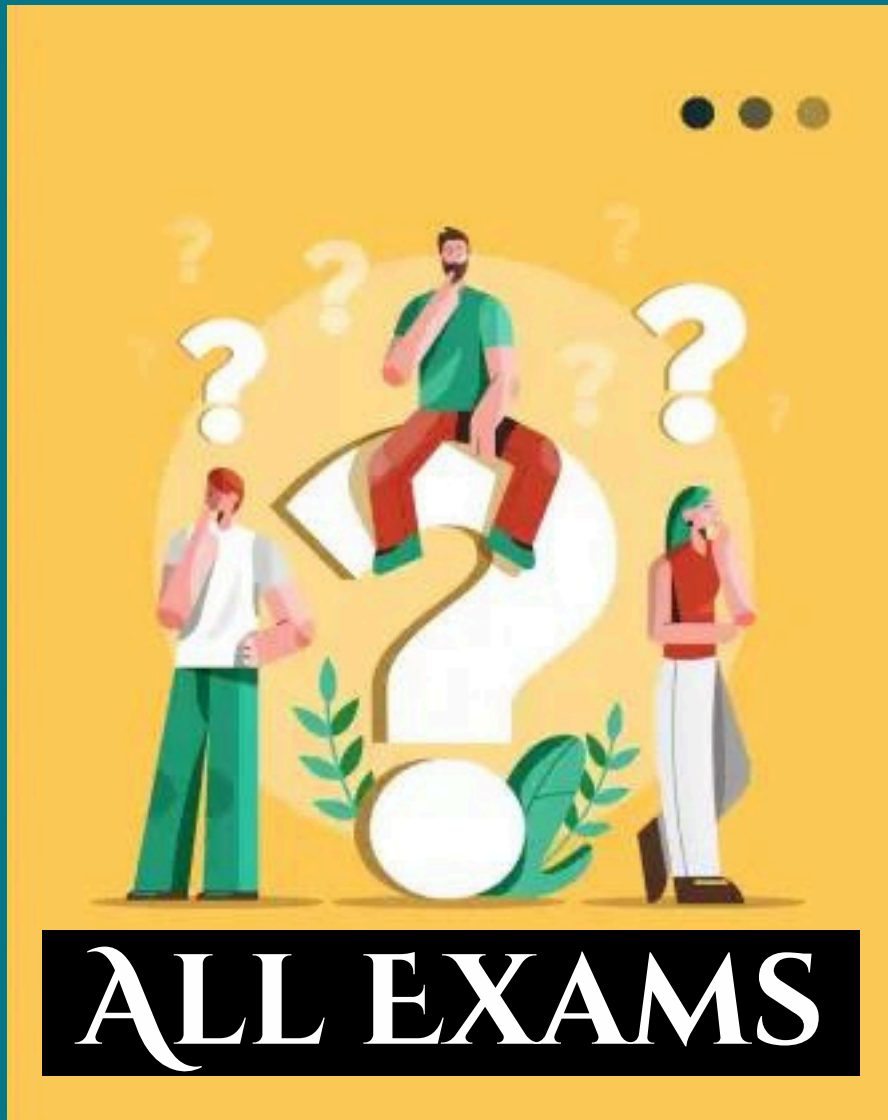


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Q.1

The extensive territorial claim by China in the South China Sea is known as the:

1. Ten-Dash Line
2. Nine-Dash Line
3. Eight-Dash Line
4. Seven-Dash Line

Answer:

B

Sol:

South China Sea:

- **Location:** The South China Sea is a **marginal sea of the Western Pacific Ocean**, bordered by **China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, and Vietnam**.
- **Trade Routes:** It is one of the **world's busiest sea lanes**, with over **one-third of global maritime trade passing through it**, including vital oil and gas shipments.
- **Territorial Disputes:** • **Claimants:** The **South China Sea is subject to overlapping territorial claims** by China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, and Taiwan.
- **Nine-Dash Line:** China's extensive claim marked by the "nine-dash line," which covers most of the South China Sea.

- **Key Areas:** Disputed regions include the **Spratly Islands, Paracel Islands, Scarborough Shoal, and the Second Thomas Shoal**.

Q.2

The South China Sea is bordered by which of the following countries?

1. China, India, Japan, South Korea
2. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, China
3. Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Russia
4. China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia

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Which body or entities in India levy user fees or SWM cess as per the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016?

1. Central Government
2. State Governments
3. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)

4. Public Sector Undertakings (PSU)

Answer:

C

Sol:

• The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP) proposes a **Solid Waste Management (SWM) Cess of ₹100 per month per household.**

Key points:

• **Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)** in India **levy user fees or SWM cess** as per the provisions of **Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.**

• SWM cess is usually **collected along with property tax.**

About Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016:

• **Objective:** • To ensure proper collection, segregation, transportation, and disposal of solid waste.

• **Promote recycling** and reduce the environmental impact of waste.

• **Key Provisions:** • Segregation at Source

• Collection and Disposal

• Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

• User Fees

• Waste Processing and Treatment

• Prohibition on Burning

Q.4

Which of the following is a key provision of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016?

1. Segregation at source
2. Free waste collection service for all households
3. Ban on the use of plastic bags
4. Mandatory composting by all households

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A

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Q.5

According to the Indian Constitution, which articles deal with the Council of Ministers?

1. Article 72 and Article 73
2. Article 74 and Article 75
3. Article 76 and Article 77
4. Article 78 and Article 79

Answer:

B

Sol:

COM:

- The **Council of Ministers (COM)** in India is a **body of ministers** that includes the **Prime Minister and other appointed ministers**.
- It is **responsible for the executive functions of the government**.
- **Formation:** The Council of Ministers is **formed by the President of India on the advice of the Prime Minister**.
- **Constitutional Provision: Article 74 and Article 75** of the Indian Constitution deal with the Council of Ministers.
- **Article 74** states that there shall be a **Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister to aid and advise the President**.
- **Types of Ministers:**
 - **Cabinet Ministers:** Senior ministers in charge of major ministries.
 - **Ministers of State (Independent Charge):** Ministers who manage specific portfolios independently without a cabinet minister.
 - **Ministers of State:** Junior ministers who assist cabinet ministers in their portfolios.

