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1. Who among the following is a golf player?

[A]Anirban Lahiri

[B]Pankaj Advani

[C]Geet Sethi

[D]Hetul Shah

Ans:

Anirban Lahiri

Golfer Anirban Lahiri has recently won the Venetian Macau Open championship. He notched up his second title of the year, with a sparkling final round of five-under 66. In this question, Pankaj Advani and Geet Sethi are snooker players while Hetul Shah is a Chess player.

2. Recently, which among the following actors have won the Global Diversity Award 2014?

[A]Amitabh Bachchan

[B]Shahrukh Khan

[C]Aamir Khan

[D]Salman Khan

Ans:

Shahrukh Khan

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan was presented with the Global Diversity Award 2014 for his outstanding achievements in the field of cinema and his contributions in philanthropic endeavours.

3. Who has been appointed as the new head of Kalakshetra Foundation by the Union Government Ministry of Culture?

[A]N.Gopalaswami

[B]Priyadarsini Govind

[C]Karunaker K Menon

[D]S.Rajagopalan

Ans:

N.Gopalaswami

The government has appointed former Chief Election Commissioner N Gopalaswami as the new chairman of the governing board of the Chennai-based Kalakshetra Foundation.

4. With reference to the recently launched first ever National Mental Health Policy, which among the following is / are correct statements?

1. To provide access to universal psychiatric care
2. It was adopted under Resolution WHA 65.4 adopted at the 65th World Health Assembly held in Geneva in 2012
3. Indian government spends 0.06% of its health budget on mental health, according to the World Health Organization's Mental Health Atlas of 2011

Select the correct option from the codes given below

[A] Only 1 & 2

[B] Only 1 & 3

[C] Only 2 & 3

[D] 1, 2 & 3

Ans:

1, 2 & 3

All three provisions are true about the new National Mental Health Policy.

5. The Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana was launched on the birth anniversary of ___?

[A] Mahatma Gandhi

[B] Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

[C] Jai Prakash Narayan

[D] Shaheed Bhagat Singh

Ans:

Jai Prakash Narayan

PM Narendra Modi launched Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) on the birth anniversary of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan.

6. Which among the following will be the nodal officer for implementing the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana?

[A] Member Parliament

[B] Prime Minister

[C] District Collector

[D] Sarpanch

Ans:

District Collector

The scheme will be implemented by a village development plan that would be prepared for every identified gram panchayat. The MPLADS, would be available to fill critical financing gaps. The planning process in each village will be a participatory exercise coordinated by the nodal officer, the District Collector. The MP will play an active facilitating role in this exercise.

7. Which among the following is / are correct statements with respect to the IRNSS-1C?

1. It was launched by a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

2. It carried a payload namely a C-band transponders to help in laser ranging. (to help Military / artillery range estimation)

3. It was the launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

[A] Only 1 & 2

[B] Only 2 & 3

[C] Only 1 & 3

[D] 1, 2 & 3

Ans:

1, 2 & 3

All three provisions are correct about the launch of IRNSS-1C, which is the third navigation satellite.

8. Which among the following countries does not have a fully functional global navigation system?

[A]USA

[B]Russia

[C]Germany

[D]China

Ans:

Germany-Only 3 countries have USA,Russia and China. USA has GPS, Russia has GLONASS and China has Beidou as the navigation systems.

9. A Nobel Prize in each category can be shared among maximum?

[A]2 persons

[B]3 persons

[C]4 persons

[D]5 persons

Ans:

3 persons

A maximum of 3 persons can be awarded a Nobel Prize in each category. Each of the nominated persons should be alive.

10. What is the ranking of India in the recently released Global Hunger Index?

[A]63

[B]89

[C]76

[D]55

Ans

55

India's position in the GHI 2014 is 55 out of 76 nations. Last year India was at 63rd position. Even though its position has improved but it is still far behind countries like Thailand, China, Ghana, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

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1. What is the name of India's first long-range subsonic cruise missile?

[A] Akash

[B] Nirbhay

[C] Agni Prime

[D] Jaguar

Ans:

Nirbhay

Nirbhay is the name of India's first long-range subsonic cruise missile. It was test-fired on October 17.

2. The Shyamal Sen Commission was set up to enquire into __?

[A] 2G spectrum scam

[B] Saradha Chit fund Scam

[C] Cash-for-votes scandal

[D] Kerala solar panel scam

Ans:

Saradha Chit fund Scam

Shyamal Sen Commission was set up in April 2013 by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to enquire into the Saradha Chit Fund scam.

3. Which among the following years will mark 100 years of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa?

[A]2015

[B]2016

[C]2017

[D]2018

Ans:

2015

2015 will mark 100 years of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa and the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas celebrations to welcome overseas Indians to their homeland will be held in Ahmedabad on January 9.

4. Which among the following is a standard for wireless communication?

[A]gpsOne

[B]LTE

[C] Dolby Digital

[D]8VSB

Ans:

LTE

LTE, an acronym for Long Term Evolution, commonly marketed as 4G LTE, is a standard for wireless communication of high-speed data for mobile phones and data terminals.

5. Which among the following is the first Indian company to acquire the domain name .ooo (Dot-Triple-O)?

[A]Infosys

[B]Infibeam

[C]Indiamart

[D]India Infoline

Ans:

Infibeam

E-commerce firm Infibeam, the first Indian company to acquire the domain name dotooo (Dot-Triple-O), released by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) under its domain name expansion programme, expects it to become popular on mobile phones on which most first-time users access the internet.

