



## BSC : Question of Day(GA/IT) : BSC

**Ques. : 1** Which of the following sports federations in India has been accorded status of National Sports Federation recently and now it will represent India in international events? Earlier, the Sports Ministry had derecognised it for not adhering to govt guidelines.

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| 1) Hockey India                 | 2) Indian Boxing Federation       |
| 3) All India Tennis Association | 4) Badminton Association of India |
| 5) None of these                | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                    |

**Ques. : 2** The Lok Sabha poll schedule was announced recently by the Election Commissioner of India. Who among the following is the current Chief Election Commissioner?

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| 1) KG Balakrishnan | 2) Navin Chawla       |
| 3) VS Samapath     | 4) Harishankar Brahma |
| 5) SY Quraishi     | <b>Ans.) 3</b>        |

**Ques. : 3** The RBI has extended the date for exchanging pre-2005 banknotes and has advised banks to facilitate the exchange of these notes for full value and without causing any inconvenience to the public. Now exchange will be available till:

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| 1) 31 Jul 2014 | 2) 30 Sep 2014 |
| 3) 1 Jan 2015  | 4) 31 Jan 2015 |
| 5) 31 Mar 2015 | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 4** Sheila Dikshit has been appointed Governor of which of the following states recently?

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| 1) Karnataka     | 2) Tamil Nadu  |
| 3) Kerala        | 4) Odisha      |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 5** Which of the following state govts has announced to introduce health insurance scheme for journalists with provision of insurance cover worth Rs 1 lakh per annum for them?

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| 1) Madhya Pradesh | 2) Uttar Pradesh |
| 3) Odisha         | 4) Kerala        |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 3</b>   |

**Ques. : 6** Graeme Smith, who retired from international cricket, recently, was erstwhile captain of which of the following teams?

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| 1) Australia     | 2) West Indies  |
| 3) New Zealand   | 4) South Africa |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 7** In a ground-breaking discovery, researchers have found that nearly 4,200 years ago the Indus Valley civilisation was doomed by:

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| 1) A monster drought | 2) A massive flood |
| 3) An epidemic       | 4) An invasion     |
| 5) None of these     | <b>Ans.) 1</b>     |

**Ques. : 8** As announced by the Election Commission, the Lok Sabha elections will be held between 7 Apr and 12 May in how many phases? These elections will witness the highest number of phases so far.

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| 1) Five   | 2) Six         |
| 3) Seven  | 4) Nine        |
| 5) Eleven | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 9** In case of dishonour of a cheque due to insufficient funds in the account of the person drawing the cheque, a court can punish the guilty (defaulter) with a prison term of two years and/or a fine, which can be as high as \_\_\_\_\_ the cheque amount.

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| 1) Twice         | 2) Thrice      |
| 3) Four-times    | 4) Five-times  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 10** What is the priority sector lending target (as per cent to net bank credit) for foreign banks in India with less than 20 branches?

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1) 20 per cent | 2) 22 per cent |
| 3) 30 per cent | 4) 32 per cent |
| 5) 40 per cent | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 11** The US space agency NASA is planning to send a robotic mission by 2025 to Europa which is one of the best bets for alien life beyond Earth in our solar system. It is a moon of:

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| 1) Mercury       | 2) Venus       |
| 3) Mars          | 4) Jupiter     |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 12** The political and economic alliance of six Middle Eastern countries, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), does not comprise which of the following countries?

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1) Saudi Arabia         | 2) Kuwait      |
| 3) United Arab Emirates | 4) Qatar       |
| 5) None of these        | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 13** Chief Minister Nabam Tuki recommended the dissolution of the state assembly demanding simultaneous state elections along with the Lok Sabha polls recently. He was the erstwhile chief minister of which of the following states?

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| 1) Arunachal Pradesh | 2) Assam       |
| 3) Manipur           | 4) Tripura     |
| 5) None of these     | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 14** The Winter Paralympics held in Sochi witnessed the largest number of athletes and countries taking part in the event. The Winter Paralympics were first held in:

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| 1) 1964 | 2) 1968        |
| 3) 1972 | 4) 1976        |
| 5) 1980 | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 15** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sold SDRs to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for interim payment to the govt for meeting the fiscal deficit target of 4.8 per cent of GDP in the current financial year. SDR stands for:

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| 1) Share Drawing Rights      | 2) Special Drawing Rights    |
| 3) Structural Drawing Rights | 4) Systematic Drawing Rights |
| 5) Sovereign Drawing Rights  | <b>Ans.) 2</b>               |

**Ques. : 16** Who among the following assumed charge as the Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) recently?

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| 1) Ahmed Saleem        | 2) Fathimath Dhiyana Saeed |
| 3) Arjun Bahadur Thapa | 4) Sheel Kant Sharma       |
| 5) None of these       | <b>Ans.) 3</b>             |

**Ques. : 17** Who among the following has been awarded with the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2013 recently?

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| 1) Karan Singh         | 2) MK Narayanan        |
| 3) Gopalkrishna Gandhi | 4) Chandi Prasad Bhatt |
| 5) None of these       | <b>Ans.) 4</b>         |

**Ques. : 18** Which among the following is the first universal bank of India?

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) HDFC          | 2) Axis Bank    |
| 3) ICICI         | 4) Federal Bank |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b>  |

**Ques. : 19** A debit card holder cannot perform which of the following functions?

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) Make Point of Sale (POS) purchase | 2) Recharge pre-paid mobile phones |
| 3) Pay Life insurance premium.       | 4) Make donation                   |
| 5) None of the above                 | <b>Ans.) 5</b>                     |

**Ques. : 20** Which of the following is the best option to park money for a long period of time to earn a high rate of interest?

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Savings account | 2) Current account   |
| 3) Deposit account | 4) Recurring account |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 3</b>       |

**Ques. : 21** As per the latest data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), which of the following is India's fastest growing State with its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growing at 15.05 per cent during 2012-13?

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| 1) Gujarat   | 2) Odisha       |
| 3) Jharkhand | 4) Chhattisgarh |
| 5) Bihar     | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 22** The Crimean parliament voted unanimously to enter into the Russian Federation and break away from which of the following countries? A referendum is proposed to be held to approve the same.

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| 1) Ukraine       | 2) Romania     |
| 3) Kazakhstan    | 4) Uzbekistan  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 23** The President's rule was imposed in Andhra Pradesh recently. In the first instance, the duration of the President's rule in a state is:

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| 1) One month     | 2) Three months |
| 3) Six months    | 4) Nine months  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b>  |

**Ques. : 24** The leaders of the BIMSTEC grouping have agreed to set up the permanent secretariat in which of the following countries to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of activities and projects agreed by the grouping?

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| 1) India         | 2) Bangladesh  |
| 3) Myanmar       | 4) Nepal       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 25** According to the Worldwide Cost of Living 2014 index, which of the following Indian cities tops the list of world's ten least expensive cities?

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| 1) Delhi     | 2) Mumbai      |
| 3) Kolkata   | 4) Chennai     |
| 5) Bangalore | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 26** The book titled 'A Never Before World' has been authored by who among the following?

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| 1) Sidharth Bhatia | 2) Ravinder Singh  |
| 3) Rama Bijapurkar | 4) Sudeep Nagarkar |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 3</b>     |

**Ques. : 27** BIMSTEC was established as a new sub-regional grouping through the Bangkok declaration in which of the following years? Earlier, it was named BIST-EC.

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| 1) 1992 | 2) 1993        |
| 3) 1995 | 4) 1997        |
| 5) 1999 | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 28** Third BIMSTEC Summit concluded in Myanmar recently. Which of the following is correct with respect to the declaration made after the summit?

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| 1) The Third BIMSTEC Energy Ministerial Meeting will be held in Nepal.  | 2) The Fourth BIMSTEC Energy Ministerial Meeting will be held in Bhutan in 2015. |
| 3) The BIMSTEC Energy Centre is planned to be established in Bengaluru. | 4) All the above   |
| 5) Only 2) and 3)   | <b>Ans.) 4</b>   |

**Ques. : 29** The process through which an investor's physical share certificate gets converted to electronic format which is maintained in an account with the Depository Participant, is termed as:

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Materialisation | 2) Dematerialisation |
| 3) Conversion      | 4) Prioritization    |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 2</b>       |

**Ques. : 30** What is take-out financing?

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| 1) A method of providing finance for longer duration projects | 2) A method of providing finance for short duration projects |
| 3) A method of providing finance without any paper work       | 4) A method of providing finance on very low interest rates  |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 1</b>   |

**Ques. : 31** Which of the following teams has won the Santosh Trophy 2014 football tournament recently?

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| 1) Railways      | 2) Mizoram     |
| 3) Punjab        | 4) Kerala      |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 32** Eight time world champion Pankaj Advani is associated with which of the following games? He has won a national men's title recently.

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| 1) Snooker       | 2) Table tennis |
| 3) Chess         | 4) Badminton    |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b>  |

**Ques. : 33** Saudi Arabia has formally designated the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organisation recently. Muslim Brotherhood is active in which of the following countries?

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| 1) Syria         | 2) Egypt       |
| 3) Libya         | 4) Yemen       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 34** The Home Ministry withdrew the sanction given to NIA to prosecute the two Italian marines under SUA Act recently. SUA stands for:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Submission of Unlawful Acts  | 2) Sanction of Unlawful Acts   |
| 3) Suspicion of Unlawful Acts   | 4) Subvention of Unlawful Acts |
| 5) Suppression of Unlawful Acts | <b>Ans.) 5</b>                 |

**Ques. : 35** The book titled '12 Years A Slave' has been authored by:

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| 1) Solomon Northup | 2) Hasan Suroor |
| 3) Vesna P Jacob   | 4) Simon Denyer |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 1</b>  |

**Ques. : 36** Name the Indian envoy to Saudi Arabia who regularised status of 14 lakh Saudi Indians and has been conferred the SK Singh Award for excellence in Indian Foreign Service.

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| 1) Suresh K Reddy | 2) Dinkar Prakash Srivastava |
| 3) Sanjiv Arora   | 4) Siby George               |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 4</b>               |

**Ques. : 37** A Navy commander died and two personnel were hospitalised following an accident on board in a destroyer of Indian Navy undergoing trials at the Mumbai Port Trust. Name the destroyer.

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| 1) INS Kochi     | 2) INS Chennai |
| 3) INS Kolkata   | 4) INS Mumbai  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 38** Which of the following teams has won the ICC Asia Cup cricket tournament recently?

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| 1) Pakistan      | 2) Sri Lanka   |
| 3) Bangladesh    | 4) India       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 39** Which of the following auto majors has announced a tie up with Bharatiya Mahila Bank to provide retail finance to its passenger vehicle customers recently?

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| 1) Maruti Suzuki         | 2) Tata Motors  |
| 3) Mahindra and Mahindra | 4) Force Motors |
| 5) None of these         | <b>Ans.) 2</b>  |

**Ques. : 40** What is the expanded form of TDS, a term related with taxation in India?

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Tax Deducted at Source | 2) Tax Defaulted at Source |
| 3) Tax Demanded at Source | 4) Tax Differed at Source  |
| 5) None of these          | <b>Ans.) 1</b>             |

**Ques. : 41** Expand the term FSDC.

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| 1) Financial Suitability and Development Council | 2) Financial Sustainability and Development Council |
| 3) Financial Structure Development Council       | 4) Financial Stability and Development Council      |

5) Financial Sovereignty and Development Council **Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 42** Anwar Ibrahim, who is facing sodomy charges, is the opposition leader in which of the following countries? Sodomy is illegal in this Muslim-majority country and punishable by up to 20 years in jail.

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| 1) Malaysia | 2) Indonesia   |
| 3) Pakistan | 4) Iraq        |
| 5) Iran     | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 43** Which of the following is correct about Special Drawing Rights (SDR) created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

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| 1) SDR is an international reserve asset created by the IMF in 1969.   | 2) Each member country of IMF has SDRs allocated to it in proportion to its quota in the IMF. |
| 3) Its value is based on a basket of key international currencies - the euro, Japanese yen, pound sterling, and US dollar. | 4) All the above  |
| 5) Only 2) and 3)  | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 44** Armies of India and which of the following countries carried out joint disaster relief operations named 'Surya Kiran' in Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand recently?

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Myanmar       | 2) Nepal       |
| 3) China         | 4) Bangladesh  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 45** What is the term used for the debt instrument, secured by the collateral of an immovable property, in which the borrower is obliged to pay back the debt on terms agreed upon?

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| 1) Lien     | 2) Assignment    |
| 3) Mortgage | 4) Hypothecation |
| 5) Pledge   | <b>Ans.) 3</b>   |

**Ques. : 46** As per the industry estimates, by 2015-16 the domestic steel capacity of India is slated to go up to \_\_\_\_\_ from the present level of 90 mt.

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| 1) 100 mt | 2) 120 mt      |
| 3) 135 mt | 4) 140 mt      |
| 5) 150 mt | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 47** What does letter 'A' represents in the term CRAR?

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| 1) Allocation    | 2) Advance     |
| 3) Adequacy      | 4) Assets      |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 48** The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has proposed to offer share purchase scheme for all its employees to raise additional equity capital of:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Rs 500-700 cr   | 2) Rs 600-9200 cr  |
| 3) Rs 700-1100 cr  | 4) Rs 800-1,200 cr |
| 5) Rs 900-1,300 cr | <b>Ans.) 4</b>     |

**Ques. : 49** The RBI is gearing up to issue new bank licences subject to the Election Commission's nod as the model code of conduct took effect on 5 Mar. Which of the following is correct in this regard?

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| 1) The applicants for new licences include the Aditya Birla group, Anil Ambani's Reliance group, IDFC, IFCI, L&T Finance Holdings, Muthoot Finance and LIC Housing Finance. | 2) The applications have been examined by a committee headed by former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan. |
| 3) Now, the Finance Minister will examine the applications and forward his views to the committee of the RBI's Central Board to take the final call.                        | 4) All the above   |
| 5) Only 1) and 2)   | <b>Ans.) 5</b>   |

**Ques. : 50** Which among the following is a landlocked country?

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|----------------------|----------------|
| 1) Bhutan            | 2) Sri Lanka   |
| 3) Pakistan          | 4) Myanmar     |
| 5) None of the above | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 51** The present length of the National Highway in the country is about:

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1) 60,000 km | 2) 70,000 km   |
| 3) 80,000 km | 4) 90,000 km   |
| 5) 95,000 km | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 52** The Govt has announced to transfer the special drawing rights (SDRs) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and in return will receive Rs 15,000 cr in three years. What is size of SDR allocation to India?

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| 1) 2.28 bn | 2) 3.29 bn     |
| 3) 3.47 bn | 4) 3.86 bn     |
| 5) 4.25 bn | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 53** India's Heena Sidhu bagged Gold medal in 7th Asian C'ships recently. She is associated with which of the following games?

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| 1) Air pistol shooting | 2) Archery     |
| 3) Discus throw        | 4) Short put   |
| 5) None of these       | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 54** Which of the following is NOT an intangible asset?

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Patents       | 2) Trademarks  |
| 3) Copyrights    | 4) Goodwill    |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 55** Purchase now and pay later is the feature of:

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1) Debit card    | 2) Credit card   |
| 3) Smart card    | 4) Discount card |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b>   |

**Ques. : 56** Funeral ceremony of First Vice President Marshal Mohammad Qasim Fahim was held at the presidential place with full state honor in which of the following countries recently?

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Afghanistan   | 2) Malaysia    |
| 3) Indonesia     | 4) Iran        |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 57** Who among the following is the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharatiya Mahila Bank Limited, the first women's bank in India and a wholly owned Govt institution which will have 25 branches across the main cities of the country by the end of 2014?

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| 1) Usha Sangwan            | 2) Shikha Sharma          |
| 3) Usha Ananthasubramanian | 4) Arundhati Bhattacharya |
| 5) None of these           | <b>Ans.) 3</b>            |

**Ques. : 58** What is the transaction limit for mobile phone transactions as stipulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

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| 1) As per the discretion of the concerned bank | 2) Rs 25000    |
| 3) Rs 30000                                    | 4) Rs 35000    |
| 5) Rs 50000                                    | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 59** India has pledged to provide what amount to Bhutan for its 11th Five Year Plan, helping the country to implement major projects that will improve the livelihood of its people?

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| 1) Rs 6.5 bn  | 2) Rs 7.5 bn   |
| 3) Rs 8.5 bn  | 4) Rs 9.5 bn   |
| 5) Rs 10.5 bn | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 60** As announced by the BCCI, recently, the initial phase of the IPL 7 will be staged in which of the following countries? IPL is scheduled to be held from 16 Apr to 1 Jun.

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| 1) United Arab Emirates | 2) South Africa |
| 3) England              | 4) Sri Lanka    |
| 5) None of these        | <b>Ans.) 1</b>  |

**Ques. : 61** Public sector bank Canara bank has appointed who among the following as its brand ambassador?

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Shikhar Dhawan | 2) Ravindra Jadeja   |
| 3) Virat Kohli    | 4) Cheteshwar Pujara |

5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 1</b>
<b>Ques. : 62</b> Michelle Bachelet has been sworn in as the president of which of the following countries recently?	
1) Latvia	2) Chile
3) Chad	4) Bulgaria
5) Belgium	<b>Ans.) 2</b>
<b>Ques. : 63</b> The book titled 'India's Muslim Spring' has been authored by:	
1) Indrajit Hazra	2) Vesna P Jacob
3) Anita Nair	4) Hasan Suroor
5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 4</b>
<b>Ques. : 64</b> When the Reserve Bank of India injects liquidity in the monetary economy, it is done through which of the following mechanisms?	
1) Increase in CRR	2) Increase in SLR
3) Repo	4) LSF
5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 3</b>
<b>Ques. : 65</b> President Pranab Mukherjee conferred the Stree Shakti Puraskar 2013 awards on six women on the eve of international women's day recently. Who among the following is NOT among these six women?	
1) Vartika Nanda	2) Tessy Thomas
3) Mansi Pradhan	4) Bina Sheth Lashkari
5) Seema Sakhare	<b>Ans.) 2</b>
<b>Ques. : 66</b> When buying and selling of securities is done by a person having access to privileged information, it is known as?	
1) Privilege trading	2) Authorised trading
3) Unauthorised trading	4) Insider trading
5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 4</b>
<b>Ques. : 67</b> India's per capita steel consumption is around _____ at present.	
1) 60 kg	2) 120 kg
3) 180 kg	4) 210 kg
5) 460 kg	<b>Ans.) 1</b>
<b>Ques. : 68</b> When banks distribute insurance products to their customers acting as corporate agents, it is termed as	
1) Dealership	2) Underwriting business
3) Bancassurance	4) Dual business
5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 3</b>
<b>Ques. : 69</b> The Goods and Services Tax, which will bring together most of the taxes that are imposed on all goods and services (except a few) under a single banner, will replace which among the following?	
1) Excise duty	2) Service tax
3) Value-added tax (VAT)	4) All the above
5) None of the above	<b>Ans.) 4</b>
<b>Ques. : 70</b> Gilt-edged market deals in which of the following?	
1) Precious metals	2) Corporate bonds
3) Foreign exchange	4) Govt securities
5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 4</b>
<b>Ques. : 71</b> The govt has made it mandatory to carry proof of vaccination against which of the following diseases after 15th Mar for everyone entering India from Pakistan?	
1) Swine flu	2) Bird flu
3) Polio	4) Typhoid
5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 3</b>
<b>Ques. : 72</b> Who among the following has authored the book titled 'Fit to Fight'?	
1) Vesna P Jacob	2) Indrajit Hazra
3) Anita Nair	4) Hasan Suroor
5) None of these	<b>Ans.) 1</b>

**Ques. : 73** Name the Indian-American attorney who is all set to become California's first federal judge of South Asian descent?

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| 1) Neal Katyal    | 2) Srikanth Srinivasan |
| 3) Vince Chhabria | 4) Preet Bharara       |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 3</b>         |

**Ques. : 74** Name the Indian acid attack victim who has won the prestigious International Women of Courage Award from the US First Lady Michelle Obama for successfully leading the campaign against acid attacks on women in India.

