

March 15, 2015

1. The Finance Bill 2015-16 envisages merging the Forward Market Commission with ___?

- [A] Reserve Bank of India
- [B] Securities and Exchange Board of India
- [C] Competition Commission of India
- [D] Finance Commission

Ans: Securities and Exchange Board of India
The Finance bill 2015-16 has proposed to merge the commodity markets regulator, Forward Market Commission, with SEBI.

2. NASA's Cassini spacecraft has provided evidence on presence of hydrothermal activity on which Saturn's moon?

- [A] Titan
- [B] Enceladus
- [C] Rhea
- [D] Mimas

Ans: Securities and Exchange Board of India
The Finance bill 2015-16 has proposed to merge the commodity markets regulator, Forward Market Commission, with SEBI.

3. The Mozambique Channel in the Indian Ocean located between which two countries?

- [A] Mozambique and Mauritius
- [B] Mauritius and Comoros
- [C] Comoros and Seychelles
- [D] Madagascar and Mozambique Hide

Ans: Madagascar and Mozambique
The Mozambique Channel is located between Madagascar and Mozambique. It is 460 kilometres at its narrowest point.

4. Which is the only regenerative organ in the human body?

- [A] Brain
- [B] Liver
- [C] Pancreas

[D] Lungs Hide

Ans: Liver
The liver is the only human internal organ capable of natural regeneration of lost tissue.

5. Recently, which state government has announced Pashu Bhagya scheme that provides subsidies to farmers to set up cattle, sheep, goat and poultry units?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Karnataka

[D] Andhra Pradesh Hide

Ans: Karnataka
Karnataka state government has announced the Pashu Bhagya scheme that provides subsidies to farmers to set up cattle, sheep, goat and poultry units. The scheme was announced during state budget 2015. The scheme seeks to provide subsidy to the tune of 33 per cent to farmers from SC/ST and 25 per cent to other small and marginal farmers on the loans to a maximum extent of Rs 1.20 lakh availed from commercial bank.

6. As per the latest data by health ministry, which state has registered highest swine flu death in the country?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Madhya Pradesh Hide

Ans: Gujarat
As per the health ministry data swine flu has claimed the lives of 1,710 people and 29,558 have been infected by it across the country. The death toll was highest in Gujarat where 382 people have perished to the disease. Gujarat is followed by Rajasthan (375), Maharashtra (288) and Madhya Pradesh (237). Report Error

7. The Mesabi Range in the United States is known for vast deposit of which ore?

[A]Gold

[B]Iron

[C]Copper

[D]Silver Hide

Ans: Iron The Mesabi Range is a vast deposit of iron ore in the Minnesota state of US. It is the chief deposit of iron ore in the United States.

8. The brand ambassador of the Northeast region is ___?

[A]Baichung Bhutia

[B]Mary Kom

[C]Sunil Chetri

[D]Priyanka Chopra Hide

Ans: Mary Kom Olympic medal winning boxer MC Mary Kom is being appointed as the brand ambassador of the Northeast region. Kom appointment is intended to showcase the various aspects of the region including the cultural and business. Report Error

9. Who among the following has become the first Indian man to win Swiss Grand Prix title?

[A]Ajay Jayaram

[B]Chetan Anand

[C]Kidambi Srikanth

[D]P Kashyap

Ans: Kidambi Srikanth Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth oust defending champion Viktor Axelsen and clinch the men's singles title at the \$120,000 Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold. In the final the top seed defeated the Dane 21-15, 12-21, 21-14. This is the first time an Indian male has won the title after compatriot Saina Nehwal clinched back-to-back women's singles crowns in 2011 and 2012. Report Error

10. The scheme "Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)" aims to maximize the yield of which two crops?

[A]Rice and Barley

[B]Barley and Wheat

[C]Rice and Wheat

[D]Rice and Maize Hide

Ans: Rice and Wheat The program of "Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)" a lateral to Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was initially launched in 2010-11 in eastern India comprising seven states namely; Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The objectives of the program are yield maximization of rice and wheat per unit area by improving agronomy, water harvesting and conservation and water utilization (recycling of conserved water-surface water as well as groundwater).

