**Current Affairs Set 15**

**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:** The National Council for Science and Technology Communication and the Department of Science and Technology has launched which among the following to fight against COVID 19?

Option

1. YASH
2. YATHARTH
3. UTILITY
4. COVID KAWACH

**Answer:** YASH

**Solution:**

National Council for Science and Technology Communication and Department of Science and Technology has launched a program aimed at health and risk communication ‘Year of Awareness on Science and Health’ with special focus on COVID 19. This is a comprehensive science and health communication initiative to promote grass-root level response on health.

**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 topped the list of states for providing jobs under MGNREGA during the lockdown?

Option

1. Chhattisgarh
2. West Bengal
3. Odisha
4. Madhya Pradesh

**Answer:** Chhattisgarh

**Solution:**

According to the data released by the Government of India, Chhattisgarh has become the topmost state in terms of providing jobs under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the nationwide lockdown imposed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Under this, minimum of 100 days of guaranteed job is provided to the intended beneficiaries.

**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 former banker has been appointed as the advisor of Google Pay India recently?

Option

1. Shikha Sharma
2. Chhanda Kochchar
3. Usha Anantsubramaniam
4. UC Lalit

**Answer:** Shikha Sharma

**Solution:**

Former CEO of the private sector lender, Axis Bank, Shikha Sharma, has been appointed as the advisor to Google Pay India. It is one of the leading players in the UPI Payments arena in the country.

**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:** Who among the following has been chosen for Nikkei Asia Prize 2020?

Option

1. N Bhaskaran
2. T Pradeep
3. S Dhananjay
4. UU Sharma

**Answer:** T Pradeep

**Solution:**

IIT Madras Professor T Pradeep has been selected for the Nikkei Asia Prize 2020 in the category of ‘science and technology.’ He has been chosen for this award for his gound-breaking contribution in nanotechnology-based water purification.

**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:** ‘#WeWillWin’ campaign has been launched by which among the following to pay tribute to the health workers across the world?

Option

1. ICC
2. FIFA
3. IOC
4. BCCI

**Answer:** FIFA

**Solution:**

The governing body of world football, FIFA, has launched the ‘#WeWillWin’ campaign in order to pay tribute to the health workers across the world. This is also to honour the contributions made by the other professionals also who have ensured that the society continues functioning even amidst the COVID 19 pandemic.

**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 among the following is the e-commerce marketplace to be launched by Confederation of All India Traders?

Option

1. Bharatmarket
2. Bharat Sabha
3. Indian Tag
4. GI Tag in India

**Answer:** Bharat market

**Solution:**

Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) is slated to launch a National e-commerce marketplace ‘Bharatmarket’ in order to integrate around 95% retail traders across the country. The platform will also being together the capabilities of various technology companies in order to provide end-to-end services in the logistics as well as supply chains from manufacturers to end consumers. Around 1 crore retailers are expected to join this platform by the end of this year.

**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:** Which among the following states is offering free insurance cover premium to its population?

Option

1. Maharashtra
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Uttarakhand

**Answer:** Maharashtra

**Solution:**

The Maharashtra government has announced that the whole population of the state will be covered under the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana. Under this scheme, the state will provide free health treatment to all the people in the state. As of now, the scheme covers around 85% population of the state and with this announcement; the rest of the population will also be benefitted from this scheme.

**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:** Peter Ebdon who retired recently was a world champion in which among the following sports?

Option

1. Formula One
2. Golf
3. Snooker
4. Billiards

**Answer:** Snooker

**Solution:**

Former World Snooker Champion Peter Ebdon has announced his retirement from professional snooker due to various physical ailments. He clinched the 2002 World Championship and he has been a runner-up also for record two times during his long career of 29 years.

**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:** Which among the following banks has come out with the song ‘#HumHaarNahiMaanenge’?

