the theme of World Students' Day 2024?
 (a) FAIL: First Attempt in Learning (b) Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace
 (c) Assembly activity (d) Empowering Students to be Agents of Change
 (e) None of above Ans. d
172. In October 2024, India and which country signed the Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement to boost film co-production and cultural ties?
 (a) Oman (b) Malaysia (c) Australia (d) Columbia (e) Turkey Ans. d
173. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed acquisition of _____ shareholding in Future Generali India Insurance and _____ shareholding in Future Generali India Life Insurance by Central Bank of India.
 (a) 24.91%; 25.18% (b) 25.18%; 24.91% (c) 27.91%; 25.88%
 (d) 14.91%; 15.18% (e) 24.91%; 45.18% Ans. a
174. Aditya Birla Housing Finance (ABHFL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd, has entered into a strategic partnership with which fintech company to facilitate access to home loans and loans against property for the latter's merchant partners?
 (a) Paytm (b) GooglePay (c) PhonePe (d) BharatPe (e) AmazonPay Ans. d
175. State-owned BEML has been awarded a contract of how much rupees for designing, manufacturing, and commissioning two high-speed train sets, marking the first time that such work will be done indigenously?
 (a) Rs 867.27 cr (b) Rs 857.87 cr (c) Rs 827.87 cr (d) Rs 817.87 cr (e) Rs 866.87 cr Ans. e

176. Which Indian actress has been appointed the National Ambassador for Promoting Cyber Safety by the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs?
 (a) Sunny Leone (b) Karina Kapoor (c) Anushka Sharma
 (d) Katrina Kaif (e) Rashmika Mandanna Ans. e
177. Which of the following cities was named the world's richest in terms of sovereign wealth funds, managing an estimated \$1.7 trillion in assets through investment authorities AIDA, Mubadala, and others, in October 2024?
 (a) Riyadh (b) Paris (c) Mumbai (d) Abu Dhabi (e) Vienna Ans. d
178. In October 2024, which company has partnered with the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to secure a USD 40 million loan aimed at boosting financial inclusion in India's MSME sector, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (d) URGO Capital
 (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. d
179. Which insurance company introduced 'Double Suraksha,' a comprehensive insurance product designed to cater to individuals across different income levels, providing a fixed daily cash benefit to help manage both medical and non-medical expenses during hospitalisation?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Magma HDI General Insurance
 (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (d) URGO Capital
 (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. b
180. Who inaugurated the International 6G Symposium at the sidelines of ITU-WTSA24 and IMC 24 in October 2024?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Ashwani Vaishnav (c) Jyotiraditya Sindhiya
 (d) Amit Shah (e) Bhupendra Patel Ans. c
181. World Food Day is celebrated every year on 16 October across the world. What is the theme of World Food Day 2024?
 (a) Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind.'4 hours ago (b) Leave No One Behind
 (c) Our Actions Are Our Future (d) Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future
 (e) Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future Ans. d
182. World Standards Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 14 October (b) 13 October (c) 15 October (d) 16 October (e) 17 October Ans. a
183. International Day of Rural Women is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 14 October (b) 15 October (c) 16 October (d) 17 October (e) 18 October Ans. b
184. World White Cane Day is observed annually on which day?
 (a) 14 October (b) 13 October (c) 15 October (d) 16 October (e) 17 October Ans. c
185. Global Handwashing Day is celebrated annually on October 15. What is the theme of Global Handwashing Day 2024?
 (a) Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene (b) Hand Hygiene for All
 (c) Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together
 (d) Clean hands are within reach (e) Why are clean hands still important Ans. e
186. The Union Cabinet approved an additional installment of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for Central Government employees and pensioners. By how much percent was the DA/DR increased over the existing rate of 50% of the Basic Pay/Pension in October 2024?
 (a) 1% (b) 2% (c) 3% (d) 4% (e) 5% Ans. c
187. Where was the 2024 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in October 2024?
 (a) Manila (b) Tokyo (c) Kathmandu (d) New Delhi (e) Dhaka Ans. a
188. Omar Abdullah of the National Conference party was sworn in as the first chief minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. While, _____ was sworn in as deputy chief minister.
 (a) Omar Addullah (b) Farooq Abdullah (c) Mehbooba Mufti
 (d) Surinder Kumar Choudhary (e) Nidhi Razdan Ans. d
189. Where was the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities meeting held in October 2024?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Noida (d) Hyderabad (e) Chennai Ans. a

190. Which crop has seen the maximum increase in minimum support price for the 2025-26 rabi season?
 (a) Wheat (b) Barley (c) Gram (d) Lentil (e) Mustard Ans. e
191. South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) became the first coal company in India to operate four AMRIT pharmacies, aimed at providing affordable healthcare and subsidized medicines to underserved communities. What is the meaning of 'R' in 'AMRIT'?
