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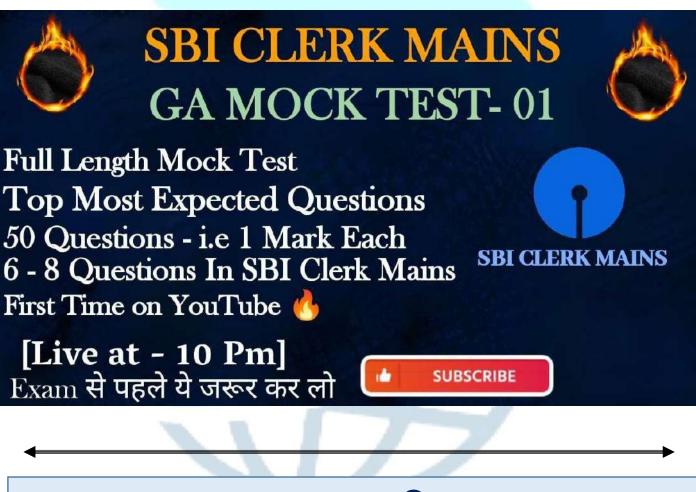
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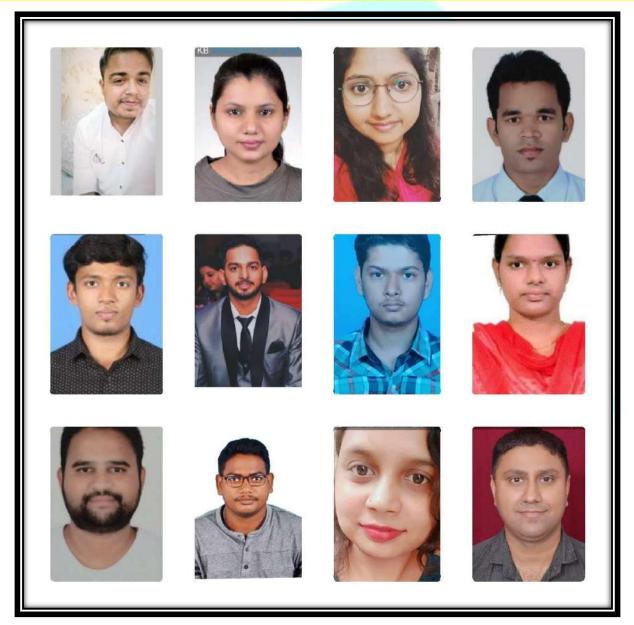


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Kotak Mahindra Bank has sold how much percent stake in KFin Technologies through the open 0.1. market for Rs 208 crore?

| A) 3% | B) 2% |
|--------------|-------|
| C) 5% | D) 9% |

Answer : B

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank has sold a 2% stake in KFin Technologies through the open market for Rs 208 crore.
- ✓ The private sector lender sold 3,470,000 shares of KFin Technologies at Rs 600.28 a share, bulk deals data on the BSE showed.
- ✓ As of December end, Kotak Mahindra Bank held a 9.80% stake in KFin Technologies.
- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank invested Rs 310 crore in KFin Technologies in September 2021.

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IN NEWS 2023-24

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has sold a 2% stake in KFin Technologies through the open market for Rs 208 crore.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched 'Smart Choice Gold Loan' for customers.
- CCI approves Zurich Insurance's acquisition of 70% stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Partners with IITK to Launch Kotak School of Sustainability. The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT) and Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) have joined forces to establish the Kotak School of Sustainability.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of CS Rajan as part-time Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- > Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) on the latter's platform.
- > Ashok Vaswani is next Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to acquire 100% stake in micro-lender Sonata Finance.



Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty or ₹12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and ₹3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.

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- Kotak Mahindra Bank
- ➢ Founded 1985
- Founders : Uday Kotak
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Ashok Vaswani
- Tagline : Let's Make Money Simple Ab Kona Kona Kotak.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited is an Indian banking and financial services company headquartered in Mumbai.
- > It is India's third largest private sector bank by market capitalisation after HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank.
- ▶ As of 31 March 2023, the bank has a national footprint of 1,780 branches and 2,963 ATMs.
- Kotak Mahindra Finance was then renamed Kotak Mahindra Bank. At the time, Uday Kotak had a 56% stake in the company while Anand Mahindra held a 5% stake .

