

Current Affairs Quiz , May 2020

May 01

1) Open budget survey, conducted by the International Budget Partnership (IBP), places India at the rank of

- a) 53
- b) 103
- c) 73
- d) 23

Answer: a

- India is placed at 53rd position among 117 nations in terms of budget accountability and transparency.
- It was conducted by the International Budget Partnership (IBP)

2) GI tag has been given to Black rice, also called the Chak-Hao. It is given to the state of

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Manipur

Answer: d

- GI tag has been given to Black rice of Manipur, also called the Chak-Hao, Gorakhpur Terracotta and KadalaiMittai of Kovilpatti.

3) Bank of Schemes, Ideas, Innovation and Research portal, recently seen in news, is launched by

- a) Indian Banks Association
- b) Ministry of MSME
- c) Bank Board Bureau
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- The Portal gives access to all Schemes of Union, State and UT Governments. It has the provision for uploading Ideas, Innovations & Researches in the sector. It is launched by Ministry of MSME.

4) Thikripehra, recently seen in news, is practiced in Punjab and Haryana. It is associated with

- a) Child Marriage
- b) Community Policing
- c) Female Infanticide
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- It is community policing practiced in Punjab and Haryana. The tradition made a comeback after more than two decades — communities guarded their villages in the aftermath of terrorist movement and when the infamous Kala Kachcha gang gave locals sleepless nights years ago.

5) Which among the following projects are included under National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)?

- a) greenfield projects
- b) social infrastructure projects
- c) brownfield projects
- d) all of the above

Answer: d

- It is a first-of-its-kind government exercise to pave the way for world-class infrastructure across the nation and improve the quality of life of the people. It includes economic and social infrastructure projects, also includes both greenfield and brownfield projects.

May 04

1) The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2020 is

- a) Journalism without Fear of Favour
- b) Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation
- c) Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2020, "Journalism without Fear or Favour" and the sub-themes for this year are:
 - o Safety of Women and Men Journalists and Media Workers.
 - o Independent and Professional Journalism free from Political and Commercial Influence.
 - o Gender Equality in All Aspect of the Media.

2) Atulya, developed by Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), Pune, is a

- a) winter-suit for army
- b) microwave steriliser
- c) missile defence system
- d) none of the above

Answer: b

- This microwave steriliser can be operated in portable or fixed installations and helps in disintegrating the virus by differential heating in the range of 56 to 60 Celsius temperatures.

3) The day May 3 also marks the anniversary of Windhoek Declaration. It is related to

- a) Press freedom
- b) Anti-terrorism
- c) Solar Energy
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The Declaration is a statement of press freedom principles put together by African newspaper journalists in 1991. It was a landmark document which set the stage for the development of the African media.

4) Which among the following is not a founding member of Non-alignment movement?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Egypt
- c) Yugoslavia
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The co-founders were India's Jawaharlal Nehru, Indonesia's Sukarno, Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser, Yugoslavia's Josip Broz Tito, and Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah were all figures of international consequence, and their collective charisma attracted lesser lights from around the world.

5) Bay of Bengal Boundary Layer Experiment or BoBBLE is an initiative that seeks to examine the impact of ocean processes in the Bay of Bengal (BoB) on the monsoon system. It is joint effort of India and

- a) UK
- b) USA
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Indonesia

Answer: a

- It is a project funded by Union Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Natural Environment Research Council of UK.

May 05

1) eCovSensis a biosensor that can detect the novel coronavirus in samples of

- a) Saliva
- b) Blood
- c) Urine
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is a biosensor that can detect the novel coronavirus in saliva samples.
- It has been developed by researchers from the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad.

2) Saras Collection showcases daily utility products made by rural self-help groups (SHGs) and aims to provide SHGs in rural areas with market access to Central and State Government buyers. It is an initiative of

- a) GeM
- b) DAY-NRLM
- c) Ministry of Rural Development
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- It is an initiative of the GeM, the DAY-NRLM and the Ministry of Rural Development.

3) Which among the following statements about African Swine Fever is not correct?

- a) Zoonotic
- b) first detected in Africa
- c) Affected India in the past
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- ASF is not a threat to human beings since it only spreads from animals to other animals.

4) Deposit insurance cover provided by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is not applicable on

- a) private sector banks
- b) co-operative banks
- c) branches of foreign banks
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The deposit insurance scheme covers all banks operating in India including private sector, co-operative and even branches of foreign banks in India. There are some exemptions like deposits of foreign governments, deposits of central/state governments and inter-bank deposits.

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Answer: d

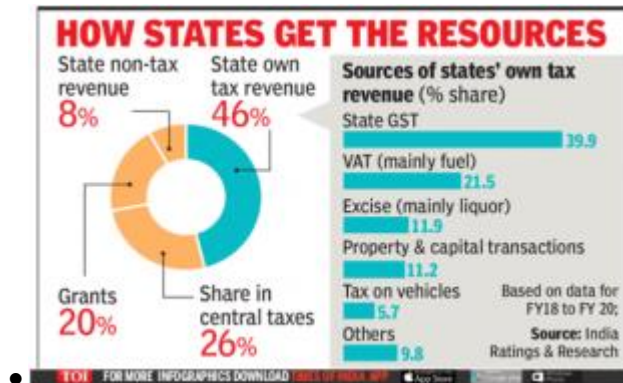
- All the statements are correct.