 (a) Rapid (b) Reliable (c) Respiratory (d) Renovascular (e) Rheumatic Ans. b
192. PFC Infra Finance IFSC Limited (PIFIL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC), has received approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to commence business as a Finance Company in IFSC GIFT City Gujarat. PIFIL will be the first finance company in IFSC dedicated to _____.
 (a) Trading Sector Lending (b) Retail Banking
 (c) Agriculture and infrastructure sector lending (d) Insurance Services
 (e) Power and infrastructure sector lending Ans. e
193. Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh unveiled Pavana Chitra, India's first Airport based self-powered indoor air quality monitoring facility at which airport in October 2024?
 (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi (b) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 (c) Thiruvananthapuram International Airport
 (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
 (e) Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru Ans. c
194. Who administered the oath of office to Nayab Singh Saini as the chief minister of Haryana?
 (a) Ramen Deka (b) Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde (c) Jishnu Dev Varma
 (d) Gulab Chand Kataria (e) Bandaru Dattatreya Ans. e
195. Who has been named by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud as his successor?
 (a) Justice Sanjiv Khanna (b) Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai
 (c) Justice Surya Kant (d) Justice Hrishikesh Roy
 (e) Justice B.V. Nagarathna Ans. a
196. India's Supreme Court (SC) has unveiled a redesigned version of the 'Lady Justice' statue. Traditionally depicted with a blindfold and a sword, the new statue now features 'Lady Justice' with open eyes and the _____ in place of the sword, reflecting the judiciary's commitment to constitutional values and justice that "sees everyone equally".
 (a) Constitution of India (b) Pen (c) Ramayana
 (d) Ashok Chakra (e) Dharma Chakra Ans. a
197. NITI Aayog has organized a two-day international methanol seminar and expo in 2024 in New Delhi. Which institute was the event held in collaboration with?
 (a) India Methanol Economy Coalition (b) Methanol Institute of the UK (c) IIT Delhi
 (d) Methanol Institute of Russia (e) Methanol Institute of the United States Ans. e
198. Global Handwashing Day is celebrated every year on 15 October. What is the theme of Global Handwashing Day 2024?
 (a) Clean hands are within reach (b) Unite for safety: clean your hands
 (c) Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together (d) Hand Hygiene for All
 (e) Why are clean hands still important Ans. e
199. World Anaesthesia Day is observed annually on October 16th to commemorate the first successful use of ether anaesthesia in surgery, which took place in 1846. What is the theme of World Anesthesia Day 2024?
 (a) Anaesthesia & Cancer Care (b) Medication Safety
 (c) Teamwork: Stronger teams for better patient care (d) Occupational Wellbeing of Anaesthesiologists
 (e) Workforce Well-Being Ans. e
200. The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is celebrated every year on which day throughout the world?
 (a) 16 October (b) 17 October (c) 18 October (d) 19 October (e) 20 October Ans. b

201. Nikita Porwal was crowned Femina Miss India 2024 in Mumbai. She is from which state?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Andhra Pradesh
 (d) Arunachal Pradesh (e) Himachal Pradesh Ans. b
202. Who led the Indian delegation at the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union?
 (a) Om Birla (b) Narendra Modi (c) S Jaishankar (d) Amit Shah (e) Both a and c Ans. a
203. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar represented India at the 23rd Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisations (SCO) Council of Heads of Government, held in Islamabad, Pakistan in October 2024. How many countries are the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO)?
 (a) 7 (b) 8 (c) 9 (d) 10 (e) 12 Ans. d
204. In October 2024, President Droupadi Murmu was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by Sidi Abdellah Science and Technology Pole University. This institute is located in which country?
 (a) Albania (b) Algeria (c) Afghanistan (d) Angola (e) Australia Ans. b
205. Who has inaugurated the second edition of the art exhibition "Silent Conversation: From Margins to the Centre" in New Delhi?
 (a) S Jaishankar (b) Narendra Modi (c) Amit Shah (d) Nitin Gadkari (e) JP Nadda Ans. a
206. The Ministry of Rural Development under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY NRLM) has signed an MoU with several banks to promote individual financing for women entrepreneurs. These banks have created loan products to support the scaling of women-led enterprises. Which of the following banks is not included in the MoU?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) State Bank of India (c) Indian Bank
 (d) HDFC Bank (e) Canara Bank Ans. b
207. The festival to strengthen the cordial bond between the indigenous communities living in the hills and the valley people of Manipur, the Mera Hou Chongba Festival 2024, was observed in which city?
 (a) Ukhrul (b) Thoubal (c) Tamenglong (d) Jiribam (e) Imphal Ans. e
208. The Government of India has joined hands with which company for the "Scams Se Bachao" campaign to tackle the growing threat of online scams?
 (a) Google (b) Meta (c) Microsoft (d) IBM (e) Infosys Ans. b
209. The Indian Railway Board has reduced the deadline for advance booking of trains from 120 days to _____, with the new deadline coming into effect from November 1.
