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S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Formerly known as Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, it was established on 16 July 1929 as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in pursuance of the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture. The ICAR has its headquarters at New Delhi.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Government of India and the World Bank signed a \$200 million Loan Agreement for the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project. The Project will support Assam to facilitate agri-business investments, increase agricultural productivity and market access.

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni is on the 2-day visit to India. This is the first visit by an Italian premier in 10 years. Romano Prodi was the last Italian Prime Minister to visit India in February 2007.

S4. Ans.(e)

Sol. The 17th edition of FIFA U-17 World Cup took place for the first time in India. It is a biennial international football tournament of men's under-17 national teams organized by Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). The official ball for Under-17 football World Cup is called 'Krasava'.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Iran's key strategic port of Chabahar became operational with the maiden shipment of wheat from India to Afghanistan. It was flagged off from Kandla port in Gujarat. This is a major push for India's Afghan outreach bypassing Pakistan for the first time under the 2016 Indo-Afghan-Iran trilateral pact.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. The Orang National Park also known as located on the north bank of the Brahmaputra River in the Darrang and Sonitpur districts of Assam.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India was set up on 1st October 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code). IBBI come under the Companies Act, 2013.



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S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Hosts India finished seventh overall with one gold, one silver, and a bronze, while Italy pipped China in the medals tally, as the ISSF World Cup Final, in New Delhi.

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Indian government has announced an allocation of Rs 2.11 lakh crore over 2 years for the recapitalization of public sector banks. As part of the plan, the government will essentially issue bonds to banks worth Rs 1.35 lakh crore while Rs 76,000 crore will come through budgetary support.

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Asian Development Bank and the Government of India signed a \$300 million loan to continue a series of fiscal reforms in the State of West Bengal to improve the quality of public service delivery. The Program aims to further deepen the reforms with focus on expenditure rationalization, improvement in revenue administration, and facilitation of more private investment in the state.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Reliance Communication had received the final approval on its merger with Sistema from the Department of Telecommunication (DoT). This merger will also extend validity of RCom's spectrum portfolio in the highly valued 800 and 850 MHz band in eight major telecom circles across the country - Delhi, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Kolkata, UP-West and West Bengal - by a period of 12 years from 2021 to 2033.

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. The minimum paid-up equity capital for small finance banks shall be Rs. 100 crore. In view of the inherent risk of a small finance bank, it shall be required to maintain a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 15 per cent of its risk weighted assets (RWA) on a continuous basis, subject to any higher percentage as may be prescribed by RBI from time to time.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. The promoter's minimum initial contribution to the paid-up equity capital of such small finance bank shall at least be 40 per cent. If the initial shareholding by promoter in the bank is in excess of 40 per cent, it should be brought down to 40 per cent within a period of five years. The promoter's minimum contribution of 40 per cent of paid-up equity capital shall be locked in for a period of five years from the date of commencement of business of the bank.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. The National Basketball Association (NBA) announced that former India men's national team head coach Scott Fleming has joined NBA India as Head of Basketball Operations. Scott Fleming will oversee the league's youth and elite basketball development in India, including the Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA program, NBA Academy India and NBA Basketball School.

S15. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2 crore on IDFC Bank for contravention of regulatory restrictions pertaining to loans and advances. Mr. Sunil Kakar is the Managing Director & CEO of IDFC Limited. Headquarter of IDFC Bank is in Mumbai.

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj held a meeting with Guinea's Foreign Minister, Mamady Toure, during the course of which the latter handed over his country's instrument accession to the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA).

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. 64 cities from 44 countries have been designated as UNESCO Creative Cities by Director-General, Irina Bokova. Chennai is the third Indian city on the list of UNESCO Creative Cities list after Jaipur and Varanasi. After this, the UNESCO Creative Cities Network now counts a total of 180 cities in 72 countries. Few famous cities included in the list are- Auckland (New Zealand), Cairo (Egypt), Cape Town (South Africa), Istanbul (Turkey), Yamagata City (Japan).

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. A Financing Agreement for IBRD loan of US\$ 119 million (equivalent) for the "Odisha Higher Education Programme for Excellence & Equity (OHEPEE) Project" was signed with the World Bank. President- Jim Yong Kim (12th), Headquarters- Washington, DC USA.

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vijayawada lies on the banks of Krishna River, covered by hills and canals.

S20. Ans.(e)

Sol. Caracas, Venezuela's capital, is a commercial and cultural center located in a northern mountain valley.

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Kerala government inked an MoU with Intel and UST Global for exploring the possibility of transforming the state into an electronic hardware manufacturing hub. The MoU was signed by the state IT department, Intel and UST Global in the presence of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

S22. Ans.(e)

Sol. Indian short film 'The School Bag' has won the 'Best Short Film Award' at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM). It tells a story based in Pakistan. The movie is directed by Dheeraj Jindal.



