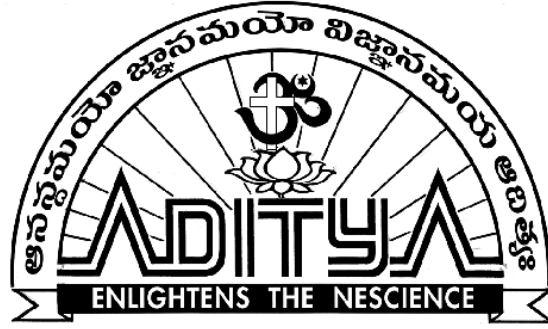


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- Consider the following points about the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) that the Union Cabinet recently approved. How many of the given point(s) is/are INCORRECT regarding this?
 - National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
 - NMNF aims to cover 7.5 lakh hectares of farmland in the next two years.
 - The scheme's total outlay was Rs.2481 crore (Government of India share—Rs.1584 crore; State share—Rs.897 crore) until the 16th Finance Commission (2030-31).
 - Around 18.75 lakh farmers will be trained to prepare natural farming inputs like Jeevamrit and Beejamrit.
 - Under NMNF, around 1000 NF Model Demonstration Farms shall be established at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Agricultural Universities (AUs).

(a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) only four (e) all are correct Ans. b
- Consider the following statements about the recently approved three multi-tracking projects across Indian Railways. Pick out the CORRECT statement (s) regarding this.
 - The three multi-tracking projects across Indian Railways with a total cost of Rs. 7,927 crore, aim to enhance connectivity, facilitate ease of travel, and reduce congestion in the busiest sections of Indian Railways.
 - These projects span across seven districts in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh.
 - These tracks are part of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC), designed to integrate multi-modal connectivity and ensure the seamless movement of people and goods.

(a) Only a (b) Only b (c) Only c (d) Both a and b (e) Both b and c Ans. d
- In November 2024, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an investment of .3,689 crore for the construction of two hydropower projects namely Heo Hydroelectric Project (HEP) and Tato-I Hydroelectric Project (HEP) in Shi Yomi district of Arunachal Pradesh. Both the projects will be implemented through a joint venture between the Arunachal Pradesh government and which company?
 - National Mineral Development Corporation
 - THDC India Limited
 - North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd
 - NTPC Limited
 - Torrent Power

Ans. c
- How much amount has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the PAN 2.0 project of the Income Tax Department?
 - Rs.1,135 crore
 - Rs.1,235 crore
 - Rs.1,335 crore
 - Rs.1,435 crore
 - Rs.1,535 crore

Ans. d
- Where were the eight Regional Rural Banks of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal meetings held in November 2024 to review their performance?
 - Bihar
 - Jharkhand
 - Odisha
 - West Bengal
 - Uttar Pradesh

Ans. a
- What was the growth rate of the Indian economy in the second quarter of 2024-25?
 - 5.4 %
 - 7.6 %
 - 8.1 %
 - 7.5 %
 - 6.6 %

Ans. a
- Which organization has approved a loan of \$98 million to the Government of India to increase horticulture crop productivity in the country?
 - International Monetary Fund
 - Asian Development Bank
 - New Development Bank
 - African Development Bank
 - World Bank

Ans. b
- Consider the following points about the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) that was recently concluded in Goa. How many of the given point(s) is/are CORRECT regarding this?
 - The Director of the 55th IFFI was noted filmmaker Varun Dhawan
 - The theme of the 55th IFFI was 'Young Filmmakers: The Future is Now.
 - Opening Film - Better Man of Czech Republic
 - First Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film – 12th Fail
 - Best Web Series (OTT) Award - Lampan

(a) only one (b) only two (c) only tree (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. b

9. India's first Ashtalakshmi Festival will be organized in which city from 6 to 8 December?
 (a) Guwahati (b) Shillong (c) New Delhi (d) Indore (e) Kolkata Ans. c
10. Which city hosted the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/ Inspector Generals of Police?
 (a) Guwahati (b) Bhubaneswar (c) New Delhi (d) Jaipur (e) Kolkata Ans. b
11. Which Indian company will co-develop an Electric Propulsion System for the Indian Navy in partnership with GE Power Conversion of the United Kingdom?
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
 (c) Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited (d) Tata Advanced Systems
 (e) Bharat Electronics Limited Ans. b
12. Which edition of Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024), a bilateral exercise between the Indian Army and Singapore Armed Forces, concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra)?
 (a) 10th (b) 11th (c) 12th (d) 13th (e) 14th Ans. d
13. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 27 November (b) 28 November (c) 29 November (d) 30 November (e) 26 November Ans. c
14. The Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare is observed annually on which day?
 (a) 27 November (b) 28 November (c) 29 November (d) 30 November (e) 26 November Ans. d
15. The Government of Andhra Pradesh entered into an agreement with which company for conducting training sessions on Artificial Intelligence (AI)-related services to industries, extending cooperation in delivering healthcare and environmental sustainability solutions by integrating AI and Machine Learning technologies?
 (a) Google (b) Meta (c) IBM (d) X (e) Microsoft Ans. a
16. The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with which company for Short Refit and Dry Docking (SRDD) of INS Vikramaditya at an overall cost of Rs. 1207.5 Cr?
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (b) Hindustan Shipyard (c) ABG Shipyard
 (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers and (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited Ans. e
17. Which of the following has launched the Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman portal?
 (a) Supreme Court of India (b) Ministry of Home Affairs (c) Department of Justice
 (d) Niti Aayog (e) Ministry of IT Ans. c
18. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted which edition of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2024) off the Kochi coast?
 (a) 8th (b) 9th (c) 10th (d) 11th (e) 12th Ans. d
19. Which of the following countries will be the focus country in the 30th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)?
 (a) Japan (b) France (c) South Korea (d) Denmark (e) USA Ans. b
20. "Gharcholas", traditionally worn at weddings in Hindu and Jain communities, has recently received the Geographical Indication or GI tag from the Government of India. It is related to which state?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat (c) Bihar
 (d) Rajasthan (e) Himachal Pradesh Ans. b
21. Siddharth Kaul has announced his retirement recently. He was related to which sport?
 (a) Cricket (b) Football (c) Hockey (d) Wrestling (e) Chess Ans. a
22. Recently Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was reappointed as the Director-General of which international organization?
 (a) International Monetary Fund (b) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
 (c) Food and Agriculture Organization (d) World Health Organization
 (e) World Trade Organization Ans. e
23. In December 2024, Jay Shah takes over as the President of the International Cricket Council (ICC), the sport's global governing body. How many years is the tenure of the ICC President?
 (a) 2 years (b) 3 years (c) 4 years (d) 5 years (e) 2.5 years Ans. b
24. In December 2024, which of the following private sector lender and consumer financier Bajaj Finance have mutually decided to cease the issuance of co-branded credit cards under their partnership?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) Axis Bank (c) RBL Bank (d) ICICI Bank (e) Yes bank Ans. c

25. The India Meteorological Department (IMD), in collaboration with the Ministry of Earth Sciences, will host the 14th Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-14) in which city from 4 to 6 December?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Dehradun (c) Indore (d) Ladakh (e) Mumbai Ans. a
26. World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1. What is the theme of World AIDS Day 2024?
 (a) Let community's lead (b) Equalize (c) End Inequalities. End AIDS
 (d) Global solidarity, resilient services (e) Take the Rights Path Ans. e
27. The Border Security Force (BSF) has celebrated its Raising Day on December 1 every year. In which year BSF was formed?
 (a) 1952 (b) 1961 (c) 1965 (d) 1972 (e) 1987 Ans. c
28. Who has won the Formula 1 Qatar Grand Prix 2024 title?
 (a) Sebastian Vettel (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Max Verstappen
 (d) Oscar Piastri (e) Sergio Pérez Ans. c
29. Former Test opener Ian Redpath passed away recently at the age of 83. He belongs to which country?
 (a) South Africa (b) Australia (c) New Zealand (d) England (e) USA Ans. b
30. With which country's Army did the Indian Army conduct the first Table Top Exercise 'CINBAX' in December 2024?
 (a) China (b) Singapore (c) Cambodia (d) Chili (e) Japan Ans. c
31. The Indian government has abolished which type of tax on aviation turbine fuel (ATF), crude oil, petrol, and diesel, effective immediately.
 (a) Local Municipal Bodies take taxes (b) Service tax (c) Road and Infrastructure Cess
 (d) Windfall tax (e) Goods and Services Tax Ans. d
32. In November 2024, which leading payments platform has partnered with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) to enhance cybersecurity in the digital payments ecosystem?
 (a) PhonePe (b) Google Pay (c) Paytm (d) RozarPay (e) BHIM Ans. d
33. The military exercise named Harimau Shakti is conducted between India and which country?
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) Nepal (c) France (d) Kazakhstan (e) Malaysia Ans. e
34. Which state government has launched Mission Himveer to boost local economy. As part of the initiative, the state government will supply fruits, vegetables, meat, and poultry to the ITBP?
 (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Assam (c) West Bengal
 (d) Sikkim (e) Nagaland Ans. a
35. Who has been nominated as the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by President-elect Donald Trump?
 (a) Vivek Ramaswamy (b) Tulsi Gabbard (c) Rina Banerjee
 (d) Prashant Bhargava (e) Kash Patel Ans. e
36. In November 2024, which bank has launched a nation-wide drive to raise awareness about the importance of inoperative account activation?
 (a) Bank of Baroda (b) Union Bank of India (c) State Bank of India
 (d) Punjab National Bank (e) Canara Bank Ans. c
37. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed every year on which day?
 (a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 3 December (d) 4 December (e) 5 December Ans. b
38. Which country is hosting the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) from 2-15 December 2024?
 (a) Saudi Arabia (b) Qatar (c) UAE (d) Belgium (e) Brazil Ans. a
39. Who has won the women's singles title of the 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament?
 (a) Saina Nehwal (b) Sania Mirza (c) Ashwini Ponnappa
 (d) Carolina Marín (e) PV Sindhu Ans. e
40. How much rupees Goods and Services Tax (GST) was collected in November 2024?
 (a) 1.52 lakh crore (b) 1.62 lakh crore (c) 1.72 lakh crore (d) 1.82 lakh crore (e) 1.92 lakh crore Ans. d
41. World Computer Literacy Day is observed annually on which day to celebrate and promote computer education worldwide?
 (a) 1 December (b) 2 December (c) 3 December (d) 4 December (e) 5 December Ans. c