Q.6

Who is responsible for forming the Council of Ministers in India?

1. The Prime Minister only
2. The Lok Sabha
3. The President of India
4. The Vice President of India

Answer:

C

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Q.7

When was the NCERT established?

1. 1947
2. 1952
3. 1957
4. 1961

Answer:

D

Sol:

NCERT:

- **Establishment:** NCERT was established in 1961 by the Government of India.
- **Objective:** The primary aim of NCERT is to assist and advise the central and state governments on academic matters related to school education.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi.
- **Key Initiatives:**
 - **National Curriculum Framework (NCF):** Guides the development of syllabi and textbooks.
 - **National Talent Search Examination (NTSE):** Identifies and nurtures talented students.
 - **All India School Education Survey (AISES):** Provides comprehensive data on school education in India.
 - **NCERT Online Textbooks:** Offers free access to NCERT textbooks online.

Q.8

What is the primary aim of NCERT?

1. To conduct university entrance exams
2. To manage higher education institutions
3. To assist and advise the central and state governments on academic matters related to school education
4. To organize cultural festivals

Answer:

C

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Q.9

What is Prerna Sthal?

1. A newly inaugurated area within the Parliament House Complex in India
2. A memorial dedicated to Subhash Chandra Bose
3. A museum showcasing war heroes of the Revolt of 1857
4. A memorial dedicated to Bhagat Singh

Answer:

A

Sol:

Prerna Sthal:

- 'Prerna Sthal' is a newly inaugurated area within the Parliament House Complex in India.
- It serves as a place of inspiration, housing statues of eminent leaders and freedom fighters who played pivotal roles in India's history, cultural renaissance, and the struggle for independence.
- The initiative aims to bring together statues that were previously scattered across the Parliament premises to a single dedicated

space.

• The **statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar** were situated in prominent locations and of **other major leaders**.

Q.10

What roles did the figures honored in Prerna Sthal play in India's history?

1. They were all former Prime Ministers of India
2. They were key players in India's history, cultural renaissance, and the struggle for independence
3. They were renowned scientists and inventors
4. They were famous artists and musicians

Answer:

B

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Q.11

Where is the legendary 'Wagh Nakh' of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj set to be prominently displayed?

1. Pune Museum
2. Mumbai Museum
3. Satara Museum
4. Raigad Museum

Answer:

C

Sol:

• The legendary '**Wagh Nakh**' or **tiger claw dagger of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** is set to be prominently displayed in a new gallery at the **Satara museum**.

About Wagh Nakh:

• Wagh Nakh, meaning "tiger's claw" in Marathi, is a **weapon designed to fit over the knuckles or be held in the palm**, with blades resembling the claws of a tiger.

• **Historical Significance:** • **Maratha Empire:** Famously **used by** the Maratha warrior king, **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, in the **assassination of Afzal Khan in 1659**.

• **Symbol of Valor:** Represents the bravery and martial prowess of the Maratha warriors.

Q.12

What is another name for Swine Flu?

1. H3N2 flu
2. H1N1 flu
3. H5N1 flu
4. H2N2 flu

Answer:

B

Sol:

Swine Flu:

- Swine Flu, also known as **H1N1 flu**, is a **respiratory disease** caused by the **influenza A virus that primarily affects pigs** but can be transmitted to humans.
- **Transmission:**
 - **Animal to Human:** Through contact with infected pigs or environments contaminated with the virus.
 - **Human to Human:** Via respiratory droplets from coughs and sneezes, and by touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and then touching the face.

Q.13

In which year and where were EVMs first used on a trial basis?

1. 1982 in Tamil Nadu
2. 1982 in Maharashtra
3. 1982 in Kerala
4. 1982 in Delhi

Answer:

C

Sol:

EVM:

- Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) are **devices used to record votes in an electronic format** during elections.
- **Components:**
 - **Control Unit:** Managed by the

polling officer, it controls the polling process and stores voting data.

- **Ballot Unit:** Used by voters to cast their vote, connected to the control unit via a cable.

- **Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):** Optional component that provides a printed record of the vote cast for verification.

- **Development and Implementation:**
 - **Introduced:** First used in 1982 in Kerala on a trial basis.

- **Full Adoption:** Widely adopted in Indian elections since 1999.

- **Manufacturers:** Primarily produced by **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** and **Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL)**.

Q.14

In which city is Maharashtra's first conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) being held?

1. Mumbai
2. Pune
3. Ratnagiri
4. Kolhapur

Answer:

D

Sol:

- **Maharashtra's first conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** set by the **United Nations** is scheduled to be held in **Kolhapur** on June 25.

- The one-day conference **will see participation from various sectors** including **industrialists, developers, bar associations, doctors, teachers,**

and farmers' representatives.

• The conference aims to discuss and navigate the implementation of the UN's 17 SDGs.

Q.15

Which department was involved in the cleanup drive in the Sarsole mangrove forest?

1. Maharashtra Forest Department
2. Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation
3. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
4. Maharashtra Maritime Board

Answer:

A

Sol:

• In **Navi Mumbai**, a significant **cleanup drive** was organized in the **Sarsole mangrove forest** on **Nerul Palm Beach Road**.

Key points:

- This initiative was a **collaboration between the Maharashtra Forest Department, Environment Life Foundation, Beach Please, Mazi Vasundhara, and Vanashakti NGO**.
- The drive is part of ongoing efforts to **restore and preserve the 35-kilometre mangrove forest** along the **Navi Mumbai coastline**.

