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BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

QUESTIONS

- 1. Which nation has ended its relationship with the World Health Organisation ?**
a) US b) China c) Japan d) India
- 2. Who has been nominated by the BCCI for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020 ?**
a) Rohit Sharma b) Virat Kohli c) Shikhar Dhawan d) KL Rahul
- 3. Who among the following has been nominated by the BCCI for Arjuna Awards ?**
a) KL Rahul b) Shikhar Dhawan c) Ravindra Jadeja d) Jasprit Bumrah
- 4. Music Composer Wajid Khan of Sajid-Wajid music duo passed away early morning on June 1, 2020. The brothers had made their Bollywood debut in which among the following Salman Khan films ?**
a) Hello Brother b) Mujhse Shaadi Karogi c) Dabangg
d) Pyaar Kiya Toh Darna Kya
- 5. Which among the following states will provide free internet access to the poor ?**
a) Madhya Pradesh b) Karnataka c) Kerala d) Goa
- 6. Which among the following space agencies recently launched astronauts to the ISS on a commercially-made spacecraft after almost nine years ?**
a) ESA b) CNSA c) NASA d) Roscosmos
- 7. Which among the following countries has seen widespread protests over the death of African American George Floyd in police custody ?**
a) UK b) US c) Australia d) Netherlands
- 8. The central government has approved how much package for distressed MSMEs ?**
a) Rs 20000 crore b) Rs 30000 crore c) Rs 25000 crore d) Rs 40000 crore

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1. (a) US

The United States has officially terminated its relationship with the World Health Organisation. The US President in a live speech accused China of having total control over WHO despite paying only USD 40 million a year compared to what the US's 450 million a year.

2. (a) Rohit Sharma

The BCCI has nominated Rohit Sharma for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020. Among other nominations, the BCCI nominated Shikhar Dhawan, Deepti Sharma and Ishant Sharma for Arjuna Awards.

3. (b) Shikhar Dhawan

The BCCI nominated Shikhar Dhawan, Deepti Sharma and Ishant Sharma for Arjuna Awards. Shikhar Dhawan is the only batsman in the world to win two consecutive golden bats for most runs in the ICC Champions Trophy.

4. (d) Pyaar Kiya Toh Darna Kya

Bollywood music composer brothers Sajid Khan and Wajid Khan had made their Bollywood debut with Salman Khan's hit film Pyaar Kiya Toh Darna Kya in 1998. Wajid Khan began his career as a singer with Salman Khan starrer Partner in 2008.

5. (c) Kerala

Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan has announced that Kerala Fibre Optic Network Project (K-FON) project that will provide free internet access to the poor will roll out by December 2020.

6. (c) NASA

NASA launched two astronauts on SpaceX's Dragon Endeavour spacecraft from US soil for the first time after nine years on May 30, 2020. This is the first time in human history that NASA astronauts entered the International Space Station on a commercially-made spacecraft.

7. (b) US

Over 40 cities in the United States including Washington DC imposed curfews on May 31, 2020 in response to the violent protests that ripped across the nation against the death of African-American man George Floyd in police custody. The US has called in the National Guard to respond to the protests.

8. (a) Rs 20000 crore

The central government has approved Rs 20,000 crore to provide equity support to 2 lakh stressed Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

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- 1. How many Rajya Sabha seats will be up for elections on June 19 ?**
a) 17 b) 18 c) 21 d) 15
- 2. What is the name of the cyclonic storm heading towards Maharashtra and Gujarat ?**
a) Saransh b) Nihaal c) Nisarga d) Pragati
- 3. Who among the following has been nominated for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award by Boxing Federation of India ?**
a) Manish Kaushik b) Shiva Thapa c) Gaurav Solanki d) Amit Pangal
- 4. Who among the following has been nominated for Arjuna Awards by the Boxing Federation ?**
a) Nikhat Zareen b) Laishram Sarita Devi c) Lovlina Borgohain
d) Pinki Rani
- 5. When will UN Security Council elections be held ?**
a) June 17th b) June 15th c) June 30th d) September 12th
- 6. Which among the following states celebrated its statehood day on June 2, 2020 ?**
a) Chhattisgarh b) Uttarakhand c) Jharkhand d) Telangana
- 7. Who launched the Champions portal for MSMEs ?**
a) PM Narendra Modi b) Rajnath Singh c) President Ram Nath Kovind
d) Amit Shah
- 8. Which state has launched a corona mobile application to provide information regarding hospital beds and ventilators ?**
a) Maharashtra b) Delhi c) Madhya Pradesh d) Karnataka

