

GK 2015

JANUARY:

DATE: 1,2 /2015

1. The union government has replaced the Planning commission, which will now be called as NITI Aayog. Who among the following will be the chairman of the new institute?

[A] President

[B] Prime Minister

[C] Vice President

[D] Finance Minister

Commented [9991]: Prime Minister

Prime Minister will be the chairperson of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog. NITI Aayog to have a governing council comprising all chief ministers and lieutenant governors.

2. Recently, which country has successfully launched a new meteorological satellite called Fengyun-II 08?

[A] USA

[B] China

[C] Pakistan

[D] Russia

Commented [9992]: China

Fengyun-II 08, is a China's new meteorological satellite that was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan province in the country's southwest. The newly launched satellite is expected to collect meteorological, maritime and hydrological data, while also transmitting information that will be useful to forecast weather and monitor environmental changes.

3. Who among the following is the chairman of the committee that submitted its report on rail fare hike, recently?

[A] Kiran Singh

[B] Suresh Prabhu

[C] D K Mittal

[D] A K Ojha

Commented [9993]: D K Mittal

D K Mittal is the chairman of the committee that was formed to suggest ways and means to raise the revenue of Indian Railways. The committee has submitted its report to Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu. A hike in passenger train fares, particularly in suburban service, and increase in the minimum distance to be covered in passenger and express trains are some of the recommendations made by the committee.

4. Recently, which among the following became the latest country to join Euro currency zone?

[A] Poland

[B] Denmark

[C] Lithuania

[D] Sweden

Commented [9994]: Lithuania

Lithuania has become the 19th member of euro currency zone.

5. The Chandyan village, where the remnants of late Harappan period house have been discovered recently is located in ___?

[A]Haryana

[B]Punjab

[C]Uttar Pradesh

[D]Gujarat

6. At present, which of the following states have Legislative Councils?

1. Andhra Pradesh

2. Bihar

3. Jammu and Kashmir

4. Karnataka

5. Assam

Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A]Only 1, 2, & 3

[B]Only 1, 2, 3 & 4

[C]Only 1, 3, 4 & 5

[D]1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

7. As per the latest report, which one of the following states of India has world's highest number of conflict induced internally displaced persons in the world?

[A]Assam

[B]Sikkim

[C]Punjab

[D]Uttar Pradesh

8. Vasant Gowrikar, who passed away recently, was a famous personality in which field?

[A]Literature

[B]Space Science

[C]Classical Music

[D]Politics

Commented [9905]: Uttar Pradesh

Chandyan Village is in Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh. The [Archaeological Survey of India](#), during its excavation has found remnants of house that belongs to Harappan period.

Commented [9906]: Only 1, 2, 3 & 4

There are Legislative Councils in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and [Telangana](#). The union cabinet has recently cleared a proposal of setting up of Legislative Council in Assam.

Commented [9907]: Assam

As per the report prepared by Asian Centre for Human Rights Assam had the highest conflict induced internally displaced persons in the world during the year 2014. There are over 3,00,000 internally displaced persons in Assam, which is the highest in the world during 2014.

Commented [9908]: Space Science

Vasant Gowrikar was a space veteran and eminent scientist. He was the chief of Indian Space Research Organisation in 1991-1993. His contribution to Indian space technology is immeasurable. Gowrikar was the recipient of Padma Shri in 1984 and Padma Bhushan in 2008.

9. The Dongaria Kondh, one of India's vulnerable tribal groups is found in which state?

[A]Tamil Nadu

[B]Rajasthan

[C]Odisha

[D]Jharkhand

Commented [୫୫୭9]: Odisha

10. As per the RBI guidelines, what is the minimum paid-up equity capital for small finance banks?

[A]Rs. 100 Crore

[B]Rs. 200 Crore

[C]Rs. 300 Crore

[D]Rs. 500 Crore

Commented [୫୫୭10]: Rs. 100 Crore

DATE: 3/01/2015

1. Which among the following is the official mascot of the 35th National Games?

[A]Appu

[B]PanPan

[C]Ammu

[D]Winta

Commented [୫୫୭11]: Ammu
The Great Indian Hornbill or christened as Ammu, the state bird of the Kerala, is the official Mascot of the 35th National Games.