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| 1) Sonali Mukherjee | 2) Laxmi             |
| 3) Anu Mukherjee    | 4) Late Preeti Rathi |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>       |

**Ques. : 75** The Karnataka Govt has sought over Rs 109 cr from the NDRF for crop loss due to untimely rain. What does NDRF stands for?

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1) National Draught Relief Fund  | 2) National Dedicated Relief Fund   |
| 3) National Disaster Relief Fund | 4) National Distributed Relief Fund |
| 5) National Domestic Relief Fund | <b>Ans.) 3</b>                      |

**Ques. : 76** The Union Govt decided to hike interest rates on fixed deposit schemes offered by post offices by up to 0.2 % based on the recommendations of:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Nachiket Mor Committee      | 2) YV Reddy Committee |
| 3) Shyamala Gopinath Committee | 4) R H Khan Committee |
| 5) None of these               | <b>Ans.) 3</b>        |

**Ques. : 77** Who among the following has been given the title of the world's richest person in the Forbes 2014 billionaire list released recently?

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Carlos Slim Helu | 2) Warren Edward Buffett |
| 3) Amancio Ortega   | 4) Bill Gates            |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 4</b>           |

**Ques. : 78** Which of the following is NOT a term used in banking/finance?

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Factoring | 2) Forfaiting  |
| 3) Leasing   | 4) Sublimation |
| 5) CAMELS    | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 79** What is the term used for the investible funds seeking short term gains from investment?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Premium       | 2) Hot money   |
| 3) Debenture     | 4) Blue chip   |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 80** The term ICAAP is associated with which of the following in the context of banks in India?

- |                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Risk management  | 2) Bad loans               |
| 3) Capital adequacy | 4) Priority sector lending |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 3</b>             |

**Ques. : 81** In which of the following countries 16 big banks has been sued, recently, accusing them of fraud and conspiring to keep a key global interest rate low to enrich themselves?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) UK            | 2) US          |
| 3) Switzerland   | 4) China       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 82** The recently released book titled, "India at Risk: Mistakes, Misconceptions and Misadventures of security policy" has been authored by who among the following?

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1) AK Antony        | 2) Jaswant Singh    |
| 3) Pranab Mukherjee | 4) George Fernandes |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>      |

**Ques. : 83** The ICC T20 World Cup 2014 is scheduled to be organised in which of the following countries from 16 Mar to 6 Apr?

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1) Sri Lanka  | 2) South Africa |
| 3) Bangladesh | 4) England      |
| 5) Australia  | <b>Ans.) 3</b>  |

**Ques. : 84** The Supreme Court refused to lift the restraint on the sale of its Indian assets by which of the following mobile handset makers as part of its global deal with the software giant Microsoft?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Motorola      | 2) Nokia       |
| 3) Huawei        | 4) HTC         |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 85** The Election Commission announced free telecast/broadcast time on Doordarshan and AIR for campaigning for upcoming parliamentary elections. Which of the following is NOT correct in this respect?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1) The facility will be available to six national and 47 state parties.  | 2) The facility is not available to registered unrecognised parties and Independents.                  |
| 3) The criticism of other countries, attack on religions or communities, defamatory or obscene matter etc will not be allowed. | 4) The concept of free time for parties on state-owned TV and radio was introduced by EC in Feb, 1998. |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 5</b>   |

**Ques. : 86** The committee constituted by the govt to assess implementation of the Sachar Committee recommendations and the Prime Minister's 15-point programme for minorities submitted its report recently. The Committee was chaired by:

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Amitabh Kundu | 2) VR Krishna Iyer |
| 3) Binayak Sen   | 4) Sandeep Pandey  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b>     |

**Ques. : 87** Expand the term ICAAP.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1) Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process       | 2) International Capital Adequacy Assessment Process |
| 3) Internal Capital Advance Assessment Process        | 4) Internal Capital Adherence Assessment Process     |
| 5) International Capital Adherence Assessment Process | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                                       |

**Ques. : 88** GK Pillai resigned as the MCX-SX chairman recently. Who among the following has been appointed the new chairman of the MCX-SX stock exchange?

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Saurabh Sarkar | 2) KV Kamath       |
| 3) OP Bhatt       | 4) Thomas Mathew T |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 4</b>     |

**Ques. : 89** We often come across the term CSR. What does letter S denote in the word CSR?

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1) Security | 2) Specified   |
| 3) Social   | 4) Substitute  |
| 5) Senior   | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 90** Which of the following is NOT a delivery channel for the banking sector in India?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Call centre   | 2) Branch      |
| 3) Internet      | 4) Kiosk       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 91** Which of the following is a scheme to augment the urban infrastructure in India?

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1) JNNURM        | 2) Bharat Nirman |
| 3) RAY           | 4) TRYSEM        |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b>   |

**Ques. : 92** Which of the following is NOT the name of the currency of a country?

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1) Rand     | 2) Pound       |
| 3) Ngultrum | 4) Ecuador     |
| 5) Dollar   | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 93** Which of the following functions are not being performed by the Reserve Bank of India?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1) Regulation of banks in India         | 2) Regulation of foreign direct investment in India |
| 3) Foreign currency management in India | 4) Control and supervision of money supply          |
| 5) None of the above                    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                                      |

**Ques. : 94** What is the condition for a bank to be called a 'Scheduled Bank'?

- 1) Its business has crossed Rs 1000-cr mark.      2) Its branch network is over 100.  
3) It is included in the second schedule of the RBI Act.      4) It complies with all the above conditions.  
5) None of these      **Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 95** Which of the following is NOT a banking related term?

- 1) MSME      2) Overdraft  
3) Syndication      4) Turnover  
5) Equinox      **Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 96** We often read about CRISIL and ICRA in financial newspapers. These are:

- 1) brokerage firms      2) credit rating agencies  
3) mutual funds      4) telecommunication service providers  
5) None of these      **Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 97** Many times we read in financial newspapers about the performance of the “core sector” in Economy. Which of the following is NOT included in the core sector?

- 1) Coal      2) Auto sector  
3) Steel      4) Cement  
5) Oil and Petroleum industry      **Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 98** Which of the following is a programme launched for school children which has been very successful?

- 1) Antyodaya Yojana      2) Food for work  
3) Mid Day Meal      4) ASHA  
5) None of these      **Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 99** Which of the following is Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) at present?

- 1) 10%      2) 15%  
3) 20%      4) 23%  
5) 33%      **Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 100** Which of the following names is not associated with the operations of the defence forces in India?

- 1) Sukhoi-30      2) MIG-29  
3) Tejas      4) SARAS  
5) None of these      **Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 101** As announced by the election commission, recently, the first two states to be issued with plastic photo identity card for elections in India are:

- 1) Assam and Nagaland      2) Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram  
3) West Bengal and Sikkim      4) Tripura and Nagaland  
5) None of these      **Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 102** Which of the following mobile operators operating in India has announced to buy Spanish cable operator Ono for 7.2 bn euros recently?

- 1) Bharti Airtel      2) Reliance Communication  
3) Vodafone      4) Idea Cellular  
5) None of these      **Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 103** Bru or Reang refugees living in relief camps in Tripura, originally belongs to which of the following states? The chief minister of their home state has submitted a memorandum to the Election Commission urging not to allow them to vote in relief camps.

- 1) Mizoram      2) Manipur  
3) Assam      4) Arunachal Pradesh  
5) None of these      **Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 104** Which of the following cities was in news for traffic restrictions imposed there allowing vehicles with certain registration numbers only to ply on the roads on a particular day recently? The action was taken after the air pollution exceeded safe levels in the city.

- 1) Shanghai      2) London  
3) Paris      4) Mumbai

5) None of these **Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 105** The term broad money is known as which among the following?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) M1            | 2) M2          |
| 3) M3            | 4) M4          |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 106** Which of the following banks has launched its Namma Metro Transit cum Debit Card with which people can travel in Bangalore Metro without waiting for travel tokens?

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) ICICI Bank    | 2) HDFC Bank    |
| 3) Axis Bank     | 4) Federal Bank |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 107** Who among the following has won the 2014 BNP Paribas Open (also known as the 2014 Indian Wells Masters) title recently?

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Roger Federer      | 2) Novak Djokovic |
| 3) Stanislas Wawrinka | 4) Andy Murray    |
| 5) Rafael Nadal       | <b>Ans.) 2</b>    |

**Ques. : 108** Which of the following regions declared independence from Ukraine in a recent referendum conducted there and applied to join Russian federation?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Kiev          | 2) Kharkiv     |
| 3) Crimea        | 4) Moldova     |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 109** Who among the following won the Formula One season opener, Australian Grand Prix, recently?

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Fernando Alonso | 2) Jenson Button    |
| 3) Kevin Magnussen | 4) Daniel Ricciardo |
| 5) Nico Rosberg    | <b>Ans.) 5</b>      |

**Ques. : 110** In case of which among the following cards, the user can make payment to the extent of balance lying in his/her account only?

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1) Credit card   | 2) Debit card    |
| 3) Smart card    | 4) All the above |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b>   |

**Ques. : 111** Nishi Vasudeva has become the first women Chairman and Managing Director of which of the following blue-chip PSUs recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) HPCL          | 2) BPCL        |
| 3) IOC           | 4) ONGC        |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 112** Which of the following state govts signed an agreement with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), recently, under which NDDB will manage the State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd for five years?

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) West Bengal    | 2) Bihar       |
| 3) Madhya Pradesh | 4) Rajasthan   |
| 5) Jharkhand      | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 113** The govt has agreed to the Election Commission's suggestion regarding ceiling on poll expenditure in elections. Now, the new ceiling on poll expenditure in Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly elections will be \_\_\_\_\_ respectively. However, this is applicable only in the bigger States.

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Rs 50 lakh, Rs 20 lakh | 2) Rs 60 lakh, Rs 30 lakh |
| 3) Rs 70 lakh, Rs 40 lakh | 4) Rs 75 lakh, Rs 45 lakh |
| 5) Rs 80 lakh, Rs 50 lakh | <b>Ans.) 3</b>            |

**Ques. : 114** Name the Reserve Bank of India deputy governor who resigned recently?

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Anand Sinha                  | 2) Harun Rashid Khan |
| 3) Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty | 4) Urijit Patel      |
| 5) Subir Gokarn                 | <b>Ans.) 3</b>       |

**Ques. : 115** What is the expanded for of the term CAGR.



5) None of these **Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 126** Which of the following public sector lenders has announced, for the first time in its history, to offload around Rs 5,000 cr of its Rs 67,799 cr dud assets to asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) recently?

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Union Bank of India  | 2) State Bank of India |
| 3) Punjab National Bank | 4) Canara Bank         |
| 5) None of these        | <b>Ans.) 2</b>         |

**Ques. : 127** Who among the following has won the women's singles title of the BNP Paribas Open 2014 recently?

- |                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Agnieszka Radwanska | 2) Li Na           |
| 3) Sara Errani         | 4) Flavia Pennetta |
| 5) Roberta Vinci       | <b>Ans.) 4</b>     |

**Ques. : 128** A Microsoft survey has ranked India fourth among nations sending out botnet spam during Jan-Jun 2013 period. Which of the following countries has been ranked on the top?

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) Russia | 2) China       |
| 3) US     | 4) UK          |
| 5) Japan  | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 129** The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has, at the behest of the Govt of India, extended a Line of Credit of \$89.90 mn to which of the following countries, for developing transportation system recently?

- |                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Cameroon      | 2) Republic of Congo |
| 3) Tanzania      | 4) Kenya             |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b>       |

**Ques. : 130** Which of the following insurers has come under the scanner of IRDA for alleged irregularities in implementation of govt sponsored insurance schemes meant for poor people? The CBI had registered a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) against the insurer earlier.

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1) Bajaj Allianz | 2) ICICI Lombard |
| 3) Max Insurance | 4) Bharti Axa    |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b>   |

**Ques. : 131** The govt agreed to increase the ceiling for Lok Sabha poll to Rs 70 lakh recently. However, in the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Sikkim and Union Territories, the ceiling for LS poll will be:

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1) Rs 30 lakh | 2) Rs 35 lakh  |
| 3) Rs 45 lakh | 4) Rs 50 lakh  |
| 5) Rs 54 lakh | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 132** Which of the following is not a work of late Khushwant Singh?

- |                      |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) Train to Pakistan | 2) Chronicle of a Corpse Bearer    |
| 3) The Sunset Club   | 4) Truth, Love and a Little Malice |
| 5) None of these     | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                     |

**Ques. : 133** The new index, proposed by the Rajan committee, assesses the backwardness of the states based on averages of ten sub-components. Which of the following is NOT among these components?

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1) monthly per-capita consumption expenditure                             | 2) female literacy     |
| 3) share of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the total population | 4) household amenities |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 5</b>         |

**Ques. : 134** UN unanimously voted in favor of resolution condemning illegal oil export from which of the following countries recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Syria         | 2) Libya       |
| 3) Yemen         | 4) Iraq        |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 135** Which of the following states continues to remain the top-ranked Indian state in terms of "economic freedom," an index that measures governance, growth, citizens' rights and labour and business regulation among the country's 20 largest states?

- |                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1) Madhya Pradesh | 2) Haryana |
| 3) Kerala         | 4) Gujarat |

5) Tamil Nadu **Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 136** The book titled 'Indian Muslim Spring' is authored by:

- |                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1) Hasan Suroor            | 2) Reza Aslan    |
| 3) Hansda Sowendra Shekhar | 4) Mukul Kesavan |
| 5) None of these           | <b>Ans.) 1</b>   |

**Ques. : 137** According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which of the following countries is the biggest buyer of arms in the world over the last five years?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) China         | 2) Iran        |
| 3) Pakistan      | 4) India       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 138** Who is the winner of the 2014 Templeton Prize?

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Jan Sokol     | 2) Dominik Duka |
| 3) Tomas Halik   | 4) Miloslav Vlk |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b>  |

**Ques. : 139** Which of the following is NOT a part of the prudent guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India?

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Asset classification | 2) Income recognition  |
| 3) Provisioning norms   | 4) Loan recovery rules |
| 5) None of these        | <b>Ans.) 4</b>         |

**Ques. : 140** In the context of banking sector, DRT is associated with:

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1) Recurring deposits | 2) Loan recovery                        |
| 3) Deposit insurance  | 4) Demand and time liabilities of banks |
| 5) None of these      | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                          |

**Ques. : 141** World Tuberculosis Day is observed on:

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) 11 Mar | 2) 14 Mar      |
| 3) 22 Mar | 4) 24 Mar      |
| 5) 25 Mar | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 142** Who among following has been appointed the Secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) recently?

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1) Saurabh Chandra | 2) Ruma Pal    |
| 3) Amitabh Kant    | 4) Vivek Rae   |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 143** Nearly two decades after Indian languages were removed from the official curriculum, Hindi, Tamil, Gujarati, Telugu and Urdu are to be reinstated in state schools in which of the following countries? The country is home to 1.4 million citizens of Indian origin.

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Mauritius     | 2) Indonesia   |
| 3) South Africa  | 4) Zimbabwe    |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 144** Soma Mondal has been appointed the new Director (Commercial) of which of the following Navratna PSUs recently? She is the first woman employee of the company to be elevated to the post of Director.

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1) Bharat Electronics Limited            | 2) National Aluminium Company Limited |
| 3) Shipping Corporation of India Limited | 4) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited      |
| 5) Oil India Limited                     | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                        |

**Ques. : 145** The Reserve Bank came out with final guidelines for the non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) with regard to the early detection and recovery of bad loans recently. Which of the following is correct in this regard?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1) The guidelines will be effective from 1 Apr 2015.   | 2) Before a loan account turns into an NPA, NBFCs will be required to identify incipient stress in the account by creating a sub-asset category 'special mention accounts' (SMA). |
| 3) The Bank permitted NBFCs to sell NPAs to other banks, financial institutions or NBFCs without any initial holding period. | 4) All the above  |
| 5) Only 2) and 3)  | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 146** The two-month long campaign 'U & Me Against Dengue', a public-private partnership, will be launched in six major cities in the country. Which of the following cities is NOT among them?

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Delhi     | 2) Mumbai      |
| 3) Kolkata   | 4) Chennai     |
| 5) Ahmedabad | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 147** India has nominated the Great Himalayan National Park in Himachal Pradesh and Rani-ki-Vav, a 11th-century step well as candidates for UNESCO's World Heritage Site status this year. Rani-Ki-Vav is located in which of the following states?

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Rajasthan     | 2) Delhi          |
| 3) Gujarat       | 4) Madhya Pradesh |
| 5) Uttar Pradesh | <b>Ans.) 3</b>    |

**Ques. : 148** Who among the following has been voted the cricketer of the generation by a 50-member jury of current and former cricketers and journalists recently? He will be awarded by ESPNcricinfo.

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Shane Warne      | 2) Jacques Kallis |
| 3) Sachin Tendulkar | 4) Brian Lara     |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 3</b>    |

**Ques. : 149** India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world and is expected to become the third largest after US and China by 2020. What is India's current position in this field?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Fifth   | 2) Sixth       |
| 3) Seventh | 4) Eighth      |
| 5) Ninth   | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 150** The nation observed 84th Martyrdom Day to pay homage to Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru recently on:

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) Mar 21 | 2) Mar 22      |
| 3) Mar 23 | 4) Mar 24      |
| 5) Mar 25 | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 151** The govt plans to build how many low-cost airports in the next 20 years in tier-II and tier-III cities as smaller cities are set to lead the air traffic growth in the country in the coming years?

- |        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| 1) 50  | 2) 100         |
| 3) 150 | 4) 200         |
| 5) 300 | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 152** Who among the following emerged winner of the inaugural Tata T1 Prima Truck Racing Championship held at the Buddh International Circuit recently?

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) David Jenkins | 2) Mathew Summerfield |
| 3) Stuart Oliver | 4) Matt Allison       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b>        |

**Ques. : 153** Kendra Sahitya Akademi Awards, 2013 were felicitated recently. Who among the following is NOT among the award winners this year?

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Javed Akhtar  | 2) Ambika Dutt  |
| 3) Subodh Sarkar | 4) Mridula Garg |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 154** Who among the following has been appointed the chairman of the Financial Planning Standards Board India (FPSB), the professional standards setting body for financial planners?

- |                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Dhirendra Swarup | 2) BN Srikrishna            |
| 3) AR Lakshmanan    | 4) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>              |

**Ques. : 155** Which of the following teams won the final of the 4th Hockey India men's National Championship recently?

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| 1) Railways                                    | 2) Air India   |
| 3) Comptroller and Auditor General of India XI | 4) Punjab      |
| 5) None of these                               | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 156** Who among the following has won the women's world squash championship recently?

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Laura Massaro | 2) Nour El Sherbini |
|------------------|---------------------|

- 3) Raneem El Weleily  
4) Jenny Duncalf

5) Nicol David

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 157** Nissan's low-cost brand, Datsun, made a comeback into the car world after a 30-year gap with the launch of a 1,200cc hatchback model recently. Name the new car launched by the company.

- 1) Celerio  
2) Figo  
3) Beat  
4) Go  
5) None of these

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 158** Which of the following automakers in the US will pay a record \$1.2 bn to resolve a criminal probe into safety issues?

- 1) General Motors  
2) Toyota Motors  
3) Ford Motors  
4) BMW  
5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 159** How many banks can participate to facilitate a consortium advance?

- 1) Two  
2) Three  
3) Four  
4) Five  
5) Any number

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 160** The present definition of willful default was adopted by the RBI on the recommendation of which of the following committees?

- 1) KC Chakrabarty Committee  
2) C Rangarajan Committee  
3) HR Khan Committee  
4) SS Kohli Committee  
5) None of these

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 161** Which of the following countries has been suspended from the powerful G8 grouping recently?

- 1) Italy  
2) Germany  
3) Russia  
4) Canada  
5) None of these

Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 162** According to the data from World Health Organization, most drug-resistant TB patient live in which of the following countries?

- 1) China  
2) Pakistan  
3) US  
4) India  
5) Russia

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 163** Which of the following countries announced a surprise air tax reform in its budget statement which will slash air ticket prices from the country to India?

- 1) US  
2) UK  
3) Japan  
4) Germany  
5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 164** Which of the following state govts has finalized Rs 4,000 cr relief package to farmers in 28 districts of the state hit by hailstorms? The unseasonal rains had caused heavy damage to about 20 lakh hectares crops in these districts.

