**Current Affairs Set 13**

**Question Number: 1**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Which organization issues warning for “Asteroid 2020 ND” moving past Earth on July 24?

Options

1. NASA
2. JAXA
3. ISRO
4. Space X

**Answer:** NASA

**Solution:**

NASA issues warning for ‘Asteroid 2020 ND” moving past earth on July 24. It is about 170 metres long, will be as close as 0.034 astronomical units to earth. AU is mean distance from centre to the earth to centre of sun. It is classified as Near Earth object (NEO) and potentially hazardous asteroid (PHA) by NASA.

**Question Number: 2**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Which country successfully launched MARS mission recently?

Options

1. Saudi Arab
2. UAE
3. Malaysia
4. Israel

**Answer:** UAE

**Solution:**

Hope Mars mission/ AL Amal probe is the UAE’s fourth space mission and Arab world’s first interplanetary mission. It contain orbiter which is expected to reach the planet by early 2021. It has specified scientific mission of taking measurements from Mars atmosphere, with the intent of helping scientists better understand how mars went from being a warmer world with liquid surface water to becoming incredibly cold, rocky and dry planet we know it as today.

**Question Number: 3**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** India has recently do Passage exercise (PASSEX) with which country?

Options

1. Russia
2. U.S
3. UAE
4. Australia

**Answer:** U.S

**Solution:**

India naval ships conducted a PASSEX with U.S navy’s USS Nimitz carrier strike group near the Andaman and Nicobars islands. USS Nimitz is the U.S navy’s aircraft carrier. Exercise comes around amid a high alert by navy in the Indian ocean region due to the stand-off with china along the border in Ladakh.

**Question Number: 4**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently which Ministry and YuWaah (Generation unlimited India) together signed a partnership to empower young people?

Options

1. Ministry of housing and urban affairs
2. Ministry of youth affairs and sports
3. Ministry of skill development
4. Ministry of Rural and Urban affairs

**Answer:** Ministry of youth affairs and sports

**Solution:**

Yuwaah is multi stakeholder platform that aims to prepare young people to transition from education and learning to productive work and active citizenship. Recently Ministry of youth affairs and sports and YuWaah (Generation unlimited India) together signed a partnership to empower young people. It is done with collaboration with UN in India.

**Question Number: 5**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Manodarpan initiative was launched by ministry of human resource development under which project?

Options

1. Swwach Bharat Abhiyan
2. Namami Gange mission
3. Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan
4. Swamitva yojana

**Answer:** Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

**Solution:**

Manodarpan initiative was launched by MoHRD under Atma Nirbhar Bharat project. It will provide Psycho-social support to students, teachers and parents and address their issue related to mental health and emotional well being. Under this a helpline number was launched to provide consultation.

**Question Number: 6**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Which country and Southern African customs unions revived discussion for preferential trade agreement?

Options

1. Malaysia
2. Maldives
3. Sri Lanka
4. India

**Answer:** India

**Solution:**

India country and Southern African customs unions revived discussion for preferential trade agreement between two. In 2019-20 trade between India and Africa as a whole stood at $66.7 billion, of which the India- SACU trade was $10.9 billion. SACU is a customs union comprising Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Eswatini (Swaziland). It is world’s oldest customs union whose formation dates back to 1910.

**Question Number: 7**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Where has ministry of food processing industries setup Zoram Mega food park?

Options

1. Mumbai
2. New Delhi
3. Mizoram
4. Thiruvananthapuram

**Answer:** Mizoram

**Solution:**

This Mega food park has been recently set up by ministry of Food processing industries. This is the first MFP operationalized in Mizoram. MFP aims at providing a mechanism to link agricultural production to the market by bringing together farmers, processors and retailers. It is based on cluster approach.

**Question Number: 8**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** An initiative was launched by India to join which country in Malabar exercise?

Options

1. Canada
2. Japan
3. Indonesia
4. Australia

**Answer:** Australia

**Solution:**

India is planning to Include Australia in the Malabar exercise. Malabar begin as a bilateral naval exercise between India and the U.S in 1992, and was expanded into a trilateral format with the inclusion of japan in 2015. These four countries are part of Quadrilateral security dialogue, an informal strategic forum.

**Question Number: 9**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Solar orbiter mission is launched by European space agency and NASA to study which planet?

