

General Knowledge and Current Affairs

- 61.** Tulsidas wrote 'Rama Charitamanas' during the reign of
 (a) Akbar (b) Shahjahan
 (c) Krishnadev Ray (d) Rama Ray

Sol. (a) Rama Charitamanas is an epic poem in the language Awadhi. It was composed by the 16th century Indian bhakti poet Goswami Tulsidas during the reign of Mughal Emperor Akbar.

- 62.** Who introduced Subsidiary Alliance System?

- (a) Lord Dalhousie
 (b) Lord William Bentic
 (c) Lord Wellesley
 (d) Lord Irwin

Sol. (c) The doctrine of subsidiary alliance was introduced by Lord Wellesley, British Governor General in India from 1798 to 1805. According to subsidiary alliance, princely rulers were not allowed to have an independent armed force instead they were to be protected by the East India Company. But for this, they had to pay for the 'subsidiary forces' that the company was supposed to maintain for the purpose of this protection. If the Indian rulers failed to make the payment, then part of their territory was taken away as penalty.

- 63.** The Great Bath of the Indus Valley Civilisation was discovered in

- (a) Ropar (b) Mohenjodaro
 (c) Harappa (d) Kalibanga

Sol. (b) The Great Bath of the Indus Valley Civilisation was discovered in Mohenjodaro. It was a public water tank for the people of Harappa. It is approximately 12 meters in length and 7 meters wide, with a maximum depth of 2.4 meters.

- 64.** The words 'Socialist', 'Secular' were introduced in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution by the
 (a) 38th amendment (b) 40th amendment
 (c) 42nd amendment (d) 44th amendment

Sol. (c) The term 'preamble' refers to the introduction or preface to the Constitution. The Preamble to the Indian Constitution is based on the 'Objectives Resolution', which was drafted and moved by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and adopted by the Constituent Assembly.

It has been amended by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act (1976), which added three new words namely, socialist, secular and integrity.

- 65.** Which of the following is the narrowest strait of the world?

- (a) Strait of Tartar
 (b) Bab-el-Mandeb
 (c) Strait of Dardanelles
 (d) Foveaux Strait

Sol. (a) Strait of Tartar is the narrowest Strait in the world. It is 7.3 km wide at the narrowest point. It is a strait in the Pacific Ocean dividing the Russian island of Sakhalin from mainland Asia (South-East Russia), connecting the Sea of Okhotsk on the North with the Sea of Japan on the South.

66. The land frontier of India is about 15200 km. Which of the following countries shares the largest border length with India?

- (a) Bangladesh (b) Pakistan
(c) China (d) Nepal

Sol. (a) The neighbouring countries of India in decreasing order of border length are: Bangladesh, China, Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar and Bhutan.

67. Mahabodhi Temple Complex which is included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site is located in which state of India?

- (a) Bihar (b) Jharkhand
(c) West Bengal (d) Rajasthan

Sol. (a) Mahabodhi Temple Complex is located at Bodh Gaya in Bihar. It is spread over an area of 4.86 hectares and was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List 1 as a unique property of cultural and archaeological importance.

68. Which among the following is the driest desert on the Earth?

- (a) Kalahari (b) Atacama
(c) Mojave Desert (d) Tabernas Desert

Sol. (b) The Atacama is the driest desert on the Earth is located in South America mainly in Chile. It is a dry desert because it is blocked from moisture on both sides by the Andes Mountains and by the Chilean Coast Range.

69. The average salinity of sea water is

- (a) 3.5‰ (b) 2.5‰ (c) 4.5‰ (d) 8.2‰

Sol. (a) On average, sea water in the world's oceans has a salinity of approximately 3.5‰, or 35 parts per thousand. This means that for every 1 litre (1000 ml) of sea water there are 35 grams of salts.