42. Which ride-hailing app in India has started the country's first water transport service named Shikara?
 (a) Uber (b) Rapido (c) Ola (d) Indrive (e) BlaBlaCar Ans. a
43. Which non-banking finance company (NBFC) had its supervisory restrictions lifted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in December 2024, following a series of regulatory discussions and corrective measures to address deficiencies?
 (a) Navi Finserv (b) DMI Finance Private Limited
 (c) Asirvad Micro Finance Limited (d) Arohan Financial Services
 (e) Asirvad Microfinance Ans. a
44. Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment and Climate Change has launched 'Nano Bubble Technology' to clean and purify the water of the National Zoological Park in Delhi. Who is the Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment and Climate Change?
 (a) Bhupender Yadav (b) Banwari Lal Verma (c) Prateek Bhushan Singh
 (d) Kirti Vardhan Singh (e) Ketki Devi Singh Ans. d
45. Consider the following point about Ratapani Tiger Reserve which was recently seen in the news. Which of the following point(s) is/are CORRECT regarding this?
 (i) The government has declared Ratapani Tiger Reserve as the 57th Tiger Reserve of the country.
 (ii) It is located in Madhya Pradesh.
 (iii) It is the 7th tiger reserve of the state in which it is located.
 (a) only i (b) only ii (c) only i and ii (d) only ii and iii (e) only i and iii Ans. c
46. Which of the following has launched the Quant Fund, an open-ended equity scheme designed around a quant-based investing approach?
 (a) Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund (b) Axis Mutual Fund (c) Edelweiss Mutual Fund
 (d) SBI Mutual Fund (e) HDFC Mutual Fund Ans. d
47. Which prominent global financial centre signed an MoU with NASSCOM to bolster cross-border collaborations in fintech, artificial intelligence, and innovation by facilitating sector-specific activities in December 2024?
 (a) London Innovation Network (b) Silicon Valley Tech Forum
 (c) Dubai International Financial Centre (d) Singapore Fintech Hub
 (e) Hong Kong Technology Exchange Ans. c
48. In December 2024, which global automotive leader has tied up with three IITs to establish a collaborative research system in the fields of batteries and electrification entailing an investment of USD 7 million over five years?
 (a) Hyundai Motor (b) Kia (c) Ford Motor Company
 (d) Toyota (e) Volkswagen Group Ans. a
49. In December 2024, which country officially inaugurated its first overseas atmospheric background station in Antarctica, marking a major milestone in global climate research?
 (a) China (b) Russia (c) India (d) USA (e) Japan Ans. a
50. Which of the following cities will host the World Maritime Conference 2024?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Chennai (d) Hyderabad (e) Bengaluru Ans. c
51. Which company has been honoured with the prestigious IGBC Green Champion Award at the Green Building Congress 2024 in Bengaluru?
 (a) Bharat Electronics (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (c) Tata Motors
 (d) Larsen and Toubro (e) Bharat Forge Ltd Ans. e
52. Former Director of _____ Vijay Shanker passed away at the age of 76.
 (a) Enforcement Directorate (b) National Investigation Agency (c) Intelligence Bureau
 (d) Criminal Investigation Department (e) Central Bureau of Investigation Ans. e
53. Nurse Maria Victoria Juan has been honoured with the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024. She is from which country?
 (a) India (b) Nepal (c) Bhutan (d) Philippines (e) Afghanistan Ans. d
54. In December 2024, Mahindra Finance has entered into a strategic corporate agency agreement with which insurance company to offer Mahindra Finance customers a variety of tailored insurance solutions across motor and non-motor segments?
 (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance
 (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India
 (e) Magma HDI General Insurance Ans. e

55. India has signed the Supply Chain Resilience Agreement (Pillar-II) in November 2023 under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), the Agreement seeks to strengthen supply chain crucial for national security and economic stability. IPEF has how many member countries?
 (a) 5 (b) 8 (c) 10 (d) 14 (e) 18 Ans. d
56. Consider the following options regarding the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme (MSSC) and identify the INCORRECT option in this regard.
 (a) Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme (MSSC) was launched in March 2023.
 (b) 43,30,121 accounts have been opened under the scheme as of October 10, 2024.
 (c) The account under this MSSC shall be opened by a woman for herself, or by the guardian on behalf of a minor girl, on or before 31st March, 2025.
 (d) The facility of partial withdrawal and premature closure on compassionate grounds are also available under this Scheme.
 (e) The interest rate for MSSC is 8.5% p.a. which is compounded quarterly and credited to the account Ans. e
57. As a part of the Government of India's Action Plan for Viksit Bharat@2047, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals launched the first training programme on "Chemical and Petrochemical Industrial Safety" at _____.
 (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai (c) Indore (d) Ahmedabad (e) New Delhi Ans. d
58. Which telecom operator has signed a multi-year, multi-billion-dollar agreement with Swedish telecom equipment provider Ericsson to extend its 4G and 5G contracts?
 (a) Reliance Jio (b) Bharti Airtel (c) Vodafone Idea (d) BSNL (e) MTNL Ans. b
59. On December 4, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), India's premier investigating agency tasked with protecting the country's economic interests, celebrated its 67th year of establishment. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) is under which Ministry of the Government of India?
 (a) Ministry of Home Affairs (b) Ministry of Finance (c) Ministry of External Affairs
 (d) Ministry of Defence (e) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Ans. b
60. International Day of Banks is observed every year on December 4. What is the theme of International Day of Banks 2024?
 (a) Achieving sustainable development goals (b) Promoting global financial inclusion
 (c) Aligning with global development goals
 (d) Empowering Sustainable Development Through Finance.
 (e) Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and reform the global financial architecture Ans. d
61. India's total external debt has increased by \$ 31 billion to _____ in 2023, according to World Bank International Debt Report.
 (a) \$ 346.79 billion (b) \$ 446.79 billion (c) \$ 546.79 billion
 (d) \$ 646.79 billion (e) \$ 746.79 billion Ans. d
62. Which country has been identified as the world's major target of mobile malware attacks by the Zscaler ThreatLabz 2024 Mobile IoT and OT Threat Report 2024?
 (a) India (b) USA (c) Japan (d) South Korea (e) China Ans. a
63. Where was the 2nd India-United Kingdom 2+2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue held?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Bengaluru (d) Hyderabad (e) Chennai Ans. a
64. Who is the first Indian to win a medal in the Asian Esports Games?
 (a) Parul Tyagi (b) Shikha Goel (c) Ahmad Muhaimin
 (d) Ankit Gupta (e) Pavan Kampelli Ans. e
65. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah of Namibia's ruling SWAPO party has been elected president and will be the country's first female leader. Namibia became independent from which country in 1990?
 (a) Zimbabwe (b) Botswana (c) Angola (d) Zambia (e) South Africa Ans. e
66. In a significant development, an MoU was renewed for how many years between the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Department of Posts for the continued accessibility of passport services through the Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in December 2024?
 (a) 2 years (b) 3 years (c) 5 years (d) 7 years (e) 10 years Ans. c

67. Consider the following options regarding the Anna Chakra platform that the Union government recently launched and Identify the INCORRECT option.
- (a) The Union government has unveiled 'Anna Chakra', a groundbreaking supply chain optimization tool for the Public Distribution System (PDS).
 (b) It has been developed with the World Food Programme and IIT-Kanpur.
 (c) Preliminary assessments across 30 states project annual cost savings of Rs 250 crore with a Rs 58-crore reduction in quantity-kilometer metrics.
 (d) The government also launched the SCAN (Subsidy Claim Application for NFSA) portal.
 (e) All are correct Ans. b
68. The Government of India has signed a \$50 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for climate-resilient water security in which state?
- (a) Manipur (b) Meghalaya (c) Tripura (d) Assam (e) Sikkim Ans. b
69. Union government has approved how much rupees grants each for 7 startups in technical textiles to boost innovation and sustainability in December 2024?
- (a) 10 lakh (b) 20 lakh (c) 40 lakh (d) 50 lakh (e) 1 crore Ans. d
70. In December 2024, India signed an MoU with which country to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation at the Foreign Minister's level?
- (a) Kuwait (b) Bahrain (c) Jordan (d) Libya (e) Kyrgyzstan Ans. a
71. India has defeated which team in the final to win the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024?
- (a) Japan (b) Malaysia (c) Bangladesh (d) South Korea (e) Pakistan Ans. e
72. Australian's Neale Fraser passed away recently at the age of 91. He was related to which sport?
- (a) Football (b) Tennis (c) Cricket (d) Golf (e) Badminton Ans. b
73. In December 2024, Morgan Stanley lowered India's GDP growth target for FY25 to how much per cent from 6.7%?
- (a) 6.6% (b) 6.5% (c) 6.4% (d) 6.3% (e) 6.2% Ans. d
74. World Soil Day (WSD) is observed every year on 5 December. What is the theme of World Soil Day?
- (a) Soil and Water: A Source of Life (b) Soils: Where food begins
 (c) Halt Soil Salinization, Boost Soil Productivity (d) Keep soil alive, Protect soil biodiversity
 (e) Soil is Life Ans. e
75. Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Devendra Gangadharrao Fadnavis was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for the third time. In the 2024 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election, Devendra Fadnavis won from which legislative assembly constituencies?
- (a) Amravati (b) Wardha (c) Nagpur South
 (d) Nagpur South West (e) Aurangabad East Ans. d
76. Which initiative developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) leverages AI and machine learning to address the issue of mule bank accounts used for financial frauds, being piloted with public sector banks?
- (a) ZeroFraud.ai (b) model.ai (c) rbimini.ai (d) MuleHunter.ai (e) rbih.ai Ans. d
77. Which cloud system provider has partnered with Data Science Wizards (DSW), a deep-tech AI platform company, to launch a fully managed Insurance AI Cloud Platform tailored for the Indian insurance industry?
- (a) Infosys (b) TCS (c) Neysa (d) IBM (e) Juspay Ans. c
78. Which rocket was used by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to launch the European Space Agency's Probe 3 spacecraft?
- (a) PSLV- C 54 (b) PSLV-C59 (c) PSLV-C58 (d) PSLV-C57 (e) PSLV-C56 Ans. b
79. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently allowed Small Finance Banks (SFBs) to offer pre-sanctioned credit lines via the UPI. Which of the following option is incorrect regarding this?
- (a) Small Finance Banks can now provide credit products to customers through UPI accounts.
 (b) This facility was previously available only to payments banks.
 (c) This initiative aims to support underserved groups, including micro-entrepreneurs and rural businesses.
 (d) both a and b (e) both b and c Ans. b
80. Nagaland's major tourism and cultural festival, "Hornbill Festival", is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2024, which is held every year from 1 to 10 December. Which of the following countries is not an international participant in the Hornbill Festival this year?
- (a) UK (b) USA (c) Peru (d) Japan (e) France Ans. e

81. In December 2024, the centre approved the release of .944.80 crore to which state as two instalments of its share from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to help the state government's relief efforts in areas ravaged by Cyclone "Fengal"?
- (a) West Bengal (b) Odisha (c) Kerala (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Telangana Ans. d
82. The Union Cabinet has approved _____ Rithala-Kundli corridor of the Delhi Metro's Phase-IV project that will further enhance connectivity between the national capital and neighbouring Haryana.
- (a) 6.463-km (b) 16.463-km (c) 26.463-km (d) 36.463-km (e) 46.463-km Ans. c
83. What decision did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) make in its recent monetary policy review?
- (a) Increased the policy repo rate to 6.7%
 (b) Reduced the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 bps to 4% (c) Raised the GDP growth projection to 7%
 (d) Increased the inflation projection to 5.5%
 (e) Raised the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 bps to 5% Ans. b
84. In December 2024, the SBI Card reached a significant milestone by surpassing 20 million credit cards in circulation. In which year did SBI Card start its credit card business?
- (a) 1990 (b) 1996 (c) 1998 (d) 2002 (e) 2005 Ans. c
85. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to introduce a new benchmark for the interest rate derivatives market based on secured money markets. This benchmark is to be known as Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR). It will be developed with the support of _____.
- (a) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
 (b) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (c) Financial Benchmarks India Limited
 (d) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (e) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub Ans. c
86. Who will chair the 68th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) in Austria?
- (a) India (b) France (c) USA (d) Nepal (e) Bhutan Ans. a
87. IIT Madras has completed a 410-meter Hyperloop test track, marking a significant milestone in India's journey toward futuristic transport systems. The project is being led by IIT Madras's Avishkar Hyperloop team in partnership with _____, a startup incubated at the institute.
- (a) FuFr (b) TuTr (c) SuSr (d) KuKr (e) JuJr Ans. b
88. In December 2024, the Reserve Bank of India enhanced the collateral-free agriculture loans limit to how much rupees per borrower from the existing Rs 1.6 lakh?
- (a) 2 lakh (b) 3 lakh (c) 4 lakh (d) 5 lakh (e) 2.5 lakh Ans. a
89. International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated every year on which day?
- (a) 4 December (b) 5 December (c) 6 December (d) 8 December (e) 7 December Ans. e
90. What is the name of the AI-powered digital assistant developed by Wipro and SIAM.AI for Thailand's tourism authority?
- (a) ChatTour (b) Sukjai (c) TravelGenie (d) AIExplore (e) Mera.ai Ans. b
91. In December 2024, what is the name of the unmanned surface vessel handed over by GRSE to DRDO?
- (a) Jalveer (b) Jaldoot (c) Jalrakshak (d) Jalpari (e) Jalvahan Ans. b
92. Who has been appointed as the acting secretary of the BCCI?
- (a) Rahul Dravid (b) Devajit Saikia (c) Roger Binny
 (d) Sourav Ganguly (e) Anurag Thakur Ans. b
93. Whose death anniversary is commemorated on Mahaparinirvan Diwas?
- (a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
 (c) Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
 (e) Subhas Chandra Bose Ans. c
94. Who has been appointed as the RBI representative on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) ?
- (a) Shaktikanta Das (b) Vaibhav Chaturvedi (c) Rajiv Kumar
 (d) Urjit Patel (e) Raghuram Rajan Ans. b
95. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Burkina Faso by the junta leader?
- (a) Rimalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo (b) Apollinaire Joachim Kyelem de Tambela
 (c) Blaise Compaoré (d) Roch Marc Christian Kaboré
 (e) Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba Ans. a