 (a) 90 days (b) 60 days (c) 30 days (d) 75 days (e) 50 days Ans. b
210. Which Indian cricketer has been appointed as the Director of Cricket at Jindal South West (JSW) Sports, where he will oversee the operations of both the Delhi Capitals men's and women's teams in the Indian Premier League (IPL) and Women's Premier League (WPL)?
 (a) MS Dhoni (b) Rahul Dravid (c) Sourav Ganguly
 (d) Sachin Tendulkar (e) Virendra Sehwan Ans. c
211. Where was the second edition of the 'Sagar Kavach 2024 exercise held?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Rajasthan (c) Goa (d) Kerala (e) Odisha Ans. a
212. How many MoUs were signed between India and Mauritania during President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Mauritania in October 2024?
 (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6 (e) 7 Ans. b
213. Which bank of India will provide a Rs 487.60 Crore loan to Mauritius under the government of India's Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS). This is the first-ever . denominated Line of Credit to have been extended by India for project financing to any country under IDEAS?
 (a) Exim Bank (b) Federal Bank (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Reserve Bank of India (e) Punjab National Bank Ans. c
214. Who has inaugurated the international conference Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024) in New Delhi?
 (a) Chief Justice DY Chandrachud (b) Amit Shah (c) Droupadi Murmu
 (d) Narendra Modi (e) Jagdeep Dhankar Ans. a
215. National Solidarity Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 18 October (b) 19 October (c) 20 October (d) 21 October (e) 22 October Ans. c

216. In October 2024, who among the following cricketers have been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame?
 (i) Neetu David (ii) MS Dhoni (iii) James Anderson
 (iv) AB de Villiers (v) Alastair Cook
 (a) only i and ii (b) only i, ii and iii (c) only ii, iii and iv (d) only i, iv and v (e) all of above Ans. d
217. In October 2024, who has assumed charge as Director General Medical Services (Navy)?
 (a) Kavita Sahai (b) Amrit Mohan Prasad (c) SP Dharkar
 (d) Arti Sarin (e) Paramesh Sivamani Ans. a
218. Who has been honored with a special recognition for his global humanitarian leadership at the 9th Conscious Companies Awards held in Johannesburg, South Africa?
 (a) Bal Krishnan (b) Shilpa Shetty (c) Mohanji (d) Baba Ramdev (e) Ravishankar Ans. c
219. In October 2024, who has been awarded the India Lifetime Achievement Award with the Patrick J. McGovern Award?
 (a) Abhinav Asthana (b) Shantanu Narayan (c) Shiv Nadar
 (d) Narayana Murthy (e) Mukesh Ambani Ans. d
220. Who has been appointed as the president of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)?
 (a) Noel Tata (b) Manoj Kumar Dubey (c) Abhyuday Jindal
 (d) Surinder Kumar Choudhary (e) Saurav Ganguly Ans. c
221. Which state has launched "Shiksha Copilot," a digital tool powered by artificial intelligence (AI)?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Karnataka (d) Kerala (e) Odisha Ans. c
222. Who has inaugurated the International Workshop on Modern Technologies in Survey-Resurvey for Urban Land Records in New Delhi?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 (d) J P Nadda (e) Both b and c Ans. c
223. President Draupadi Murmu presented the 5th National Water Awards 2023 in New Delhi. Which state has been given the first prize in the category of Best State?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra (c) Odisha (d) Punjab (e) Uttarakhand Ans. c
224. In October 2024, in which country was the first meeting of the Defence Ministers of the Group of Seven (G-7) held?
 (a) Italy (b) France (c) Germany (d) USA (e) Canada Ans. a
225. Consider the following points about the National Commission for Women (NCW).
 (i) Vijaya Rahatkar was appointed as the 9th chairperson of the National Commission for Women in October 2024.
 (ii) The maximum age of the chairperson of the National Commission for Women shall be 65 years and a term of five years, whichever is earlier.
 (iii) The National Commission for Women is a statutory body, set up by the Gol in January 1992 under the provision of the National Commission for Women Act 1990.
 (iv) The body is under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development.
 (v) V Mohini Giri was the first chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW).
 How many of the given point(s) is/are CORRECT?
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) only four (e) all are correct Ans. c
226. Prabowo Subianto recently elected as the president of which country?
 (a) Vietnam (b) Indonesia (c) Bhutan (d) Nepal (e) Oman Ans. b
227. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'Karmayogi Saptah'—National Learning Week at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. In which year, Mission Karmayogi was launched?
 (a) 2016 (b) 2020 (c) 2019 (d) 2022 (e) 2018 Ans. b
228. Which bank has launched the 'Mahila Shaksham' scheme designed to finance individual Women Self-Help Group members under the Centre's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission initiative?
 (a) Indian Overseas Bank (b) Canara Bank (c) Punjab National Bank
 (d) Union Bank of India (e) Indian Bank Ans. a
229. National Police Commemoration Day is observed on every year on which day?
 (a) 19 October (b) 20 October (c) 21 October (d) 22 October (e) 23 October Ans. c

230. World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 19 October (b) 20 October (c) 21 October (d) 22 October (e) 23 October Ans. b
231. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated three airports, developed under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. These airports are located in which cities?