Options

1. Sun
2. Mars
3. Mercury
4. Saturn

**Answer:** Sun

**Solution:**

Solar orbiter is an international collaboration between the European space agency and NASA, to study the sun. It was launched in February 2020, and completed its first close pass of the sun in Mid-June. Recently first images from solar orbiter have revealed omnipresent miniature solar flares dubbed campfires, near the surface of sun.

**Question Number: 10**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently android malware is in news which can steal information like passwords and credit card information, what is the name of this Malware?

Options

1. Black panther
2. Black rock
3. Trinoma
4. Kwadcos

**Answer:** Black rock

**Solution:**

Black android malware is a new malware which can steal information like passwords and credit card information from about 377 smartphone applications, including amazon, facebook, gmail etc. Malware is the collective name for a number of malicious software variants, including viruses, Ransomware and spyware.

**Question Number: 11**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Easy**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Kurma, a mobile- based app is in news recently. For what purpose does it used?

Options

1. Turtle conservation
2. Tiger conservation
3. Dolphin conservation
4. Fish conservation

**Answer:** Turtle conservation

**Solution:**

Kurma app application aimed at turtle conservation. IT covers 29 species of fresh water turtles and tortoises of India. Tortoise and fresh water turtles are among the most trafficked in the country. It not only provides users a database to identify a species but also provide the location of the nearest rescue centre for turtles across the country.

**Question Number: 12**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: High**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** ASPIRE portal is launched recently to facilitate the Indian automotive industry to become self- reliant. What is the full form of ASPIRE?

Options

1. Automatic solutions portal for industry, research and education
2. Automotive solutions portal for innovation, research and education
3. Automotive solutions portal for industry, research and education
4. Automotive solutions portal for industry, research and enrichment

**Answer:** Automotive solutions portal for industry, research and education

**Solution:**

ASPIRE automotive solution portal for industry, research and education is developed by international centre of automative technology. ICAT is an automotive testing, certification and R&D service provider under the aegis of NATRIP (National automotive testing and R&D infrastructure project).

**Question Number: 13**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently zonal master plan for which river eco-sensitive zone was approved?

Options

1. Bhagirathi
2. Alaknanda
3. Tista
4. Kali

**Answer:** Bhagirathi

**Solution:**

Recently zonal master plan (ZMP) for Bhagirathi Eco-sensitive zone in Uttrakhand was approved. Bhagirathi eco-sensitive zone from Gaumukh to Uttarkashi was notified in 2012. It mandated the uttrakhand government to prepare ZMP. ZMP is based on watershed approach and includes governance in the area of forest and wildlife, watershed management, irrigation, energy and tourism.

**Question Number: 14**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Which organization has recently released 2020 global multidimensional poverty index?

Options

1. UNEP
2. U.N.O
3. WHO
4. UNDP

**Answer:** UNDP

**Solution:**

The index was released by United nation development programme and oxford poverty and human development and initiative. MPI examines each person’s deprivation across 10 indicators in three equally weighted dimensions- health, education and standard of living.

**Question Number: 15**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Woolly whitefly was recently in news. Where it is found?

Options

1. Himachal Pradesh
2. Kerala
3. Mizoram
4. Andaman and Nicobar

**Answer:** Kerala

**Solution:**

Woolly whitefly is an invasive exotic pest of Caribbean origin that feeds on various kinds of foods (Polyphagous). It spread from Caribbean island through transportation of infested seedlings. In 2019, it was recorded from guava plantations in Kozhikhode district of Kerala, Ramanagra, Mandya and Bengaluru rural districts of Karnataka and Coimbatore district of Tamilnadu.

**Question Number: 16**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently which number of foundation day of Indian council of Agricultural research (ICAR) was celebrated?

Options

1. 92nd
2. 111th
3. 50th
4. 20th

**Answer:** 92nd

**Solution:**

Recently ICAR 92nd foundation day was celebrated. It is an autonomous organization under department of agricultural research and education. It was established in 1929 as registered society under the societies registration act, 1860 in pursuance of report of royal commission on agriculture.

**Question Number: 17**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently online NISHTHA programme was launched. What is the full form of NISHTHA?