96. In December 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' in Panipat to promote financial literacy and insurance awareness among women. What is the age range of women eligible for the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana'?
- (a) 15-65 years (b) 18-60 years (c) 18-70 years (d) 21-65 years (e) 25-70 years Ans. c
97. Who inaugurated the Fourth Edition of the India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024?
- (a) Rajeev Chandrasekhar (b) Jitin Prasada (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
(d) Nirmala Sitharaman (e) Narendra Modi Ans. b
98. Which of the following option is correct regarding the "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign?
- (a) The campaign will be held during the good governance week from December 19 to 24.
(b) To address public grievances and improve service delivery at the tehsil and panchayat level.
(c) It is a decentralized version of Special Campaign 4.0 that is conducted in central ministries and departments.
(d) In this campaign, over 700 district collectors will be participating and officials will be visiting tehsils and panchayat samiti headquarters. (e) all are correct Ans. e
99. What is the primary objective of the PMeVIDYA DTH 24x7 Channel No. 31 for Indian Sign Language (ISL), recently launched by Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan?
- (a) To promote Indian Sign Language (ISL) as both a communication tool and a subject of study.
(b) To provide only entertainment content for hearing-impaired students.
(c) To focus on learning English for hearing-impaired children.
(d) To teach regional languages to hearing-impaired students.
(e) To serve as a resource for urban students only. Ans. a
100. When is Armed Forces Flag Day celebrated in India?
- (a) 7 December (b) 8 December (c) 11 December (d) 10 December (e) 6 December Ans. a
101. Which date was declared as World Meditation Day by the UNGA?
- (a) 17 December (b) 18 December (c) 11 December (d) 19 December (e) 21 December Ans. e
102. What was the main focus of the India-Norway Business Forum held in Mumbai in December 2024?
- (a) To discuss avenues for strengthening trade and investment ties between India and Norway across priority sectors.
(b) To encourage Norwegian companies to invest in India's tourism industry.
(c) To highlight maritime challenges specific to Norwegian companies in India.
(d) To promote cultural exchanges between India and Norway.
(e) To explore Norway's role in global sustainability efforts unrelated to India. Ans. a
103. What was the primary focus of the International Conclave 2024 organized by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in association with INSOL India?
- (a) To discuss "Insolvency Resolution: Evolution & Global Perspective".
(b) To explore India's economic growth and its impact on insolvency laws.
(c) To introduce new laws related to cross-border insolvency in India.
(d) To review the role of small businesses in the Indian insolvency framework.
(e) To analyze India's performance in global trade disputes. Ans. a
104. What was the theme of the Western Air Command Commanders' Conference 2024?
- (a) Bharatiya Vayu Sena - Sashakt, Saksham, Atmanirbhar (b) Mission, Excellence, and Leadership
(c) Strengthening India's Defense Frontiers (d) Empowering Future Leaders in Aviation
(e) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Readiness Ans. a
105. International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on 9 December to raise awareness about corruption and promote measures to combat it. Which organization established International Anti-Corruption Day?
- (a) World Bank (b) United Nations (c) International Monetary Fund
(d) World Economic Forum (e) Transparency International Ans. b
106. Who accepted the Technology Adoption Award on behalf of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) at the 3rd PSU Transformation Awards 2024?
- (a) Sarath Chandra (b) Tirupat Naik (c) Rajesh Kumar (d) Suresh Reddy (e) Arvind Sharma Ans. b

107. Who won the Ghana presidential election and achieved a political comeback in 2024?
 (a) Nana Akufo-Addo (b) John Dramani Mahama (c) Kwame Nkrumah
 (d) John Atta Mills (e) Jerry John Rawlings Ans. b
108. Canara Bank has launched a two-day nationwide Credit Outreach program to support the growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). How many MSME clusters were covered by Canara Bank's Nationwide Credit Outreach Program?
 (a) 150 clusters (b) 238 clusters (c) 300 clusters (d) 438 clusters (e) 508 clusters Ans. b
109. How much funding has Varthana secured to support its mission of enhancing affordable private education in India?
 (a) \$10 million (b) \$15 million (c) \$20 million (d) \$25 million (e) \$30 million Ans. b
110. When is the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide observed?
 (a) 10 December (b) 11 December (c) 9 December (d) 12 December (e) 8 December Ans. c
111. The three-day Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam 2024 successfully concluded at the Tummalapallivari Kshetraraya Kalakshetram Auditorium in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. What was the main purpose of the Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam festival?
 (a) To conduct a competitive music event (b) To promote Telugu cinema globally
 (c) To pay tribute to Telugu culture, Carnatic music, and promote lesser-known tourist destinations
 (d) To establish music schools in Andhra Pradesh
 (e) To celebrate modern music genres in urban areas Ans. c
112. What is the name of the temple that won the UNESCO Award of Distinction 2023 for its heritage conservation?
 (a) Abathsahayeshwarar Temple (b) Brihadeeswarar Temple (c) Meenakshi Temple
 (d) Srirangam Temple (e) Rajagopalaswamy Temple Ans. a
113. Who has won the BWF Super 100 Guwahati Masters 2024 badminton singles title?
 (a) Sathish Karunakaran (b) Kidambi Srikanth (c) Lakshya Sen
 (d) Prannoy H.S. (e) Chirag Shetty Ans. a
114. Which team has won the 11th ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup Final in Dubai?
 (a) Bangladesh (b) India (c) Pakistan (d) Sri Lanka (e) Afghanistan Ans. a
115. Which category did Payal Kapadia receive a historic nomination for at the 82nd Golden Globes 2025?
 (a) Best Actress (b) Best Director (Motion Picture) (c) Best Screenplay
 (d) Best Cinematography (e) Best Original Song Ans. b
116. Read the statements below carefully and choose the correct option:
 Statements:
 (1) Sanjay Malhotra has been appointed as the 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and will assume office on 11 December 2024.
 (2) The tenure of an RBI Governor or Deputy Governor is fixed at five years without the possibility of reappointment.
 (3) The Central Government appoints the RBI Governor and Deputy Governors under the provisions of the RBI Act of 1934.
 Options :
 a) Only statement (1) is correct. (b) Only statements (1) and (3) are correct.
 c) Only statements (2) and (3) are correct.
 d) All statements (1), (2), and (3) are correct. Ans. b
117. The Russian-built multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate INS Tushil was commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia. What is unique about the construction of INS Tushil?
 (a) It is the first Indian-built stealth frigate.
 (b) It is the seventh ship of Project 1135.6, built under an India-Russia collaboration.
 (c) It is a nuclear-powered frigate built by Baltiysky Zawod.
 (d) It is the first ship constructed under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
 (e) It is the first ship to feature entirely indigenous weaponry. Ans. b

118. World Human Rights Day is observed annually on December 10. What is the theme for World Human Rights Day 2024?
- (a) Dignity for All (b) Equality and Justice for Future Generations
(c) Human Rights in Action (d) Our Rights, Our Future
(e) Empowering Communities for Change Ans. d
119. Which bank provided the ₹91 million sustainability-linked loan to Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG) India Credit?
- (a) Barclays Bank (b) Deutsche Bank AG, India (c) HSBC India
(d) Citibank India (e) Standard Chartered Bank Ans. b
120. Which organization has Flipkart partnered with to support tech startups in India?
- (a) Ministry of Electronics and IT (b) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
(c) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
(d) Startup India Initiative (SII) (e) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Ans. b
121. Who has been chosen for the J C Daniel Award for 2023?
- (a) Adoor Gopalakrishnan (b) Shaji N Karun (c) Priyadarshan
(d) Sathyan Anthikad (e) Kamal Ans. b
122. What is the main objective of the MoU (in December 2024) between the Government of Telangana and CSIR facilitated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)?
- (a) To develop a skilled workforce in recycling and waste management
(b) To promote the construction of new cities (c) To develop new energy sources in Telangana
(d) To fund the agricultural sector in Telangana
(e) To create tourism infrastructure in Telangana Ans. a
123. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024 and the Rajasthan Global Business Expo at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC) in Jaipur, Rajasthan. What is the theme of the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024?
- (a) Replete, Responsible, Ready (b) Innovate, Invest, Inspire
(c) Growth, Governance, Globalization (d) Vision, Values, Venture
(e) Future, Focus, Flourish Ans. a
124. Who has won the Formula One Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2024?
- (a) Carlos Sainz (b) Charles Leclerc (c) Lewis Hamilton (d) George Russell (e) Lando Norris Ans. e
125. ICICI Bank has signed an MoU with which bank to enhance support for customers engaged in the Australia-India business corridor?
- (a) Reserve Bank of Australia (b) Commonwealth Bank of Australia (c) State Bank of India
(d) National Australia Bank (e) Axis Bank Ans. b
126. Which General Insurance Company has collaborated with the Child Rights and You (CRY) organization to empower education for marginalized communities in Andhra Pradesh?
- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance (c) Liberty General Insurance
(d) Go Digit General Insurance (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Ans. e
127. What is the growth projection for the Indian economy in FY25 according to S&P Global Ratings?
- (a) 6.5% (b) 6.6% (c) 6.8% (d) 6.9% (e) 7.0% Ans. c
128. Which IT infrastructure services provider, has partnered with The Co-operative Bank to migrate the bank's existing applications from on-premise environments to AWS Cloud?
- (a) IBM (b) Google (c) Kyndryl (d) Microsoft (e) Meta Ans. c
129. Which two organizations are collaborating to enhance landslide forecasting and early warning systems?
- (a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) and NASA
(b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) and CNR-IRPI, Italy
(c) Geological Survey of India (GSI) and UNDP (d) Geological Survey of India (GSI) and WHO
(e) Geological Survey of India (GSI) and European Space Agency Ans. b

130. International Mountain Day is celebrated annually on 11 December. What is the theme for International Mountain Day 2024?
 (a) Climate action for mountain regions (b) Resilient mountains: A global priority
 (c) Mountain solutions for a sustainable future – innovation, adaptation and youth
 (d) Preserving mountain biodiversity (e) Sustainable tourism in mountain ecosystems Ans. c
131. Consider the following statements regarding the XV Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants:
 1. The 2nd installment of Untied Grants for FY 2024–25 in Himachal Pradesh amounts to .70.40 crores.
 2. The XV FC Grants for Rural Local Bodies are released in three installments during a financial year.
 3. The funds released for Goa include a withheld amount from the 1st installment of Untied Grants.
 Which of the above statement (s) is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only (e) All of the above Ans. a
132. The 2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil will be played from June 24 to July 25, FIFA, soccer's international governing body announced. How many teams will participate in the 2027 Women's World Cup?
 (a) 16 (b) 24 (c) 28 (d) 32 (e) 36 Ans. d
133. Which countries will jointly host the 2030 FIFA World Cup?
 (a) Spain, Portugal, and Morocco (b) Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Argentina
 (c) Spain, France, and Italy (d) Portugal, Argentina, and Brazil
 (e) Saudi Arabia, Portugal, and Morocco Ans. a
134. Former Karnataka Chief Minister and Union Minister SM Krishna passed away at the age of 92. Which prestigious award was given to SM Krishna in recognition of his political career?
 (a) Padma Vibhushan (b) Bharat Ratna (c) Padma Bhushan
 (d) Padma Shri (e) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Ans. a
135. The dates for the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) have been announced, with Ladakh will host the ice events from January 23 to 27, 2025, while Jammu and Kashmir will host the snow events from February 22 to 25, 2025. When did the Khelo India Winter Games first begin?
 (a) 2019 (b) 2020 (c) 2021 (d) 2022 (e) 2023 Ans. b
136. Who has won the ICC Player of the Month for November 2024 in the women's category?
 (a) Heather Knight (b) Smriti Mandhana (c) Ellyse Perry
 (d) Danni Wyatt-Hodge (e) Laura Wolvaardt Ans. d
137. In December 2024, What type of agreement was signed between HPCL and Sea6 Energy for R&D collaboration to take up joint development and commercialisation of technologies for valorising seaweed biomass?
 (a) Joint Venture Agreement (b) Strategic Partnership Agreement
 (c) Memorandum of Understanding (d) Licensing Agreement
 (e) Collaboration Agreement Ans. c
138. Which company has secured Rs.136-crore contract to supply indigenously designed High Mobility Vehicles (HMs) 8x8?
 (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (c) BEM Limited
 (d) Tata Advanced Systems (e) Bharat Electronics Limited Ans. c
139. What is ADB's GDP growth forecast for India for FY25?
 (a) 6.0% (b) 6.5% (c) 7.0% (d) 7.2% (e) 7.5% Ans. c
140. International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day is celebrated annually on December 12 to raise awareness about the need for strong, resilient health systems and universal health coverage. What is the theme for International UHC Day 2024?
 (a) Health for All: A Shared Responsibility (b) Building Resilient Health Systems
 (c) Health: It's on the Government (d) Equity in Healthcare Access
 (e) Strengthening Global Health Partnerships Ans. c
141. Rahul Narwekar was re-elected as the 15th Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker. Which political party does Rahul Narwekar belong to?
 (a) Indian National Congress (b) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) (c) Shiv Sena
 (d) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) (e) Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) Ans. d