O.2. SIMA, an AI gaming agent, is developed by:

A) Google

C) Microsoft

B) Facebook D) OpenAI

Answer : A

- ✓ Google DeepMind revealed its latest AI gaming agent called SIMA which can follow natural language instructions to perform tasks across video game environments.
- ✓ Scalable Instructable Multiworld Agent (SIMA) as an AI Agent which can process data and take action themselves.
- ✓ It can be called a generalist AI Agent that is capable of doing different kinds of tasks.
- ✓ Features
- ✓ It is like a virtual buddy who can understand and follow instructions in all sorts of virtual environments from exploring mysterious dungeons to building lavish castles.
- \checkmark It can accomplish tasks or solve challenges assigned to it.



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- \checkmark It "understands" your commands as it has been trained to process human language
- ✓ One distinct feature of this AI Agent is that it is capable of learning and adapting.
- ✓ However, SIMA goes beyond that and can follow instructions in a variety of game settings. This could potentially introduce more helpful AI agents for other environments.
- ✓ Google has partnered with game developers to train SIMA on a variety of video games.
- Q.3. Consider the following statements with reference to the ETHANOL 100 fuel:
 - 1. It has a very low octane rating.
 - 2. It can be used in Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) designed to run on gasoline.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

D) Neither 1 nor 2

C) Both 1 and 2

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, the Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, launched 'ETHANOL 100, a revolutionary automotive fuel at Indian Oil Retail Outlet.
- ✓ It has a high-octane rating, typically between 100-105.
- ✓ It proves ideal for high-performance engines, ensuring improved efficiency and power output all while minimizing environmental impact.
- ✓ Moreover, ETHANOL 100's versatility shines through, as it can be used in a wide array of vehicles, including Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) designed to run on gasoline, ethanol, or any blend of the two.
- ✓ It includes 93-93.5 percent ethanol blended with 5 percent petrol and 1.5 percent co-solvent, which is a binder.
- ✓ What are flex-fuel vehicles?
- ✓ These are designed to run on a variety of fuels.
- ✓ These are equipped with an internal combustion engine (ICE) which can run on petrol or ethanol or methanol, giving consumers choice at the point of sale of the fuel.
- ✓ Apart from a few modifications, flex fuel vehicles are similar to petrol-only cars.
- Q.4. India has signed a 181 million dollars loan with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve urban livability and mobility in which city?

A) Guwahati B) Ahmedabad

C) Bengaluru

D) Hyderabad

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Answer : B

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- ✓ The loan will fund development in areas transitioning from rural to urban, called Peri-urban areas.
- ✓ Under the Ahmedabad Peri-urban Livability Improvement Project, 166 km of water distribution network, 126 km of climate-resilient stormwater drainage, 300 km of sewerage systems, and four sewage treatment plants will be constructed.
- ✓ The Project will also support 10 junction improvements along the existing Sardar Patel Ring Road to improve connectivity of peri-urban areas to Ahmedabad.

Q.5. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between India and which country on extending co-operation in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures? A) Mauritius B) Maldives

C) Sri Lanka

D) Bhutan

Answer : D

- ✓ India and Bhutan signed MoU in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures
- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the signing of MoU between India and Bhutan on extending co-operation in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures.
- ✓ The MoU was signed between Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India and Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Royal Government of Bhutan.

SIGNS MoU IN NEWS 2023-24

- > India and Bhutan signed MoU in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures.
- > India, Colombia sign MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions.
- > India Signs Agreement for Lithium Exploration & Mining Project in Argentina.
- > Cabinet approves the Migration and Mobility Agreement between India and Italy
- > India and Italy sign Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement to facilitate movement of workers.
- > India-Japan pact on semiconductor supply chain gets Cabinet green light.
- > India, Italy sign defence agreement.