2. Who among the following is the author of "The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years"?

[A]Manmohan Singh

[B]Pranab Mukherjee

[C]Sanjay Basu

[D]Rahul Gandhi

Commented [୫୫୭12]: Pranab Mukherjee
The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years has been written by Pranab Mukherjee. This book focuses on 1970s and is a rare account of one of the most contentious periods in Independent India's past: The Emergency.

3. Recently, the United Nations General Assembly has adopted a resolution in favour of granting citizenship to Rohingya Muslims. The Rohingya Muslims are stateless people of ___?

[A]China

[B]Myanmar

Commented [୫୫୭13]: Myanmar
The Rohingya are a Muslim minority population living mainly in the state of Arakan, in Myanmar. Recently, the United Nations general assembly adopted a resolution urging Myanmar to grant citizenship to its Rohingya Muslims minority and grant them equal access to services.

[C]Philippines

[D]Pakistan

4. Who among the following is chiefly known as “Father of Indian Monsoon Model”?

[A]Vasant Gowrikar

[B] Vikram Sarabhai

[C]Madhavan Nair

[D]C R Rao

5. The former RBI deputy governor Shyamala Gopinath has been appointed as the chairperson of which among the following banks?

[A]HDFC Bank

[B]ICICI Bank

[C]IDBI Bank

[D]Axis Bank

6. The “Kolha” is a tribe indigenous to which one of the following states?

[A]Odisha

[B]Jharkhand

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D]Uttar Pradesh

7. Who among the following is the new chairman of the Railways board?

[A]Pradeep Kumar

[B]A K Mittal

[C]Navin Tandon

[D]A K Putia

8. For the first time, Kisan Vikas Patra was launched on ___?

[A]1st April 1990

[B]1st April 1988

[C]1st June 1990

[D]1st June 1988

Commented [99914]: Vasant Gowrikar
Noted scientist and space veteran Vasat Gowrikar, who made valuable contribution to the fields of space research, weather and population was chiefly known as Father of Indian Monsoon Model.

Commented [99915]: HDFC Bank
Former RBI deputy governor Shyamala Gopinath has been appointed as chairperson of HDFC Bank, India's second largest private sector bank. She has been appointed as part-time non-executive chairperson of the bank for a period of three years from January 2, 2015.

Commented [99916]: Odisha
Kolha is an important tribe living in forest areas and hilly terrains in the state of Odisha.

Commented [99917]: A K Mittal
A K Mittal is the new chairman of the Railways board.

Commented [99918]: 1st April 1988

9. According to International Federation of Journalist, which among the following is the most dangerous country for journalists?

[A] Somalia

[B] Pakistan

[C] Sri Lanka

[D] Kenya

10. US dollar index is the trade weighted index of the how many currencies?

[A] Five

[B] Six

[C] Seven

[D] Eight

DATE: 4,5/01/2015

1. Which among the following is the only breeding ground for Indian Skimmer, an endangered fresh water bird species?

[A] Chambal River

[B] Sunderbans

[C] Ganga-Yamuna basin

[D] Godavari Delta

2. Recently, the union government has said it has decided to accept the recommendations of the Bezbaruah Committee. Bezbaruah committee was set up to study the ___?

[A] Living status of Tribal people

[B] Safety and security of people from North East India

[C] Welfare of Minority People

[D] Living status of SC/ST people

3. The Itaipu Dam, one of the largest hydropower plants in the world is located in which country?

[A] Paraguay

Commented [99919]: Pakistan

Pakistan is the most dangerous country for journalist, according to International Federation of Journalist. In Pakistan 14 media persons lost their lives in 2014. As per the report, Asia Pacific region was the most dangerous region for journalists and media staff in the world for a second consecutive year. The Middle East is the second most dangerous region with 31 fatalities followed by Americas with 26. Africa came fourth (17 killings) and Europe reported nine deaths.