 (a) Rewa, Saharanpur and Ghaziabad (b) Rewa, Meerut and Ambikapur (c) Rewa, Surat and Ambikapur
 (d) Moradabad, Saharanpur and Ambikapur (e) Rewa, Saharanpur and Ambikapur Ans. e
232. Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers JP Nadda inaugurated which edition of Medicine Update BJMFCON 2024 organised by Bihar & Jharkhand Medical Forum (BJMF) in October 2024?
 (a) first (b) second (c) third (d) fourth (e) fifth Ans. b
233. Consider the following points about the eShram-One Stop Solution' that was recently launched by the union Labour minister-
 (i) Union Labour Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the 'eShram-One Stop Solution' for unorganised workers.
 (ii) eShram-One Stop Solution aims to integrate information of beneficiaries of all social security and welfare schemes effectively meant for unorganised workers through a single platform.
 (iii) 10 schemes of different central ministries/departments have already been integrated/mapped with the eShram.
 (iv) e-Shram launched in August 2022.
 Which of the following points are INCORRECT regarding this?
 (a) i & ii (b) ii & iii (c) iii & iv (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. c
234. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in collaboration with the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF), has released critical data from the ICMR-India Diabetes (ICMR-INDIAB) national study, which includes data for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The overall prevalence of diabetes in Jammu is _____ per cent, with an alarming 26.5 per cent in urban areas and 14.5 per cent in rural areas?
 (a) 8.9% (b) 18.9% (c) 28.9% (d) 38.9% (e) 48.9% Ans. b
235. In October 2024, Vikram Dev Dutt assumed the charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of _____.
 (a) Education (b) Coal (c) Textile (d) Transport (e) Home Affairs Ans. b
236. Which state government has recently installed pink alarms at the government-run district hospital and medical college for safety of women?
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Punjab
 (d) Haryana (e) West Bengal Ans. b
237. In which city the first coal gallery was inaugurated at the National Science Centre in October 2024?
 (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi (c) Chandigarh (d) Bengaluru (e) Noida Ans. b
238. Bala Devi etched her name in the history books by becoming the first Indian woman to score her 50th international goal during the 2024 SAFF Women's Championship in Nepal, in a match against Pakistan. She often referred to as the "_____ " of Indian women's football.
 (a) Goal Queen (b) Goal Girl (c) Goal Machine (d) Goal Master (e) Goli Goal Ans. c
239. New Zealand defeated which country to win the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024?
 (a) India (b) South Africa (c) Australia (d) Pakistan (e) England Ans. b
240. The Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Southern Command is conducting 'Exercise named _____ at Babina Field Firing Ranges near Jhansi, to enhance combat capabilities through the integration of niche and emerging technologies.
 (a) Dhanush Shakti (b) Sambhav Shakti (c) Veer Shakti
 (d) Fire Shakti (e) Swavlamban Shakti Ans. e
241. India's Deepika Kumari, who was in the news recently, belongs to which sport?
 (a) Archery (b) Swimming (c) Squash (d) Shooting (e) Badminton Ans. a
242. International Stuttering Awareness Day is celebrated every year on which day?
 (a) 21 October (b) 22 October (c) 23 October (d) 24 October (e) 25 October Ans. b
243. Debraj Roy passed away at the age of 69. Who was he?
 (a) Historian (b) Author (c) Actor (d) Journalist (e) Scientists Ans. c

244. World Iodine Deficiency Day, also known as Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day, is observed annually on which day?
 (a) October 20 (b) October 21 (c) October 22 (d) October 23 (e) October 24 Ans. b
245. Which state government has launched the Sustainable Wetland and Integrated Fisheries Transformation (SWIFT) project to revitalise 129 Beels and boost Indigenous fish production?
 (a) Assam (b) Bihar (c) Chhattisgarh (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Punjab Ans. a
246. Who has been appointed by pension regulator PFRDA as the chairman of the board of National Pension System (NPS) Trust?
 (a) Vikram Dev Dutt (b) Vijaya Rahatkar (c) Abhyuday Jindal
 (d) Dr Archana Majumdar (e) Chitra Jayasimha Ans. e
247. Which of the following has donated Rs. 100 crore to the Telangana government for the establishment of a university that will help young people develop industry-specific skills?
 (a) Tata Group (b) Adani Group (c) Reliance Group
 (d) Mahindra Group (e) Patanjali Group Ans. b
248. Which country was officially declared 'malaria-free' by the World Health Organization (WHO) in October 2024?
 (a) Egypt (b) India (c) Uganda (d) Afghanistan (e) Iraq Ans. a
249. Where was the first Namo Bharat Diwas held?
 (a) Ghaziabad (b) New Delhi (c) Noida (d) Jaipur (e) Panipat Ans. b
250. Which state government has launched the Citizen Sentinel, an app using which members of the public can upload photographs and videos of traffic rule violations in the NextGen Parivahan app?