Option

1. State Bank of India
2. HDFC Bank
3. ICICI Bank
4. Axis Bank

**Answer:** HDFC bank

**Solution:**

HDFC Bank has released a song titled ‘#HumHaarNahiMaanenge’ to keep hopes amidst the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic situation. The song has been written by Prasoon Joshi and it has been composed by the music maestro AR Rahman. The bank has also announced that it is going to contribute Rs 500 each time the song is shared on social media, to the PM-CARES Fund.

**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:** Which state government has launched the ‘Pravasi Raahat Mitra’ application?

Option

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

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh

**Solution:**

Uttar Pradesh government has launched the ‘Pravasi Raahat App’ in order to connect the migrants with schemes and jobs. It has been developed in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program to keep a watch on the migrants’ wealth. It will also connect the migrants to the government schemes and collect their data to help them get a job of their choice.

This makes Option d the correct choice among the given options.

**Question Number: 11**

**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:** Ministry of Defence has signed an agreement with which among the following for modernizing 37 airfields in the country?

Option

1. Reliance Naval and Defence Limited
2. Tata Power
3. Birla Group
4. Reliance Industries

**Answer:** Tata Power

**Solution:**

The Ministry of Defence has signed an agreement with Tata Power SED to modernize infrastructure of 37 airfields in the country that belong to the Indian Air Force. The whole project is estimated to cost around Rs 1200 crores.

**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:** India has signed MoU with which among the following for coking coal?

Option

1. Russia
2. Ukraine
3. Iran
4. Iraq

**Answer:** Russia

**Solution:**

India has signed a pact with two Russian entities in the area of coking coal mining within the Russian Far East and Arctic Region. The MoU involves exploring, identifying, sourcing, negotiating and consummating independent investment opportunities within the mining sector within the Russian Far East.

**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:** The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has approved loan of \_\_\_ for COVID 19 response by India.

Option

1. $500 million
2. $1 billion
3. $100 billion
4. $100 million

**Answer:** $500 million

**Solution:**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has approved loans of $500 million in order to support the response of the government towards the COVID 19 pandemic in the country. This will help India to scale up efforts to restrict the transmission of instances, strengthen the public health system to expand the response capability and to improve the preparedness so that any such future pandemic can be tackled with much ease.

**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:** Who among the following is going to serve his second term as the President of MCC?

Option

1. Kumar Sangakkara
2. Sachin Tendulkar
3. Sourav Ganguly
4. Steve Waugh

**Answer:** Kumar Sangakkara

**Solution:**

Former Sri Lankan skipper Kumar Sangakkara is going to serve his second term as the President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). He became the first non-British President of the club when he assumed office on October 1 last year. He is one of the few people who will have the distinction of serving as the MCC President for multiple terms.

**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:** Which among the following has launched the first-ever ‘FIR Aapke Swar’ Yojana in India?

Option

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Gujarat
3. Maharashtra
4. Odisha

**Answer:** Madhya Pradesh

**Solution:**

Madhya Pradesh government has launched the first-ever ‘FIR Aapke Dwar’ Campaign as a pilot project in 23 police stations across the state. For this program, ‘Dial 100’ vehicle would have trained Head Constables to lodge FIR.

**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 airports has won the SKYTRAX Award for Best Regional Airport in India and Central Asia?

Option

1. Bengaluru Airport
2. Delhi Airport
3. Mumbai Airport
4. Chennai Airport

**Answer:** Bengaluru Airport

**Solution:**

The Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru has been chosen for the SKYTRAX Award this year for being the Best Regional Airport in India and Central Asia. It was voted by customers because of the Best Regional Airport in India and Central Asia for the third time in the last four years at the World Airport Awards 2020.

**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:** Which car manufacturing company has launched ‘Own Online’ campaign for online vehicle ownership solution?

Option

1. Toyota India
2. Mahindra and Mahindra
3. Maruti Suzuki India
4. Honda India

**Answer:** Mahindra and Mahindra

**Solution:**

Mahindra and Mahindra Limited has started an end-to-end online vehicle ownership solution known as ‘Own-Online’. This platform has been launched by the company to provide its customers a transparent and seamless experience from selection to the final delivery of the said vehicle.

