**Current Affairs Set 24**

**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 Russian opposition figure Alexel Navalny was poisoned with a nerve agent. What is it’s name?

Option

1. Novak
2. Novichok
3. Covichok
4. Covaxin

**Answer:** Novichok

**Solution:**

As per German government, Russian opposition figure Alexel Navalny was poisoned with a variant of Novichok, a soviet-era nerve agent. Novichok means newcomer in Russian, and applies to a group of advanced nerve agents developed by soviet Union in 1970s and 1980s.

**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:** Recently, NIDHI-EIR brochure featurings entrepreneurs in residence was launched. What is the full form of NIDHI?

Option

1. National initiative for developing and harnessing innovation
2. National initiative for dedicating and harnessing innovation
3. National initiative for developing and harmonious innovation
4. National inference for developing and harnessing innovation

**Answer:** National initiative for developing and harnessing innovation

**Solution:**

Recently National initiative for developing and Harnessing innovations (NIDHI)-EIR brochure featuring entrepreneurs in residence (EIR) was launched. EIR programme under NIDHI supports aspiring or budding entrepreneur of considerable potential for pursuing a promising technology business area.

**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:** Recently Times higher education (THE) world university ranking 2021 released. How many universities from India qualified for the ranking?

Option

1. 40
2. 12
3. 63
4. 32

**Answer:** 63

**Solution:**

Times higher education world university ranking 2021 is released in which 63 universities from India qualified for the ranking (highest ever in India). However none could make it to top 300. Among India varsities, the highest ranking is occupied by Indian institute of science. United states is the most represented country with 59 entries in top 200.

**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 country topped the Global innovation index 2020?

Option

1. Switzerland
2. Finland
3. Norway
4. France

**Answer:** Switzerland

**Solution:**

Global innovation index by world intellectual property organization, provides detailed metric about the innovation performance of 131 countries. Its 80 indicators explore a broad vision of innovation, including political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication.

**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:** How many app were banned by India amid fresh incursion bid by the Chinese troops at line of actual control?

Option

1. 110
2. 118
3. 160
4. 95

**Answer:** 118

**Solution:**

Move comes amid fresh incursion bid by the Chinese troops at line of actual control. Ministry of electronics and information technology banned these apps invoking its power under section 69Aof information technology act. Under section 69A, if a website threatens India’s defence, its sovereignity and integrity, friendly relations with foreign countries.

**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 organization recently rejected Pakistan’s attempts to list Indians as designated terrorists?

Option

1. UNO
2. UNSC
3. FATF
4. OPEC

**Answer:** UNSC

**Solution:**

United nation security council, has rejected Pakistan’s attempts to list Indians as designated terrorists under its 1267 committee for counterterrorism sanctions. UNSC committee 1267 was established in 1999, by resolution 1267, which imposed a limited air embargo and asset freeze on the Taliban.

**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:** Recently Shree Narayan Guru is in news. He belong to which state?

Option

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Haryana
3. Punjab
4. Kerala

**Answer:** Kerala

**Solution:**

Shree Narayan Guru was a saint & social reformer from Kerala. He belong to the Ezhava caste which was considered avarna. He gave the universal message, one caste, one religion, one god. He lent support to the Vaikkom Satyagraha for temple entry in Travancore for the lower castes.

**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 country became the second European nation to formally adopt a strategy for Indo-pacific region?

Option

1. Germany
2. Norway
3. Sweden
4. Denmark

**Answer:** Germany

**Solution:**

Germany became the second European nation after France to formally adopt a strategy for Indo-pacific region. The key suggestion are Maritime security cooperation, human rights, and diversification of economic partnerships in IPR. Indirect references to Chinese behavior that challenged rules-based world order.

**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:** Recently India and Bangladesh inland waterway project was started along which river?

Option

1. Brahmputra
2. Manas
3. Gumti
4. Ganga

**Answer:** Gumti

**Solution:**

Recently Daukandi (Bangladesh)- Sonamura (Tripura) inland waterway protocol route, along river Gumti, was operationalized. This route was under protocol for inland water trade and transit. In May 2020, addendum to PIWTT was signed with inclusion of new routes and declaration of new ports of call (intermediate stop for a ship).

**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:** Recently Ophiocordycaps sinensis is in news. What is it?

Option

1. Fungus
2. Virus
3. Disease
4. Algae

**Answer:** Fungus

**Solution:**

It is a fungus also known as Himalayan Viagra that is now categorized as vulnerable species in IUCN’s red list. It faces threat like overharvesting habitat loss and climate change. It is a caterpillar fungus endemic to the Himalayan and Tibetan plateau. In India it is primarily found in Pithoragarh and Chamoli districts of Uttrakhand.

**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:** India and which country recently named as jointly gold medal winners of the online chess Olympiad?

Option

1. USA
2. UAE
3. Russia
4. UK

**Answer:** Russia

**Solution:**

Armageddon is the final decisive clincher in chess and is similar to a super over in cricket or a penalty shootout in hockey or football. Recently, India and Russia were named joint gold medal winners of the online chess Olympiad.

**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:** Where is rare Renatichol inscription has found recently?

Option

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Gujarat
3. Karnataka
4. Maharashtra

**Answer:** Andhra Pradesh

**Solution:**

Inscription was unearthed in kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. It is written in archaic Telugu language. It shows record of a gift of six Marttus (a measuring unit) of land gifted to a Brahmin. It was assigned to 8th century A.D, when region was under the rule of Chola Maharaja of Renadu.

**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:** Pangong Tso lake is recently in news that lie between India’s Ladakh region. Which type of lake it is?