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1. (b) 18

The Election Commission of India on June 1 announced that the Rajya Sabha elections for pending 18 seats will now be held on June 19, 2020. The elections were earlier scheduled to be held on March 26 but were deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. (c) Nisarga

A cyclonic storm 'Nisarga', headed towards the coast in Gujarat and Maharashtra is expected to make landfall close to Mumbai on June 3. Mumbai and the neighboring districts have been placed on high alert by the government.

3. (d) Amit Pangal

World silver-medallist Amit Panghal and the seasoned Vikas Krishan were nominated by the Boxing Federation of India for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award on June 1, 2020.

4. (c) Lovlina Borgohain

The Boxing Federation of India has nominated Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Simranjit Kaur (64kg) and Manish Kaushik (63kg) for the Arjuna awards. Lovlina Borgohain has won world bronze twice.

5. (a) June 17th

The UN Security Council Elections for five non-permanent members will be held on June 17, 2020. France has taken over the Presidency of the council for the month of June.

6. (d) Telangana

Telangana observed its statehood day on June 2, 2020. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his greetings to the people of Telangana on the sixth anniversary of the Formation Day of the State.

7. (a) PM Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Champions portal on June 1, 2020. The Champions portal will aim to resolve the problems of MSMEs including those of finance, raw materials, labour and regulatory permissions.

8. (b) Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched 'Delhi Corona' mobile application to help track hospital beds and ventilators for COVID-19 patients. The app is available for download on Google Play.

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- 1. Former External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar has been appointed as India's Next Ambassador to which nation ?**
a) Finland b) Poland c) Belgium d) Sweden
- 2. The Sports Ministry has extended the deadline for submitting applications for National Sports Awards till when ?**
a) August 1st b) June 22nd c) July 3rd d) June 30th
- 3. Which nation's candidature was approved unanimously for non-permanent membership of UNSC from the Asia Pacific category ?**
a) China b) India c) Bangladesh d) Sri Lanka
- 4. UNSC has how many non-permanent members ?**
a) 15 b) 7 c) 5 d) 10
- 5. Which nation is the smallest ever nation to secure a UNSC seat ?**
a) St. Vincent and the Grenadines b) Estonia c) Tunisia d) Niger
- 6. Which among the following nations is not a part of G7 ?**
a) Germany b) Russia c) Canada d) Italy
- 7. Which year did G8 become G7 again ?**
a) 2011 b) 2013 c) 2014 d) 2015
- 8. PM Narendra Modi will be holding a high-level summit with the Prime Minister of which nation ?**
a) Japan b) New Zealand c) South Africa d) Australia

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1. (a) Finland

The former spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry, Raveesh Kumar has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Finland. Kumar is a 1995-batch Indian Foreign Service officer. He served as the spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs from July 2017 to April 2020.

2. (d) June 30

The sports ministry has extended the deadline for submitting applications for the national sports awards till June 22. The ministry has also allowed athletes to self-nominate themselves given the difficulties being faced by them to find recommenders in the wake of coronavirus.

3. (b) India

India is set to be re-elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council during the elections in June 2020. India's candidature for the Asia Pacific seat in the non-permanent category was unanimously endorsed by the 55-member Asia Pacific grouping including Pakistan and China in 2019 for a two-year period, 2021-2022.

4. (d) 10

The UNSC has five permanent veto-wielding members including the United States, United Kingdom, Russia, China and France. The council also has 10 non-permanent members and every year the UN General Assembly elects five non-permanent members for a two-year term.

5. (a) St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Five nations including Vietnam, Niger, Estonia, Tunisia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines were elected to the UNSC earlier this month for a two-year term beginning January 2020. St. Vincent and the Grenadines is the smallest-ever nation to secure a UNSC seat.

6. (b) Russia

The Group of Seven presently comprises the world's most advanced economies including the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Japan, Canada and Italy. Russia is not a part of the group.