India and Tanzania elevate ties to Strategic Partnership; Agree on 5 year roadmap for defence cooperation.

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- > India, Tanzania to sign 15 agreements with eye on USD 10 billion trade.
- > India And Saudi Arabia Tie Up For Green Hydrogen.
- > India And Saudi Arabia Sign Agreement On Cooperation In Energy Sector.
- > India, New Zealand Sign MoU To Enhance Cooperation In Civil Aviation.
- India and Trinidad and Tobago have entered a partnership by signing an MoU to share INDIA STACK.
- > India, Moldova agree to sign MoU for cooperation in agriculture
- India, UAE sign MoU on linking of India's Unified Payments Interface with Instant Payment Platform of UAE.
- > India, Panama sign MoU on electoral cooperation.
- > India and Singapore extend MoU on cooperation for 5 years.
- Israel signed an agreement with India to enhance technological advancements and sustainable practices cooperation in the fields of water and agriculture.
- > India and US To Establish Monitoring Group to Boost High-Tech Trade and Tech Partnership.
- > India and Australia Sign Agreements on Migration and Green Hydrogen Task Force.
- > India, Israel sign MoU for industrial research and development cooperation.
- > NET Zero' Innovation Virtual Centre to be jointly created by India-UK.
- > India, UK sign agreement to collaborate on science and innovation.
- > Nepal and India to Sign Agreement for Cross-Border Digital Payments.
- > India and Romania sign first Defence Cooperation Agreement to strengthen bilateral relations.
- > India, US to sign memorandum of understanding on semiconductors.
- > Australia, India agree on strengthening economic, defence ties.

Q.6. Which of the following has signed a financing pact with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for \$125 million to support financing in rural and peri-urban areas in India, particularly women borrowers?

- A) LIC Housing Finance
- B) L&T Finance Holdings
- C) HDFC Housing Finance
- D) Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

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Answer : B

✓ L&T Finance Holdings Ltd (LTFH) has signed a financing pact with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for \$125 million to support financing in rural and peri-urban areas in India, particularly women borrowers.

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- ✓ Last November, LTFH had sourced \$125-million loan from Asian Development Bank, & as part of the cofinancing agreement, additional \$125-million loan is now raised from JICA.
- \checkmark At least 40% of the proceeds would be allocated to women borrowers, while the rest would be to support farmers and MSMEs, besides loans to purchase new two-wheeler vehicles, including electric two-wheelers.
- \checkmark The project is strategically aligned with the goals of the Ministry of Rural Development as it focuses on lending in rural and peri-urban areas of lagging Indian states.

Q.7. Where was the India's first indoor athletics and aquatic centre inaugurated?

B) Chennai A) Bhubaneswar C) New Delhi **D)** Jaipur

Answer : A

- ✓ Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated India's first indoor athletics and aquatic centres at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneshwar, and laid the foundation stone for an indoor diving center.
- ✓ Costing Rs 120 crore, the stadium accommodates 120 athletes with coaching facilities, medical care, and a pantry.
- ✓ It features a 10,000 sq. meter track by Mondo SpA and hosts national and international events.
- ✓ It's a training hub for the Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics High-Performance Centre, aimed at developing athletics nationwide.
- Which ministry collaborated with IIT Roorkee in automotive and EV sector? **O.8**.
 - A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
 - B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - C) Ministry of Heavy Industries
 - D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer : C

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- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) have collaborated to establish a Centre of Excellence and Industry Accelerator in the automotive and electric vehicle (EV) sector.
- ✓ The two ministries signed an MoU to promote innovation and advance the automotive and EV sector.
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, witnessed the historic event
- Q.9. Who has been appointed as the new prime minister of Palestine?
 - A) Mohammad Mustafa **B)** Salam Fayyad
 - C) Mohammad Abu Jayyab D) Mohammed Shtayyeh

Answer : A

- ✓ Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas appointed Mohammad Mustafa as the new prime minister of Palestine.
- ✓ Mustafa is a political independent and economist who has been educated in the United States.
- \checkmark He is the economic advisor to Abbas.
- Mustafa will lead a technocratic government in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, which could potentially administer Gaza before the state becomes independent.