 (a) Odisha (b) Kerala (c) Maharashtra (d) Punjab (e) Haryana Ans. b
251. Neowise, India's fastest-growing debt recovery solutions provider, has launched the country's first generative AI-powered debt collection tools. These tools were developed in collaboration with Bangalore-based generative AI startup, _____.
 (a) Haptik (b) Arya.ai (c) Blend AI (d) Sarvam AI (e) Yellow.ai Ans. d
252. The central government will run a month-long campaign to promote submission of Digital Life Certificate (DLC) by pensioners. The campaign will be run from _____ to _____ in 800 cities/districts across India.
 (a) 1 November to 30 November (b) 15 November to 15 December
 (c) 10 November to 20 December (d) 1 December to 31 December
 (e) 5 November to 5 December Ans. a
253. Which INS participated in the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr with the Royal Navy of Oman Vessel Al Seeb off Goa in October 2024?
 (a) INS Satpura (b) INS Sahyadri (c) INS Trikand (d) INS Talwar (e) INS Tabar Ans. c
254. Who is the chairman of the Rajasthan Economic Revival Task Force, set up by the government of Rajasthan?
 (a) Haribhau Bagade (b) Vasudev Devnani (c) Premchand Bairwa
 (d) Diya Kumari (e) Bhajan Lal Sharma Ans. e
255. Mole Day is celebrated every year on which day?
 (a) October 21 (b) October 22 (c) October 23 (d) October 24 (e) October 25 Ans. c
256. India's fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), named _____, was launched into water at the Ship Building Centre in Visakhapatnam. This submarine is bigger and more capable than the first, INS Arihant (S2).
 (a) Azad 4 (b) Agni 4 (c) S4* (d) SLBM 4 (e) C4* Ans. c
257. Who has launched the "International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System" to detect and block spam international calls that display Indian numbers as the caller ID?
 (a) Amit Shah (b) Jitendra Singh (c) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
 (d) S Jaishankar (e) Both b and c Ans. c
258. The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New and Renewable Energy has launched the retail sale of Bharat Chana Dal Phase-II in Delhi-NCR by flagging off mobile vans of NCCF, NAFED, and Kendriya Bhandar. Who is the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution?
 (a) Kailash Vijayvargiya (b) Faggan Singh Kulaste (c) Jalam Singh Patel
 (d) Jitendra Singh (e) Pralhad Joshi Ans. e

259. In October 2024, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) launched the which Phase of the 'Amazon Future Engineer Program' in 50 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) spread across Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana and Tripura?
 (a) 1st (b) 2nd (c) 3rd (d) 4th (e) 5th Ans. c
260. Which of the following has approved Aquilo House Pte. Ltd (AHPL) 's proposed acquisition of Aavas Financiers Limited (AFL) in October 2024?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (b) Competition Commission of India (c) Ministry of Finance
 (d) Securities Exchange Board of India (e) NABARD Ans. b
261. Which company has recently launched its new logo and introduced seven digital services focusing on secure, affordable, and reliable connectivity across India?
 (a) Airtel (b) Reliance Jio (c) BSNL (d) Vi (e) MTNL Ans. c
262. Which country was Luong Cuong appointed as president of in October 2024?
 (a) South Korea (b) China (c) Vietnam (d) Bhutan (e) Taiwan Ans. c
263. Which company has been awarded the SHRM - HR Excellence Awards for 'Excellence in Inclusion, Equity & Diversity' and 'Excellence in Managing the Distributed Workforce' categories at the prestigious SHRM India Annual Conference 2024?
 (a) Hindustan Petroleum (b) Indian Oil Corporation
 (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (d) Steel Authority of India Limited
 (e) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Ans. d
264. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) kept its growth forecasts for India unchanged at _____ per cent and _____ per cent for FY25 and FY26, respectively.
 (a) 7%; 6.5% (b) 6.5%; 7% (c) 7%; 7.5% (d) 7.5%; 6.5% (e) 7.3%; 6.3% Ans. a
265. In October 2024, who has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the J P Morgan Chase Bank?
 (a) Chitra Jayasimha (b) Aviral Jain (c) Sandip Goenka
 (d) Ravindra Kumar Kunda (e) M. Rajeshwar Rao Ans. e
266. Pam Kaur was appointed the first female Chief Financial Officer of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC). What is the tagline of the HSBC bank?
 (a) Win the Future (b) Live Richly
 (c) Your Perfect Banking Partner (d) The world's local bank
 (e) Live more, Bank less Ans. d
267. The governments of India and Pakistan have agreed to extend the validity of the agreement on the Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for five years to 24 October 2029. The Pakistani town of Kartarpur is located on the banks of which river?
 (a) Indus River (b) Ravi River (c) Beas River (d) Jhelum River (e) Sutlej River Ans. b
268. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)?