Option

1. Salty
2. Lagoon
3. Milky
4. Sweet

**Answer:** Salty

**Solution:**

Pangong Tso is a salt water lake that is partly in India’s Ladakh region and Partly in Tibet. Nearly two-thirds of the lake is controlled by China, with just about 45 Km under Indian Control. Karakoram Mountain range, which crosses Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and India ends at the North bank of Pangong Tso.

**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:** Where is World’s largest solar tree installed recently?

Option

1. Silent valley
2. Durgapur
3. Jabalpur
4. Ranchi

**Answer:** Durgapur

**Solution:**

Solar tree is made of metal structure and have solar panels at the top instead of branches of real tree. One solar tree can reduce ten to twelve tonnes of carbon di oxide emissions. It is developed by CSIR-CMERI and it is setup and installed in Durgapur. It’s installed capacity is above 11.5 KWp.

**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 and which country collaborate for providing necessary equipment to Gaganyaan astronauts?

Option

1. Russia
2. France
3. UK
4. Israel

**Answer:** France

**Solution:**

Space agencies of India and france are in an advanced stage of discussions for providing necessary equipment to Gaganyaan astronauts. The equipment would be similar to those to be used by France for Mission Alpha. Gaganyaan mission planned by ISRO aims to send a three member crew to space for a period of five to seven days by 2022.

**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 country has committed to give official Development assistance of 3,500 crore for Covid crisis emergency response?

Option

1. Nepal
2. Japan
3. France
4. Russia

**Answer:** Japan

**Solution:**

Japan has committed official development assistance (ODA) loan of an amount of approx Rs.3500 crore for the Covid-19 crisis emergency response support for India. ODA is defined as government aid designed to promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries.

**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 India target gasification of 100 million tonnes coal by which year?

Option

1. 2025
2. 2030
3. 2050
4. 2040

**Answer:** 2030

**Solution:**

Coal gasification will happen in three phases and entails investments worth over Rs.4 lakh crores. From 2020-24, 4 million tonnes, from 20200-26 6 million tonnes and from 2022-30 90 million tonnes coal will be gasified.

**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 country built a surface to air missile near a lake, which is a part of the Kailash-Mansarovar?

Option

1. Nepal
2. China
3. USA
4. UAE

**Answer:** China

**Solution:**

Amid tension between India-China standoff, China has built a surface to air missile near a lake, which is a part of the Kailash-Man sarovar. Mount kailash and Lake Mansarovar, commonly known as the Kailash-Mansarovar site is revered by four religion.

**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 countries company has made a self-charging battery by trapping carbon-14 nuclear waste in artificial diamond case?

Option

1. France
2. Indonesia
3. Israel
4. California

**Answer:** California

**Solution:**

A California-based company has made a self-charging battery by trapping carbon-14 nuclear waste in artificial diamond-case. Carbon-14, or radio carbon, is a radioactive isotope of carbon. It also helps in provides objective age estimates for carbon based materials that originated from living organism.

**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:** Who launched a health assistant Robot Rakshak?

Option

1. Railway
2. NHAI
3. Indian Airforce
4. Indian Army

**Answer:** Railway

**Solution:**

Robot Rakshak is a health assistant Robot, designed by Railways, which can remotely communicate between doctor and patient. It can measures health parameters such as temperature, pulse, oxygen percentage. It can also provide medicines and food to the patient.

**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 month is celebrated as POSHAN Maah every year?

Options

1. June
2. July
3. October
4. September

**Answer:** September

**Solution:**

Month of September every year celebrated as Rashtriya Poshan Maah. During this month activities related to nutrition awareness and Poshan Abhiyaan will be carried out by all states and union territories upto the grass root level. This program is launched in 2018.

**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 organization has recently published annual report on suicides and accidental deaths?

Options

1. NCB
2. NCRB
3. CBI
4. CID

**Answer:** NCRB

**Solution:**

National crime record bureau (NCRB) has released annual report on suicides and accidental deaths. Cases of suicide and accidental deaths registered an increase in 2019 compared in 2018. Suicide rate in cities (13.9%) was higher compared to all India average (10.4%).

**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:** Who has constituted a committee to deliberate on Forensic accounting and Investigation?

Options

1. ICAI
2. ICMR
3. IISc
4. RBI

**Answer:** ICAI

**Solution:**

Institute of chartered accountants of India (ICAI) has constituted a committee to delebrate on forensic accounting and investigation. This aims to codify best practices in forensics and investigations and set basic quality benchmarks for conducting assignments in these areas.

**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:** CITIS is a program help to assist Indian cities in implementing urban infrastructure project. What is the full form of CITIIS?

Options

1. City investment in innovate, integrate and sustain
2. City investment in innovate, integrate and sustainable development
3. City investment in transportation, integrate and sustain
4. City infrastructure in innovate, integrate and sustain

**Answer: C**ity investment in innovate, integrate and sustain

**Solution:**

City investment in innovate, integrate and sustain (CITIIS) aims to assist Indian cities in implementing urban infrastructure projects that are integrated, innovation, driven and sustainable. Program combines financial assistance through loans and technical assistance through grants to selected cities.

**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:** Indian and how many countries are called for United Nation Security council reform?

Options

1. Three
2. Two
3. Five
4. Seven

**Answer:** Three

**Solution:**

India, Brazil, Germany and Japan called for expediting the reform process stating intergovernmental negotiations framework on the issue have dragged on for more than a decade without substantial progress. Four countries, also known as G4, support each other’s bids for permanent seats on an expand UNSC.