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS

- Mohammad Mustafa : Palestine Aparchit Exam
- Olzhas Bektenov : Kazakhstan
- Gabriel Attal : France
- Donald Tusk : Poland
- Luke Frieden : Luxembourg
- Robert Fico : Slovakia
- > Christopher Luxon : 42nd PM of New Zealand
- > Srettha Thavisin : Thailand
- Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani : Qatar \triangleright
- Li Qiang : China
- Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM : Equatorial Guinea
- Anwar Ibrahim : Malaysia



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- Benjamin Netanyahu : Israel
- Rishi Sunak : 57th PM of United Kingdom (UK)
- Q.10. The naval forces of which three countries launched a joint exercise near the Gulf of Oman?
 - A) China, Iran, and Russia B) India, USA and China
 - C) Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan D) Australia, Maldives and Russia

Answer : A

- ✓ The naval forces of China, Iran, and Russia recently launched a joint exercise called the "Maritime Security Belt-2024" near the Gulf of Oman.
- ✓ The exercise, which began on March 11 and lasted until 15, is the fifth common military exercise between the three countries in recent years.
- ✓ The exercise aims to safeguard regional maritime security and strengthen maritime cooperation.
- ✓ The exercise is organized in three phases: harbor, sea, and summarize.
- The exercise focuses on anti-piracy and search and rescue training courses, and includes the participation of Russian warships and aviation.

EXERCISE IN NEWS 2023-24

- The naval forces of China, Iran, and Russia recently launched a joint exercise called the "Maritime Security Belt-2024" near the Gulf of Oman.
- The joint exercise 'Bharat-Shakti' of the three armies of India (Army, Navy and Air Force) will be organized in Asia's largest field firing range located in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The United States Coast Guard's (USCG) Bertholf ship reached Port Blair ahead of the 'Sea Defenders-2024' joint exercise.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana kicked off on February 28 and will continue until March 2, taking place at or off the coast of Visakhapatnam
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started its largest military exercise in Europe, the Steadfast Defender 2024, recently.
- The 5th edition of the joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' is being organized at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
- Indian and Sri Lankan coast guard ships reached the Maldives recently to take part in the trilateral coast guard exercise Dosti 16



▶ Indian Air Force will conduct mega exercise Vayu Shakti 2024 at Pokhran Range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan on February 17.

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- > The first edition of India-Saudi Arabia joint military exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' is being organized in Mahajan, Rajasthan
- > India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) conducted a major air exercise, named 'Desert Knight', over the Arabian Sea.
- Indian Army contingent is taking part in the 2nd edition of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE. The Exercise is being conducted at Anshas, Egypt.
- > 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR has commenced at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- > The maiden Bilateral Maritime Exercise -Ayutthaya' between the Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Thai Navy (RTN) was conducted.
- > The 12th edition of the Multilateral Naval Exercise 2024 (Milan) is set to take place at Visakhapatnam from February 19 to 27.
- > Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising 45 personnel reached Hanoi, Vietnam to take part in the Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023.
- > This year's exercise will be conducted at Hanoi, Vietnam.
- > Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023" commenced at the Joint
- Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya.
- A joint military exercise, "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" is being conducted from November 16th to 29th, 2023, in Aundh (Pune), Maharashtra.
- > It is a joint military exercise between India and Sri Lankan army.
- > This year is the ninth edition of the exercis.
- > The coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' is set to unfold its strategic manoeuvres along the Kerala and Mahe coasts.
- Coordinated by the Indian Coast Guard.
- Much-anticipated joint exercise 'Trishakti Prahar' recently began near the western border of Rajasthan in Jaisalmer.
- Exercise CORPAT and BONGOSAGAR between the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy were conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 07 - 09 Nov 2023.



