**Current Affairs Set 19**

**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:** Recently PM visit which state/UT where he recalled state’s culture as well as the noble teachings of kushok Bakula Rimpoche?

Option

1. Sikkim
2. Assam
3. Arunachal Pradesh
4. Ladakh

**Answer:** Ladakh

**Solution:**

During PM visit to Nimu in Ladakh, PM recalled greatness of Ladakh’s culture as well as the noble teaching of Kushok Bakula Rimpoche. He was a prominent buddhist monk, Statesman and international diplomat often called ‘the architect of modern Ladakh’.

**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:** When did Dharma Chakra Day or Asaadh Poornima?

Option

1. 4 July
2. 6 August
3. 10 October
4. 4 September

**Answer:** 4 July

**Solution:**

International buddhist confederation, under ministry of culture is celebrating Asadha Poornima on July 4, 2020, as Dharma Chakra Day. Day commemorates Buddha’s first sermon to his first five ascetic disciples at the deer park, Rsipatana in present day Sarnath near Varanasi, UP.

**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 consider the proposal to turn Shivalik forest into Tiger reserve?

Option

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

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh

**Solution:**

Uttar Pradesh is considering the proposal to turn Shivalik forest into tiger reserve. Shivalik forest constitutes the northern tip of UP and located at the foothills of the Shivalik range. It connects four states, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

**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:** Which is the longest train ever to run on Indian railways?

Option

1. Ambar
2. Neelanchal
3. SheshNaag
4. Aakash

**Answer:** Shesh Naag

**Solution:**

SheshNaag is the longest train ever to run on Indian railways. It is a 2.8 Km long freight train amalgamating 4 empty BOXN (high-sided bogie open wagon with pneumatic brakes) rakes, powered by 4 sets of electric locomotives.

**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:** Where is Nagarahole national park situated where forest department will place a traffic monitoring mechanism?

Option

1. Karnataka
2. Assam
3. Arunachal Pradesh
4. Tripura

**Answer:** Karnataka

**Solution:**

Forest department will place a traffic monitoring mechanism for roads adjacent to NNP (also known as Rajiv Gandhi national park) to ensure better compliance of forest laws by motorists and minimize road kills. NNP is located in Kodagu and Mysore District of Karnataka. Bandipur, Mudumalai & Wayanad wildlife sanctuary are adjacent to NNP.

**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 countries parliament approved a bill that envisions shutting down the last coal-fired powerplant?

Option

1. Slovakia
2. China
3. Czech Republic
4. Germany

**Answer:** Germany

**Solution:**

German parliament approved a bill that envisions shutting down the last coal fired power plant by 2038 and spending some $45 billion to help affected regions cope with the transition. The plan is part of Germany’s energy transition- an effort to wean Europe’s biggest Economy off planet-warming fossil fuels and generate all of the country’s considerable energy needs from renewable resources.

**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:** how much diinvestment target for financial year 2020-21 from strategic sale of central public sector enterprises?

Option

1. Rs.1.20 lakh crore
2. Rs.2.20 lakh crore
3. Rs.3.24 lakh crore
4. Rs.1.90 lakh crore

**Answer:** Rs.1.20 lakh crore

**Solution:**

Government is on track for strategic sale of central public sector enterprise, as per department of investment and public asset management. Disinvestment target for FY 2020-21 is Rs.2.10 lakh crore, which includes Rs.1.20 lakh crore from strategic sale of central public sector enterprise.

**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:** What is the rank of India in sustainable development report 2020 edition released by sustainable development solutions network?

Option

1. 112
2. 117
3. 139
4. 94

**Answer:** 117

**Solution:**

Annual report tracks the performance of all UN member states on the 17 SDGs, measuring the distance remaining to achieve each target. India ranked at 117 out of 166 ranking below Pakistan and Afghanistan, Sweden topped the ranking. India faces major challenges in 10 of the 17 SDGs which include- SDG2 (zero hunger), SDG3 (good health and wellbeing), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG10 (Reduce inequalities).

**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**

**Q:** Global E-waste monitor 2020 report released. Which of the following is not related to it?

Option

1. International telecommunication Union
2. International solid waste association
3. United nation environment programme
4. United nation development programmee

**Answer:** United nation development programme

**Solution:**

Electronic waste refer to all items of electrical and electronic equipment and its parts that have been discarded as waste without intent of reuse. Global e-waste monitor 2020 is a collaborative product of global e-waste statistics partnership, international telecommunication union and international solid waste association in close collaboration with United nation environment programme.