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1. In which country, Indian Prime Minister has inaugurated the first of the eight Coastal Surveillance Radar Systems (CSRS) being set up by India?

[A]Seychelles

[B]Mauritius

[C]Sri Lanka

[D]Maldives

Ans: Seychelles PM Modi inaugurated the first of the eight Coastal Surveillance Radar Systems (CSRS) being set up by India in Seychelles. During his visit to Seychelles the two nations signed four agreements for cooperation in hydrography, renewable energy, infrastructure development and hydro-graphic survey. Another important agreement is for infrastructure development in the Assumption Island. Report Error

2. Winner of Ranji Trophy-2015 is ___?

[A]Maharashtra

[B]Tamil Nadu

[C]Karnataka

[D]Andhra Pradesh

Ans: Karnataka Defending champions Karnataka clinched their eighth Ranji Trophy title by defeating Tamil Nadu. Report Error

3. Which Asian country successfully launched the first indigenous armed drone called Burraq on March, 2015?

[A]China

[B]Pakistan

[C]Sri Lanka

[D]Japan

Ans: Pakistan Pakistan has successfully launched an indigenously developed armed drone and test-fired its laser-guided missiles. The drone, named Burraq, has the ability to fly in all types of weather conditions and strike its targets with pinpoint accuracy. Report Error

4. The National Pharma Pricing Authority (NMPPA) comes under the purview of which ministry?

[A]Ministry of Health

[B]Ministry of Home

[C]Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer

[D]Ministry of Consumer Affairs

Ans: Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer At present the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and Drug Controller General of India (DGCI), which deal in regulatory control over the import of drugs, approval of new drugs and clinical trials, are governed by the Health Ministry. Whereas, National Pharma Pricing Authority (NPPA), which sets the price limit on essential medicines, comes under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers. Report Error

5. Which among the following is not an autonomous region of China?

[A]Guangxi

[B]Xinjiang

[C]Hunan

[D]Ningxia

Ans: Hunan Autonomous Regions are provincial level administrative division of China, like province, an autonomous region has its own local government, but has more legislative rights. Autonomous Region is a minority entity which has higher population of a particular minority ethnic group. China has 5 autonomous regions: Guangxi, Inner Mongolia, Ningxia, Tibet (Xizang) and Xinjiang. Report Error

6. Which of the following measures the value of a currency against a basket of other currencies?

[A]Real Exchange Rate

[B]Effective Exchange Rate

[C]Real Effect Exchange Rate

[D]Nominal Exchange Rate

Ans: Real Effect Exchange Rate Real Effect Exchange Rate (REER) is the weighted average of a country's currency relative to an index or basket of other major currencies adjusted for the effects of inflation. The weights are determined by comparing the relative trade balances, in terms of one country's currency, with each other country within the index. Report Error

7. By defeating which country, Indian women team has won the FIH Hockey World League Round 2?

[A]Germany

[B]Poland

[C]Spain

[D]Australia Hide

Ans: Poland India beat Poland to clinch the FIH Hockey World League Round 2 at Major Dhyan Chan Stadium, New Delhi. Report Error

8. World Consumer Rights Day is observed on which date?

[A] March 14

[B] March 15

[C] March 16

[D] March 18

Ans: March 15 15 March is celebrated as World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD). It marks the date in 1962 President John F Kennedy first outlined the definition of Consumer Rights. WCRD was first observed on 15 March 1983, and has since become an important occasion for mobilising citizen action.