- 1) Gujarat  
2) Rajasthan  
3) Madhya Pradesh  
4) Maharashtra  
5) None of these

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 165** The recently concluded TROPEX drill was conducted by:

- 1) Indian Army  
2) Indian Navy  
3) Indian Air Force  
4) All the above combined  
5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 166** The recently published book 'Rogue Elephant: Harnessing The Power of India's Unruly Democracy' has been authored by who among the following?

- 1) Simon Denyer  
2) Anita Nair  
3) Indrajit Hazra  
4) Solomon Northup  
5) None of these

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 167** What is the expanded form of NCBC?

- 1) National Commission for Broadcasting Control  
2) National Commission for Backward Classes

- 3) National Commission for Border and Coasts  
4) National Commission for Backward Communities  
5) None of these  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 168** International thinktank SIPRI is associated with which of the following?

- 1) Arms control  
2) Sanitation  
3) Child rights  
4) Refugees  
5) None of these  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 169** The Women in Politics Map 2014 launched by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women has ranked India at which of the following positions?

- 1) 24th  
2) 42nd  
3) 73rd  
4) 92nd  
5) None of these  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 170** As per the revised ceiling for assembly elections, now, in Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Puducherry, poll expenditure per candidate is allowed up to:

- 1) 16 lakh  
2) 18 lakh  
3) Rs 20 lakh  
4) Rs 28 lakh  
5) None of these  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 171** Sri Lanka recorded the fastest ever victory in a Twenty20 International as they thrashed which of the following countries by nine wickets in just five overs in the ICC World T20 in Chittagong recently?

- 1) Netherlands  
2) Afghanistan  
3) Nepal  
4) UAE  
5) Ireland  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 172** Which of the following teams has won the 4th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship recently?

- 1) Haryana  
2) Railways  
3) Punjab  
4) Jharkhand  
5) None of these  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 173** Which of the following states has become the first state in the country to declare all election booths in the coming Lok Sabha polls as no smoking zones?

- 1) Delhi  
2) Gujarat  
3) Odisha  
4) Jammu & Kashmir  
5) Kerala  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 174** Which of the following teams has clinched the 3rd South Asian Handball Championship title recently?

- 1) Pakistan  
2) India  
3) Nepal  
4) Afghanistan  
5) Pakistan  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 175** Bangladesh celebrated its 44th Independence Day recently. Identify the day in 1971, when the country's independence was formally declared by Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman?

- 1) 21 Mar  
2) 22 Mar  
3) 24 Mar  
4) 25 Mar  
5) 26 Mar  
Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 176** According to the United Nations' refugee agency report, largest numbers of people fleeing their homelands to seek asylum from which of the following countries as of now?

- 1) Afghanistan  
2) Ukraine  
3) Syria  
4) Nepal  
5) Sri Lanka  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 177** The book 'A Strange Kind of Paradise: India Through Foreign Eyes' is written by:

- 1) Sam Miller  
2) Robert Nickelsberg  
3) Malvika Singh  
4) Vandana Vasudevan  
5) None of these  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 178** IUCN is an international union associated with which of the following?

- 1) Conservation of Nature
- 3) Countries with Nuclear power
- 5) None of these

- 2) Consumption of Nutrients
- 4) Cure and Neutralisation
- Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 179** Who among the following is the winner of the best actor Oscar at the 86th academy awards?

- 1) Jared Leto
- 3) Woody Harrelson
- 5) None of these

- 2) Leonardo DiCaprio
- 4) Matthew McConaughey
- Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 180** The annual US Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award honours women around the globe who have exemplified exceptional courage and leadership. Who among the following is NOT given the award in 2014?

- 1) Maha Al Muneef
- 3) Fatimata Toure
- 5) Nasrin Oryakhil

- 2) Malala Yousafzai
- 4) Roshika Deo
- Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 181** The Reserve Bank of India has extended the timeline for full implementation of the Basel III capital regulations by a year to \_\_\_\_\_recently.

- 1) 31 Mar 2018
- 3) 31 Mar 2020
- 5) 31 Mar 2022

- 2) 31 Mar 2019
- 4) 31 Mar 2021
- Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 182** Which of the following teams has won the 2014 Deodhar Trophy finals recently?

- 1) North Zone
- 3) Central Zone
- 5) None of these

- 2) West Zone
- 4) Sough Zone
- Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 183** China has allowed direct domestic trading of its currency Yuan against the currency of which of the following countries, recently, to encourage such trading as it internationalizes the Chinese currency?

- 1) Japan
- 3) Australia
- 5) None of these

- 2) South Korea
- 4) New Zealand
- Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 184** In a step towards better management of its borrowings, the central govt has prepared PDMA Bill. What is expanded form of PDMA?

- 1) Public Debt Minimizing Agency
- 3) Public Dealing Management Agency
- 5) Public Default Management Agency

- 2) Public Default Minimizing Agency
- 4) Public Debt Management Agency
- Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 185** Based on current prices, India's per capita income is projected to soar to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2013-14.

- 1) Rs 54,200
- 3) Rs 65,290
- 5) Rs 80,740

- 2) Rs 61,420
- 4) Rs 74,920
- Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 186** Name the city where the five-day fourth edition of the India Aviation show was held recently?

- 1) Bangalore
- 3) Hyderabad
- 5) None of these

- 2) Pune
- 4) Chennai
- Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 187** The term EPIC is associated with which of the following in the context of elections?

- 1) Voters
- 3) Property declaration
- 5) None of these

- 2) Poll code of conduct
- 4) Poll expenditure ceiling
- Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 188** Who among the following has signed up with WASH United and ICC to combat one of the deadliest ailments in India and South Africa, diarrhoea, recently? As WASH United Ambassador, he will use his popularity and role model status to change attitudes towards sanitation and hygiene.

- 1) Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) Suresh Raina
- 5) None of these

- 2) Virat Kohli
- 4) Yuvraj Singh
- Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 189** Which of the following teams has won the men's title of the 64th National Basketball Championships recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Chhattisgarh  | 2) Railways    |
| 3) Tamil Nadu    | 4) Punjab      |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 190** Name the Indian writer and novelist who has won the Windham Campbell Literature Prize in non-fiction category. The Indian writer is one of eight writers from seven countries winning a \$150,000 Yale University prize

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1) Rashmi Bansal | 2) Preeti Shenoy |
| 3) Ashwin Sanghi | 4) Pankaj Mishra |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>   |

**Ques. : 191** Jens Stoltenberg will take over as new chief of the 28-nation military alliance NATO in Oct this year. He is the former premier of which of the following countries?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Denmark | 2) Norway      |
| 3) Croatia | 4) Bulgaria    |
| 5) Belgium | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 192** Which of the following cricket teams has been conferred the Spirit of Sports award, at the Laureus World Sports Awards in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia recently? The team is recognised for its fight against the odds to qualify for the Cricket World Cup.

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Kenya         | 2) Ireland     |
| 3) Netherlands   | 4) Afghanistan |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 193** The first unit of Coal based Kalisindh Super Thermal Power Plant commenced power generation in Jhalawar district in which of the following states recently?

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) Madhya Pradesh | 2) Rajasthan   |
| 3) Gujarat        | 4) Maharashtra |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 194** 'India's International Bank' is the tagline of which of the following banks?

- |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) State Bank of India  | 2) Bank of Baroda |
| 3) Punjab National Bank | 4) Canara Bank    |
| 5) None of these        | <b>Ans.) 2</b>    |

**Ques. : 195** Which of the following countries will host the 18th SAARC Summit on 14th Nov? It will be hosting the event for the third time since the establishment of eight-member regional grouping in 1985.

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Maldives  | 2) Nepal       |
| 3) Sri Lanka | 4) Pakistan    |
| 5) Bhutan    | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 196** In a major setback to the Air Force, a newly acquired US-made multi-role special operations aircraft crashed near Gwalior killing five crew members recently. Name the aircraft.

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) C-130J        | 2) C-17 Globemaster III |
| 3) C-5 Galaxy    | 4) C-27J Spartan        |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b>          |

**Ques. : 197** In a revamp of the cricket establishment BCCI, the Supreme Court handed it over to who among the following during the upcoming IPL 7?

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Kapil Dev     | 2) Sunil Gavaskar |
| 3) Ravi Shastri  | 4) Rahul Dravid   |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b>    |

**Ques. : 198** India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed Prithvi II missile recently. Which of the following is true about the missile?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1) It is a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface missile with a range of 350 km.   | 2) It is the first missile to be developed by DRDO under the country's prestigious Integrated Guided Missile Development Program. |
| 3) It is thrust by liquid propulsion twin engines and uses advanced inertial guidance system with manoeuvring trajectory. | 4) All the above  |

5) Only 1) and 3) **Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 199** Deodhar Trophy is associated with which of the following games?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Football      | 2) Hockey      |
| 3) Basketball    | 4) Cricket     |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 200** Which of the following teams has won the women's title of the 64th National Basketball Championships recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Chhattisgarh  | 2) Railways    |
| 3) Tamil Nadu    | 4) Punjab      |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 201** Who among the following has won the 2014 Malaysian Grand Prix formula one championships recently?

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Nico Rosberg     | 2) Nico Huelkenberg |
| 3) Sebastian Vettel | 4) Lewis Hamilton   |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 4</b>      |

**Ques. : 202** Who among the following has won the Candidates Chess tournament recently?

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Levon Aronian   | 2) Fabiano Caruana   |
| 3) Sergey Karjakin | 4) Viswanathan Anand |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 4</b>       |

**Ques. : 203** Global remittance flows to India have witnessed a sharp surge to \$7.18 bn in 2013. Which of the following states in India is the top recipient, contributing 33 per cent to the total remittances into the country as stated in the World Bank data?

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Rajasthan | 2) Karnataka   |
| 3) Kerala    | 4) Maharashtra |
| 5) Gujarat   | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 204** Amnesty International released the Global Death Penalty Report 2013 in London, recently. Which of the following countries tops the top executioners during the period of 2007-2013?

- |          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| 1) USA   | 2) Saudi Arabia |
| 3) Iraq  | 4) Iran         |
| 5) China | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 205** Who among the following became the national ambassador of the Earth Hour 2014 that was observed on 29 Mar at 8.30 pm? Earth Hour is an annual global event at which hundreds of millions of households, businesses and govts around the world turn off their lights for one hour.

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1) Arjun Kapoor  | 2) Ranbir Kapoor |
| 3) Ranveer Singh | 4) Salman Khan   |
| 5) Irrfan Khan   | <b>Ans.) 1</b>   |

**Ques. : 206** Over a decade after the state-run banks launched Kisan Credit Cards, which of the following private sector lenders introduced its own card "Kisan Card" through which a farmer can withdraw up to Rs 1 lakh per day from automated teller machines (ATMs)?

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) HDFC          | 2) Axis Bank    |
| 3) ICICI         | 4) Federal Bank |
| 5) IndusInd Bank | <b>Ans.) 2</b>  |

**Ques. : 207** What is the expanded form of the term ITAT?

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1) Internet Traffic Adjustment Tools | 2) International Traffic Advancement Trust |
| 3) Income Tax Appellate Tribunal     | 4) International Tax Appellate Tribunal    |
| 5) None of these                     | <b>Ans.) 3</b>                             |

**Ques. : 208** Who among the following has won the women's singles title of the 2014 Miami Masters (Sony Open) tennis championships recently?

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Li Na           | 2) Serena Williams   |
| 3) Venus Williams  | 4) Victoria Azarenka |
| 5) Maria Sharapova | <b>Ans.) 2</b>       |

**Ques. : 209** Which of the following is NOT a banking related term?

- 1) SWIFT  
3) TRIPS  
5) None of these
- 2) CAMELS  
4) CAR  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 210** Who among the following has been conferred Green Crusader of the Year Award at the prestigious IAA Olive Crown Awards recently? It is Asia's only green award for communication, organized by the Indian chapter of International Advertising Association (IAA).

- 1) Prasoon Joshi  
3) Shashi Tharoor  
5) None of these
- 2) Maneka Gandhi  
4) Medha Patkar  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 211** The President conferred Padma awards recently on eminent personalities from different fields. Who among the following has been conferred the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award this year?

- 1) Anumolu Ramakrishna (Posthumously)  
3) Sudarshan Pattnaik  
5) RA Mashelkar
- 2) Jawahar Lal Kaul  
4) P Gopichand  
**Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 212** The Supreme Court has commuted the death sentence of 1993 Delhi bomb blast case convict and Khalistani terrorist Devinderpal Singh Bhullar on the ground of delay in deciding his mercy plea and his medical condition to \_\_\_\_\_imprisonment.

- 1) Five years  
3) Ten years  
5) Life
- 2) Seven years  
4) Twelve years  
**Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 213** Nancy Powell, who resigned from her post, recently, was the ambassador of which of the following countries to India?

- 1) UK  
3) Italy  
5) Israel
- 2) US  
4) Russia  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 214** Which of the following is NOT an intangible asset?

- 1) Patents  
3) Copyrights  
5) None of these
- 2) Trademarks  
4) Goodwill  
**Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 215** Who among the following has won the men's singles final of the 2014 Malaysia Grand Prix Gold?

- 1) Simon Santoso  
3) Ajay Jayaram  
5) Sai Praneeth
- 2) Sourabh Verma  
4) Anup Sridhar  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 216** Who among the following has won the men's title of the 2014 Miami Masters?

- 1) Rafael Nadal  
3) Novak Djokovic  
5) Juan Martin del Potro
- 2) Roger Federer  
4) Stanislas Wawrinka  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 217** According to the survey of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), India's economy is likely to grow at \_\_\_\_\_ in 2014-15.

- 1) 3.5 per cent  
3) 5 per cent  
5) 6 per cent
- 2) 4.5 per cent  
4) 5.5 per cent  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 218** The book titled 'Urban Villager' has been written by who among the following?

- 1) Pallavi Aiyar  
3) Mukul Kesavan  
5) Malvika Singh
- 2) Vandana Vasudevan  
4) Sidharth Bhatia  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 219** As per the data available with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) have made net inflows of a staggering nearly \_\_\_\_\_ in the Indian stocks during fiscal year 2013-14.

- 1) Rs 60,000 cr  
3) Rs 80,000 cr  
5) Rs 1,00,000 cr
- 2) Rs 70,000 cr  
4) Rs 90,000 cr  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 220** The Empowered Group of Ministers (EgoM) cleared an assistance of Rs 352 cr for replanting horticultural crops in hailstorm-hit four States. Which of the following states is NOT among these four states?

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Rajasthan     | 2) Karnataka      |
| 3) Maharashtra   | 4) Madhya Pradesh |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 5</b>    |

**Ques. : 221** Which of the following has been declared India's most valuable brand with a value of USD 21.1 bn in 2014?

- |               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 1) Indian Oil | 2) Reliance Industries |
| 3) Airtel     | 4) SBI                 |
| 5) Tata group | <b>Ans.) 5</b>         |

**Ques. : 222** The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has ordered that Japan's Antarctic whaling program is not for scientific purposes and has put a temporary stay on the program. The ICJ is located in:

- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1) Hague, Netherlands | 2) Paris, France |
| 3) Munich, Germany    | 4) New York, US  |
| 5) None of these      | <b>Ans.) 1</b>   |

**Ques. : 223** The RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan announced the bi-monthly monetary policy review on 1 Apr. Which of the following is NOT a highlight of the RBI monetary policy review?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1) Short-term lending (Repo) rate unchanged at 8 pc. | 2) Cash reserve ratio (CRR) unchanged at 4 pc.          |
| 3) Economic growth for 2014-15 expected at 5.5 pc.   | 4) CAD expected to come down to 2 pc of GDP in 2014-15. |
| 5) None of these                                     | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 224** According to an Asian Development Bank (ADB) report, India's GDP is poised to accelerate at what per cent in 2014-15 on the back of improved performance in industry and services?

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1) 4 per cent | 2) 4.5 per cent |
| 3) 5 per cent | 4) 5.5 per cent |
| 5) 6 per cent | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 225** The World Bank has announced to nearly doubling its lending capacity to boost support for middle-income countries like Brazil, China and India. Who among the following is current President of the World Bank?

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Christine Lagarde | 2) Robert Zoellick |
| 3) Jim Yong Kim      | 4) Paul Farmer     |
| 5) None of these     | <b>Ans.) 3</b>     |

**Ques. : 226** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has fined which of the following IT giants Rs 1 cr "for failure to comply with the directions given by the director general (DG) seeking information and documents"?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Facebook      | 2) Google      |
| 3) Twitter       | 4) LinkedIn    |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 227** In view of PSBs deteriorating asset quality and rating downgrades, the RBI has recommended the Centre to reduce its holdings in these banks. Under the Banking Regulation Act, the govt has to hold at least \_\_\_\_\_ stake in public sector banks.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) 26 per cent | 2) 49 per cent |
| 3) 51 per cent | 4) 74 per cent |
| 5) 80 per cent | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 228** World Autism Awareness Day is observed on:

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) 1 Apr  | 2) 2 Apr       |
| 3) 4 Apr  | 4) 7 Apr       |
| 5) 12 Apr | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 229** Which of the following is NOT a delivery channel for the banking sector in India?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Call centre   | 2) Branch      |
| 3) Internet      | 4) Kiosk       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 230** As per Sebi directions to stock exchanges and market intermediaries, all trades in securitised debt instruments and

over-the-counter (OTC) corporate bonds will have to be reported within \_\_\_\_\_ of the transaction with immediate effect.

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1) 15 minutes | 2) 30 minutes  |
| 3) One hour   | 4) 6 hours     |
| 5) 12 hours   | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 231** The Sports Ministry has derecognised which of the following sports associations with immediate effect after its refusal to comply with ministry's directives?

- |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Indian Amateur Boxing Federation | 2) Badminton Association of India |
| 3) All India Tennis Association     | 4) Archery Association of India   |
| 5) None of these                    | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                    |

**Ques. : 232** Indian women's cricket team finished the ICC Women's World Twenty20 at which of the following positions recently? The team secured a direct ticket in the 2016 edition of the tournament.

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Joint third   | 2) Joint fourth |
| 3) Joint fifth   | 4) Joint sixth  |
| 5) Joint seventh | <b>Ans.) 3</b>  |

**Ques. : 233** Expand the term GAAR.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1) General Anti Advocacy Rule                  | 2) General Anti Avoidance Rule          |
| 3) General Anti Adversity Rule                 | 4) General Agreement on Atomic Research |
| 5) General Agreement on Agricultural Resources | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                          |

**Ques. : 234** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recommended reforms in PSBs aimed at robust corporate governance practices in these banks. Which among the following is NOT correct in this regard?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1) Splitting chairman & managing directors' post | 2) RBI and govt should withdraw from boards   |
| 3) Chief executives should be given 5-year terms | 4) In case of frauds, banks' boards and senior managements should be held accountable and a branch-level official should not be made scapegoat. |
| 5) None of these                                 | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 235** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has capped the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for the central govt in the first half of the new financial year 2015 at:

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1) Rs 25,000 cr | 2) Rs 30,000 cr |
| 3) Rs 35,000 cr | 4) Rs 40,000 cr |
| 5) Rs 45,000 cr | <b>Ans.) 3</b>  |

**Ques. : 236** The finance ministry has proposed significant changes to the Direct Taxes Code (DTC) Bill. Which of the following is correct in this regard?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1) A 35% tax on those earning more than Rs 10 cr.                   | 2) A company will be liable to tax on indirect transfers if 50% of its global assets are in India. |
| 3) The revised code proposes to replace the Income Tax Act of 1961. | 4) All the above   |
| 5) Only 1) and 3)   | <b>Ans.) 5</b>   |

**Ques. : 237** The US Congress passed an aid package for crisis hit Ukraine that includes sanctions against Russia for annexing Crimea. What is the size of the aid package?

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1) USD 1 bn   | 2) USD 2 bn    |
| 3) USD 2.5 bn | 4) USD 3 bn    |
| 5) USD 3.5 bn | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 238** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted "in-principle" approvals to which of the following financial companies to start new banks recently?

- |                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) IDFC Ltd         | 2) Bandhan Financial Services |
| 3) Mahindra Finance | 4) All the above              |
| 5) Only 1) and 2)   | <b>Ans.) 5</b>                |

**Ques. : 239** Karim Massimov has been named the new Prime Minister of which of the following countries after Serik Akhmetov resigned recently?