 (a) Chitra Jayasimha (b) Aviral Jain (c) Sandip Goenka
 (d) Dr. Himanshu Pathak (e) M. Rajeshwar Rao Ans. d
269. BOBCARD Limited, a subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, has appointed cricketer _____ as its brand ambassador.
 (a) Harleen Deol (b) Mithali Raj (c) Smriti Mandhana
 (d) Harmanpreet Kaur (e) Shreyanka Patil Ans. e
270. Who has won the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Title?
 (a) Sebastian Vettel (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Max Verstappen (d) Charles Leclerc (e) Sergio Pérez Ans. d
271. The Ministry of Ayush will celebrate which edition of Ayurveda Day at the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi on 29th October?
 (a) 5th (b) 6th (c) 9th (d) 10th (e) 8th Ans. c
272. Which general insurance company has partnered with Maruti Suzuki Insurance Broking to enhance insurance awareness in rural and urban regions?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (d) Liberty General Insurance
 (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. d

273. Which bank raised Rs.5,000 crore through Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT-1) bond issuance at a coupon rate of 7.98 per cent in October 2024?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) HDFC Bank (c) ICICI Bank
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Indian Bank Ans. a
274. Urmila Chaudhary has won the Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024. She is from which country?
 (a) India (b) Nepal (c) Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka (e) Pakistan Ans. b
275. Which country has been nominated as the "Country of Focus" by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held in Goa from 20 November to 28 November 2024?
 (a) France (b) Japan (c) Australia (d) USA (e) Singapore Ans. c
276. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) recently approved Two Railway projects of the Ministry of Railways, Narkatiaganj-Raxaul-Sitamarhi-Darbhanga & Sitamarhi-Muzaffarpur and Errupalem and Namburu via Amaravati, with total estimated cost of _____.
 (a) 6,178 crore (b) 6,478 crore (c) 6,798 crore (d) 7,998 crore (e) 5,978 crore Ans. c
277. Which institute has signed an MoU with Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) Hyderabad to bring innovative health products, particularly probiotics to market?
 (a) IIT Delhi (b) Delhi University (c) IISc Bengaluru
 (d) Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology Guwahati (e) Both a and d Ans. d
278. On the _____ anniversary of Kittur Vijayotsava, a commemorative Postage stamp was released at the historic Kittur Rani Channamma Stage, Kittur Fort Premises on 23rd October 2024.
 (a) 100th (b) 125th (c) 150th (d) 200th (e) 175th Ans. d
279. The government will commemorate the _____ birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with a two-year-long nationwide programme from 2024 to 2026 to honour his monumental contribution to the country.
 (a) 100th (b) 125th (c) 150th (d) 140th (e) 130th Ans. c
280. The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has imposed a fine of Rs 54 lakh on which bank for "failing" to report suspicious transactions and not conducting proper investigation under the anti-money laundering law for certain accounts at one of its branches in Mumbai?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Canara Bank (c) Indian Bank
 (d) Union Bank of India (e) UCO Bank Ans. d
281. Which edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) began recently at Eastern Naval Command Visakhapatnam?
 (a) 30th (b) 31st (c) 32nd (d) 33rd (e) 34th Ans. b
282. Global Media and Information Literacy Week is an annual event observed from 24th to 31st October to raise awareness and celebrate the progress achieved towards Media and Information Literacy for all. What is the theme of Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2024?
 (a) Media and Information Literacy in Digital Spaces: A Collective Global Agenda
 (b) Resisting Disinfodemic: Media and Information Literacy for Everyone and by Everyone
 (c) Nurturing trust: A Media and Information Literacy Imperative
 (d) The New Digital Frontiers of Information: "Media and Information Literacy for Public Interest Information
 (e) The need for factual, timely, targeted, clear, accessible, multilingual and science-based information Ans. d
283. UN Disarmament Week is observed every year from 24 October to _____.
 (a) October 29 (b) October 30 (c) October 31 (d) November 1 (e) November 2 Ans. b
284. United Nations Day is celebrated every year on which day?
 (a) October 22 (b) October 23 (c) October 24 (d) October 25 (e) October 26 Ans. c
285. The Indian Institute of Management Shillong, through its IIM Shillong Foundation for Incubation and Enterprise (IIMSFIE), has signed an MoU with which organisation to provide comprehensive entrepreneurship training and incubation support to aspiring entrepreneurs?
 (a) RBI (b) SEBI (c) NABARD (d) SIDBI (e) SIDBI Ans. e
286. Which digital financial services platform has launched an Instant Fixed Deposit (FD) product on its mobile app with up to a 9.5% interest rate?
 (a) Mobikwik (b) Rozarpay (c) Paytm (d) PhonePe (e) GooglePay Ans. a

287. Five-time singles Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova and American twins Bob and Mike Bryan were named to the International Tennis Hall of Fame's Class of 2025. Sharapova is from which country?
