**Current Affairs Set 14**

**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:** Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev, who has resigned recently, was the Prime Minister of which among the following countries?

Options

1. Kyrgyzstan
2. Kazakhstan
3. Uzbekistan
4. Turkmenistan

**Answer:** Kyrgyzstan

**Solution:**

Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev, has resigned from the post because of an ongoing criminal investigation into the assignment of national radio frequencies by the government. It was raised in the parliament and in order to prove his honesty, the PM has resigned from his post.

**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 among the following has started a project to produce Neera and Palmgur?

Options

1. Central Cashew Research Institute
2. Central Groundwater Board
3. Khadi and Village Industries Commission
4. Central Arid Research Institute

**Answer:** Central ground water Board

**Solution:**

A unique project to produce Neera and Palmgur has been launched by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Palghar district of Maharashtra. Neera is being promoted as an alternative to soft drinks and along with that, this project will also improve employment scenario in the local areas. The KVIC has distributed toolkits to the artisans in that area.

**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:** Which state has launched the job portal ‘Karmabhumi’ for the jobseekers?

Options

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Uttarakhand
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. West Bengal

**Answer:** West Bengal

**Solution:**

A job portal named as ‘Karmabhumi’ has been launched by the West Bengal government for the IT professionals who have returned to the state in the backdrop of the COVID 19 pandemic in the country. These professionals can use this portal to connect with the companies in the state for new job opportunities.

**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:** Which among the following has recently become the topmost state in providing employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme?

Options

1. Bihar
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Uttarakhand
4. Odisha

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh

**Solution:**

As per the data released by the government, Uttar Pradesh has become the top state in the country in terms of providing employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. 57 lakhs workers got jobs in 57000 thousand village panchayats in the state. The state has been able to generate around 8 crore man-days under this scheme.

**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:** The new fish species “Schizothorax sikusirumensis” has been discovered in which among the following states?

Options

1. Odisha
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Telangana
4. Mizoram

**Answer:** Arunachal Pradesh

**Solution:**

A new species of fish named as “Schizothorax sikusirumensis” has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh. It was discovered by Dr. Keshav Kumar Jha from Jawaharlal Nehru College. He discovered a new fish species from the genus Schizothorax. It was discovered near Gakang area near Mebo circle of East Siang district.

**Question Number: 6**

**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:** Which state in India celebrates the Raja Parba Festival in India?

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Odisha
4. Jharkhand

**Answer:** Odisha

**Solution:**

Raja Parba festival is celebrated in Odisha and it is a 3-day unique festival in which the onset of monsoon in the state and the womanhood of the earth are celebrated. It is believed that during this time, the Mother Earth goes through menstruation and that is why, after three days, the fourth day is celebrated as the ‘purification bath’.

**Question Number: 7**

**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:** Who among the following is heading the Advisory Committee on Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)?

1. Uday Kotak
2. Aditya Puri
3. Ratan Tata
4. Harsh Goenka

**Answer:** Uday Kotak

**Solution:**

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has formed a committee for Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation. This committee is being chaired by Uday Kotak and M Unnikrishnan has been designated as the secretary of this committee. The Advisory committee consists of 14 members including the chairman.

**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:** Which among the following has won the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award 2020?

1. Deccan Development Society
2. Red Cross Society, India
3. Mother Foundation
4. Finding Fact Foundation

**Answer:** Deccan Development Society

**Solution:**

Hyderabad-based Deccan Development Society has been honoured with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award for the year 2020. The society has been given the award for its help in promotion of biodiversity and also in supporting farming in degraded lands.

**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:** Who among the following has become the new President of the United Nations General Assembly?

1. Volkan Bozkir
2. Andrew Shev
3. Brasilia Urkuna
4. Astralo Nathan

**Answer:** Volkan Bozkir

**Solution:**

The Turkish diplomat Volkan Bozkir has been elected as the President of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly. He won the unanimous support of the 178 members of the United Nations and he is going to take over the reins from Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, the present President of the United Nations General Assembly.