Q.1

Which organization recently launched the Nature Restoration Plan?

1. World Bank
2. United Nations Environment Programme
3. European Union

4. International Union for Conservation of Nature

Answer:

C

Sol:

• Recently, **European Union countries approved the Nature Restoration Plan**.

About Nature Restoration Plan:

- **Objective:** To enhance the protection and restoration of nature across the European Union.
- **Approval Date:** Final approval given on **June 17, 2024**.
- **Member States:** All **27 EU member countries**.
- **Key Features:**
 - Restoration of degraded ecosystems.
 - Improvement of biodiversity.
 - Sustainable management of natural resources.

• It includes **binding restoration targets for specific habitats and species**, covering at least **20% of the EU's land and sea areas by 2030**, and aims for all ecosystems in need of restoration by **2050**.

Q.2

By what year does the EU's Nature Restoration Plan aim for all ecosystems in need of restoration to be restored?

1. 2040
2. 2050
3. 2060
4. 2070

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Q.3

What commitment did the attendees of the Peace Summit hold in Switzerland reaffirm?

1. Dedication to international trade laws.
2. Dedication to environmental laws.
3. Dedication to economic development.
4. Dedication to international law and the UN Charter.

Answer:

D

Sol:

• **India** stated that **only proposals acceptable to both Russia and Ukraine can lead to peace.**

• **India chose to disassociate itself from the final document** issued on June 16 at the conclusion of

a Peace Summit in Switzerland.

About Peace Framework:

• **Commitment to International Law:** • Attendees reaffirmed **dedication to international law and the UN Charter.**

• Referenced UN General Assembly Resolutions **A/RES/ES-11/1** and **A/RES/ES-11/6.**

• **Nuclear Safety:** • **Ensuring safe operation of Ukraine's nuclear power plants**, including Zaporizhzhia.

• **Compliance with IAEA principles** under Ukraine's sovereign control.

• Any threat or use of nuclear weapons in the conflict is deemed unacceptable.

• **Global Food Security:** • Importance of **uninterrupted food production and supply.**

• Emphasis on **safe navigation and access to sea ports.**

• Attacks on merchant ships and port infrastructure are unacceptable.

• **Ukrainian agricultural products should be freely available** to other countries.

• **Humanitarian Issues:** • Call for the release of all prisoners of war through a complete exchange.

• Demand for the return of all unlawfully displaced Ukrainian children and civilians.

Q.4

What did the Joint Communique on a Peace Framework state about Ukrainian agricultural products?

1. They should be produced more efficiently.
2. They should be exported to only neighboring countries.
3. They should be freely available to other countries.
4. They should be stored for future use.

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Q.5

Which ministry is responsible for the Deep Sea Mission in India?

1. Ministry of Earth Sciences
2. Ministry of Science and Technology
3. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
4. Ministry of Water Resources

Answer:

A

Sol:

• **India** is set to become the **6th country to launch its own Deep Sea Mission.**

• The **first stage of the harbor trial,** reaching depths of **40-50 meters,** is planned for September 2024.

About Deep Sea Mission:

• **Ministry:** Ministry of Earth Sciences.

• **Objective:** To **explore and harness deep-sea resources** for sustainable use.

• **Key Areas of Focus:** • **Development of Manned Submersible:** To explore depths up to **6,000 meters.**

• **Development of Technologies for Deep Sea Mining:** Mining of polymetallic nodules from the central Indian Ocean.

• **Development of Ocean Climate Change Advisory Services:** Providing services related to ocean climate.

• **Development of Marine Biodiversity:** Studies and conservation of deep-sea biodiversity.

• **Development of Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration:** Mapping and exploring deep-sea resources.

• **Energy and Freshwater from the Ocean:** Developing technologies to harness ocean resources for energy and freshwater.

• **Components:** • **MATSYA 6000:** Manned submersible capable of reaching depths of 6,000

meters.

- **Robotics and Artificial Intelligence:** Utilized for deep-sea exploration.
- **Ocean Climate Change Advisory Services:** Enhancing the understanding of the impact of climate change on the ocean.

Q.6

Which technology is included in the Deep Sea Mission for deep-sea exploration?

1. MATSYA 6000
2. Deep sea exercise 5000
3. MATSYA 5000
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Q.7

What is the aim of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7?

1. Ensure access to clean water for all
2. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
3. Ensure access to quality education for all
4. Ensure access to health services for all

Answer:

B

Sol:

• The recently released **SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024** reveals that the **world is still off track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7** for energy by 2030.

About SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024:

- **Aim of SDG 7:** Ensure access to affordable,

reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

- **Custodian Agencies:** • International Energy Agency (IEA)
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- World Bank
- World Health Organization (WHO)

• **Report Summary:** • **Tracks progress on energy access, energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean cooking,** and international cooperation to advance SDG 7.

• **Key Findings:** • **Number of people without access to electricity increased** for the first time in over a decade.

• In 2022, 685 million people lacked electricity, 10 million more than in 2021.

• **Population growth in Sub-Saharan Africa outpaced new electricity connections.**

Q.8

According to the 2024 report, how many people lacked access to electricity in 2022?

1. 500 million
2. 750 million
3. 685 million
4. 1 billion

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C

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Q.9

Where was Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted?

