

CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQs

1. The Pinaka Missile System recently in the news, has been developed by
 - (a) ISRO
 - (b) NASA
 - (c) DRDO
 - (d) SPACE-X
2. Who is the present chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?
 - (a) Rajnath Singh
 - (b) Dr G Satheesh Reddy
 - (c) K. Sivan
 - (d) KN Vyas
3. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) latest Real GDP projection for India for the year 2019 is _____ and for 2020 is _____.
 - (a) 6%, 7.1%
 - (b) 6.2%, 7.1%
 - (c) 6.1%, 7%
 - (d) 7.2%, 6.1%
4. The government of India has recently adopted the '_____ Resolution- A holistic approach for empowering citizens' for ensuring good governance to the citizens of the country.
 - (a) Shillong
 - (b) Nagpur
 - (c) Raipur
 - (d) Jaipur
5. In December 2019, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) _____ and Government of India (GOI) have signed a \$490 million loan for a public-private partnership project to upgrade roads in which Indian state?
 - (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Madhya Pradesh
 - (c) Manipur
 - (d) Meghalaya
6. Recently the GST council has decided to put a uniform GST rate of _____% on state-run and authorized lotteries across the country?
 - (a) 5%
 - (b) 12%
 - (c) 18%
 - (d) 28%
7. 'Operation twist' recently in the news is related to which of the following areas?
 - (a) Indian Military's strike across Myanmar border against Naga insurgents
 - (b) ISRO's mission to target and destroy spy satellites
 - (c) RBI's open market operations to manage bond yields
 - (d) None of the above
8. Exercise Indra is a joint military exercise conducted by which countries?
 - (a) India and Sri Lanka
 - (b) India, USA and Japan
 - (c) India and Russia
 - (d) None France
9. Consider the following statements about Pinaka Missile system.
 1. It is developed by DRDO
 2. The Navigation system of the Pinaka missile is aided by the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).
 Select the correct answer from codes given below.
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. The government of India has recently issued microdot rules for which among the following?
 - (a) DRDO missiles
 - (b) Motor Vehicles
 - (c) Defence equipment
 - (d) Medicines
11. Recently, a device named 'Core Catcher' has been installed at which of the following nuclear power plants to contain nuclear accidents?
 - (a) Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant
 - (b) Kalpakkam Nuclear Power Plant
 - (c) Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant
 - (d) Rawatbhata Nuclear Power Plant
12. The RTI Act was first time passed in which year?
 - (a) 2005
 - (b) 2006
 - (c) 2009
 - (d) 2011
13. Consider the following statements regarding National Population Register (NPR):
 1. The database will contain demographic as well as biometric particulars.

2. Like NRC it is also optional to register in the NPR.
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
14. Donald Trump has been impeached on allegations of abusing presidential powers. He has become the _____ US president to be impeached by the House of Representatives.
 - (a) 1st
 - (b) 2nd
 - (c) 3rd
 - (d) 4th
15. Recently, who has been appointed as the first woman Chief Technology Officer at the US government's Federal Communications Commission (FCC)?
 - (a) Dr Pratibha Sahay
 - (b) Dr Amrita Rai
 - (c) Dr Monisha Ghosh
 - (d) Dr Arpita Joshi
16. The Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 in English literature has been awarded to
 - (a) Amitav Ghosh
 - (b) Arundhati Roy
 - (c) Shashi Tharoor
 - (d) Salman Khurshid
17. Who has been honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art by Bangladesh for his contribution to art, archaeology, history and culture?
 - (a) RK Singh
 - (b) R Nagaswamy
 - (c) MN Chaturvedi
 - (d) Swati Khare
18. The census of India 2021 is the _____ Census in the country?
 - (a) 12th
 - (b) 14th
 - (c) 16th
 - (d) 18th
19. Which among the following states is not identified under the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL)?
 - (a) Jharkhand
 - (b) Maharashtra
 - (c) Rajasthan
 - (d) Madhya Pradesh
20. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) India Index is launched by
 - (a) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
 - (b) United Nations in India
 - (c) NITI Aayog
 - (d) The Global Green Growth Institute
21. Which state has topped the Good Governance Index 2019 among the 'Big states'?
 - (a) Maharashtra
 - (b) Tamil Nadu
 - (c) Karnataka
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh
22. 'Good Governance Day' is observed in India every year on
 - (a) 20 December
 - (b) 12 December
 - (c) 25 December
 - (d) 15 December
23. In December 2019, SEBI has put a fine of Rs 25 lakh on which Credit Rating Agencies for lack of proper due diligence in IL&FS case?
 - (a) ICRA Ltd, CARE Ratings Ltd and Brickwork Ratings (BWR)
 - (b) ICRA Ltd, India Ratings & Research and CARE Ratings Ltd
 - (c) CRISIL Ltd, ICRA Ltd and CARE Ratings Ltd
 - (d) SMERA, CRISIL Ltd and India Ratings & Research Ltd
24. The 'Eat Right Mela' is an initiative of which among the following?
 - (a) Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT)
 - (b) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
 - (c) Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT)
 - (d) National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)
25. RBI's 20th Financial Stability Report predicted that the Scheduled commercial banks' (SCBs) GNPA ratio may increase from 9.3 % in September 2019 to _____ by September 2020?
 - (a) 9.4%
 - (b) 9.6%
 - (c) 9.9%
 - (d) 10%
26. Recently, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has sent 150 questions to _____ seeking clarifications on actions taken against madrasahs run by proscribed outfits in its borders?
 - (a) Pakistan
 - (b) Afghanistan
 - (c) Iran
 - (d) Syria

27. Recently, which country has successfully launched its largest carrier rocket, Long March-5?

- (a) Russia (b) Israel
(c) China (d) Japan

28. Consider the following statements about Rohtang Pass:

1. It is a high mountain pass on the eastern Pir Panjal Range of the Himalayas.
2. It connects the Kullu Valley with Leh, Ladakh.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

29. Consider the following statements about Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):

1. CDS will function as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister.
2. The CDS will head the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), to be created in the Ministry of Defence.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

30. Consider the following statements about recent Restructuring of Railway Board:

1. It will merge the different cadres within Railways into a central service called the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS).
2. The newly constituted Board will have eight members – Chairman, who will act as a CEO, along with seven members.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

31. Consider the following statements about Atal Bhujal Yojana:

1. It aims to improve ground water management through community participation in all states & UT of India.

2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme whereby 70% of the project cost shall be through Central Assistance and the remaining 30% through State funding.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

32. In December 2019, which of the following e commerce companies has decided to open its first farm collection center in Pune to directly purchase vegetables from farmers?