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S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. With more than 1.5 million book titles and 1,650 publishing houses from 60 countries, Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) opened its doors to public and trade visitors. It is the third largest book fair in the world. The book fair was held under the theme 'A World in My Book'. The event has been organised by Sharjah Book Authority (SBA).

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. Yes Bank has recently unveiled a superior payment wallet service, BHIM Yes Pay by fully integrating the application with all the IndiaStack APIs and NPCI Products. Yes Bank Headquarters in Mumbai.

CEO of Yes Bank is Rana Kapoor.

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. Prakash Javadekar is Rajya Sabha member from Madhya Pradesh.

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Tungabhadra Dam is constructed across the Tungabhadra River, a tributary of the Tungabhadra River. The dam is near the town of Hospet in Karnataka.

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Walmart India launched its first fulfillment centre in Mumbai. The fulfillment centre is a new format of its cash-and-carry store model that will focus exclusively on FMCG products and staples and will not stock fresh food or electronics.

S28. Ans.(e)

Sol. Uttar Pradesh cabinet decided to make India's first conservation reserve for blackbuck in Allahabad's Meja. The decision taken for the protection of black deer will also help in wooing tourists.

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. Olympic bronze-medallist Gagan Narang won a silver medal in the men's 50m rifle prone event at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Gold Coast, Australia. Annu Raj Singh has also won the bronze medal in the women's 50m pistol competition.

S30. Ans. (d)

Sol. Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) cannot outsource core management functions like internal audit, strategic and compliance functions for know your customer (KYC) norms, sanction of loans and management of investment portfolio. In a notification on its website, RBI issued fresh directions on managing risks and code of conduct in outsourcing of financial services by NBFCs.

S31. Ans.(e)

Sol. Cheque come under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

S32. Ans.(b)

Sol. Hidayatullah National Law University is an autonomous law university in New Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India. The University is named after the former Chief Justice of India, Justice Mohammad Hidayatullah.

S33. Ans.(b)

Sol. Haryana has emerged as the first state in the country to treat Hepatitis-C patients through oral medicine, according to the health minister Anil Vij of the state. The CM of Haryana is Manohar Lal Khattar and the Governor is Kaptan Singh Solanki

S34. Ans. (d)

Sol. The Union Ministry held a meeting headed by Environment Secretary C.K. Mishra along with the Supreme Court-appointed Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority (EPCA) chairman Bhure Lal and member Sunita Narain, along with officials from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The seven-member committee which will be headed by Environment Secretary Mishra also includes Secretary Science and Technology Prof Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary Department of Biotechnology Prof K. Vijay Raghavan, Chairman CPCB S.P. Singh Parihar, Chief Secretary, Delhi M.M. Kuttu.

S35. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Union Home Ministry has formed two new divisions to exclusively deal with emerging security challenges such as radicalization and cyber crime. The two divisions called Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Radicalisation (CTCR) and the Cyber and Information Security (CIS)

S36. Ans.(b)

Sol. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has been named as the recipient of the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice, 2017 instituted by Harmony Foundation with theme for 2017 as "Compassion Beyond Borders"

S37. Ans.(a)

Sol. Gorumara National Park is a National Park in northern West Bengal, India. Located in the Dooars region of the Himalayan foothills, it is a medium-sized park with grasslands and forests. It is primarily known for its population of Indian rhinoceros.

S38. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI) is an independent and autonomous institution to monitor and ensure that the Banking Codes and Standards adopted by the banks are adhered to in true spirit while delivering their services. BCSBI was registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

S39. Ans.(c)

Sol. Burundi became the first nation ever to leave the International Criminal Court (ICC), set up 15 years ago to prosecute those behind the world's worst atrocities. Burundi is the only one of three African nations to go ahead with its withdrawal after making moves last year to leave amid accusations that the court focuses too much on the continent.

S40. Ans.(b)

Sol. India overtake the US to become the world's second-largest smartphone market, trailing only China, according to a new report by analyst firm Canalsys.



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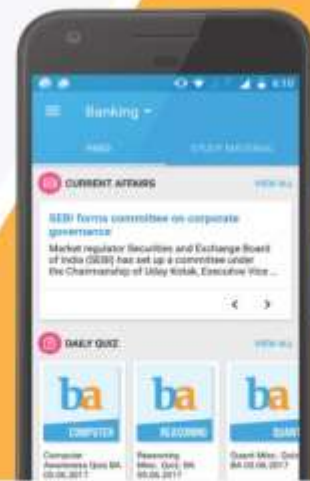




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