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- Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023 commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.
- > It is a joint bilateral training exercise between Indian & Malaysian Armed Forces.
- The 19th edition of "EXERCISE YUDH ABHYAS" will be conducted from 25th September to 8th October
- > 2023 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.
- Q.11. Consider the following statements regarding the Agreement on Pre-notification of the 'Flight Testing of Ballistic Missiles':

1. It was signed between India and Pakistan immediately following the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971.

2. It applies only to tests conducted with surface-to-surface ballistic missiles launched from land or sea.

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

- Pakistan recently urged India to comply with the timeline stipulated in the Agreement on pre-notification of flight testing of ballistic missiles as it took note of the first flight test of India's indigenously developed Agni-5 missile.
- ✓ About Agreement on Pre-notification of the 'Flight Testing of Ballistic Missiles':
- ✓ It was signed between India and Pakistan on October 3, 2005.
- ✓ According to the pact, both countries are supposed to send each other an 'advance notification' of the flight test that they intend to undertake of any land or sea- launched, surface-to-surface ballistic missiles.
- ✓ Each country also has to ensure that the test launch sites don't fall within 40 km and the impact area isn't within 75 km of the International Boundary or the Line of Control along the side of the country undertaking the test.
- Q.12. With reference to the African Development Bank (AfDB), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It does not have members from outside the African continent.
 - 2. It is a financial provider to private companies investing in the Bank's regional member countries.
 - 3. Nigeria is the largest shareholder in the bank.



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How many of the above statements are correct?

| A) Only one | B) Only two |
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|-------------|-------------|

C) All three

D) None

Answer : B

- ✓ The head of the African Development Bank is calling for an end to loans given in exchange for the continent's rich supplies of oil or critical minerals used in smartphones and electric car batteries.
- ✓ About African Development Bank (AfDB):
- ✓ It is a regional multilateral development finance institution established to contribute to the economic development and social progress of African countries-the institution's regional member countries.
- ✓ The bank is also known as the Banque Africaine de Développement.
- ✓ It was founded following an agreement signed by member states in 1963 in Khartoum, Sudan, which became effective in 1964.
- ✓ Mission: To help reduce poverty, improve living conditions for Africans, and mobilize resources for the continent's economic and social development.
- ✓ AfDB seeks to stimulate and mobilize internal and external resources to promote investments as well as provide its regional member countries with technical and financial assistance.
- ✓ Headquarters: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- ✓ The AfDB Bank Group comprises three entities: the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund (ADF), and the Nigeria Trust Fund (NTF).
- ✓ Membership: It has 81 member countries: 54 from the African continent and the other 27 from other regions around the world.

✓ Shareholding:

- ✓ The shareholding of the Bank is 60%-40% between regional member countries and non-regional member countries respectively.
- ✓ Nigeria is the largest shareholder of AfDB.
- Q.13. Consider the following:
 - 1. Paper currency2. Promissory Note
 - 3. Bills of Exchange
- 4. Cheque

How many of the above come under the ambit of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881?



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A) Only one

C) Only three

B) Only two

D) All four

Answer : C

- ✓ The Supreme Court recently observed that mere filing of the cheque dishonor complaint under the Negotiable Instruments Act would not grant a right to a complainant to seek interim compensation.
- ✓ About Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881:
- ✓ It came into force on 1st March 1881, and it extends to the whole of India.
- ✓ It was enacted to provide a uniform legal framework for the use of negotiable instruments in India.
- ✓ A negotiable instrument is a piece of paper that guarantees the payment of a certain sum of money, either immediately upon demand or at any predetermined period, and whose payer is typically identified.
- ✓ Section 13 of the Act states that, "A negotiable instrument means a promissory note, bill of exchange or cheque payable either to order or to bearer".
- ✓ However, no section of this act affects the usage of paper currency, which is governed by the Indian Paper Currency Act of 1871.
- ✓ The Act has been amended several times to ensure that it is in line with changing business practices and legal requirements.

Q.14. Consider the following statements with reference to the World Monuments Fund:

- 1. It is an independent organization devoted to safeguarding the world's cultural heritage sites.
- 2. It is headquartered in New York.