**Question Number: 10**

**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:** Which public sector bank has announced complete digitization of its lending process in the next six months?

1. Bank of Baroda
2. State Bank of India
3. Canara Bank
4. Union Bank of India

**Answer:** Bank of Baroda

**Solution:**

Bank of Baroda has announced that it is going to fully digitize its lending operations including the retail portfolio such as hone loan, agriculture loan, auto loan, etc. along with MSME loans also. The validation and disbursal of fresh loans will take place through this digital platform whereas past loans will also be digitized in order to reduce the costs and improve the profitability.

**Question Number: 12**

**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:** ICICI Home Finance has launched ‘SARAL’ scheme for which among the following purposes?

1. To provide housing loans to the salaried employees
2. To provide home loans to the MSME sector employees
3. To provide affordable housing loans to women, LIG category, etc.
4. To provide affordable housing to the BPL Families

**Answer:** To provide affordable housing loans to women, LIG category, etc.

**Solution:**

A special affordable housing loan scheme has been launched by the ICICI Home Finance and the main objective is to fund homes in urban and rural areas of the country. It is mainly aimed at providing loans to women, lower income groups, middle income customers and economically weaker sections having maximum household income up to Rs 6 lakhs annually. The maximum loan size will be Rs 35 lakhs under this scheme with maximum tenure of 20 years.

**Question Number: 12**

**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:** The UK oil company British Petroleum is going to establish Global Business Service Centre in which city in India?

1. Mumbai
2. New Delhi
3. Bangalore
4. Pune

**Answer:** Pune

**Solution:**

The oil major of the United Kingdom British Petroleum is going to start a Global Business Service Centre in Pune, Maharashtra, to support and strengthen its global business. This centre will start operations from January 2021. It will employ around 2000 people and provide business processing as well as advanced analytics capabilities for the company.

**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:** Which among the following has prepared the recently-released National Report on the state of Climate Crisis?

1. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
2. Ministry of Rural Development
3. Ministry of Earth Sciences
4. Ministry of Urban Development

**Answer:** Ministry of Earth science

**Solution:**

The first-ever National Report on the state of the Climate Crisis has been released recently and it has been prepared by the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The report has been titled as ‘Assessment of Climate Change over the Indian Region.’ It is aimed at understanding where India stands regarding the long-term changes in climate patterns and related risks.

**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:** The Union Government has recently started a portal for Research and Development for the Ministry of Mines. This is named as –

1. SATYA
2. SATYABHAMA
3. SATI
4. STUTI

**Answer:** SATYABHAMA

**Solution:**

Union Minister for Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs has launched the R&D Poral ‘Science and Technology Yojana for Atmanirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement’ (SATYABHAMA) for science and technology program scheme of the Ministry of Mines. This portal will increase efficiency and effectiveness in the implementation of the scheme. The portal has been designed and integrated with the National Informatics Centre platform.

**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:** India is going to assume the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council in –

1. July, 2021
2. August, 2021
3. September, 2021
4. October, 2021

**Answer:** August, 2021

**Solution:**

India has been elected as the non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and will become the President of the UN Body for the month of August 2021. The Presidency of the United Nations Security Council is held by each of the members in turn for one month as per the English alphabetical order of names of the member states and by that logic, India will become the President in August 2021.

**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:** Which among the following has become the first-ever company with $150 billion market capitalization?

1. Reliance Industries
2. Tata Industries
3. Birla Enterprise
4. Google India

**Answer:** Reliance Industries

**Solution:**

Reliance Industries Limited has reached the $150 billion in terms of market capitalization and has thus become the first-ever such company with $150 billion valuation in the country. It achieved this feat when its share price gained 6.23%, to close at Rs 1759, taking its m-cap to Rs 11.15 lakh crores i.e. around $150 billion.

**Question Number: 17**

**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:** Who among the following has assumed charge as the Chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi?