7. (c) 2014

The G7 had become G8 in 1998 when Russia was formally inducted as a member. However, Russia's act of moving its troops into eastern Ukraine and conquering Crimea in 2014 drew heavy criticism from the other G8 nations, which then decided to suspend Russia from the group, following which it became G7 again.

8. (d) Australia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be holding an 'India-Australia Virtual Summit' with Australian PM Scott Morrison on June 4, 2020. The Australian Prime Minister was scheduled to visit India this year but the visit could not take place. Hence, the two leaders decided to hold a virtual summit.

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- 1. Legendary Filmmaker Basu Chatterjee passed away on June 4, 2020. He had won a National Award for which film ?**
a) Khatta Meetha b) Rajnigandha c) Chhoti Si Baat d) Durga
- 2. The United States has issued an order seeking suspension of flights from which nation ?**
a) Russia b) China c) India d) France
- 3. The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU on cooperation in environment protection between India and which nation ?**
a) Bangladesh b) Nepal c) Sri Lanka d) Bhutan
- 4. Which nation will host the Global Vaccine Summit ?**
a) France b) Italy c) UK d) US
- 5. Which two countries are involved in the implementation of the Kohala Hydroelectric Power project ?**
a) India and China b) India and Pakistan c) Pakistan and China
d) India and Bangladesh
- 6. When is the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression observed ?**
a) June 5th b) June 4th c) June 3rd d) June 2nd
- 7. Which city will host the 51st annual summit of the World Economic Forum?**
a) Seol b) Davos c) Berlin d) Sydney
- 8. Which Indian port trust has been renamed as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port trust ?**
a) Kolkata Port Trust b) Paradip Port Trust c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust
d) Visakhapatnam Port Trust

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1. (d) Durga

Legendary Filmmaker Basu Chatterjee passed away on June 4, 2020 due to age-related health issues. He was 93. He had won the National Film Award for Best Film on Family Welfare for his film Durga. Besides this, he had won the IIFA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. He has also won several Filmfare awards.

2. (b) China

The United States issued an order on June 3, 2020 seeking suspension of passenger flights from China starting from June 16, 2020. The move has been taken in retaliation to China's refusal to let US airlines resume flights to China.

3. (d) Bhutan

The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Bhutan for cooperation in areas of the environment including air, waste, chemical management and climate change.

4. (c) UK

India is set to participate in the Global Vaccine Summit along with over 50 countries and organisations. The UK-led virtual Global Vaccine Summit will be hosted by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on June 4, 2020.

5. (c) Pakistan and China

An agreement was signed between China and Pakistan to implement the Kohala Hydroelectric Power project in the region of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. The project is being implemented under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor.

6. (b) June 4th

The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed on June 4. The day was established in 1982 to acknowledge the pain suffered by the children throughout the world. The day speaks about the agony of the young children becoming victims of mental, physical and emotional abuse.

7. (b) Davos

The 51st annual summit of the World Economic Forum will be held in Davos, Switzerland under the theme 'The Great Reset'. The summit has been named as 'a unique Twin Summit'.

8. (a) Kolkata Port Trust

The central government on June 3 approved to rename the Kolkata Port Trust as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port trust. The Kolkata Port is the first major port and the only riverine port in India. On October 17, 1870, it came to be governed by a trust, on the appointment of the commissioners for the improvement of the port of Calcutta as per Act V of 1870.

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1. **When was World Environment Day 2020 observed ?**

- a) June 5th b) June 4th c) June 3rd d) June 2nd

2. **What was the theme of World Environment Day 2020 ?**

- a) Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife trade b) Beat Plastic Pollution
c) Connecting People to Nature d) Biodiversity

3. **India has pledged how much amount for the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation ?**

- a) USD 15 million b) USD 20 million c) USD 10 million d) USD 5 million

4. **Who launched a national awareness campaign on Prevention of Human, Animal Mortality on Highways on June 5 ?**

- a) Nitin Gadkari b) Prakash Javadekar c) Piyush Goyal d) Amit Shah

5. **Which Union Ministry has launched the information booklet- 'Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19' ?**

