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#### **Aparchit 21 December English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2023**

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. Which bank has recently raised Rs 7,425 crore through infrastructure bond issue?

A) State Bank of India

B) HDFC Bank

C) Punjab National Bank

D) Federal Bank

#### Answer: B

- ✓ HDFC Bank has recently raised Rs 7,425 crore through infrastructure bond issue.
- ✓ The bank has raised these funds for financing infrastructure and affordable housing projects.
- $\checkmark$  7,42,500 bonds of face value Rs 1,00,000 were issued to raise Rs 7,425 crore.

#### **HDFC BANK IN NEWS 2023**

- ➤ HDFC Bank has recently raised Rs 7,425 crore through infrastructure bond issue.
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as HDFC Bank MD & CEO for a period of three years.
- ➤ HDFC Bank Launches India's First Co-Branded Hotel Credit Card named 'Marriott Bonvoy HDFC Bank Credit Card' in partnership with Marriott International.
- ➤ HDFC Bank's Sashidhar Jagdishan is highest paid bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55 crore pay.
- ▶ HDFC Bank overtakes SBI in CRISIL's corporate banking ranking for 2023.
- > Food delivery platform Swiggy has joined hands with HDFC Bank to launch a co-branded credit card.
- ➤ HDFC Bank, India's largest private lender, has achieved a significant milestone by entering the \$100 billion market-capitalization club as world's 7th largest lender.
- ➤ HDFC emerges as fourth largest bank in the world after merger.
- According to Bloomberg, with a valuation of \$172 billion, the merger will place HDFC in the fourth position in equity market capitalisation behind JP Morgan Chase & Co., Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. and Bank of America Corp.
- > Deepak Parekh has announced his decision to step down as HDFC chairperson after serving as the chairman for 46 years.
- ➤ HDFC Bank introduced a new credit card named 'Millennia Credit card' which offers cashback over e-commerce platforms and multiple benefits.



- > SEBI has granted approval for a change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC) due to the amalgamation of HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- ➤ As part of the amalgamation, existing shareholders of HDFC Ltd will hold a 41% stake in HDFC Bank.
- ➤ HDFC Bank has launched a retail banking initiative called 'Vishesh' aimed at customers in semi-urban and rural areas.
- ▶ HDFC Bank partners Manipal Global to build up a talent pipeline.
- > SEBI has granted approval for a change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC) due to the amalgamation of HDFC Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd.
- ➤ 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.

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- > 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
- Founded: 1994
- > Founder: Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- > HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline: We understand your world
- Q.2. How many people will be honored with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023?

A) 2

B) 3

**C)** 4

D) 5

Answer: A

- ✓ The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has announced the National Sports Awards 2023.
- ✓ These awards will be presented by the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan on January 09, 2024.
- ✓ This time Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award will be given to badminton players Chirag Chandrashekhar Shetty and Rankireddy Satwik Sai Raj.
- ✓ This time 26 players will be honored with the Arjuna Award.
- ✓ Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award
- ✓ Formerly known as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games.
- ✓ The highest sporting honour of India.
- ✓ It is awarded annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ✓ The award comprises a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of ₹25 lakh (as of 2020).
- ✓ Established in 1992.
- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna: It is the highest sporting honour of India. It was instituted in 1991–92. The recipient(s) is/are honoured for their outstanding performance in the field of sports over a period of four years at international level.
- ✓ **Dronacharya Awards:** It was instituted in 1985 to honour eminent Coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events.
- ✓ **Arjuna awards:** It was instituted in 1961. To be eligible for the Award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance over the previous four years at the International level but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.
- ✓ **Dhyan Chand Award:** It was instituted in 2002. It is an award for life-time achievements in sports.
- ✓ Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award: It is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air.
- ✓ Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy: It was instituted in 1956-57 to honour the top overall performing university in the Inter-University Tournaments.
- ✓ **Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar:** It was instituted from 2009 to recognize the corporate entities (both in private and public sector) and individuals who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development
- Q.3. Who is the President of Egypt who has won the presidential election for the third time?