Commented [99920]: Six

US dollar index is a trade weighted index of the six most traded currencies globally viz. Euro (57.6% weight), Japanese yen (13.6% weight), Pound sterling (11.9% weight), Canadian dollar (9.1% weight), Swedish krona (4.2% weight) and Swiss franc (3.6% weight). It has been a key gauge for measuring risk aversion among global investors in Indian equities and the investment outlook in global risky assets. It has lost relevance in recent times.

Commented [99921]: Chambal River

The Indian Skimmer is an endangered fresh water bird species. The Chambal River is the only breeding ground for the bird. The colourful bird, with a black cap and orange bill, was once widely found in major rivers and estuaries. But it is now mainly seen in and around the National Chambal (Gharial) Wildlife Sanctuary, spread across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Commented [99922]: Safety and security of people from North East India

Bezbaruah Committee was set up to look into the safety and security of people from North East India. In February, 2014 the Government had set up the Committee chaired by retired IAS officer M P Bezbaruah, following killing of north-east student Nido Tania last year. The Committee handed over its report in July 2014, which had recommendations on ways to solve the apprehensions of the people of North East, with special regard to their safety and security.

[B]Brazil

[C]USA

[D]Russia

4. Which among the following is the theme of the Indian Science Congress-2015?

[A]Science and Technology for Human Development

[B]Ancient Science for Today's Growth

[C]Science and Technology for Sustainable Growth

[D]Technology for Better Future

5. Who among the following has won the ATP World Tennis Championship in Abu Dhabi?

[A]Rafael Nadal

[B]Andy Murray

[C]Novak Djokovic

[D]Roger Federer

6. The "Strait of Dover" separates which of the following countries?

[A]United Kingdom and France

[B]Spain and Portugal

[C]Portugal and Italy

[D]Italy and Greece

7. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has dedicated the digital village Akodara in Gujarat to the Nation. Akodara has been developed as Digital village by which bank?

[A]State Bank of Mysore

[B]ICICI Bank

[C]Axis Bank

[D]State Bank of India

8. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has decided to prepare a Tea Atlas in which one of the following states?

[A]Assam

[B]Tamil Nadu

Commented [99023]: Brazil

The Itaipu hydroelectric power plant is second largest hydropower plant in Brazil. The project is located on the Parana River, at the border between Brazil and Paraguay. Itaipu dam with an installed capacity of 14,000MW ranks as the world's second largest hydropower plant.

Commented [99024]: Science and Technology for Human Development

Commented [99025]: Andy Murray

Andy Murray won the ATP World Tennis Championship in Abu Dhabi. His win comes after world number one Novak Djokovic withdrew from the final match citing reason of illness.

Commented [99026]: United Kingdom and France

The Strait of Dover is the strait at the narrowest part of the English Channel and marks a boundary between the Channel and North Sea, separating Great Britain from continental Europe. [reference](#)

Commented [99027]: ICICI Bank

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated the digital village Akodara through digital inauguration in Mumbai. Akodara village is part of Sabarkantha district of north Gujarat. It has been developed as digital village by ICICI bank. In this village, shops, mandi, cooperative society, milk producer group have been facilitated for cashless transactions.

Commented [99028]: Assam

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has decided to prepare a Tea Atlas in India's North Eastern State Assam. This atlas seeks to create a comprehensive database of the tea gardens and socio-economic condition of its workers in state.

[C] Kerala

[D] Karnataka

9. Who among the following has become the fastest to score 12,000 runs in Test matches?

[A] Mahela Jayawardene

[B] Kumar Sangakkara

[C] Hashim Amla

[D] Shane Watson

10. The Turpan Depression, the third lowest point on Earth is located in which of the following Asian countries?

[A] China

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Bangladesh

[D] Bhutan

DATE: 6, 7/01/2015

1. The theme of National Youth Festival-2015, which began in Guwahati recently (January 2015) is ___?

[A] Celebrating Diversity in Unity

[B] Youth For Drugs Free World

[C] Youth for Clean, Green and Progressive India

[D] Youth For Better India

2. The Union Government is planning to launch Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan to create awareness among the students in ____?

