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Aparchit Super Current Affairs MCQ with facts- 3 May 2023

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. Which bank will start an e-distribution network to help the lender achieve its priority sector (PSL) lending targets?

A) South Indian Bank

B) Kotak Mahindra Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer: C

- ✓ HDFC Bank will start onboarding agents of its corporate business correspondents digitally who can extend services to semi-urban and rural areas, a move that will help the lender achieve its priority sector (PSL) lending targets.
- ✓ It is a digital distribution platform that leverages technology and brings in ease for business correspondents and agents.
- ✓ With this, they can deliver a host of banking products and services to customers, especially in semiurban and rural areas.
- ✓ Right now, HDFC Bank's services are available in 150,000 villages. With the launch of Smart Saathi, we aim to cover 200,000 villages over the next 12-15 months. Around 70 percent of the rural economy is in these villages.

HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2022-23.

- > HDFC Bank has signed a "Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement" with Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit.
- > HDFC Bank recommends re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan MD, CEO for 3 yrs.
- > HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is 'BS Banker of the Year 2022'.
- > HDFC Bank, IRCTC launch India's most rewarding co-branded travel credit card.
- > HDFC Bank, Lulu Exchange ink deal to enhance cross-border payments between India-Gulf region.
- > HDFC Bank collaborates with Microsoft as part of its digital transformation.
- > Reserve Bank of India said SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs). .



- India's first Electronic Bank Guarantee issued by HDFC Bank.
- > HDFC Bank has unveiled its state-of-the-art 'Bank on Wheel' van in Gujarat.
- HDFC Bank introduced "Vigil Aunty" to promote secure banking practices.
- HDFC Bank and Tata Neu, the "super app" of the Tata Group, announced their collaboration to introduce co-branded credit cards.
- HDFC Bank inaugurated an all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala.
- According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks.
- HDFC Bank launched industry first digital 30-minute new car loan 'Xpress Car Loans'.
- For Rs 184 crore, HDFC will sell a 10% interest in HDFC Capital to Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).
- HDFC Bank adjudged as Best Performing Bank in SHG Linkage by DAY-NRLM.
- HDFC Bank to launch "SmartHub Vyapar programme" & 'AutoFirst' app.
- HDFC Bank finances Asia's largest waste to energy plant in Indore- Gobar-Dhan plant.
- HDFC BANK
- Founded: 1994
- Founder: Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- > HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- > MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline: We understand your world
- Who has released the "Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023"? Q.2.
 - A) RBI

B) FICCI

C) NITI Aayog

D) FSSAI

Answer: C

✓ NITI Aayog has released the "Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023" in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme.



- Reason: To commemorate 75 years of India's independence and highlight and laud the efforts of Union Ministries and State Governments, this compendium includes 75 case studies cutting across 14 key social sectors.
- The case studies have been sourced from all States and Union Territories and 30 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. The aim of this exercise has been to synthesise lessons for the future to expand, enhance and improve life at the grassroots level.

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS 2023

- BVR Subrahmanyam was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Niti Aayog
- > The government has monetised assets worth ₹26,000 crore during FY23 against the target of ₹1.6 lakh crore for the current fiscal: NITI Aayog.
- NITI Aayog, the Indian government's policy think-tank, recently released a report titled "Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India.".
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), an initiative by NITI Aayog, has launched three new resources aimed at fostering innovation and creativity among India's youth.
- NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)
- Founded: 1st January 2015

- Liairperson: Narendra Modi

 Vice Chairperson: Suman K Bery

 CEO: BVR Subrahmanvam

 NITT ' NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- India's exports to the UAE are expected to reach __ by 2026-27 Q.3.

A) \$50 billion

B) \$75 billion

C) \$100 billion

D) \$125 billion

Answer: A

✓ India's exports to the UAE are expected to reach \$50 billion by 2026-27 from \$31.3 billion at present on the back of the free trade agreement between the countries.

✓ The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which was signed between the two nations on 18 February 2022.

