**Current Affairs Set 29**

**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:** When did we celebrate National Deworming Day?

Option

1. 2 January
2. 3 February
3. 10 February
4. 23 August

**Answer:** 10 February

**Solution:**

Ministry of health and family welfare conducted the tenth round of National Deworming Day on February 10, 2020. NDD is implemented with an objective to reduce the prevalence of soil transmitted Helminths (STH), commonly called the Parasitic intestinal worms, among all children and Adolescent.

**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 ministry launched web portal for star rating of Mines?

Option

1. Ministry of Mines
2. Ministry of Coal
3. Ministry of commerce and industry
4. Ministry of Railways

**Answer:** Ministry of Coal

**Solution:**

Ministry of coal launched this portal to promote green, safe and sustainable mining practices. Portal will enable all operational coal mines for self-rating, their subsequent validation by coal controller’s organization and finally award of star rating.

**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 country has approved to sale Integrated Air Defence weapon system to India?

Option

1. US
2. Russia
3. Israel
4. South Korea

**Answer:** US

**Solution:**

US has approved sale of Integrated air defence weapon system to India to modernize its armed forces and to expand its existing air defence architecture to counter threats posed by air attacks. This will further be enhancing greater interoperability between India, US and other allies.

**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:** Solar Orbiter mission is in news recently. It is a collaborative mission of European space agency and which agency?

Option

1. NASA
2. ISRO
3. DRDO
4. JAXA

**Answer:** NASA

**Solution:**

Solar orbiter mission is a collaborative mission between Eurropean space agency and NASA dedicated to solar and heliospheric physics. It will study about the development of planets and the emergence of life, how the solar system works, the origins of the universe, and the fundamental physics at work in the universe.

**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 did India will host 13th conference of parties of convention on the conservation of Migratory species of wild animals?

Option

1. Maharashtra
2. West Bengal
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Gujarat

**Answer:** Gujarat

**Solution:**

India will host 13th conference of parties of conservation of Migratory species of wild animals from 17th to 22nd February 2020 at Gandhinagar in Gujarat. Theme of this year was Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them home and its logo is inspired from ‘Kolam’, a traditional art form from South India.

**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 had declared COVID-19 an official name for Corona virus disease?

Option

1. UNO
2. WHO
3. ILO
4. UNSC

**Answer:** WHO

**Solution:**

World health organization declared COVID-19 an official name for Corona virus disease. CO stands for ‘Corona’, VI stands for ‘Virus’, D stands for ‘Disease’, while ‘19’ was the year, as the outbreak was first identified on December 31.

**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:** Government had decided to rename National institute of financial management as Arun Jaitley National institute of financial management. Where it is located?

Option

1. Lucknow
2. Faridabad
3. Travancore
4. Kolkata

**Answer:** Faridabad

**Solution:**

National institute of Faridabad was setup in 1993 as a registered society under department of expenditure, Ministry of finance. It has the mandate to train officers of various finance and accounts services recruited by the UPSC through the civil service examination as also officers of Indian costs account service.

**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 state has announced the cauvery delta region to declared as protected special agriculture zone?

Option

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Maharashtra
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Telangana

**Answer:** Tamil Nadu

**Solution:**

Tamil Nadu announced that the Cauvery delta region would be declared a protected special agriculture zone to prevent implementation of oil exploration projects in the state’s rice bowl. Cauvery delta zone comprises of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Pudukkottai, Cuddalore, Ariyalur, Karur and Tiruchirappali districts.

**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:** Clause 6 is recently in news which provide various safeguards to its native people. It is related to which state?

Option

1. Sikkim
2. Rajasthan
3. Assam
4. Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer:** Assam

**Solution:**

Recently, high level committee constituted by the centre finalized its report on suggestions to implement clause 6 of the Assam accord. Clause 6 states that ‘Constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate, shall be provided to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people.

**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 cabinet approves amendments to double taxation avoidance agreement with which country?

Option

1. Myanmar
2. Bhutan
3. Sri Lanka
4. Afghanistan

**Answer:** Sri Lanka

**Solution:**

Amendments aims for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income. It inserts principal purpose test provisions to meet the minimum standards on treaty abuse under base erosion and profit shifting project.

**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:** Yara virus discovered in a lake from which country recently?

Option

1. Indonesia
2. Brazil
3. Australia
4. Papua new Guinea

**Answer:** Brazil

**Solution:**

The unusual virus was discovered in a lake in Brazil. It infects amoeba and has genes that have not been described before, something that could challenge how DNA viruses are classified. Amount of unknown proteins composing Yaravirus particles reflects variability existing in viral world and how much potential of new viral genomes are still to be discovered.

**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:** Recently RBI setup a pan India umbrella entity to boost?

Option

1. Retail Payment System
2. Direct Benefit transfer
3. NEFT
4. NPCI

**Answer:** Retail payment system

**Solution:**

RBI is going to setup a pan India umbrella entity to boost the retail payment in the country. These entities will be known as new umbrella entity. Earlier in a policy paper in 2019, RBI suggested that national payment corporation of India has become ‘Too big to fail’ and threw up the idea of an alternative umbrella organization for retail payments.

**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 country out India from its developing nation list for trade benefit?

Option

1. US
2. China
3. Russia
4. France

**Answer:** US

**Solution:**

United states trade representative eliminated a host of countries including India, Brazil, Indonesia from its list of developing countries that are exempt from investigations into whether they harm American industry with Unfairly subsidized exports. India is now eliminated from getting special preferences under methodology for countervailing investigations.