- (a) Amazon (b) Flipkart
(c) Big Basket (d) Grofers

33. In December 2019, Iran, China and Russia began a joint naval exercise. The exercise has been conducted in

- (a) South China Sea
(b) Persian Gulf
(c) Bering Sea
(d) Gulf of Oman

34. Which is the second Tejas train recently launched by the Ministry of Railways?

- (a) Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express
(b) Mumbai-Delhi Tejas Express
(c) Ahmedabad-Mumbai Tejas Express
(d) Ahmedabad-Delhi Tejas Express

35. Consider the following statements regarding The Indian State of Forest Report 2019:

1. It is a biennial publication of NITI Aayog which assesses the forest and tree cover in the country.
2. In comparison to previous report, the forest cover in the country has decreased by 3,976 sq km with the sharpest declines in the northeastern States.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

36. Recently, an Oxygen Parlour has been opened at which of the following railway stations?

- (a) New Delhi Railway Station
(b) Nashik Railway Station
(c) Pune Railway Station
(d) Gwalior Railway Station

37. Recently, "Run Through Files" (RTF) mechanism has been introduced by which state government to ensure that important government matters don't get delayed owing to conflicting hierarchical and departmental priorities?
- (a) Karnataka (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Haryana (d) Rajasthan
38. Budapest convention recently in the news related to which of the following?
- (a) Global Warming
(b) Cybercrime
(c) Air Pollution
(d) Electronic waste
39. Consider the following statements with regard to Kinzhal missile system
1. It is developed by India in collaboration with Russia.
 2. The missile can fly 10 times faster than the speed of sound and can carry a nuclear or a conventional warhead.
- Which of the above statement(s) given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
40. Recently, scientists from which organisation have developed a new ink formulation for security printing?
- (a) CSIR-CLRI (b) CSIR-CCMB
(c) CSIR-NPL (d) CSIR-NEERI
41. What is the venue of 11th DefExpo India-2020?
- (a) New Delhi (b) Lucknow
(c) Agra (d) Hyderabad
42. The Union Finance Minister has launched a common e-auction platform for online auction of assets attached by banks. Name of the platform is
- (a) eBkray (b) e-AssetAuction
(c) e-Asset (d) e-AssetSell
43. Consider the following statements regarding "SnowEx":
1. It is an exercise to count snow leopard population in India.
 2. It is being conducted by the Geological Survey of India.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
44. In December 2019, which Indian state was hit by massive locust invasion causing large scale crop destruction in the state?
- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka
(c) Bihar (d) Gujarat
45. Uighurs community recently in news is recognized as native to which country?
- (a) China (b) India
(c) Somalia (d) Bangladesh
46. Consider the following statements regarding Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC):
1. Its Headquarters is in Dubai, UAE.
 2. Pakistan is a founding member of the OIC.
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
47. According to a recent RBI report, the gross non-performing asset (GNP) ratio of banks may increase to _____ percent by September 2020 from _____ percent in September 2019.
- (a) 9.9, 9.3 (b) 12.9, 11.3
(c) 4.9, 4.3 (d) 14.9, 12.3
48. Who has been awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke award 2018, the highest honour in Indian cinema?
- (a) Amitabh Bachchan
(b) Vinod Khanna
(c) Kasinathuni Viswanath
(d) Anupam Kher
49. Who has been named as the most famous teenager in the world by the United Nations?
- (a) Greta Thunberg
(b) Malala Yousafzai
(c) Millie Bobby Brown
(d) Storm Reid
50. Recently, who has been awarded with Army Design Bureau (AD) excellence award for indigenously developing bulletproof jacket?
- (a) Anil Kumar Bhatt
(b) Gurpal Singh Sangha
(c) Anoop Mishra
(d) P.S. Rajeshwar

51. Name the woman astronaut who recently set a record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman
(a) Christina Koch
(b) Peggy Whitson
(c) Gagandeep Kang
(d) Jessica Meir
52. Recently, who has been appointed as India's first Chief of Defence Staff?
(a) Bikram Singh (b) Bipin Rawat
(c) VK Singh (d) Deepak Kapoor
53. An Intergovernmental agreement between India and _____ for a joint venture on Ak-203 assault rifles has been signed recently?
(a) USA (b) Russia
(c) Japan (d) France
54. The Antarrastriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) was instituted in which year?
(a) 2016 (b) 2017
(c) 2018 (d) 2019
55. What is India's rank in the recently released Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index?
(a) 11th (b) 23rd
(c) 34th (d) 42nd
56. In which Zoo was the successful hatching of a pair of the endangered Greater Adjutant chicks (Hargil _____) carried out recently?
(a) Assam State Zoo
(b) Manipur State zoo
(c) Tripura State zoo
(d) Meghalaya State zoo
57. In which state of India, the 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the world is recently unveiled?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan
58. The World Braille Day is observed across the world every year on _____.
(a) 4th December (b) 4th January
(c) 14th January (d) 24th December
59. Which state has received the Krishi Karman Award for the best-performing state in Overall Foodgrain Production Category-III (production less than 1 million ton) for the year 2017-18?
(a) Chhattisgarh (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Manipur (d) Punjab
60. The '107th Indian Science Congress' (ISC), 2019 held in which of the following states?
(a) Kerala (b) Karnataka
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Odisha
61. The Gaganyaan mission of ISRO is scheduled to be launched in which year?
(a) 2020 (b) 2021
(c) 2022 (d) 2024
62. Consider the following statements about Department of Military Affairs (DMA):
1. The DMA will be the fifth department in the Defence Ministry.
2. The department will be headed by Defence Secretary.
Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
63. Consider the following statements about Gaganyaan Mission:
1. Astronauts will be sent to space onboard Gaganyaan, a crew capsule.
2. If successful, India will become the third nation to conduct a human space flight programme after Russia and USA.
Which of the above statement(s) given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
64. Consider the following statements about DRDO Young Defence Laboratories:
1. 10 defence laboratories led by under-35 directors and young military scientists were launched in January 2020.
2. The aim is to drive the country's war technologies of the future under the Defence Research & Development Organisation.
Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
65. 'Zo Kutpui' festival is related to which of the following states?

- (a) Odisha
(b) Mizoram
(c) Arunachal Pradesh
(d) Jharkhand
66. Recently, the 80th session of the Indian History Congress (IHC) held in which among the following states?
(a) Kerala (b) Karnataka
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Odisha
67. In January 2020, which state assembly has passed a resolution demanding rollback of the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019?
(a) West Bengal (b) Maharashtra
(c) Kerala (d) Chhattisgarh
68. Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC), India's world-class facility for training astronauts will be developed at which of the following states?
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka
(c) Telangana (d) Maharashtra
69. Which among the following Indian cities is/are under UNESCO creative cities network?
1. Jaipur 2. Varanasi
3. Mumbai 4. Hyderabad
5. Lucknow
(a) 3 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 5 only
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (d) All of the above.
70. Recently Hanoi has been included in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN). Hanoi is the capital of which of the following countries?
(a) Vietnam (b) Cambodia
(c) Columbia (d) Philippines
71. Which Indian city is set to host the fifth edition of the Asia-Pacific Drosophila Research Conference which is being organised in the country for the first time?
(a) Nagpur (b) Belgaum
(c) Pune (d) Warangal
72. Recently, India's first Smog Tower has been installed in which among the following cities?
(a) Mumbai (c) Hyderabad
(c) Bengaluru (d) Delhi
73. Recently, RBI has launched a mobile application MANI to _____.
(a) help visually challenged people to identify denomination of currency.
(b) to locate ATMs around you.
(c) to provide immediate loan to farmers in distress.
(d) none of the above
74. Which among the following states has launched a 'cyber safe women' campaign on the birth anniversary of social reformer, Savitribai Phule?
(a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) Rajasthan
75. Consider the following statements regarding extraocular vision:
1. The ability to see without eyes is known as extraocular vision.
2. The red brittle star is the only creature known to have this ability.
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
76. Recently, which court in India held that the Government has no right to transfer "invaluable" community resources like village water ponds to powerful people and industrialists for commercialisation of the property?
(a) Supreme Court of India
(b) Delhi High Court
(c) Karnataka High Court
(d) Bombay High Court
77. Decades-old border dispute related to Belgaum and other areas is between which among the following states?
(a) Maharashtra & Karnataka
(b) Karnataka & Tamil Nadu
(c) Karnataka & Goa
(d) Maharashtra & Goa
78. Recently, General Qassem Soleimani was killed in a US air raid in Baghdad. He was commander of the elite Quds Force of which country?
(a) Iraq (b) Iran
(c) Syria (d) Pakistan