142. Who was re-elected as the Speaker of the 6th Jharkhand Legislative Assembly?
 (a) Inder Singh Namdhari (b) Hemant Soren (c) Rabindra Nath Mahato
 (d) Raghubar Das (e) Shibu Soren Ans. c
143. Who was appointed as the interim Prime Minister of Syria after Bashar al-Assad's government fell?
 (a) Mohammad al-Bashir (b) Bashar al-Assad (c) Ali Mamluk
 (d) Rami Makhlouf (e) Fawaz al-Makdissi Ans. a
144. Who represented India at the 2nd meeting of the Supply Chain Council (SCC)?
 (a) Shri Piyush Goyal (b) Shri Rajesh Agrawal (c) Shri Amitabh Kant
 (d) Shri Suresh Prabhu (e) Shri Nirmala Sitharaman Ans. b
145. India has crossed a milestone of \$1 trillion in cumulative foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows since April 2000, led by improved global competitiveness, a dynamic innovation ecosystem, and a business-friendly environment, according to the commerce and industry ministry. What was the total FDI inflow during the first half of the current fiscal year?
 (a) \$26.9 billion (b) \$42.1 billion (c) \$109.84 billion (d) \$1 trillion (e) \$2.22 billion Ans. b
146. In a significant step toward bolstering India's defence capabilities and promoting the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) for the procurement of 12 Su-30MKI aircraft. What is the percentage of homegrown content in the Su-30MKI aircraft being procured?
 (a) 50% (b) 55.2% (c) 60% (d) 62.6% (e) 75.6% Ans. d
147. The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) have signed an MoU to enhance financial literacy, investor education, and protection in India, focusing on urban and rural sectors. What is the name of the financial literacy program introduced under the collaboration?
 (a) Financial Future Foundation (b) Money Matters for All (c) Financial Education for You
 (d) Learn to Invest Program (e) Smart Finance Initiative Ans. c
148. President Droupadi Murmu conferred the honorary rank of 'General of Indian Army' on Nepal's Army chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel at a ceremony in New Delhi. When did the tradition of conferring honorary ranks between the army chiefs of Nepal and India begin?
 (a) 1947 (b) 1950 (c) 1965 (d) 1975 (e) 1980 Ans. b
149. The National Panchayat Awards 2024 honoured 45 exceptional Panchayats for their contributions to sustainable and inclusive development in rural India. Which of the following statements about the categories of the National Panchayat Awards is CORRECT?
 (P) The Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar recognizes Panchayats for their work in rural electrification.
 (Q) The Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar is awarded for efforts to achieve net-zero carbon emissions.
 (R) The Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar focuses on Panchayats' contributions to water conservation.
 (a) only P (b) only Q (c) only R (d) only P and Q (e) only R and Q Ans. b
150. The two-day first India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 concluded in New Delhi. The Conclave highlighted India's rich maritime legacy since the Harappan period. Which four state governments participated in the India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024?
 (a) Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan (b) Gujarat, Goa, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh
 (c) Maharashtra, West Bengal, Punjab, Odisha
 (d) Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana (e) Karnataka, Delhi, Assam, Sikkim Ans. b
151. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 at Dehradun. What is the theme of the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024?
 (a) Ayurveda for All (b) Herbal Medicine in the Modern World
 (c) Digital Health - An Ayurveda Perspective (d) Ayurveda and Mental Health
 (e) Ayurveda and Nutrition Ans. c
152. The winners of the 2024 Nobel Prizes were awarded in a ceremony held in the Swedish capital city of Stockholm and the Norwegian capital of Oslo on 10 December 2024. Which event does the Nobel Prize ceremony commemorate?
 (a) The birth of Alfred Nobel (b) The anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death
 (c) The founding of the Nobel Foundation (d) The discovery of dynamite
 (e) The first Nobel Prize award Ans. b

153. Which state government has launched 'Him Bhog Atta' Project to promote natural farming?
 (a) Uttarakhand (b) Himachal Pradesh (c) Gujarat
 (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Bihar Ans. b
154. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of TransUnion CIBIL?
 (a) Rajesh Kumar (b) Bhavesh Jain (c) Anil Mehta (d) Suresh Patel (e) Ramesh Gupta Ans. b
155. What is the name of the women-exclusive bike taxi service launched by Uber in Bengaluru?
 (a) Uber Bike Women (b) Moto Women (c) Uber She Rides
 (d) Women Rider Connect (e) Ride Women Ans. b
156. What is the loan amount sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Amaravati's development?
 (a) USD 500 million (b) USD 788 million (c) USD 900 million
 (d) USD 718 million (e) USD 850 million Ans. b
157. In December 2024, what is the loan amount approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to boost India's sustainable infrastructure?
 (a) \$300 million (b) \$400 million (c) \$500 million (d) \$600 million (e) \$700 million Ans. c
158. Which organization has partnered with HSBC to provide funding for trade transactions worth up to \$1 billion, to bridge the funding gap for emerging market trade?
 (a) International Monetary Fund (IMF) (b) World Trade Organization (WTO)
 (c) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
 (d) Asian Development Bank (ADB) (e) Both a and c Ans. c
159. Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh became the youngest chess champion in the world by defeating Ding Liren of China. Where was the 18th World Chess Championship held?
 (a) Dubai (b) Singapore (c) Moscow (d) New Delhi (e) Shanghai Ans. b
160. On which date is the International Day of Neutrality commemorated every year?
 (a) December 10 (b) December 11 (c) December 12 (d) December 13 (e) December 15 Ans. c
161. Which platform under Prasar Bharati will provide the live broadcast of the Hockey India League 2024-25?
 (a) Doordarshan (b) DD Sports (c) DD National
 (d) DD News (e) Prasar Bharati TV Ans. a
162. International Mountain Day is celebrated every year on 11 December. What is the theme for International Mountain Day 2024?
 (a) Mountains: A Path to the Future (b) Protecting Mountain Biodiversity
 (c) Mountain Solutions for a Sustainable Future – Innovation, Adaptation, and Youth
 (d) Mountains and Climate Change (e) Sustainable Living in Mountains Ans. c
163. UNICEF Day is celebrated annually on 11 December to commemorate the establishment of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). In which year was UNICEF established?
 (a) 1945 (b) 1946 (c) 1947 (d) 1950 (e) 1951 Ans. b
164. Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of YES Bank, in December 2024?
 (a) Harish Mehta (b) Manish Jain (c) Rajiv Kumar (d) Sanjay Sharma (e) Anil Gupta Ans. b
165. National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), New Delhi has received the approval from World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as an Athlete Passport Management Unit to manage Athlete Biological Passport (ABP). What is the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) primarily used for?
 (a) To track an athlete's performance statistics
 (b) To monitor an athlete's biological markers over time (c) To certify an athlete's fitness for competitions
 (d) To record training schedules (e) To measure hydration levels during games Ans. b
166. What is Elon Musk's current net worth according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2024?
 (a) \$400 billion (b) \$447 billion (c) \$500 billion (d) \$357 billion (e) \$300 billion Ans. b
167. BOBCARD LIMITED has introduced the TIARA Credit Card, premium credit card designed exclusively for women. Who is the cricketer collaborating with BOBCARD for the campaign of the TIARA Credit Card?
 (a) Mithali Raj (b) Shreyanka Patil (c) Smriti Mandhana
 (d) Harmanpreet Kaur (e) Jhulan Goswami Ans. b
168. Max Life Insurance announced a change in its corporate name to Axis Max Life Insurance after receiving the corporate and regulatory approval. What is the current stake of Axis Bank in Max Life after the acquisition?
 (a) 15.99% (b) 19.99% (c) 25.45% (d) 30% (e) 35% Ans. b

169. The World Bank has approved \$325 million to boost the Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGREES) Project. What is the main objective of the UP-AGREES Project?
 (a) To improve the agricultural exports of Uttar Pradesh
 (b) To enhance farmers' incomes through improved crop productivity and market connections
 (c) To reduce the wheat production in Uttar Pradesh
 (d) To increase the production of rice in Uttar Pradesh
 (e) To build large-scale industrial farms Ans. b
170. When is National Horse Day celebrated in India?
 (a) December 15 (b) December 12 (c) December 13 (d) December 16 (e) December 14 Ans. c
171. When is National Energy Conservation Day celebrated in India?
 (a) December 10 (b) December 14 (c) December 15 (d) December 12 (e) December 13 Ans. b
172. Mikheil Kavelashvili has been elected the next president of Georgia. What is Mikheil Kavelashvili's previous profession?
 (a) Lawyer (b) Footballer (c) Economist (d) Diplomat (e) Businessman Ans. b
173. Which of the following statements about the SBI Chief's role and NARCL is/are correct?
 (P) The committee to recommend a fresh list of accounts for NARCL will be headed by C S Setty.
 (Q) NARCL is commonly referred to as the 'Bad Bank.'
 (R) NARCL was established in mid-2020.
 (a) only P (b) only Q (c) only R and P (d) only P and Q (e) all are correct Ans. d
174. Who is the first Pakistan bowler to take 100 wickets in each format of international cricket?
 (a) Haris Rauf (b) Wasim Akram (c) Shaheen Afridi (d) Waqar Younis (e) Shoaib Akhtar Ans. c
175. Consider the following points about Legendary tabla maestro Zakir Hussain. How many of the given point(s) is/are CORRECT?
 (i) Ustaaad Zakir Hussain was born in Mumbai on March 9, 1951.
 (ii) In a career spanning six decades, Hussain won five Grammy Awards.
 (iii) His most recent film 'Monkey Man' was released in 2024.
 (iv) Hussain received the Padma Shri in 1988, Padma Bhushan in 2002, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2023.
 (a) only one (b) only two (c) only three (d) all are correct (e) all are incorrect Ans. d
176. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France by Emmanuel Macron, in December 2024?
 (a) Jean-Luc Mélenchon (b) Francois Bayrou (c) Michel Barnier
 (d) Marine Le Pen (e) Nicolas Sarkozy Ans. b
177. Which country has become the first European nation to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)?
 (a) Germany (b) France (c) Spain (d) Italy (e) Britain Ans. e
178. Which of the following statements about the 2024 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final is CORRECT?
 (P) Mumbai defeated Madhya Pradesh to win the final by 5 wickets.
 (Q) The final match was held at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.
 (R) Madhya Pradesh won the tournament for the first time.
 (S) Suryansh Shedge from Mumbai was named Player of the Match in the final.
 (a) only P and Q (b) only Q and R (c) only R and S (d) only S and P (e) only P and R Ans. d
179. Which of the following statements about the CHARAK initiative is CORRECT?
 (P) CHARAK focuses on providing free treatment to patients with life-threatening diseases in the Singrauli region.
 (Q) CHARAK is implemented by Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) under the guidance of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 (R) CHARAK benefits only individuals with a family income below Rs. 5 Lakhs per annum.
 (a) only P (b) only Q (c) only R (d) only P and Q (e) only Q and R Ans. a
180. Who has been appointed as the new Country Manager and Vice President for Google India?
 (a) Sanjay Gupta (b) Preeti Lobana (c) Roma Datta Chobey
 (d) Sundar Pichai (e) Parul Tyagi Ans. b

181. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) has set up the country's first diabetes biobank in Chennai. What is the primary purpose of India's first diabetes biobank?
- (a) To develop diabetes vaccines (b) To assist scientific studies on diabetes and related disorders
(c) To store medicines for diabetes treatment (d) To establish diabetes awareness programs
(e) To provide free diabetes treatment to patients Ans. b
182. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has signed an agreement with NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd. (NLDS) to integrate its APIs with Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP). What are the expected benefits of integrating HPCL's API with ULIP?
- (a) Reduced traffic congestion on highways
(b) Enhanced transparency and operational efficiency in logistics
(c) Free refueling for logistics companies (d) Real-time tracking of cargo deliveries
(e) Direct government subsidies for transporters Ans. b
183. The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier telecom R&D centre under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, has signed an agreement with Trois Infotech for its "Face Recognition Using Drone" technology. Under which program was the agreement for "Face Recognition Using Drone" signed?
- (a) Digital India Program (b) Telecom Technology Development Fund
(c) Make in India Initiative (d) National Broadband Mission
(e) Universal Telecom Research Program Ans. b
184. The bilateral naval exercise SLINEX 2024 (Sri Lanka–India Exercise) will be conducted from 17 to 20 Dec 24 at Visakhapatnam under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command. Which Indian naval vessel is participating in SLINEX 2024?
- (a) INS Vikrant (b) INS Sumitra (c) INS Arihant (d) INS Shivalik (e) INS Chennai Ans. b
185. Manipal Academy of BFSI (MABFSI), a leading learning solutions provider for the BFSI sector, has partnered with Axis Bank to launch a Women-Exclusive Cohort under the Axis Bank Young Bankers Program (ABYB). What is the primary aim of the Women-Exclusive Young Bankers Cohort?
- (a) To train graduates in financial technology
(b) To reduce unemployment among women in rural areas (c) To introduce new banking technologies
(d) To train women for entrepreneurship roles
(e) To strengthen gender diversity and inclusion in banking Ans. e
186. Newgen Software, a global leader in AI-driven digital transformation, has launched its AI-enabled Captive Finance Solution. What technology powers the AI-enabled Captive Finance Solution by Newgen?
- (a) Blockchain Technology (b) NewgenONE Low-Code Platform (c) Internet of Things (IoT)
(d) Robotic Process Automation (RPA) (e) Quantum Computing Ans. b
187. The United Nations has recognised ecologist Madhav Gadgil with the annual Champions of the Earth award, the UN's highest environmental honour. What is the primary reason Madhav Gadgil received the UNEP Champions of the Earth award?
- (a) His work on renewable energy projects
(b) His contributions to the ecological protection of the Western Ghats
(c) His role in combating air pollution in urban areas
(d) His leadership in promoting sustainable farming practices
(e) His efforts to conserve marine biodiversity Ans. b
188. Which player won the women's singles title at the Odisha Masters 2024?
- (a) PV Sindhu (b) Cai Yan Yan (c) Saina Nehwal (d) Anmol Kharb (e) Tanvi Sharma Ans. b
189. Where did the Indian Women's Junior Hockey team win the Women's Junior Asia Cup title in 2024?
- (a) Dubai, UAE (b) Doha, Qatar (c) Muscat, Oman
(d) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (e) Jakarta, Indonesia Ans. c
190. What was the WPI-based inflation rate in November 2024?
- (a) 2.40% (b) 1.89% (c) 2.10% (d) 1.29% (e) 1.63% Ans. b

191. The 'Ram Temple project' of the Shri Ram Janmaboomi Temple in Ayodhya has been awarded the 'Sword of Honour' by the British Safety Council. What material is primarily being used to build the Ram Temple?
- (a) Red sandstone from Agra (b) Bansi Paharpur stone from Rajasthan
(c) Granite from Tamil Nadu (d) White marble from Makrana
(e) Black stone from Karnataka Ans. b
192. Which airport in India became the first to connect 150 destinations?
- (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
(b) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (c) Chennai International Airport
(d) Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi
(e) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad Ans. d
193. C-DOT, the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), GoI has signed an agreement with Silizium Circuits Pvt Ltd a fabless Semiconductor IP & SoC Startup under FABCI (Fabless Chip Design Incubator) IIT Hyderabad for the "Design and Development of LEO Satellite Components, and GNSS RF Front End ASIC". What does C-DOT stand for?
- (a) Centre for Development of Telecommunication (b) Centre for Digital and Optical Technologies
(c) Centre for Development of Telematics (d) Central Department of Telecommunication
(e) Communication Development and Telecommunication Ans. c
194. Which institution has signed an MoU with the Indian Navy for logistics-related education, research, and training?
- (a) Indian Institute of Technology (b) National Defence Academy
(c) Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (d) Indian Maritime University
(e) Defence Research and Development Organisation Ans. c
195. What is one of the key directives from the RBI's recent MPC meeting regarding MSME loans?
- (a) NBFCs must increase loan tenure for MSMEs
(b) Banks and NBFCs cannot levy foreclosure charges or prepayment penalties on MSMEs
(c) MSMEs must pay higher interest rates for unsecured loans
(d) Banks must offer fixed-rate loans to MSMEs only
(e) NBFCs must obtain RBI approval for MSME loans above INR 50 crore Ans. b
196. Indian commercial banks wrote off Rs 12.3 lakh crore in loans between the 2014-15 and 2023-24 financial years, according to government data presented in Parliament. Which bank had the highest loan write-offs during the ten-year period?
- (a) Punjab National Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) State Bank of India
(d) Bank of Baroda (e) HDFC Bank Ans. c
197. What is the name of the new feature launched by LazyPay to simplify high-value purchases?
- (a) LazyPay Credit (b) LazyPay EMI (c) LazyPay Wallet (d) LazyPay Plus (e) LazyPay Instant Ans. b
198. Who has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank for three years?
- (a) Shyam Srinivasan (b) R Subramaniakumar (c) Prashant Kumar
(d) Amitabh Chaudhry (e) Sandeep Bakshi Ans. b
199. Which organization approved the acquisition of certain stake in Speed JVco S.à r.l. by Ramon Investments Pte. Ltd.?
- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(c) Competition Commission of India (CCI) (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
(e) National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Ans. c
200. Who has won the World Rapid Chess Championship for the second time in the women's section?
- (a) Ju Wenjun (b) Dronavalli Harika (c) Irene Sukandar
(d) Anna Muzychuk (e) Koneru Humpy Ans. e
201. India's pace ace Jasprit Bumrah carved his place in cricketing history, becoming the bowler with the best average among those with 200 or more Test wickets. Where did Jasprit Bumrah achieve his 200th Test wicket?
- (a) Lord's Cricket Ground (b) Sydney Cricket Ground (c) Melbourne Cricket Ground
(d) Eden Gardens (e) Old Trafford Ans. c

202. Sikkim celebrated the annual Kagyad Dance festival at Tsuklakhang Palace in Gangtok with tradition. On which days of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar is the Kagyad Dance Festival celebrated?
- (a) 15th and 16th day of the 10th month (b) 21st and 22nd day of the 10th month
(c) 28th and 29th day of the 10th month (d) 1st and 2nd day of the 11th month
(e) 5th and 6th day of the 10th month Ans. c
203. 27-year-old K N Renuka Pujar has become the first transgender individual to be appointed as a guest lecturer at a university in Karnataka. Which department has K N Renuka Pujar joined as a guest lecturer?
- (a) English Department (b) Kannada Department (c) Sociology Department
(d) History Department (e) Economics Department Ans. b
204. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has launched a new citizen-centric initiative called the SWAR platform to overcome language barriers. What is the full form of SWAR?
- (a) Simplified Written and Audio Resource (b) Speech and Written Analysis Resource
(c) Systematic Writing and Analysis Resource (d) Speech Writing and Analysis Repository
(e) Simplified Writing and Reading Ans. b
205. What is the name of the summit India will host for the first time in 2025?
- (a) World Creative Content Summit (b) Global Entertainment Summit
(c) World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (d) International Media and Arts Summit
(e) Audio-Visual Content Expo Ans. c
206. Osamu Suzuki, the former chairman of Suzuki Motor Corporation and an icon in the global auto industry has passed away at the age of 94. In which year did Osamu Suzuki become the president of Suzuki Motor Corporation?
- (a) 1958 (b) 1968 (c) 1978 (d) 1988 (e) 2000 Ans. c
207. The India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA) completes two years of remarkable success, driving mutual growth and showcasing the complementarity of both economies. By how much did bilateral merchandise trade increase after the signing of the Ind-Aus ECTA?
- (a) It tripled (b) It decreased by half (c) It more than doubled
(d) It remained the same (e) It increased marginally Ans. c
208. What is the projected growth rate for the Indian economy in FY25 according to Deloitte?
- (a) 5.5-5.8% (b) 6.0-6.2% (c) 7.5-7.8% (d) 7.0-7.3% (e) 6.5-6.8% Ans. e
209. The Haryana government has decided to increase the maximum limit of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity for state government employees by 25 percent. What will be the new maximum limit of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity for Haryana state government employees starting January 1, 2025?
- (a) Rs 15 lakh (b) Rs 20 lakh (c) Rs 22 lakh (d) Rs 25 lakh (e) Rs 30 lakh Ans. d
210. Consider the following statements regarding the newly-formed interim Asian body for boxing:
1. The interim Asian body was established by the World Boxing organization.
 2. Lovlina Borgohain is one of the members of the Athletes' Commission in this body.
 3. Ajay Singh has been appointed as the Chairperson of the interim body.
- Which of the above statements is/are CORRECT?
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, and 3 (e) all are incorrect Ans. b
211. Which organization has awarded the 'Great Place to Work' certification to Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for January 2025 to January 2026?
- (a) National Productivity Council (b) Ministry of Steel
(c) Great Place to Work Institute, India (d) World Steel Association
(e) Confederation of Indian Industry Ans. c
212. Which country's regulatory authority has granted approval for Doha Insurance Group (DIG) to establish a reinsurance branch in India?
- (a) India's Reserve Bank of India (b) Qatar Central Bank (c) Dubai Financial Market
(d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (e) International Monetary Fund Ans. b
213. The Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) issued the licence to build Chashma Nuclear Power Plant Unit 5 (C-5), the largest plant producing electricity through nuclear power. What is the capacity of the Chashma Nuclear Power Plant Unit 5 (C-5)?
- (a) 1000 MWe (b) 1200 MWe (c) 1500 MWe (d) 500 MWe (e) 800 MWe Ans. b