- a) Home Ministry b) Health Ministry c) HRD Ministry d) WCD Ministry

6. **Who launched the '#iCommit' initiative on World Environment Day ?**

- a) Dr. Harsh Vardhan b) Ravi Shankar Prasad c) RK Singh d) Piyush Goyal

7. **Fit India will be launching special films to promote how many indigenous sports of India ?**

- a) 8 b) 15 c) 7 d) 10

8. **Mubadala Investment Company has acquired how much stake in Reliance Jio platforms ?**

- a) 2.81 percent b) 1.85 percent c) 1.78 percent d) 3.21 percent

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1. (a) June 5th

World Environment Day 2020 was observed across the globe on June 5, 2020 with an emphasis on the need to care for nature and humanity. World Environment Day is observed every year to raise global awareness on environmental issues.

2. (d) Biodiversity

The theme of World Environment Day 2020 is 'Biodiversity'. The World Environment Day 2020 theme is extremely important, especially with the recent events of major bushfires in Australia, Brazil and the United States.

3. (a) USD 15 million

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged USD 15 million to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI). He made the announcement during the Global Vaccine Summit hosted by the United Kingdom (UK) on June 4, 2020.

4. (a) Nitin Gadkari

The Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on June 5, 2020 launched a national awareness campaign on Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways. While launching the campaign through Video Conference, the Union Minister underlined the need for generating awareness and education for the masses at large towards reducing or eliminating mortality on the roads.

5. (c) HRD Ministry

The Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has launched an information booklet titled 'Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19', which aims to raise awareness among students and teachers regarding cyberbullying.

6. (c) RK Singh

Minister of Power (Independent Charge) R K Singh on June 5, 2020 initiated the '#iCommit' campaign to commemorate World Environment Day. The initiative calls upon all stakeholders and individuals to continue working towards energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainability to create a robust and resilient energy system in the future.

7. (d) 10

Fit India, Sports Ministry's flagship programme along with the Department of School Education and Literacy will launch a series of special films promoting 10 indigenous sports of India under the Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat initiative. The 10 indigenous sports to be covered in the series include Shooting Ball, Roll Ball, Kabaddi, Mallakhamb, Sqay, Thang-Ta, Kho-kho, Kalaripayattu, Tug of War and Gatka.

8. (b) 1.85 percent

Abu Dhabi-based firm, Mubadala Investment Company recently invested Rs 9,093.60 crore into Reliance Jio Platforms to acquire a 1.85 percent stake in the company.

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- 1. Which place has been declared as Uttarakhand's new summer capital ?**
a) Rishikesh b) Kashipur c) Ramnagar d) Bhararisen
- 2. Which nation has declared itself COVID virus-free ?**
a) Australia b) South Korea c) Sweden d) New Zealand
- 3. Which state topped India's State Food Safety Index among larger states ?**
a) Madhya Pradesh b) Gujarat c) Maharashtra d) Telangana
- 4. Which Union Territory topped India's Food Safety Index ?**
a) Delhi b) Andaman & Nicobar Islands c) Puducherry d) Chandigarh
- 5. Which state has made Bande Utkala Janani its state song ?**
a) Odisha b) Tripura c) Manipur d) Jharkhand
- 6. India signed an agreement recently with which nation to boost cooperation in the power sector ?**
a) Switzerland b) Germany c) Denmark d) Norway
- 7. Who has indigenously developed ARPIT- Airborne Rescue Pod ?**
a) IAF b) DRDO c) ISRO d) ICMR
- 8. Several lawmakers from around the world have formed an Inter-Parliamentary Alliance to counter which nation ?**
a) United States b) Iran c) China d) Israel

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1. (d) Bhararisen

Bhararisen (Garisain) in the Chamoli district has been declared as Uttarakhand's new summer capital. The landmark decision makes Uttarakhand the second state in India after Jammu and Kashmir to have two capitals.

2. (d) New Zealand

New Zealand has declared itself COVID-free after the recovery of its last coronavirus patient. With this, the nation will be lifting all restrictions imposed to contain the virus including social distancing and restrictions on public gatherings.

3. (b) Gujarat

Gujarat has topped India's food safety index among larger states, while Goa topped the index among the small states, as per the information shared by FSSAI on June 7, 2020. Gujarat was followed by Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra among the larger states in food safety and Goa was followed by Manipur and Meghalaya among the smaller states.