A) Sherif Ismail

B) Abdel Fatah al-Sisi

C) Ibrahim Mahlab

D) Mohammad Morsi

#### Answer: B

- ✓ In the recently concluded presidential elections in Egypt, President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has won for the third time
- ✓ Al-Sisi won the election with 89.6 percent of the vote.
- ✓ His next term will start in April and will last for six years.

## **NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS 2023**

Abdel Fatah al-Sisi : Egypt

Daniel Noboa: Ecuador

➤ Mohammed Muizzu : Maldives

> Bharatvanshi Tharman Shanmugaratnam : Singapore

Emmerson Mnangagwa: Zimbabwe

Edgars Rinkevics : Latvian

Tayyip Erdogan : Turkey

> Bola Tinubu : Nigeria

Mohammed Shahabuddin Chuppu: Bangladesh

Ram Chandra Paudel: Nepal

Xi Jinping : China (third term)

Vo Van Thuong : Vietnam

#### Q.4. Who launched the National Geology Data Repository Portal?

A) Anurag Thakur

B) Smriti Irani

C) RK Sinha

D) Prahlad Joshi

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#### Answer: D

- ✓ Ministry of Mines Pralhad Joshi is to launch the National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR) Portal on 19th December 2023 in a ceremony in New Delhi.
- ✓ About the National Geoscience Data Repository Portal:
- ✓ It is a comprehensive online platform for accessing, sharing, and analysing geospatial information across India.



- ✓ The NGDR initiative was spearheaded by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N).
- ✓ It represents a significant leap forward in democratising critical geoscience data, empowering stakeholders across industries and academia with unprecedented access to invaluable resources.
- ✓ About Geological Survey of India
- ✓ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) was set up in 1851 primarily to find coal deposits for the Railways.
- ✓ Over the years, GSI has not only grown into a repository of geo-science information required in various fields in the country but has also attained the status of a geo-scientific organisation of international repute.
- ✓ Its main functions relate to creating and updating of national geoscientific information and mineral resource assessment.
- ✓ GSI is an attached office of the Ministry of Mines.
- ✓ Headquarters: Kolkata
- ✓ It has six regional offices located in Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Shillong and Kolkata and state unit offices in almost all states of the country.
- Q.5. India has witnessed an increase in fatalities as per Global Status on Road Safety 2023, this report is released by which agency?

A) World Bank

B) World Health Organization

C) United Nations Population Fund

D) UNICEF

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) has released a report titled-The Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023, revealing critical findings and insights regarding road traffic fatalities and safety across the globe. Road traffic deaths worldwide decreased by 5% between 2010 and 2021, totaling 1.19 million fatalities annually. 108 UN member nations reported a drop in road traffic deaths during this period. India witnessed a 15% increase in fatalities, rising from 1.34 lakh in 2010 to 1.54 lakh in 2021.
- Q.6. The term "SWAMIH Investment Fund" that was recently making news, is related to which sector?

A) Automobile

B) Education

C) Real Estate

D) Pharmaceutical

Answer: C

- ✓ The Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Investment Fund I is a social impact fund that aims to complete stalled and stressed residential projects. It was announced by the Finance Minister in 2019.
- ✓ Recently, real estate developers body NAREDCO recommended in its pre-budget submissions that the government allocate Rs 50,000 crore more to the SWAMIH fund.
- ✓ This fund aims to complete stalled housing projects and has benefited over 2 lakh homebuyers while unlocking projects worth Rs 94,000 crore after getting Rs 15,530 crore so far.
- ✓ NAREDCO contends another tranche could further revive the real estate industry and consumer sentiments.
- Q.7. Which state launched "Mukhyamantri Pashuseva Yojana", a 24×7 animal ambulance scheme to provide timely and accessible veterinary care for livestock?