UAE IN NEWS 2023

- > UAE India's second largest export destination and third largest source of imports.
- > The first conference of I2U2 Business Forum, a joint initiative of India, Israel, the US and the United Arab Emirates, was held on 22 February 2023 in Abu Dhabi (UAE).
- > United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 13th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial meeting in February 2024.
- > UAE will host the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in November 2023.
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed an agreement to set up its first overseas office in Abu Dhabi Global Market.
- > UAE and India launched the UAE India Business Council UAE Chapter (UIBCUC) to strengthen economic ties and enhance bilateral trade and investment.
- > EDGE, UAE's leading defence group signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India's aerospace firm Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX).
- > India, France, UAE Establish Trilateral Cooperation Initiative, in fields including Energy, Defence & Economy.
- India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is shortly to be connected to comparable networks in Indonesia, Mauritius, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- > RBI, Central Bank of UAE sign MoU to promote innovation in financial products and services.
- > Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan appointed President of UAE.
- Emaar, a Dubai-based real estate developer, has become the first foreign company to invest in a mega-mall spread over one million square feet in Srinagar.
- > Indian Air Force contingent of 110 Air Warriors reached Al Dahfra airbase of United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 25 February for participating in Exercise 'Desert Flag VIII.
- > President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, has appointed Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, his brother, as the Vice President of the country.

- > Agricultural and Process Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) is participating in the 28th edition of Gulfood 2023 which will be held in UAE.
- > The 'Study in India Pavilion' at the Global Education & Training Exhibition (GETEX) in Dubai, UAE.
- > HDFC Bank and UAE-based financial services company Lulu Exchange, have partnered to strengthen cross-border payments between India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.
- About UAE
- Official Language : Arabic
- > Capital : Abu Dhabi
- > Currency: Emirati Dirham
- > President of UAE : Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan
- > Prime Minister: Sheikh Mohammed ibn Rashid Al Maktoum
- Q.4. ASEAN Maritime Exercise 2023 begins today in Harbour Phase, the event is held at which military port?

A) Norfolk Naval Base

B) Zapadnaya Litsa Naval Base

C) Washington Navy Yard

D) Changi Naval Base

Answer: D

- ✓ The first ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) began on 2 May in Singapore.
- ✓ The maiden exercise is being conducted off the coast of Singapore.
- ✓ It aims to enhance interoperability and exchange of best practices among the participating navies.
- ✓ INS Satpura and INS Delhi, accompanied by RADM Gurcharan Singh, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, have reached Singapore to participate in the exercise.
- ✓ Indian Navy ships will also participate in the International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) and the International Maritime Defense Exhibition (IMDEX-23).
- ✓ Phase of the exercise
- ✓ Harbour Phase to be conducted at Changi Naval Base.
- ✓ Sea Phase to be conducted in the South China Sea.

MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023

- > The first ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) began on 2 May in Singapore.
- ➤ Harbour Phase to be conducted at Changi Naval Base.
- > Sea Phase to be conducted in the South China Sea.
- > India, Iran and Armenia have formed a trilateral grouping, to further deepen regional cooperation between the three countries.
- > The 7th edition of joint military exercise between India and the United Kingdom, named "AJEYA WARRIOR-23" is being conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom.
- > Indian Navy and Royal Navy conducted annual bilateral maritime Exercise KONKAN 2023 off Konkan Coast in the Arabian Sea.
- > Indian Air Force and the US Air Force will conduct the bilateral air exercise 'Cope India' from April 10 to 21, 2023 at the air force base in Kalaikunda, West Bengal.
- > INS Androth, second in a series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), was launched on March 21, 2023, in Kolkata.
- > Africa-India field training exercise AFINDEX-23 to be held in Pune.
- ➤ Indian Navy deployed a P8I aircraft to Guam, USA, on March 14, 2023, to participate in the third edition of 'Exercise Sea Dragon 23', a coordinated multi-lateral Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise for Long Range MR ASW aircraft organized by the US Navy.
- > Operation Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour training exercise, was held from March 6–13, 2023, in Jodhpur Military Station in India.
- > Indian Ocean Area will host the third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse. The Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Navy, and United States Navy.
- > Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the Arabian Sea.
- > 2023 edition of Indian Navy's major maritime exercise Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX), is currently underway in the Indian Ocean Region.