4. (d) Chandigarh

Chandigarh has topped India's food safety index among the union territories. Chandigarh was followed by Delhi and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in food safety.

5. (a) Odisha

The Odisha Cabinet on June 7, 2020 according to Odisha state song status to Bande Utkala Janani. The move comes a week after the Odisha CM urged all the people of the state to sing the song to express gratitude to the COVID warriors.

6. (c) Denmark

India and Denmark have signed an MoU to develop cooperation in the power sector. The main objective behind the agreement is to develop a strong, deep and long-term co-operation between the two countries in the power sector based on equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

7. (a) IAF

The Indian Air Force has designed, developed and manufactured ARPIT- an Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation. The rescue pod will be utilised for the evacuation of severely ill patients with infectious diseases including COVID-19 from isolated, remote and high altitude areas.

8. (c) China

Senior lawmakers from eight countries including the US and UK have come together to form a new Inter-Parliamentary Alliance to counter China (IPAC). The alliance aims to counter China's growing threat to global trade, human rights and security.

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1. **When will Solar Eclipse 2020 take place ?**

- a) June 15th b) June 22nd c) June 21st d) June 27th

2. **Which among the following international organisations has completed 75 years in 2020 ?**

- a) WHO b) World Bank c) UN d) NATO

3. **North Korea has cut off its hotlines with which nation ?**

- a) South Korea b) China c) Japan d) US

4. **US President Donald Trump has ordered the withdrawal of over a quarter of US troops from which nation ?**

- a) Japan b) Germany c) France d) Israel

5. **Which two nations have decided to sign an agreement on maritime boundaries ?**

- a) UK, Ireland b) Greece, Italy c) Sri Lanka, India d) India, Myanmar

6. **Which among the following states has announced extension in lockdown restrictions till June 30, 2020 ?**

- a) Delhi b) Karnataka c) West Bengal d) Uttar Pradesh

7. **Which state has launched an online waste exchange platform ?**

- a) Goa b) Andhra Pradesh c) Kerala d) Telangana

8. **India and Denmark signed an MoU to develop strong cooperation in which sector ?**

- a) Trade b) Communications c) Medical Research d) Power

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1. (c) June 21st

Annual solar eclipse will be visible on June 21, 2020. The solar eclipse takes place when the moon passes from between the earth and the sun. The eclipse will occur on the longest day of the year, for almost 6 hours and will be visible from many parts of Northern India.

2. (c) UN

The UN General Assembly session this year commemorates 75 years of the existence of the United Nations. It would have seen high participation from leaders from 193 Member States to mark the anniversary had there been no COVID-19 crisis.

3. (a) South Korea

North Korea has said that it is cutting communication hotlines with South Korea. At least 49 hotlines have been set up between the two nations for diplomatic talks, discussions over economy and military operations and for coordination of air and sea traffic.

4. (b) Germany

US President Donald Trump has ordered to reduce the number of US troops in Germany by more than a quarter. Trump has decided to remove 9,500 troops from Germany, one of America's strongest allies, reducing the number of US troop strength there to 25,000 from 34,500.

5. (b) Greece, Italy

Greece and Italy will sign an agreement on maritime boundaries during a visit of Italian Foreign Minister to Athens on June 9, 2020. The deal follows months of tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean region over natural resources.

6. (c) West Bengal

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on June 8 announced that the lockdown restrictions in the state due to coronavirus has been extended up to June 30, 2020.

7. (b) Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on June 5, 2020 launched the 'Online waste exchange platform'. The digital platform was launched on the occasion of World Environment Day to resolve the existing insufficiency in managing the waste.

8. (d) Power

Denmark and India on June 7, 2020, signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that aims at developing a deep, strong, and long-term cooperation in the power sector. The memorandum was signed between Denmark's Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate, and India's Power Ministry.