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1) Kazakhstan | 2) Kyrgyzstan  |
| 3) Tajikistan | 4) Afghanistan |

5) None of these

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 240** The RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan announced the bi-monthly monetary policy review on 1 Apr. Which of the following is NOT a highlight of the RBI monetary policy review?

1) Retail inflation expected to be above 9 pc in 2014.

2) RBI advised banks not to charge penalty for failure to maintain minimum balance in inoperative account.

3) It was the first bi-monthly monetary policy review and next such review is scheduled for 3 Jun.

4) All the above

5) Only 2) and 3)

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 241** The IRNSS 1-B satellite was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota recently. This is country's second satellite planned for:

1) Dedicated use of Indian Air Force

2) Regional navigation

3) Weather forecasting

4) Space research

5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 242** The Supreme Court has directed Lee Kun-hee to appear before a Ghaziabad court within six weeks in a USD 1.4 mn cheating case filed against him. He is the present chairman of which of the following major electronic companies?

1) Panasonic

2) Sony

3) Samsung

4) LG

5) None of these

Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 243** Name the Rajya Sabha MP who has been indicted by a US jury in an alleged international conspiracy to bribe state and central govt officials in India to allow mining of titanium minerals.

1) KVP Ramachandra Rao

2) GV Harsha Kumar

3) SPY Reddy

4) K Keshava Rao

5) T Subbarami Reddy

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 244** The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) ratified the gold medal (upgraded from silver medal) of the Indian athlete Anju Bobby George recently. She is associated with:

1) long jump

2) triple jump

3) pole vault

4) discus throw

5) None of these

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 245** Which of the following pairs of national cricket teams and their popular nicknames is NOT matched correctly?

1) India – Men in Blue

2) Sri Lanka – The Tigers

3) South Africa – Proteas

4) New Zealand – The Black Caps

5) None of the above

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 246** Ending days of suspense, the RBI granted banking licences to IDFC and microfinance institution Bandhan recently. The in-principle approval granted will be valid for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ to comply completely with the requirements.

1) 6 months

2) 9 months

3) 12 months

4) 15 months

5) 18 months

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 247** According to an analysis by the industry group Assocham, which of the following states has attracted most investment proposals (14 lakh 73 thousand 466 cr rupees) as on Dec 2013?

1) Karnataka

2) Odisha

3) Maharashtra

4) Gujarat

5) Andhra Pradesh

Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 248** KS Rao, who resigned from the Union Council of Ministers, recently, was:

1) Minister of Water Resources

2) Ministry of Mines

3) Minister of Law and Justice

4) Minister of Space

5) Minister of Textiles

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 249** Purchase now and pay later is the feature of which of the following cards?

1) Debit card

2) Credit card

3) Smart card

4) Discount card

5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 250** World Health Day is observed on:

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) 2 Apr  | 2) 4 Apr       |
| 3) 7 Apr  | 4) 8 Apr       |
| 5) 12 Apr | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 251** The IRNSS 1-B satellite was launched by ISRO recently. What does IRNSS stand for?

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|--|--|
| 1) Indian Research and Navigation Satellite System | 2) Indo-Russian Navigation Satellite System    |
| 3) Indian Rational Navigation Satellite System     | 4) Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System |
| 5) None of these                                   | <b>Ans.) 4</b>                                 |

**Ques. : 252** Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca has been sworn in as the new President of which of the following countries recently?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Serbia  | 2) Malta       |
| 3) Albania | 4) Slovenia    |
| 5) Croatia | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 253** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced to release the REER based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) only from the financial year that began on 1 Apr. Expand the term REER.

- |                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Real External Exchange Rate  | 2) Real Established Exchange Rate |
| 3) Real Effective Exchange Rate | 4) Real Effective Exchange Ratio  |
| 5) None of the above            | <b>Ans.) 3</b>                    |

**Ques. : 254** Which of the following pairs of players and sports they are associated with is NOT matched correctly?

- |                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Sanam Singh – Archery             | 2) Sharath Kamal – Table tennis |
| 3) Narain Karthikeyan – Motor racing | 4) Ashwini Ponnappa – Badminton |
| 5) None of the above                 | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                  |

**Ques. : 255** Doha Bank, which got permission from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open the branch in Dec 2013, is all set open its first branch in which of the following cities?

- |              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Mumbai    | 2) New Delhi          |
| 3) Hyderabad | 4) Thiruvananthapuram |
| 5) Chennai   | <b>Ans.) 1</b>        |

**Ques. : 256** The Book titled 'The Common Cause: Postcolonial Ethics and the Practice of Democracy, 1900-1955' has been authored by who among the following?

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Leela Gandhi  | 2) Hamish Hamilton |
| 3) Anita Nair    | 4) Solomon Northup |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b>     |

**Ques. : 257** IRV 2020 programme has been launched by WHO-India, with an aim to protect and increase the population of which of the following threatened species?

- |                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Vultures      | 2) Indian Bustard        |
| 3) Island Canary | 4) One-horned rhinoceros |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>           |

**Ques. : 258** Which of the following firms has been authorised by the RBI to set up, own and operate 9,000 white label ATMs in the next three years in the rural India with effect from 25 Mar?

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) India Infoline              | 2) IFCI Ltd          |
| 3) Srei Infrastructure Finance | 4) Bajaj Finance Ltd |
| 5) Aditya Birla Nuvo           | <b>Ans.) 3</b>       |

**Ques. : 259** Which among the following risks is associated with failure of internal process of a bank or business organisation?

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Credit risk     | 2) Operational risk |
| 3) Procedural risk | 4) Settlement risk  |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 2</b>      |

**Ques. : 260** When a mutual company owned by its users/members converts into a company owned by shareholders, it is called:

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Re-mutualisation   | 2) Demutualisation   |
| 3) Re-materialisation | 4) Dematerialisation |
| 5) None of these      | <b>Ans.) 2</b>       |

**Ques. : 261** Which of the following teams has won the men's 2014 ICC World T20 in Dhaka recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) India         | 2) Sri Lanka   |
| 3) West Indies   | 4) Australia   |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 262** Sonia Gandhi, Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi have been named among top 5 in the list of 100 Most Influential Asian People of 2014 published by Asian Awards Ltd recently. The list is topped by who among the following?

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Park Guen-Hye | 2) Pranab Mukherjee |
| 3) Xi Jinping    | 4) Ban Ki Moon      |
| 5) Shinzo Abe    | <b>Ans.) 3</b>      |

**Ques. : 263** World Health Day is celebrated on 7 Apr every year to mark the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organisation (WHO). WHO was founded in:

- |         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| 1) 1946 | 2) 1947        |
| 3) 1948 | 4) 1950        |
| 5) 1952 | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 264** The Indian Navy participated in the multilateral, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief (HADR) exercise, dubbed Komodo 2014 held from 28 Mar to 3 Apr in which of the following countries?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Indonesia   | 2) Japan       |
| 3) South Korea | 4) Russia      |
| 5) China       | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 265** Following Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region, NATO suspended all practical civilian and military co-operation with Russia recently. Which of the following nations is NOT a member of the 28-nation military alliance headquartered at Brussels?

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1) Slovenia | 2) Ukraine     |
| 3) Iceland  | 4) Estonia     |
| 5) Albania  | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 266** The READ (Read-Engage-Achieve-Dream) initiative, aimed at improving the reading skills of primary school children in the country, is launched by agencies of India and which of the following countries?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) South Korea | 2) China       |
| 3) Japan       | 4) US          |
| 5) Singapore   | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 267** In the recently held elections, Prime Minister Viktor Orban's party has won the third term in which of the following countries recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Croatia       | 2) Hungary     |
| 3) Slovakia      | 4) Austria     |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 268** What does letter 'L' denote in the term LAF?

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Lending   | 2) Liability   |
| 3) Liquidity | 4) Legality    |
| 5) Leveling  | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 269** Which of the following teams has won the women's 2014 ICC World T20 recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) India         | 2) Sri Lanka   |
| 3) England       | 4) Australia   |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 270** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the second of the seven satellites planned for Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) recently. Which of the following is correct about IRNSS system?

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|--|---|
| 1) Its applications include terrestrial and marine navigation, disaster management, vehicle tracking and fleet management.                   | 2) It is being developed to provide service to users in the country as well as the region extending up to 150 km from its boundary. |
| 3) Two more satellites for IRNSS would be launched before the end of 2014 and with four satellites in their positions, the IRNSS could start | 4) All the above  |

functioning.

5) Only 1) and 3)

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 271** In a move that aims at encouraging inflows of long-term overseas fund, the capital market regulator Sebi has restricted foreign investors (FII and QFIs) from buying govt securities having maturity of less than

1) one year

2) two years

3) three years

4) four years

5) five years

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 272** Which of the following countries is NOT known as a Baltic country?

1) Estonia

2) Latvia

3) Lithuania

4) Albania

5) None of these

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 273** Dada Saheb Phalke awardee VK Murthy passed away recently. He was a renowned

1) cinematographer

2) story writer

3) composer

4) lyricist

5) actor

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 274** Who among the following won the men's singles title of the India Super Series Badminton in New Delhi recently?

1) Lee Chong Wei

2) Chen Long

3) Peter Gade

4) Taufik Hidayat

5) Lin Dan

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 275** Name the Indian shooter who has clinched the World's Number One spot in 10 metres air pistol event in the recent rankings released by International Shooting Sport Federation recently?

1) Shagun Chowdhary

2) Anjali Bhagwat

3) Heena Sidhu

4) Annu Raj Singh

5) None of these

Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 276** Which of the following drug makers has announced to buy Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd for \$3.2 bn in the biggest ever Indian pharma deal, creating the world's fifth largest generic drug manufacturer recently?

1) Sun Pharmaceuticals

2) Reckitt Benckiser

3) GlaxoSmithKline

4) Daiichi Sankyo

5) None of these

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 277** Which of the following is considered by banks as a risky form of lending?

1) Education loan

2) Loan against property

3) Credit card

4) Housing loan

5) None of these

Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 278** Army successfully test fired an advanced version of 290 km range supersonic cruise missile BrahMos which already has been inducted into the Army and Navy. BrahMos missile is developed by India in partnership with

1) Israel

2) US

3) Germany

4) Russia

5) None of these

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 279** World Health Day is celebrated on 7 Apr every year to mark the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and each year a theme is selected that highlights a priority area of public health. The theme for 2014 is

1) Make every mother and child count

2) Vector-borne diseases: small bite; big threat

3) Working together for health

4) Good health adds life to years

5) Healthy heart beat, Healthy blood pressure

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 280** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the second of the seven satellites planned for Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) recently. Which of the following pairs of countries/group and their navigation systems is NOT correctly matched?

1) US – Global Positioning System (GPS)

2) Russia – RNS

3) Europe – Galileo

4) China – Beidou

5) Japan – Quasi Zenith Satellite System

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 281** Who among the following has won the women's singles title of the India Super Series Badminton in New Delhi

recently?

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1) Shixian Wang | 2) Li Xuerui    |
| 3) Zhao Yunlei  | 4) Wang Shixian |
| 5) Chen Long    | Ans.) 1         |

**Ques. : 282** In a major step aimed at boosting tourism, the govt has decided in principle to give the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) to travellers from 180 countries starting this Oct. This facility will be available to which of the following countries among others?

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1) US          | 2) Sri Lanka |
| 3) Pakistan    | 4) Iran      |
| 5) Afghanistan | Ans.) 1      |

**Ques. : 283** The book "Lowland" has been shortlisted for this year's Baileys Prize, the UK's only annual book award for fiction written by a woman. Who is the author of the book?

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1) Bharati Mukherjee          | 2) Kiran Desai   |
| 3) Jhumpa Lahiri              | 4) Arundhati Roy |
| 5) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni | Ans.) 3          |

**Ques. : 284** SBI Life Insurance is a joint venture between State Bank of India (SBI) and which of the following international insurance companies?

- |                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1) BNP Paribas Cardif                 | 2) AEGON |
| 3) Munich Re Group                    | 4) ING   |
| 5) American International Group (AIG) | Ans.) 1  |

**Ques. : 285** Which of the following associate banks had been merged into the State Bank of India (SBI)?

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur | 2) State Bank of Hyderabad |
| 3) State Bank of Indore           | 4) State Bank of Patiala   |
| 5) State Bank of Travancore       | Ans.) 3                    |

**Ques. : 286** Every bank in India has to maintain at the close of business every day, a minimum proportion of their net demand and time liabilities as liquid assets in the form of cash, gold and un-encumbered approved securities. The ratio of liquid assets to demand and time liabilities is known as:

- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) | 2) Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)     |
| 3) Reverse Repo             | 4) Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) |
| 5) Excess reserves          | Ans.) 2                                |

**Ques. : 287** Who among the following is the winner of the 2014 Bahrain Grand Prix formula one championships?

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Nico Rosberg   | 2) Nico Hulkenberg  |
| 3) Lewis Hamilton | 4) Daniel Ricciardo |
| 5) Sergio Perez   | Ans.) 3             |

**Ques. : 288** As revealed by the data collected by the WHO, which among the following is the world's fastest growing vector-borne disease with a 30-fold increase in disease incidence over the last 50 years?

- |                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1) Yellow fever          | 2) Dengue      |
| 3) Japanese encephalitis | 4) Chikungunya |
| 5) Malaria               | Ans.) 2        |

**Ques. : 289** The Indian Davis Cup team entered the World Group playoffs after the reverse singles victory of Somdev Dewarman over Yong-Kyu Lim of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Group I Asia/Oceania second round tie.

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) China         | 2) Uzbekistan  |
| 3) New Zealand   | 4) South Korea |
| 5) None of these | Ans.) 4        |

**Ques. : 290** In which of the following countries President Paul Kagame lit a torch which will burn for 100 days, the length of time a shameful genocide lasted in the country in 1994 in which at least 8 lakh people were killed?

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 1) Angola   | 2) Rwanda  |
| 3) Zambia   | 4) Nigeria |
| 5) Tanzania | Ans.) 2    |

**Ques. : 291** Which of the following countries has launched a new observation satellite "Ofek 10" into orbit recently? It is expected to be used to observe Iran and hostile militant groups in the Middle East.

- |            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1) US      | 2) UK           |
| 3) Israel  | 4) Saudi Arabia |
| 5) Germany | Ans.) 3         |

**Ques. : 292** Name the Indian industrialist who has been inducted as a member of the Board of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA), a rare distinction for an Indian in the Chinese govt-backed influential body? BFA was formed in 2001 and every year world's top political and business leaders gather at Boao to brainstorm on global political and economic issues.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1) Ratan Tata     | 2) Mukesh Ambani |
| 3) Anand Mahindra | 4) Sunil Mittal  |
| 5) None of these  | Ans.) 1          |

**Ques. : 293** The World Bank projected an economic growth rate of what per cent in 2014-15 for India on the back of a more competitive exchange rate and many large investments going forward?

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1) 5.1 per cent | 2) 5.7 per cent |
| 3) 6.1 per cent | 4) 6.5 per cent |
| 5) 6.7 per cent | Ans.) 2         |

**Ques. : 294** Name the British-American physicist who has won the 1 mn-euro (USD 1.3 mn) Millennium Technology Prize for discoveries leading to a thousand-fold increase in digital data storage on magnetic disks recently?

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Shuji Nakamura    | 2) Stuart Parkin  |
| 3) David Awschalom   | 4) Peter Grünberg |
| 5) Jagadeesh Moodera | Ans.) 2           |

**Ques. : 295** STCI Finance Limited was promoted by which of the following bodies in May 1994 with the objective of fostering an active secondary market in Govt of India Securities and Public Sector bonds?

- |                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| 1) Sebi          | 2) RBI  |
| 3) IRDA          | 4) IBA  |
| 5) None of these | Ans.) 2 |

**Ques. : 296** Archie Comics has announced the end of which of the following famous comic book characters in a Jul installment of the comic series recently?

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| 1) Reggie | 2) Veronica |
| 3) Betty  | 4) Jughead  |
| 5) Archie | Ans.) 5     |

**Ques. : 297** Which of the following countries conducted a controversial census, recently, which is country's first census since 1983 and in which authorities decided not to allow minority Muslims to register their ethnicity as Rohingya?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Sri Lanka     | 2) North Korea |
| 3) Thailand      | 4) Myanmar     |
| 5) None of these | Ans.) 4        |

**Ques. : 298** For the first time in the country's history Shompens, considered one of the last surviving stone-age tribes, cast their votes in recently held parliamentary elections. This tribe is inhabited in which of the following islands?

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Lakshadweep   | 2) Wheeler Island |
| 3) Great Nicobar | 4) Butcher Island |
| 5) Barren Island | Ans.) 3           |

**Ques. : 299** Which of the following Indian cricketers adorns the cover of the 151st edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack? He is the first Indian to feature on the cover of the Almanack.

- |                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Mahendra Singh Dhoni | 2) Sachin Tendulkar |
| 3) Virat Kohli          | 4) Sunil Gavaskar   |
| 5) None of these        | Ans.) 2             |

**Ques. : 300** As per the estimates of the Global Dubai tea forum, which of the following countries occupy the first position in terms of contribution to world tea production?

- |                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| 1) India         | 2) China |
| 3) Sri Lanka     | 4) Kenya |
| 5) None of these | Ans.) 2  |

**Ques. : 301** Who is the author of the recently published book titled 'The Accidental Prime Minister: The Making and Unmaking of Manmohan Singh'?

- 1) Nidhi Razdan  
3) Vinod Dua  
5) Pankaj Pachauri
- 2) Sanjaya Baru  
4) Vikram Chandra  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 302** The Centre has declared Dr BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary, as holiday. Now, all central govt offices including industrial establishments throughout the country will remain closed on

- 1) 10 Apr  
3) 14 Apr  
5) 19 Apr
- 2) 13 Apr  
4) 16 Apr  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 303** Who among the following is the new president of the industry body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

- 1) Naushad Forbes  
3) Kris Gopalakrishnan  
5) Sidharth Birla
- 2) Sumit Mazumder  
4) Ajay Shriram  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 304** In which of the following types of banking, the banks offer all types of financial services to expand their business?

- 1) Narrow banking  
3) Universal banking  
5) Retail banking
- 2) Social banking  
4) Wholesale banking  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 305** Triple Olympic gold medallist Stephanie Rice announced her retirement from competitive swimming at the age of 25 recently. She belongs to which of the following countries?

- 1) Australia  
3) France  
5) Italy
- 2) US  
4) Spain  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 306** Which of the following automakers announced a global recall of nearly 64 lakh vehicles, including 45,000 vehicles in India, to fix a defect that may deactivate airbags in vehicles manufactured between Feb 2005 and Dec 2008?

- 1) Suzuki  
3) General Motors  
5) Renault
- 2) Toyota  
4) Ford Motors  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 307** Which of the following state capitals in the northeast region has become the 2nd state capital after Dispur, to be put on Rail Map of India as the first passenger train arrived here recently?

- 1) Aizawl  
3) Kohima  
5) Itanagar
- 2) Shillong  
4) Agartala  
**Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 308** Who among the following has won the Miss India 2014 crown at the 51st edition of the beauty pageant? Miss India or Femina Miss India is a national beauty pageant in India organised by Femina, a women's magazine.

- 1) Irshikaa Mehrotra  
3) Gail Da'Silva  
5) Jhataleka Malhotra
- 2) Navneet Kaur Dhillion  
4) Koyal Rana  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 309** Which among the following bodies releases Exchange Control Manual regarding foreign exchange in India?

- 1) FIPP  
3) SEBI  
5) None of these
- 2) CCI  
4) RBI  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 310** STCI Finance Limited was promoted in May 1994 with the objective of fostering an active secondary market in Govt of India Securities and Public Sector bonds by which of the following bodies?

- 1) IRDA  
3) RBI  
5) None of these
- 2) SEBI  
4) IBA  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 311** President Pranab Mukherjee appointed who among the following as the first woman Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court recently?

- 1) Justice Gyan Sudha Misra  
3) Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai  
5) Justice Mridula Bhatkar
- 2) Justice G Rohini  
4) Justice R Banumathi  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 312** Name the Indian shooter who has bagged a Gold medal in the Men's trap event of the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Tucson, United States recently?

