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Q.1) Recently, the Russian federation allowed Indian passport holders electronic visa (e-Visa) facility from 1 August 2023, which is valid for 60 days, allowing tourists to stay in Russia for how many days per visit?

- A. 21
- B. 30
- C. 16
- D. 45
- E. 60

Answer – C

Explanation:

Starting August 1, Russia began issuing electronic visas (e-visas) to Indian passport holders. This new system allows visitors to obtain travel approval more quickly for various purposes, including business trips, visiting friends and family, and tourism. The e-visa is valid for 60 days, with each visit allowing a stay of up to **16 days**. Therefore, the correct answer is C.

Q.2) Central Railway's New Amravati station has engraved its place in history as the third station within the Central Railway to be designated a "Pink Station". Where is the headquarters of the Central Railway Zone of Indian Railways?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Mumbai
- C. Secunderabad
- D. Bhubaneswar
- E. Prayagraj

Answer – B

Explanation:

Central Railway, often abbreviated as CR, is one of the 19 zones within Indian Railways. Its headquarters are located in **Mumbai at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus**. Hence, the correct answer is B.

Q.3) Recently, the Bureau of Indian Standards, the National Standards Body of India signed a Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with 35 prestigious institutions across

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the country to foster collaboration in standardization and conformity assessment. These MoUs aims at?

1. Standardization in Curricula in Academics
 2. Empowering these Institutions for Hallmarking and Laboratory services for the benefit of the Jewellery Industry
 3. Fostering collaboration in standardization in conformity assessment standardization
- A. 1 and 2
B. 2 and 3
C. 1 and 3
D. All of the above
E. None of the above

Answer – D

Explanation:

The Bureau of Indian Standards, which serves as the National Standards Body of India, has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with 35 prestigious institutions across the country to foster collaboration in standardization and conformity assessment. This MoU allows partner institutions to engage in standardization activities by joining technical committees of the Bureau at both national and international levels, obtaining infrastructure support for relevant R&D projects, co-organizing events on Standardization and Conformity Assessment, exchanging publications, introducing standardization curricula into academics, and potentially establishing a Centre of Excellence for Standardization, testing, and Conformity Assessment, along with sharing laboratory facilities. Thus, the correct answer is D.

Q.4) Which of the following are expected benefits of National Green Hydrogen Mission?

- A. Decentralized Power Generation
B. Increase in Renewable Energy Production
C. Reduction in dependence on imported fossil fuels
D. It can be utilized for long-duration storage of renewable energy
E. All of the above

Answer – E

Explanation:

India aims to become energy independent by 2047 and achieve Net Zero emissions by 2070. A key part of this strategy is **increasing the use of renewable energy across all sectors** of the economy, with Green Hydrogen seen as a promising alternative to facilitate this transition. Hydrogen can be used for long-duration renewable energy storage, replacing fossil fuels in industries, providing clean transportation, and potentially even for **decentralized power generation**, aviation, and marine transport. The National Green Hydrogen Mission, approved by the Union Cabinet on January 4, 2022, has several goals, including making India a leading producer and supplier of Green Hydrogen, creating export opportunities for Green Hydrogen and its derivatives, **reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and feedstock**, developing indigenous manufacturing capabilities, attracting investments, generating employment and economic development opportunities, and supporting R&D projects. Therefore, the correct answer is E.

Q.5) How many countries are NATO members?

- A. 31
- B. 36
- C. 28
- D. 42
- E. None

Answer – A

Explanation:

Currently, **NATO has 31 member countries, known as NATO Allies**. These sovereign states collaborate through NATO to discuss political and security issues and make collective decisions by consensus. The most recent member to join NATO is **Sweden in 2023**. Consequently, the correct answer is A

.Q.6) Which of the following States of the Head and Country is incorrectly Matched?

- A. Ibrahim Raisi – President of Iran
- B. Cyril Ramphosa – President of The Republic of South Africa
- C. Luiz In-cio Lula da Silva – President of Brazil
- D. Frank-Walter Steinmeier – Chancellor of Germany
- E. Srettha Thavisin – Prime Minister of Thailand

Answer – D

Explanation:

- **Ibrahim Raisi** is the President of Iran.
- **Cyril Ramaphosa** is the President of the Republic of South Africa.
- **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** is the President of Brazil.
- **Frank-Walter Steinmeier** is the President of Germany, not the Chancellor (the Chancellor is Olaf Scholz).
- **Srettha Thavisin** is the Prime Minister of Thailand.

Thus, the correct answer is D

Q.7) India is part/member of which of the following Organizations?

- A. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- B. Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD)
- C. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- D. United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
- E. All of the above

Answer – B

Explanation:

The **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD)**, commonly referred to as the Quad, is a strategic security dialogue involving Australia, India, Japan, and the United States, maintained through talks between these member countries.