1. Edwards Air Force Base, California
2. Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
3. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
4. Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Answer:

D

Sol:

• An **Indian Air Force (IAF)** contingent participated in the **Exercise Red Flag 2024** conducted at **Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska** of

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the **United States Air Force**, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24

About Exercise Red Flag 2024:

- **Event:** **Second edition** of Ex Red Flag 2024, an advanced aerial combat training exercise.
- **Frequency:** **Held four times a year** by the **US Air Force**.
- **Participants:** • Indian Air Force (IAF)
• Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF)
• Royal Air Force (RAF) of the United Kingdom
• Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAF)
• German Luftwaffe
• US Air Force (USAF)
- **Exercise Structure:** • **Red Force:** Simulating Air Defence, primarily with USAF Aggressor Squadron's F-16 and F-15 aircraft.
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Q.10

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2. The Russian Air Force
3. The US Air Force
4. The Chinese Air Force

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Q.11

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1. Mumbai Public School L K Waghji International
2. Parle Tilak Vidyalaya
3. Balmohan Vidyalaya
4. Sharada Vidyalaya

Answer:

A

Sol:

- 5 Indian schools on shortlist for World's Best School Prizes 2024.
- **Mumbai Public School L K Waghji International (IGCSE)**, a state kindergarten and primary school in Maharashtra, has been **recognized for "Supporting Healthy Lives"** due to its efforts to

promote healthy lifestyles among students by eliminating junk food.

Key points:

- The school empowers students from disadvantaged backgrounds through education and sports.
- It has been recognized in the Top 10 shortlist for the World's Best School Prize for "Community Collaboration."

About World's Best School Prizes 2024:

- **Event:** World's Best School Prizes 2024
- **Organized by:** T4 Education, UK
- **Purpose:** To celebrate schools worldwide for their contributions to society's progress, especially in the wake of COVID-19.
- **Prize Fund:** USD 50,000 shared among the winners of five categories.
- **Indian Schools in Top 10 Shortlists:** • Mumbai Public School L K Waghji International (IGCSE), Mumbai (Maharashtra) • Category: Supporting Healthy Lives

Q.12

Who built the current structure of the Trimbakeshwar temple?

1. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
2. Bajirao I
3. Balaji Bajirao (Nana Saheb)
4. Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj

Answer:

C

Sol:

Trimbakeshwar temple:

- **Location:** Trimbak, Nashik District, Maharashtra.

• **Deity:** Lord Shiva.

• **Significance:** One of the twelve Jyotirlingas in India, which are considered to be the most sacred abodes of Lord Shiva.

• **Architecture:** The temple is built in the Nagara style of architecture and features black stone construction with intricate carvings.

• **Historical Background:** The current temple structure was built by the third Peshwa Balaji Bajirao (also known as Nana Saheb) in the 18th century.

• **Kund (Sacred Pond):** Kushavarta Kund, a holy pond in the temple complex, is considered the source of the Godavari River.

• **Pilgrimage:** It is a prominent pilgrimage site, especially during the Kumbh Mela, which occurs every 12 years.

Q.13

By what percentage has the annual premium for Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Abhiyan (MJPJAY) increased?

1. 30%
2. 40%
3. 50%
4. 60%

Answer:

D

Sol:

• The Maharashtra government is launching a health scheme in July, which will come with a 60% increase in premiums.

• The annual premium for the state's revamped flagship health scheme, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Abhiyan (MJPJAY), has surged by 60% to over Rs 3,000 crore.

About MJPJAY:

- MJPJAY is a **health insurance scheme** launched by the **Government of Maharashtra**.
- It aims to provide **quality medical care** to **economically weaker sections** of society.
- **Objective:** • To improve access to **healthcare services** for low-income families.
- To reduce **out-of-pocket expenses** for healthcare.
- **Eligibility:** • Residents of Maharashtra who possess an **Antyodaya card, Annapurna card, yellow ration card, or orange ration card**.
- **All farmers in 14 agriculturally distressed districts** of the state.
- **White ration cardholders** are eligible for coverage under specific conditions.

Q.14

Who constitutes the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) in each district?

1. The Central Government
2. The State Government
3. The Supreme Court
4. The District Magistrate

Answer:

B

Sol:

- **Two members** of the **Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)** have **received notices** for **improper conduct** in relation to a **Porsche case**.

About JJB:

- **Establishment:** • Formed under the **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015**.

- **Constituted in each district** by the state government.

- **Composition:** • Consists of a **Metropolitan Magistrate** or a **Judicial Magistrate** of First Class.

- **Two social workers**, at least **one of whom** should be a woman.

- **Functions:** • **Deals with children in conflict with the law**.

- Conducts inquiry and passes orders for rehabilitation and reintegration.

- **Ensures the legal rights of juveniles** are protected.

- **Jurisdiction:** • Handles cases of juveniles alleged to have committed a crime.

- Excludes **cases involving heinous offences by juveniles aged 16-18**, which can be transferred to Children's Court.

Q.15

Which two major locations does the Shaktipeeth Expressway connect?

1. Mumbai and Kolhapur
2. Nashik and Tuljapur
3. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
4. Nagpur and Goa

Answer:

D

Sol:

Shaktipeeth Expressway:

- **Name:** Shaktipeeth Expressway, also known as **Nagpur–Goa Expressway**.

- **Length:** Approximately 760 km.
- **Lanes:** Six-lane access-controlled expressway.
- **Connectivity:** Connects Nagpur in Maharashtra to Goa.
- **Passes Through:** 12 districts of Maharashtra and one district of Goa.
- **Shaktipeeths on Route:** Mahalaxmi, Tuljabhavani, and Patradevi.
- **Significance:** Aims to revolutionize travel and connectivity between Nagpur and Goa, fostering development in Vidarbha, Marathwada, and Konkan regions.

Q.1

Which country will host its first multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti in August 2024.

1. India
2. Sri Lanka
3. The US
4. France

Answer:

A

Sol:

Tarang Shakti-2024:

- **Objective:** • Foster professional interactions, enrich the employment philosophy of the participating forces, and facilitate the exchange of valuable insights.
- Enhance tactical and operational capabilities through collaboration.
- **Schedule:** • Phase 1: Southern India, first two weeks of August.
- Phase 2: Western sector, end of August to mid-September.

- **Participating Countries:** • Australia
- France
- Germany (deploying fighter jets and an A-400M transport aircraft)
- Japan
- Spain
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States

Q.2

Which of the following is not a participating country in Tarang Shakti-2024?