May 06

1) Which of the following comes as sources of revenue for states in post-GST India?

- a) Excise duty on liquor
- b) VAT on fuel
- c) Tax on vehicles
- d) All of the above

Answer: d



2) Darbar move, a 148-year-old practice, is practiced in the state of

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: d

• The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has asked the Centre and the Union Territory (UT) administration to take a final call on the continuation of Darbar move- the 148-year-old practice of shifting capitals annually between Srinagar and Jammu.

3) Recently released, "Lost at Home" report, is published by

- a) UNICEF
- b) UNEP
- c) UNDP
- d) ILO

Answer: a

• UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) has published a report named UN the "Lost at Home" report.

4) Arktika-M satellite, designed to monitor the Arctic climate and environment, is launched by

- a) Russia
- b) China

- c) India
- d) Sweden

Answer: a

- Russia will be launching its first Arktika-M satellite to monitor the Arctic climate and environment later this year.

5) Which among the following are the photojournalists from Jammu & Kashmir who have won Pulitzer Prize 2020 in feature photography?

- a) Yasin Dar
- b) Mukhtar Khan
- c) Channi Anand.
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Three photojournalists from Jammu & Kashmir have won Pulitzer Prize 2020 in feature photography. These include Yasin Dar, Mukhtar Khan, and Channi Anand.

May 07

1) Vande Bharat Mission, recently seen in news, is associated with

1. It aims to bring back Indians stranded in different parts of the world due to the coronavirus pandemic.
2. OCI cardholders or green cardholders of the other country cannot travel on the repatriation flight leaving for India

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) bringing back Indians stranded in different parts of the world
- b) semi-high speed intercity electric multiple unit.
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: a

- Union Ministry of Home Affairs stated that a person who has an OCI card, or held the citizenship of a foreign country, or held a valid visa of more than one year of that country, or had the green card of that country, can travel on the repatriation flight leaving India under the Vande Bharat mission.

2) Which among the following countries prepare to revalue and rename their currency to Toman?

- a) Greece
- b) Venezuela
- c) Iran
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Iran's currency is set to be re-named and re-valued. Long called the rial, Iran's money will soon likely be called the Toman, and an impressive four zeros will be shaved off all denominations.

3) 'Vesak', the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is being observed by United Nations on May 7, 2020. The day commemorates Lord Buddha's

- a) Birth
- b) Enlightenment
- c) Death
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- The day commemorates birth, enlightenment and Death (or Parinirvana) of Lord Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, all of which is said to have taken place on the same day.

4) Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 is not applicable on

- a) Public Sector Banks
- b) Private Sector Banks
- c) Co-operative Banks
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The Supreme Court has held that the cooperative banks involved in the activities related to banking are covered within the meaning of 'banking company' and Parliament has legislative competence to provide for procedure for recovery of loan under the SARFAESI Act.

5) Who among the following released his first collection of poems under the pen name 'Bhanusimha'?

- a) Rajaram Mohan Roy
- b) Madan Mohan Malaviya
- c) Rabindranath Tagore
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- National Gallery of Modern Art will organise the Virtual Tour titled "Gurudev – Journey of the Maestro through his visual vocabulary" from 7th May 2020 to commemorate the 159th birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore.

May 08

1) Perform, Achieve and Trade Scheme aims to make the industrial sector energy efficient. It is implemented by

- a) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
- b) Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- c) Central Electricity Authority (CEA)
- d) Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)

Answer: b

- It is launched by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) to make the industrial sector energy efficient.
- The price of these certificates will be determined by the market.

2) Project CARD, aimed to scale up India's capacity to make coronavirus testing kits, is launched by

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Department of Biotechnology
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- NITI Aayog and the Department of Biotechnology have launched the Consortium for Affordable & Rapid Diagnostics (CARD) to scale up India's capacity to make coronavirus testing kits.

3) Luhman 16, recently seen in news, is a

- a) Asteroid
- b) Binary star system
- c) Black hole
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Luhman 16 is a binary star system, the third closest system to the Sun after Alpha Centauri and Barnard's star.

4) MahaKavach App is a real-time digital contact tracing mobile application which enables citizens to contribute and assist the health authorities in contact tracing, geo-fencing and tracking of quarantined COVID-19 patients. It is launched by

- a) Govt. of Maharashtra
- b) Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
- c) Govt. of Kerala
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is launched by the Government of Maharashtra.

5) Which among the following statements about Styrene Gas is correct?

1. Styrene is a flammable liquid that is used in the manufacturing of polystyrene plastics.
2. Styrene is also found in cigarette smoke and natural foods like fruits and vegetables.

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) flammable liquid
- b) found in cigarette smoke
- c) found in natural foods
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- A gas leak in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam has killed eight people and reportedly led to the hospitalisation of more than a thousand. The leak occurred early morning May 7, 2020 at a private plastic making plant owned by LG Polymers Pvt Ltd, a part of South Korean conglomerate LG Corp.
- Styrene is also found in vehicle exhaust, cigarette smoke, and in natural foods like fruits and vegetables.

May 09

1) The World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2020 was observed on 9th May 2020. First WMBD was celebrated in the year

- a) 2006
- b) 2002
- c) 2000
- d) 2015

Answer: a

- The first WMBD was celebrated in 2006.