- |                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore | 2) Gagan Narang |
| 3) Sanjeev Rajput             | 4) Ronjan Sodhi |
| 5) Manavjit Singh Sandhu      | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 313** India has become net exporter of which of the following items in 2013-14 after a gap of six years? The exports of the item by India during the last fiscal stood at 5.59 million tonnes (MT), as against imports of 5.44 MT.

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Aluminium | 2) Steel       |
| 3) Copper    | 4) Coal        |
| 5) Cement    | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 314** The global body FATF would evaluate India in the financial year 2016-17 on technical compliance and effectiveness analysis with the revised FATF standards, 2012. What is the expanded form of FATF?

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1) Financial Accountability Task Force | 2) Financial Action Task Force   |
| 3) Financial Accreditation Task Force  | 4) Financial Advisory Task Force |
| 5) Financial Assignments Task Force    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                   |

**Ques. : 315** Who among the following has been conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2013? He is the 45th winner of Dada Saheb Phalke Award, conferred by the Govt of India for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.

- |                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Asha Bhosle   | 2) Naseeruddin Shah               |
| 3) Javed Akhtar  | 4) Sampooran Singh Kalra (Gulzar) |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>                    |

**Ques. : 316** The Parliament, in 2010, passed the State Bank of India (Amendment) Bill providing for reduction of govt equity in the Bank to what per cent? With the passing of this Bill, decks were cleared for the Bank to raise fresh funds from the capital market.

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1) 51 per cent | 2) 55 per cent |
| 3) 59 per cent | 4) 61 per cent |
| 5) 65 per cent | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 317** Which of the following countries leads global remittances in the year 2013 with a whopping \$70 billion in its kitty according to the World Bank report released recently?

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|------------|----------------|
| 1) India   | 2) China       |
| 3) Brazil  | 4) Malaysia    |
| 5) Germany | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 318** Who among the following has been honoured by Queen Elizabeth with a GBE (Knight Grand Cross), one of the UK's highest civilian awards recently?

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1) Anil Agarwal     | 2) Azim Premji   |
| 3) Ratan Naval Tata | 4) Mukesh Ambani |
| 5) Lakshmi Mittal   | <b>Ans.) 3</b>   |

**Ques. : 319** Which of the following is the 'most powerful nation' in world market according to the 'world market power' index issued by the multinational Spanish banking outfit Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria recently?

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) Mexico | 2) Russia      |
| 3) Brazil | 4) China       |
| 5) India  | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 320** The new Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series is expected to be operational from either the next financial year or the middle of 2014-15. Which of the following is NOT correct with respect to the recommendations of a high-powered committee on revamping WPI?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1) New WPI to have 2009-10 as the base year, against 2004-05 at present.  | 2) It will give flexibility to the govt to shift the base to 2011-12 subsequently. |
| 3) Prices to be collected from more centres.                              | 4) Weight of primary articles, fuel and power will decline in new WPI.             |
| 5) Weight of manufactured products will fall about two percentage points. | <b>Ans.) 5</b>   |

**Ques. : 321** The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in its latest report (called Assessment Report 5), has set scientific targets that countries must achieve to keep the rise in average annual global temperature below \_\_\_\_\_ Celsius. Anything more than this is considered dangerous for the planet

- 1) 1.5 degrees  
3) 2.5 degrees  
5) 3.5 degrees
- 2) 2 degrees  
4) 3 degrees  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 322** Who among the following has been appointed the next Chief Justice of India who will assume charge on Apr 27?

- 1) Justice TS Thakur  
3) Justice RMLodha  
5) Justice HL Dattu
- 2) Justice AK Patnaik  
4) Justice Balbir Singh Chauhan  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 323** Who among the following has authored the book titled 'Crusader or Conspirator? Coalgate and other Truths'?

- 1) Nidhi Razdan  
3) Vinod Dua  
5) Vikram Chandra
- 2) Sanjaya Baru  
4) PC Parakh  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 324** Which of the following public sector lenders has sold Rs 3,500 cr of its non-performing assets (NPAs) to asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) recently? The move came after a push from the Reserve Bank of India in this regard.

- 1) Indian Overseas Bank  
3) UCO Bank  
5) Punjab National Bank
- 2) State Bank of India  
4) Bank of India  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 325** Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct with respect of Commercial Paper (CP)?

- 1) CP is an unsecured capital market instrument.  
3) It was introduced in India in 1990.  
5) None of these
- 2) It is issued in the form of a promissory note.  
4) CP can be issued for maturities between a minimum of 7 days and a maximum of up to one year from the date of issue.  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 326** Which of the following pairs of countries/group and their central banks is not matched correctly?

- 1) Eurozone: ECB  
3) China: People's Bank of China  
5) Japan: Bank of Japan
- 2) US: Federal Reserve  
4) India: Central Bank of India  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 327** The European Union approved an assistance package to help Ukraine's interim authorities overcome the country's deep financial problems recently. What is the size of the package?

- 1) € 1-bn  
3) € 2-bn  
5) € 3-bn
- 2) € 1.5-bn  
4) € 2.5-bn  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 328** In which of the following countries, a bombing at a bus station packed with morning commuters on the outskirts of capital Abuja killed 71 people and wounded 124 recently? The country has blamed the attack on Boko Haram militants.

- 1) Mali  
3) Nigeria  
5) Cameroon
- 2) South Sudan  
4) Central African Republic  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 329** American journalism's highest honour, Pulitzer Prizes, was announced recently. Donna Tartt has won fiction Pulitzer for which of the following books?

- 1) Goldfinch  
3) Gone Girl  
5) The Secret History
- 2) Dark Places  
4) The Little Friend  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 330** Which of the following teams has won the 2014 Mushtaq Ali T20 title recently?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh  
3) Punjab  
5) Delhi
- 2) Baroda  
4) Kerala  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 331** Who among the following won the Women's Champion Fiberglass Texas Open in Houston, USA recently?

- 1) Low Wee Wern  
3) Nicol David  
5) Dipika Pallikal
- 2) Madeline Perry  
4) Nour El Sherbini  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 332** As per the provisional results of Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2010-11, conducted by Central Statistics Office and

National Sample Survey Office, among the industries, highest number of factories is observed in

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1) Textiles      | 2) Other non-metallic mineral products |
| 3) Food products | 4) Cement                              |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b>                         |

**Ques. : 333** The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its latest report (called Assessment Report 5) recently. Which of the following is NOT a highlight of the report?

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|--|--|
| 1) Almost 80% of the emissions come from industrial processes.   | 2) There is a sign of reduction in emissions during 1970-2010. |
| 3) At current levels of emissions temperatures could rise by 3.7-4.8 degree Celsius on average by 2100.                    | 4) Emission cuts of 40-70% required from 2010 levels by 2050.  |
| 5) Space for sustainable development of poorer countries and equity in sharing the burden of reducing emissions is a must. | <b>Ans.) 2</b>   |

**Ques. : 334** The Election Commission has asked the govt not to implement education loan interest-waiver plan till the elections end. The govt had announced in the Interim Budget to waive off \_\_\_\_\_ which is the outstanding interest as on Dec 31, 2013.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Rs 2,000 cr | 2) Rs 2,200 cr |
| 3) Rs 2,400 cr | 4) Rs 2,600 cr |
| 5) Rs 2,800 cr | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 335** Which of the following countries has decided to shut infamous Abu Ghraib prison over security fears recently? The decision has been taken following a mass breakout in the prison in 2013.

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) Saudi Arabia | 2) Iraq        |
| 3) Iran         | 4) Kuwait      |
| 5) Bahrain      | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 336** Name the India-born poet who won the prestigious 2014 Pulitzer Prize in the poetry category for his witty and philosophical collection of poems recently?

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Vijay Seshadri    | 2) Siddhartha Mukherjee |
| 3) Geeta Anand       | 4) Jhumpa Lahiri        |
| 5) Gobind Behari Lal | <b>Ans.) 1</b>          |

**Ques. : 337** In a landmark judgement, the Supreme Court recognised transgenders as third category of gender recently. Examine the following statements in this regard and identify the false statement:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1) The court directed to grant them all facilities including voters ID, passport and driving licence.   | 2) The court directed to take steps for bringing the community into the mainstream by providing adequate healthcare, education and employment.                  |
| 3) The court underlined that section 377 of IPC is being misused by police and other authorities against them and their social and economic condition is far from satisfactory. | 4) The verdict pertains to eunuchs and other sections of society like gay, lesbian and bisexuals who are also considered under the umbrella term 'transgender'. |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 338** The RBI granted licences to two entities to open new private banks in India recently. As per the RBI norms, the new banks need to open what per cent of their branches in unbanked rural areas?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) 5 per cent  | 2) 10 per cent |
| 3) 15 per cent | 4) 20 per cent |
| 5) 25 per cent | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 339** Manuel Valls was appointed as the new Prime Minister of which of the following countries recently?

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) Italy  | 2) Spain       |
| 3) France | 4) Germany     |
| 5) Canada | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 340** The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the UN weather agency has warned that there is a good chance of an "El Nino" climate phenomenon in the Pacific Ocean this year. Which of the following is correct with respect to El Nino?

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|--|---|
| 1) This phenomenon occurs every two to seven years and is often followed by a return swing of the pendulum with La Nina. | 2) This phenomenon occurs when the prevailing trade winds that circulate surface water in the tropical Pacific start to weaken. |
| 3) It will bring droughts and heavy rainfall to the  | 4) The last El Nino occurred between Jun 2009   |

rest of the world. and May 2010.

5) Scientists are of the view that the phenomenon is caused by climate change. **Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 341** Which of the following countries has announced to withhold funding to the Commonwealth Secretariat, pointing to the Secretariat's silence on alleged war crimes and rights abuse in Sri Lanka, which currently chairs the Commonwealth?

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) Canada       | 2) Australia   |
| 3) South Africa | 4) Bangladesh  |
| 5) Malaysia     | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 342** Which of the following films has been named the best feature film at the 61st National Film Awards announced recently?

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Thalaimuraigal     | 2) Jolly LLB       |
| 3) Bhaag Milkha Bhaag | 4) Ship of Theseus |
| 5) Shahid             | <b>Ans.) 4</b>     |

**Ques. : 343** The Supreme Court, in its recent verdict, held that a woman employee of central govt is entitled to get uninterrupted leave for \_\_\_\_\_ for child care, which also includes needs like examination and sickness.

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1) six months  | 2) nine months |
| 3) one year    | 4) two years   |
| 5) three years | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 344** Who among the following has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet recently?

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Sumit Bose      | 2) Arvind Mayaram |
| 3) Rajeev Kher     | 4) Anil Goswami   |
| 5) Raj Kumar Singh | <b>Ans.) 2</b>    |

**Ques. : 345** As per the provisional results of Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2010-11, conducted by Central Statistics Office and National Sample Survey Office, among the states, highest number of factories is observed in

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) Uttar Pradesh  | 2) Gujarat     |
| 3) Andhra Pradesh | 4) Maharashtra |
| 5) Tamil Nadu     | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 346** The Govt has extended tourist visa-on-arrival facility to citizens of which of the following countries recently? Visa-on-arrival with a maximum validity of 30 days with single entry facility will be offered at a fee of USD 60 to the citizens of the country.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Sri Lanka   | 2) Pakistan    |
| 3) South Korea | 4) North Korea |
| 5) Afghanistan | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 347** Who among the following has won the Dubai Open Chess Championship title recently?

- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Yuriy Kuzubov              | 2) Abhijeet Gupta |
| 3) Eduardo Bonelli Iturrizaga | 4) Edouard Romain |
| 5) None of these              | <b>Ans.) 4</b>    |

**Ques. : 348** The Ambassador Fawaz al-Iltan was kidnapped by armed militia from a street in Tripoli, Libya demanding the release of Mohamed Al-iDresi recently. Fawaz is the ambassador of which of the following countries to Libya?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) South Korea | 2) Tunisia     |
| 3) Egypt       | 4) Jordan      |
| 5) Malaysia    | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 349** The Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (Irda) has come out with a new product planner rule by which an insurance company can file only \_\_\_\_\_ products for approval a year.

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|-----------|----------------|
| 1) five   | 2) seven       |
| 3) nine   | 4) ten         |
| 5) twelve | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 350** The 12 govt-owned major ports have registered a 1.78 per cent growth in traffic for the period between Apr 2013 and Mar 2014. Which of the following is a major port of India, and the first port which is a public company?

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|--------------|------------------|
| 1) Tuticorin | 2) Ennore        |
| 3) Mormugao  | 4) Visakhapatnam |

5) Kandla **Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 351** A multi-storey ferry carrying 475 people, mostly high school students on an overnight trip to a tourist island, sank off southern coast of which of the following countries recently? Some 285 people were missing in the accident.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) North Korea | 2) South Korea |
| 3) Singapore   | 4) Malaysia    |
| 5) Japan       | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 352** Rising woman player Jamuna Boro is associated with which of the following games? She book a pre-quarterfinal berth in the World Youth Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria recently?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Badminton     | 2) Archery     |
| 3) Boxing        | 4) Squash      |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 353** Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) is in process to conduct a joint feasibility study for exporting 100 MW power to which of the following countries from gas-fired Palatana power plant in Tripura?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Myanmar       | 2) Bhutan      |
| 3) Nepal         | 4) Bangladesh  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 354** The Supreme Court, in its recent verdict, has held that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) is empowered to audit which of the following types of companies as they held national wealth?

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Telecommunication Companies | 2) Infrastructure companies |
| 3) Cement manufacturers        | 4) Airlines                 |
| 5) None of these               | <b>Ans.) 1</b>              |

**Ques. : 355** For the Rio 2016 Olympic games, the Brazilian authorities have unveiled an infrastructure budget of around USD 10.76 bn which in its local currency will be 24.1 billion. Identify the Brazilian currency?

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Brazilian dollar | 2) Brazilian Real  |
| 3) Brazilian Peso   | 4) Brazilian Nuevo |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>     |

**Ques. : 356** Under the revised Direct Tax Code, individuals earning more than Rs 10 cr a year will be taxed at what per cent?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) 15 per cent | 2) 20 per cent |
| 3) 25 per cent | 4) 30 per cent |
| 5) 35 per cent | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 357** What is Heartbleed? It has been in news recently.

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1) A potentially dangerous heart disease | 2) A terrorist group       |
| 3) A software bug                        | 4) A new biological weapon |
| 5) None of these                         | <b>Ans.) 3</b>             |

**Ques. : 358** The instruments issued by registered foreign institutional investors (FIIs) to investors abroad who wish to invest in the Indian stock markets but without registering themselves with the market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), is called

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Preferential share | 2) Rights issue |
| 3) Commercial paper   | 4) P-Notes      |
| 5) None of these      | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 359** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has finalised who among the following as the new chief of the Indian Navy recently?

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Satish Soni         | 2) Anil Chopra           |
| 3) Shekhar Kumar Sinha | 4) Rabinder Kumar Dhowan |
| 5) None of these       | <b>Ans.) 4</b>           |

**Ques. : 360** We often hear about the term KYC in financial newspapers. Which of the following documents will NOT be accepted by banks as proof of your correct residential address?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1) Telephone bill                              | 2) Bank account statement                                     |
| 3) Letter from any recognized public authority | 4) Letter from employer (subject to satisfaction of the bank) |
| 5) None of the above                           | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 361** Nobel laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez died recently at 87. He was a noted

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) author    | 2) economist   |
| 3) physicist | 4) chemist     |
| 5) biologist | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 362** What is the initial minimum deposit requirement while opening a Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) with a bank as per the circular dated Aug 22, 2012 in this regard?

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1) Rs 200                                 | 2) Rs 500      |
| 3) Rs 700                                 | 4) Rs 1000     |
| 5) No requirement for any initial deposit | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 363** Which day is celebrated as world heritage day?

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) 7 Apr  | 2) 10 Apr      |
| 3) 14 Apr | 4) 18 Apr      |
| 5) 21 Apr | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 364** Expand the term SEDF.

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1) Small Enterprise Development Fund  | 2) Small Establishment Development Fund |
| 3) Small Enterprise Departmental Fund | 4) Small Enterprise Dedicated Fund      |
| 5) Small Enterprise Development Forum | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                          |

**Ques. : 365** The Full Election Commission comprises Chief Election Commissioner and two Commissioners. At present, VS Sampath is the CEC while the two Commissioners are

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) HS Brahma and SY Quraishi | 2) Nasim Zaidi and SY Quraishi   |
| 3) Nasim Zaidi and HS Brahma | 4) HS Brahma and KG Balakrishnan |
| 5) None of these             | <b>Ans.) 3</b>                   |

**Ques. : 366** Abdelaziz Bouteflika won the Presidency for the fourth time in a row in which of the following countries recently?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Morocco | 2) Tunisia     |
| 3) Algeria | 4) Tanzania    |
| 5) Zambia  | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 367** In a recent global study, fifteen Indian bird species are identified as evolutionarily distinct and globally endangered (EDGE). Which of the following is/are included in these fifteen species?

- |                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Bengal Florican  | 2) Great Indian Bustard   |
| 3) Jerdon's Courser | 4) Spoon-billed Sandpiper |
| 5) All the above    | <b>Ans.) 5</b>            |

**Ques. : 368** NASA's robotic explorer LADEE's annihilation occurred as planned recently. This explorer was sent to which of the following celestial bodies?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Mars          | 2) Moon        |
| 3) Titan         | 4) Venus       |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 369** Who among the following has won the 2014 Asian award for outstanding achievement in sports presented in London recently?

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Shikhar Dhawan | 2) Rohit Sharma |
| 3) Yuvraj Singh   | 4) MS Dhoni     |
| 5) Virat Kohli    | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 370** The 61st National Film awards were announced recently. Which of the following films has won the award of 'Best Hindi Film'?

- |                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Jolly LLB   | 2) Shahid             |
| 3) Liar's Dice | 4) Bhaag Milkha Bhaag |
| 5) Madras Cafe | <b>Ans.) 1</b>        |

**Ques. : 371** Bluefin-21 completed its seventh mission recently. It a US-made AUV deployed in which of the following missions?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1) Locating debris of the missing Malaysian aircraft. | 2) Verifying the existence of the first earth-size planet. |
| 3) Tracing existence of liquid water at moon.         | 4) Tracing existence of life at mars.                      |

5) None of these **Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 372** With respect to loans, a time period during the loan term when the borrower is not required to make any repayment, is termed as

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) provisioning | 2) moratorium  |
| 3) sanction     | 4) limitation  |
| 5) probation    | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 373** The govt has decided to continue with the export subsidy on raw sugar shipments for the Apr-May period. In order to help the cash-starved industry to pay arrears to sugarcane farmers, CCEA had approved the incentive for two years which is

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Rs 1,300 per tonne | 2) Rs 2,300 per tonne |
| 3) Rs 3,300 per tonne | 4) Rs 3,700 per tonne |
| 5) Rs 4,300 per tonne | <b>Ans.) 3</b>        |

**Ques. : 374** Who among the following has won the inaugural 10,000 US Dollar Richmond Open squash championship title held in the United States recently?

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Rachael Grinham  | 2) Dipika Pallikal |
| 3) Joshana Chinappa | 4) Annie Au        |
| 5) Delia Arnold     | <b>Ans.) 3</b>     |

**Ques. : 375** The two week long joint military exercise 'Peace Angel 2014' was held between with of the following pairs of countries recently?

- |                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Pakistan-Iran  | 2) Pakistan-Afghanistan |
| 3) US-Afghanistan | 4) China-Pakistan       |
| 5) Russia-Iran    | <b>Ans.) 4</b>          |

**Ques. : 376** As per the latest data available with SEBI, investors pumped in a total of nearly \_\_\_\_\_ in various mutual fund schemes during the 2013-14 financial year.

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1) Rs 45,000 cr | 2) Rs 48,000 cr |
| 3) Rs 51,000 cr | 4) Rs 54,000 cr |
| 5) Rs 60,000 cr | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 377** Cash turnover on the nation's three stock exchanges rose 2.59 per cent to Rs 33.41 lakh cr in 2013-14 from a year earlier. Which of the following are the three full-fledged bourses?

- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1) NSE, DSE and CSE | 2) NSE, BSE and MCX-SX |
| 3) NSE, BSE and DSE | 4) NSE, BSE and CSE    |
| 5) None of these    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>         |

**Ques. : 378** Who among the following has won the Formula One Chinese Grand Prix recently?

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Sebastian Vettel | 2) Daniel Ricciardo |
| 3) Fernando Alonso  | 4) Nico Rosberg     |
| 5) Lewis Hamilton   | <b>Ans.) 5</b>      |

**Ques. : 379** The ten-day joint Air exercise 'Garuda-5' is scheduled to take place in Jun between India and which of the following countries aimed at training the pilots and crew of the two countries in air superiority operations?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Germany | 2) France      |
| 3) UK      | 4) US          |
| 5) Japan   | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 380** Leading fertiliser cooperative IFFCO announced that its subsidiary has received permission from a provincial govt of which of the following countries to set up a \$1.6 bn urea plant recently?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Canada  | 2) Spain       |
| 3) Hungary | 4) Poland      |
| 5) Mexico  | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 381** Name the Earth-sized planet discovered by the US space agency NASA which is 490 light-years away and may sustain life?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Kepler-10b  | 2) Kepler-11c  |
| 3) Kepler-11f  | 4) Kepler-186f |
| 5) Kepler-187b | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 382** What is SpaceX? It was in news recently.

- 1) An international Space Station  
2) A mysterious alien vehicle.  
3) A private space agency based in California.  
4) A newly discovered earth-like planet.  
5) None of these  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 383** Which of the following teams has won the inaugural I-League football championships recently?

- 1) Dempo Sports Club  
2) Bengaluru FC  
3) Mohun Bagan  
4) Mohammedan SC  
5) Churchill Brothers  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 384** The Supreme Court allowed iron ore mining in Goa, lifting a ban imposed about 18 months ago, but placed a cap of \_\_\_\_\_ on annual production from these mines.

- 1) 10 million tonnes  
2) 15 million tonnes  
3) 20 million tonnes  
4) 25 million tonnes  
5) 30 million tonnes  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 385** Name the noted economist who has been appointed principal economic advisor in the Union finance ministry recently?

- 1) Ila Patnaik  
2) Isher Judge Ahluwalia  
3) Shankar Acharya  
4) Eswar Prasad  
5) Raja Mohan  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 386** Who is the author of the book titled 'India at Turning Point: The Road to Good Governance'?

- 1) Ram Jethmalani  
2) Pradip Krishen  
3) SI Bhyrappa  
4) TSR Subramanian  
5) Anita Nair  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 387** In the private sector banks, increasing foreign shareholding beyond 49 per cent, up to 74 per cent, needs the approval of which of the following?

- 1) RBI  
2) FIPB  
3) IBA  
4) Both the RBI and FIPB  
5) None of the above  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 388** Earth Day is celebrated on

- 1) 21 Apr  
2) 22 Apr  
3) 23 Apr  
4) 24 Apr  
5) 25 Apr  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 389** The prestigious magazine Wisden has chosen which of the following among its five cricketers of the year recently?

- 1) Shikhar Dhawan  
2) Suresh Raina  
3) Virat Kohli  
4) Ravindra Jadeja  
5) Rohit Sharma  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 390** Which of the following countries has become Africa's biggest economy recently?

- 1) South Africa  
2) Nigeria  
3) Cameroon  
4) Ghana  
5) Central African Republic  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 391** Wisden released the Cricketers of the Year 2014 list recently. Who among the following is NOT included in the list?

- 1) Angelo Mathews  
2) Joe Root  
3) Charlotte Edwards  
4) Ryan Harris  
5) Chris Rogers  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 392** Retirement fund body EPFO has decided to facilitate all payments to its beneficiaries through electronic mode from Sep 2014 including employers having bank account in any bank being able to pay PF dues online. Till now, employers having bank account in \_\_\_\_\_ can pay PF dues online.

- 1) Bank of India  
2) State Bank of India  
3) Central Bank of India  
4) Punjab National Bank  
5) Canara Bank  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 393** As revealed by the ASSOCHAM of India, which of the following states has recorded highest growth in terms of milk production (over 41 per cent) during the period 2006-10?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Haryana

- 2) Gujarat
  - 4) Uttar Pradesh
- Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 394** In spite of accepting deposits and giving loans, the operation of which of the following entities do not come under the purview of the RBI as of now?

- 1) Regional Rural Banks
  - 2) Cooperative credit societies
  - 3) Payment banks
  - 4) Non-Banking Finance Companies
  - 5) Development banks
- Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 395** The Supreme Court rapped the central govt for not disclosing information about names and bank account details of eighteen Indians who had stashed their wealth in the LGT bank of Liechtenstein received from \_\_\_\_\_ govt.

- 1) US
  - 2) Swiss
  - 3) German
  - 4) Austrian
  - 5) Mauritius
- Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 396** Which of the following global pharma majors has agreed to acquire GlaxoSmithKline's cancer drugs portfolio for USD 16 bn and sell its vaccines business in return for USD 7.1 bn?

- 1) Ranbaxy
  - 2) Reckitt Benckiser
  - 3) Cipla
  - 4) Novartis
  - 5) None of these
- Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 397** Under deficit financing, which is a way of funding of spending by borrowing, the govt borrows from which of the following sources?

- 1) World Bank
  - 2) IMF
  - 3) RBI
  - 4) Gold loan providers
  - 5) None of these
- Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 398** What is the expanded form of MSS? It is a scheme launched by the govt.

- 1) Market Strengthening Scheme
  - 2) Market Stabilisation Scheme
  - 3) Market Sustainability Scheme
  - 4) Market Supervision Scheme
  - 5) Market Support Scheme
- Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 399** The FIH men's hockey World Cup 2014 is scheduled to be held in which of the following cities from May 31 to Jun 15?

- 1) Hague
  - 2) Rio de Janeiro
  - 3) Perth
  - 4) Seoul
  - 5) Wellington
- Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 400** What is Palcohol? This consumable item made news recently as it has been approved in the US and may be available to customers later this year.

- 1) A tea variety with high nicotine content
  - 2) A milk product with alcohol content
  - 3) Dry alcohol specially for children
  - 4) Powdered alcohol
  - 5) None of these
- Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 401** The Govt of India has authorised the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue debt instruments up to a ceiling of \_\_\_\_\_ under the market stabilisation scheme (MSS) for the fiscal 2014-15.

- 1) Rs 20,000 cr
  - 2) Rs 30,000 cr
  - 3) Rs 40,000 cr
  - 4) Rs 50,000 cr
  - 5) Rs 60,000 cr
- Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 402** Which of the following states is the largest milk producing state in India as of now?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
  - 2) Andhra Pradesh
  - 3) Rajasthan
  - 4) Gujarat
  - 5) Punjab
- Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 403** Retirement fund body EPFO will provide permanent or universal account numbers (UAN) on the pattern of core banking services to its over five crore active subscribers by \_\_\_\_\_ this year.

- 1) Oct 15
  - 2) Oct 31
  - 3) Nov 15
  - 4) Nov 31
  - 5) Dec 15
- Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 404** Which of the following countries expanded its army footprint for first time in 40 years to Yonaguni islands recently?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) South Korea | 2) North Korea |
| 3) Japan       | 4) China       |
| 5) Philippines | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 405** Which of the following countries has withdrew as the host of 2019 Asian Games citing financial problems recently?

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1) Vietnam    | 2) Philippines |
| 3) Bangladesh | 4) Thailand    |
| 5) Indonesia  | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 406** Which of the following car models has been named 2014 world car of the year?

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1) Audi A6      | 2) Audi A3          |
| 3) BMW 3 Series | 4) Mercedes B Class |
| 5) Volvo S60    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>      |

**Ques. : 407** Which of the following is the top export destination for India's mangoes accounting for over 61 per cent share in total exports?

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) Saudi Arabia | 2) UK          |
| 3) UAE          | 4) US          |
| 5) France       | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 408** Insurance regulator Irda had earmarked which of the following dates as Insurance Day? Irda came into existence on this day in 2000.

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) Apr 12 | 2) Apr 16      |
| 3) Apr 17 | 4) Apr 19      |
| 5) Apr 21 | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 409** As per the provision in the new Companies Act, Non-Banking Finance companies (NBFCs) have to maintain what per cent of the monies in low-interest securities or SLR-backed instruments?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) 5 per cent  | 2) 10 per cent |
| 3) 15 per cent | 4) 20 per cent |
| 5) 25 per cent | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 410** Who among the following has been named Chef-de-Mission of India's CWG contingent for the games to be held in Glasgow in Jul-Aug?

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1) K Murugan     | 2) S Reghunathan |
| 3) Raja K Sidhu  | 4) Raj Singh     |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>   |

**Ques. : 411** The two-day World Green Economy Summit (WGES) 2014, a global effort to combat climate change, was held at which of the following places recently?

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) Dubai        | 2) Doha        |
| 3) Kuala Lumpur | 4) Jakarta     |
| 5) Manama       | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 412** The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought a report from the health ministry on the action taken to stop the use of which of the following chemicals for the artificial ripening of fruit recently?

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1) Acetylene       | 2) Benzene     |
| 3) Calcium carbide | 4) Ethylene    |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 413** With a view to improving the aesthetic ambience along stations, the Railways plans to start a pilot project 'Green Curtains' at major tourist destinations. Which of the following stations will receiver Green Curtains first?

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Jaipur        | 2) Agra           |
| 3) New Delhi     | 4) Both 1) and 2) |
| 5) All the above | <b>Ans.) 4</b>    |

**Ques. : 414** The annual blood donation drive organized of which of the following private sector banks in India in Dec 2013 has been recognized as the largest effort of its kind across the globe and has set a Guinness World Record?

- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| 1) ICICI | 2) HDFC |
|----------|---------|

- 3) Axis bank  
5) Federal bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 415** Which of the following countries have agreed to join hands on an initiative for Kanchenjunga trans-boundary landscape to address biodiversity conservation in a sustainable way in the Himalayan region?

- 1) India, China and Bhutan  
3) India, Nepal and Bhutan  
5) None of these
- 2) India, Nepal and Bangladesh  
4) China, Nepal and Bhutan  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 416** India is the world's ninth biggest military spender in the world as of now. Which of the following countries is the largest spender?

- 1) Russia  
3) US  
5) Germany
- 2) China  
4) Japan  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 417** The issue of fresh securities by an unlisted company for the first time is called

- 1) Exchange Traded Fund  
3) Rights issue  
5) None of these
- 2) Initial Public Offering  
4) Follow-on Public Offering  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 418** After remaining 10 years in orbit, which of the following communication satellites of India retired recently?

- 1) GSAT-14  
3) IRNSS-1B  
5) None of these
- 2) INSAT-3E  
4) GSAT-16  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 419** Which of the following two states in India together account for about half of the total mango production in India?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh  
3) Kerala and Uttar Pradesh  
5) Odisha and Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka  
4) Andhra Pradesh and Bihar  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 420** The World Bank has announced that it is increasing its lending capacity to developing countries such as China, India and Brazil. The Bank would increase its annual lending to these middle-income countries to as much as \_\_\_\_\_ over the next decade.

- 1) USD 15 bn  
3) USD 22 bn  
5) USD 28 bn
- 2) USD 18 bn  
4) USD 25 bn  
Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 421** According to the latest National Sample Survey data, which of the following states topped in creation of new jobs in the manufacturing sector among all states during the six years between 2004 and 2011?

- 1) West Bengal  
3) Maharashtra  
5) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Gujarat  
4) Madhya Pradesh  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 422** The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) amended the rule to allow which of the following in all phases of flight but on a non-transmitting or flight mode? Now, flyers can turn on their \_\_\_\_\_ on flight mode.

- 1) laptops  
3) cellphones  
5) All 1), 2) and 3)
- 2) tablets  
4) Only 1) and 2)  
Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 423** World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on

- 1) 21 April  
3) 26 April  
5) 30 April
- 2) 23 April  
4) 27 April  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 424** Expressing deep concern at continued Russia-backed efforts to destabilise eastern Ukraine, leaders of the G-7 countries have decided to impose additional sanctions on Moscow. Which of the following countries does come in G-7 grouping?

- 1) Japan  
3) Canada  
5) None of these
- 2) Italy  
4) South Korea  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 425** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken upon itself the task of investigating bank frauds. The central bank will

conduct an independent forensic audit of corporates declared fraudulent by banks that have borrowed more than

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Rs 500 cr   | 2) Rs 1,000 cr |
| 3) Rs 1,500 cr | 4) Rs 2,000 cr |
| 5) Rs 2,500 cr | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 426** B Adhiban, who clinched a silver medal and also secured a berth at the 2015 World Cup of the game, is associated with

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Billiards | 2) Squash      |
| 3) Chess     | 4) Judo        |
| 5) Bowling   | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 427** India's first aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, was sold to ship-breaker for Rs 60 cr recently. The Majestic-class aircraft carrier was purchased from which of the following countries in 1957?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) UK      | 2) US          |
| 3) Russia  | 4) France      |
| 5) Germany | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 428** The RBI liberalised hedging limit for domestic investors to what amount from existing USD 100,000 on the basis of a simple declaration without any requirement of further documentation?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) USD 100,000 | 2) USD 200,000 |
| 3) USD 250,000 | 4) USD 300,000 |
| 5) USD 350,000 | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 429** The provisions of the new Companies Act mandates all NBFCs for creation of a debenture-redemption reserve (DRR) equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_ of debentures or bonds over the repayment term.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) 30 per cent | 2) 35 per cent |
| 3) 40 per cent | 4) 45 per cent |
| 5) 50 per cent | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 430** RBI panel which released Draft Report on 'Pricing of Credit', was headed by who among the following?

- |                      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Urjit Patel       | 2) Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty |
| 3) Subir Gokarn      | 4) Anand Sinha                  |
| 5) Harun Rashid Khan | <b>Ans.) 4</b>                  |

**Ques. : 431** In accordance with the provisions of the MoU between the Govt and the RBI, the ceiling for the outstanding balance under the Market Stabilisation Scheme (MSS) will be reviewed when the outstanding balance reaches the threshold limit of

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1) Rs 35,000 cr | 2) Rs 40,000 cr |
| 3) Rs 45,000 cr | 4) Rs 50,000 cr |
| 5) Rs 55,000 cr | <b>Ans.) 1</b>  |

**Ques. : 432** 'Connecting People' is the tagline of which of the following mobile brands which was in news recently?

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1) LG       | 2) Samsung     |
| 3) HTC      | 4) Nokia       |
| 5) Motorola | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 433** In which of the following countries the Prime Minister Chung Hong-won tendered his resignation over a recent accident that claimed several lives in the country?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Thailand      | 2) South Korea |
| 3) Singapore     | 4) Philippines |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 434** India has become the world's fourth largest steel maker now. As of now, which of the following countries is largest steel producer?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Japan   | 2) US          |
| 3) China   | 4) Russia      |
| 5) Germany | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 435** Vivek Gundotra resigned as the chief of which of the following social networking ventures, recently, after nearly eight years of service?

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1) Google+  | 2) Orkut    |
| 3) LinkedIn | 4) My Space |

5) None of these

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 436** According to the 13th edition of the Global Information Technology Report 2014, which of the following countries tops in terms of leveraging information and communications technologies (ICT) for growth and well being?

1) Finland

2) Sweden

3) Singapore

4) US

5) South Korea

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 437** The Reserve Bank of India disallowed overseas branches of domestic banks from extending ECBs to manufacturing and infrastructure companies for repaying rupee loans. ECB stands for

1) Excess Commercial Borrowings

2) External Commercial Borrowings

3) Exponential Commercial Borrowings

4) External Corporate Borrowings

5) Excess Corporate Borrowings

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 438** With the announcement of its policy statement on 1 Apr, the Reserve Bank of India shifted to a system of announcing its policy statement \_\_\_\_\_.

1) monthly

2) bi-monthly

3) quarterly

4) Half yearly

5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 439** US software giant Microsoft completed the acquisition of Nokia's mobile handset business for over \_\_\_\_\_ on 25 Apr.

1) USD 6 bn

2) USD 7.2 bn

3) USD 8 bn

4) USD 9.5 bn

5) USD 10 bn

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 440** The British scientist Stuart Parkin has been awarded the highly prestigious 2014 Millennium Technology Prize. He has been awarded for

1) enabling a thousand-fold increase in the storage capacity of magnetic disk drives

2) creating World Wide Web

3) pioneering ethical stem cell

4) devising universal serial bus (USB)

5) None of these

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 441** According to the latest National Sample Survey data, during the six years period between 2004 and 2011, more than \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing jobs were created across India.

1) 58 lakh

2) 42 lakh

3) 37 lakh

4) 24 lakh

5) 14 lakh

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 442** The book 'Dominant Finance and Stagnant Economies' has been written by

1) Sunanda Sen

2) Ashok Banker

3) Durjoy Datta

4) Ravinder Singh

5) Ashwin Sanghi

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 443** Which of the following teams finished runner up behind champion Bengaluru FC in the I-League football tournament held recently?

1) Mohammedan Sporting

2) Salgaocar SC

3) Churchill Brothers

4) United SC

5) East Bengal

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 444** Which of the following countries successfully test-fired a short range ballistic missile Hatf-III (Ghazanvi) recently?

1) Iran

2) Iraq

3) Saudi Arabia

4) Pakistan

5) Indonesia

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 445** The Asian Squash Federation adjudged who among the following as the Outstanding Asian Men's Player of the Year 2013 recently?

1) Mahesh Mangaonkar

2) Omar Mosaad

3) Harinderpal Sandhu

4) Saurav Ghosal

5) Tarek Momen

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 446** Who among the following has won the World Women's Senior Snooker Championship 2014 recently?

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Umadevi Nagraj    | 2) Alena Asmolava |
| 3) Maureen Rowland   | 4) Reanne Evan    |
| 5) Chitra Magimairaj | <b>Ans.) 5</b>    |

**Ques. : 447** Which of the following is NOT considered a part of time and demand liabilities of the banks for the purpose of cash reserve ratio (CRR)?

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Paid-up capital | 2) Fixed deposit     |
| 3) Savings deposit | 4) Recurring deposit |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 1</b>       |

**Ques. : 448** Which of the following states had passed a Bill in Aug 2012 to enable it to take action against doctors not serving in rural areas and is awaiting President Pranab Mukherjee's assent to the bill?

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1) Tamil Nadu  | 2) Andhra Pradesh |
| 3) Karnataka   | 4) Kerala         |
| 5) West Bengal | <b>Ans.) 3</b>    |

**Ques. : 449** The death toll from the lethal MERS topped 100 in Saudi Arabia since the spread of the coronavirus was confirmed in 2012. What does MERS stands for?

- |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1) Middle East Respiratory Syndrome | 2) Middle East Restrictive Syndrome |
| 3) Middle East Restless Syndrome    | 4) Middle East Repulsive Syndrome   |
| 5) None of these                    | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                      |

**Ques. : 450** Which of the following countries signed a 10-year pact with the US to allow a bigger US military presence in its territory recently?

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) South Korea | 2) Vietnam     |
| 3) Philippines | 4) Thailand    |
| 5) Singapore   | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 451** Who among the following replaced Anand Sinha, who retired in Jan, as RBI deputy governor recently?

- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1) G Padmanabhan    | 2) B Mahapatra |
| 3) P Vijaya Bhaskar | 4) DK Mohanty  |
| 5) R Gandhi         | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 452** The United Nations and which of the following international sports bodies signed a historic agreement, recently, with the objectives of using the power of sports to promote peace and economic development across the world?

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) FIFA          | 2) IOC         |
| 3) FIDE          | 4) ICC         |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 453** Telecom tribunal TDSAT upheld the plea to provide 3G intra-circle roaming services and also quashed the cumulative penalty of Rs 1,200 cr imposed on which of the following three telecom companies recently?

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Idea, Reliance and Airtel | 2) Idea, Vodafone and Aircel     |
| 3) Idea, Vodafone and Airtel | 4) Reliance, Vodafone and Airtel |
| 5) None of these             | <b>Ans.) 3</b>                   |

**Ques. : 454** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to have one more deputy governor. Which of the following is correct with respect to the appointment of deputy governors to the RBI?

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|--|---|
| 1) To be eligible for deputy governor post in the RBI, a candidate needs to be below 60 years. | 2) A deputy governor could be appointed for a maximum period of five years or till the age of 62, whichever is earlier. |
| 3) At present, the RBI has provision for five deputy governors.                                | 4) All the above  |
| 5) Only 1) and 2)  | <b>Ans.) 5</b>  |

**Ques. : 455** A new purple mineral with a unique makeup was discovered in a remote part of Australia recently. Name the mineral.

