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## Solutions

### S1. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans to countries of the world for capital projects. It comprises two institutions: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Development Association. The World Bank is a component of the World Bank Group. The Headquartered of World Bank is in Washington DC, USA.

### S2. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Repo rate is the rate at which the central bank of a country (Reserve Bank of India in case of India) lends money to commercial banks in the event of any shortfall of funds. Repo rate is used by monetary authorities to control inflation.

### S3. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** The term "Back Heel" is related to Football.

### S4. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) is defined as 'the share of bank's total deposit that it needs to maintain itself as liquid assets'. The current rate of SLR is 19.50%.

### S5. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture. UNESCO's programmes contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals defined in Agenda 2030, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015. UNESCO based in Paris, France.

### S6. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Rana Kapoor is an Indian billionaire, and the founder, Managing Director and CEO of Yes Bank, an Indian private sector bank, with its registered office in Mumbai.

### S7. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is an annual celebration of the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. World Red Cross Red is celebrated on 8 May each/every year.

### S8. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Danish krone is the currency of Denmark.

### S9. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** GDP prediction of India by Central Statistical Office (CSO) in 2018-19 is 7.5%.

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**S10. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The Securities and Exchange Board of India is the regulator for the securities market in India. Ajay Tyagi is Chairman at Securities & Exchange Board of India.

**S11. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The FAME India (Faster Adoption and Manufacture of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicles) Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises in 2015 to incentivize the production and promotion of eco-friendly vehicles including electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles. FAME India is a part of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan. Main thrust of FAME is to encourage electric vehicles by providing subsidies. Vehicles in most segments – two wheelers, three wheelers, electric and hybrid cars and electric buses obtained the subsidy benefit of the scheme.

**S12. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The 2019 G20 Osaka summit will be the fourteenth meeting of Group of Twenty (G20). It will be held on 28–29 June 2019 in Osaka. It will be the first-ever G20 summit to be hosted in Japan.

**S13. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Wrestler Bajrang Punia clinched India's first gold medal at the 2018 Asian Games, beating Japan's Daichi Takatani 11-8 in the Men's Freestyle 65 kg event in Jakarta. In April this year, he had won gold in the Commonwealth Games in the same weight category.

**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is an agency of the Republic of India, charged with the military's research and development, headquartered in New Delhi, India.

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The government proposed the merger of three banks Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank aimed at creating the country's third-biggest lender. That's seen as preparing the ground for consolidation among the remaining 17 state-owned lenders that have been a drain on the exchequer and marking the next big move in banking reforms. The boards of the three banks will now consider the proposal.

**S16. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Dr. Harsh Vardhan is the incumbent minister at Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Ministry of Earth Sciences in the BJP-led NDA government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He represents Chandni Chowk in Delhi as a Member of Parliament in the 16th Lok Sabha.

**S17. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** India captain Virat Kohli scored his 23rd century as India continued to dominate England in the third Test at Trent Bridge in August 2018.

**S18. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Biplab Kumar Deb is an Indian politician from Tripura and the current Chief Minister of Tripura. He has been the state president of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Tripura since 7 January 2016.

**S19. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Justin Trudeau is a Canadian politician serving as the 23rd and current Prime Minister of Canada since 2015 and Leader of the Liberal Party since 2013.

**S20. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The Estimates Committee of Parliament headed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) veteran Murlu Manohar Joshi has asked the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to depose and provide details on what action the government initiated on a list of large corporate houses, which had amassed a large amount of non-performing assets (NPAs). The list was submitted to the PMO by ex-Reserve Bank of India (RBI) chief Raghuram Rajan during his tenure.

**S21. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is an agreement signed by Canada, Mexico, and the United States and entered into force on 01st January 1994 in order to establish a trilateral trade bloc in North America.

**S22. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** 12 boys and their football coach were trapped in a cave in Thailand.