79. Recently, A mob attacked Gurudwara Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Nanak Dev. Gurudwara Nankana Sahib is situated at
(a) Lahore, Pakistan
(b) Kartarpur, Pakistan
(c) Gurdaspur, Punjab
(d) Amritsar, Punjab
80. A minimum of how many members are required to adjudicate any dispute in the Appellate Body of WTO?
(a) 7 (b) 4
(c) 3 (d) 5
81. The editor-in-chief of _____ Sanjay Gupta will be honoured with the 'Lokmanya Tilak National Journalism Award' 2020.
(a) Jagran (b) India Today
(c) Bhaskar (d) Nai Dunia
82. Malavath Purna, who became a role model for the rural youth, after she conquered Mt Everest five years ago, has now conquered Mt Vinson Massif, the Antarctica continent's highest mountain peak. She belongs to which State?
(a) Odisha (b) Jharkhand
(c) Assam (d) Telangana
83. Former Rajya Sabha member Alajangi Viswanath Swamy passed away recently, he belonged to which state?
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Gujarat
(c) West Bengal (d) Odisha
84. Dubai-based Indian girl _____, who can sing in 120 languages, has won in the 'Global Child Prodigy Awards 2020'.
(a) Sucheta Shatish
(b) Anamika Singh
(c) Khyati Bhatnagar
(d) Anukriti Mishra
85. Major General Qassem Soleimani was recently killed in a US strike at Baghdad airport. He was commander of which of the following force?
(a) Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps
(b) Badr Organisation
(c) Revolutionary Armed Forces
(d) Quds Force
86. The 2nd National GST Conference of Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners/Director Generals of Central Tax was held under the chairmanship of _____.
(a) Rajeev Kumar
(b) Girish Chandra Murmu
(c) Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey
(d) Atanu Chakraborty
87. The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated on _____ every year in India.
(a) 9th January (b) 19th January
(c) 12th January (d) 29th January
88. The government of India has recently approved the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of _____ to build Natural Gas Pipeline Grid covering 8 North Eastern states.
(a) Rs 6000 crore (b) Rs 5559 crore
(c) Rs 600 crore (d) Rs 559 crore
89. Which bank has announced the 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' (RBBG) scheme recently?
(a) State Bank of India
(b) Bank of India
(c) HDFC
(d) ICICI
90. Which day is celebrated as the World Hindi Day every year?
(a) 10th December (b) 10th January
(c) 11th December (d) 11th January
91. The MILAN Exercise 2020 will be conducted at?
(a) Andaman and Nicobar Island
(b) Za'ir-Al-Bahr
(c) Visakhapatnam
(d) Hong Kong
92. The International Energy Agency (IEA) has recently released the first review report for India in partnership with _____.
(a) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise
(b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(c) NITI Aayog
(d) Ministry of Power

93. Which portal is launched by the Home Ministry recently to enable citizens to report cyber-crimes online?
- Indian Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
 - National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
 - Central Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
 - None of the above
94. The State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 has been developed by?
- Lowy Institute Asia
 - Bureau of Energy Efficiency
 - Solar Power Rocks
 - None of the above
95. The Naval version of the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) has been developed by?
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
 - DRDO
 - ISRO
 - Dassault Aviation
96. Which Ministry has launched the Mission Purvodaya?
- Ministry of Culture
 - Ministry of Defence
 - Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
 - Ministry of Steel
97. The 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 is jointly organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the State Government of _____.
- Madhya Pradesh
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Assam
98. World Future Energy Summit is held annually at _____?
- Ankara
 - Tehran
 - Abu Dhabi
 - Riyadh
99. The "Raisina Dialogue" is held annually by which country?
- China
 - Myanmar
 - India
 - Singapore
100. The project AASHVAST is recently launched in which state?
- Gujarat
 - Maharashtra
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Assam
101. The Army Day is celebrated every year in India on _____.
- 5th January
 - 11th January
 - 15th January
 - 25th January
102. The Annual Coast Guard Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin' is conducted between India and which country?
- China
 - Maldives
 - Singapore
 - Japan
103. The Indian communication satellite GSAT-30 will be launched from?
- Sriharikota Range
 - Satish Dhawan Space Centre
 - French Guiana
 - Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
104. Madhavpura Mela often seen in news is celebrated in which State?
- Rajasthan
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Gujarat
 - Maharashtra
105. Indian Cyber Crime Coordination (I4C) is located in which City of India?
- Bengaluru
 - Chennai
 - Hyderabad
 - None of the above
106. Consider the following statements about CoronaVirus.
- These are newly discovered species of virus which can cause severe respiratory and intestinal diseases.
 - They are known to infect only humans.
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
107. Sea Guardian is a bilateral Naval Exercise between which two countries?
- India and Japan
 - India and Sri Lanka
 - China and Pakistan
 - Pakistan and Russia
108. Which of the following are the benefits of the Green Credit Scheme?
- It allows forests to be traded as a commodity.
 - It allows the Forest Department to outsource one of its responsibilities of reforestation to non-government agencies.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

109. The term 'Goldilocks Zone' is often seen in news in the context of

- (a) the limits of habitable zone above the surface of the Earth
(b) regions inside the Earth where shale gas is available
(c) search for Earth-like planets in outer space
(d) search for meteorites containing precious metals

110. Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD), an IT tool to check on road accidents has been developed by which institute?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
(b) IIT Hyderabad
(c) IIT Madras
(d) IIT Kharagpur

111. Starlink is a satellite constellation being constructed by _____ to provide global satellite Internet access.

- (a) NASA
(b) Roscosmos
(c) European Space Agency (ESA)
(d) SpaceX

112. Seke language often seen in news is predominantly associated with which region/country?

- (a) North-East India
(b) Bhutan
(c) Nepal
(d) Ladakh, India

113. Consider the following statements about H9N2.

1. It is a subtype of influenza A virus, which causes human influenza as well as bird flu.
2. Recently, H9N2 viruses have been observed for the first time in poultry in India.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

114. In India, inflation is measured by the

- (a) Wholesale Price Index
(b) GDP Deflator
(c) Consumers Price Index
(d) National Income Deflator

115. Recently, which of the following states has witnessed outrage over the death of a large number of newborn babies in government hospitals?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Gujarat
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Both a and b

116. Recently which of the following countries has witnessed one of the worst bushfires in history that spread over 10 million acres of land?