9. Which type of coal has the fewest impurities and the highest calorific content?

[A] Bituminous

[B] Lignite

[C] Anthracite

[D] Peat

Ans: Anthracite Anthracite, also called hard coal, the most highly metamorphosed form of coal. It contains more fixed carbon than any other form of coal and the least amount of volatile matter and it has calorific values near 35 mega joules per kilogram. Report Error

10. What is India's female labour force participation rate at present?

[A] 45

[B] 33

[C] 50

[D] 55

Ans: 33 India's female labour force participation rate is currently at 33 per cent. This means only 125 million of the 380 million working-age Indian women are currently part

of the labour force. It is much lower than the global average of 50 per cent and well below East Asia's average of 63 per cent.

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1. Who is the current president of the US-India Business Council (USIBC)?

[A] Ajay Bhagan

[B] Mukesh Aghi

[C] Arun Nehra

[D] Sandeep Singhvi

Ans: Mukesh Aghi Mukesh Aghi is the new president of the US-India Business Council (USIBC). USIBC was established in 1975. It is the premier business advocacy organisation advancing US-India commercial ties.

2. Who won the world's first Global Teacher Prize which is widely known as Nobel Prize for teaching?

[A] Kiran Bir Sethi

[B] Nancie Atwell

[C] Guy Etienne

[D] Jacque Kahura

Ans: Nancie Atwell Nancie Atwell, a teacher at the Centre for Teaching and Learning in Edgcomb, Maine, US, has been named as the first winner of the one million dollar global teacher prize, widely known as Nobel Prize for teaching. India's Kiran Bir Sethi was also a finalist lost out to Atwell.

3. Which of the following conducts the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI)?

[A] Central Statistics Office

[B] National Sample Survey Organisation

[C] Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

[D] Ministry of Economy

Ans: Central Statistics Office The annual survey of industries is conducted by central statistical office (CSO) industrial statistics wing. ASI is the principal source of industrial statistics in India.

4. Which of the following was the venue of 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction?

[A]New Delhi, India

[B]Shanghai, China

[C]Sendai, Japan

[D]Jaffna, Sri Lanka

Ans: Sendai, Japan The third world conference on disaster risk reduction was held from 14 to 18 March in Sendai city, Japan. The conference has been convened since 1994. In, 1994 first world conference on disaster risk reduction was held in Yokohama. The second world conference on disaster risk reduction was held in Kobe, Japan in 2005.

5. Who among the following has been inducted as life president of the Asian Athletics Association?

[A]Suresh Kalmadi

[B]Lalith Soori

[C]Sharad Pawar

[D]Al-Hamad

Ans: Suresh Kalmadi Suresh Kalmadi has been made life president of the Asian Athletics Association for his work in the development of athletics in the continent during his 13 year tenure as the head of the organisation from 2000.

6. According to Annual Survey of Industries (2012-13), which state has highest number of registered manufacturing factories?

[A]West Bengal

[B]Uttar Pradesh

[C]Maharashtra

[D]Karnataka

Ans: Maharashtra As per the annual survey of industries 2012-13, Maharashtra has more number of registered manufacturing factories in the country followed by Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

7. Who among the following has won the 2015 Australia Grand Prix-Formula One World Championship?

[A]Nico Rosberg

[B]Lewis Hamilton

[C]Sebastian Vettel

[D]Felipe Massa

Ans: Lewis Hamilton Lewis Hamilton has won the Australia Grand Prix 2015. Nico Rosberg and Sebastian Vettel came second and third, respectively.

8. The Sudirman Cup is associated with which sport?

[A]Football

[B]Badminton

[C]Hockey

[D]Tennis

Ans: Badminton The Sudirman Cup is the World Team Badminton Championships, held every two years, and one of the most prestigious titles in the Sport. The Cup is named after Dick Sudirman, a former Indonesian Badminton player and the founder of the Badminton Association of Indonesia (PBSI). The event was first held in Jakarta, Indonesia 24-29 May 1989 with 28 nations

taking part and it now attracts more than 50 national teams.