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Putnisite | 2) Siderite    |
| 3) Limonite  | 4) Pyrite      |
| 5) Malachite | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 456** Who among the following has won CIMB Indonesian Masters golf tournament recently?

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Gaganjeet Bhullar | 2) Jeev Milkha Singh |
|----------------------|----------------------|

- 3) Arjun Atwal  
5) Anirban Lahiri
- 4) Jyoti Randhawa  
Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 457** Which of the following countries has set up a Special Police Force to handle religious disputes in the country in response to the rising incidents of religious intolerance?

- 1) Myanmar  
3) Thailand  
5) None of these
- 2) Sri Lanka  
4) Bangladesh  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 458** The Supreme Court stayed the execution of death sentence of LeT terrorist Mohd Arif (Ashfaq) who plead that he has already spent over 13 years behind bars and hanging him would amount to punishing him twice for the crime. He was convicted in \_\_\_\_\_ case.

- 1) Red Fort attack  
3) Sarojini Nagar bomb blast  
5) None of these
- 2) Jama Masjid attack  
4) Attack on the Parliament  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 459** The 28-member European Union temporarily banned the import of which of the following items from Indian recently?

- 1) snake gourd  
3) Alphonso mangoes  
5) Only 2) and 3)
- 2) bitter gourd  
4) All the above  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 460** Finnish telecommunications equipment maker Nokia appointed who among the following as its President and CEO recently?

- 1) Ajay Banga  
3) Stephen Elop  
5) Rakesh Kapoor
- 2) Rajeev Suri  
4) Risto Siilasmaa  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 461** RBI generally has four deputy governors - two RBI insiders, one an economist and the other a banker. Who among the following is NOT a deputy governor of the RBI at present?

- 1) Urjit Patel  
3) HR Khan  
5) None of the above
- 2) DK Mohanty  
4) R Gandhi  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 462** Who among the following has been given this year's prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize, often called the "Green Nobel"?

- 1) Ramesh Agrawal  
3) Sunderlal Bahuguna  
5) None of these
- 2) Soni Sori  
4) Aruna Roy  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 463** The first ever Asian Cricket Council Premier League tournament was inaugurated in which of the following countries recently?

- 1) Oman  
3) United Arab Emirates  
5) Malaysia
- 2) Hong Kong  
4) Nepal  
Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 464** According to a recent World Bank report, based on the purchasing power parities (PPPs), India emerged as the world's third-largest economy in

- 1) 2005  
3) 2009  
5) 2013
- 2) 2007  
4) 2011  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 465** Which of the following institutions has taken India into the world's top 100 university rankings for the first time with an entry at No. 87 in the ranking released by the 'Times Higher Education' (THE) magazine for 2014 recently?

- 1) IIT DELHI  
3) IIT Guwahati  
5) IIT Bombay
- 2) IIT Kanpur  
4) IIT Madras  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 466** Who among the following has been named the Professional Footballers' Association player of the year for 2013-14 recently?

- 1) Gareth Bale  
3) Edinson Cavani
- 2) Wayne Rooney  
4) Luis Suarez

5) Steven Gerrard **Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 467** Bangladesh signed a MOU with which of the following countries for setting up a 1320 MW coal-based power plant at Moheshkhali in southeastern part of Bangladesh recently?

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) India  | 2) China       |
| 3) US     | 4) Japan       |
| 5) Russia | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 468** Indian gymnasts won seven medals, including three golds, from the International Commonwealth Championships held at \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

- |           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 1) Perth  | 2) Seoul        |
| 3) Tokyo  | 4) Kuala Lumpur |
| 5) Manila | <b>Ans.) 1</b>  |

**Ques. : 469** The regulation of mutual funds is done by which of the following institutions in India?

- |         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| 1) RBI  | 2) FMC         |
| 3) SEBI | 4) IRDA        |
| 5) BSE  | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 470** The Washington headquartered International Monetary Fund (IMF) board has approved a two-year loan package for Ukraine worth \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) \$15 bn | 2) \$17 bn     |
| 3) \$19 bn | 4) \$20 bn     |
| 5) \$23 bn | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 471** International Jazz Day is a yearly event organised by UNESCO on

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) 16 Apr | 2) 21 Apr      |
| 3) 24 Apr | 4) 28 Apr      |
| 5) 30 Apr | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 472** The National Pension System (NPS) made news, recently, when HDFC Life was disqualified to be one of the NPS managers. Which of the following is correct about NPS?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1) It is a contributory pension scheme launched by the Centre in Jan 2004.    | 2) It was made compulsory for all new govt employees. |
| 3) In 2009, those in the private sector were also invited to join the scheme. | 4) All the above                                      |
| 5) Only 1) and 2)   | <b>Ans.) 4</b>  |

**Ques. : 473** In what could be a first for the country's iron ore sector, which of the following state govts is readying an action plan to auction iron ore mines to end-users? It has proposed to put 15 of its 51 Category-C mines on the block.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Goa         | 2) Jharkhand   |
| 3) Karnataka   | 4) Odisha      |
| 5) Maharashtra | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 474** A advisory group of the RBI recommended creating BBPS to facilitate single window to pay all bills. What does BBPS stands for?

- |                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Bank-Based Payment Services       | 2) Broad-Based Payment Services      |
| 3) Bharat Bill Provisioning Services | 4) Bharat Bill Provisioning Services |
| 5) Bharat Bill Payment Services      | <b>Ans.) 5</b>                       |

**Ques. : 475** Which of the following major automakers has named Mark Fields as its new CEO recently?

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1) Ford Motors | 2) General Motors |
| 3) Renault     | 4) Nissan         |
| 5) Fiat        | <b>Ans.) 1</b>    |

**Ques. : 476** The Supreme Court appointed a special investigating team (SIT) to probe black money stashed by Indians in foreign tax havens recently. Who among the following will be the chairman of the SIT?

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Ram Jethmalani | 2) Arijit Pasayat |
| 3) MB Shah        | 4) Ranjana Desai  |
| 5) Ranjan Gogoi   | <b>Ans.) 3</b>    |

**Ques. : 477** A woman was killed and 14 others injured when two bombs went off in quick succession in two coaches of the

Bangalore-Guwahati Express train in \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Bangalore     | 2) Chennai     |
| 3) Hyderabad     | 4) Mangalore   |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 478** Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to treasury bills issued in India?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1) T-bills offer short-term investment opportunities, generally up to one year. | 2) At present, the Govt of India issues three types of treasury bills through auctions, namely, 91-day, 182-day and 364-day. |
| 3) State govts too issues T-bills in India.                                     | 4) All the above   |
| 5) Only 1) and 2)   | <b>Ans.) 5</b>   |

**Ques. : 479** Who among the following assumed charge as the deputy chief of air staff, recently, tasked with steering all IAF modernization projects?

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1) SBP Sinha     | 2) Pradeep Vasant Naik |
| 3) Arup Raha     | 4) Fali Homi Major     |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 1</b>         |

**Ques. : 480** The Nargis Datt Award for best feature film on national integration was given to which of the following films at the 61 National Film Awards announced recently?

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1) Ship of Theseus    | 2) Fandry      |
| 3) Thalaimuraigal     | 4) Jolly LLB   |
| 5) Bhaag Milkha Bhaag | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 481** The RBI has proposed a GIRO based payment system in India recently. What is the expanded form of GIRO?

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| 1) General Interlinked Recurring Order   | 2) General Interbank Recurring Order |
| 3) General International Recurring Order | 4) General Instant Recurring Order   |
| 5) General Integrated Recurring Order    | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                       |

**Ques. : 482** Which of the following films was given the Best Picture Award at the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Award 2014 held in Tampa Bay in US recently?

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) D Day                  | 2) Jolly LLB         |
| 3) Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani | 4) Bhaag Milka Bhaag |
| 5) Chennai Express        | <b>Ans.) 4</b>       |

**Ques. : 483** The book titled 'Water, Peace and War: Confronting the Global Water Crisis' has been authored by who among the following?

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Preeti Shenoy   | 2) Brahma Chellany |
| 3) Shakuntala Devi | 4) Sudha Murty     |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 2</b>     |

**Ques. : 484** India successfully test fired indigenously-developed Akash missile developed by the DRDO as part of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme recently. Akash is a \_\_\_\_\_ missile.

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) air-to-surface | 2) surface-to-air             |
| 3) air-to-air     | 4) submarine launched missile |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                |

**Ques. : 485** At least 350 people dead and thousands reported missing in which of the following countries in a recent landslide disaster?

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1) China       | 2) Colombia    |
| 3) Afghanistan | 4) Pakistan    |
| 5) Tajikistan  | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 486** Former Chief of the Air Staff Norman Anil Kumar Browne has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to which of the following countries recently?

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|-----------|----------------|
| 1) Italy  | 2) UK          |
| 3) Spain  | 4) France      |
| 5) Norway | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 487** Interest rate risk falls under which of the following categories of risks related to banks in India?



5) Mexico	Ans.) 3
<b>Ques. : 498</b> DRDO successfully test fired India's first indigenously developed Astra missile recently. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the missile?	
1) It is an air-to-air Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missile.	2) Designed and developed by DRDO, it possesses high Single Shot Kill Probability (SSKP), making it highly reliable.
3) It is an all-weather missile with active radar terminal guidance and smokeless propulsion.	4) All the above
5) Only 1) and 2)	Ans.) 4
<b>Ques. : 499</b> S&P BSE SENSEX or Sensitive Index is a basket of _____ constituent stocks representing a sample of large, liquid and representative companies.	
1) 30	2) 40
3) 50	4) 70
5) 100	Ans.) 1
<b>Ques. : 500</b> A major field exercise by the Army, code named 'Sarvada Vijay', was conducted in which of the following states recently? The overall aim of the exercise is to practice conventional cross-border thrusts into enemy territory.	
1) Gujarat	2) Rajasthan
3) Punjab	4) Jammu & Kashmir
5) Odisha	Ans.) 2
<b>Ques. : 501</b> What was India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index 2014 which was topped by Finland?	
1) 32nd	2) 140th
3) 158th	4) 175th
5) 180th	Ans.) 2
<b>Ques. : 502</b> ING Vysya Life Insurance Company Limited has announced that the Company has been renamed as _____ with immediate effect following approvals from IRDA and Ministry of Corporate Affairs.	
1) Apollo Life Insurance	2) Eveready Life Insurance
3) Exide Life Insurance	4) Pidilite Life Insurance
5) None of these	Ans.) 3
<b>Ques. : 503</b> The Finance Ministry has asked public sector banks to step up efforts for mobilising low-cost CASA deposits and focus on recovery. What does CASA stands for?	
1) Corporate Account Savings Account	2) Current Account Service Account
3) Customary Account Savings Account	4) Current Account Savings Account
5) None of these	Ans.) 4
<b>Ques. : 504</b> India's foreign exchange reserves, which are held and managed by the RBI, comprise which of the following?	
1) foreign currency assets	2) gold
3) special drawing rights allocated to India by the IMF	4) All the above
5) Only 1) and 3)	Ans.) 4
<b>Ques. : 505</b> India asked the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to double its lending capacity in 20 years to help emerging market and poor economies. The annual lending capacity of ADB under Ordinary Capital Resources has been _____ so far.	
1) \$4-5 bn	2) \$6-7 bn
3) \$8-9 bn	4) \$10-11 bn
5) \$12-13 bn	Ans.) 4
<b>Ques. : 506</b> Juan Carlos Varela won the Presidential election in which of the following countries recently? He was erstwhile Vice President of the country.	
1) Panama	2) El Salvador
3) Nicaragua	4) Costa Rica
5) Honduras	Ans.) 1
<b>Ques. : 507</b> The term birdie is associated with which of the following games?	
1) Badminton	2) Golf
3) Snooker	4) Chess

5) Squash **Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 508** Gary Becker, who died recently at 83, had received the Nobel Prize in which of the following fields in 1992?

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1) Literature | 2) Economic Sciences |
| 3) Physics    | 4) Chemistry         |
| 5) Peace      | <b>Ans.) 2</b>       |

**Ques. : 509** The annual "Balikatan," or shoulder to shoulder, exercises were conducted between which of the following two countries recently?

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) US and Philippines       | 2) China and Philippines       |
| 3) US and South Korea       | 4) South Korea and Philippines |
| 5) Thailand and Philippines | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                 |

**Ques. : 510** The World Health Organization (WHO) imposed international travel restrictions on which of the following countries, recently, over their failure to control the spread of the deadly polio virus?

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1) Syria         | 2) Cameroon      |
| 3) Pakistan      | 4) All the above |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>   |

**Ques. : 511** The World Health Organisation (WHO) warned that which of the following diseases has reemerged as a 'public health emergency' which was thought to be on the road to extinction till now?

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) Malaria      | 2) Polio       |
| 3) Small pox    | 4) Chicken pox |
| 5) Tuberculosis | <b>Ans.) 2</b> |

**Ques. : 512** The Reserve Bank asked banks not to levy penalties on customers in which of the following conditions as part of a consumer protection initiative recently?

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|---|---|
| 1) Not paying minimum amount due of credit cards up to three months | 2) Not maintaining a minimum balance in an inoperative account                      |
| 3) Defaulting on EMI of housing loans up to three months            | 4) Defaulting on EMI of theft vehicles whose claims are under process with insurers |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 2</b>  |

**Ques. : 513** Which of the following countries has announced to make match-fixing a specific crime for the first time, recently, to ensure sport remains corruption-free? The country is preparing to co-host 2015 ICC World Cup.

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1) England       | 2) Australia   |
| 3) Zimbabwe      | 4) New Zealand |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 514** The new Indian capital markets regulations provides for all existing overseas investor classes to register now as FPIs to invest in Indian markets. What does FPI stands for?

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) Foreign Proportional Investors | 2) Foreign Priority Investors      |
| 3) Foreign Portfolio Investors    | 4) Foreign Participatory Investors |
| 5) Foreign Periodic Investors     | <b>Ans.) 3</b>                     |

**Ques. : 515** The foreign direct Investments (FDIs) are preferred over other foreign fund Inflows for which of the following reasons?

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|---|---|
| 1) It brings in latest technology in the country. | 2) It generates huge employment opportunities.      |
| 3) It improves international ties of the govt.    | 4) It stays in the country for at least five years. |
| 5) None of these                                  | <b>Ans.) 1</b>                                      |

**Ques. : 516** Controversial former IPL Commissioner Lalit Modi has been elected President of which of the following cricket associations recently after which BCCI suspended the association from its fold?

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Maharashtra Cricket Association | 2) Tamil Nadu Cricket Association |
| 3) Karnataka Cricket Association   | 4) Rajasthan Cricket Association  |
| 5) None of these                   | <b>Ans.) 4</b>                    |

**Ques. : 517** The Supreme Court held which of the following provisions as unconstitutional in its recent verdict?

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|--|---|
| 1) Mandatory prior sanction for CBI to probe corruption cases against any govt officer | 2) Mandatory prior sanction for CBI to probe corruption cases against officers of joint secretary-rank or above |
|--|---|

3) Mandatory prior sanction for CBI to probe corruption cases against Union Ministers

5) None of these

4) Mandatory prior sanction for CBI to probe corruption cases against Prime Minister

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 518** A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court upheld constitutional validity of Right to Education Act recently. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Act?

1) It mandates that 33 per cent seats in all schools be reserved for the economically disadvantaged.

3) The Act was enacted with the insertion of Article 21-A in the Constitution by eighty-sixth amendment.

5) Only 2) and 3)

2) The Act will not apply to aided or unaided minority institutions.

4) Only 1) and 3)

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 519** India pledged to provide an assistance of \_\_\_\_\_ to the families displaced by a massive landslide in Afghanistan that entombed a village, killing at least 300 people recently.

1) USD 1 mn

3) USD 5 mn

5) USD 10 mn

2) USD 2 mn

4) USD 8 mn

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 520** The credit limit to the National Co-operative Marketing Federations is authorised by the

1) RBI

3) Ministry of Finance

5) None of these

2) NABARD

4) Ministry of Agriculture

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 521** The Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, recently, ruled that the govt cannot impose \_\_\_\_\_ on linguistic minority for imparting primary education.

1) mother tongue

3) Hindi language

5) None of these

2) English language

4) any foreign language

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 522** Giving three years' time to comply with the new norms, the capital market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), raised the minimum net worth criteria of asset management companies from Rs 10 cr to \_\_\_\_\_ earlier this year.

1) Rs 20 cr

3) Rs 40 cr

5) Rs 70 cr

2) Rs 30 cr

4) Rs 50 cr

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 523** After a long wait and legal hurdles, which of the new airlines was granted the flying licence by aviation regulator DGCA recently?

1) SkyJet Air

3) Club One Air

5) None of these

2) AirAsia India

4) Blue Dart Aviation

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 524** The 'Nabhratna' flying test bird aircraft was handed over to DRDO recently. Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct about the aircraft?

1) It has been developed by Mahindra Aerospace Private Limited.

3) This aircraft is equipped with indigenous synthetic Aperture Radar and state-of-the-art avionics and communication system.

5) It is a modified Dornier (DO-228) aircraft.

2) The aircraft will be used by Bangalore based Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE) as flying test bed (FTB) for evaluation of performance of various radars being developed by it.

4) The use of flying test bed (FTB) aircraft will reduce the cycle time for development for airborne system.

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 525** The RBI panel on credit information submitted its report with the recommendations like providing a free copy of their credit profile to customers recently. The panel was headed by who among the following?

1) Deepak Parekh

3) Aditya Puri

5) Pratip Chaudhuri

2) Shikha Sharma

4) Chanda Kochhar

Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 526** According to a recent survey conducted by the Assocham, an alarming number of children are using social networking site Facebook. This is happening in spite of the strict norms that prohibit children under age \_\_\_\_\_ from opening an

account on social networking sites.

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1) 12 years | 2) 13 years |
| 3) 15 years | 4) 16 years |
| 5) 18 years | Ans.) 2     |

**Ques. : 527** The UN-backed REDD+ programme is associated with which of the following? It offers incentives for developing countries.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Encouraging cattle herding  | 2) Saving endangered species     |
| 3) Control of endemic diseases | 4) Reduction in carbon emissions |
| 5) None of these               | Ans.) 4                          |

**Ques. : 528** Which of the following Asian nations is all set to become Asia's first animal cruelty-free cosmetics zone as it has introduced a draft notification that bans import of animal-tested cosmetics? A ban on animal-tested cosmetics is already in place in the country.

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|--------------|-----------|
| 1) Japan     | 2) India  |
| 3) Sri Lanka | 4) Bhutan |
| 5) Myanmar   | Ans.) 2   |

**Ques. : 529** Uber Cup is associated with which of the following games?

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Men's badminton | 2) Women's badminton |
| 3) Men's tennis    | 4) Women's tennis    |
| 5) None of these   | Ans.) 2              |

**Ques. : 530** The market borrowing programme of the State govts is finalised by the Central govt and the \_\_\_\_\_, keeping in view the provisions of Article 293(3) of the Constitution of India.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) National Development Council | 2) SEBI                |
| 3) NABARD                       | 4) Planning Commission |
| 5) None of these                | Ans.) 4                |

**Ques. : 531** India, one of the world's largest polluters, has drafted a national policy aimed at reducing its carbon emissions from deforestation. Which of the following statements is/are correct in this regard?

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| 1) India has the tenth largest forest coverage in the world. | 2) It is the world's fifth largest carbon emitter. |
| 3) It accounts for 5 per cent of global greenhouse gases.    | 4) All the above                                   |
| 5) Only 1) and 3)  | Ans.) 4  |

**Ques. : 532** The RBI has said that banks will not be permitted to charge foreclosure charges or pre-payment penalties on all floating rate term loans sanctioned to individual borrowers, with immediate effect. Floating loan products include

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1) housing loans | 2) corporate loans |
| 3) vehicle loans | 4) personal loans  |
| 5) All the above | Ans.) 5            |

**Ques. : 533** Badakshan province was in news recently for which of the following reasons?

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|---|---|
| 1) Boko Haram militants kidnapped 200 girls from a school.          | 2) Pro-Russia protesters captured many govt offices there.  |
| 3) A ferry carrying students capsized here killing hundreds of them | 4) A devastating landslide killed hundreds of people there. |
| 5) None of these  | Ans.) 4   |

**Ques. : 534** The Supreme Court struck down a law promulgated by which of the following state govts declaring Mullaperiyar dam as endangered and not allowing raising the water level of the dam?