2) Stringency Index, recently seen in news, shows how strict a country's measures were, and at what stage of the pandemic spread it enforced these. It is launched by

- a) WHO
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) WEF
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- A Stringency Index created by Oxford University shows how strict a country's measures were, and at what stage of the pandemic spread it enforced these. As per the index, India imposed its strictest measures much earlier than others.

3) European Court of Justice (ECJ) is the European Union's supreme court in matters of EU law. It is based in

- a) Vienna
- b) Hague
- c) Paris
- d) Luxembourg

Answer: d

- Germany's constitutional court has questioned the legality of a past ruling of the European Court of Justice. The ruling pertains to a bond-buying scheme of the European Central Bank (ECB).

4) World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2020 was observed on 9th May 2020. It is an initiative of

- a) Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)
- b) Wetlands international
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2020 was observed on 9th May 2020. It helps to raise global awareness about threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and need for international cooperation to conserve them.

- It is organized by
 - o Convention on Migratory Species (CMS),
 - o African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA)
 - o Environment for the Americas (EFTA).
- Theme: "Birds Connect Our World".

5) Banking, capital markets and insurance sectors in India's IFSC, the GIFT city are regulated by

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) IRDAI.
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Currently, the banking, capital markets and insurance sectors in IFSC are regulated by multiple regulators, i.e. RBI, SEBI and IRDAI.

May 11

1) Who among the following is not involved in the Battle of Haldighati?

- a) Maharana Pratap
- b) Akbar
- c) Man Singh
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- It was fought between Maharana Pratap and the forces of Akbar led by Man Singh of Amber.
- Rana's forces were defeated in 6 hours. But the Mughals failed to capture him. Maharana re-gathered his forces, fought and won against the Mughals after six years in 1582. Having faced a terrible defeat, Akbar stopped his military campaigns against Mewar after the battle.

2) "He gave budget speeches as a member of the Imperial Legislative Council. He served as Secretary of the Deccan Education Society. He visited Ireland and arranged for Irish nationalist Alfred Webb to serve as the President of the Indian National Congress in 1894." The passage is in reference to

- a) BG Tilak
- b) GK Gokhale
- c) Dadabhai Naoroji
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- PM paid tributes to Gopal Krishna Gokhale on his birth anniversary. He was born on 9 May 1866.

3) Shekatkar committee, recently seen in news, was constituted to reform

- a) Education system
- b) Military policy
- c) Coal policy
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Shekatkar Committee was tasked with suggesting steps to enhance combat capability of the armed forces. Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh recently approved the abolition of 9,304 posts in the military engineering services. The posts were abolished based on the recommendation of Shekatkar Committee.

4) Wakhan Corridor of Afghanistan is not connected to

- a) Pakistan
- b) China
- c) India
- d) None of the above

Answer: d



- Indian government has decided to begin weather forecasts for regions under Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) — Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad and Mirpur.

5) Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund, or the PM CARES Fund is administered by

- Jointsecretary in the PMO
- Finance secretary
- Cabinet secretary
- None of the above

Answer: d

- The Ministers of Defence, Home Affairs and Finance are ex-officio Trustees of the Fund.

May 12

1) Mission Sagar, launched by India, aims to assist island nations in

- Eastern Indian Ocean
- Western Indian Ocean
- South Pacific Ocean
- All of the above

Answer: a

- India has launched Mission Sagar to assist island nations in the Eastern Indian Ocean.

2) Since 1999, May 11 is celebrated as National Technology Day to mark India's technological advancements. Which among the following is not associated with the day?

- Shakti-1 nuclear missile
- Operation Shakti initiative
- Successful test firing of Trishul
- All of the above

Answer: d

- On May 11, 1998, India detonated three nuclear bombs in the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam led the Indian team of scientists to successfully test-fire the Shakti-1 nuclear missile at Rajasthan's Pokhran test range.
- Two days later, the country successfully tested two more nuclear weapons as a part of the same Pokhran-II/Operation Shakti initiative. After these tests Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared India a nuclear state, making it the sixth country to join the 'nuclear club' of nations.
- Hansa 3, India's first indigenous aircraft was first tested on the same day in 1998 in Bangalore.
- Successful test firing of Trishul, a short-range missile made in India, was also done on the same day.

3) SwasthVayu, recently seen in news, is associated with

- a) Ventilator
- b) Smog-sucking tower
- c) Dehumidifier
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore has developed BiPAP ventilator named SwasthVayu.

4) Kalapani, located on the Kailash Manasarovar route is a disputed territory between India and

- a) Nepal
- b) China
- c) India
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer: a



5) Naku La, Nathu La and Jelep La belongs to the same state in India. Which is that state?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Arunachal Pradesh

- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: a

- Naku La sector is a pass at a height of more than 5,000 metres above Mean Sea Level (MSL) in the state of Sikkim. It is located ahead of Muguthang or Cho Lhamu (source of River Teesta). The other passes located in the state of Sikkim are Nathu La Pass and Jelep La Pass.
- Rekindling tensions over boundary claims, Indian and Chinese troops have clashed at two points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) recently, leaving personnel injured on both sides. The incidents took place in the Naku La sector and in a contested area near Pangong Tso, a lake in Ladakh.

May 13

1) Global Nutrition Report is released by

- a) FAO
- b) USAID
- c) WHO
- d) UNDP

Answer: c

- It is a work of World Health Organisation (WHO).