Options

1. National initiative for school heads and teachers holistic advancement
2. National initiative for school heads and teachers human advancement
3. National initiative for social heads and teachers holistic advancement
4. National initiative for social health and teachers holistic advancement

**Answer:** National initiative for school heads and teachers holistic advancement

**Solution:**

NISHTHA, launched under samagra shiksha is a capacity building programme for ‘improving quality of school education through integrated teacher training. It aims to build competencies among all the teachers and school principals at the elementary stage. It aims to train 42 lakhs teachers.

**Question Number: 18**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently new trade route Jaigaon- Ahllay trade route between India and which country?

Options

1. Myanmmar
2. Bhutan
3. Srilanka
4. Maldives

**Answer:** Bhutan

**Solution:**

Jaigaon-Ahllay trade route is the new trade route commenced between India and Bhutan. It will operate between Jaigaon in Westbengal and Ahllay in Bhutan, enabling smoother trade of goods and strengthening of sub regional cooperation amid Chinese inroads into south Asia.

**Question Number: 19**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently for movement of India transit cargo first container ship from Kolkata port to Agartala by which port?

Options

1. Chattogram port
2. Vellore port
3. Nellore port
4. Mumbai port

**Answer:** Chattogram port

**Solution:**

First container ship from Kolkata port to Agartala via Chattogram port. This was done under agreement on use of chattogram and Mongla ports for movement of India’s transit cargo through Bangladesh. It will provide alternative and shorter route to connect North east region through Bangladesh.

**Question Number: 20**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** How much trade surplus India posted in June?

Options

1. $700 million
2. $790 million
3. $800 million
4. $1000 million

**Answer:** $790 million

**Solution:**

India posted a trade surplus of $790 million in June, its first over 18 years. Covid-19 impacted both exports (weak global demand) and imports (weak domestic demand). Non oil non gold imports remain weak. Imports of key distributors to India’s trade balance petroleum, gold and electronics declined.

**Question Number: 21**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Recently Azad pattan hydal power project in news. Where it is located?

Options

1. Srilanka
2. Andaman
3. Bhutan
4. Pakistan

**Answer:** Pakistan

**Solution:**

Recently Pakistan and china signed an agreement for the 700 MW Azad Pattan power project on the Jhelum river in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. It is the second power project under the China Pakistan economic corridor. First agreement was for Kohala project, also on Jhelum river.

**Question Number: 22**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Who spotted first time the Comet NEOWISE in March 2020?

Options

1. NASA
2. ISRO
3. JAXA
4. U.S

**Answer:** NASA

**Solution:**

Comet NEOWISE (C/2020 F3) was spotted for the first time by NASA in March 2020 with the help of its Near-earth object wide-field infrared survey explorer (NEOWISE) telescope. Comets are dusty snowballs which orbit the sun. They are made of ices, such as water, carbon di oxide, ammonia and methane, mixed and dust etc.

**Question Number: 23**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** What is the target to be achieved in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by 2025, as per the National Education Policy?

Options

1. 90%
2. 70%
3. 50%
4. 30%

**Answer:** 50%

**Solution:**

As per the National Education policy, a target of 50% in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by 2035 has been fixed. It also provides academic, administrative and financial autonomy for institutions and proposes a single regulator for all higher education.

**Question Number: 24**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Which industry body through its Economic Outlook Survey projected India’s annual median GDP growth for 2020-21 at -4.5%?

Options

1. Federation of Indian of Commerce and Industry
2. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
3. Confederation of Indian Industry
4. NASSCOM

**Answer:** federation of Indian chambers of commerce and Industry

**Solution:**

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in the association’s Economic Outlook Survey in the SBI Banking and Economics Conclave, has projected India’s annual median GDP growth for 2020-21 at - 4.5%.

**Question Number: 25**

**Question Type: MCQ**

**Question Difficulty Level: Medium**

**Marking: (+2, -0.5)**

**Expected time to solve: 60 seconds**

**Topic: current affairs**

**Concept:**

**PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION: NO**

**Q:** Which country is placed at the top spot in Global anxiety index as per the research conducted by Deloitte?

Options

1. Spain
2. South Africa
3. France
4. India

**Answer:** India

**Solution:**

Deloitte recently conducted ‘Global State of the Consumer Tracker’ survey using an online panel, among the people across the world aged above 18. As per the study, consumers in India are the most worried during the uncertain times and are placed at the top of the Global anxiety index with a score of 33.