1. Japan
2. Spain
3. Canada
4. United Arab Emirates

Answer:

C

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Q.3

What is the primary objective of the PM-KISAN scheme?

1. To provide employment opportunities in agriculture sector
2. To improve agri-infrastructure in rural areas
3. To provide income support to all landholding farmers' families
4. To promote organic farming

Answer:

C

Sol:

PM-KISAN:

- Launch Date: February 24, 2019
- Objective: To provide income support to all landholding farmers' families to supplement their financial needs for procuring various inputs related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs.
- Target Beneficiaries: Small and marginal farmers
- Financial Assistance: ₹6,000 per year per family
- Installments: Paid in three equal installments of ₹2,000 each
- Payment Mode: Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to

the bank accounts of the beneficiaries

- Implementation: • Managed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

- State governments and UT administrations are responsible for the identification of beneficiary farmer families.

Q.4

How much financial assistance is provided under the PM-KISAN scheme per year per family?

1. ₹5,000
2. ₹6,000
3. ₹10,000
4. ₹12,000

Answer:

B

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Q.5

Which organization has signed an MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs to offer an additional digital payment service through the eMigrate portal?

1. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
2. HDFC Bank
3. ICICI Bank
4. State Bank of India (SBI)

Answer:

D

Sol:

• The Ministry of External Affairs and the State Bank of India (SBI) have signed an MoU to offer an additional digital payment service through SBI's payment gateway, SBlePay, for users of the eMigrate portal.

About eMigrate portal:

- Launch Year: 2014
- Objective: To make the emigration process online and transparent for Indian workers heading to countries where emigration checks are required.
- Key Features: • Online Portal: Connects foreign employers, registered recruiting agents, and insurance companies issuing the Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojna.
- Seamless Migration: Facilitates seamless, safe, and legal migration.
- Voluntary Registration: Mechanism for voluntary registration of emigrants holding ECNR (Emigration Check Not Required) category

passports for overseas employment.

• Integration with Passport Seva Project: Validates passport details of ECR (Emigration Clearance Required) category workers, helping to detect fake passport cases and correct data entry errors at the registration stage.

• Oversight: The Overseas Employment (OE) and Protector General of Emigrants (PGE) division of the Ministry of External Affairs is responsible for overseeing the emigration of Indian workers with ECR category passports.

Q.6

What is the primary objective of the eMigrate portal?

1. To enhance foreign trade policies
2. To make the emigration process online and transparent for Indian workers heading to countries where emigration checks are required
3. To promote tourism in India
4. To facilitate digital payments for domestic transactions

Answer:

B

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Q.7

Under which mission does the GREAT scheme operate?

1. National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM)
2. National Startup Mission
3. National Innovation Mission
4. National Textiles Development Mission

Answer:

A

Sol:

• The Empowered Programme Committee (EPC)

of the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) has recently approved 7 startup proposals under the GREAT scheme.

About GREAT scheme:

• Objective: Encourages young innovators, scientists/technologists, and startup ventures in Technical Textiles to translate their ideas into commercial technologies/products and make India self-reliant.

• Support: • Individual entrepreneurs

• Start-ups

• Purpose: • Development of functional prototypes

• Commercialization of technologies in Technical Textiles

• Funding: • Grant-in-aid of up to Rs 50 lakh

• Funding period: Up to 18 months

Q.8

How much grant-in-aid can be provided under the GREAT scheme?

1. Up to Rs 10 lakh
2. Up to Rs 25 lakh
3. Up to Rs 50 lakh
4. Up to Rs 1 crore

Answer:

C

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Q.9

Where did the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX) 2024 held?

1. Tokyo
2. Aundh
3. Kutch
4. Yokosuka

Answer:

D

Sol:

- Japan-India Maritime Exercise Commences At Yokosuka.
- About Jimex 24:
- Edition: Eighth edition since its inception in 2012.
- Phases: Includes both harbour and sea phases.
- Harbour Phase: Comprises professional, sports, and social interactions.
- Sea Phase: Navies of both countries will jointly

hone their war-fighting skills and enhance interoperability.

- Participants: • Indian Navy: Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Shivalik.
- Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force: Guided Missile Destroyer JS Yugiri.

- Objectives: • Opportunity to learn from each other's best practices.
- Facilitates operational interactions between India and Japan.
- Reaffirms shared commitment towards maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.

Q.10

Which edition of JIMEX is being conducted in 2024?

1. Sixth
2. Seventh
3. Eighth
4. Ninth

Answer:

C

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Q.11

What is Mumbai's global ranking in Mercer's 2024 Cost of Living survey?

1. 122th
2. 136th
3. 96th
4. 120th

Answer:

B

Sol:

- **Mumbai's cost of living has significantly risen, ranking 136th globally in Mercer's 2024 Cost of Living survey.**
- Other Indian cities also experienced changes in living costs: **Delhi is now ranked 164th.**
- Key points:**
 - Mumbai's Cost of Living:
 - Known as the 'city of dreams', **Mumbai has a high cost of living.**
 - **High costs for** real estate, goods, personal care, energy and utility, transportation, and housing rentals.

- Bollywood stars own property in Mumbai, adding to the high real estate costs.

• **Cost of Living Changes from 2023 to 2024:** • **Mumbai improved from 147th to 136th.**

- Delhi moved from 169th to 164th.
- Kolkata from 211th to 207th.
- **Pune from 215th to 205th.**
- Chennai dropped from 184th to 189th.
- Bengaluru from 189th to 195th.
- Hyderabad remained at 202.

• **Regional Rankings:** • **Mumbai is the 21st most expensive city in Asia** for expatriates.

• **Delhi is the 30th most expensive** in the region.