The **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** mostly includes high-income economies ranked as "**very high**" on the Human Development Index, and these are generally considered developed countries (India is not a member of the OECD).

The **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** comprises **15 members**: five permanent members (China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States) and ten non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly. (India is not a current member of the UNSC).

NATO currently has 31 member countries, with Sweden being the latest entrant in 2023 (India is not a member of NATO).

Therefore, the correct answer is B.

Q.8) Which of the following company was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk to revolutionize space transportation and commercial space flights?

- A. SpaceX
- B. Virgin Galactic
- C. Blue Origin
- D. Rocket Lab
- E. Bigelow Aerospace

Answer – A

Explanation:

Space Exploration Technologies Corp., widely known as **SpaceX**, is an American company that manufactures spacecraft, provides launch services, acts as a defense contractor, and offers satellite communications. Headquartered in Hawthorne, California, the company was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk with the goal of reducing space transportation costs and enabling the colonization of Mars. SpaceX currently operates the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy rockets, along with the Dragon spacecraft. Thus, the correct answer is A.

Q.9) Which of the following statements are incorrect regarding the Ramsar Convention?

1. The Convention covers a very wide variety of wetland habitats including rivers, lakes, ponds, marshes, coastal areas, estuaries, bogs and even coral reefs.
2. Ramsar Convention is the oldest of the global nature conservation treaties.
3. In India the designated authority for the Ramsar convention is Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer – D

Explanation:

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat is an international treaty focused on the conservation and sustainable use of Ramsar sites, which are wetlands. Often referred to as the Convention on Wetlands, it was named after the city of Ramsar in Iran, where the convention was **signed in 1971**.

- The Convention includes a wide range of wetland habitats, such as rivers, lakes, ponds, marshes, coastal areas, estuaries, bogs, and even coral reefs (Correct).
 - The Wetlands, or "Ramsar", Convention is the oldest global nature conservation treaty and is unique in its focus on a specific ecosystem type (Correct).
 - In India, the designated authority for the Ramsar Convention is the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) (Correct).
- Therefore, the correct answer is E (None of the above).

Q.10) Recently, Leander Paes has become the first Asian man to be nominated for the International Tennis Hall of Fame in the player category. How many Grand Slam Titles did Leander Paes win in his three-decade career?

- A. 12
- B. 18
- C. 16
- D. 21
- E. 22

Answer – B

Explanation:

Leander Paes, who has won **18 Grand Slam titles** in men's doubles and mixed doubles, is the first Asian man to be nominated for the International Tennis Hall of Fame in the player category. Hence, the correct answer is B.

Q.11) Nirmala Sitharaman currently holds which of the following important portfolios in the Government of India?

- A. Minister of Finance
- B. Minister of Corporate Affairs
- C. Chairman of FSDC
- D. Chairperson of the GST Council
- E. All of the above

Answer – E

Explanation:

Nirmala Sitharaman currently holds two significant portfolios: the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. She also chairs the Financial Stability and Development Council as the Union Minister of Finance and typically chairs the GST Council meetings. Therefore, the correct answer is E (All of the above).

Q.12) Which amendment to the constitution of India added the provisions of reservation of seat for the women, SC and ST in Panchayati Raj Institutions?

- A. 48th Amendment
- B. 42nd Amendment
- C. 91st Amendment
- D. 73rd Amendment
- E. 85th Amendment

Answer – D

Explanation:

The 73rd Constitutional Amendment, enacted during P.V. Narasimha Rao's tenure as Prime Minister, mandated the reservation of one-third of seats for women in Panchayati Raj institutions and in the offices of the chairpersons at all levels of these institutions.

According to Article 243D:

1. Seats shall be reserved for:
 - (a) Scheduled Castes; and
 - (b) Scheduled Tribes,in every Panchayat, with the number of reserved seats proportional to the population of these groups in the Panchayat area, and these seats may be allotted by rotation to different constituencies within a Panchayat.
- (2) Not less than one-third of the total seats reserved under clause (1) shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.
- (3) At least one-third (including the number of seats reserved for women from Scheduled Castes and Tribes) of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Panchayat shall be reserved for women, and these seats may be rotated among different constituencies in a Panchayat.
- (4) The offices of the Chairpersons in the Panchayats at the village or any other level shall be reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and women as determined by state legislation.

Hence, the correct answer is D.

Q.13) Which post is held by Mr. Antony Blinken in the Cabinet of US President Mr. Joe Biden?