A) Rajasthan

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Goa

D) Maharashtra

#### Answer: C

- ✓ The government of Goa recently launched the Mukhyamantri Pashuseva Yojana, a 24×7 animal ambulance scheme to provide timely and accessible veterinary care for livestock across the state.
- ✓ Under this scheme, a toll-free helpline number and mobile clinics have been set up while the fleet of animal ambulances will be expanded as per need. It aims to boost animal welfare and productivity by delivering critical services at doorsteps even beyond regular hospital hours.
- ✓ With extensive cattle-rearing in Goa, this scheme intends to prevent distress during medical emergencies.

#### **GOA IN NEWS 2023**

- > Goa Government has launched the Swayampurna e-bazaar online platform to give market to different kinds of products made by self-help groups and women.
- Paytm is the official sponsor for the 37th National Games in Goa.
- > Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches Griha Adhar scheme to empower Goan homemakers.
- ➤ Goa has become the first Indian state to offer free in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment.
- ➤ GI tags for Goan mangoes and bebinca, crafts from Rajasthan and U.P.
- ➤ The products are 'Jalesar Dhatu Shilp' (a metal craft), 'Goa Mankurad Mango', 'Goan Bebinca', 'Udaipur Koftgari Metal Craft', 'Bikaner Kashidakari Craft', 'Jodhpur Bandhej Craft', and 'Bikaner Usta Kala Craft'.

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- 'India's First Village Atlas' Is Of Mayem In Goa.
- > The tourism department of the Goa government is set to hold the 'Heritage Festival 2023' from April 28 to 30 at Saligao village in North Goa.
- ➤ Bharti Institute of Public Policy, a renowned think tank under the Indian School of Business (ISB), and the Government of Goa have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a knowledge partnership.
- ➤ The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, holds the position of Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group during India's G20 Presidency. The SAI20 Summit is scheduled to take place in Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023.
- ➤ Union Cabinet has approved the naming of Greenfield International Airport at Goa's Mopa as Manohar International Airport after former Defence Minister and Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- > Purple, First Inclusion Festival of India starts in Goa.
- > Goa Manohar International Airport wins best sustainable greenfield airport award.
- ➤ Government of Goa has launched the Vision for All School Eye Health program.
- > The first Prime Minister GatiShakti regional workshop for the Western and Central Zone was held in Goa.
- ➤ India's second longest cable-stayed eight-lane Zuari Bridge opens in Goa.
- > 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference begins in Goa.
- ➤ Goa Statehood Day 2023 observed on 30th May.
- This year Goa celebrates its 36th anniversary of statehood.
- Q.8. Consider the following statements regarding the Akash Weapon System:
  - 1. It is a Long-Range Air-to-Air Missile Defence System.
  - 2. It is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

- ✓ India has effectively showcased the capabilities of its indigenous Akash surface-to-air (SAM) weapon system as part of its plans to export these systems.
- ✓ In the recent Exercise Astrashakti 2023, a single unit of the Akash weapon system successfully engaged and obliterated four unmanned targets simultaneously.
- ✓ This demonstration established India as the first country to exhibit the ability to engage four targets at such distances simultaneously using command guidance from a single firing unit.
- ✓ About Akash Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) Defence System:
- ✓ It is a Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (SRSAM) Defence System to protect vulnerable areas and points from air attacks.
- ✓ It was indigenously designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ✓ It has built-in Electronic Counter-Counter Measures (ECCM) features.
- ✓ It can engage aerial targets up to a range of approximately 25km.
- ✓ Altitude of Operation: 100 m up to 20 km
- ✓ Weight: 710 kg
- ✓ Guidance System: Command Guidance

#### Q.9. Who has declared 2024 as International Year of camelids?

A) United Nations

B) UNESCO

C) World Health Organization

D) World Trade Organization

#### Answer: A

- ✓ The United Nations recently declared 2024 the International Year of Camelids.
- ✓ About Camelids:
- ✓ A Camelid refers to any of the even-toed ungulates of the family Camelidae. E.g. camels, llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicuñas.
- ✓ They are known for their remarkable adaptations to arid and high-altitude environments.
- ✓ These ungulates can be classified into two major groups: the Old World and the New World.
- ✓ The Old World Camelids, found in northern Africa and central Asia are the true camels, such as the dromedary camels (one-humped camel) and the Bactrian camels (two-humped camel), characterized by

✓ The South American Camelids (New World Camelids) include the modern llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicuñas. Wild populations of South American Camelids, such as vicuñas, inhabit the high-altitude regions of the Andes Mountains.