[A] Science and Mathematics

[B] Science and Social

[C] Ancient History

[D] Classical Music

Commented [99029]: Kumar Sangakkara

Sri Lankan batsman Kumar Sangakkara has become the fifth cricketer to make 12,000-runs in Test. The 37-year-old Lankan legend reached the milestone in his 224th Test innings, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar and Ricky Ponting, both of whom needed 247 innings to achieve the mark.

Commented [99030]: China

Turpan Depression is the lowest point in China and third lowest on Earth (after the Dead Sea and Lake Assal (Djibouti)) at 154 meters below sea level.

Commented [99031]: Youth for Clean, Green and Progressive India

The 19th National Youth Festival has begun in Guwahati, Assam. This festival coincides with the 152nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Theme of this edition of youth festival is Youth for Clean, Green and Progressive India. It aims to spread to spread national integration and harmony. National Youth Festival is one of the most important events organized by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports wherein about 5000 youth from all over the country congregate to show their grit and metal in the field of art and culture.

Commented [99032]: Science and Mathematics

The union government will launch Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan to create interest among the students in Science and Mathematics. Abhiyan which will be launched from the next academic session envisages to motivate and engage children in 6-18 age group in Science, Mathematics and Technology through observation and experiment.

3. Who among the following has become the first to make three Test centuries in his first three innings as captain?

- [A] Virat Kohli
- [B] M S Dhoni
- [C] Steve Smith
- [D] Hashim Amla

Commented [33]: Virat Kohli
Indian cricketer Virat Kohli became the first man to make three Test centuries in his first three innings as captain. Kohli made this record on an eventful third day of the fourth Test against Australia in Sydney.

4. Recently, which among the following banks has launched the country's first contactless debit and credit cards?

- [A] ICICI Bank
- [B] Axis Bank
- [C] Corporation Bank
- [D] State Bank of Mysore

Commented [34]: ICICI Bank
ICICI bank has become the first bank to launch the country's first contactless debit and credit cards. The cards use the near-field communication technology, enabling one to make payments by just waving the card near merchant terminals instead of swiping the same. The bank has introduced these two cards in Mumbai, Hyderabad and Gurgaon to begin with and it has installed over 1,200 PoS machines capable of accepting contactless payments in these cities.

5. The strategic oil- and gas bearing region called "Yamala Peninsula" is located in which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Norway
- [C] Vietnam
- [D] China

Commented [35]: Russia
The Yamal Peninsula stretches some seven hundred kilometres into the Arctic Ocean from the Russian mainland below the Arctic Circle. It is believed that this region has one of the largest oil and gas reserves in the world.

6. Which city is the host of International Hindi Conference (April 2015)?

- [A] New York
- [B] Chicago
- [C] New Jersey
- [D] California

Commented [36]: New Jersey
New Jersey is the venue for the International Hindi Conference-2015 that will be held in April 2015. Theme of 2015 edition of this conference is Expanding World of Hindi: Possibilities and Challenges.

7. According to Fortune magazine, the Business Person of the Year-2014 is __?

- [A] Mark Zuckerberg
- [B] Jack Ma
- [C] Larry Page
- [D] Laxmi Mittal

Commented [37]: Larry Page
Google co-founder Larry Page has been named as the business person of the year-2014, according to Fortune magazine. Larry Page surpassed global business leader Alibaba co-founder Jack Ma and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, to top the list.

8. The largest monolith of granite in the world called "El Capitan" is located in __?

[A] USA

[B] France

[C] Switzerland

[D] Germany

9. Teixobactin, which is news recently, is a ____?

[A] A new antibiotic

[B] A new bacterial disease

[C] Nanofiber cloth

[D] Drug resistant bacteria

10. Maithripala Sirisena, has been elected as new President of which country?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Mauritius

[C] Singapore

[D] Indonesia

DATE: 8,9/01/2015

1. Recently, Indian Immunological Limited (IIL) has launched the "Raksha Blue" India's first vaccine for ____?

[A] Swine Flu

[B] Blue Tongue

[C] Dengue

[D] Ebola

2. The 2016 UEFA European Championship or Euro 2016 for men's national football teams will be hosted by which country?

[A] Greece

[B] France

[C] Italy

[D] Switzerland

Commented [44038]: USA

El Capitan, the largest monolith of granite in the world is in California's Yosemite National Park USA. It extends around 3,000 feet from base to summit along its tallest face. It is one of the world's favourite challenges for rock climbers and BASE jumpers. [reference](#)

Commented [44039]: A new antibiotic

A new antibiotic Teixobactin is the first new class of antibiotic announced in decades. Teixobactin shows great activity against some of the problem Gram positive superbugs like MRSA, enterococci, and C. diff—and has activity against tuberculosis and B. anthracis.