- > Indian Army and the French Army will hold their first joint military exercise, FRINJEX-23, at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- > Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces.
- > A joint training exercise "Exercise Trishakri Prahar" was conducted in North Bengal.
- > The fourth iteration of the biennial training exercise DUSTLIK (2023) will be held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- > First joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian and the Egyptian Army, 'Exercise Cyclone I' started on 14 January at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- > A joint counter-terrorism exercise Tarkash between National Security Guard (NSG) and US Special Operations Forces (SOF) culminated in Chennai.
- > India and Japan has kick started an exercise 'Ex Dharma Guardian' at Camp Imazu in Shiga Province, Japan.
- > Indian Air Force to Conduct Exercise 'PRALAY' in Northeastern Part of India
- Q.5. Who was awarded Britain's Honorary MBE by King Charles III for his contribution to Indian classical arts in Britain?

A) Dr. Kamlesh Khunti

B) Dr. Chaand Nagpaul

C) Dr. M.N. Nandakumar

D) Dr. Kailash Chand

Answer: C

- ✓ King Charles III confers Britain's Honorary MBE on Dr. M.N. Nandakumar.
- ✓ King Charles III awarded an Honorary MBE to Dr MN Nandakumar, a renowned Sanskrit scholar and executive director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Center in London, for his contribution to Indian classical arts in Britain.
- ✓ Dr. M.N. Nandakumar has been associated with the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Center in London for 46 years and has hosted Prince Charles on several occasions at the centre, which promotes Indian culture.
- ✓ The Honorary MBE award is given to foreign nationals for their services in public life.
- ✓ Dr. Nandakumar originally hails from Mattur village in Karnataka

- Q.6. Who will be honored at the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Television Awards?
 - A) Nina Wadia

B) Meera Syal

C) Mandy Takhar

D) Rhona Mitra

Answer: B

- ✓ British-Indian Meera Syal to be awarded BAFTA TV fellowship.
- ✓ Meera Syal, who starred in the hit BBC comedy, Goodness Gracious Me and The Kumars at No 42, will be honored at the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Television Awards on May 14 at the Royal Festival Hall.
- ✓ It is the highest honor given to an individual for outstanding and extraordinary contribution in the field of film, sports or television.
- ✓ Sanya is best known for her performances in 'Goodness Gracious Me' and 'The Kumars at No 42'.
- ✓ 76TH BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS (BAFTAS)
- ✓ Best Film: All Quiet on the Western Front
- ✓ Best Actress : Cate Blanchett, (Tar)
- ✓ Best Actor : Austin Butler, (Elvis)
- ✓ Best Director : Edward Berger, (All Quiet on the Western Front).
- Q.7. According to RBI, which state has topped the list of states with the highest market borrowings for the third consecutive year?

A) Tamil Nadu

B) Karnataka

C) Maharashtra

D) Gujarat

Answer: A

- ✓ Tamil Nadu tops market borrowing for third consecutive year: RBI
- ✓ For third year in a row, Tamil Nadu has topped the list of States with the highest market borrowings.
- ✓ According to RBI data, Tamil Nadu's gross market borrowings through State Development Loans (SDLs) stood at ₹68,000 crore during April-February FY23.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh is in 2nd place with Rs 51,860 crore. Maharashtra is at 3rd place with Rs.50 thousand crore among the states that have borrowed the most in the country.

- ✓ It is noteworthy that Tamil Nadu was the state that borrowed the most in the previous 2 financial years i.e. 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu govt to launch five-year Tamil Nadu Millet Mission.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu government declared Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state..
- Q.8. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over a fast patrol vessel and a landing craft to which country as India's "gift"?

A) Sri Lanka

B) Maldives

C) Mauritius

D) Bhutan

Answer: B

- ✓ India to hand-over fast Patrol Vessel ship & landing Craft to Maldives.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hand over a fast patrol vessel and a landing craft to the Maldives as India's "gift" during his visit to the island nation from May 1 to 3.
- ✓ It will be an "important landmark" in building "strong bonds" of friendship between the two countries.
- ✓ Maldives is one of India's major maritime neighbors in the Indian Ocean region and overall bilateral relations between the two countries, including in the areas of defense and security, have been on the rise over the years.