70. The following is needed for the growth and repair of our body.

- (a) Fats (b) Carbohydrates
(c) Proteins (d) Vitamins

Sol. (c) Proteins are essential nutrient for the human body. They are one of the building blocks of body tissue and can also serve as a fuel source. As a fuel, proteins provide as much energy density as carbohydrates e.g. 4 kcal per gram.

71. The theme for World Earth Day 2018 is

- (a) Save Earth
(b) Control Pollution
(c) Environmental and Climate Literacy
(d) End Plastic Pollution

Sol. (d) The World Earth Day was celebrated on 22nd April, 2018. It is celebrated to spread awareness of the need for conservation and also to take action to protect the environment. This day was first celebrated on 22nd April, 1970 and has ever since been an annual event. The theme for World Earth Day 2018 is 'End Plastic Pollution'.

72. NITI Aayog was set up in the year

- (a) 2014 (b) 2015
(c) 2016 (d) 2017

Sol. (b) The National Institution for Transforming India, also called NITI Aayog, was formed via a resolution of the Union Cabinet on 1st January, 2015. NITI Aayog is the premier policy 'Think-Tank' of the Government of India, providing both directional and policy inputs.

73. 'Playing It My Way' is the autobiography of which Cricketer?

- (a) M.S. Dhoni (b) Sachin Tendulkar
(c) Virat Kohli (d) Yuvraj Singh

Sol. (b) 'Playing It My Way' is the autobiography of Sachin Tendulkar published in 2014.

74. By which among the following articles, Finance Commission has been constituted?

- (a) Article 282 (b) Article 250
(c) Article 280 (d) Article 148

Sol. (c) The Finance Commission is constituted by Article 280. It is appointed by the President of India. Presently, it is 15th Finance Commission which is constituted in November 2017.

75. Who has been appointed as the first Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Reserve Bank of India in May 2018?

- (a) Sudha Balakrishnan (b) Nasirul Mulk
(c) Nirbhay Sharma (d) CK Prasad

Sol. (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Sudha Balakrishnan as the first Chief Financial Officer (CFO). She will be the 12th Executive Director of the RBI and will have tenure of three years.

76. Who won the best Actress Award in the 65th National Film Awards in 2018?

- (a) Sridevi (b) Madhuri Dixit
(c) Kareena Kapoor (d) Kajol

Sol. (a) Sridevi won the best Actress Award in the 65th National Film Awards in 2018 for the film 'Mom'.

77. The winner of Dhyan Chand Awards 2017 for Hockey is

- (a) Bhupender Singh (b) Syed Shahid Hakim
(c) Heera Nand Kataria (d) Sumarai Tete

Sol. (d) The winner of Dhyan Chand Awards 2017 for Hockey is Sumarai Tete.

78. Benjamin Netanyahu who came to India in January 2018 for 6-days visit is the Prime Minister of

- (a) Canada (b) France
(c) Israel (d) England

Sol. (c) Benjamin Netanyahu who came to India for 6-days visit from 14 - 19 January 2018 is the Prime Minister of Israel. He came to India with the aim to strengthen ties with India.

79. Which among the following programmes is NOT being implemented in India with assistance of World Bank?

- (a) National Vector Borne Disease Control and Polio Eradication
- (b) National Rural Livelihoods Project
- (c) PMGSY Rural Roads Project
- (d) Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project

Sol. (d) The Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project (DMICDC) is a planned industrial development project. It is implemented by the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation, and autonomous body composed of government and the private sector. Japan is the major investor for this project.

80. Other than Venezuela, which among the following from the South American countries is a member of OPEC?

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Ecuador
- (d) Bolivia

Sol. (c) The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was founded in Baghdad, Iraq, with the signing of an agreement in 1960 by five countries namely Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. Later other countries also became the member of this organisation e.g. Qatar (1961), Indonesia (1962), Libya (1962), the United Arab Emirates (1967), Algeria (1969), Nigeria (1971), Ecuador (1973), Gabon (1975), Angola (2007) and Equatorial Guinea (2017).