**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 Parliament passed the constitution (ST) order (Amendment) bill, 2019 to add more tribes in ST category for which states?

Option

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Odisha
3. Assam
4. Karnataka

**Answer:** Karnataka

**Solution:**

The constitutional (scheduled tribes) order (Amendment) bill, 2019, which seeks to grant schedule tribes status to certain communities in Karnataka, was passed by Parliament. Communities included: Parivara, Talawara, Siddi tribes of Belagavi, Dharwad.

**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 ministry notified all medical devices as Drugs?

Option

1. Mo-Health
2. Mo-WCD
3. Mo-HUA
4. Mo-Culture

**Answer:** Mo-Health

**Solution:**

From April 1, all medical devices said in the country would be treated as drugs and would be regulated under drugs and cosmetics act, 1940. It means that now all imported, and locally manufactured medical devices will have to meet safety and quality standards certified by central drugs standard control organization.

**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 ministry draft visionary perspective plan (2020-2030) to conserve Birds?

Option

1. Ministry of health and family welfare
2. Ministry of environment, forest and climate change
3. Ministry of urban affairs
4. Ministry of tourism

**Answer:** Ministry of environment, forest and climate change

**Solution:**

Ministry of environment, forest and climate change has released a draft visionary perspective plan for conservation of avian diversity, their ecosystems, habitats and landscapes in the country. Reason for declining avian populations: destruction of natural habitats, environmental degradation, changes in land use eg urbanization, pollution etc.

**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 organization/institute will host second BIMSTEC-DMEx?

Option

1. National disaster response force
2. Press India Bureau
3. National conservative task force
4. Department of Financial task force

**Answer:** National disaster response force

**Solution:**

National disaster response force will host second BIMSTEC-DMEx. 3-day exercise, to be conducted in Bhubaneswar, Puri and Konark, will discuss standardization of protocol, formulation of policy and guidelines for protecting of heritage sites during disasters and their conservation post-disaster.

**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:** Recently school health programme under Ayushman Bharat was started. It is a joint initiative of Mo health and family welfare and which ministry?

Option

1. Ministry of health and family welfare
2. Ministry of environment, forest and climate change
3. Ministry of urban affairs
4. Ministry of tourism

**Answer:** Ministry of Health and family welfare

**Solution:**

It is a joint initiative of ministries of health and family welfare and human resource development. It will teach skills ranging from emotional wellbeing, mental health, interpersonal relationships to values and maintaining healthy lifestyle. It will be linked to fit India movement, Eat right campaign, Poshan Abhiyan etc.

**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:** Government to change ‘Vivad se Vishwas (no dispute but trust) bill 2020. It is related to?

Option

1. Indirect tax
2. VAT
3. Direct tax
4. GST tax

**Answer:** Direct tax

**Solution:**

Union cabinet has given nod to changes in the ‘Direct tax vivad se vishwas (no dispute but trust) bill, 2020 to increase its scope to cover litigations pending in various debt recovery tribunals. The tax was introduced in the Loksabha on February 5.

**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:** Government given its approval to capital infusion of how much amount in three public sector general insurance companies?

Option

1. 200 crore
2. 2,500 crore
3. 1200 crore
4. 1000 crore

**Answer:** 2,500 crore

**Solution:**

Cabinet has given in-principle approval for capital infusion of 2,500 crore rupees in three public sector GIC. They are oriental insurance company limited, National insurance company limited and united India insurance company limited.

**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 president presents President’s colour to Which ship of Indian Navy?

Options

1. INS Karanj
2. INS Jamuna
3. INS Shivaji
4. INS Arihant

**Answer:** INS Shivaji

**Solution:**

President presents president’s colour to Indian Navy’s INS Shivaji. President’s colour is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon any military unit. INS Shivaji was established in 1945 and it is one of the premier training establishments of Indian Navy.

**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:** INS Jamuna has been deployed to which country by India?

Options

1. Madagascar
2. Indonesia
3. Maldives
4. Sri Lanka

**Answer:** Sri Lanka

**Solution:**

INS Jamuna is a Sandhyak class hydrographic survey ship of navy of India. It has been deployed to Sri Lanka based on a mutual agreement to carry out joint hydrographic survey of South west coast of Sri Lanka.

**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 organization designed Apiary on wheels concept?

Options

1. KVIC
2. MoHRD
3. Department of food and processing industries
4. MoHUA

**Answer:** KVIC

**Solution:**

Apiary on wheels is a unique concept designed by Khadi and village industries commission (KVIC) for easy upkeen and migration of Bee Boxes having live bee colonies and will help to address challenges faced by beekeepers. KVIC is a statutory body under ministry of MSME.

**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:** Which department organized Ek Bharat Shreshtra Bharat event?

Options

1. Department of economic affairs
2. Department of External affairs
3. Department of Sports
4. Department of Cultural programme

**Answer:** Department of sports

**Solution:**

Department of sports organized events under Ek Bharat Shreshtra Bharat in various parts of the country to promote the spirit of National integration through sports. It aims to enhance interaction between people of diverse cultures living in different states and UTs in India.

**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:** Report ‘our future on earth, 2020’ was released. It aims to reducing carbon footprint by which year?

Options

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

**Answer:** 2050

**Solution:**

Report is released by the South Asia future earth regional office hosted by Divecha centre for climate change (Indian institute of science). The report was prepared with the aim of reducing carbon footprint and halting global warming below 2 degree celcius by 2050.