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- 1. A massive fire erupted in an oil well located in which among the following states ?**
a) Tripura b) Assam c) Tamil Nadu d) Andhra Pradesh
- 2. Which Indian weightlifter has been cleared of doping charges by the International Weightlifting Federation ?**
a) Mirabai Chanu b) Sanjita Chanu c) Santoshi Matsa d) Sakina Khatun
- 3. Which among the following awards has been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19 ?**
a) Ramon Magsaysay awards b) Nobel Prize c) National Awards
d) Academy Awards
- 4. The Phase-2 of SAUNI Yojana is targeted to be completed before August 15 in which among the following states ?**
a) Rajasthan b) Punjab c) Gujarat d) Madhya Pradesh
- 5. The Supreme Court has given states/ UTs how many days to transport stranded migrants back to their native places ?**
a) 20 days b) 15 days c) 10 days d) 3 days
- 6. According to the World Bank, the global economy will shrink by how much in 2020 ?**
a) 5.2 percent b) 6.4 percent c) 7.1 percent d) 4.8 percent
- 7. Who launched COVID BEEP- India's first wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients ?**
a) PM Narendra b) Piyush Goyal c) Smriti Irani d) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- 8. Which planet's moon is drifting away faster than expected ?**
a) Earth b) Jupiter c) Saturn d) Neptune

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1. (b) Assam

A massive fire erupted at a leaking natural-gas oil well in Assam's Tinsukia district on June 8, 2020. The oil well, part of Baghjan oil fields, is owned by Oil India Limited (OIL). The oil well has reportedly been leaking gas since the last 14 days after it suffered damage following a blowout on May 27.

2. (b) Sanjita Chanu

Indian weightlifter K Sanjita Chanu has been cleared of doping charge by the International Weightlifting Federation due to "non-conformities" in the handling of her sample. The IWF took the decision based on the recommendation of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

3. (a) Ramon Magsaysay awards

Ramon Magsaysay awards, known as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize, have been cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Manila-based foundation issued a statement on June 9, 2020 saying that it has no choice but to cancel the 2020 awards with COVID-19 almost immobilizing the world.

4. (c) Gujarat

The Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani announced on June 10, 2020 that the Phase-2 of the Saurashtra-Narmada Avataran Irrigation (SAUNI) Yojana will be completed before August 15. The SAUNI Yojana aims to fill 115 water reservoirs of arid Saurashtra and Kutch region with water from the Narmada river, to meet the region's drinking and irrigation requirements.

5. (b) 15 days

The Supreme Court on June 9, 2020 directed the centre and state governments to identify and transport stranded migrant workers back to their home towns within 15 days. The court also directed the Indian Railways to provide the required Shramik trains within 24 hours.

6. (a) 5.2 percent

The Global Economy is predicted to shrink by 5.2 percent in 2020, which is the deepest plunge since the Second World War, according to the forecasts of the World Bank. The severe contraction in the global economy is a result of the massive shutdown measures evoked across the world to contain the coronavirus pandemic.

7. (d) Dr. Jitendra Singh

Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region launched COVID BEEP on June 7, 2020. It is India's first cost-effective, indigenous, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients.

8. (c) Saturn

Saturn's moon Titan has been moving away faster than previously understood, about 4 inches (11 centimeters) every year, as per data discovered from NASA's Cassini spacecraft. Earth's moon has also been drifting away a tiny bit more each year similar to other moons of other planets.

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- 1. When is the Prime Minister scheduled to hold talks with Chief Ministers of states that are worst hit by coronavirus ?**
a) June 15th b) June 16th c) June 17th d) June 18th
- 2. Indian runner Gomathi Marimuthu has been banned from the sport for how many years for doping ?**
a) 5 years b) 3 years c) 4 years d) 2 years
- 3. Who among the following has not been issued a notice by NADA for failing to submit his whereabouts ?**
a) KL Rahul b) Jasprit Bumrah c) Ravindra Jadeja d) Cheteshwar Pujara
- 4. India will be sending a tri-service military contingent to participate in which nation's Victory Day ?**
a) UK b) France c) US d) Russia
- 5. When will be Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral meeting take place ?**
a) June 22nd b) June 21st c) June 25th d) June 24th
- 6. Which country has imposed lockdown in certain areas of its capital to contain new virus clusters, fuelling fear of a second wave of COVID-19 virus ?**
a) Japan b) China c) Italy d) France
- 7. Which bank has decided to completely digitise its lending operations ?**
a) Bank of Baroda b) Punjab National Bank c) Canara Bank
d) State Bank of India
- 8. Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput passed away on June 14. Which among the following is his unreleased film ?**
a) Welcome to New York b) Raabta c) Sonchiriya d) Dil Bechara

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1. (c) June 17th

Prime Minister Narendra will on June 17, 2020 interact with the Chief Ministers of the 15 worst-hit states and union territories including Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

2. (c) 4 years

Asian Championship gold medalist Gomathi Marimuthu has been banned from running for four years by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) on June 12, 2020 for doping. She had won gold in the women's 800 m race at the 2019 Asian Athletics Championships held in Doha, Qatar.