- (a) Australia (b) Mexico
(c) Canada (d) South Africa

117. Recently, who has been selected for the Polly Umrigar award for the 2018-19 season?

- (a) Rohit Sharma (b) Jasprit Bumrah
(c) K. L. Rahul (d) Kedar Jadhav

118. _____ has recently been appointed as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (a) Janak Raj
(b) Michael Debabrata Patra
(c) Subhash Chandra Garg
(d) Bharat Doshi

119. Winner of Sangeet Natak Akademi award and noted Dhadi folk singer Idu Sharif passed away recently. He hailed from which state?

- (a) Punjab (b) Bihar
(c) Haryana (d) Maharashtra

120. In January 2020, Pedro Sánchez has been sworn as the Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Spain (b) Greece
(c) Seychelles (d) Cyprus

121. Name the Sultan of Oman who passed away recently

- (a) Qaboos bin Said
(b) Abdullah Ali
(c) Zayed bin Sultan
(d) Ayyubid Al Hassan

122. The campaign "Saksham" has been recently launched by which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- (b) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(c) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(d) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- 123.** The Renewable Energy Investors' Meet was recently organised by
(a) Ministry of New and Renewable energy
(b) Ministry of Railways
(c) Ministry of Earth Science
(d) NITI Aayog
- 124.** The Government of India has recently signed a loan agreement of \$88 million with World Bank for the implementation of _____ Inland Water Transport Project?
(a) Assam (b) Meghalaya
(c) Bihar (d) Tripura
- 125.** The Z Morh tunnel is being constructed by the government of India in which state or Union Territory?
(a) Ladakh
(b) Jammu and Kashmir
(c) Sikkim
(d) Arunachal Pradesh
- 126.** Who is the present Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister?
(a) D.V. Sadananda Gowda
(b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
(c) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
(d) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- 127.** The ELECRAMA 2020 is being organised in which among the following cities?
(a) Lucknow (b) Greater Noida
(c) Pune (d) Hyderabad
- 128.** Which Indian actress won the Crystal Award 2020 at the 50th World Economic Forum?
(a) Priyanka Chopra
(b) Kangna Ranaut
(c) Deepika Padukone
(d) Dia Mirza
- 129.** The 50th World Economic Forum meeting held in which of the following cities?
(a) Davos (b) Vienna
(c) Shanghai (d) Madrid
- 130.** The operational range of the K-4 ballistic missile is
(a) 2000 km (b) 2500 km
(c) 3000 km (d) 3500 km
- 131.** Which state/Union Territory is promoting organic farming through the Mission Organic Development Initiative (MODI) programme?
(a) Maharashtra
(b) Ladakh
(c) Andaman and Nicobar Island
(d) Chandigarh
- 132.** The 2nd edition of NIC Tech Conclave 2020 is being held at
(a) Bhopal (b) Panji
(c) New Delhi (d) Port Blair
- 133.** The Indian Air Force (IAF) has inducted its first squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft carrying the _____ missiles in January 2020.
(a) Prithvi Air Defence missile
(b) Pradyumna Ballistic Missile
(c) Agni VI missile
(d) BrahMos missiles
- 134.** The second Integrated Check Post, ICP at _____ between India and Nepal has recently been inaugurated by the Prime Ministers of the two countries.
(a) Jogbani-Biratnagar
(b) Raxaul-Birgunj
(c) Raxaul-Biratnagar
(d) Jogbani-Birgunj
- 135.** India has recently opened its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre (MGICC) in which country?
(a) Maldives (b) Sri Lanka
(c) Niger (d) Romania
- 136.** The PRAGATI platform was launched in 2015 as the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance. The T in PRAGATI stands for
(a) Timely (b) Tentative
(c) Tertiary (d) Tuning
- 137.** Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana recently in the state?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Tamil Nadu
- 138.** Recently, which country has decided to count Sikhs as a separate ethnic group in its census?
(a) Canada (b) USA
(c) Australia (d) New Zealand

- 139.** The Housing Ministry has recently an e-commerce platform _____, to bring transparency in the real estate sector and offer only certified projects to the Homebuyers.
 (a) RealstateHomes.com
 (b) HousingForAll.Com
 (c) EasyHousing.com
 (d) MakeHousingEasy.com
- 140.** The Open Acreage Licensing Policy, as sometimes mentioned in the news is related to
 (a) the construction of, with prior permit, Sustainable and Environment-friendly Industrial Production (SEIP) zones.
 (b) a faster survey of the available geographical area having potential for oil and gas discovery.
 (c) the safe disposal of solid waste, especially in case of polluting discharges.
 (d) requirement to hire workers for the work on hazardous and unhealthy place.
- 141.** Recently, the National Informatics Centre (NIC) has set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Blockchain Technology in which city?
 (a) New Delhi (b) Hyderabad
 (c) Bengaluru (d) Indore
- 142.** Harmonised System or HSN code is a _____ digit code.
 (a) five (b) six
 (c) eight (d) nine
- 143.** The Union Government has recently announced to permanently settle the Bru-Reang refugees in which state?
 (a) Mizoram (b) Meghalaya
 (c) Assam (d) Tripura
- 144.** Recently, the outbreak of the Novel CoronaVirus has been witnessed in which country?
 (a) Japan (b) Oman
 (c) China (d) Indonesia
- 145.** Which state has become the first state to challenge the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) 2019 before the Supreme Court under Article 131 of the Constitution?
 (a) Kerala (b) Chattisgarh
 (c) Punjab (d) Madhya Pradesh
- 146.** A report titled "Unilateral Decisions, Bilateral Losses" has been released by the Bureau of Research on Industry and Economic Fundamentals (BRIEF). The report highlights the impact of trade shutdown between India and which country?
 (a) China (b) USA
 (c) Pakistan (d) Bangladesh
- 147.** Which Indian advocate was recently appointed as the Queen's Counsel (QC) for the courts of England and Wales?
 (a) Fali S Nariman (b) KK Venugopal
 (c) Soli Sorabjee (d) Harish Salve
- 148.** In January 2020, who has been appointed as India's Vice Chief of Army Staff?
 (a) Manoj Mukund Naravane
 (b) Arvind Kumar
 (c) SK Saini
 (d) Vivek Kumar Johri
- 149.** Who has been selected for the 29th Saraswati Samman?
 (a) Vasdev Mohi (b) K Siva Reddy
 (c) Padma Sachdev (d) Govind Mishra
- 150.** Sunanda Patnaik who died recently was an eminent _____.
 (a) Classical Singer (b) Actor
 (c) Kathak Dancer (d) Author
- 151.** In August 2019, Oleksiy Honcharuk has become youngest-ever head of government at the age of 35. He is the Prime Minister of which country?
 (a) New Zealand (b) Finland
 (c) Ukraine (d) Australia
- 152.** Which country is the host of 10th annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) 2020?
 (a) Afghanistan (b) India
 (c) Bhutan (d) Bangladesh
- 153.** The Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar is announced every year on which date?
 (a) 21st January (b) 22nd February
 (c) 23rd January (d) 24th February
- 154.** The National Girl Child Day is celebrated in India every year on _____ January.
 (a) 12th (b) 22nd
 (c) 24th (d) 28th
- 155.** The National Voters' Day is celebrated in India on which date?
 (a) 21st January (b) 25th January
 (c) 26th January (d) 29th January