9. Which among of the following parties declared victory in the 2015 Israel legislative election?

- [A] Likud
- [B] Zionist Union
- [C] Joint List
- [D] Yesh Atid

Ans: Likud The incumbent Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party has won the Israel election with Likud picking up the highest number of votes.

10. Who is the head of the task force set up to define poverty and prepare a road map to alleviate it?

- [A] Ratan Tata
- [B] Arvind Panagariya
- [C] Rathin Roy
- [D] Surjit Bhalla

Ans: Arvind Panagariya Union government has set up a task force, headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya, to define poverty and prepare a road map to alleviate it. The other mandate of the taskforce is to suggest strategies and anti-poverty programmes, including reforms of the existing ones. The other members of the task force include Bibek Debroy, who is a permanent member of the NITI Aayog, social sector experts Rathin Roy and Surjit Bhalla.

March 19,20 2015

1. Who is the author of the book "Indian Parliamentary Diplomacy – Speaker's Perspective"?

- [A] Abdul Kalam

- [B] Meira Kumar

- [C] Sumitra Mahajan

- [D] Pranab Mukherji

Ans: Meira Kumar Former Lok Sabha speaker Meira Kumar is the author of "Indian Parliamentary Diplomacy – Speaker's Perspective". The book features an account of the parliamentary diplomacy and its role in furthering foreign policy and strengthening international relations. It is also a collection of select speeches and reports by Kumar during her stint as Lok Sabha speaker and as leader of Indian parliamentary delegations at several international fora.

2. Sir Venkatraman Ramakrishnan had won the Nobel Prize for his work on ____?

- [A] Ribosomes

- [B] Cell Division

- [C] Plant Hormones

- [D] DNA recombination

Ans: Ribosomes Nobel laureate Sir Venkatraman (Venki) Ramakrishnan has been recently confirmed as President Elect of the Royal Society. He will take up the post of President on 1 December 2015. He was awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2009 with Tom Steitz and Ada Yonath and was awarded a knighthood in 2012. His ward was for studies on how genetic information is translated by the ribosome to make proteins, and the action of antibiotics on this process.

3. The recently unveiled World's heaviest book is of which among the following religions?

- [A] Buddhism

- [B] Jainism

- [C] Hinduism

- [D] Islam

Ans: Buddhism World's heaviest book "Buddha and his Dhamma", weighing 2,000 kg was inaugurated in Agra. A book in English on the Buddha's life by Dr B R Ambedkar, which was translated into Hindi and etched into a stainless steel tome weighing a whopping 2,000 kg. The 24-page book has the whole text of the 400-page 'Buddha and His Dhamma' and inauguration was done during an event called 'Dhamma Kaarvan'. Dhamma Kaarvan is organized every year on March 18 to commemorate Ambedkar's visit to Agra in 1956.

4. Singhi Chham is the folk dance of which among the following states? [A]Arunachal Pradesh

[B]Sikkim

[C]Tripura

[D]Nagaland

Ans: Sikkim Singhi Chham is a folk dance which is also known as Loin Dance is native to Sikkim. It is especially associated with the Bhutias of Sikkim. It is mostly performed in the month of September to show their gratitude towards the third highest peak Kanchenjunga. This mountain range looks like a white loin in the snowy season which guards the state from unwanted hazards.

5. Who has been chosen as head of the Kaya Kalp, a new innovative council of Indian Railways?

[A]Ratan Tata

[B]Narayana Murthy

[C]Anil Kakodkar

[D]Azim Premzi

Ans: Ratan Tata Noted industrialist Ratan Tata has been chosen as head of the Kaya Kalp a new innovative council of Indian Railways. Apart from Ratan Tata, the Kaya Kalp council will also have two railway union leaders Shiv Gopal Mishra and M Raghuvaiah

6. Which country has been ranked best on UN's Disaster Risk and Age Index launched at third world conference on disaster risk reduction?