3. (b) Jasprit Bumrah

Indian cricketers KL Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja and Cheteshwar Pujara have been issued notices by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for failing to disclose their whereabouts. Two other Indian women cricketers, Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma also received similar notices.

4. (d) Russia

India would be sending a tri-service military contingent to participate in the Russian Victory Day Parade on June 24, 2020. The Russian parade was supposed to be held on Victory Day on May 9 but got delayed because of COVID-19. The annual Russian Victory Day parade marks the surrender of Nazi Germany in 1945.

5. (a) June 22nd

Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is scheduled to meet his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi at a virtual Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral meeting on June 22, 2020. This meeting comes amid rising tensions between India and China over border stand-off along the LAC.

6. (b) China

China is racing to control fresh coronavirus outbreak in Beijing after over 75 new cases were reported in the last two days. The new virus cluster is linked to a single wholesale food and meat market in Beijing. The concerned authorities have begun mass testing almost hundreds of people who had visited the Xinfadi wholesale market.

7. (a) Bank of Baroda

Bank of Baroda, India's third-largest lender has decided to completely digitise its lending operations including agriculture, home, MSME, auto and personal loans. The bank is looking to completely do away with paper-based lending. The bank is planning to set up its digital department within two months.

8. (d) Dil Bechara

Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput died at his home in Bandra, Mumbai on June 14, 2020. The actor had made his entry into Bollywood with Kai Po Che in 2013. His last work would be Mukesh Chhabra's 'Dil Bechara' opposite Sanjana Sanghi, which is yet to be released.

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QUESTIONS

- 1. India has been ranked at which position on the annual World Competitiveness Index ?**
a) 54th b) 43rd c) 37th d) 61st
- 2. Which nation was ranked first on the World Competitiveness Index ?**
a) Denmark b) Netherlands c) Singapore d) Switzerland
- 3. The European Union's antitrust authority has opened cases against which tech giant ?**
a) Apple b) Facebook c) Google d) Samsung
- 4. When will the 93rd Oscars be held ?**
a) April 2021 b) March 2021 c) May 2021 d) December 2021
- 5. Which nation's Supreme Court barred workplace discrimination against LGBT community in a historic judgment ?**
a) India b) US c) UK d) Canada
- 6. Which nation joined the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence on June 15, 2020 as a founding member?**
a) India b) China c) Russia d) Malaysia
- 7. Who launched India's first gas trading platform- Indian Gas Exchange ?**
a) PM Narendra Modi b) Dharmendra Pradhan c) Rajnath Singh
d) Piyush Goyal
- 8. India was ranked at which position among the world's top FDI recipients in 2019, as per the UN ?**
a) 3rd b) 9th c) 10th d) 15th

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1. (b) 43rd

India has been ranked 43rd on an annual World Competitiveness Index, which was compiled by Institute for Management Development (IMD). Singapore topped the 63-nation ranking list. India's rank remains low due to traditional weaknesses such as poor infrastructure and insufficient education investment.

2. (c) Singapore

Singapore has topped the annual World Competitiveness Index, which comprises a total of 63 nations. Denmark was ranked second followed by Switzerland in the third position and the Netherlands at the fourth place.

3. (a) Apple

The European Union's powerful antitrust authority opened a series of cases against Apple on June 16, 2020 including one brought by Spotify alleging the tech giant makes unfair use of its app store.

4.(a) April 2021

The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences and the ABC Television Network on June 15 announced that the 93rd Oscars has been postponed and will now be held on April 25, 2021. The prestigious Academy Award was earlier scheduled to be held on February 28, 2021.

5. (b) US

The Supreme Court of the United States on June 15, 2020 barred workplace discrimination to protect the rights of the LGBT community.