- 156.** Which day is celebrated as the National Tourism Day in India every year?
 (a) 21st January (b) 23rd January
 (c) 25th January (d) 27th January
- 157.** The World Bank has recently signed a \$210 million loan agreement with the government of India to support smallholder farmers of which Indian state?
 (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Jharkhand
 (c) Bihar (d) Maharashtra
- 158.** The theme of Bharat Parv 2020 is?
 1. 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'
 2. 'Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi'.
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 159.** 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme launched on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day is related to which state?
 (a) Madhya Pradesh
 (b) Maharashtra
 (c) Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Bihar
- 160.** India's first underwater Metro train service is being developed in?
 (a) Maharashtra (b) Tamil Nadu
 (c) West Bengal (d) Andhra Pradesh
- 161.** The 3rd Global Potato Conclave 2020 held at _____.
 (a) Bhopal (b) Jamshedpur
 (c) Gandhinagar (d) Kanpur
- 162.** At present the total number of Ramsar Sites in India is?
 (a) 35 (b) 52
 (c) 42 (d) 37
- 163.** The Indian Railways has commissioned its first Waste to Energy Plant at which location?
 (a) Bhopal (b) Bhubaneswar
 (c) Varanasi (d) Hyderabad
- 164.** PM KUSUM scheme launched in July 2019, is related to which Ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 (b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
 (c) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
 (d) Ministry of Rural Development
- 165.** The World Sustainable Development Summit 2020 is recently held at _____.
 (a) New Delhi (b) Washington D.C.
 (c) Dhaka (d) Paris
- 166.** Consider the following statements about Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI).:
 1. It is released annually by the World Bank in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation.
 2. India has climbed eight places to 72nd rank in the 2020 report of GTCI.
 Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 167.** Corruption Perception Index is prepared by?
 (a) World Economic Forum
 (c) World Bank
 (c) Oxfam
 (d) Transparency International
- 168.** Operation Vanilla has been launched by Indian Navy to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to the population of _____.
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) Yeman
 (c) Oman (d) Madagascar
- 169.** "Barrier-Free Tourism Project" of which state has which won UNWTO's Accessible Destination Award 2019 is related to which state?
 (a) Rajasthan (b) Madhya Pradesh
 (c) West Bengal (d) Kerala
- 170.** Name the human robot that has been developed by ISRO for its unmanned Gaganyaan spacecraft.
 (a) Vyom Mitra (b) Vayusena
 (c) Pragya (d) Suryavanshi

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1. (c) India successfully conducted test firing of the indigenously developed Pinaka missile system from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off the Odisha coast. The missile system is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
2. (b) Dr G. Satheesh Reddy is the current Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
3. (c) The IMF has slashed its Real GDP forecast for 2019 by nearly a full point to 6.1% in October along with cutting the outlook for 2020 to 7.0%.
4. (b) The 'Nagpur Resolution- A holistic approach for empowering citizens' is adopted by the government of India during a two-day Regional Conference on 'Improving Public Service Delivery – Role of Governments', in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
5. (b) Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India (GOI) have signed a \$490 million loan for a public-private partnership project to upgrade Indian state's roads. Under the project, about 1600 kilometres of state highways and major district roads will be upgraded from single-lane to two-lane widths in Madhya Pradesh.
6. (d) The Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 38th meeting of the GST Council. The council voted for a uniform GST rate of 28% on state-run and authorized lotteries across the country, effective from 1st March 2020.
7. (c) RBI goes for 'Operation Twist' to bring down long-term rates. Operation Twist is a move taken by U.S. Federal Reserve in 2011-12 to make long-term borrowing cheaper.
8. (c) The air force component of 'Ex INDRA 19', a joint exercise between India and Russia, successfully concluded at the Air Force Station in Lohegaon, Pune. Ex Indra is a tri-services exercise between the two nations.
9. (c) The Pinaka Missile System is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The Navigation system of the Pinaka missile is aided by the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).
10. (b) According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways notification, the microdots will now be affixed on the motor vehicles by spraying on the body and parts with microscopic dots to give a unique identification for enhancing the security of vehicles.
11. (a) Moscow-based Rosatom State Corporation installed a core melt localisation device (CMLD) or "core catcher" at Unit 3 of Tamil Nadu's Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP). The device is designed to localise and cool the molten core material in case of a meltdown accident.
12. (a) This law was passed by Parliament on 15 June 2005 and came fully into force on 12 October 2005.
13. (a) Cabinet has approved updation of National Population Register. The database will contain demographic as well as biometric particulars. It is mandatory for every usual resident of India to register in the NPR.
14. (c) Donald Trump has become the third US president in history to be impeached by the House of Representatives, setting up a trial in the Senate that will decide whether he remains in office.
15. (c) Dr Monisha Ghosh, an Indian-American has become the first woman appointed as Chief Technology Officer at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
16. (c) Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has been awarded with the Sahitya Akademi Award

2019 for his novel 'An Era of Darkness'. Tharoor won the award in the creative non-fiction category in English literature.

17. (b) Noted archaeologist R. Nagaswamy was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art in Dhaka by Bangladesh for his contribution to art, archaeology, history and culture.
18. (c) The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for conducting Census of India 2021 and updating National Population Register (NPR). Census 2021 will be 16th Census in the country and 8th after independence.
19. (a) The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL). The scheme aims to improve groundwater management through community participation in identified priority areas in seven states viz. Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and Karnataka.
20. (c) NITI Aayog launched the 2nd edition of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) India Index. The SDG India Index documents the progress made by India's States and Union Territories towards implementing the 2030 SDG targets.
21. (b) The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has launched the Good Governance Index (GGI). Tamil Nadu has bagged the top position among big states, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka.
22. (c) Good Governance Day is observed in India every year on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (25th December).
23. (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has levied a penalty of Rs 25 lakh each on three rating agencies ICRA Ltd; India Ratings & Research and Credit Analysis; and Research Limited (CARE) Ratings Ltd for lack of proper due diligence while rating non-convertible debentures of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Ltd (IL&FS).
24. (b) Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare has inaugurated the second edition of the 'Eat Right Mela' in New Delhi. It is an initiative of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to nudge citizens towards eating right and adopt safe, healthy and sustainable food practices and habits.
25. (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released its 20th Financial Stability Report. According to the report scheduled commercial banks' (SCBs) gross non-performing assets (GNP (a) ratio remained unchanged at 9.3% between March and September 2019 and predicted that SCBs' GNPA ratio may increase from 9.3 % in September 2019 to 9.9 % by September 2020.
26. (a) Global Watchdog for terror financing Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has sent 150 questions to Pakistan seeking more clarifications from Pakistan on actions taken against madrassas run by proscribed outfits. Failing which, Pakistan will become 3rd country to be blacklisted by FATF after North Korea and Iran.
27. (c) China's largest carrier rocket, Long March-5 was successfully launched from Wenchang Space Launch Center in south China's Hainan Province. It is the country's third attempt to launch the rocket, also known as CZ-5.
28. (a) Rohtang Pass is a high mountain pass on the eastern Pir Panjal Range of the Himalayas. It connects the Kullu Valley with the Lahaul and Spiti Valleys of Himachal Pradesh.
29. (c) The Union Cabinet has approved the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) post. CDS will function as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister. The CDS will also head the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), to be created in the Ministry of Defence, and function as its Secretary.
30. (a) The newly constituted Board will henceforth consist of five members – Chairman, who will act as a CEO, along with four members responsible for infrastructure, operations

and business development, rolling stock and finance.

