**Current Affairs Set 17**

**Question Number: 1**

**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 approved $1 billion under the Emergency Assistance Program Loan to India?

Option

1. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
2. Asian Development Bank
3. New Development Bank
4. World Economic Forum

**Answer:** Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

**Solution:**

The New Development Bank has approved $1 billion in Emergency Assistance Program Loan to India in order to support the country in its fight against the deadly COVI 19 pandemic. This aims to curb the spread of COVID 19 as well as to minimize the human, social and economic losses being caused by this pandemic.

**Question Number: 2**

**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 country has developed ‘iFeel-You’ bracelet for social distancing?

Option

1. Spain
2. Italy
3. Germany
4. China

**Answer:** Italy

**Solution:**

Genoa-based Italian Institute of Technology has developed ‘iFeel-You’ bracelet for social distancing. This will help users respect social distancing rules. This bracelet has been developed as the measures for safeguarding against the coronavirus lockdown being lifted in the country.

**Question Number: 3**

**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 has launched the ‘HOPE’ portal to help the unemployed youth?

Option

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

**Answer:** Uttarakhand

**Solution:**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has launched ‘HOPE’ (Helping Out People Everywhere) portal in order to help the unemployed youth in the state to connect to the available job opportunities. This portal will be used to collect the data on the youths of the state who are staying in that state or have returned recently from other states.

**Question Number: 4**

**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:** India has ranked \_\_\_\_ on the WEF Global Energy Transition Index.

Option

1. 75th
2. 74th
3. 85th
4. 97th

**Answer:** 74th

**Solution:**

India has been ranked at 74th position on the Global Energy Transition Index by the World Economic Forum. India has gained two positions this year with improvements on all the key parameters such as economic growth, energy security and environmental sustainability. India is one of the few countries that have made consistent yearly progress since 2015. Sweden has topped the index.

**Question Number: 5**

**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 approved $1 billion in social protection package for India?

Option

1. World Bank
2. World Economic Forum
3. Asian Development Bank
4. New Development Bank

**Answer:** World Bank

**Solution:**

World Bank has announced $1 billion social protection package to India. This is going to be linked to the programmes launched by the Government of India. Hence, it will support India’s efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households who are mainly affected by the COVID 19 pandemic.

**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 has become the first ever COVID 19 free country in Europe?

Option

1. Slovakia
2. Slovenia
3. Czech Republic
4. Cyprus

**Answer:** Slovenia

**Solution:**

Slovenia has become the first country in Europe to declare an official end to the COVID 19 Pandemic. More restrictions have now been eased in the country and people entering from other European Union states. The country declared 1464 COVID 19 cases and 103 deaths during the pandemic situation in the country.

**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:** Which among the following has released the ‘World Economic Situation and Prospects’ Report’?

Option

1. United Nations
2. World Economic Forum
3. World Trade Organization
4. International Monetary Fund

**Answer:** United Nations

**Solution:**

The United Nations has published the report ‘World Economic Situation and Prospects’ Report as of mid-2020. In the report the UN has projected growth rates of individual countries as well as the global growth rates. As per this report, the global economy is expected to contract by 3.2% in the fiscal year 2020 with only a gradual recovery of lost output projected for the Fiscal year 2021.

**Question Number: 8**

**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 is the program launched by the Ministry of Tribal Youth for digital skilling of the tribal youth in the country?

Option

1. GOAL
2. SKILL
3. SET
4. None of the above

**Answer:** GOAL

**Solution:**

GOAL (Going Online as Leaders) program has been launched by the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs for digital skilling of tribal youth. It is a joint initiative of Facebook India with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. It has the target of empowering 5000 tribal youths in the present phase in order to harness the full potential of digital platforms as well as tools to understand new ways of doing business.

**Question Number: 9**

**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**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has signed an agreement with the Government of India for development of irrigation services in which state?