MALDIVES IN NEWS 2023

- > Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will hand over a fast patrol vessel and a landing craft to the Maldives as India's "gift".
- ➤ India Extended USD 40 Million for Bolstering Sports Infrastructure in Maldives.
- > India and Maldives held the 4th Defense Cooperation Dialogue (DCD) in Male on March 19, 2023.
- > Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to embark on athree-day official visit to Maldives on 30th April.
- > Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework.
- > The corpus of the SAARC Currency Swap Facility of the RBI is USD 2 Billion.
- > About Maldives

- > It is also called Maldives Islands, an independent island country in the north-central Indian Ocean.
- > Basis of economy -fisheries, tourism
- > Industries handicraft or cottage including the making of coir (coconut-husk fibre) and coir products, fish canning, and boatbuilding.
- > Capital -Male
- > President -Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Currency -Rufiyaa
- Q.9. Which company has signed a supplementary joint venture (JV) agreement with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) for the development of nuclear power projects in the country?

A) JSW Energy

B) ReNew Power

C) NTPC Limited

D) Adani Enterprises

Answer: C

- ✓ NTPC Ltd. has signed a supplementary joint venture (JV) agreement with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) for the development of nuclear power projects in the country.
- ✓ Initially, the JV company shall develop two pressurized heavy-water reactor (PHWR) projects Chutka Madhya Pradesh Atomic Power Project (2×700 MW) and Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (4×700 MW).
- ✓ NTPC, India's largest power producer, aims to start generating 2,000 MW of nuclear energy by 2032, 4,200 MW by 2035 and eventually scale up to 20,000 MW by 2050.

NTPC IN NEWS 2023

- > Country's largest power generation company NTPC Limited has been conferred with 'ATD Best Awards 2023' by Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- > NTPC and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) sign agreement for joint development of nuclear power plants.
- > India's largest power company NTPC Ltd has commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project at Kawas, Gujarat.

- > NTPC hosts an international seminar on 'Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage' (CCUS) at First Energy Transitions Working Group meeting in Bengaluru.
- > NTPC Limited announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Vault Holdings ("Energy Vault).
- > NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL) signs MoU with Government of Tripura for cooperation in renewable energy development.
- > NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd has signed an MoU with the Indian Army for setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in its establishments on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) model.
- > About NTPC
- > The NTPC which was earlier known as National Thermal Power Corporation of India is owned by the Government of India. It was set up in 1975.
- > The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station in the Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, with an installed capacity of 4,760MW, is currently the biggest thermal power plant in India.
- > Headquarters: New Delhi
- > Chairman and Managing Director: Gurdeep Singh
- Q.10. Which company has become the first general insurance company to accept RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-Rupee (e₹) for premium payments?
 - A) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- B) Reliance General Insurance
- C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- D) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance

Answer: B

- ✓ Reliance General Insurance has become the first general insurance company to accept RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-Rupee ((e₹) for premium payments.
- ✓ The insurer has tied up with YES Bank to facilitate the collection of premiums in digital mode using the bank's e-rupee platform.
- ✓ Customers who have an active e-rupee wallet with any bank can scan Reliance General Insurance's CBDC QR code to make easy, safe, instant, and green payments.
- ✓ e-rupee is a digital token, equivalent to a banknote, and is legal tender or sovereign currency backed by the RBI.

- ✓ Currently, Reliance General Insurance's physical e-rupee QR code is available at select branches for walk-in customers to scan and pay instantly.
- Q.11. Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodafone?

A) Karsanbhai Patel

B) Bhavish Aggarwal

C) Margherita Della Valle

D) Shradha Sharma

Answer: C

- ✓ Margherita Della Valle appointed as CEO of Vodafone.
- ✓ Della Valle began her career as one of the first employees of Italian telecom startup Omnitel, which was acquired by Vodafone in 2001.
- Q.12. Who has become the 17th world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker?

A) Levon Aronian

B) Magnus Carlsen

C) Anish Giri

D) Ding Liren

Answer: D

- ✓ Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- ✓ Ding Liren has become the 17th World Chess Champion.
- ✓ He took over from Magnus Carlsen of Norway as the winner of the World Chess Championship.
- ✓ The first stage of the World Chess Championship in Astana, Kazakhstan ended with Ding Liren and Nepomniachtchi with seven points, with three wins and eight draws

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2022-23

- > Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion after defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- > Sayantan Das from West Bengal has become India's 81st Chess Grandmaster.
- > Vignesh NR became the 80th Grandmaster of the country.
- > Dutch player Anish Giri, five times the runner-up in Wijk aan Zee, has won Tata Steel Masters 2023.