• **Global Rankings:**

• **Top five cities remain unchanged:** Hong Kong retained the top spot, followed by Singapore, Zurich (Switzerland), Geneva (Switzerland), Basel (Switzerland), Bern (Switzerland), New York City (US), London (UK), Nassau (Bahamas), and Los Angeles (US).

Q.12

When was the National Commission for Women (NCW) established?

1. 1990
2. 1991
3. 1992
4. 1993

Answer:

C

Sol:

NCW:

- **Establishment:** The National Commission for

Women (NCW) was established in **January 1992** under the **National Commission for Women Act, 1990**.

- **Purpose:** The NCW was created to **safeguard and promote the interests of women, ensuring their rights and addressing issues affecting them.**
- **Composition:** • The commission comprises a **Chairperson, five members,** and a **Member-Secretary.**
- The Chairperson is **appointed by the Central Government.**

- **Advisory Role:** The commission **advises the government on policy matters affecting women and works to ensure effective implementation of laws and policies** for women's welfare.
- **Annual Reports:** The commission submits annual reports to the Central Government on its activities, which are then **tabled in Parliament.**

Q.13

Who owns the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC)?

1. Government of Maharashtra only
2. Government of India only
3. A joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra
4. Private sector and Government of India

Answer:

C

Sol:

MRVC:

- **Establishment:** MRVC was incorporated on July 12, 1999.
- **Purpose:** It was established with the objective

of **augmenting the railway infrastructure and enhancing the suburban rail transportation in Mumbai.**

- **Ownership:** MRVC is a **joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra.**
- **Mission:** To develop a robust and efficient railway infrastructure to improve the capacity, speed, and safety of the **Mumbai suburban rail network.**

Q.14

How many lakes provide water to Mumbai?

1. 5
2. 7
3. 8
4. 10

Answer:

B

Sol:

- A **significant water crisis in Mumbai**, with current water stocks reported to be at 53.5%, marking the **lowest level in the past five years.**
- **Water stock in Seven lakes** which provide water to Mumbai **has gone down.**

About Seven Lakes:

- Upper Vaitarna
- Modak Sagar
- Tansa
- Middle Vaitarna
- Bhatsa
- Vehar
- Tulsi

Q.15

Under which act was the Maharashtra Legislative Council originally established?

1. Government of India Act, 1919
2. Government of India Act, 1935
3. Indian Independence Act, 1947
4. Bombay Reorganization Act, 1960

Answer:

B

Sol:

Maharashtra Legislative Council elections:

- **Type:** Bicameral legislature
- **Establishment:** 1937 (Originally established as part of the **Government of India Act, 1935**)
- **Members:** 78 (Current strength)
- **Term:** 6 years (1/3 of members retire every 2 years)
- **Structure:** Upper House (**Vidhan Parishad**) of the Maharashtra Legislature
- **Election Process:**
 - Elected by Legislative Assembly Members (MLAs): 30 members
 - Elected by Graduates Constituencies: 7 members
 - Elected by Teachers Constituencies: 7 members
 - Elected by Local Authorities: 22 members
 - Nominated by the Governor: 12 members

Q.1

Who announces the Minimum support price (MSP) in India?

1. Government of India
2. Ministry of Agriculture

3. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
4. Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Answer:

A

Sol:

• The government has increased the minimum support price (MSP) for paddy by 5.35%, setting it at ₹2,300 per quintal for the 2024-25 kharif marketing season, effective from June 19.

About MSP:

• MSP is a form of **market intervention by the government to insure agricultural producers against any sharp fall in farm prices.**

• **Objective:** To provide a **guaranteed price and assured market to the farmers, protecting them from the fluctuations in the market prices.**

• **Fixation Authority:** The MSP is announced by the Government of India at the **beginning of the sowing season for certain crops** based on the **recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).**

• **Coverage:** MSP is announced for **23 crops**, including **cereals** (paddy, wheat, barley, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi), **pulses** (gram, arhar/tur, moong, urad, lentil), **oilseeds** (groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soyabean, sesamum, sunflower, safflower, nigerseed), **commercial crops** (cotton, sugarcane, copra), and **others** (jute, tobacco).

• **Criteria for Determination:**

- Cost of production
- Changes in input prices
- Market price trends
- Demand and supply
- Inter-crop price parity
- Terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture sectors
- A minimum of 50% margin over the cost of production

- **Implementation:** • The MSP is implemented through **procurement agencies like the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state agencies.**
- They buy crops from farmers at the MSP, ensuring they get the announced support price.
- **Purpose:** • To **stabilize farmer's income.**
- To incentivize the farmers to adopt new technologies and modern agricultural practices.
- To ensure **food security** by stabilizing supply.

Q.2

How many crops are covered under the Minimum support price (MSP) scheme?

1. 20
2. 21
3. 22
4. 23

Answer:

D

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Q.3

Which shape do red blood cells take in sickle cell disease?

1. Spherical
2. Oval
3. Crescent
4. Triangular

Answer:

C

Sol:

Sickle cell disease:

• Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a **group of inherited red blood cell disorders** characterized by **abnormal hemoglobin**, known as **hemoglobin S**, which **distorts red blood cells into a sickle or crescent shape**.

• **Types:** • The most common type is **sickle cell anemia (HbSS)**.

• Other types include **hemoglobin SC disease (HbSC)**, **hemoglobin S β 0 thalassemia**, and **hemoglobin S β + thalassemia**.

• **Symptoms:** Symptoms of SCD include anemia, episodes of pain (crises), swelling in the hands and feet, frequent infections, delayed growth, and vision problems.

Q.4

What type of abnormal hemoglobin characterizes sickle cell disease?

1. Hemoglobin A
2. Hemoglobin B
3. Hemoglobin S
4. Hemoglobin E

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Q.5

Who was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for Telugu?