2) SohraiKhoovar painting, a traditional and ritualistic mural art being practised by local tribal women, has been awarded GI tag. It belongs to the state of

- a) West Bengal
- b) Bihar
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Jharkhand

Answer: d

- SohraiKhoovar painting is a traditional and ritualistic mural art being practised by local tribal women during local harvest and marriage seasons using local, naturally available soils of different colours in the area of Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand. The style features a profusion of lines, dots, animal figures and plants, often representing religious iconography.

3) ELISA test, recently seen in news, can be used to test for

- a) Dengue
- b) Malaria
- c) Tuberculosis
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- ELISA test is used to detect

- o Dengue
- o Malaria
- o Chagas disease
- o Johne's disease
- o Mycobacterium antibodies
- o Rotavirus in feces
- o Hepatitis B and C markers in serum
- o Enterotoxin of E. coli in feces
- o HIV antibodies in blood samples

4) Etalin Hydropower Project, is expected to be one of the biggest hydropower projects in India in terms of installed capacity. It is constructed across

- a) Lohit
- b) Dibang
- c) Teesta
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Etalin Hydropower Project is based on the river Dibang, it is also known as Dibang Valley project.
- Dibang is a tributary of the Brahmaputra river which flows through the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

5) Who acts as the chairman of the jury which selects the awardee for Gandhi Peace Prize?

- a) Home minister
- b) Prime minister
- c) Minister of Culture
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Prime Minister of India is the chairman of the jury which selects the awardee.

May 14

1) Who among the following can be a part of Tour of Duty scheme?

- a) Officers
- b) Jawans
- c) Common citizens
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- It aims to attract the best talent into the force and bring the civil society closer to the Indian army.
- Tour of Duty (ToD) tenure is for both officers and jawans.

2) India has moved up two places to rank 74th in global Energy Transition index. It is released by

- a) WEF
- b) UNEP
- c) OECD
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- World Economic Forum has released its global Energy Transition index.

3) Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 has been released by

- a) UNEP
- b) IUCM
- c) WEF
- d) FAO

Answer: d

- Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 has been released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- The FRA 2020 has examined the status of, and trends in, more than 60 forest-related variables in 236 countries and territories in the period 1990–2020.

4) The traditional Toda dress is a distinctive shawl which is called putukuli. They are pastoral tribe settled in hills of

- a) Nilgiri
- b) Rajmahal
- c) Seshachalam
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Toda Tribe is a pastoral tribe of the Nilgiri Hills of southern India. They live in settlements of from three to seven small thatched houses.

5) Arrange the following places from North to South:

1. West Bank
2. Sinai Peninsula
3. Golan Heights
4. Gaza strip

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) 1 – 3 – 4 – 2
- b) 3 – 1 – 2 – 4
- c) 3 – 1 – 4 – 2
- d) 3 – 4 – 1 – 2

Answer: c



May 15

1) Which among the following are the permanent bodies of Shanghai Cooperation Organization?

- a) SCO Secretariat
- b) Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar recently represented India at SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) foreign minister meet. The meet was attended by foreign ministers through video conferencing.

2) International Day of Families 2020 is observed on 15th of May. The day is the remainder of

- a) Copenhagen Declaration
- b) London Declaration
- c) Beijing Platform for Action
- d) Both (a) and (c)

Answer: d

- International Day of Families 2020 is observed on 15th of May with the theme "Families in Development: Copenhagen & Beijing+25."

3) Which among the following is not a report released by World Economic Forum?

- a) Global Competitiveness Report
- b) Global Gender Gap Report
- c) Global Travel and Tourism Report.
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Major reports published by WEF:
 - o Global Competitiveness Report
 - o Global IT Report

- o Global Gender Gap Report
- o Global Risk Report
- o Global Travel and Tourism Report.

4) Recently, a webinar 'Exploring River Nila' was organized by Ministry of tourism. It flows through the states of

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Both (a) and (c)

Answer: d

- It drains in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

5) Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy is popularly known as

- a) G20
- b) WTO Ministerial Conference
- c) World Oceans Summit
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The G20 Summit is formally known as the "Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy".

May 16

1) Which among the protection criteria are defined for gharials?

- a) Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- b) Appendix I of CITES
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- Listed under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- Listed on Appendix I of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- Conservation Efforts includes
 - o Breeding Centres of Kukrail Gharial Rehabilitation Centre in Lucknow, UP.
 - o National Chambal Sanctuary (Gharial Eco Park, Madhya Pradesh).

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5) Barakar, Konar, Bokaro, Haharo, Jamunia, Ghari, Guaia, Khadia and Bhera are tributaries of

- a) Damodar
- b) Ganga
- c) Yamuna
- d) Brahmaputra

Answer: a

- Damodar River is a river flowing across the Indian states of Jharkhand and West Bengal.
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May 18

1) Which the following currencies doesn't come under Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of IMF?

- a) U.S. Dollar,
- b) Euro
- c) Chinese Renminbi
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The SDR is an international reserve asset, created by the IMF in 1969 to supplement its member countries' official reserves. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of five currencies—the U.S. dollar, the euro, the Chinese renminbi, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling.
- India is not supporting a general allocation of new Special Drawing Rights (SDR) by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) because it feels it might not be effective in easing COVID-19-driven financial pressures. The new SDR allocation was supposed to provide all 189 members with new foreign exchange reserves with no conditions.

2) Which among the following statements about Targeted Long Term Repo Operation (TLTRO) is/are correct?