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 : C

- ✓ The Eri (tank) network in the Kazhuveli watershed region in Villupuram district that comprises of an incredible network of tanks created thousands of years ago is to be proposed for nomination to the World Monuments Fund Watch 2025 programme.
- ✓ It is the leading independent organization devoted to safeguarding the world's most treasured places to enrich people's lives and build mutual understanding across cultures and communities.

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 \checkmark Since 1965, its global team of experts has preserved the world's diverse cultural heritage using the highest international standards at more than 700 sites in 112 countries.

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- ✓ Partnering with local communities, funders, and governments, WMF draws on heritage to address some of today's most pressing challenges: climate change, underrepresentation, imbalanced tourism, and post-crisis recovery.
- ✓ Headquarter: New York City
- ✓ In 2015, WMF India became the most recent entry to the World Monuments Fund family of affiliates, established under India's Companies Act, following the country's policy to include heritage conservation in corporate social responsibility programs.
- ✓ What is the World Monuments Watch?
- ✓ It is a nomination-based program that connects local heritage preservation to global awareness and action.
- ✓ Every two years, the Watch rallies support to places in need and the people who care for them, spotlighting new challenges.
- ✓ At its core, the Watch's call to action seeks to empower timely preservation efforts that improve the lives of communities.
- ✓ The 2025 Watch will include 25 places, each telling an urgent local story with global relevance
- Q.15. The State Bank of India (SBI) has told the Supreme Court that a total of electoral bonds were purchased by political parties between April 1, 2019 and February 15 this year, out of which _____were redeemed.
 - A) 22,217; 22,020
 - C) 22,217; 22,030
- B) 22,207; 22,030

D) 22,117; 22,030

Answer : C

- ✓ The State Bank of India (SBI) has told the Supreme Court that a total of 22,217 electoral bonds were purchased by political parties between April 1, 2019 and February 15 this year, out of which 22,030 were redeemed.
- ✓ In a compliance affidavit filed in the apex court, the SBI said as per the court's direction, it has made available the details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India before the close of business hours on March 12.
- A total number of 22,217 bonds were purchased during the period April 1, 2019 till February 15, 2024.



✓ The affidavit said between April 1, 2019 to April 11, 2019, a total of 3,346 electoral bonds were purchased and 1,609 redeemed.

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- ✓ It further said from April 12, 2019 to February 15 this year, a total of 18,871 electoral bonds were purchased and 20,421 were redeemed.
- ✓ A Supreme Court judgment on February 15, 2024 had struck down the anonymous system of political funding called the 'electoral bonds scheme' while directing the SBI, which was the authorised one under the system, to disclose information about who bought the bonds for which political part

Q.16. According to RBI data, The share of private sector banks in total deposits has risen how much percent as of December 2023?

| A) 34% | B) 36% |
|---------------|--------|
| C) 38% | D) 40% |

Answer : A

- ✓ The share of private sector banks in total deposits has risen significantly, reaching 34% as of December 2023, up from 25% at the end of the financial year 2017-18.
- ✓ This growth has been driven by aggressive interest rate offerings and improved customer relationship management strategies adopted by private banks.
- ✓ The share of public sector banks in the space has declined to 59% from 66% at the end of the financial year 2017-18, according to the Reserve Bank of India data.
- ✓ The ability of private banks to swiftly raise interest rates on fixed deposits has helped them increase their parc share in total deposits.
- ✓ Deposits of private banks grew by 135% to Rs 68.4 trillion as of December 2023, from Rs 29 trillion as of March 2018. Public sector banks increased their deposits by 40% to Rs 116.5 trillion as of December-end, from Rs 76.5 trillion as of March 2018.

Q.17. What are 'Agray' and 'Akshay', recently seen in the news?