214. Which team did Kerala defeat to win their maiden Senior National Men's Handball Championship title?
 (a) Chandigarh (b) Indian Railways (c) Services (d) Haryana (e) Maharashtra Ans. a
215. Kaamya Karthikeyan, a Class 12 student from Navy Children's School, Mumbai, has become the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on all seven continents. Which mountain did Kaamya Karthikeyan climb to complete the Seven Summits Challenge?
 (a) Mt Everest (b) Mt Kilimanjaro (c) Mt Vinson (d) Mt Aconcagua (e) Mt Denali Ans. c
216. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with which company for DRDO-made Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system worth nearly Rs 1,990 crore?
 (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (b) Hindustan Shipyard (c) ABG Shipyard
 (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited Ans. a
217. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?
 (a) Anish Dayal Singh (b) Vitul Kumar (c) Rakesh Asthana
 (d) Kuldip Singh (e) Rajeev Jain Ans. b
218. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of DBS Bank India?
 (a) Surojit Shome (b) Rajat Verma (c) Raghuram Rajan
 (d) Arundhati Bhattacharya (e) Vikram Pandit Ans. b
219. Former US President and 2002 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Jimmy Carter passed away recently at the age of 100. For what reason was Jimmy Carter awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize?
 (a) His mediation in the Middle East (b) His efforts to promote social and economic justice
 (c) His environmental activism (d) His role in disarmament
 (e) His economic reforms in Africa Ans. b
220. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 24 projects related to power, road, railway and water worth more than Rs 46,300 crore in Jaipur. Which of the following is one of the key projects inaugurated by PM Modi?
 (a) Ganga Canal Irrigation Project (b) Parvati, Kalisindh, Chambal Link Project
 (c) Yamuna Expressway Development Project
 (d) Sabarmati Riverfront Project (e) Sardar Sarovar Dam Project Ans. b
221. Who won the gold medal in the Women's 25m Pistol Final at the 67th National Shooting Championship?
 (a) Simranpreet Kaur Brar (b) Rahi Sarnobat (c) Riya Shirish Thatte
 (d) Manu Bhaker (e) Heena Sidhu Ans. c
222. Which team won the inaugural Waldner Cup 2024 Table Tennis tournament?
 (a) Team World (b) Team Europe (c) Team Asia (d) Team America (e) Team Africa Ans. c
223. Who was the most searched Indian sportsperson globally in 2024?
 (a) Hardik Pandya (b) Virat Kohli (c) Rohit Sharma (d) KL Rahul (e) Shubman Gill Ans. a
224. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attended Bhutan's 117th National Day celebration on 17 December 2024 at Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. What is the significance of 17th December in Bhutan?
 (a) It marks the coronation of the first King of Bhutan (b) It celebrates Bhutan's Independence Day
 (c) It marks the establishment of Bhutan's democracy (d) It is the day of Bhutan's national election
 (e) It is the birth anniversary of the current King Ans. a
225. Which states are leading in rooftop solar installations under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana scheme?
 (a) Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh (b) Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan
 (c) Bihar, Odisha, and Haryana (d) Delhi, Punjab, and Karnataka
 (e) Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh Ans. a
226. What is the name of the housing scheme launched by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee for the rural poor?
 (a) Banglar Bari (b) Gramin Awas Yojana (c) Shubh Griha Yojana
 (d) Pakkka Ghar Scheme (e) Rurban Housing Scheme Ans. a
227. Moldova has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by signing the ISA Framework Agreement in New Delhi, marking its commitment to renewable energy. What is the primary goal of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?
 (a) To mobilize USD 1,000 billion for solar energy by 2030 (b) To reduce global solar power costs
 (c) To promote nuclear energy solutions (d) To create new solar panel technologies
 (e) To build large-scale wind farms worldwide Ans. a

228. Union Minister of State, Dr. Jitendra Singh has unveiled Kisan Kavach, Bharat's first-of-its-kind anti-pesticide bodysuit. Which organizations collaborated to develop the 'Kisan Kavach'?
- (a) TCS and Sepio Health Pvt. Ltd. (b) ISRO and BHEL (c) DRDO and AIIMS
(d) IIT Bombay and Sepio Health Pvt. Ltd. (e) BRIC-inStem and Sepio Health Pvt. Ltd. Ans. e
229. International Migrants Day is observed annually on 18th December. What is the theme for International Migrants Day 2024?
- (a) Migrant Workers and Economic Growth (b) Protecting Migrants' Futures
(c) Honouring the contributions of migrants and respecting their rights
(d) Migration for Development (e) A Better Future for Migrants Ans. c
230. When is Minorities Rights Day observed in India?
- (a) 18 December (b) 17 December (c) 16 December (d) 15 December (e) 19 December Ans. a
231. Which organization has signed an MoU with HDFC Bank to strengthen the startup ecosystem?
- (a) NITI Aayog (b) Ministry of Finance (c) DPIIT
(d) RBI (e) SEBI Ans. c
232. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd, a renowned leader in business management software. What is the primary focus of this MoU?
- (a) Offering financial subsidies to startups
(b) Mentoring startups in financial management and compliance
(c) Regulating the software industry (d) Promoting export-oriented startups
(e) Establishing a startup incubator Ans. b
233. Which field was Pandit Sanjay Marathe, who recently passed away, known for?
- (a) Literature (b) Classical singing and harmonium playing (c) Acting in Marathi cinema
(d) Political leadership (e) Sports commentary Ans. b
234. Kiran Mazumdar was recently conferred the Jamsetji Tata Award for pioneering the biosciences movement in India. Which organization instituted the Jamsetji Tata Award?
- (a) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) (b) Indian Society for Quality (ISQ)
(c) Tata Trusts (d) Biocon Group (e) Ministry of Science and Technology Ans. b
235. Alok Aggarwal has been appointed as Chairman of the Indian REITs Association (IRA). Which regulatory body guided the establishment of the Indian REITs Association?
- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Ministry of Finance
(c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(d) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) (e) National Stock Exchange (NSE) Ans. c
236. What innovative initiative has the Bank of Baroda recently (in Dec 2024) launched to enhance customer banking experiences?
- (a) Digital-only branches (b) Mobile banking app (c) Phygital branches
(d) Blockchain-based banking (e) AI-powered chatbots Ans. c
237. Which bank has partnered with Ecofy to accelerate rooftop solar financing for MSMEs?
- (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Federal Bank
(d) Axis Bank (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank Ans. c
238. Ravichandran Ashwin, who announced his retirement from International Cricket, played for which state in the Ranji Trophy?
- (a) Gujarat (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Punjab (e) Haryana Ans. b
239. Which coach was awarded the Best FIFA Men's Coach of 2024?
- (a) Carlo Ancelotti, coach of Real Madrid (b) Pep Guardiola, coach of Manchester City
(c) Jurgen Klopp, coach of Liverpool (d) Zinedine Zidane, coach of Juventus
(e) Thomas Tuchel, coach of Bayern Munich Ans. a
240. The Union government has launched a credit guarantee CGS-NPF scheme to enable farmers to access credit from eligible financial institutions. What is the purpose of the CGS-NPF scheme launched by the Union government?
- (a) To help farmers access post-harvest loans through registered warehouses
(b) To provide direct subsidies on agricultural products (c) To increase government procurement of crops
(d) To promote agricultural exports (e) To enhance agricultural insurance schemes Ans. a

241. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI)?
 (a) Ram Mohan Rao Amara (b) CS Setty (c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
 (d) Dinesh Kumar Khara (e) Rajnish Kumar Ans. a
242. Delhi Chief Minister Atishi has launched the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana for women residents. What is the monthly stipend provided under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana?
 (a) Rs 1,000 (b) Rs 2,000 (c) Rs 2,500 (d) Rs 1,500 (e) Rs 3,000 Ans. a
243. What is the projected growth rate of the Indian economy for FY26 according to Ind-Ra?
 (a) 6.6% (b) 7.2% (c) 5.8% (d) 6.4% (e) 5.5% Ans. a
244. Renowned Indian educationist Arun Kapur, who established schools in India, Bhutan, and Oman, has been conferred the 'Bura Marp' (red scarf) and 'Patang' (ceremonial sword) by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel. At which event was Arun Kapur honoured with Bhutan's royal commendation?
 (a) International Education Day (b) Bhutan-India Friendship Day
 (c) Bhutan's 117th National Day (d) Thimphu Cultural Festival
 (e) Royal Academy Annual Event Ans. c
245. What is the purpose of the laser-equipped satellites being studied by Japanese and Indian startups?
 (a) To explore distant planets (b) To remove space debris from orbit
 (c) To enhance satellite communication (d) To observe the lunar surface
 (e) To conduct asteroid mining Ans. b
246. Magma HDI General Insurance, a leading player in India's general insurance sector, has partnered with IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (ICFL) to enhance the availability of motor, health, and commercial insurance solutions for customers. What type of company is IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (ICFL)?
 (a) Insurance Company (b) Banking Institution
 (c) Non-Banking Financial Company (d) Investment Firm (e) Mutual Fund Organization Ans. c
247. Women constitute less than 20 per cent of the overall workforce, and only 10 per cent hold key managerial personnel (KMP) positions even as companies are making efforts for diversity. Which report highlights the gender disparity in the Indian workforce?
 (a) Gender Equality Index Report (b) Business Diversity Report
 (c) Mind the Gender Gap Report (d) Workforce Equity Analysis
 (e) Diversity and Inclusion Report Ans. c
248. World Arabic Language Day is celebrated every year on 18 December since 2012. What is the theme for World Arabic Language Day 2024?
 (a) Arabic Language: A Legacy for the World (b) The Role of Arabic in Social Cohesion
 (c) Arabic Language and AI: Advancing Innovation while Preserving Cultural Heritage
 (d) Promoting Multilingualism through Arabic
 (e) The Evolution of Arabic in Digital Spaces Ans. c
249. Who won the Men's 50m Rifle 3P title at the 67th National Shooting Championship?
 (a) Swapnil Kusale (b) Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (c) Kiran Ankush Jadhav
 (d) Gagan Narang (e) Abhinav Bindra Ans. c
250. ICICI Bank and Times Internet have launched a super-premium co-branded 'The Times Black ICICI Bank Credit Card' targeting high-net-worth individuals. Which payment network powers the Times Black ICICI Bank Credit Card?
 (a) MasterCard (b) Visa (c) Rupay
 (d) American Express (e) Discover Ans. b
251. Recently, Commodity market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended the ban on futures trading in seven agricultural commodities- soybean and its derivatives, crude palm oil, wheat, rice (non-basmati), moong, chana and mustard till January 2025. Why has SEBI extended the ban on futures trading in agricultural commodities?
 (a) To promote export of farm commodities
 (b) To encourage investment in the commodity market
 (c) To reduce the dependence on imports (d) To regulate international trading
 (e) To check speculation and control food inflation Ans. e

252. What historic achievement was recently accomplished in wildlife conservation in Assam?
 (a) First tagging of an Asian Elephant (b) First tagging of a river turtle
 (c) First breeding center for Gangetic Dolphins (d) First census of Gangetic River Dolphins
 (e) First-ever Ganges River Dolphin tagging Ans. e
253. What is the name of the national museum being developed in collaboration with France Museums Development?
 (a) Bharat Mandapam Museum (b) Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum
 (c) Central Vista Heritage Museum (d) Louvre Bharat Museum
 (e) India-France Heritage Museum Ans. b
254. The Government of India has signed a \$42 million loan with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Maharashtra. What is the primary objective of the \$42 million loan project in Maharashtra?
 (a) Promoting tourism along the coast (b) Building luxury resorts
 (c) Providing coastal and riverbank protection to enhance resilience
 (d) Expanding the shipping industry (e) Developing marine biodiversity parks Ans. c
255. Which of the following option is INCORRECT about the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup?
 (a) Salman Khan has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the event.
 (b) The event will feature participation from 30 countries.
 (c) The event will feature 21 men's teams and 20 women's teams.
 (d) It will be hosted in New Delhi from January 13 to 19, 2025.
 (e) Sudhanshu Mittal is the President of the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI). Ans. b
256. In December 2024, China's space programme achieved a milestone as two astronauts completed a nine-hour spacewalk. The nine-hour extravehicular activity (EVA) by Shenzhou-19 crew members Cai Xuzhe and Song Lingdong surpassed a 22-year-old record held by the US. Which space station were the astronauts aboard during the record-breaking spacewalk?
 (a) International Space Station (ISS) (b) Mir Space Station (c) Artemis Gateway
 (d) Skylab (e) Tiangong Space Station Ans. e
257. Which of the following statement is/are INCORRECT regarding the S.A.F.E. Accommodation report released by NITI Aayog?
 (P) It focuses on Secure, Affordable, Flexible, and Efficient accommodations for industrial workers.
 (Q) Increasing manufacturing's contribution to GDP from 17% to 25%
 (R) Allocating 50% of project costs for VGF support.
 (S) Providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of up to 30%-40% of project costs
 (T) Restrictive zoning laws prohibiting residential developments in industrial zones
 (a) only P and Q (b) only R (c) only S (d) only S and T (e) only Q Ans. b
258. What is the total value of the contract signed between the Ministry of Defence and Larsen & Toubro Limited for K9 Vajra-T artillery guns?
 (a) Rs 7,500 crore (b) Rs 8,030 crore (c) Rs 7,628 crore (d) Rs 7,230 crore (e) Rs 6,500 crore Ans. c
259. M2P Fintech has joined hands with which bank to deliver seamless and secure payment experiences?
 (a) Canara Bank (b) HDFC Bank (c) UCO Bank
 (d) Axis Bank (e) State Bank of India Ans. e
260. International Human Solidarity Day is celebrated annually on December 20 to promote the spirit of unity and cooperation among individuals, communities, and nations. Who established International Human Solidarity Day?
 (a) World Health Organization (WHO) (b) International Labour Organization (ILO)
 (c) United Nations (UN) (d) World Economic Forum (WEF)
 (e) International Monetary Fund (IMF) Ans. c
261. Goa Liberation Day is celebrated annually on December 19 to mark the liberation of Goa from Portuguese rule in 1961. Which military operation led to Goa's liberation from Portuguese rule?
 (a) Operation Blue Star (b) Operation Vijay (c) Operation Trident
 (d) Operation Meghdoot (e) Operation Parakram Ans. b
262. What is the penalty amount imposed by RBI on IndusInd Bank for non-compliance in December 2024?
 (a) Rs 20.3 lakh (b) Rs 27.3 lakh (c) Rs 30.3 lakh (d) Rs 15.3lakh (e) Rs 25.3 lakh Ans. b