**S23. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The MGNREGA aims at enhancing livelihood security of the rural poor by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

**S24. Ans.(d)**

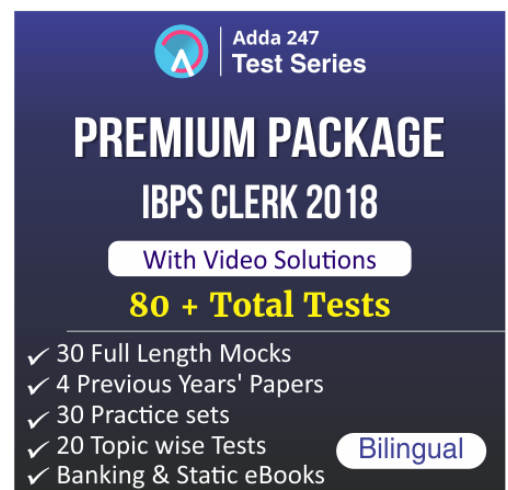
**Sol.** "Yudh abhyas" exercise is between India and United States of America.

**S25. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** SpiceJet flies India's first biofuel flight, from Dehradun to Delhi. The 45-minute flight of the 75-seater SpiceJet Bombardier Q400 aircraft that took off from Dehradun's Jolly Grant airport and successfully landed in Delhi and had at least 25 persons onboard.

**S26. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. Instituted in 1954, these Awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year.



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**S27. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Drones are a technology platform which has wide-ranging applications from photography to agriculture, from infrastructure asset maintenance to insurance. Drones range in size from very small and those that can carry multiple kilograms of payload. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has been working for several years to establish a world leading drone ecosystem in India. To that end, it was necessary to develop global standard drone regulations that would permit, will appropriate safeguards, the commercial application of various drone technologies. The preparation of these drone regulations through a Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) has taken multiple years because: (1) drone technologies have been evolving very rapidly; (2) many countries are still experimenting with their drone regulations and no ICAO stands have been developed; and (3) India's security environment necessitates extra precautions. Nano drones, which weigh upto 250 grams, do not require neither a UIN or a permit from DGCA.

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Free and compulsory education to all children of India in the 6 to 14 age group.

**S29. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Sachin Tendulkar turns down Doctorate Degree from Jadavpur University. Officials from Jadavpur University have informed Keshari Nath Tripathi, who is the Governor of West Bengal and also the chancellor of the university, about the developments.

**S30. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The Indian Institute of Petroleum, established in 1960, is one of the constituent laboratories of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, dedicated to R&D in the hydrocarbon sector. The headquarter of Indian Institute of Petroleum is in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

**S31. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Gross Value Added by agriculture, forestry and fishing is estimated at Rs 17.67 trillion (US\$ 274.23 billion) in FY18.

**S32. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The European Investment Bank is the European Union's nonprofit long-term lending institution established in 1958 under the Treaty of Rome. The headquarter of European Investment Bank is in Luxembourg.

**S33. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** In BSBDA, banks are required to provide free of charge minimum four withdrawals, through ATMs and other mode including RTGS/NEFT/Clearing/Branch cash withdrawal/transfer/internet debits/standing instructions/EMI etc It is left to the banks to either offer free or charge for additional withdrawal/s.

**S34. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** PM Narendra Modi set 2022 as the deadline for the launch of India's maiden human space flight programme during his Independence Day speech.

**S35. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Mahe District, with population of about 42 thousand is Puducherry's the least populous district, located in the state Puducherry in India. Total geographical area of Mahe district is 9 km<sup>2</sup> and it is the smallest district by area in the state.

**S36. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The World's largest solar rooftop installed on Brabourne stadium, at Cricket Club of India, in Mumbai. Tata Power' has commissioned 820.8kWp for the installation of the solar rooftop project. It will help to generate over 1.12 million electricity per year, which will thus lead to 25% of savings in the power consumption cost.

**S37. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first National Conference of investigating agencies in New Delhi. The two-day conference is being organised by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in coordination with National Investigation Agency (NIA).

**S38. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is not in MPC.

**S39. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** 99.3% of demonetised notes worth Rs 15.3 lakh crore returned: RBI

**S40. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Business process outsourcing is a subset of outsourcing that involves the contracting of the operations and responsibilities of a specific business process to a third-party service provider.