 (a) France (b) Belgium (c) Australia (d) Russia (e) South Africa Ans. d
288. The government has increased the loan limit under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh. In which year was the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) launched?
 (a) 2014 (b) 2015 (c) 2016 (d) 2017 (e) 2018 Ans. b
289. Rajiv Ranjan Singh has launched Gram Panchayat-Level Weather Forecasting. In which city has it been launched?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Jaipur (d) Chennai (e) Bengaluru Ans. a
290. Which company has partnered with Nvidia to build large-scale AI infrastructure in India that could accelerate India's artificial intelligence capabilities?
 (a) Infosys (b) IBM (c) Reliance Industries
 (d) Tata Consultancy Service (e) Wipro Ans. c
291. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 434.25 million (about Rs 3,600 crore) loan to increase renewable energy capacity and improve energy security in which state?
 (a) Assam (b) Bihar (c) Chhattisgarh (d) Maharashtra (e) Punjab Ans. a
292. In October 2024, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has announced that central government pensioners aged 80 and older will qualify for an additional pension called compassionate allowance. Which among the following additional compassionate allowance is/are NOT correct?
 (a) From 80 to 85 years of age: 10 percent of basic pension/compassionate allowance.
 (b) From 85 to 90 years of age: 30 percent of basic pension/compassionate allowance.
 (c) From 95 to 100 years of age: 50 percent of basic pension/compassionate allowance.
 (d) 100 years or more: 100 percent of basic pension/compassionate allowance.
 (e) all are correct Ans. a
293. Axis Bank has reappointed Amitabh Chaudhry as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank for how many years with effect from January 1, 2025?
 (a) One year (b) two years (c) three years (d) four years (e) five years Ans. c
294. Who has recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth Rs 7,160 crore in Bihar?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Rajnath Singh (c) Nitish Kumar
 (d) Jitendra Singh (e) Samarat Choudhary Ans. c
295. World Development Information Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) October 27 (b) October 23 (c) October 24 (d) October 25 (e) October 26 Ans. c
296. World Polio Day is observed on October 24 every year. What is the theme of World Polio Day 2024?
 (a) A Global Mission to Reach Every Child (b) A healthier future for mothers and children
 (c) Delivering on a Promise (d) Make Polio History
 (e) Heroes of Polio Eradication Ans. a
297. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has celebrated its Raising Day on which day every year?
 (a) October 22 (b) October 23 (c) October 24 (d) October 25 (e) October 26 Ans. c
298. What is the total outlay for the 21st Livestock Census being conducted in the country from October 2024 to February 2025?
 (a) 50 crore (b) 100 crore (c) 150 crore (d) 200 crore (e) 250 crore Ans. d
299. Where was the 16th Summit meeting of BRICS countries held in 2024?
 (a) Russia (b) China (c) Brazil (d) India (e) South Africa Ans. a
300. Which food delivery platform has introduced 'International Logins', a feature that allows users from 27 countries to access all the offerings on its app using their international phone numbers?
 (a) Zomato (b) Swiggy (c) Food Panda (d) Dominos (e) Uber Eats Ans. b
301. The Reserve Bank has revoked the certificate of authorisation of UAE Exchange Centre LLC for non-compliance with regulatory requirements. Now, it cannot transact cross-border inbound money transfers. Where is the headquarters of UAE Exchange Centre LLC?
 (a) Abu Dhabi (b) Sharjah (c) Dubai (d) Fujairah (e) Ajman Ans. c

302. Indian Navy's 7th Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) Abhay was launched at L&T's Kattupalli shipyard near Chennai. By which company has it been manufactured?
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (b) Hindustan Shipyard (c) ABG Shipyard
 (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited Ans. d
303. IndiaAI and Meta announced the establishment of the Center for Generative AI, Shrijan at IIT Jodhpur and the launch of the YuvAI initiative for Skilling and Capacity Building in partnership with which of the following?
 (a) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) (b) University Grants Commission (UGC)
 (c) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) (d) Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
 (e) National Testing Agency (NTA) Ans. a
304. Which company has partnered with the Indian Army to establish a Solar Hydrogen-based Microgrid at Chushul, Ladakh?
 (a) ReNew Power (b) TP renewable Microgrid (c) JSW Energy
 (d) NTPC Limited (e) SJVN Limited Ans. d
305. Severe tropical cyclone 'Dana' struck the east coast of India, bringing torrential rains and strong winds of 100-120 kmph. Which country has given the name of Dana cyclone?
 (a) Oman (b) Pakistan (c) Bangladesh (d) Qatar (e) Sri Lanka Ans. d
306. Rani Rampal, who recently announced her retirement, belongs to which sport?
 (a) Hockey (b) Badminton (c) Kho Kho (d) Football (e) Cricket Ans. a
307. In October 2024, who among the following has made table tennis history as she became the first Indian to qualify for quarter-finals at a WTT Champions event?