#### Q.10. Mount Vinson, recently seen in news, is located in:

A) Europe

B) Arctic

C) Africa

D) Antarctica

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Recently, Kerala government employee Shaikh Hassan Khan has climbed Mount Vinson, the highest peak in Antarctica.
- ✓ It is the highest mountain in Antarctica.
- ✓ Mount Vinson rises 4,892 meters (16,050 feet) above sea level.
- ✓ It is part of the Sentinel Range of the Ellsworth Mountains, near the Ronne Ice Shelf.
- Q.11. Which states has topped the "Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023" report in the Achievers category of Landlocked Group?

A) Rajasthan

B) Haryana

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Punjab

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#### Answer: B

- ✓ Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, Piyush Goyal has released the "Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023" report in New Delhi.
- ✓ The 5th edition of the LEADS annual exercise LEADS 2023 report, provides insights into improvement of logistics performance at State/UT level.
- ✓ This report, signalling a positive shift in States' performance across the key pillars Logistics Infrastructure, Logistics Services and Operating and Regulatory Environment, empowers the State/UT Governments by providing region-specific insights for informed decision-making and comprehensive growth.
- ✓ This report is based on a pan-India primary survey, conducted between May and July 2023, covering over 7,300 responses across 36 States/UTs
- ✓ Performance highlights from LEADS 2023
- ✓ Coastal Group
- ✓ Achievers- Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

- ✓ Fast Movers- Kerala, Maharashtra
- ✓ Aspirers- Goa, Odisha, West Bengal
- ✓ <u>Landlocked Group</u>
- ✓ Achievers- Haryana, Punjab, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Fast Movers- Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand
- ✓ Aspirers- Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand
- ✓ North-East Group
- ✓ Achievers- Assam, Sikkim, Tripura
- ✓ Fast Movers- Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland
- ✓ Aspirers- Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram
- ✓ Union Territories
- ✓ Achievers- Chandigarh, Delhi
- ✓ Fast Movers- Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Puducherry
- ✓ Aspirers- Daman & Diu/ Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh
- Q.12. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated which edition of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam at Namo Ghat in Varanasi?

A) 2nd

**B)** 3rd

C) 4th

**D**) 5th

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#### Answer: A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the second edition of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam at Namo Ghat in Varanasi.
- ✓ He also flagged off the Kashi Tamil Sangamam Express between Varanasi and Kanyakumari.
- ✓ The second edition of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) will be held between December 17 to 30, 2023 and is part of the government's 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Yuva Sangam programme.'
- ✓ The overarching objective of this people-to-people connect programme is to revive the living bonds between Kashi and Tamil Nadu two important centres of learning and culture in ancient India.
- ✓ The Kashi Tamil Sangamam is expected to witness the participation of 1,400 dignitaries from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- ✓ The first edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam was held from November 16 to December 16, 2022.

Q.13. Which IIT has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd to launch of Kotak School of Sustainability?

A) IIT Madras

B) IIT Kanpur

C) IIT Bombay

D) IIT Delhi

#### Answer: B

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd to launch of Kotak School of Sustainability.
- ✓ The collaboration aims to provide leadership solutions for sustainability and prepare future generations to champion the cause of sustainable development.
- The Kotak School of Sustainability is touted as India's first full integrated institution dedicated to sustainability education. Funded by Kotak Mahindra Bank through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, the school is poised to play a crucial role in shaping the future of sustainability initiatives in the country.
- ✓ The total project cost is around Rs 200 crore. Kotak will be contributing Rs 70 crore in the first phase.
- The Kotak School of Sustainability marks our commitment to contribute to growing India's skilled workforce towards achieving the goal of long-term sustainable development, including its net-zero target by 2070.
- Q.14. Which Bank has introduced 'Indus Solitaire Program,' a community banking initiative meticulously crafted for the diamond industry? Aparchit Exam
  - A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
  - B) Indian Overseas Bank
  - C) IndusInd Bank
  - D) Canara Bank

#### Answer: C

- ✓ IndusInd Bank has introduced its 'Indus Solitaire Program,' a community banking initiative meticulously crafted for the diamond industry.
- ✓ This curated banking program will be offered through the bank's flagship branches in prime locations across various cities with a concentration in Mumbai and Surat.
- ✓ It will also provide a range of exclusive benefits along with distinct features and enriched offerings to customers in the diamond industry.