1. Ramesh Karthik Naik
2. Sandesh Kumar
3. Rama Reddy
4. Kishan Rao

Answer:

A

Sol:

• **Ramesh Karthik Naik**, a 26-year-old writer from the **tribal thanda** Nizamabad district, was **awarded the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for Telugu** for his **short story collection "Dhavlo" (Song of Lament, 2021)**.

About Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar:

• It was formally inaugurated by the Government of India on 12 March **1954**.

• **Awarding Body:** Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters.

• **Purpose:** To **recognize and promote outstanding literary works** by young Indian writers.

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- **Eligibility:** Writers aged **35 or below** as of January 1, 2024, writing in any of the **24 recognized Indian languages**.
- **Categories:** Fiction, poetry, drama, criticism, travelogue, autobiography, biography, and literary translation.
- **Prize:** Cash award of ₹50,000, an engraved copper plaque, and a citation.

Q.6

For which literary work did Ramesh Karthik Naik receive the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar?

1. Song of people
2. Dhavlo
3. Story of 2 states
4. Why Bharat matters

Answer:

B

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Q.7

What is the primary objective of the Krishi Sakhi Convergence Programme (KSCP)?

1. Transform rural India through the empowerment of rural women
2. Improve urban farming techniques
3. Promote international agricultural trade
4. Develop new agricultural technologies

Answer:

A

Sol:

- The Prime Minister of India recently **awarded certificates to over 30,000 women from Self Help Groups (SHGs)** as **'Krishi Sakhis'** under the **Krishi Sakhi Convergence Programme (KSCP)**.

About KSCP:

- **Objective:** Transform rural India through the empowerment of rural women as **Krishi Sakhi**.
- **Training and Certification:** Krishi Sakhis are trained and certified as **Para-extension Workers**.
- **Alignment:** Certification course **aligns with the objectives of the 'Lakshpati Didi' Program**.
- **Training Areas:**
 - **Agro-Ecological Practices:** Training from land preparation to harvest.
 - **Farmer Field Schools:** Organizing practical learning sessions for farmers.
 - **Seed Banks:** Establishment and management of seed banks.
 - **Soil Health and Conservation:** Techniques for maintaining soil health and moisture.
 - **Integrated Farming Systems:** Combining

various farming practices for sustainability.

- **Livestock Management:** Basic management practices for livestock.
- **Bio Inputs:** Preparation, use, and establishment of bio-input shops.
- **Communication Skills:** Essential skills for effective communication with farmers.

Q.8

The certification course for Krishi Sakhis aligns with the objectives of which program?

1. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
2. National Rural Livelihoods Mission
3. Lakhpati Didi Program
4. Krishi Vigyan Kendra Knowledge Network

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Q.9

During which dynasty was Nalanda University established?

1. Maurya Dynasty
2. Gupta Dynasty
3. Mughal Dynasty
4. Pal Dynasty

Answer:

B

Sol:

Nalanda University:

- **Historical Significance:**
 - Nalanda University was an **ancient center of higher learning in Bihar, India.**
 - It was established in the **5th century AD** during the **Gupta Dynasty.**
- **Ancient Glory:**
 - It was **one of the first residential universities in the world**, hosting over 10,000 students and 2,000 teachers.
 - The **university attracted scholars** from various regions, including **Tibet, China, Korea, and Central Asia.**

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• **Destruction and Decline:** • Nalanda University was **destroyed in the 12th century by Bakhtiyar Khilji.**

• The destruction marked the end of a great era of knowledge and learning.

• **Revival Efforts:** • The Government of India initiated **efforts to revive Nalanda University** in the early 21st century.

• The modern Nalanda University was **re-established in 2010 by an Act of the Indian Parliament.**

• **Current Status:** • The new campus is located in **Rajgir**, near the ancient site.

• It is an **international university** with a focus on post-graduate and doctoral studies.

Q.10

Who destroyed Nalanda University in the 12th century?

1. Genghis Khan
2. Mahmud of Ghazni
3. Timur
4. Bakhtiyar Khilji

Answer:

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Q.11

Who built Ghodbunder Fort?

1. The Marathas
2. The British
3. The Portuguese
4. The Mughals

Answer:

C

Sol:

Ghodbunder Fort:

- **Location:** Ghodbunder Fort is located in the Ghodbunder village, Thane district, Maharashtra.
- **Historical Significance:** • The fort was built in the early 18th century by the Portuguese.
- It served as a strategic military outpost for controlling the surrounding region and the maritime routes.
- **Architectural Features:** • The fort showcases Portuguese architecture with robust stone constructions, bastions, and watchtowers.
- It includes a church and several administrative buildings within its premises.
- **Portuguese Occupation:** • The Portuguese used Ghodbunder Fort as a key point to oversee their trade and military activities in the region.
- It remained under Portuguese control until the Marathas captured the fort in 1737 under the leadership of Chimaji Appa.

Q.12

When was the scheme initially launched under the name Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana (RGJAY)?

1. 2010
2. 2012
3. 2014
4. 2017

Answer:

B

Sol:

MJPJAY:

- **Objective:** To provide quality healthcare services to economically weaker sections of

society.

- **Launch Date:** Initially launched as Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana (RGJAY) in 2012, renamed to MJPJAY in 2017.
- **Ministry:** Managed by the Public Health Department of the Government of Maharashtra.
- **Target Group:** Beneficiaries include Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and Above Poverty Line (APL) families with an annual income of up to ₹1 lakh.

Q.13

What is the annual health cover amount provided per family under AB-PMJAY?

1. ₹2.5 lakhs
2. ₹5 lakhs
3. ₹7 lakhs
4. ₹10 lakhs

Answer:

B

Sol:

AB-PMJAY:

- **Launched Date:** September 23, 2018
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- **Objective:** To provide health coverage to economically disadvantaged families and reduce out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.
- **Target Beneficiaries:** Over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) identified based on Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data.
- **Coverage Amount:** Provides a health cover of ₹5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.