- a) It uses the same interest rate as repo
- b) It is used for short term loans for 1 or 2 days
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: a

- LTRO is a tool that lets banks borrow one to three-year funds from the central bank at the repo rate, by providing government securities with similar or higher tenure as collateral.

3) KisanRath Mobile App, recently seen in news, is used as an information dissemination system for

- a) Weather forecasting
- b) Facilitate transportation of foodgrains and perishables
- c) Scientific advises from ICAR
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Union Agriculture Ministry has launched KisanRath Mobile App to facilitate transportation of foodgrains and perishables during lockdown.

4) Which among the following can be considered as a pandemic that altered the course of human history?

- a) Justinian Plague
- b) Spanish Flu

- c) Black Death
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Justinian Plague: Broke out in the sixth century in Egypt and spread fast to Constantinople, which was the capital of the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire. The plague was named after the then Byzantine Emperor Justinian. The outbreak had killed up to 25 to 100 million people.
- Black Death: The Black Death, or pestilence, hit Europe and Asia in the 14th century. It killed some 75 to 200 million people. Black Death led to improved wages for serfs and agricultural labourers. Land became more abundant relative to labour. It also led to the weakening of the Catholic Church.
- Spanish Flu: Broke out during the last phase of the First World War. Germans and Austrians were affected so badly that the outbreak derailed their offensives.

5) The theme of World Heritage Day 2020 is "Shared Culture', 'Shared heritage' and 'Shared responsibility". It is celebrated on

- a) 18th April
- b) 17th April
- c) 11th May
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- There are a total of 38 heritage sites in India.
- Every year, 18th April is celebrated Worldwide as World Heritage Day to create awareness about Heritage among communities. The theme of World Heritage Day 2020 is "Shared Culture', 'Shared heritage' and 'Shared responsibility".

May 19

1) What percentage of funding of the projects under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme will be provided through government funding in the form of 'Grant-in-Aid'?

- a) 100%
- b) 75%
- c) 50%
- d) 25%

Answer: b

- It aims to give a boost to domestic defence and aerospace manufacturing.
- The projects under the Scheme will be provided with up to 75% government funding in the form of 'Grant-in-Aid'.

2) Shekatkar Committee recommendations, recently seen in news, is about

- a) Police reforms
- b) Military reforms

- c) Overhaul of health sector
- d) Overhaul of education sector

Answer: b

- Government has accepted and implemented three important recommendations of Committee of Experts (CoE) under the Chairmanship of Lt General D B Shekatkar (Retd) relating to border Infrastructure.

3) Which among the following is not one of the initiatives to boost Education Sector?

- a) PM e-VIDYA
- b) DIKSHA
- c) Manodarpan initiative
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The Manodarpan initiative is being launched to provide such support through a website, a toll-free helpline, national directory of counselors, interactive chat platform, etc.
- DIKSHA (one nation-one digital platform).
- A comprehensive initiative called PM e-VIDYA will be launched which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education.

4) Which among the following economies is not referred to as 'travel bubble' post-Covid lockdowns?

- a) India
- b) Estonia
- c) Latvia
- d) Lithuania

Answer: a

- The Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have started what is being referred to as a 'travel bubble' to help put their economies back on track post-Covid lockdowns.
- Creating a travel bubble involves reconnecting countries or states that have shown a good level of success in containing the novel coronavirus pandemic domestically.

5) Charan Padukais a campaign launched for the migrant labourers passing through the state. It was launched in the state of

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Gujarat
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is a campaign launched in Madhya Pradesh for the migrant labourers passing through the state. Under this campaign, the migrant labourers going barefoot are being

providing shoes and slippers to reduce their pain. The most notable thing is that this campaign is being conducted by the police at most places.

May 20

1) Arabian Sea is comparatively less prone to cyclonic storms than Bay of Bengal. Which among the following is not a reason for it?

- a) Temperature
- b) Salinity
- c) Location
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Temperature: BOB is hotter than Arabian sea. Hot water temperature is the basic criteria for the development & intensification of cyclones.
- Salinity: Arabian sea has higher salinity than BOB. It's easier to heat & simultaneously evaporate water having lower salinity.
- Location: The typhoons originating in the Pacific Ocean too influences the cyclones in BOB, not the case in Arabian Sea.
- Movement of the cyclones: According to IMD cyclones originating in Arabian Sea are believed to move northwest. So they actually move away from Indian mainland.
- Inflow of River water: The Bay receives higher rainfall and constant inflow of fresh water from the Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers. This means that the Bay's surface water keeps getting refreshed, making it impossible for the warm water to mix with the cooler water below, making it ideal for a depression.

2) Around 6 cities were given 5-star rating under Garbage-free star rating for the cities in India. It is released by

- a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- b) Niti Aayog
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) and (b)

Answer: a

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has announced the results of garbage-free star rating for the cities.

3) India and US under the Vaccine Action Programme (VAP) agreed to develop vaccine for

- a) COVID 19
- b) SARS
- c) MERS
- d) AIDS

Answer: a

- In the context of the current pandemic, India and US under the Vaccine Action

Programme (VAP) are planning to collaborate on the development and testing of vaccine candidates and diagnostics for Covid-19

4) Human Resources Development Ministry recently launched an AI-powered mobile App called National Test Abhyas for upcoming exams such as JEE Main, NEET, etc. It is developed by

- a) National Testing Agency (NTA)
- b) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- c) Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD)
- d) Both (a) and (b)

Answer: a

• The AI-powered mobile App has been developed by National Testing Agency (NTA) to enable candidates to take mock tests for upcoming exams such as JEE Main, NEET under the NTA's purview. Launched by Human Resources Development Ministry recently.