1. Dr. Raghuram Rajan
2. Urjit Patel
3. C Rangarajan
4. Vijay Kelkar

**Answer:** Urjit Patel

**Solution:**

The former governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Urjit Patel, has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi. He is going to replace the outgoing chairman Vijay Kelkar. Patel resigned from the RBI as its governor in December 2018.

**Question Number: 18**

**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:** Which among the following has named former cricketer Sourav Ganguly and Indian football team skipper Sunil Chhetri as brand ambassadors?

1. Coca Cola
2. JSW Steel
3. Jindal Steel
4. Tata Steel

**Answer:** JSW Steel

**Solution:**

JSW Cement has signed Sourav Ganguly and Sunil Chhetri as its brand ambassadors. The brand has also launched a multimedia marketing campaign named as ‘Leader’s Choice’ which includes both these sports legends. This campaign will promote the ideology of building a solid foundation for a better tomorrow.

**Question Number: 19**

**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:** Who among the following has launched the book ‘Legend of Suheldev’?

1. Devdutt Patnaik
2. Amish Tripathi
3. Debayan Sen
4. Revathi Singh

**Answer:** Amish Tripathi

**Solution:**

Amish Tripathi has released his new fiction book ‘Legend of Suheldev: The King who Saved India’. This book is about the Indian King Suheldev who battles to protect his country, making huge individual penances, shows radiant initiative and joins everybody inside the nation paying little mind to their religion, rank, area, or status in the public eye.

**Question Number: 20**

**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:** Who among the following has become the first-ever female President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?

1. Sharone Taylor
2. Clare Conor
3. Jhulan Goswami
4. Anitha Raj

**Answer:** Clare Conor

**Solution:**

The former captain of England women’s cricket team, Clare Conor, is the first-ever female president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in its 233-year history of the organization. The first non-British MCC President, Kumar Sangakara, has nominated here. She is now in-charge of women’s cricket at the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

**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 15th India and which country summit was held in areas of trade, investment and defence?

Options

1. European Union
2. U.S.A
3. African Union
4. China

**Answer:** European Union

**Solution:**

15th India-European summit is aimed at further broad basing ties on a range of areas including trade, investment and Defence. India-EU strategic partnership drawn a road map to 2025 launched to guide and strengthen cooperation, with a priority on foreign policy and security issues.

**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:** India energy modeling forum was launched during the joint working group meeting of sustainable growth pillar. Who has partnered with India in this forum?

Options

1. Saudi Arab
2. UAE
3. Malaysia
4. U.S

**Answer:** U.S

**Solution:**

IEMF forum was launched during the joint working group meeting of sustainable growth pillar. SGP is an important pillar of India-US strategic partnership co-chaired by NITI Aayog and USAID. IEMF will aim to provide a platform to examine important energy and environmental related issue.

**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 name of world’s most affordable RT-PCR based diagnostic kit launched?

Options

1. Corosure
2. Crovox
3. Covisure
4. Covidspr

**Answer:** Corosure

**Solution:**

Corosure is world’s most affortable RT-PCR based covid-19 diagnostic kit, with a base price of Rs399, developed by IIT Delhi. Real time Polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test is the most commonly used for covid-19. It is primarily based on PCR, a process that repeatedly copies and amplifies the specific genetic fragments of the virus.

**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:** Recently PM Narendra Modi Visited which sacred place to review its development?

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:**

Recently, PM reviewed the development work going on in Kedarnath Dham. Kedarnath is set amidst the Garhwal Himalayas at the head of the Mandakini river. It is located in Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand. Present Kedarnath temple was built by Adi Shankracharya in 8th century.

**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:** Kazi 106F species is in news. Which type of species it is?

Options

1. Dear
2. Tiger
3. Giraffee
4. Rhinoceros

**Answer:** Tiger

**Solution:**

It is India’s only golden tiger found in Kaziranga National park of Assam. The skin of this Tiger is Orange-yellow with black strips and Whitish abdominal region. Tigers gets these coloring from recessive genes that show up due to the inbreeding, which occurs due to the habitat loss.