**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:** Which among the following has developed India’s first antibody testing kit ‘ELISA’?

Option

1. ICMR
2. NIV Pune
3. Serum Institute of India
4. Bharat Biotech

**Answer:** NIV Pune

**Solution:**

India’s first indigenous antibody testing kit ‘ELISA’ has been developed by the National Institute of Virology, Pune. This testing kit is going to help in surveillance of proportion of population exposed to COVID 19 infection and hence it will be useful in combating the COVID 19. Zydus Cadila will manufacture it on a mass-scale in the country.

**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:** Which among the following countries has named a street after Rabindranath Tagore on his 159th anniversary?

Option

1. Palestine
2. Israel
3. UAE
4. Qatar

**Answer:** Israel

**Solution:**

Israel has named a street in Tel Aviv after renowned Indian poet and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore as a tribute to his great legacy, on his 159th birth anniversary. The government of the country named it ‘Tagore Street’ to commemorate the birth anniversary of the poet.

**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:** The HRD Ministry has launched ‘Bharosa’ helpline for the students of which among the following?

Option

1. Central University of Rajasthan
2. Hyderabad Central University
3. Central University of Odisha
4. Central University of Jharkhand

**Answer:** Central university of Odisha

**Solution:**

The Human Resources Development Ministry has launched a helpline for the students of the University of Odisha, known as ‘Bharosa’. This has been launched with the objective of relieving the student community from distress during the COVID 19 pandemic. The students will provided with Cognitive Emotional Rehabilitation Services via this helpline.

**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 a nuclear place Natanz is in news. Where it is located?

Options

1. Iraq
2. U.S.A
3. Iran
4. China

**Answer:** Iran

**Solution:**

Natanz is a place where main nuclear facility of Iran is located. Recently, a series of unexplained fires and explosions at several places was reported in Iran including at Natanz.

**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:** Recently which Indian player has been suspended after his blood sample tested positive for HGH?

Options

1. Pradeep Singh
2. Pardeep Singh
3. Waichung Bhutia
4. Rani Rampal

**Answer:** Pardeep Singh

**Solution:**

Recently, Pardeep singh (2018 common wealth games silver medalist) has been suspended provisionally after his blood sample tested positive from Human growth Harmone HGH. hGH is produced in the body and secreted by the pituitary gland near the base of the brain. hGH helps in bone, organ and cartilage growth and also helps in repairing damaged muscles.

**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:** Which country launched Hope Mars mission recently?

Options

1. U.S.A
2. Russia
3. UAE
4. India

**Answer:** UAE

**Solution:**

Hope mars mission is the first ever interplanetary mission launched by UAE. Mission will orbit mars and study the dynamics of the Martian atmosphere and its interaction with outer space and the solar wind. It will also search for the connection between current Martian weather and the ancient climate of Mars, study the loss mechanisms of mar’s atmosphere to space etc.

**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:** Pakistan announced resumption of which country exports to India Through Wagah border crossing under APTTA?

Options

1. Afghanistan
2. China
3. Bhutan
4. Azerbaijan

**Answer:** Afghanistan

**Solution:**

Pakistan announced resumption of Afghans exports to India Through Wagah border crossing under Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA). It is a bilateral trade agreement between Afghanistan, Pakistan signed in 2010. However APTTA does not allow India’s export to Afghanistan.

**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:** Recently national green tribunal removed stay from Rayalaseema lift irrigation projection. In which state this project started?

Options

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Maharashtra

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**Solution:**

Recently NGT has removed stay on RLIP. RLIP aims to provide assured water to the entire 19 lakh acres, in four district of Rayalseema, in Andhra Pradesh. Rayalseema region is located in the south west region of Andhra Pradesh. It borders with Tamil nadu to the south, Karnataka to the west and telanagana to the north.