Q.14

Where is Vadhavan Port located?

1. Thane
2. Mumbai
3. Palghar
4. Ratnagiri

Answer:

C

Sol:

• The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by the Prime Minister, has **approved the development of the Vadhavan Port** in Maharashtra.

Key points:

- Vadhavan near **Dahanu** in Maharashtra's **Palghar district**.
- This port is **strategically located along the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEEC)**.
- This project **aims to create a deep-water port**, enabling it **to accommodate large container vessels**.
- The **port will be developed under the landlord model** through a **joint venture** between the **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)** and the **Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB)**, with **respective stakes of 74% and 26%**.

Q.15

Sandhan Valley is located in

1. Ahmednagar
2. Nashik
3. Satara
4. Pune

Answer:

A

Sol:

• **Sandhan Valley in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra**, has been **closed to tourists** for the next four months **due to heavy rainfall and the high risk of flash floods**.

About Sandhan Valley:

- **Location:** Located near **Bhandardara**, in the **Ahmednagar district** of Maharashtra.
- **Geography:** Known as the "**Valley of Shadows**," it is a deep, narrow rock gorge.
- **Altitude:** Approximately **4,000 feet above sea level**.

Q.1

What is the theme for International Yoga Day 2024?

1. Yoga for Health
2. Yoga for Peace
3. Yoga for Self and Society
4. Yoga for Harmony

Answer:

C

Sol:

International Yoga Day 2024:

- **Date Observed:** June 21
- **Theme for 2024:** Yoga for Self and Society
- **Theme for 2023:** Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – One Earth One Family
- **UN Resolution:** • Passed on December 11, 2014, during the **69th session of the General**

Assembly.

• Proclaimed June 21 as International Day of Yoga.

• **First Yoga Day Celebrations:** • Held in **2015** at **Raj Path** in New Delhi.

• Attended by Prime Minister Modi and other dignitaries.

• **Achieved two Guinness World Records:** • Largest yoga session with 35,985 participants.

• Largest number of participating nationalities (84).

• **Yoga:** • An **ancient physical, mental, and spiritual practice** that **originated in India**.

• The word '**yoga**' **derived from Sanskrit**, meaning to join or unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness.

Q.2

When is International Yoga Day observed?

1. 20 June
2. 21 June
3. 22 June
4. 23 June

Answer:

B

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Q.3

What makes the Chenab Bridge significant?

1. It is the longest bridge in India.
2. It is the world's highest railway bridge.
3. It has the most number of railway tracks.
4. It is the oldest railway bridge in India.

Answer:

B

Sol:

Chenab Bridge:

• **Location:** The Chenab Bridge is situated in the **Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir**, India.

• **River Spanned:** It spans the **Chenab River**.

• **Significance:** It is the **world's highest railway**

bridge, standing at a height of **359 meters (1,178 feet)** above the river bed.

- **Design:** The bridge follows an **arch design**, which provides strength and stability, especially important for its high-altitude location.
- **Purpose:** The Chenab Bridge is **part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project**, aimed at improving connectivity to the Kashmir Valley.

Q.4

Where is the Chenab Bridge located?

1. Himachal Pradesh
2. Punjab
3. Jammu and Kashmir
4. Uttarakhand

Answer:

C

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Q.5

What is the theme of World Refugee Day 2024?

1. For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed
2. For a World Where Refugees Are Safe
3. For a World Without Refugees
4. For a World With Open Borders

Answer:

A

Sol:

World Refugee Day:

- **Dedication:** To the **millions forced to escape their homes due to war, persecution, or natural catastrophes.**
- **Theme 2024:** For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed
- **History:** • **First Celebration:** June 20, 2001
- **Commemoration:** 50th anniversary of the **1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees**
- **Earlier Recognition:** Known as **Africa Refugee Day**
- **Official Declaration:** In December 2000, the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** declared it an International Day for Refugees.

Q.6

What was World Refugee Day known as before its official declaration by the UN?

1. International Refugee Day
2. Global Refugee Day
3. United Nations Refugee Day
4. Africa Refugee Day

Answer:

D

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Q.7

Where is Delos Island located?

1. Mediterranean Sea
2. Aegean Sea
3. Ionian Sea
4. Black Sea

Answer:

B

Sol:

- A remarkable ancient site on the tiny Greek island of Delos is "doomed to disappear" within decades due to rising sea levels and geological processes.

About Delos Island:

- **Location:** Delos is a small island situated in the Aegean Sea, part of the Cyclades archipelago in Greece.
- **Historical Significance:** It is considered the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, according to Greek mythology.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Site:** The island was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1990 due to its extensive archaeological remains and its significance in ancient Greek history.

Q.8

Delos is part of which archipelago in Greece?

1. Cyclades
2. Dodecanese
3. Ionian Islands
4. Sporades

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Q.9

What new pathways does the Sustainable Development Report 2024 introduce?

1. Digital Innovation Pathways
2. Technological Development Pathways
3. FABLE (Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land, and Energy) pathways
4. Healthcare Improvement Pathways

Answer:

C

Sol:

Sustainable Development Report 2024:

- **Publisher:** The Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN) and Bertelsmann Stiftung.
- **Purpose:** To assess and rank the progress of countries towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Coverage:** Includes data from 193 UN member states.
- **Key Indicators:** The report evaluates progress on 17 SDGs using indicators such as poverty reduction, education, health, and environmental sustainability.
- **Top Performers:** Finland, Sweden, and Denmark
- The Sustainable Development Report (SDR) introduces new FABLE (Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land, and Energy) pathways to promote sustainable food and land systems.

Q.10

Which of the following countries are top performers according to the Sustainable Development Report 2024?

1. USA, Canada, UK
2. China, Japan, South Korea
3. Finland, Sweden, and Denmark
4. Brazil, Argentina, Chile

Answer:

C

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