**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:** India and which country sign an agreement for Joint venture company?

Option

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

**Answer:** Bangladesh

**Solution:**

India and Bangladesh signed an agreement for joint venture company. Agreement was signed between subsidiary of Indian oil corporation and an LPG company of Bangladesh. The 50:50 joint venture company will help reduce the cost of import of LPG for Bangladesh.

**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.

1. India has signed an agreement with which among the following countries for a 600 MW hydroelectric project?

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

**Answer:** Option b

**Solution:**

India and Bhutan have signed an agreement for the construction of the 600 MW Kholongchhu joint venture hydroelectric project in Bhutan. The project has been signed between the governments of both the countries.

2. Which among the following has partnered with Affordplan to launch ‘Swasth Card’?

1. Indusind Bank
2. Axis Bank
3. Yes Bank
4. IDBI Bank

**Answer:** Option c

**Solution:**

Private sector lender Yes Bank has tied up with the fintech startup company Affordplan to launch ‘Swasth Card’, a co-branded healthcare card, under Swasth program. The wallet of the bank has also been integrated with the platform to enable wallet QR scan for making instant payment to the empanelled merchant partners.

3. Who among the following has been honoured with the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade?

1. Amartya Sen
2. Arvind Panagariya
3. Dr. Raghuram Rajan
4. Arvind Subramaniam

**Answer:** Option a

**Solution:**

Nobel-laureate economist Amartya Sen has been chosen for the Peace Prize 2020 of the German Book Trade. He has been chosen for this award because of his ground-breaking contribution addressing issues of global justice, social inequality in education and healthcare.

4. Which among the following Indian organizations has received a patent for its ‘Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment’?

1. Indian Space Research Organization
2. DRDO
3. World Health Organization
4. Red Cross

**Answer:** Option a

**Solution:**

The Indian Space Research Organization has received a patent for its Liquid Cooling and Heating Garment which is a protective garment for human spaceflight. It is also a close fitting long garment that covers the torso as well as the limbs from neck to toe as a single piece lightweight comfort inner wear.

5. Michael Martin has become the new Prime Minister of which country?

1. Ireland
2. Iceland
3. Greenland
4. Portugal

**Answer:** Option a

**Solution:**

Michael Martin has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Ireland by the lower House of the Irish parliament. Martin got a total of 93 votes out of the total 160 seats in the lower house of the assembly whereas 63 votes were against him as the PM candidate.

6. Who among the following has become the first-ever woman Chief Secretary of Punjab?

1. Vini Mahajan
2. Avni Singh
3. Mohini Singh
4. Natasha Pandey

**Answer:** Option a

**Solution:**

IAS Officer Vini Mahajan has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Punjab and thus she is the first ever woman to hold this post. She is going to replace Karan Avtar Singh who is now the Special Chief Secretary, Governance Reforms and Public Grievances. Mahajan is the only Punjab cadre officer in the central government in the cadre of the secretary.

7. The Union Cabinet has approved setting up Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund with a corpus of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Rs 15000 Cr
2. Rs 12000 Cr
3. Rs 10000 Cr
4. Rs 20000 Cr

**Answer:** Option a

**Solution:**

The Union Cabinet has decided to set up an Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund in order to provide incentivization of investments in the sector for building proper infra. The corpus of the fund is Rs 15000 crores.

8. NTPC has recently been awarded a solar park project in which among the following countries?

1. Qatar
2. Mali
3. Somalia
4. Ecuador

**Answer:** Option b

**Solution:**

The Republic of Mali has awarded the project management consultancy contract for the development of 500 MW solar park to the largest-ever power generation company in the country, National Thermal Power Corporation.

21. India has pledged to donate \_\_\_\_ to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees.

1. $50 million
2. $10 million
3. $100 million
4. $20 million

**Answer:** Option b

**Solution:**

India has pledged to contribute $10 million to the UNRWA and it would be contributed over the period of the next two years. It is an additional amount over and above $5 million contribution announced for the year 2020.

25. Which among the following has developed an Indian receiver chip ‘Dhruva’?

1. IIT Delhi
2. IIT Bombay
3. IIT Gandhinagar
4. IIT Kanpur

**Answer:** Option b

**Solution:**

IIT Bombay has created Indian chip ‘Dhruva’ which can be used in cell phones and gadgets to discover locations and routes inside the nation. It will receive signals from NAVIC Group of navigation satellites of India.