Q.15. "Children of Nobody" Film has won the Best Film award under the International Competition in Innovation Moving Images at the 29th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF). "Children of Nobody" is the film of which country?

A) Israel

B) France

C) Germany

D) United States

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Israeli film 'Children of Nobody' directed by Erez Tadmor, has won the Best Film award under International Competition in Innovation Moving Images at the 29th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF).
- ✓ The prize distribution and closing ceremony were held at Rabindra Sadan. 219 films from 39 countries were screened at 23 locations across Kolkata.
- ✓ The Best Director award was bagged by Carlos Daniel Malave. Anjan Dutta's 'Chalchitro Ekhon' bagged the Special Jury Award.
- ✓ Director duo Sharmistha Maity and Rajdeep Paul's 'Mon Potongo' was awarded best film under Bengali Panorama category.
- ✓ For the best film 'Royal Bengal Tiger Trophy' 51 lakh rupees were given as an award.
- ✓ Apart from these Hiralal Memorial Trophy, Netpack Award were also given. The best short film and documentary were also awarded with Royal Bengal Tiger Trophy.
- Q.16. Who has won his maiden Senior National 15-Red snooker title, beating Paras Gupta of Uttar Pradesh 6-2 in the final?

A) Sourav Kothari

Apanch B) Chitra Magimairaj

C) Pankaj Advani

D) Hussain Khan

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Sourav Kothari of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) won his maiden Senior National 15-Red snooker title, beating Paras Gupta of Uttar Pradesh 6-2 in the final.
- ✓ Kothari beat Md Hussain Khan (RSPB) 5-0 in the semifinals and prevailed over Gupta 58-46, 72-34, 0-64, 59-25, 61-54, 21-57, 64-8, 64-25 in the final.
- ✓ He had defeated his PSPB colleague Advani in the round of 32.
- ✓ Kothari is a former national billiards champion, and last month finished runner-up to Advani in the IBSF world billiards final in Doha.

#### Q.17. Which country has won the Under-19 Asia Cup 2023 after defeating the UAE in Dubai?

A) Bangladesh

B) India

C) Bhutan

D) Pakistan

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Bangladesh won the Under-19 Asia Cup 2023 after defeating the UAE by 195 runs in Dubai.
- ✓ Wicketkeeper-batter Ashiqur Rahman Shibli continued his splendid run with a second century in five matches.
- ✓ Opening the batting, Ashiqur smashed 12 fours and one six in his knock of 129 (149 balls) as Bangladesh posted 282/8 after hosts UAE opted to field.
- ✓ In reply, UAE surrendered meekly to fold up for 87 in 24.5 overs as Bangladesh clinched the eight-nation tournament with five wins from as many games.
- Q.18. Which state has won Vijay Hazare Trophy 2023 at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Rajasthan

C) Haryana

D) Maharashtra

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Haryana beats Rajasthan to win Vijay Hazare Trophy 2023
- ✓ Haryana has emerged victorious in the 2023 Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot, securing their first-ever title with a 30-run triumph over Rajasthan.
- ✓ Haryana, posting a total of 287/8 in 50 overs, faced a formidable challenge from Rajasthan.
- ✓ Haryana's skipper, Ashok Menaria, showcased excellent leadership skills both with the bat and in managing his resources.
- ✓ Opting to bat first, Ankit Kumar (88 off 91 balls) and Menaria (70 off 96 balls) set the stage with a crucial partnership of 124 runs for the third wicket.
- Q.19. Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, who was recently on state visit to India, is Sultan and Prime Minister of which country?

