

Sample Paper

Q.1 The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed on which day?

- (a) **December 2**
- (b) November 30
- (c) December 1
- (d) November 29
- (e) December 3

Explanation: (a) The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed annually on 2nd December since 1986 by the United Nations General Assembly.

Q.2 The booklet titled ‘PM Modi and his Government’s special relationship with Sikhs’ has been released by which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Tourism
- (b) Ministry of Education
- (c) **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Minority Affairs

Explanation: (c) A booklet titled ‘PM Modi and his Government’s special relationship with Sikhs’ was released on 30 November 2020, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. It has been produced by Bureau of Outreach Communication under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Q.3 Name the first Indian city to issue Municipal Bond on BSE after the launch of AMRUT Scheme.

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) **Lucknow**
- (e) Kanpur

Explanation: (d) Lucknow is the first city to issue municipal bonds after the launch of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme.

Q.4 Name the cyclonic storm which has hit the southwest region of the Bay of Bengal, just weeks after it was hit by Cyclone Nivar.

- (a) Cyclone Laura
- (b) **Cyclone Burevi**
- (c) Cyclone Kyarr
- (d) Cyclone Phailin
- (e) Cyclone Amphan

Explanation: (b) The Deep Depression formed over the southeast and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal has intensified into a Cyclonic Storm ‘Burevi’ over southwest Bay of Bengal.

Q.5 The Global Terrorism Index is released annually by which institute?

- (a) Global Peace Foundation
- (b) Transparency International
- (c) Institute for Economics and Peace**
- (d) World Economic Forum
- (e) International Peace Bureau

Explanation: (c) The Global Terrorism Index is published annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), headquartered in Sydney, Australia, to measure the impact of terrorism on the countries.

Q.6 _____ became the fastest to reach 12,000 runs in One-day International cricket.

- (a) Hardik Pandya
- (b) Shikhar Dhawan
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) Virat Kohli
- (e) Dinesh Karthik**

Explanation: (d) Virat Kohli became the fastest to reach 12,000 runs in One-day International cricket.

Q.7 When is the Navy Day observed in India?

- (a) 1 December
- (b) 2 December
- (c) 3 December
- (d) 4 December**
- (e) 5 December

Explanation: (d) In India, December 4 is observed as the National Navy Day every year, to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force to the country.

Q.8 What is the theme of Indian Navy Day 2020?

- (a) Indian Navy – Silent, Strong and Swift
- (b) Indian Navy, Mission-deployed and Combat-ready
- (c) Indian Navy – Ensuring Secure Seas for a Resurgent Nation
- (d) Indian Navy Combat Ready, Credible & Cohesive**
- (e) Indian Navy – Maritime Power for National Prosperity

Explanation: (d) The theme of Navy Day 2020 is —Indian Navy Combat Ready, Credible & Cohesive .

Q.9 Who is the winner of the 2020 Global Teacher Prize?

- (a) Ranjitsinh Disale**
- (b) Vineeta Garg
- (c) Shuvajit Payne
- (d) Rohan Gupta
- (e) Swaroop Rawal

Explanation: (a) Ranjitsinh Disale, a government teacher from Zilla Parishad Primary School, in Paritewadi village, Solapur district of Maharashtra, has won the 2020 Global Teacher Prize. He is the first Indian to win this award, which carries a prize money of \$1 million (Rs 7.4 crore).

Q.10 Name the Indian who has been named in —The Straits Times Asians of the Year for 2020.

- (a) Pesi Shroff
- (b) Adar Poonawalla**
- (c) Cyrus Mistry
- (d) Uday Kotak
- (e) Ratan Tata

Explanation: (b) Adar Poonawalla, the Chief Executive of the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), has been named among six —The Straits Times Asians of the Year for 2020, by Singapore's leading daily, The Straits Times, for their work in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q.11 Name the space-tech startup which has signed an agreement with ISRO to launch its first remote-sensing satellite on board Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) rocket.

- (a) Dhruva
- (b) Skyroot
- (c) Bellatrix
- (d) La Scienza
- (e) Pixxel**

Explanation: (e) The Bengaluru-based space-technology start-up Pixxel, has signed a pact with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to launch its first remote-sensing satellite on Isro's workhorse Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) rocket in early 2021.

Q.12 Which bank has recently launched the loan management solution called 'LenS-The Lending Solution'?

- (a) Yes Bank
- (b) Punjab National Bank**
- (c) Karnataka Bank
- (d) Federal Bank
- (e) Jana Bank

Explanation: (b) PNB has launched a tech-based loan management solution 'LenS-The Lending Solution', to speed up and maintain accuracy in online loan processing and sanctioning of credit proposals. It is envisaged to be implemented in a phased manner for all kinds of loans.

Q.13 What is the full form of REIT?

- (a) Return Estate Investment Trust
- (b) Reserve Estate Investment Trust
- (c) Registrar Estate Investment Trust
- (d) Real Estate Investment Trust**
- (e) Regulatory Estate Investment Trust

Explanation: (d) REIT stands for Real Estate Investment Trust.

Q.14 The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal has recently inked an MoU with which organisation for the implementation of Narmada Landscape Restoration Project (NLRP)?

- (a) DRDO
- (b) Reliance Industries
- (c) SBI
- (d) NTPC Limited**
- (e) Tata Development Company

Explanation: (d) NTPC Ltd., a PSU under Ministry of Power, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, for the implementation of Narmada Landscape Restoration Project (NLRP).

Q.15 Who has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The World Health Organization (WHO) Foundation?

- (a) Jyothi Datta
- (b) Vivek Murthy
- (c) Anil Soni**
- (d) Soumya Swaminathan
- (e) Shivendra Gupta

Explanation: (c) US-based Indian-origin health expert, Anil Soni, has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the newly-created The World Health Organization (WHO) Foundation.

Q.16 Arya Rajendran, has been elected as the youngest mayor in India. She is from which state?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Assam
- (c) Kerala**
- (d) Goa
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: (c) Arya Rajendran, the 21-year-old college student, has been elected the new mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, of Kerala.

Q.17 Ellyse Perry has won the title of ICC Women's Player of the Decade, ODI Player of the Decade and T20I Player of the Decade award for 2020. She is from which country?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) England
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) Australia
- (e) West Indies**

Explanation: (d) In women's cricketers Australia's Ellyse Perry clinched the award in all three categories, ICC Women's Player of the Decade, ODI Player of the Decade and T20I Player of the Decade award.

Q.18 The first ever fully automated driverless train service in India has been inaugurated in which city by PM Modi recently?

- (a) **New Delhi**
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Kolkata
- (e) Lucknow

Explanation: (a) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first-ever fully-automated driverless train service on 28 December 2020, on the Magenta Line of the Delhi Metro.

Q.19 In which of the following state India's first Lithium refinery is soon going to be set up?

- (a) **Gujarat**
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation: (a) India's first Lithium refinery is soon going to be set up in Gujarat. Manikaran Power Limited, one of the country's largest power trading and renewable energy company will invest around Rs 1,000 crore to set up this refinery.

Q.20 The largest Hockey Stadium of India is being set up in which city?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) **Rourkela**
- (c) Pune
- (d) Nagpur
- (e) Mumbai

Explanation: (b) A new world-class hockey stadium is being set up in Rourkela city of Odisha, as announced by the Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The stadium will be constructed in the Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus, Rourkela.