5) Solar minimum is a regular part of sunspot cycle where sun will be devoid of any solar spots. The duration of one entire cycle is

- a) 100 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 11 years
- d) 16 years

Answer: c

• Every 11 years or so, sunspots fade away, bringing a period of relative calm. This is called the solar minimum. And it's a regular part of the sunspot cycle.

May 21

1) Tenor of the loan under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) will be

- a) 10 years
- b) 5 years
- c) 4 years
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for MSMEs and MUDRA borrowers. The credit will be provided in the form of a Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) facility. Tenor of the loan under Scheme shall be four years with a moratorium period of one year on the principal amount.

2) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has taken up the Complete Solarisation a temple and town it located, in Odisha. Which is that temple?

- a) Jagannath Temple
- b) Konark Sun temple
- c) Lingaraja Temple
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has taken up the Complete Solarisation of Konark sun temple and Konark town in Odisha.

3) A sonic boom is said to occur when an object travels through the air at a speed of

- a) Less than the speed of sound
- b) Sound
- c) More than speed of sound
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- A sonic boom is said to occur when an object travels through the air faster than the speed of sound and creates shock waves. This can lead to a huge emission in energy, usually in the form of sound, which can be similar to an explosion of thunderclap.

4) May Fourth Movement, recently seen in news, is an intellectual revolution that occurred in

- a) France
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) India

Answer: b

- It is an intellectual revolution and sociopolitical reform movement that occurred in China on May 4th in 1919.

5) The share of central government in Pradhan Mantri MatsyaSampada Yojana (PMMSY) is

- a) 100%
- b) 50%
- c) 75%
- d) 60%

Answer: a

- The entire project/unit cost will be borne by the Central government (i.e. 100% central funding).

May 22

1) PM Ujjwala Yojana, along with a deposit-free LPG connection, provides eligible household with a financial assistance of

- a) Rs 1000 per connection
- b) Rs 1600 per connection
- c) Rs 500 per connection
- d) Rs 5000 per connection

Answer: b

- A deposit-free LPG connection is given to the eligible household with financial assistance of Rs 1,600 per connection.
- Applicant must not be a recipient of other similar schemes provided by the government.

2) Which among the following states doesn't form a part of Western Ghats?

- a) Goa
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat

Answer: b

- 6 States have expressed desire to expedite early notification of Ecologically Sensitive Area of Western Ghats. These six states include Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

3) Which among the following is incorrect about Coir geotextiles?

- a) 100% natural fiber
- b) Renewable source
- c) absorb solar radiation
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Coir is a 100% natural fiber, obtained from a renewable source – the coconut husk. It has a permeable, natural and strong fabric with high durability. It can dissipate the energy of flowing water and absorb the excess solar radiation.

4) Which among the following is not the name of an insecticide used in India?

- a) Dichlorvos
- b) Endosulfan
- c) Diclofenac
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- The drug is fatal to vultures, however, and a vulture is exposed to a mortal dose of diclofenac if it eats from the carcass of an animal that has been treated with diclofenac recently.

5) Which among the following are applications of Quantum entanglement?

1. Quantum teleportation
2. Super-dense coding
3. Quantum computing
4. Quantum cryptography
5. Gravitational lensing

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) 1, 3 and 5 only
- b) 3 and 4 only
- c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) All of the above

Answer: c

- Researchers from Kolkata have developed a novel protocol to find out whether a pair of electrons is in an entangled state so that they can be safely used as resources for facilitating quantum information processing tasks. The protocol has been developed through theoretical and experimental analysis.
- Quantum entanglement has applications in the emerging technologies of quantum computing and quantum cryptography, and has been used to realize quantum teleportation and Super-dense coding experimentally.

May 23

1) World Turtle Day, celebrated to make people aware of turtle and tortoise and their habitats, is observed on

- a) May 23rd
- b) April 1st
- c) November 25th
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- World Turtle Day is observed on May 23. The day is celebrated to make people aware of turtle and tortoise and their habitats.

2) "Open Skies" treaty, recently seen in news, is associated with

- a) Unarmed aerial surveillance
- b) International flights
- c) Cargo flight to conflict areas
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The treaty allows 34 countries to conduct unarmed surveillance flights over one another's territories — including the US and Russia. It was signed in 1992 and went into effect in 2002. The treaty allows 34 countries to conduct unarmed surveillance flights over one another's territories — including the US and Russia. It was signed in 1992 and went into effect in 2002.

3) As per Food and Agricultural Organization database, what is the rank of India in honey production?

- a) 8th
- b) 100th
- c) 1st
- d) 74th

Answer: a

• As per Food and Agricultural Organization database, in 2017-18, India ranked eighth in the world in terms of honey production (64.9 thousand tonnes) while China stood first with a production level of 551 thousand tonnes.

4) Khudol is a crowdfunded initiative of Ya_All, an Imphal-based NGO. This NGO deals with

- a) Transgenders
- b) Education
- c) Women Empowerment
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Khudol is a crowdfunded initiative of Ya_All, an Imphal-based NGO that had created India's first transgender football team.