A) Qatar

B) Oman

C) Yemen

D) Iran

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Sultan Haitham bin Tarik was on state visit to India from December 16, 2023.
- Trade between India and Oman has a history of several millenniums and archaeological excavations in Oman have unearthed evidence to show Indo-Oman trade during the Classical Age dated to circa third century BCE.
- ✓ Later, Oman had links with the Indians through Gujarat, and with Tamilakam along the Malabar Coast.
- ✓ The Sultans of Oman and Zanzibar heavily banked on Kutchi moneylenders such as Jairam Shiyii.
- ✓ A large number of Kutchi Bhatias migrated from Kutch to Muscat and from Muscat to Zanzibar.
- Q.20. India has started its first winter scientific expedition in which area?
  - A) Arctic region

B) Pacific region

C) Antarctica region

D) Atlantic region

#### Answer: A

- ✓ Union Minister Kiren Rijiju flagged off India's first winter scientific expedition to the Arctic region.
- Raman Research Institute will participate in the first winter Indian expedition to the Arctic region.
- Since 2008, India operates a research station called 'Himadri' in the Arctic which operates mostly during summer (April to October).
- Q.21. Who was recently awarded Bhutan's prestigious National Order of Merit Gold Medal? Aparchit Exam
  - A) S Jaishankar
  - B) Mamata Banerjee
  - C) Jaya Bachchan
  - D) Poonam Khetrapal Singh

#### Answer: D

- ✓ Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia, has been awarded Bhutan's prestigious National Order of Merit Gold Medal for distinguished services. Poonam is a retired IAS officer of Punjab cadre.
- Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck honored him at the 116th National Day celebrations of Bhutan

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A) VISA Debit Cards

B) MasterCard

C) Credit Card

D) Rupay Card

#### Answer: C

Q.2. Where is the headquarters of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDBRT) located?

A) Mumbai

B) Chennai

C) Hyderabad

D) Delhi

#### Answer: C

Q.3. Who regulates a company based Infrastructure Debt Fund (IDF)?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NABARD

D) NHB

#### Answer: A

Q.4. Who regulates a trust based Infrastructure Debt Fund (IDF)? Warriors

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NABARD

D) NHB

#### Answer: B

Q.5. In 1969, those banks were nationalized whose deposits were more than \_.

- A) Rs 100 crore
- B) Rs 200 crore
- C) Rs 50 crore
- D) Rs 10 crore

#### Answer: C

The Government nationalised 14 banks (with effect from the midnight of 19 July 1969) with deposits of over Rs.50 crore by promulgating the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Ordinance, 1969.

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| Q.6. In 1980, those banks were nationalized whose deposits were more than |
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A) Rs 500 crore

B) Rs 100 crore

C) Rs 200 crore

D) Rs 50 crore

#### Answer: C

- ✓ Six banks, viz, Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank, New Bank of India, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Punjab and Sind Bank, and Vijaya Bank with deposit liabilities of Rs.200 crore and above were nationalised in April 1980
- Q.7. What is the minimum paid up capital requirement for a bank to be eligible for inclusion in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?

A) Rs 50 lakh

B) Rs 10 lakh

C) Rs 15 lakh

D) Rs 5 lakh

#### Answer: D

✓ A scheduled bank is one that is listed in the second schedule of RBI Act, 1934. Banks having paid up capital of at least Rs 5 lakh are eligible for inclusion in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

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Q.8. How many types of Priority Sector Lending Certificates are there in India?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6

#### Answer: B

- ✓ Four type- PSLC Agriculture, PSLC SF/MF, PSLC Micro Enterprises and PSLC General
- Q.9. The range of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) that RBI can prescribe can vary between 0% to \_\_\_\_\_ %.

A) 20

B) 30

C) 40

D) 50

#### Answer: C

Q.10. What is the maximum compensation under the Banking Ombudsman Scheme of RBI?

A) Rs 10 lakh

B) Rs 5 lakh

C) Rs 20 lakh

D) Rs 1 lakh

Answer: C



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