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- > Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Wins Title At World Chess Armageddon Asia And Oceania Event.
- > 16-year-old from Tamilnadu, M Pranesh became India's 79th chess grandmaster.
- ➤ Kolkata-based chess player, Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster.
- Aditya Mittal Becomes India's 77th Chess Grandmaster.
- Magnus Carlsen (From Norway) wins Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022.
- > R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship held in New Delhi.
- D Gukesh becomes youngest to beat World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen.
- > Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess GrandMaster.
- > Alireza Firouzja wins Sinquefield Cup & The Grand Chess Tour.
- Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu) became India's first grandmaster in 1988.
- > S Vijaylakshmi is India's first woman grandmaster in chess.
- Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world.
- ➤ International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)
- > Founded: 1924 { Paris, France}
- > Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- President : Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)
- Vice president: Viswanathan Anand (Tamil Nadu)
- Q.13. Which Country High Commission in India has announced its Government Grant for a Project in Kargil?

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- A) Russia
- B) Australia
- C) Singapore
- D) Malaysia

Answer: B

✓ For the first time in the history of Ladakh the Australian High Commission in India has announced its Government Grant for a Project in Kargil.

✓ This was announced during a Special Meeting at Srinagar chaired by the Australian high commissioner to India, Barry O'Farrell.

AUSTRALIA IN NEWS 2023.

- > Australian High Commission in India Announces Government Grant for Project in Kargil.
- > Ratan Tatahas received the Order of Australia (AO), Australia's highest civilian honour.
- Australia will host thethird in-person Quad summit in Sydney.
- > An Indian-origin politician, Daniel Mookhey has been appointed as the Treasurer of the New South Whales in Australia.
- ➤ India and Australia target \$100 billion bilateral trade in next five years.
- > Australia and India have agreed to accelerate a broader economic partnership and to boost their defence ties, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in New Delhi.
- > Deakin University of Australia to set up campus in Gujarat International Financial Tec-City (GIFT) City.
- ➤ India and Australia sign a framework mechanism for mutual recognition of qualifications.
- ➤ India and Australia signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).
- Australia announced it will erase the British monarch from its banknotes, replacing the late Queen Elizabeth II's image on its \$5 note with a design honoring Indigenous culture.
- > Australia's longest-serving captain in the shortest format of the game, veteran batter Aaron Finch called time on his international career.
- Now Punjabi is all set to be taught in public schools in Western Australia.
- > The bilateral training exercise "AUSTRA HIND 22" between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army begins at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- > Anthony Albanese sworn in as Australia's new prime minister
- Novak Djokovic defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of men's singles match of the Australian Open 2023.
- ➤ In the Women's Singles category, Aryna Sabalenka defeated Elena Rybakina.
- Australia won the Women's T20 World Cup for the sixth time when they beat South Africa by 19 runs in the final at Newlands
- > AUSTRALIA

> Capital : Canberra

> Currency: Dollar

> Prime Minister: Anthony Albanese

- Q.14. Which Ministry cancels LIFE's Foreign Contribution Registration Act (FCRA) licence?
 - A) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of External Affairs

 D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer: B

- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has suspended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) registration of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), a Delhi-based think tank, for 180 days.
- ✓ A government official reported that the suspension was imposed due to initial breaches of FCRA regulations.
- Q.15. Which US Company purchased resources of First Republic Bank resulting in 3rd financial collapse?
 - A) Axis Bank

- **B) First Citizens**
- C) JP Morgan Chase & Co
- D) American Express

Answer: C

- ✓ The assets of First Republic Bank have been bought by American multinational company JP Morgan Chase & Co.
- ✓ The US financial regulators seized First Republic Bank, a California-based financial institution. It resulted in the third major bank failure in the past 2 months.
- ✓ The deal has been made to save the economic turbulences.
- The outflows of 100\$ were reported recently
- Q.16. Who left Google to spread awareness towards the rising threats of AI to society?
 - A) Sergey Brin

B) Geoffrey Hinton

C) Jeff Dean

D) Larry Page

Answer: B

- ✓ Geoffrey Hinton, the Godfather of Artificial Intelligence left his job at Google and indicates the alarming dangers of technological robotic devices or chatbots.
- ✓ 75-year-olf Hinton tweets that he did not resign to criticize the company in fact he wants to spread awareness about the possible outcomes of advancement in machinery systems.
- ✓ Mr Hinton has worked extensively on neural networks and is widely known as a computer scientist and a renowned name in cognitive psychology.
- Q.17. Which Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RITES Limited to accelerate solid waste and used water management?