5) 'Parabolic Trough Collector', a new trough collector equipped with enhanced energy to serve industries, is developed by

- a) ISRO
- b) DRDO
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IISc Bangalore

Answer: c

• Indian Institute of Madras (IIT-M) developed 'Parabolic Trough Collector', a new trough collector equipped with enhanced energy to serve industries.

May 25

1) The Chinese led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) connects

- a) Asia
- b) Africa
- c) North America
- d) Both (a) and (b)

Answer: d

China's One Belt, One Road initiative



- BRI consisting of the land-based belt, 'Silk Road Economic Belt', and 'Maritime Silk Road', aims to connect the East Asian economic region with the European economic circle and runs across the continents of Asia, Europe and Africa.

2) Katkari, one of the 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, primarily belongs to the state of

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Karnataka

Answer: a

- Katkari is one of the 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.
- Katkaris were historically forest dwellers. They are located primarily in Raigad and in parts of Palghar, Ratnagiri and Thane districts of Maharashtra as well and in some places of Gujarat.

3) Which among the following states in India is the first to grant 'industry' status to sports?

- a) Haryana
- b) Mizoram
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Gujarat

Answer: b

- Aiming to further bolster the sports activities, by attracting investment, sports have been accorded industry status in Mizoram, first state in India to do so.

4) Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, the biggest dam in Africa once completed, is located in

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Sudan
- c) Egypt
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Formerly known as the Millennium Dam, it is under construction in the Benishangul-Gumuz region of Ethiopia, on the Blue Nile River, which is located about 40km east of Sudan. After completion, it'll be Africa's largest.

5) Which among the following countries are yet to sign Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)?

- a) India
- b) US
- c) Russia
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- It is the treaty banning all nuclear explosions – everywhere, by everyone.
- India, North Korea and Pakistan have not yet signed the Treaty.
- The Trump administration discussed last week whether to conduct its first nuclear test explosion since 1992.

May 26

1) PurandaraDasa, recently seen in news, is a follower of

- a) Shaivism
- b) Vaishnavism
- c) Sikhism
- d) Buddhism

Answer: b

- He teaches complete self-surrender and unadulterated love towards Lord Krishna, the Supreme. Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums will soon commence field research work at Keshavapura in Araga Gram Panchayat (GP) of Tirthahalli taluk to explore definitive archaeological evidences that may put an end to speculations regarding the birthplace of PurandaraDasa.

2) NASA's ANITA, recently indicated the possibility of a parallel universe, refers to experiments being conducted in

- a) Jupiter
- b) Titan
- c) Antarctica
- d) Mars

Answer: c

- The news that a NASA experiment has indicated the possibility of a parallel universe has created headlines across the world. With this, ANtarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna or ANITA has suddenly come into the limelight as the cosmic-ray shower that is key to the new discovery was a part of NASA's ANITA and IceCube experiment taking place in Antarctica.

3) Jubaland, recently seen in news, is a disputed territory between Somalia and

- a) Kenya
- b) Eritrea
- c) Ethiopia
- d) Sudan

Answer: a

- Its eastern border lies 40–60 km east of the Jubba River, stretching from Gedo to the Indian Ocean, while its western side flanks the North Eastern Province in Kenya, which was carved out of Jubaland during the colonial period.

4) DehingPatkai wildlife sanctuary, recently seen in news, is located in

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Meghalaya
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Concerns have been expressed over the diversion of 98.59 hectares land of Saleki proposed reserve forest, which is a part of DehingPatkai elephant reserve, for a coal-mining project in Upper Assam.

5) Heatwaves in India generally occur during the months of

- a) March to July
- b) July to September
- c) March to August
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The health impacts of Heat Waves typically involve dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and/or heat stroke. Heat Waves typically occur between March and June, sometimes extending till July.

May 27

1) Chardham tunnel facilitates Chardham yatra. Which among the following is not a place connected by the tunnel?

- a) Rishikesh
- b) Kedarnath
- c) Badrinath.
- d) Yamunotri

Answer: a

- Chardham tunnel is a 440-m tunnel constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) below the densely populated Chamba town on the Rishikesh-Dharasu road

National Highway in Uttarakhand.

- It facilitates Chardham yatra by connecting Gangotri, Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Badrinath.

2) As per Indian constitution, labour falls under

- a) Union List
- b) Concurrent List
- c) State List
- d) Reserve List

Answer: b

- The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has expressed concern and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "send a clear message" to the Central and State governments to uphold international labour laws after the recent dilution of laws by some States.
- Labour falls in the Concurrent List.

3) Name of the virus that causes COVID 19.

- a) SARS CoV 2
- b) SARS CoV
- c) Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- d) Nippah Virus

Answer: a

- World Health Organisation's (WHO) recently announced moratorium on testing hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), the controversial anti-malarial drug, for treating COVID-19.
- ICTV announced "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)" as the name of the new virus on 11 February 2020. This name was chosen because the virus is genetically related to the coronavirus responsible for the SARS outbreak of 2003. While related, the two viruses are different.

4) With respect to China, HongKong is located on the

- a) South
- b) East
- c) North West
- d) North East

Answer: a

- Hong Kong, officially the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, is a metropolitan area and special administrative region of China in the eastern Pearl River Delta by the South China Sea.

5) Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) members include chief of

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Controller General of Accounts

- c) Banks Board Bureau
- d) Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Answer: c

- The Council is chaired by the Union Finance Minister and its members are Governor, Reserve Bank of India; Finance Secretary and/or Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs; Secretary, Department of Financial Services; Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance; Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India etc.