- A. Director of National Intelligence
- B. Secretary of State
- C. Director of Central Intelligence Agency
- D. Secretary of Homeland Security
- E. White House Chief of Staff

Answer – B

Explanation:

Antony John Blinken is an American government official and diplomat who has served as the 71st United States Secretary of State since January 26, 2021. He previously held roles as Deputy National Security Advisor from 2013 to 2015 and Deputy Secretary of State from 2015 to 2017 during President Barack Obama's administration. Therefore, the correct answer is B.

Q.14) In which year first rocket was launched from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS), Thumba near Thiruvananthapuram, which marked the beginning of the Indian Space Programme?

- A. 1963
 - B. 1968
 - C. 1973
 - D. 1976
 - E. 1984
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Answer –A

Explanation:

The establishment of the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) in 1963 at Thumba, located near the magnetic equator, significantly advanced the scope of aeronomy and atmospheric sciences in India. The launch of the first sounding rocket from Thumba near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on November 21, 1963, marked the beginning of the Indian Space Program. Thus, the correct answer is A.

Q.15) India's New Parliament building was inaugurated on May 28 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Old Parliament Building will now be known as "Samvidhaan Sadan". It was originally called _____.

- A. Imperial Administration Building
- B. Council House
- C. Viceroy Building
- D. Imperial Government House
- E. Constituent Assembly

Answer – B

Explanation:

The new Parliament building, part of the Central Vista project, will replace the existing structure, which was commissioned in 1927. The 'Samvidhan Sadan' building was originally designed in the 1920s by architects Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker as a 'Council House'. Therefore, the correct answer is B.

Q.16) The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup now started in India from October 5 to November 19, 2023. In which of the following years India Co-hosted the ICC Men's Cricket World with any other Asian Countries?

- 1. 1987
 - 2. 1992
 - 3. 1996
 - 4. 1999
 - 5. 2011
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- A. 1, 2 and 5
 - B. 1, 4 and 5
 - C. 1, 3 and 5
 - D. 2, 3 and 5
 - E. 2, 4 and 5

Answer – C

Explanation:

The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup is the 13th edition of this quadrennial One Day International (ODI) cricket tournament, organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and contested by men's national teams. The tournament is being hosted solely by India, beginning on October 5 and scheduled to conclude on **November 19, 2023**. This marks the first time that India is hosting the men's Cricket World Cup independently, having previously

co-hosted the **1987, 1996, and 2011** editions with other Asian nations. The matches are being held in ten different stadiums across ten cities in India. Hence, the correct answer is C.

Q.17) Which of the following is not one of the UNESCO designated World Heritages site?

- A. Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Park
- B. Dholavira: A Harappan City
- C. Western Ghats
- D. Great Living Chola Temples
- E. All of the above are UNESCO heritage sites

Answer – E

Explanation:

- Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Park were added to the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1988 and 2005, respectively.
 - Dholavira: A Harappan City was added to the list in 2021.
 - The Western Ghats were added in 2012.
 - The Great Living Chola Temples were added in 1987 and 2004.
- Thus, the correct answer is E (All of the above).

Q.18) Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced the winners of the India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC) 2022, which of the following states featured in the top 3 position?

- 1. Madhya Pradesh
- 2. Gujarat
- 3. Karnataka
- 4. Chhattisgarh
- 5. Uttar Pradesh

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 1, 2 and 4
- C. 1 and 5
- D. 3 and 5
- E. 1, 3 and 5

Answer – C

Explanation:

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) has announced the winners of the India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC) organised **under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), MOHUA.**

- Indore topped the National Smart City Award, followed by Surat and Agra in second and third place respectively.
 - Madhya Pradesh topped the state award, followed by Tamil Nadu in second place, and Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in third place.
 - Chandigarh has been awarded the best Union Territory award.
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Q.19) Which of the following schemes of the Government of India has won National Award for e-Governance 2023 (Gold)?

- A. e-NAM
- B. PMUY
- C. SVAMITVA
- D. PMJDY
- E. PM-JAY

Answer – C

Explanation –

The SVAMITVA Scheme, which stands for Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas, is an initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR). It has been honored with the prestigious National Award for e-Governance 2023, receiving the Gold Award. This recognition highlights the scheme's innovative use of technology to survey rural areas and create accurate land records.

Q.20) Recently, the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was conferred to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman for their discoveries in the realm of mRNA vaccines that helped in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. What is the Full Form of 'm'?

- A. Micro
- B. Monochrome
- C. Mitochondrial
- D. Messenger
- E. Multilayered

Answer – D

The **2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** was awarded to **Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman** for their groundbreaking research that facilitated the development of **mRNA vaccines against COVID-19**. The duo was recognized for their work on nucleoside base modifications, which were critical in creating effective mRNA vaccines. These vaccines, like others, work by stimulating the immune system to produce antibodies, which help protect against the virus.

mRNA stands for messenger RNA

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