31. (d) The Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) is a Central Sector Scheme aims to improve groundwater management through community participation in identified priority areas in seven states. Out of the total outlay of Rs. 6000 crore, 50% shall be in the form of World Bank loan, and the remaining 50% shall be through Central Assistance.
32. (a) Amazon Retail India Pvt Ltd, the retail arm of e-commerce giant Amazon, will soon open its first farm collection center in Pune. Under its farm-to-fork initiative, Amazon will directly purchase vegetables from farmers, who would be paid within 24 hours.
33. (d) Iran, China and Russia began a joint naval exercise in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Oman, in what is being seen as a response to recent US manoeuvres in the region. The four-day exercise has been launched from the port city of Chabahar in southeastern Iran.
34. (c) The Ministry of Railways has announced that the second premium Ahmedabad-Mumbai Tejas train is set to be flagged off from Ahmedabad.
35. (d) The Indian State of Forest Report (ISFR) is a biennial publication of Forest Survey of India (FSI). The forest cover in the country increased by 3,976 square kilometres but with the sharpest declines in the northeastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram.
36. (b) In a unique initiative to battle rising air pollution in cities, Indian Railways has opened an 'Oxygen Parlour' at Nashik railway station in Maharashtra. The initiative seeks to provide an experience of breathing clean air to the commuters.
37. (c) Haryana government has introduced "Run Through Files" (RTF) mechanism to ensure that important government matters don't get delayed owing to conflicting hierarchical and departmental priorities.
38. (b) Budapest convention, also known as the Convention on Cybercrime, it is the first international treaty seeking to address Internet and computer crime by harmonizing national laws, improving investigative techniques, and increasing cooperation among nations.
39. (b) Kinzhal is a Russian nuclear-capable air-launched ballistic missile that entered Russian air force last year. The missile flies 10 times faster than the speed of sound, has a range of more than 2,000 kilometers (1,250 miles) and can carry a nuclear or a conventional warhead.
40. (c) Researchers from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research- National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL) have developed an ink that may help in combating the problem of counterfeiting of currency notes, fake printing of passports and pharmaceuticals.
41. (b) The 11th edition of DefExpo India- 2020 is scheduled to be held for 1st time in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The biennial Expo will be a 4-day event, beginning from 5 to 8 February 2020.
42. (a) The Union Finance Minister has launched eBkay, a common e-auction platform for online auction of assets attached by banks. The step has been taken for transparent and clean online auction by banks of an attached asset, for the improved realisation of value.
43. (d) In order to better understand how water is contained in each winter's snowfall and how much will be available when it melts in the spring, NASA has launched a seasonal campaign called SnowEx.
44. (d) The migratory insect - locust has swarmed the northern parts of Gujarat, causing significant damage to agriculture.
45. (a) The Uighurs are recognized as native to the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China.
46. (b) The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is an international organization of 53 Muslim-majority countries. Its Headquarters is in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Pakistan is a founding member of the organisation.

47. (a) According to a recent RBI report, the gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio of banks may increase to 9.9 percent by September 2020 from 9.3 percent in September 2019.
48. (a) Actor Amitabh Bachchan has been awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2018 by President Ram Nath Kovind.
49. (b) The United Nations (UN) has declared Pakistani education activist and Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai as “the most famous teenager in the world” in this Decade.
50. (c) Anoop Mishra has been awarded with the Army Design Bureau (ADB) excellence award for indigenously developing Sarvatra bulletproof jacket that can provide protection against various ammunitions including that of sniper rifles.
51. (a) US astronaut Christina Koch sets the record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman when she reached, and crossed, 289 days in her current mission at the International Space Station (ISS).
52. (b) Retiring army chief General Bipin Rawat has been named as the country’s first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
53. (b) India and Russia to sign MoU on Ak-203 assault rifles in a month for procurement of 7.5 lakh AK-203 rifles.
54. (d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar will confer first Antarrastriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) to 30 media houses. AYDMS was instituted in June 2019 to mark media contribution in spreading the message of Yoga.
55. (c) India ranked 34th in Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index 2019. Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index is released by the World Economic Forum.
56. (a) The Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden and Aaranyak have jointly attained the successful hatching of a pair of Greater Adjutant chicks (Hargila).
57. (b) Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani unveiled the second tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the world at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
58. (b) The world Braille Day is being celebrated annually on 4th January across the world. The day is marked remembering the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille - for people with visual disabilities.
59. (c) Manipur has received the Krishi Karman Award for the best-performing state in Overall Food-grain Production Category-III (production less than 1 million ton) for the year 2017-18.
60. (b) The ‘107th Indian Science Congress’ (ISC), held from 3rd-7th January 2020 at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka.
61. Answer: Gaganyaan is the human space flight programme under which 3 Indian astronauts will go into space by 2022.
62. (a) General Bipin Rawat who is the new Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) will head it. The DMA will be the fifth department in the Defence Ministry.
63. (a) Gaganyaan is the human space flight programme under which 3 Indian astronauts will go into space by 2022. If successful, India will become the fourth nation to conduct a human space flight programme after USSR/Russia, USA and China.
64. (b) To drive the country’s war technologies of the future under the Defence Research & Development Organisation, five defence laboratories led by under-35 directors and young military scientists were formally launched by Government.
65. (b) Mizoram govt to organise ‘Zo Kutpui’ globally to unify Mizo tribes. The event aims at re-unifying and strengthening

brotherhood among different tribes of Mizo.