- A) Anti-submarine warships
- B) Climate monitoring satellite
- C) Medicinal plant found mainly in South India
- D) Newly discovered Exoplanets



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Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Navy launched ships 'Agray' and 'Akshay' to bolster anti-submarine capabilities.
- ✓ The Ministry of Defence contracted Kolkata-based PSU GRSE for eight ASW Shallow Water Craft (SWC).
- ✓ GRSE built these ships, launched nearly five years post-contract signing.
- ✓ Named after former Abhay class corvettes, Neeta Chaudhary named them INS Agray and INS Akshay.
- \checkmark These are the fifth and sixth in the series.
- ✓ India's shipbuilding prowess enhances maritime security with modern capabilities

Q.18. Which day of the year is marked as the International Day of Action for Rivers?

| A) 14 March | B) 15 March |
|-------------|-------------|
| C) 16 March | D) 13 March |

Answer : A

- ✓ The International Day of Action for Rivers is celebrated every year on 14th of March.
- ✓ It was first marked in March 1997.
- ✓ The year 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of the International Day of Action for Rivers.
- ✓ Theme in 2024 is "Water for All".
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness about the value and importance of rivers as well as bring together people from across the world to discuss and spread awareness about conserving rivers, river management, pollution, and equitable access to clean and flowing water.
- Q.19. The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is event held on___
 - A) 15 March

B) 16 March

C) 14 March

D) 13 March

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is observed every year on 14th of March.
- ✓ The theme for 2024 IDM is "Playing With Math".
- ✓ The day was initiated by the International Mathematical Union (IMU) to celebrate the beauty and importance of mathematics and its essential role in everyone's life.
- ✓ The 40th General Conference of UNESCO approved the Proclamation of March 14 as the International Day of Mathematics, on November 26, 2019.



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Q.20. In India, the National Vaccination Day is observed annually on which day?

A) 13 March B) 14 March

C) 15 March

D) 16 March

Answer : D

- In India, the National Vaccination Day (also known as National Immunisation Day (IMD)) is observed on 16 March ever year, to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation.
- ✓ The day was first observed in the year 1995. It was on March 16, 1995 that India started Pulse Polio Programme and the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine was given.

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- Q.1. What is the other name for "Rupee denominated bonds overseas"?
- A) IPO BondB) Overseas BondC) Indian Rated BondD) Masala BondAnswer : DQ.2.Which of the following bank cannot issue Kisan Credit Card?
A) Regional Rural BankB) Small Finance Bank
C) Cooperative BankD) Payments BankAnswer : D
- Q.3. Which of the following bank is also known as BRICS Bank?
 - A) New Development Bank B) ADB
 - C) AIIB D) IMF

Answer : A

- Q.4. Under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), what is the maximum amount (total) that can be remitted in a Financial Year?
 - A) USD 2,50,000
 - C) USD 1,25,000

D) USD 1,00,000

B) USD 25,000

Answer : A

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- **Q.5**. Which of the following is the authorized Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) in India?
 - A) CARE
 - **B) CERSAI**
 - C) CIBIL
 - **D) UIDAI**

Answer : B

- A bank which is incorporated in a country where it has no physical presence and is unaffiliated to any Q.6. regulated financial group is known as?
 - A) common bank
 - B) incorporated bank
 - C) small bank
 - D) shell bank

Answer : D

- ✓ "Shell bank" means a bank which is incorporated in a country where it has no physical presence and is unaffiliated to any regulated financial group.
- _ refers to replacement of actual card details with an alternate code called the "token". **O.7**. Aparchit Exam War
 - A) Reorganisation
 - **B)** Altering
 - **C)** Tokenisation
 - **D)** Codenisation

Answer : C

- What is the tenor range of dated Government securities? **O.8**.
 - A) 5 years to 40 years
 - B) 5 years to 30 years
 - C) 5 years to 20 years
 - D) 10 years to 30 years

Answer : A

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| - | What is the minimum net owned fund re RBI? | equired by non-banking financial institution to register with |
| 1 | A) Rs. 100 lakh | B) Rs. 300 lakh |
| (| C) Rs. 200 lakh | D) Rs. 500 lakh |
| Answe | er : C | |
| - | Bank credit to registered NBFCs for on-l are eligible for classification as priority s | ending to micro and small enterprises up to per borrower sector lending |
| 1 | A) Rs. 20 lakh | B) Rs. 10 lakh |
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