[A]Malta

[B]Finland

[C]Singapore

[D]Norway

Ans: Malta Malta has been ranked the best on UN's Disaster Risk and Age Index. The Index has been developed by HelpAge with support from UN's Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) as a pilot. Somalia has ranked worst, followed by Central African Republic, Afghanistan, Sudan and Iraq among others. All these countries are affected by civil war and ongoing conflict. India has been ranked 28th in the list. Among best countries Malta followed by Finland, Sao Tome e Principe, Singapore, Norway, Sweden, Luxembourg, Denmark and Netherlands.

7. Which ministry is implementing the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) programme?

[A]Ministry of Communication & Information Technology

[B]Ministry of Culture

[C]Ministry of Home

[D]Ministry of Science and Technology

Ans: Ministry of Communication & Information Technology Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme initiated by the Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communication & Information Technology (MC&IT), Govt. Of India. The objective of TDIL is developing Information Processing Tools and Techniques to facilitate human-machine interaction without language barrier; creating and accessing multilingual knowledge resources; and integrating them to develop innovative user products and services

8. Who was the Prime Minister of India, when the Indo-Sri Lanka Peace Accord signed?

- [A] Indira Gandhi
- [B] Rajiv Gandhi
- [C] Morarji Desai
- [D] P V Narasimha Rao

Ans: Rajiv Gandhi The Indo-Sri Lanka Peace Accord was an accord signed in Colombo on 29 July, 1987, between Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lankan President J. R. Jayewardene. Under the terms of the agreement, Colombo agreed to devolution of power to the provinces, the Sri Lankan troops were to be withdrawn to their barracks in the north and the Tamil rebels were to surrender their arms.

9. Recently, launched "National Judicial Reference System (NJRS)" is a computerized repository for all judgements and pending cases related to ___?

- [A] Banking Fraud
- [B] Direct Tax
- [C] Insurance Claims
- [D] Pensions

Ans: Direct Tax National Judicial Reference System (NJRS)" is a computerized repository for all judgements and pending cases related to direct tax cases at (Income Tax Appellate Tribunal's) ITATs, High Court and the Supreme Court. The NJRS project is being undertaken by the Directorate General of Income Tax, Income Tax Department.

10. According to SIPRI report, which of the following are the world's top three arm exporters?

- [A] USA, Russia and Germany
- [B] USA, Germany and Russia
- [C] USA, Russia and China
- [D] USA, China and Russia

Ans: USA, Russia and China United States,

Russia and China are the world's top three arm exporters as per the latest report from Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). China has overtaken Germany to become the world's third biggest arm exporter. The US retained a 31 per cent share of the global arms market, exporting to at least 94 recipients. Russia was second with a 27 per cent global share, 39 per cent of which went to India.

March 21,22 2015

1. Malcolm Fraser, who died recently, was former Prime Minister of which country?

- [A] Switzerland
- [B] England
- [C] Australia
- [D] Japan

Ans: Australia

Malcolm Fraser was Australia's 22nd Prime Minister. He began his term as caretaker Prime Minister on 11 November 1975. The Fraser Coalition government was returned with the largest landslide of any federal election a month later, and remained in office until 1983.

2. Which state has launched "Momai Tamuli Barbaruah Krishak Bondhu Scheme" to increase agriculture production?

- [A] Sikkim
- [B] Assam
- [C] Tripura
- [D] Meghalaya

Ans: Assam

Assam government launched the Momai Tamuli Barbaruah Krishak Bondhu Scheme to increase agricultural production by providing

facilities and assistance to farmers for double cropping in their lands.

3. As per the latest data by World Steel Association, India's global position in steel production is ____?

[A]Second

[B]Third

[C]Fourth

[D]Fifth

Ans: Third

India replaced US to become the third largest steel producer in the world with production of 14.56 million tonnes (MT) in first two months of the year. India has been the fourth-largest steel producer for the past five years, behind China, Japan and the US. Data by World Steel Association showed that the country's production growth was the highest during January-February period at 7.6% as compared to the global average of just 0.6% at 127.6 MT.