66. (a) Recently, the 80th session of the Indian History Congress (IHC) was held at Kannur, Kerala.
67. (c) Kerala has become the first state in India to pass a resolution demanding rollback of the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019.
68. (b) India's world-class facility for training astronauts will be developed at a shrubby, arid oilseeds town in Karnataka; will be the single-stop consolidating infrastructure and activities related to space travellers.
69. (c) As of November, 2019, there are five Indian cities in UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) as follows: Jaipur-Crafts and Folk Arts; Varanasi-Creative city of Music; Chennai-Creative city of Music; Mumbai – Film; Hyderabad – Gastronomy.
70. (a) The government of Hanoi recently held a ceremony to formally announce that the Vietnamese capital city is joining the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN).
71. (c) Pune is set to host the fifth edition of the Asia-Pacific Drosophila Research Conference which is being organised in the country for the first time by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER).
72. (d) Delhi gets its first Smog Tower to tackle pollution. Smog towers are structures designed to work as large-scale air purifiers.
73. (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a mobile app called Mobile Aided Note Identifier (MANI) to help visually challenged people to identify denomination of currency.
74. (b) The Maharashtra government has launched a 'cyber safe women' campaign across the state, on the birth anniversary of Indian social reformer, Savitribai Phule.
75. (a) The ability to see without eyes is known as extraocular vision. The red brittle star, which lives in the coral reefs of the Caribbean Sea, becomes only the second creature, after a sea urchin species, known to have this ability.
76. (a) Recently, the Supreme Court of India held that the Government has no right to transfer "invaluable" community resources like village water ponds to powerful people and industrialists for commercialisation of the property.
77. (a) The dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka over Belgaum and other border areas is a longstanding issue between the two states.
78. (b) The U.S. killed Iranian Major General Qassem Soleimani, head of the elite Quds Force, in an air strike near Baghdad airport.
79. (a) Gurdwara Janam Asthan also referred to as Gurdwara Nankana Sahib is built at the birthplace of Guru Nanak Dev. The shrine is located near Lahore, Pakistan.
80. (c) Recently, the U.S. chose to spike the Appellate Body by resorting to starving funds for its functioning as well as blocking the selection process for filling six vacancies. Consequently, the Appellate Body is left with only one member, who will not be able to deliver any rulings on the pending trade disputes as a minimum of three members are required to adjudicate any dispute.
81. (a) The editor-in-chief of 'Jagran' Sanjay Gupta will be honoured with the 'Lokmanya Tilak National Journalism Award' 2020.
82. (d) The 18-year-old Telangana, Malavath Poorna has become the first and youngest tribal woman in the world to set foot on the six tallest mountain peaks across six continents.
83. (d) Social activist and former Rajya Sabha member from Odisha, Alajangi Viswanath Swamy passed away. Swamy had played

an active role in social reformer Vinoba Bhave's Bhoodan Movement.

84. (?) Dubai-based Indian girl, who can sing in 120 languages, has won in the 'Global Child Prodigy Awards 2020'. The 13-year-old Sucheta Satish, known as the Dubai Indian High School's nightingale, won in the singing category.
85. (d) General Qassem Soleimani was the long-serving head of Iranian elite force 'Quds'.
86. (c) The Second National GST Conference of the Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners of Central Tax was held in New Delhi. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Revenue Secretary Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey.
87. (a) Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th January every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India.
88. (b) The Government has approved the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of Rs 5,559 crore to build Natural Gas Pipeline Grid covering 8 North Eastern states.
89. (a) State Bank of India has announced 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' (RBBG) scheme. The scheme aims at giving a push to residential sales and improves home buyers' confidence.
90. (b) World Hindi Day is celebrated on the 10th of January every year to promote the use of Hindi language abroad. The First World Hindi Conference was organized on this day in 1975 in Nagpur to promote the language worldwide.
91. (c) Visakhapatnam will host the International Naval event 'MILAN' in March 2020. It is a multilateral naval exercise hosted by Indian Navy, aimed to enhance professional interaction between friendly foreign navies and learn from each other's strengths and best practices in the maritime domain.
92. (c) The International Energy Agency (IEA) in partnership with NITI Aayog has released its India Report 2020. The IEA report highlights the achievements of India's energy policies and provides measures to achieve well-functioning energy markets.
93. (b) The Union Home Minister has inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and also dedicated the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to the nation.
94. (b) Ministry of Power and New & Renewable Energy has released the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019. The index is developed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in association with Alliance for an Energy-Efficient Economy (AEEE).
95. (b) The naval version of the indigenously-built Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) successfully landed on the "ski-jump" deck of the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. It has been DRDO.
96. (d) Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has unveiled the Mission Purvodaya in Kolkata, to develop the eastern region into an integrated steel hub.
97. (b) The 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 has been inaugurated on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda at in Lucknow. The National Youth Festival 2020 is jointly organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.
98. (c) World Future Energy Summit is the Middle East's largest future energy and sustainability event. The WFE Summit is held annually at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.
99. (c) India's flagship global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics Raisina Dialogue will begin from 14th Jan 2020 in New Delhi. The Dialogue is being jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation.

- 100. (a)** The Union Home Minister has inaugurated various projects including VISWAS and AASHVAST in Gandhinagar, Gujarat for preventing crimes in the state.
- 101. (c)** The 72nd Army Day is being celebrated across the country on 15th January 2020. It is celebrated every year to commemorate the day when General KM Cariappa took over the command of the Army and became the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army after Independence.
- 102. (d)** The Annual Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin' is to be held between Japan Coast Guard and the Indian Coast Guard off Chennai on 16th January 2020.
- 103. (c)** GSAT-30 satellite is scheduled to be launched from French Guiana, France on 17th January 2020.
- 104. (c)** The eight States of the Northern Eastern Region will participate in a big way during the Madhavpur Mela of Gujarat due to be held in the first week of April 2020.
- 105. (d)** The Union Home Minister has inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C). This state-of-the-art Centre is located in New Delhi.
- 106. (a)** CoronaVirus are newly discovered species of virus which can cause severe respiratory and intestinal diseases. Apart from human beings, they can affect mammals and some birds.
- 107. (c)** This is the sixth joint naval exercise between China and Pakistan, but it is the first time that the exercise was named "sea Sea guardiansGuardians".
- 108. (c)** Green Credit Scheme allows agencies to identify land and begin growing plantations. After three years, they would be eligible to be considered as compensatory forest land. This allows "forests" to be traded as a commodity and the Forest Department to outsource one of its responsibilities of reforestation to non-government agencies.
- 109. (c)** Goldilocks zone is the area around a star where it is not too hot and not too cold for liquid water to exist on the surface of surrounding planets. Recently, NASA's planet-hunter satellite TESS has discovered an Earth-sized planet named TOI 700 d within the habitable range of its star.
- 110. (c)** Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD) will help in analyzing the causes of road crashes as well as devising safety interventions to reduce such accidents in the country. It has been developed by the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M).
- 111. (d)** Starlink is a satellite constellation being constructed by American company SpaceX to provide global satellite Internet access.
- 112. (c)** The New York Times recently reported that the "near-extinct" Nepalese language Seke has just 700 speakers around the world.
- 113. (a)** H9N2 viruses have been observed in poultry in India several times. However, this is the first identification of the clinical human cases of H9N2 virus infection.
- 114. (c)** In India, CPI (combined) is being used as the new standard for measuring inflation since 2014.
- 115. (d)** In January 2020, outrage has been witnessed over the deaths of babies in J K Lon Hospital in Kota, Rajasthan, and in the civil hospital in Rajkot, Gujarat.
- 116. (a)** Australia's devastating fire season that began in August 2019 continues unabated and caused large scale destruction particularly in New South Wales and Queensland region. Nearly 12 million acres burned by the fires.
- 117. (b)** The BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) has announced that India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah will receive the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award. The award is given to Jasprit Bumrah for his super performance in international cricket in the 2018-19 season.