May 28

1) Indian Olympic Association is not the governing body for

- a) Olympic Movement
- b) Commonwealth Games
- c) Asian Games
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Indian Olympic Association is the governing body for the Olympic Movement and the Commonwealth Games in India.
- The Indian Olympic Association is currently governed by a 32-member Executive Council. The election for the Executive Council is held once in every 4 years.

2) "One country, two systems", often seen in news, is a constitutional principle of

- a) US
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) Taiwan

Answer: c

- "One country, two systems" is a constitutional principle of the People's Republic of China describing the governance of Hong Kong and Macau since they became Special Administrative Regions (SARs) of China in 1997 and 1999, respectively.

3) Blue Berets or Blue Helmets refers to personals working in

- a) ITBP
- b) UN peacekeepers
- c) InterPOL
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- UN peacekeepers (often referred to as Blue Berets or Blue Helmets because of their light blue berets or helmets) can include soldiers, police officers, and civilian personnel. Peacekeeping forces are contributed by member states on a voluntary basis. Civilian staff of peace operations are international civil servants, recruited and deployed by the UN Secretariat. International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2020 will be observed on May 29.

4) Fortaleza Declaration signed in 2014 resulted in the formation of

- a) SCO
- b) NDB
- c) BRICS
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- In the Fortaleza Declaration, the leaders stressed that the NDB will strengthen cooperation among BRICS and will supplement the efforts of multilateral and regional financial institutions for global development. The bank will be headquartered in Shanghai, China.

5) Special Provisions for Fifth Schedule dealing with the administration and control of Scheduled Areas as well as of Scheduled Tribes is not applicable for

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Tripura
- c) Mizoram
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- The Fifth Schedule of the Constitution deals with the administration and control of Scheduled Areas as well as of Scheduled Tribes residing in any State other than the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

May 29

1) Delimitation Commission's orders are enforced as per the date specified by the

- a) President
- b) Prime Minister
- c) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- d) Chief Election Commissioner

Answer: a

- The commissions' orders are enforced as per the date specified by the President of India.
- It aims to follow the principle of "One Vote One Value".
- The Lok Sabha Speaker has nominated 15 MPs from Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh as "associate members" of the Delimitation Commission to assist the panel in redrawing parliamentary and assembly constituencies of the northeastern states and the union territory.

2) Citing African swine fever, China bans pork imports from India. It is a disease transmitted by

- a) Virus
- b) Bacteria

- c) Protozoan
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- African swine fever (ASF) is a highly contagious haemorrhagic viral disease of domestic and wild pigs, which is responsible for serious economic and production losses. It is caused by a large DNA virus of the Asfarviridae family, which also infects ticks of the genus Ornithodoros.

3) The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a legislation calling for sanctions on officials responsible for oppression of Uighur Muslims. Uighur Muslims are recognized as native to

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Myanmar
- d) Thailand

Answer: a

- The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a legislation calling for sanctions on Chinese officials responsible for oppression of Uighur Muslims. The Bill has been sent to the White House for President Donald Trump to veto or sign into law.

4) Interahamwe militia, recently seen in news, is a far-right Hutu paramilitary organization active in

- a) Democratic Republic of the Congo
- b) Uganda
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Yemen

Answer: c

- It is a far-right Hutu paramilitary organization active in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

5) Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2020 is shared by the officers from India and

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Brazil
- c) China
- d) Pakistan

Answer: b

- The award for 2020 is shared between officers from India and Brazil.
- It recognizes the dedication of an individual military peacekeeper in promoting the principles of UN Security Resolution
- Created in 2016, the United Nations "Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award" recognizes the dedication and effort of an individual military peacekeeper in promoting

the principles of UN Security Resolution For the first time, two peacekeepers will receive the award jointly for their contribution to this important cause.

May 30

1) Southern Oscillation, in reference to South West Monsoon, is the periodic change in the conditions of

- a) Pressure
- b) Temperature
- c) Humidity
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Normally when the tropical eastern south Pacific Ocean experiences high pressure, the tropical eastern Indian Ocean experiences low pressure. But in certain years, there is a reversal in the pressure conditions and the eastern Pacific has lower pressure in comparison to the eastern Indian Ocean. This periodic change in pressure conditions is known as the Southern Oscillation (SO).

2) 'Rozgar Setu' is the first ever scheme by a state government to help secure employment for skilled workers who have returned back to their homes and were employed at industries elsewhere. Which is the state that rolled out the scheme?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: a

- The Madhya Pradesh Government has announced the launch of the 'Rozgar Setu' scheme, to help secure employment for skilled workers who have returned back to their homes and were employed at industries elsewhere.

3) The shipyards at Alang, considered the world's largest graveyard of ships, recycle approximately half of all ships salvaged around the world. Where is it located

- a) Gujarat
- b) West Bengal
- c) Chittagong
- d) Kerala

Answer: a

- Alang is a census town in Bhavnagar district in the Indian state of Gujarat. In the past three decades, its beaches have become a major worldwide centre for ship breaking.

4) What percentage of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) does Eight Core Industries comprise?

- a) 40
- b) 50
- c) 30
- d) 90

Answer: a

- The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 per cent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

5) Which among the following the base year for Index of Industrial Production?

- a) 2009
- b) 2004
- c) 2012
- d) 2019

Answer: c

- Base Year for IIP is 2011-2012.