4. Recently, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has kicked off River for Life campaign to protect ____?

[A]Crocodile

[B]Coral Reef

[C]Gangetic River Dolphins

[D]Olive Ridley Turtles

Ans: Gangetic River Dolphins

World Wide Fund for Nature flagged off a campaign called River for Life to protect the endangered Gangetic River Dolphins. The campaign was kicked on a cruise from the Millennium Park under which they are conducting a series of conservation action with the local community at different points across the length of nearly 200km from Kolkata to Nabadwip.

5. The proposed plan to construct dams across Cauvery River at Makedatu is a bone of contention between ____?

[A]Karnataka and Kerala

[B]Tamil Nadu and Kerala

[C]Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

[D]Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

Ans: Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

The construction of dam across Cauvery River at Makedatu, Karnataka has become a matter dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Karnataka state has proposed a plan to construct two dams on Cauvery River at Makedatu but Tamil Nadu has been opposing the plan saying it would severely affect the livelihoods of farmers in 12 districts, who entirely depend on the Cauvery river water for farm activities.

6. Which country leads in the production of hydroelectric power in the world?

[A]USA

[B]China

[C]Brazil

[D]Canada

Ans: China

China is the world's largest producer of the hydroelectric power. The annual production of electricity in China is estimated at 3,450 billion kwh and out of this 22% is contributed by the hydropower. Canada and Brazil are second and third largest hydroelectric power producer, respectively.

7. Currently (March, 2015), how many Indian states are run by women Chief Ministers?

[A]Two

[B]Three

[C]Four

[D]Five

Ans: Three

There are three women chief ministers in India viz., Vasundhara Raje (Rajasthan), Mamatha Banerjee (West Bengal) and Anandiben Patel (Gujarat).

8. Which government has launched the "Let Girls Learn" initiative aimed at educating 62 million girls around the world?

[A]United States

[B]Norway

[C]Russia

[D]Netherland

Ans: United States

The programme Let Girls Learn was launched by US government in collaboration with the Peace Corps. The international initiative aimed at educating 62 million girls around the globe who do not attend school

9. Who is the recipient of the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize 2015?

[A]Rajendra Singh

[B]Sunitha Narayan

[C]Preetham Garg

[D]Chandra Mouli

Ans: Rajendra Singh

Noted environment activist Rajendra Singh has been chosen for the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize 2015. He was chosen for the award for his innovative water restoration efforts and extraordinary courage to empower communities in Indian villages. Singh is popular as water man won Ramon Magsaysay award in 2001 for his work on community based water harvesting and water management. The Stockholm Water Prize is a global award founded in 1991 and presented annually by the Stockholm International Water Institute to an individual, organisation

or institution for outstanding water related achievements.

10. In which state, Tarun Bharat Sangh a NGO working in the areas of water and environment conservation and betterment of villages?

[A]Gujarat

[B]Rajasthan

[C]Madhya Pradesh

[D]Haryana

Ans: Rajasthan

Tarun Bharat Sangh is an NGO based in Rajasthan. It was founded by noted environmental activist Rajendra Singh in 1975. The TBS is working in the areas of water harvest, environmental conservation, rural education and health and anti-mining campaigns. TBS has changed the lives of thousands of people for better in the villages of Rajasthan and adjoining states.

March 23,24 2015

1. As per the 2011 census, which state has highest dalit population in the country?

[A]Uttar Pradesh

[B]Punjab

[C]Madhya Pradesh

[D]Haryana

Ans: Punjab

Punjab has highest dalit population in India which is 31.9 per cent including both Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

2. Which is the only central university in India which has Prime Minister as its chancellor?

[A]Visva Bharati University

[B]Banarasa Hindu University

[C]Indira Gandhi National Open University

[D]Rajiv Gandhi University

Ans: Visva Bharati University

Visva Bharati University is the only central university which has PM as its chancellor. The President of India is the Paridarsaka (Visitor) of the University, the West Bengal governor is the Pradhana (Reactor).