6. The National Advisory Council was set up by the Congress-led UPA as ___?

[A] Statutory Body

[B] Quasi-judicial body

[C] Tribunal

[D] None of them

Ans:

None of them

The National Advisory Council was set up by the Congress-led UPA as an institution outside government that directed and dictated policy but took on no responsibility or accountability.

7. According to a recent survey done by Thomson Reuters Foundation, Delhi is the fourth most dangerous city for women using public transport. Which among the following is most dangerous in the world?

[A] Bogota

[B] Mexico City

[C] Lima

[D] Brasilia

Ans:

Bogota

8. Which among the treaties is often called by Indian establishment as "last vestige of apartheid in the international system"?

[A] Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)

[B] United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

[C] Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

[D]Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage

Ans:

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

India considers NPT as the last vestige of apartheid in the international system, granting as it does to five-countries (US, UK, China, France and Russia) the right to be nuclear weapons state while denying the same right to others. The NPT came into force in 1970 and India has not joined it.

9. Which among the following countries is not a member of "Pacific Alliance" trade bloc?

[A]Chile

[B]Colombia

[C]Mexico

[D]Brazil

Ans:

Brazil

The Pacific Alliance has four member states viz. Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru.

10. President Pranab Mukherjee has recently introduced a postage stamp on a Sri Lankan Buddhist monk who played a substantial role to revive Buddhism in India in 19th century. What is his name?

[A]Anagarika Dharmapala

[B]Bhikkhu Analayo

[C]Maliyadeva

[D]Narada Maha Thera

Ans:

Anagarika Dharmapala

Anagarika Dharmapala was one of the founding contributors of Sinhalese Buddhist nationalism and was also a pioneer in the revival of Buddhism in India.

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1. Which among the following banks are based in China?

1. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
2. BRICS Bank
3. Asian Development Bank

Select the correct option from the codes given below:

- [A] Only 1
- [B] Only 1 & 2
- [C] Only 2
- [D] 1, 2 & 3

Ans:

Only 1 & 2

2. Which among the following is / are the two most powerful anti-TB drugs, which if not work, TB turns into MDR-TB?

- [A] Isoniazid and Rifampicin
- [B] Sulfadimethoxine and Sulfadoxine
- [C] Isoniazid and Sulfadimethoxine
- [D] Rifampicin and Tinidazole

Ans:

Isoniazid and Rifampicin

Multi- Drug Resistant TB or MDR-TB is TB that does not respond to at least isoniazid and rifampicin, the two most powerful anti-TB drugs.

3. Recently, the government has eased overseas investment rules in construction sector. According to the new rules, what is the minimum floor area for construction development projects?

[A] 20,000 m²

[B] 30,000 m²

[C] 40,000 m²

[D] 50,000 m²

20,000 m²

Ans:

Key changes made

- 1 Minimum foreign investment cut to \$5 m from \$10 m
- 2 Minimum floor area cut to 20,000 sq m from 50,000 sq m
- 3 No conditions for projects with 30% affordable housing
- 4 Conditions set aside for hospital, tourism, SEZ, NRIs and old-age homes
- 5 3-year lock-in removed; developer can exit on completion, if earlier
- 6 Minimum land area condition for serviced housing plots removed

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4. Through how many states of India, river Ganga flows?

[A] 8

[B] 9

[C] 10

[D] 11

Ans:

11

5. World Trade Center, the famous business tower in United States has been recently reopened 13 years after it was grounded by a terror attack. It is located in New York in which among the following divisions?

[A]Brooklyn

[B]Manhattan

[C]Queens

[D]Bronx

Ans:

Manhattan

Thirteen years after the 9/11 attack the resurrected WTC reopened for business. It is a 104-storey building that will mark the skyline of Manhattan and is America's tallest building.

6. Which player is the lone Indian to feature in the top 10 of the latest Reliance ICC Test Player Rankings?

[A]Saurav Ganguly

[B]Ishant Sharma

[C]Mahinder Singh Dhoni

[D]Ravichandran Ashwin

Ans:

Ravichandran Ashvin

Ravichandran Ashvin is the only Indian to feature in the top 10 of the latest Reliance ICC Test Player. Vernon Philander from South Africa is second in the list while Shakib Al Hasan from Bangladesh is third in place.

7. Who has won the 2014 Earth Hero Award?

[A]Erach Bharucha

[B]D.V.Girish

[C]Nirmal Kulkarni

[D]JJ Dutta

Ans:

Ravichandran Ashvin

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Erach Bharucha

A noted environmental educationist in India, Erach Bharucha has been named for the 'Royal Bank of Scotland Earth Hero' award 2014.

8. Which among the following government schemes have been launched in collaboration with IITs and NITs?

[A]Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

[B]Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

[C]Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

[D]Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

Ans:

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Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

Government of India is set to launch a new programme namely, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. This programme has been launched in collaboration with IITs and NITs. Each IIT will identify 10 villages and work out technologies to solve the basic needs of the community. The idea is to uplift the rural India via a definitive research that can be aligned with national development.

9. Recently, India was re-elected to ECOSOC along with 13 other new members. ECOSOC is a primary organ of ___?

[A]World Bank

[B]United Nations

[C] World Economic Forum

[D]G-20

Ans:

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United Nations

The newly elected members of ECOSOC are: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Burkina-Faso, Estonia, France, Ghana, Greece, Germany, Honduras, India, Japan, Mauritania, Pakistan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

10. In a recent decision by the Union Government, it has announced to amend the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 and include an important constitutional post in the selection process. What is the name of that post?

[A]Leader of Opposition

[B]CAG

[C]Attorney-General

[D]CJI

Ans:

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Leader of Opposition

Leader of Opposition will now be a member of the Lokpal Selection Panel. The Bill for the same will be introduced in the winter session of the Parliament.