A) Ministry of Home affairs

B) Ministry of Finance

C) Ministry of Education

D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer: D

- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RITES Limited on 2 May to accelerate solid waste and used water management.
- ✓ The MoU was signed for technical assistance for Solid Waste Management (SWM) under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.
- ✓ The Technical Support Unit (TSU) of RITES will assist Swacch Bharat Mission (SBM-U) for a period of 3 years.
- ✓ Under SWM, the areas of engagement will be process standardization and engineering design of waste management facilities, like Material Recovery Facility, legacy waste etc.
- ✓ RITES will assist with preparation of model tender documents and procurement in the field of sewage, wastewater management and Solid Waste Management.
- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the second phase of the 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban' on October 2, 2021, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- ✓ It has been designed to make all cities garbage free and achieve the goal of water conservation.
- ✓ Under this, 3.5 lakh individual, community and public toilets will be constructed for the population going to urban areas for employment in the next 5 years.
- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) was launched on October 2, 2014 with the objective of promoting 'cleanliness and Sanitation' in the society and the country

Q.18. Government of India blocked 14 messenger mobile applications widely used in Jammu and Kashmir for spreading terror. The ban on these apps has been implemented under which Section?

A) Section 27A

B) Section 69A

C) Section 48A

D) Section 79A

Answer: B

- ✓ The Government of India blocked 14 messenger mobile applications widely used in Jammu and Kashmir for spreading terror.
- ✓ The banned apps were primarily used as communication platforms to disseminate information in the field.
- ✓ The messenger applications that have been banned include Crypvisor, Enigma, SafeSwiss, Vikrame, Mediafire, Briar, Beechat, Nandbox, Conion, IMO, Elementor, Second Line, Jangi and Threema.
- ✓ The ban on these apps has been implemented under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, which empowers the government to block access to any website or mobile application that poses a threat to national security or public order.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR IN NEWS 2023

- > Government of India blocked 14 messenger mobile applications widely used in Jammu and Kashmir for spreading terror.
- > Home Minister Amit Shah e-inaugurated the Mata Sharda Devi Temple near the Line of Control in Karnah sector of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Wildlife conservationist Aliya Mir was awarded Wildlife Conservation Award by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.
- > Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmi.
- > Jammu & Kashmir becomes the first union territory in India to completely switch to a digital method of administration.
- > For the first time in the country, reserves of 59 lakh tonnes of lithium have been found in the Reasi district of Jammu division.

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- > Union Ministry of Tourism in association with Real Sports India in collaboration with local administration, Amazing Bhaderwah Tourism Association (ABTA) organised Snow-Marathon at Bhaderwah, Jammu.
- > About Jammu and Kashmir
- > It was a state of India until August 2019, which was bifurcated as two union territories namely Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on 31 August 2019.
- Capital- Srinagar (May-October), Jammu (November-April).
- Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.
- Legislative Council 36 seats.
- Legislative Assembly 89 seats.
- > Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, Justice Koteshwar Singh.
- Q.19. Fit for 55 Package' is associated with which organisation?

A) G-20

B) G-7

C) ASEAN

D) European Union

Answer: D

- ✓ European Union's 'Fit for 55 Package' is a set of proposals to revise and update the European Union Legislation and launch new initiatives to achieve the reduction of carbon emissions by 55 percent by 2030 compared to a 1990 benchmark.
- ✓ As part of this package, changes were made to the EU's Emissions Trading System to bring down emissions in the industrial sector
- Q.20. Which organization has released a report on 'Contribution of terrestrial animal source food to healthy diets'?

A) UNESCO

B) UNICEF

C) FAO

D) WEF

Answer: C

✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recently released a report titled "Contribution of terrestrial animal source food to healthy diets for improved nutrition and health outcomes".