Option

1. Odisha
2. West Bengal
3. Chhattisgarh
4. Jharkhand

**Answer:** West Bengal

**Solution:**

A loan agreement for $145 million project has been signed by the Government of India, Government of West Bengal and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. This project has a prime objective of improving irrigation services and flood management in the Damodar Valley Command Area in West Bengal.

**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:** Who among the following has won the Alexander Dalrymple Award 2019?

Option

1. Vinay Badhwar
2. Vijay Katiar
3. Umesh Sharma
4. Durgesh Sahay

**Answer:** Vinay Badhwar

**Solution:**

Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar, the National Hydro-grapher to the Government of India, has been awarded with the 2019 Edition of the Alexander Dalrymple Award. This has been given for his outstanding contribution to Indian hydrography and across the broader Indian Ocean region. It was presented by the UK Ministry of Defence. The recipient of the award is selected by the chief Committee of the UK Hydrographic Office.

**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:** Which organization has initiate a mission to make it net zero carbon emission by 2030?

Option

1. Indian railways
2. NHAI
3. Delhi Government
4. SEZ zone

**Answer:** Indian Railways

**Solution:**

Indian railways has set on a mission mode of becoming a green railway by 2030. To achieve net zero carbon emission, Indian railways has taken steps toward railway electrification, improving energy efficiency of locomotives & trains, fitting bio toilets in coaches and switching to renewable source of energy.

**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:** Which international giant is committed to a $10-billion investment in India over next 5 to 7 years?

Option

1. Google
2. Facebook
3. Walmart
4. Microsoft

**Answer:** Google

**Solution:**

Google for India digitalization fund is a fund being setup by google through which it will invest $10 Billion in the country. It will be invested through a mix of equity investments, partnerships, operations, Infrastructure and ecosystem investments. With this google plan to scale up its India operations and become a key player in India’s digital ecosystem.

**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 NABARD launches initiative for Rural development on which of its foundation day?

Option

1. 39th
2. 12th
3. 30th
4. 20th

**Answer:** 39th

**Solution:**

NABARD launches initiatives for Rural India on its 39th foundation day. These steps will boost offtake of economic activities in areas grappling with reverse migration. NABARD announced Rs.5,000 crore of refinance to the beneficiaries of its 2,150 watershed development projects.

**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:** Recently first parcel train was started by Indian railway for which country?

Option

1. Bangladesh
2. Nepal
3. Srilanka
4. Pakistan

**Answer:** Bangladesh

**Solution:**

For the first time Indian railways loaded special parcel train beyond the country borders. Its transported dry chillies from Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh to Benapole in Bangladesh. Guntur and its surrounding areas in the state of Andhra Pradesh are well known for the cultivation of chillies.

**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 state is a quake zone to face earthquakes between July 21 and July 9?

Option

1. Meghalaya
2. Assam
3. Mizoram
4. Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer:** Mizoram

**Solution:**

Mizoram experienced at least eight moderate earthquakes between July 21 and July 9. Studies attribute to the presence of two geological faults. Churachandpur Mao fault that runs north-south into Myanmaar along the border of Champhai district. Mat fault that runs northwest- southeast across Mizoram, beneath river Mat near serchhip.

**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:** Biocon’s Itolizumab drug got approval by DCGI for restricted emergency use in treating covid-19 patient. The company belong to which state?

Option

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Bangalore
4. Delhi

**Answer:** Bangalore

**Solution:**

Biocon’s (Banglore based pharma company) Itolizumab drug got approval by Drugs controller general of India for restricted emergency use in treating moderate to severe covid-19 patients. Itolizumab, a Monoclonal antibody was already approved for severe chronic plaque psoriasis.

**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 scientists have formulated a nanoparticles with chitosan to reduce severity of Rheumatoid arthritis. It is developed by which institute?

Option

1. Institute of Nano science and technology, Mohali
2. Institute of Nano science and technology, Nagpur
3. Institute of Nano science and technology, Lucknow
4. Institute of Nano science and technology, Kochi

**Answer:** Institute of Nano science and technology, Mohali

**Solution:**

Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disorder that primarily affects joints in feet and hands. Zinc levels are reported to get reduced in such patients. Scientists have formulated a nano particles with chitosan and loaded these with zinc gluconate for reducing the severity of Rheumatoid arthritis.