263. Shriram Finance Limited, a financial services company, has launched a new vertical to manage all its commitments to green financing. What is the main focus of Shriram Green Finance, the newly launched vertical of Shriram Finance?
- (a) Personal loans (b) Real estate financing (c) Stock market investments
(d) Insurance services (e) Green financing, including EVs and renewable energy Ans. e
264. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal has launched four new initiatives to improve taxpayer experience and enhance transparency. Which of the following is NOT included in this initiative?
- (a) Revised Citizen's Charter: A Commitment to Better Service Standards
(b) Ease of Doing Business' tab for giving suggestions
(c) Revamped Citizen's Corner: Knowledge at Your Fingertips (d) Revised Senior Citizen Tax Charter
(e) CBIC Archives: A Digital Window to India's Tax History Ans. d
265. Five-time Haryana Chief Minister and veteran Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) leader Om Prakash Chautala died at the age of 89. For what reason were Om Prakash Chautala and his son sentenced to prison in 2013?
- (a) Misappropriation of funds (b) Teacher recruitment scam (c) Election rigging
(d) Land acquisition fraud (e) Tax evasion Ans. b
266. Which bird, officially declared the national bird of the United States in December 2024, has been a symbol of strength, freedom, and immortality, and is uniquely indigenous to North America, following legislation spearheaded by Minnesota lawmakers?
- (a) American Crow (b) Peregrine Falcon (c) Bald Eagle
(d) Snowy Owl (e) Golden Eagle Ans. c
267. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$350 million policy-based loan under the second subprogram of Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) program. What is the purpose of the SMILE program?
- (a) To enhance tourism infrastructure in India. (b) To promote rural development.
(c) To support wide-ranging reforms in the logistics sector.
(d) To improve education and healthcare facilities. (e) To fund renewable energy projects. Ans. c
268. Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav released the 'India State of Forest Report 2023 (ISFR 2023)' at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. When was the first India State of Forest Report (ISFR) published?
- (a) 1985 (b) 1987 (c) 1990 (d) 2000 (e) 1995 Ans. b
269. In December 2024, who issued the directive to Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) to adopt a uniform policy on data sharing for research?
- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) Ministry of Finance
(c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (d) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
(e) Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Ans. c
270. Tata Power Renewable Energy, a unit of Tata Power, has partnered with state-run Canara Bank to drive the adoption of rooftop solar systems under the government-backed PM Surya Ghar Scheme, offering affordable financing options to Indian households. What is the maximum loan amount available for rooftop solar systems with a capacity of up to 3 kW?
- (a) Rs 1 lakh (b) Rs 2 lakh (c) Rs 3 lakh (d) Rs 4 lakh (e) Rs 6 lakh Ans. b
271. How much money will Rajasthan spend annually on the ODOP policy?
- (a) Rs 50 crore (b) Rs 75 crore (c) Rs 100 crore (d) Rs 150 crore (e) Rs 200 crore Ans. c
272. Which country's player did Lakshya Sen defeat in the King Cup International Badminton Open?
- (a) England (b) China (c) France (d) Japan (e) Indonesia Ans. c
273. The world has observed 21st December 2024 as the first World Meditation Day. What is the theme for World Meditation Day 2024?
- (a) Global Mindfulness, Inner Peace (b) Peace Within, Peace Across (c) Healing the World
(d) Meditation for All (e) Inner Peace, Global Harmony Ans. e
274. In which year will India host the ISSF Junior World Cup?
- (a) 2024 (b) 2025 (c) 2026 (d) 2027 (e) 2023 Ans. b

275. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC)?
 (a) Justice Ranjan Gogoi (b) Justice Madan B Lokur (c) Justice Dipak Misra
 (d) Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud (e) Justice K G Balakrishnan Ans. b
276. The 55th meeting of India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, held in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, significant attention was given to addressing pressing economic issues such as food inflation, unemployment, rural job creation, and maintaining capital expenditure momentum. What was the GST rate increase for used electric vehicles (EVs) decided by the GST Council?
 (a) 5% to 12% (b) 12% to 28% (c) 5% to 18% (d) 18% to 25% (e) 12% to 18% Ans. e
277. What discount can Namo Bharat train commuters avail on tickets purchased through the RRTS app?
 (a) 5% (b) 7% (c) 10% (d) 12% (e) 15% Ans. c
278. Who did India defeat in the final to win the inaugural Under-19 ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup?
 (a) Pakistan (b) Sri Lanka (c) Bangladesh (d) Nepal (e) Afghanistan Ans. c
279. How many employees and officers were conferred the 69th Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Award 2024 by Ashwini Vaishnaw?
 (a) 100 (b) 101 (c) 105 (d) 90 (e) 68 Ans. b
280. Who chaired the 72nd plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) in Agartala?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) S Jaishankar (d) Rajnath Singh (e) Yogi Adityanath Ans. b
281. Who received the 'Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership'?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Amit Shah (c) S Jaishankar
 (d) Nirmala Sitharaman (e) Piyush Goyal
 Ans. c
282. On which date is World Basketball Day celebrated?
 (a) December 20 (b) December 21 (c) December 22 (d) December 24 (e) December 26 Ans. b
283. What is the name of the scholarship program launched by Arvind Kejriwal for Dalit students?
 (a) Dr Ambedkar Excellence Scholarship (b) Dalit Higher Education Scholarship
 (c) Dr Ambedkar Samman Scholarship (d) Dalit International Scholarship
 (e) Ambedkar Abroad Education Fund Ans. c
284. How much capital has the government decided to infuse into IFCI to improve its financial health?
 (a) Rs 400 crore (b) Rs 450 crore (c) Rs 550 crore (d) Rs 500 crore (e) Rs 650 crore Ans. c
285. In December 2024, which two organizations signed an agreement for cooperation in astronaut training and related activities?
 (a) ISRO and NASA (b) ISRO and SpaceX
 (c) ISRO and European Space Agency (ESA) (d) ISRO and Roscosmos
 (e) ISRO and CNES Ans. c
286. In December 2024, South Korea successfully placed into orbit its third homegrown spy satellite launched from a US space centre. Which rocket was used to launch South Korea's third spy satellite?
 (a) Ariane 5 (b) GSLV Mark III (c) Delta IV Heavy (d) Atlas V (e) SpaceX Falcon 9 Ans. c
287. Rohan Mirchandani passed away recently at the age of 41. What is the name of the snack brand founded by Rohan Mirchandani?
 (a) Nestlé (b) Amul (c) Epigamia (d) Britannia (e) Parle Ans. c
288. Tennis player Daniil Savelev has been suspended for 2 years for violating anti-doping regulations. He is from which country?
 (a) France (b) China (c) South Korea (d) USA (e) Russia Ans. e
289. Kisan Diwas, or National Farmer's Day, is observed annually on December 23 to honour the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, India's fifth Prime Minister and a dedicated advocate for farmers. What is the theme for National Farmer's Day 2024?
 (a) "Transforming Agriculture for Growth" (b) "Sustainable Farming for Future Generations"
 (c) "Empowering 'Annadatas' for a Prosperous Nation"
 (d) "Celebrating India's Agricultural Heroes" (e) "Agriculture: Backbone of India" Ans. c
290. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has been honoured with three awards at the 14th PSE Excellence Awards ceremony. Which organization hosted the 14th PSE Excellence Awards?
 (a) Ministry of Power (b) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency
 (c) Indian Chamber of Commerce (d) Economic Advisory Council
 (e) Department of Public Enterprises Ans. c

291. The Department of Consumer Affairs will launch the 'Jago Grahak Jago App,' and 'Jagruti App,' for public use on National Consumers Day 2024. What is the purpose of the 'Jago Grahak Jago App'?
- (a) To report faulty products on e-commerce platforms
 (b) To provide essential e-commerce information and alert consumers about unsafe URLs
 (c) To offer discounts on e-commerce platforms (d) To register complaints about product quality
 (e) To track delivery of online orders Ans. b
292. The Defence Ministry has set up a committee to address the capability development of the Indian Air Force (IAF) amid critical shortage of fighter jets, weapons, and equipment. Why was the committee formed to assess the IAF's capability development?
- (a) To review financial allocations for the IAF (b) To establish new air bases across India
 (c) To develop a new air combat strategy (d) To evaluate training programs for pilots
 (e) To address the critical shortage of fighter jets, weapons, and equipment Ans. e
293. Consider the following statements regarding the Right to Education (RTE) Amendments 2024:
1. Schools are now authorized to fail students in Classes 5 and 8 if their academic performance does not meet the required standards.
 2. The amendments allow states to conduct regular exams for Classes 5 and 8 and hold students back if they fail.
 3. Under the new amendments, students who fail the exam will not have an opportunity to retake it.
- Which of the above statements is/are CORRECT?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, and 3 (e) all are incorrect Ans. a
294. Malaysia has extended its visa exemption for Indian nationals until December 31, 2026. What is the duration for which Indian nationals can stay in Malaysia without a visa?
- (a) 60 days (b) 90 days (c) 45 days (d) 30 days (e) 120 days Ans. d
295. Poonawalla Fincorp has embarked on a groundbreaking initiative by integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) across its Human Resources (HR) Strategic Business Unit (SBU). By what percentage has AI reduced the time taken to finalize job offers at Poonawalla Fincorp?
- (a) 50% (b) 75% (c) 90% (d) 60% (e) 80% Ans. c
296. National Consumer Rights Day is observed on December 24 every year in India to raise awareness about consumer rights and advocate for consumer protection. Which law is commemorated on National Consumer Rights Day?
- (a) Consumer Protection Act, 1991 (b) Consumer Protection Act, 1986
 (c) Fair Trade Practices Act, 1980 (d) Right to Information Act, 2005
 (e) Consumer Rights Act, 2000 Ans. b
297. Which of the following is the theme for the tableaux to be showcased at the Republic Day Parade 2025?
- (a) Bharat Ki Virasat aur Vikas (b) Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas
 (c) Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat (d) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
 (e) Rashtriya Ekta aur Vikas Ans. b
298. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in December 2024?
- (a) Priyank Kanoongo (b) Mallikarjun Kharge
 (c) Justice V. Ramasubramanian (d) Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi
 (e) Justice Ranjan Gogoi Ans. c
299. Who has been named as Senior White House Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence by US President-elect Donald Trump?
- (a) Sundar Pichai (b) David O. Sacks (c) Sriram Krishnan
 (d) Elon Musk (e) Shantanu Narayen Ans. c
300. Terminal Investment Ltd Sarl (TIL) has signed an MoU with the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), proposing to invest Rs 20,000 crore for constructing the Vadhvan Port Project. Where is Terminal Investment Ltd Sarl (TIL) headquartered?
- (a) London (b) Geneva (c) New York (d) Dubai (e) Singapore Ans. b
301. The Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) has conferred eight national awards on the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Which category was NOT mentioned as one in which SAIL received an award?
- (a) E-Newsletter (b) Corporate Film (c) Best Communication Campaigns
 (d) Best Employee Recognition Programme (e) Best Use of Social Media Ans. d

302. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$500 million loan to support green and sustainable infrastructure projects aligned with the country's climate commitments. Which organization will receive the ADB loan with a sovereign guarantee?
- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (b) State Bank of India (SBI)
(c) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)
(d) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
(e) Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ans. c
303. Adani Group will acquire aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services firm Air Works for an enterprise value of Rs 400 crore. Which Adani Group subsidiary is responsible for acquiring the stake in Air Works?
- (a) Adani Aviation Services Ltd (b) Adani Defence Systems & Technologies Ltd
(c) Adani Infrastructure Development Ltd (d) Adani Aerospace & Aviation Ltd
(e) Adani Strategic Ventures Ltd Ans. b
304. Which company is the first financial services provider to integrate lending, insurance, and investments on ONDC?
- (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Prudential (c) Aditya Birla Capital
(d) SBI Life Insurance (e) Bajaj Finance Ans. c
305. According to a report, by what percentage have UPI transactions at retail stores increased in semi-urban and rural areas this year?
- (a) 25% (b) 30% (c) 33% (d) 40% (e) 45% Ans. c
306. What was the claims ratio of the non-life insurance industry in FY24 according to IRDAI?
- (a) 82.00% (b) 82.52% (c) 82.95% (d) 83.50% (e) 84.00% Ans. b
307. Aisake Valu Eke has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?
- (a) Vanuatu (b) Tonga (c) Kiribat (d) Samoa (e) Fiji Ans. b
308. What rank did India achieve in the 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI)?
- (a) 45th (b) 47th (c) 49th (d) 51st (e) 53rd Ans. c
309. Good Governance Day is observed on 25th December each year in India to honor the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India. In which year was Atal Bihari Vajpayee awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honor?
- (a) 2005 (b) 2010 (c) 2015 (d) 2017 (e) 2020 Ans. c
310. Doyen of Indian Parallel Cinema, Shyam Benegal passed away at the age of 90 years. Shyam Benegal was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian honor, in which year?
- (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1991 (d) 2009 (e) 2015 Ans. c
311. Who launched the Rashtraparv Website and Mobile App on Good Governance Day?
- (a) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
(c) Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh (d) Home Minister Amit Shah
(e) President Droupadi Murmu Ans. c
312. Which of the following statements is FALSE according to the Pantomath Group's report?
- (a) India hosted nearly double the number of IPOs as the US and 2.5 times more than Europe.
(b) India is expected to raise Rs 2 trillion or more through IPOs in 2025.
(c) India led the global IPO market with 332 IPOs in 2024.
(d) Despite having fewer IPOs than India, the US led in total IPO value in 2024.
(e) The Technology, Media, and Telecommunications sector accounted for only 10% of global IPO activity. Ans. e
313. Which of the following options is INCORRECT regarding the recent reshuffle of governors of five states by President Draupadi Murmu?
- (a) Arif Mohammed Khan has been shifted from Kerala to Bihar as Governor.
(b) President Droupadi Murmu accepted the resignation of Odisha Governor Raghubar Das.
(c) Ajay Bhalla has been appointed as the Governor of Manipur.
(d) General V. K. Singh (Retd.) has been appointed as the Governor of Mizoram.
(e) The Governor of Bihar, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, has been named the new Governor of Punjab Ans. e

314. Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of J&K Bank?
 (a) Baldev Prakash (b) Amitava Chatterjee (c) Rajnish Kumar
 (d) Arundhati Bhattacharya (e) Dinesh Kumar Khara Ans. b
315. Who has been appointed as the new Revenue Secretary in the Finance Ministry?
 (a) Ajay Seth (b) Amit Agrawal (c) Neelam Shami Rao
 (d) Sanjay Malhotra (e) Arunish Chawla Ans. e
316. What is the name of the first-ever LNG-powered vessel to dock at Adani's Mundra port?
 (a) CMA CGM Fort Dimanche (b) CMA CGM Fort Diamant (c) CMA CGM Fort Royale
 (d) CMA CGM Fort Glory (e) CMA CGM Fort Atlantis Ans. b
317. In December 2024, Contract development and manufacturing organisation, Akums Group entered into a strategic long-term agreement at an estimated value of 200 million euros (Rs 1,760 crore) with an undisclosed global pharma firm for manufacturing and supply of formulations in the European market. What type of formulations will Akums Group produce and supply under this agreement?
 (a) Oral liquid formulations (b) Injectable formulations (c) Topical formulations
 (d) Solid dosage formulations (e) Inhalation formulations Ans. a
318. Indian lifter Martina Devi clinched a silver medal in the women's junior +87kg category at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships. What was Martina Devi's total lift in the competition?
 (a) 220kg (b) 245kg (c) 230kg (d) 235kg (e) 225kg Ans. e
319. Four years after the Union government launched the Svamitva scheme to digitise property records in rural areas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed 58 lakh property cards providing 'Record of Rights' to owners in over 50,000 villages across 12 States at a virtual event. Which technology is used under the SVAMITVA scheme to survey properties in rural areas?
 (a) Satellite technology (b) Drone technology (c) GPS mapping
 (d) Aerial photography (e) Ground-penetrating radar Ans. b
320. RINL, the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, has won the prestigious "Gold Award" in the State Energy Conservation Awards 2024 competition organised by the State Energy Conservation Mission of Andhra Pradesh. In which category did RINL win the Gold Award?
 (a) Renewable Energy (b) Cement Manufacturing (c) Chemical Industries
 (d) Iron & Steel (e) Energy Generation Ans. b
321. Ms Maia Sandu was sworn in as the President of the European country of Moldova. What is the maximum number of terms a person can serve as President of Moldova according to its constitution?
 (a) One term of six years (b) Two terms of four years each
 (c) Three terms of five years each (d) Unlimited terms of three years each
 (e) One term of eight years Ans. b
322. Manmohan Singh, India's 14th Prime Minister, who is considered the architect of the economic reforms in the country, passed away at the age of 92. Which rights-based legislations were passed during Manmohan Singh's government?
 (a) Right to Housing, Right to Equality, Right to Privacy, and Right to Education.
 (b) Right to Property, Right to Housing, and Right to Work.
 (c) Right to Equality, Right to Privacy, and Right to Education.
 (d) Right to Employment, Right to Religion, and Right to Information, and Right to Work.
 (e) Right to Education, Right to Food, Right to Information, and Right to Work. Ans. e
323. When is Boxing Day celebrated?
 (a) December 24th (b) December 25th (c) December 26th (d) December 27th (e) December 28th Ans. c
324. Consider the following statements regarding health insurance claims in FY24 as per the IRDAI report:
 (1) Health insurance claims worth Rs 26,000 crore were rejected or repudiated in FY24.
 (2) The rejection rate of health claims was 19.10% in FY24.
 (3) Errors in documentation are a common reason for claim rejection.
 Which of the statements given above is/are CORRECT?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, and 3 (e) None of these Ans. b

325. With reference to the ICICI Prudential Rural Opportunities Fund, consider the following statements:
1. The fund is an open-ended equity scheme focused on the rural and allied theme.
 2. The scheme's benchmark is the Nifty Rural Index, which tracks stocks from the Nifty 500 Index.
 3. The scheme is managed by Sankaran Naren and Priyanka Khandelwal.
- Which of the statements given above is/are CORRECT?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, and 3 (e) all are incorrect Ans. d
326. The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and the Indian Ports Association (IPA) signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi. What is the primary goal of the MoU signed between NeGD and IPA?
- (a) To promote traditional maritime practices
 (b) To drive digital transformation in India's maritime sector (c) To create a new port system in India
 (d) To promote international shipping alliances
 (e) To establish a digital currency for the maritime industry
- Ans. b
327. Which railway zone has partnered with IRCON for the maintenance of electrification infrastructure?
- (a) Southern Railway (b) Eastern Frontier Railway (c) Northern Railway
 (d) Northeast Frontier Railway (e) Western Railway Ans. d
328. The Chinese government has given its green signal to the construction of the world's largest dam on the river Yarlung Zangbo/Tsangpo (known as the Brahmaputra in India) on the eastern rim of the Tibetan plateau. What is the expected annual electricity generation of the new dam?
- (a) 88.2 billion kWh (b) 300 billion kWh (c) 500 billion kWh
 (d) 100 billion kWh (e) 200 billion kWh Ans. b
329. President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on 17 children (10 girls and 7 boys) at a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi. The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is awarded to children in the age group of:
- (a) 4-15 years (b) 7-18 years (c) 6-18 years (d) 6-20 years (e) 5-18 years Ans. e
330. How many medals did India win at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship 2024?
- (a) 30 medals (b) 33 medals (c) 42 medals (d) 25 medals (e) 40 medals Ans. b
331. Who won the men's singles title at the 86th Senior National Badminton Championships 2024?
- (a) Mithun Manjunath (b) M. Raghu (c) Devika Sihag
 (d) Prannoy H. S. (e) Lakshya Sen Ans. b
332. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)?
- (a) Dr. Suresh Kumar (b) Dr. Sandip Shah (c) Dr. Pradeep Mehta
 (d) Dr. Vinay Kumar (e) Dr. Rakesh Jain Ans. b
333. Who won the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol title at the 67th National Shooting Championship?
- (a) Gurpreet Singh (b) Shivam Shukla (c) Vijayveer Sidhu (d) Jitu Rai (e) Abhinav Bindra Ans. c
334. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched a first-of-its-kind health product catering to women-specific critical illnesses and surgeries. What is the name of the health product launched by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance?
- (a) ICICI Pru Health (b) ICICI Pru Women Care (c) ICICI Pru Protection
 (d) ICICI Pru Life Shield (e) ICICI Pru Wish Ans. e
335. Which regulatory body has imposed a total fine of Rs 54 lakh on Jaiprakash Power Ventures, its MD and CEO Suren Jain and other top officials for misrepresenting the company's financial statements.
- (a) SEBI (b) RBI (c) IRDAI
 (d) CCI (e) Income Tax Department Ans. a
336. When is the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness observed?
- (a) 25 December (b) 27 December (c) 28 December (d) 15 December (e) 30 December Ans. b
337. Richard Parsons, who passed away at the age of 76, held prominent roles in corporate America. Which of the following positions did he hold?
- (a) Chairman of Goldman Sachs (b) Co-chief operating officer of Time Warner
 (c) CEO of JPMorgan Chase (d) President of Microsoft
 (e) Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ans. b

338. Adani Group unveiled a new advertising campaign, titled "First the fan will come, then electricity will come", to promote its renewable energy initiatives. What is Adani Green Energy's renewable energy capacity target by 2030?
 (a) 20 GW (b) 30 GW (c) 40 GW (d) 50 GW (e) 60 GW Ans. d
339. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a committee to develop a Framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI) in the Financial Sector. Who is the chairman of the RBI committee on ethical AI use?
 (a) Raghuram Rajan (b) Urjit Patel (c) Pushpak Bhattacharyya
 (d) Nandan Nilekani (e) Sundar Pichai Ans. c
340. When is International Cello Day celebrated?
 (a) December 25 (b) December 28 (c) December 29 (d) December 30 (e) December 31 Ans. c
341. One of the most respected figures in Malayalam literature and cinema Madath Thekkepat Vasudevan Nair or M T Vasudevan Nair passed away at the age of 91. Which civilian honour did M.T. Vasudevan Nair receive in 2005?
 (a) Padma Shri (b) Padma Bhushan (c) Padma Vibhushan
 (d) Bharat Ratna (e) Sahitya Akademi Award Ans. b
342. Who has been appointed as the new fielding coach for Mumbai Indians ahead of IPL 2025?
 (a) James Pamment (b) Carl Hopkinson (c) Ravi Shastri
 (d) Trevor Bayliss (e) Mahela Jayawardene Ans. b

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