 (a) Sreeja Akula (b) Anna Hursay (c) PV Sindhu (d) Manika Batra (e) A.G. Kamath Ans. d
308. Famous Gusadi folk dancer Kanaka Raju, also known as Gusadi Raju, passed away recently at the age of 84. In which year he was honoured with the Padma Shri award?
 (a) 2023 (b) 2022 (c) 2021 (d) 2020 (e) 2024 Ans. c
309. Globally renowned conservation scientist Bibhab Kumar Talukdar has been awarded the Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership by the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). He is from which state of India?
 (a) Manipur (b) Assam (c) Meghalaya (d) West Bengal (e) Sikkim Ans. b
310. India is ranked 79th out of 142 countries in the Rule of Law Index 2024 released by Washington D.C.-based think tank World Justice Project (WJP). Which country has topped this index?
 (a) Denmark (b) USA (c) Norway (d) Switzerland (e) Germany Ans. a
311. Which bank has been recognised as the Best Bank in India for 2024 by Global Finance Magazine of the US at its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards event held during the sidelines of Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank in Washington?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) State Bank of India (c) ICICI Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Exim Bank Ans. b
312. Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has been ranked the top central banker by the US-based Global Finance magazine. Das has been ranked top in the list of three central bank governors who have been given an _____ rating.
 (a) A (b) A+ (c) A++ (d) B (e) B+ Ans. b
313. Solex Energy has partnered with which bank to offer solar financing options for commercial, industrial, and institutional customers?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) State Bank of India (c) ICICI Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) Exim Bank Ans. b
314. Which city has won the 'City with the Best Public Transport System' at the 17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Chennai (d) Bengaluru (e) Bhubaneswar Ans. e
315. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) for a five-year term?
 (a) Anshika Singh (b) Parul Goel (c) Nikhil Verma
 (d) Deepak Agarwal (e) Pankaj Kumar Ans. d

316. How many medals were won by the Indian contingent at the U23 World Wrestling Championships 2024?
 (a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 8 (d) 9 (e) 10 Ans. d
317. How many medals were won by the India Para-Badminton players at the Japan Para-Badminton International 2024?
 (a) 20 (b) 12 (c) 24 (d) 27 (e) 6 Ans. c
318. Which country has won the 6th ACC Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024?
 (a) India A (b) Afghanistan A (c) Bangladesh A (d) Sri Lanka A (e) Pakistan A Ans. b
319. Which is the first private company in India to manufacture a military transport plane?
 (a) Tata Advanced Systems (b) National Aerospace Laboratories (c) Mahindra Aerospace
 (d) Boeing Rotorcraft Systems (e) Safran Helicopter Engines Ans. a
320. World Stroke Day is observed annually on which day to raise awareness about strokes, their causes, and the importance of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation?
 (a) 27 October (b) 28 October (c) 29 October (d) 30 October (e) 31 October Ans. c
321. The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended Ashok Chandra for the position of Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Canara Bank (c) UCO Bank
 (d) Indian Bank (e) Exim Bank Ans. a
322. Which of the following leading consumer payments completed its merger with North East Small Finance Bank, consolidating the operations, assets, and brand identities of the financial entities into a single institution?
 (a) Paytm (b) Slice (c) Phone Pe (d) Coco (e) Bharat Pe Ans. b
323. Who will take charge as the next Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Bharti Airtel from 1 Jan 2026?
 (a) Chitra Jayasimha (b) Rekha Shrama (c) Dr Archana Majumdar
 (d) Vikram Dev Dutt (e) Shashwat Sharma Ans. e
324. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)?
 (a) Chitra Jayasimha (b) Rekha Shrama (c) Vipin Kumar
 (d) Vikram Dev Dutt (e) Shashwat Sharma Ans. c
325. Who among the following has been given the highest civilian honour of the South Pacific nation of Fiji in October 2024?
 (a) Rajiv Dixit (b) Sadhguru (c) Acharya Balkrishna
 (d) Baba Ramdev (e) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ans. e
326. Matthew Wade has announced his retirement from international cricket. He is from which country?
 (a) Australia (b) New Zealand (c) South Africa (d) England (e) Irelands Ans. a
327. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra has inaugurated the new campus of India's first Bio manufacturing Institute in which city?
 (a) Cuttack (b) Mohali (c) Visakhapatnam (d) Bhubaneswar (e) Pune Ans. b
328. Which city was India's first 'Writer's Village' inaugurated?
 (a) Dehradun (b) Manali (c) Sri Nagar (d) Indore (e) Shillong Ans. a
329. International Day of Care and Support is observed every year on which day?
 (a) October 27 (b) October 26 (c) October 28 (d) October 29 (e) October 30 Ans. d
330. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is celebrated annually on which day?
 (a) October 26 (b) October 27 (c) October 28 (d) October 29 (e) October 30 Ans. b
331. Indian Army Infantry Day is observed every year on which day?
 (a) October 26 (b) October 27 (c) October 28 (d) October 29 (e) October 30 Ans. b

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