- ✓ According to this report, animal food products like meat, eggs and milk can help achieve global nutrition targets.
- ✓ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- ✓ Founded: 16 October 1945
- ✓ Headquarters: Rome, Italy
- ✓ Director-General: QU Dongyu (China)
- ✓ Motto: "Fiat panis" (Let there be bread)
- Q.21. What is the interest rate on deposits made under 'Mahila Samman Saving Certificate Account'?

A) 7.5 %

B) 6.5 %

C) 7.0 %

D) 8.5 %

Answer: A

- ✓ Mahila Samman Savings Certificate has a fixed interest rate of 7.5% per annum on deposits of up to ₹2 Lakh for a tenure of two years.
- ✓ Union Budget announced the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC), a new small-savings scheme for women and was launched for investments from April 1, 2023.
- ✓ The interest rate on deposits made under this Program is 7.5% per year.
- ✓ The Union Minister Smriti Irani opened the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) account recently.
- Q.22. What was the theme of 2023 World Asthma Day?
 - A) 'Asthma Care for All'
- B) 'Closing Gaps in Asthma Care'
- C) 'Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions' D) 'Enough Asthma Deaths'

Answer: A

- ✓ World Asthma Day is an annual event observed on the first Tuesday of May to raise awareness and promote better asthma management and care worldwide
- ✓ World Asthma Day 2023 falls on May 2.
- ✓ World Asthma Day 2023 Theme: "Asthma care for All" is the theme that GINA has chosen for World Asthma Day in 2023.

Q.23. When is the World Press Freedom Day commemorated all over the world?

A) 01 May

B) 02 May

C) 04 May

D) 03 May

Answer: D

- ✓ World Press Freedom Day is observed annually on 3 May to increase understanding about the importance of a free press.
- ✓ This year's theme is "Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights".
- ✓ World Press Freedom Day was proposed by UNESCO's General Conference in 1991 to celebrate and promote press freedom.
- ✓ World Press Freedom Day also provides an opportunity to honour journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 3 May 2023

Q.1. Which committee recommended the introduction of Liquidity adjustment facility in India?

A) R. Gandhi Committee

B) Rangarajan Committee

C) Narasimham Committee

D) SS Tarapore Committee

Answer: C

Q.2. Treasury Bills have a maximum maturity of:

A) 1 year

B) 90 days

C) 120 days

D) 30 days

Answer: A

- ✓ Debt obligations of the Government that have maturities of one year or less are normally called Treasury Bills or T-Bills.
- Q.3. Which of these derivatives types are traded between financial institutions and not retail investors?

A) Futures

B) Forward

C) Options

D) Swaps

Answer: D

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- A) 1969
- B) 1980
- C) 1984
- D) None of these

Answer: B

Q.5. What is the total amount that can be loaded in the new type of semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) introduced by RBI during the financial year?

A) Rs 10,000

B) Rs 1,00,000

C) Rs 1,20,000

D) Rs 1,50,000

Answer: C

✓ The amount loaded in such PPIs during any month shall not exceed ₹ 10,000 and the total amount loaded during the financial year shall not exceed ₹ 1,20,000

Q.6. RRBs are required to maintain a minimum Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of _ on an ongoing basis.

A) 8 per cent

B) 9 per cent

C) 10 per cent

D) 11 per cent

Answer: B

Q.7. What is the limit for On-lending by NBFC for Micro & Small enterprises?

A) Rs 10 lakh

B) Rs 20 lakh

C) Rs 50 lakh

D) Rs 60 lakh

Answer: B

Q.8. Which section of Banking Regulation Act 1949 give Power to the Reserve Bank to give directions?

A) Section 42

B) Section 42A

C) Section 47

D) Section 35A

Answer: D



- Q.9. Currency Chest is the property of:
 - A) State Bank of India

 B) Government of India
 - C) Reserve Bank of India D) None of these
- Answer: C
- ✓ A currency chest is a depositary of RBI which it maintains at treasuries and branches of the banks at all important centres.
- Q.10. The right of set-off customers account can be exercised only by a_?
 - A) Creditors

B) Debtors

C) Banker

D) Customer

Answer: C





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