Commented [44040]: Sri Lanka

Maithripala Sirisena has won the Presidential election of Sri Lanka. Maithiripala Sirisena was declared elected in Presidential elections after he had defeated incumbent President Mahinda Rajapaksa by more than 4 and a half lakh votes. In this election he had secured 51.28 per cent of total votes casted. Sirisena is the seventh President of Sri Lanka.

Commented [44041]: Blue Tongue

Raksha Blue is India's first vaccine for blue tongue disease prevalent among flocks of goats and sheep across the country.

Commented [44042]: France

France will host the 2016 UEFA Championship for men's national football teams. It is scheduled to be held from 10 June to 10 July 2016.

3. Recently, which among the following countries has announced “Great Collaborations” programme to forge collaboration with Indian companies?

[A]USA

[B]China

[C]UK

[D]Japan

4. The Charlie Hebdo, which is in news now a day, is a satirical newspaper from which country?

[A]France

[B]Sweden

[C]Switzerland

[D]Germany

5. The Pampas are a grassland biome in ____?

[A]Europe

[B]South America

[C]North America

[D]Russia

6. Recently, World Congress on International Law was held in ____?

[A]New Delhi

[B]Pune

[C]Mumbai

[D]Kolkata

7. In which of the following cities, Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Dandi Kutir, a museum on the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi?

[A]Gandhinagar, Gujarat

[B]Porabandar, Rajasthan

[C]Mumbai, Maharashtra

[D]New Delhi

Commented [443]: UK

Great Collaboration is a campaign launched by United Kingdom to seek better cooperation between the companies based in India and the UK on a range of sectors. The campaign will over the time showcase and promote areas collaboration that benefit both countries across a range of sectors such as energy, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, financial service and infrastructure.

Commented [444]: France

Charlie Hebdo is a French satirical weekly newspaper. The magazine has been in news when masked gunmen attacked Charlie Hebdo's offices in Paris. The attacker murdered 12 people and wounded others, in France's worst terrorist attack for half a century.

Commented [445]: South America

The Pampas are a grassland biome in South America. They are flat, fertile plains that covers an area of 300,000 sq.miles. It found primarily in Argentina and extended to Uruguay.

Commented [446]: New Delhi

World Congress on International Law was held in New Delhi from January 9-11. It was organised by Indian Society of International Law.

Commented [447]: Gandhinagar, Gujarat

8. Recently, Ranil Wickremasinghe was sworn in as new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. He is the ____ Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. Fill the blank with correct option?

[A] 6th

[B] 8th

[C] 10th

[D] 12th

9. The Living Planet Report, a science based analysis on the health of our only planet is published by ____?

[A] World Wide Fund for Nature

[B] World Economic Forum

[C] World Trade Organisation

[D] World Heritage Conservation

10. As per RBI guidelines, banks can allow minors above ____ years to independently open and operate saving banks accounts. Fill the blanks with correct option?

[A] 8

[B] 10

[C] 12

[D] 14

DATE: 10,11/01/2015

1.

Commented [48]: 10th

Ranil Wickremasinghe is the tenth Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. He was the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka thrice, from 7 May 1993 to 19 August 1994, from 9 December 2001 to 6 April 2004.

Commented [49]: World Wide Fund for Nature

The Living Planet Report is published by World Wide Fund for Nature in every two years. The report is based on the Living Planet and ecological footprint calculations.

Commented [50]: 10

Children older than 10 years can now open and operate saving bank accounts. RBI also allowed banks to offer additional facilities like internet banking, ATM, debit card and chequebook to minors.