**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:** NATGRID has signed MOU with which organization to organized database on FIRs and stolen vehicles?

Option

1. NCRB
2. Delhi police
3. CBI
4. NHB

**Answer:** NCRB

**Solution:**

National intelligence grid (NATGRID) has signed MoU with Nationals crime records Bureau (NCRB) to access the centralized online database on FIRs and stolen vehicles. The MoU will give NATGRID access to the crime and criminal tracking network and systems (CCTNS) database, a platform that links around 14,000 police stations.

**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 portal was integrated with National electronic toll collection to get all information on FASTags?

Option

1. SADAK portal
2. VAHAN portal
3. VEHICLE portal
4. PARIVAHAN portal

**Answer:** VAHAN portal

**Solution:**

National electronic toll collection integration with VAHAN portal is achieved recently which will enable VAHAN system to get all information on FASTags. VAHAN provides access to vehicles details such as registration number, chassis/engine, body/fuel type, manufacturer and model and provides various online services to citizens.

**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:** Which state become the first state to organized Lok Adalat?

Option

1. Haryana
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Telangana
4. Chhatisgarh

**Answer:** Chhatisgarh

**Solution:**

Chattisgarh became the first state in the country to inaugurate state level e-lok Adalat. Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms, where disputes/cases pending to the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled amicably.

**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:** Which is the Top trading partner of India for year 2019-2020?

Options

1. U.K
2. U.S.A
3. China
4. Japan

**Answer:** U.S.A

**Solution:**

US remains India’s top trading partner for second consecutive year in 2019-2020. Bilateral trade between US and India stood at $88.75 billion in 2019-20, against $87.96 billion in 2018-19. Also India’s trade surplus rose to $17.42 billion from $16.86 billion in 2018-19.

**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:** Which country has made shelter houses at Bhashan char island for Rohingya refugees?

Options

1. Nepal
2. Bangladesh
3. Maldives
4. Srilanka

**Answer:** Bangladesh

**Solution:**

Bhashan Char in Bangladesh is an uninhabited island in Bay of Bengal where the Bangladesh has made shelter houses for one lakh Rohingya refugees. It falls in an ecologically fragile area prone to floods, erosion and cyclones. Recently, Bangladesh has refused to move the Rohingya’s settled on the Bhashan char island amid corona pandemic.

**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 ministry has taken up project of reprinting of 108 volumes of Mongolian Kanjur?

Options

1. Ministry of social justice and empowerment
2. Ministry of skill development
3. Ministry of culture
4. Ministry of agriculture

**Answer:** Ministry of culture

**Solution:**

Ministry of culture has taken up project of reprinting of 108 volumes of Mongolian kanjur under national mission for manuscripts. Mongolian kanjur is Budhhist canonical text which is held in high esteem by Mongolian Buddhists and they worship kanjur at temples.

**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:** Who has received the Prof. P.C Mohalanobis national award in statistics recently?

Options

1. R. Rangarajan
2. Sri Surjit kumar bhalla
3. Urjit Patel
4. Raghuram rajan

**Answer:** R. Rangarajan

**Solution:**

First P.C Mahalanobis Award was given to former RBI governer Rangarajan, a former chairman of national stastical commission. Award is named after Professor P.C Mahalanobis, regarded as father of Indian Statistics. P.C mahalanobis had setup the Indian Statistical institute in Kolkata in 1932.

**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 state became the first to tap artificial intelligence for safeguarding government lands?

Options

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Mysore
3. Kerala
4. Bhubaneswar

**Answer:** Bhubaneswar

**Solution:**

BLUIS- Bhubaneswar land use intelligence system is a geo tagged repository of all the government lands in Bhubaneswar, created through high resolution satellite imagery to detect all changes taking place on government lands. It enable citizen to report any unauthorized development taking place over geo-tagged government lands.