81. Which of the following is India's largest Nuclear Research Reactor?

- (a) Purnima
- (b) Cirus
- (c) Apsara
- (d) Dhruv

Sol. (d) The Dhruv reactor is India's largest Nuclear Research Reactor. It is located in the Mumbai suburb of Trombay at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). It is India's primary generator of weapons-grade plutonium-bearing spent fuel for its nuclear weapons programme.

82. Who among the following is a renowned Sitar player?

- (a) Sukhwinder Singh
- (b) Shujaat Khan
- (c) Kishan Maharaj
- (d) Bhajan Sopori

Sol. (b) Shujaat Khan, belongs to Kolkata, is a renowned Sitar player of the Imdadkhani Gharana (school of music). He is the son of legendary sitar player Ustad Vilayat Khan.

83. Popular Juice brand 'Minute Maid' belongs to which of the following companies?

- (a) Pepsico India
- (b) ITC Ltd
- (c) Coca Cola
- (d) Dabur

Sol. (c) Minute Maid brand is owned by the world famous company Coca Cola. They are exclusively makers of the fruit juices and drinks. They produce flavours such as berry punch, cherry limeade, and raspberry with many other variants.

84. 'Carnival' the famous cultural festival is celebrated in which country?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Thailand
- (d) Indonesia

Sol. (a) Historically, Carnival is a religious celebration which is celebrated in Rio-De-Jeneiro, Brazil. The festival takes place in February or March each year, over the 5 days.

85. Which of the following personalities has never served as the Prime Minister of India?

- (a) Zakir Hussain
- (b) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- (c) Indira Gandhi
- (d) Inder Kumar Gujral

Sol. (a) Dr. Zakir Hussain Khan (1897 –1969) was the third President of India; from 13th May, 1967 until his death on 3rd May, 1969. He was an educationist and intellectual. He was also the India's first Muslim President and the first to die in office.

86. Radisson Group of Hotels has its main headquarters in which country?

- (a) USA
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Australia
- (d) France

Sol. (a) Radisson Hotels is an international hotel company and a subsidiary of the Radisson Hotel Group. It has its main headquarters in Minnetonka, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis in United States of America. It operates the brands Radisson, Radisson Blu, Radisson Red, Country Inns and Suites by Radisson and Park Inn by Radisson with more than 990 locations in 73 countries.

87. Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata is the founder of which of the following group of Hotels?

- (a) Ambassador Hotels
- (b) ITC Welcome Group
- (c) Park Group of Hotels
- (d) The Taj Group of Hotels

Sol. (d) Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata, founder of the Tata Group, opened the Taj Mahal Palace, a hotel in Mumbai, on 16th December, 1903. It was the first Taj hotel. As of 2017, the company operates a total of 99 hotels and hotel-resorts, with 83 across India and 16 in other countries.

88. Which fast food chain is the largest pizza delivering service in the world?

- (a) Pizza hut
- (b) Pizza King
- (c) Dominos
- (d) Subway

Sol. (a) Pizza hut is the largest pizza delivering service in the world. It was founded in 1958 by Dan and Frank Carney, in Kansas City. It has 6000 restaurants in US itself and 5139 stores in other 93 countries.

9. Public Distribution System (PDS) is operated under the responsibility of the

1. Central Government
2. State Government
3. Local Government

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(a) Only 1 (b) 2 and 3 (c) 1 and 2 (d) Only 2

sol. (c) PDS is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State Governments. The Central Government, through Food Corporation of India (FCI), has assumed the responsibility for procurement, storage, transportation and bulk allocation of food grains to the State Governments.

90. Which is the largest Food and Hospitality fair in India?

- (a) AAHAR
- (b) Bengaluru food festival
- (c) Annapurna World of Food India
- (d) None of the above

Sol. (a) AAHAR is the largest Food and Hospitality fair in India. It is the largest show of its kind in South Asia. The 33rd Aahar International Food & Hospitality Fair was held from 13-17 Mar 2018 to offer a platform for facilitating growth and modernisation in the processed food and hospitality sector.

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