3. Which country will host the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019?

[A]England

[B]France

[C]South Africa

[D]New Zealand

Ans: France

FIFA (Federation International of Football Association) announced that France has been awarded to the hosting rights of FIFA Women's World Cup 2019. France also won the hosting right of the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2018.

4. Who became the first New Zealand cricketer to score double century in One Day International (ODI) cricket?

[A]Ross Taylor

[B]Brendon McCullum

[C]Martin Guptill

[D]Grant Eliot

Ans: Martin Guptill

Martin Guptill became the first New Zealander to hit a double century in one day international cricket. Guptill hit 237 not out from 163 balls including 11 sixes and 24 fours. It is the highest by an individual in a world cup match surpassing the 215 that Chris Gayle amassed against Zimbabwe.

5. The world's first hydrogen powered tramcar has rolled off in which country?

[A]Japan

[B]China

[C]US

[D]Russia

Ans: China China has launched the world's first hydrogen powered tramcar in country's Shandong Provenance. The new tram is the only hydrogen powered vehicle in the field and

makes China the only country to have mastered the technology.

6. Yousaf Ali Kechery, who passed away recently, was a noted poet in ____?

[A]Malayalam

[B]Tamil

[C]Kannada

[D]Telugu

Ans: Malayalam Yousaf Ali Kechery was a famous Malayalam poet and film personality. A poet of the modern era, he had won several awards for his poetry which include the Odakkuzhal, Kerala Sahitya Academy and Vallathol awards. He also wrote film lyrics, produced and also directed Malayalam films. Winner of numerous film awards, he also won a National Award for a Sanskrit song written for the Malayalam film "Mazha" (Rain) released in 2000.

7. Recently, the union government has appointed Amitabh Bachchan as the brand ambassador for its campaign against which disease?

[A]Swine Flu

[B]Tuberculosis

[C]Hepatitis B

[D]Diabetes

Ans: Hepatitis B Union government has roped in Amitabh Bachchan as brand ambassador for its campaign against hepatitis B. According to latest World Health Organization (WHO) data, India has over 40 million hepatitis B infected patients (second only to China) and constitutes about 15% of the entire pool of hepatitis B in the world. Every year, nearly 600,000 patients die from HBV infection in the Indian subcontinent.

8. The Bandung conference was an important step toward the creation of ____?

[A] Non-Aligned Movement

[B]United Nations

[C]European Union

[D]SAARC

Ans: Non-Aligned Movement

The Bandung Conference was a meeting of Asian and African states, which took place on April 18–24, 1955 in Bandung, Indonesia. The conference was organised by Indonesia, Burma, Pakistan, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), and India. The conference's stated aims were to promote Afro-Asian economic and cultural cooperation and to oppose colonialism or neocolonialism by any nation. The conference was an important step toward the Non-Aligned Movement.

9. The winner of prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2014 is __?

[A] Mohal Lal

[B] Shashi Kapoor

[C] Mani Ratnam

[D] Girish Kasaravalli

Ans: Shashi Kapoor Veteran actor and producer Shashi Kapoor has been selected for the Dada Saheb Phalke Award for 2014. Kapoor is well known for his performances in films like Jab Jab Phool Khile, Deewar and Kabhi Khabie. The award consists of a Swarn Kamal, a cash prize of Rs 10 lakhs and a shawl.

10. Who is the winner of Indian Wells Open Tennis Men's Single Title?

[A] Roger Federer

[B] Novak Djokovic

[C] Jack Sock

[D] Andry Murray

Ans: Novak Djokovic

Serbia's Novak Djokovic has won the Indian Wells Open Tennis Men's Singles Title. In the final match he defeated Switzerland's Roger Federer by 6-3 6-7 (5-7) 6-2 score. With this win Djokovic won his fourth Indian Wells Open title and overall 50th tour-level title.