- 118. (b)** Michael Debabrata Patra has been appointed as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- 119. A(a)** Noted sufi singer Idu Sharif, known for his Dhadi folk singing passed away due to paralysis. The Sangeet Natak Akademi award winner was from Patiala's Laloda.
- 120. (a)** Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) leader Pedro Sánchez was sworn in as the country's prime minister after his proposed coalition with a left-wing party narrowly slipped through a vote in Parliament.
- 121. (a)** Qaboos bin Said Al Said, the King of Oman passed away. Sultan Qaboos bin was the Sultan of Oman from 1970 until his death.
- 122. (d)** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas inaugurated fuel conservation mega campaign – "Saksham" of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) in New Delhi.
- 123. (b)** Indian Railways organised the Renewable Energy Investors' Meet in New Delhi to disseminate information about the opportunities available under renewable energy in Indian Railways.
- 124. (a)** The Government of India, the Government of Assam and the World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$88 million. The loan agreement has been signed for the implementation of Assam Inland Water Transport Project to help modernize Assam's passenger ferry sector that runs on its rivers including the mighty Brahmaputra.
- 125. (b)** Union government has signed a Concession Agreement for completing the 6.5-kilometre long Z-Morh tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir. The project includes construction, operation and maintenance of the tunnel with approaches on NH-1 at Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri Road.
- 126. (a)** Devaragunda Venkappa Sadananda Gowda is the present Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers in the Government of India.
- 127. (b)** Union Minister for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the ELECRAMA 2020 in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- 128. (c)** Deepika Padukone was awarded the Crystal Award 2020 during the 50th World Economic Forum 2020. She was honoured with the award for her leadership in raising awareness about mental health illness.
- 129. (a)** The 50th World Economic Forum (WEF) held in Davos, Switzerland in January 2020.
- 130. (d)** The K-4 ballistic missile is a 3,500 kilometre range nuclear capable missile that can be launched from a submarine.
- 131. (b)** The first ever Exposure-cum-Training Tour on Organic Farming outside the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh (from Ladakh to Uttarakhand) is flagged off. The week-long tour of 25 progressive farmers is done under Mission Organic Development Initiative (MODI) programme.
- 132. (c)** Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated the second edition of NIC Tech Conclave-2020 in New Delhi.
- 133. (d)** The Indian Air Force (IAF) has inducted its first squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft carrying the BrahMos missiles.
- 134. (a)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepali counterpart K P Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the second Integrated Check Post, ICP at Jogbani-Biratnagar through video conferencing.
- 135. (b)** India opened its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre (MGICC) in Niger. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou jointly inaugurated the first convention centre in Africa.
- 136. (a)** Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) is the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Central and State governments.

- 137. (c)** Uttar Pradesh Government has launched Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana. The scheme will provide financial assistance to the family of farmers who die or become handicapped while working in fields.
- 138. (b)** Sikhs in the US will be counted as a separate ethnic group in the 2020 census for the first time.
- 139. (b)** Housing ministry has launched an e-commerce platform to facilitate homebuyers in identifying genuine properties. The portal 'HousingForAll. Com' will help buyers in accessing best priced inventory by builders for a limited time.
- 140. (b)** About Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) was introduced in 2016, as part of HELP (Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy) to enable a faster survey of the available geographical area having potential for oil and gas discovery.
- 141. (c)** National Informatics Centre (NIC) has set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Blockchain Technology in Bengaluru, which will provide Blockchain as a service and allow stakeholders to benefit from shared learning, experiences and resources.
- 142. (b)** Harmonised System or simply 'HS' is a six-digit identification code. This system has been introduced for the systematic classification of goods all over the world.
- 143. (d)** Union Government signed an agreement in January 2020 to permanently settle the Bru-Reang refugees in Tripura.
- 144. (c)** In January 2020, outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (nCoV) has reported 41 confirmed cases including one death from Wuhan, China.
- 145. (a)** Kerala has become the first state to challenge the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) before the Supreme Court under Article 131 of the Constitution.
- 146. (c)** The Bureau of Research on Industry and Economic Fundamentals (BRIEF) has released a report highlighting the impact of trade shutdown between India and Pakistan on people across borders.
- 147. (d)** Senior Indian Advocate Harish Salve has been appointed as the Queen's Counsel (QC) for the courts of England and Wales. He is known for representing India before the International Court of Justice in the Kulbhushan Jadhav extradition case.
- 148. (c)** Indian Army's Southern Command Chief, Lt Gen SK Saini will be the force's new vice chief. The post fell vacant after Lt Gen MM Naravane was elevated to the post of Chief of Army Staff.
- 149. (a)** Eminent Sindhi poet and writer Vasdev Mohi has been selected for the 29th Saraswati Samman, a literary recognition given annually by the KK Birla Foundation.
- 150. (a)** Eminent Indian classical singer Sunanda Patnaik ("Guguma"), renowned identity in Odia music world, passed away. She was the daughter of legendary Odia poet Baikunthanath Patnaik.
- 151. (c)** Oleksiy Honcharuk has been the Prime Minister of Ukraine since August 2019 becoming the youngest-ever head of government at the age of 35.
- 152. (b)** The Election Commission of India (ESI) hosted the 10th annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) at New Delhi.
- 153. (c)** The Government of India has announced the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2020. The award is announced every year on the 23rd of January on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- 154. (c)** The National Girl Child Day is being celebrated in India every year on the 24th of January. It was first initiated in the year 2008, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

- 155. (b)** The 10th National Voters' Day has been celebrated across the country on 25th January 2020. The theme of this year National Voters' Day is 'Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy'.
- 156. (c)** The Government of India celebrates 25th January as the National Tourism Day every year to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy.
- 157. (d)** The Government of India, the Government of Maharashtra and the World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$210 million to support smallholder farmers in Maharashtra. The project will be implemented in all 36 districts of Maharashtra.
- 158. (c)** The annual event Bharat Parv 2020 has been organised at Red Fort Ground in New Delhi. The theme of this year's Bharat Parv is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and 'Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi'.
- 159. (b)** Maharashtra government launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day. The scheme is aimed at providing a meal to the poor for just Rs 10.
- 160. (c)** Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) said that India's first underwater metro train service is expected to be completed by March 2022. The project is being constructed below the Hooghly River.
- 161. (c)** Prime Minister Modi addressed the 3rd Global Potato Conclave at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- 162. (d)** Ramsar has declared 10 more wetland sites from India as sites of international importance. With this recognition, the number of Ramsar sites in India are is now 37.
- 163. (b)** Indian Railways has commissioned the country's first government Waste to Energy Plant in Mancheswar Carriage Repair Workshop at Bhubaneswar in East Coast Railway.
- 164. (b)** In July 2019, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has launched Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme to set up 25,750 megawatts (MW) solar capacity by 2022 to power irrigation pumps.
- 165. (a)** World Sustainable Development Summit 2020 is being held in New Delhi. The theme of the WSDS 2020 is "Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count".
- 166. (b)** The 2020 Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) report compiled by INSEAD in collaboration with human resource firm Addeco and Google. India has climbed eight places to 72nd rank in the 2020 GTCI.
- 167. (d)** Corruption Perceptions Index is prepared by Berlin based NGO Transparency International. India's ranking in CPI-2019 has slipped from 78 to 80 compared to the year 2018.
- 168. (d)** Recently, the Indian Navy has launched the 'Operation Vanilla' to assist the population of Madagascar affected by Cyclone Diane.
- 169. (d)** Kerala Tourism's Barrier-Free Tourism Project has won global recognition with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) making a special mention of the south Indian state as an "Emerging Global Destination" in the Accessible Destination Awards 2019.
- 170. (a)** ISRO will send 'Vyom mitra', a 'lady robot' in the unmanned Gaganyaan spacecraft. The Robot will be sent before astronauts on India's first manned mission to space in December 2021.