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1) Tamil Nadu     | 2) Kerala    |
| 3) Andhra Pradesh | 4) Karnataka |
| 5) Goa            | Ans.) 2      |

**Ques. : 535** The High Court of which of the following states cancelled, recently, the appointment of 10,323 teachers in different categories recruited since 2010 and ruled that no proper policy was followed for their appointment?

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|--------------|----------------------|
| 1) Tripura   | 2) Manipur           |
| 3) Meghalaya | 4) Arunachal Pradesh |
| 5) Assam     | Ans.) 1              |

**Ques. : 536** India launched its own payment gateway 'RuPay', equivalent of Visa and Mastercard recently. Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct about the new card?

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|--|---|
| 1) It is developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).   | 2) It will work on three channels - ATMs, Point of Sales (POS) and online sales.                      |
| 3) It is the third such payment gateway in the world.  | 4) A variant of RuPay would shortly be launched by IRCTC, which will help in booking railway tickets. |
| 5) For clearing and settlement of each transaction, banks will have to pay 40 per cent lower fees in RuPay platform compared to other international platforms. | <b>Ans.) 3</b>  |

**Ques. : 537** Which of the following Indian firms leads the list of 54 Indian companies included in the recently released Forbes 'Global 2000' list of the world's largest and most powerful public companies measured by revenues, profits, assets and market value?

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1) Reliance Industries | 2) Tata Motors |
| 3) ICICI Bank          | 4) ONGC        |
| 5) State Bank of India | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 538** Name the embattled premier of Thailand who was dismissed from office by a court in the country recently that found her guilty in an abuse of power case.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Thaksin Shinawatra | 2) Charupong Ruangsuwan |
| 3) Thawil Pliensri    | 4) Yingluck Shinawatra  |
| 5) None of these      | <b>Ans.) 4</b>          |

**Ques. : 539** Which of the following countries was honoured with New Frontiers Award at the Arabian travel mart in Dubai for its outstanding contribution to tourism development recently?

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Sri Lanka | 2) Bhutan      |
| 3) India     | 4) Nepal       |
| 5) Myanmar   | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 540** Which of the following statements is NOT correct with respect to the appreciation of the currency of a country?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1) The appreciation results in decrease in imports. | 2) The appreciation results in increase in imports.   |
| 3) The appreciation results in decrease in exports. | 4) The appreciation results in lower economic growth. |
| 5) None of these                                    | <b>Ans.) 1</b>  |

**Ques. : 541** The 2014 version of the Ambient Air Pollution (AAP), released by the WHO, declared which of the following cities as the world's most polluted city with highest concentration of PM2.5 recently?

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) Beijing      | 2) Shanghai    |
| 3) Delhi        | 4) Mumbai      |
| 5) Kuala Lumpur | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 542** Which of the following state govts recommend dissolution of the state assembly paving the way for formation of the 15th state assembly recently?

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Odisha    | 2) Tamil Nadu  |
| 3) Jharkhand | 4) Uttarakhand |
| 5) Karnataka | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 543** The youngest state of the country, Telangana, has how many Parliamentary and Assembly seats respectively?

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1) 9 and 98   | 2) 11 and 109  |
| 3) 13 and 112 | 4) 15 and 114  |
| 5) 17 and 119 | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 544** In which of the following countries, Boko Haram militants abducted more than 200 schoolgirls recently? Now, world powers including the US have joined the search operation to bring them back to their families.

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Mali          | 2) South Sudan |
| 3) Nigeria       | 4) Azerbaijan  |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 3</b> |

**Ques. : 545** The book 'Capital in the Twenty-First Century' has been authored by who among the following?

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) Thomas Piketty | 2) Tyler Cowen |
|-------------------|----------------|

3) Emmanuel Saez	4) Paul Krugman
5) Martin Wolf	Ans.) 1
<b>Ques. : 546</b> Nedurumilli Janardhan Reddy, who passed away, recently, was the former Chief Minister of which of the following states?	
1) Tamil Nadu	2) Andhra Pradesh
3) Karnataka	4) Kerala
5) None of these	Ans.) 2
<b>Ques. : 547</b> President Jacob Zuma got a second term in office in the fifth post-apartheid election and the first after the death of Nelson Mandela held recently. He belongs to which of the following parties?	
1) Economic Freedom Fighters	2) Democratic Alliance
3) African National Congress	4) African Ante-Apartheid Party
5) None of these	Ans.) 3
<b>Ques. : 548</b> The Supreme Court ordered a CBI enquiry into Saradha chit fund scam recently. The much reported ponzi scam took place in which of the following states?	
1) Odisha	2) West Bengal
3) Karnataka	4) Kerala
5) Assam	Ans.) 2
<b>Ques. : 549</b> Several world leaders are due to attend the ceremony in Normandy, France to mark the 70th anniversary of which of the following historic events on Jun 6?	
1) Franco-German War	2) French Revolution
3) Victory of the allied forces in World War I	4) Victory of the allied forces in World War II
5) None of these	Ans.) 4
<b>Ques. : 550</b> The term ASBA (Application Supported by Blocked Amounts) is associated with which of the following?	
1) International aid	2) Capital market
3) World Bank grants	4) Ponzi schemes
5) None of these	Ans.) 2
<b>Ques. : 551</b> Which of the following states was adjudged to have the best land acquisition model in the country in the report prepared by consultancy firm Accenture on behalf of DIPP recently?	
1) Maharashtra	2) Gujarat
3) Madhya Pradesh	4) West Bengal
5) Tamil Nadu	Ans.) 2
<b>Ques. : 552</b> Which of the following cities will host the first leg of newly launched International Premier Tennis League (IPTL)? India's Mahesh Bhupathi is the founder of IPTL.	
1) Manila	2) Bangkok
3) Chennai	4) Tokyo
5) Shanghai	Ans.) 1
<b>Ques. : 553</b> Which of the following companies won the 'International Business of the Year award 2014' at the Asian Business Awards Midlands held in Birmingham recently?	
1) Tata Consultancy Services	2) Bharti Airtel
3) Mittalcorp	4) Caparo Group
5) None of these	Ans.) 4
<b>Ques. : 554</b> What is India's ranking in the 'State of World's Mothers' Index 2014,' an annual report prepared by the London-based aid agency 'Save the Children' to rank the best and worst places in the world?	
1) 89th	2) 116th
3) 130th	4) 137th
5) 147th	Ans.) 4
<b>Ques. : 555</b> India, Switzerland and 45 other nations endorsed the 'Declaration on Automatic Exchange of Information in Tax Matters' recently. Which of the following is NOT correct in this regard?	
1) The new global standard for automatic exchange of tax information is expected to come into effect earliest by 2017.	2) The endorsement of the Declaration took place under the aegis of Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

3) Automatic exchange of information would allow for collecting all bank information on non-resident to pass this information on to the countries of residence of these taxpayers.

4) Paris-based OECD sets the global tax standards and frames conventions against tax frauds, among others.

5) None of these

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 556** India and which of the following countries have inked a pact to enhance security cooperation in combating the key issues of insurgency, arms smuggling and human trafficking recently?

1) Bangladesh

2) Bhutan

3) Myanmar

4) Nepal

5) None of these

Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 557** The book titled 'The Candidate' has been authored by who among the following?

1) Anirudh Bhattacharyya

2) Hanif Qureshi

3) Narendra Jadhav

4) SY Quraishi

5) None of these

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 558** Afghanistan has started using its first ever satellite AFGHANSAT 1 which will support broadcasting, mobile telephony and IP connectivity in the country. This satellite has been leased from which of the following agencies?

1) ISRO, India

2) Eutelsat, EU

3) NASA, US

4) Roscosmos, Russia

5) CNES, France

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 559** Prime Minister Alenka Bratusek stepped down, recently, in which of the following countries after losing the leadership of her party?

1) Croatia

2) Serbia

3) Bulgaria

4) Slovenia

5) Albania

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 560** An effort by the WHO to measure pollution in cities around the world found that India is home to thirteen of the dirtiest 20 cities in the world. Which of the following Indian cities is NOT among the top four most polluted cities in the world?

1) Raipur

2) Gwalior

3) Patna

4) New Delhi

5) Mumbai

Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 561** The Defence Ministry has recommended the name of who among the following for the post of Chief of the army staffs recently?

1) Deepak Kapoor

2) Dalbir Singh Suhag

3) NC Vij

4) Joginder Jaswant Singh

5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 562** Which of the following teams clinched the 20th Senior National Women's Football Championships title recently?

1) Manipur

2) Odisha

3) West Bengal

4) Karnataka

5) Maharashtra

Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 563** After Crimea, which of the following provinces of Ukraine declared independence from the country in the recently held referendum?

1) Kiev

2) Donetsk

3) Moldova

4) Odessa

5) None of these

Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 564** The recently held elections recorded an all-time high voter turnout in the history of Lok Sabha elections with the overall turnout in all the nine phases of polling this year stood at \_\_\_\_\_.

1) 52.30 per cent

2) 55.34 per cent

3) 58.19 per cent

4) 66.38 per cent

5) 68.01 per cent

Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 565** The rumours were doing round in the retail world that Carrefour is planning to exit Indian market recently. This second largest retail chain in the world is based in which of the following countries?

1) UK

2) US

- 3) France  
5) South Korea
- 4) Germany  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 566** Khaled Choudhury died recently. He was an innovative artist, stage director and a Padma Bhushan awardee associated with

- 1) Hindi theatre  
3) Tamil theatre  
5) None of these
- 2) Marathi theatre  
4) Bengali theatre  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 567** Who among the following won the Spanish Grand Prix 2014 recently?

- 1) Nico Rosberg  
3) Fernando Alonso  
5) Lewis Hamilton
- 2) Sebastian Vettel  
4) Jenson Button  
Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 568** The world's biggest Bio-bank imaging study is being conducted in which of the following countries under which 100,000 citizens are undergoing detailed imaging of their brain, heart and vital organs?

- 1) Japan  
3) Germany  
5) China
- 2) US  
4) UK  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 569** The book titled 'The Last Word By' has been written by who among the following?

- 1) Sidharth Bhatia  
3) Noviolet Bulawayo  
5) Pallavi Aiyar
- 2) Hanif Qureishi  
4) Malvika Singh  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 570** In which of the following countries at least 15 people were killed in a stampede at a football match in the Kinshasa city recently? The incident took place after police fired tear gas in the crowded stadium, causing panic.

- 1) Democratic Republic of Congo  
3) Indonesia  
5) Spain
- 2) Brazil  
4) Malaysia  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 571** In his recent visit to east African nations, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang signed a deal with which of the following countries to build a new railway with China financing 90 per cent of the 3.6 billion-dollar project?

- 1) Kenya  
3) Somalia  
5) Ethiopia
- 2) Uganda  
4) Rwanda  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 572** The former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was sentenced to six years in prison for the first time in the history of which of the following countries recently? He was sentenced for corrupt practices in a real estate project.

- 1) Spain  
3) Canada  
5) Israel
- 2) Norway  
4) Holland  
Ans.) 5

**Ques. : 573** Name the leading Indian IT services company which paid a hefty sum of \$34 mn to settle a US visa misuse case in 2013 and now, it will have to retain an independent third-party auditor at its expense to review its visa compliance until 2015.

- 1) Wipro  
3) Infosys  
5) Tech Mahindra
- 2) TCS  
4) HCL  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 574** The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed who among the following as the first woman to command a United Nations peacekeeping force? She will serve as commander of about 1,000 UN peacekeepers in Cyprus.

- 1) Kristin Lund  
3) Terry Gabreski  
5) Janet Wolfenbarger
- 2) Ann Dunwoody  
4) Michelle Howard  
Ans.) 1

**Ques. : 575** A banking company is required to transfer not less than what per cent out of the balance of profit of each year to the Reserve Fund created under provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949?

- 1) 5 per cent  
3) 15 per cent  
5) None of these
- 2) 10 per cent  
4) 20 per cent  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 576** International Nurses Day (IND) is celebrated around the world on \_\_\_\_\_ of each year.

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|-----------|----------------|
| 1) 5 May  | 2) 8 May       |
| 3) 9 May  | 4) 12 May      |
| 5) 15 May | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 577** Which of the following economies of the world have been declared world's most expensive economies in a ranking released by the World Bank recently?

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1) UK, Japan     | 2) Bermuda, Denmark    |
| 3) US, Australia | 4) Switzerland, Norway |
| 5) None of these | <b>Ans.) 4</b>         |

**Ques. : 578** Which of the following pairs of states and their best practices is NOT matched correctly with respect to the report prepared by consultancy firm Accenture on behalf of DIPP recently?

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|---|--|
| 1) Best land acquisition model in the country – Gujarat | 2) Integrated and comprehensive system for VAT – Karnataka |
| 3) Labour management solution – Maharashtra             | 4) Single window clearance – Rajasthan and Punjab          |
| 5) None of these  | <b>Ans.) 5</b>   |

**Ques. : 579** Which of the following companies tops the Forbes' annual list of the world's 2000 largest and most powerful public companies released recently?

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1) China Construction Bank | 2) Citigroup                               |
| 3) JP Morgan               | 4) Industrial and Commercial Bank of China |
| 5) Berkshire Hathaway      | <b>Ans.) 4</b>                             |

**Ques. : 580** Which of the following aviation academies was selected for the International Arch of Europe Award 2014 recently?

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1) Ahmedabad Aviation and Aeronautics | 2) Ahmedabad Aviation and Aeronautics |
| 3) Indian Institute of Aeronautics    | 4) Rajiv Gandhi Aviation Academy      |
| 5) None of these                      | <b>Ans.) 2</b>                        |

**Ques. : 581** The RBI, recently, allowed bank branches abroad to sell structured products that are not specifically permitted in the domestic market. Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct in this regard?

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| 1) The RBI has directed banks to offer such products in foreign branches in compliance with the host country regulations.      | 2) Banks are allowed to do so only at the established financial centers outside India like New York, Singapore, Hong Kong, Frankfurt, Dubai etc. |
| 3) For other than established financial centers, banks may offer only those products that are specifically permitted in India. | 4) All the above   |
| 5) None of these   | <b>Ans.) 5</b>   |

**Ques. : 582** Which of the following car models selling in India became only the second car to cross 25 lakh unit sales mark in domestic market after the iconic Maruti 800?

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|------------|----------------|
| 1) Wagon R | 2) Santro      |
| 3) Indica  | 4) Ambassador  |
| 5) Alto    | <b>Ans.) 5</b> |

**Ques. : 583** In one of worst mining disasters, at least 232 people were killed and hundreds trapped in the coal mine explosion and fire in which of the following countries recently?

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Turkey    | 2) Afghanistan |
| 3) China     | 4) South Korea |
| 5) Australia | <b>Ans.) 1</b> |

**Ques. : 584** Along with the provision of Rs 11,500 cr in the Interim budget, the Govt is likely to infuse additional capital of up to \_\_\_\_\_ in PSBs during the current fiscal, to expand their capital base.

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Rs 1000 cr  | 2) Rs 3000 cr  |
| 3) Rs 6000 cr  | 4) Rs 8000 cr  |
| 5) Rs 12000 cr | <b>Ans.) 4</b> |

**Ques. : 585** The world's highest tunnel for high-speed trains became operational at an altitude of 3,607.4 metres in which of the following countries recently?

- 1) Switzerland  
3) Germany  
5) None of these
- 2) China  
4) France  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 586** The expert committee headed by former Axis Bank Chairman PJ Nayak submitted its report to the RBI recently. The Committee was constituted to review \_\_\_\_\_ in Jan 2014.

- 1) the governance of boards of banks in India  
3) the foreign share holdings in private banks in India  
5) None of these
- 2) the capital requirement of PSBs in India  
4) the proposal to increase the number of Deputy Governors at RBI from four to five  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 587** A RBI report has revealed that PSBs will require up to \_\_\_\_\_ in core capital by Mar 2018 as they migrate to the capital intensive Basel-III framework.

- 1) Rs 2.2 tn  
3) Rs 4.6 tn  
5) None of these
- 2) Rs 3.4 tn  
4) Rs 5.8 tn  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 588** India is negotiating the Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) with which of the following groups/countries which is in its final leg now?

- 1) ASEAN  
3) Mauritius  
5) None of these
- 2) EU  
4) Japan  
**Ans.) 2**

**Ques. : 589** India has signed two agreements - one on the study of ground water resources in Kampong Spue Province and the other on development of Master Plan for Siem Reap River Basin - with which of the following countries recently?

- 1) Vietnam  
3) Cambodia  
5) None of these
- 2) Thailand  
4) Indonesia  
**Ans.) 3**

**Ques. : 590** Which of the following gulf countries announced to abolish its controversial sponsorship system for foreign workers in a major labour reform recently? Now, it will not be mandatory for the foreign workers to obtain their employer's consent before leaving the country.

- 1) Bahrain  
3) UAE  
5) Kuwait
- 2) Saudi Arabia  
4) Qatar  
**Ans.) 4**

**Ques. : 591** Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the recommendations made by the expert committee headed by PJ Nayak recently?

- 1) The Govt should reduce its holding in public sector banks to below 50 per cent.  
3) The Committee also recommended expanding single investor shareholding cap to up to 30 per cent in banks without regulatory approval.  
5) Only 1) and 2)
- 2) The govt should repeal the Bank Nationalisation Acts of the 1970 and 1980, together with the SBI Act and the SBI (Subsidiary Banks) Act.  
4) All the above  
**Ans.) 5**

**Ques. : 592** The Reserve Bank Governor Raghuram Rajan announced to launch much awaited plastic currency notes of Rs 10 denomination in five cities in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) 2015  
3) 2017  
5) 2019
- 2) 2016  
4) 2018  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 593** The state Co-operative Bank of which of the following states became the first Cooperative Bank of the country to have its own 'Ru-Pay' ATM cum Debit Card launched recently?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh  
3) Madhya Pradesh  
5) Rajasthan
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh  
4) Gujarat  
**Ans.) 1**

**Ques. : 594** The Delhi High Court upheld the validity of the National Sports Code capping age and tenure of office bearers in sports bodies recently. The Code framed by the govt, barred more than \_\_\_\_\_ of tenure for presidents.

- 1) 5 years  
2) 8 years

- 3) 12 years  
5) None of these
- 4) 15 years  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 595** Who among the following is the author of the book titled 'An Undocumented Wonder: The Making of the Great Indian Election'?

- 1) Anirudh Bhattacharyya  
3) Arunava Sinha  
5) None of these
- 2) Narendra Jadhav  
4) SY Quraishi  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 596** The Prime Minister of which of the following countries called for a new interpretation of the constitution, recently, which could pave the way for the military to fight overseas? The country's constitution bans acts of war and the threat or use of force to settle international disputes.

- 1) South Korea  
3) Japan  
5) None of these
- 2) Vietnam  
4) Philippines  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 597** The Union Home Ministry extended the ban imposed on which of the following terror groups for five years recently? The group was banned after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in 1991.

- 1) SIMI  
3) LeT  
5) None of these
- 2) Indian Mujahideen  
4) LTTE  
Ans.) 4

**Ques. : 598** Delhi University's professor GN Saibaba, a vociferous opponent of Operation Greenhunt, was arrested recently. The Operation Greenhunt is associated with which of the following?

- 1) Hunt for minerals in forest areas  
3) Displacing tribal population from national reserves  
5) None of these
- 2) Counter-insurgency operations against the Maoists  
4) A deforestation drive to increase cultivable land acreage  
Ans.) 2

**Ques. : 599** The name of Shiv Chowrasia is associated with which of the following games?

- 1) Billiards  
3) Golf  
5) Bowling
- 2) Squash  
4) Polo  
Ans.) 3

**Ques. : 600** The first Scorpene submarine is scheduled to be commissioned in 2016 by the Indian Navy. These submarines are being supplied by which of the following countries?

- 1) UK  
3) US  
5) France
- 2) Russia  
4) Germany  
Ans.) 5