6. (a) India

India has joined the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) on June 15, 2020 as a founding member. This multi-stakeholder international partnership will promote responsible and human-centric development and the use of AI.

7. (b) Dharmendra Pradhan

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on June 16, 2020 launched the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX), which is India's first nationwide online delivery-based gas trading platform.

8. (b) 9th

India was the 9th largest recipient of FDI in 2019 and will continue to attract investments, states the latest UN report. India received USD 51 billion in foreign investment in 2019, revealed UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its report.

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QUESTIONS

- 1. PM Narendra Modi interacted with how many state Chief Ministers on June 17, 2020 ?**
a) 15 b) 21 c) 16 d) 20
- 2. The UNSC will elect how many non-permanent members on June 17 ?**
a) Six b) Three c) Four d) Five
- 3. Which state has signed MoUs worth Rs 16000 crore with 12 international firms ?**
a) Telangana b) Maharashtra c) Andhra Pradesh d) Uttar Pradesh
- 4. Which state government has approved an ordinance on deferment of payments to employees, pensioners ?**
a) Odisha b) Karnataka c) Maharashtra d) Telangana
- 5. The AIIB approved how much loan to India on June 17, 2020 ?**
a) USD 750 million b) USD 500 million c) USD 380 million
d) USD 450 million
- 6. A petition has been filed in which court seeking directions to the centre to follow 27 percent reservation procedure for OBC category students in medical colleges ?**
a) Supreme Court b) Delhi HC c) Bombay HC d) Allahabad HC
- 7. Who will host and produce the 2020 Emmy Awards ?**
a) Oprah Winfrey b) Ellen DeGeneres c) Jimmy Kimmel d) Jimmy Fallon
- 8. Which country has set up a tribunal to probe a mega construction project undertaken with Chinese support in its Karen state ?**
a) Bangladesh b) Nepal c) Bhutan d) Myanmar

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1. (a) 15

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with Chief Ministers of 15 remaining states and union territories on June 17, 2020. During the interaction, he said that the number of patients recovered from COVID-19 is more than the number of active coronavirus cases in the country.

2. (d) Five

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) will elect five new non-permanent members to the council on June 17, 2020. France took over the Presidency of the powerful 15-member Security Council for the month of June. India is expected to be elected to the council unopposed.

3. (b) Maharashtra

The Maharashtra government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth Rs 16000 crore with 12 international firms including three Chinese companies. The investment from the three Chinese firms alone amounts to Rs 5000 crore.

4. (d) Telangana

The Telangana government has promulgated an ordinance to make special provision for deferment of payments to any person, employees and pensioners in the event of disaster and public health emergency.

5. (a) USD 750 million

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved USD 750 million worth loan to India on June 17, 2020. The fund granted will be used by the Indian government to strengthen battle against the impact of COVID-19 on the poor and vulnerable.

6. (b) Delhi HC

A petition was filed in the Delhi High Court on June 16, 2020 seeking directions to the central government to follow the reservation procedure of 27 percent reservation of seats for the OBC category in medical and dental colleges for the academic year 2020.

7. (c) Jimmy Kimmel

Popular American TV host Jimmy Kimmel will host the 2020 Emmy Awards. The awards are set to take place on September 20. It is yet unclear whether it will be virtual or live in-person amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. (d) Myanmar

The government of Myanmar has set up a tribunal to probe the construction of a mega city project being undertaken with the support of China in the Karen state, around 15 km north of Myawaddy.

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QUESTIONS

- 1. Which nation has decided to amend its Citizenship Act ?**
a) India b) Nepal c) Bangladesh d) Myanmar
- 2. Which state's pollution control board has issued closure notice to Oil India Limited's operations in Baghjan Oil Field ?**
a) Meghalaya b) Assam c) Manipur d) West Bengal
- 3. Which state will launch ' Play little, Study little' scheme for school students ?**
a) Uttar Pradesh b) Telangana c) Assam d) Tripura
- 4. The centre has granted how much emergency fund to the Armed forces ?**
a) Rs 1000 crore b) Rs 300 crore c) Rs 500 crore d) Rs 700 crore
- 5. Which court allowed the Puri Rath Yatra to be conducted with certain restrictions ?**
a) Delhi HC b) Allahabad HC c) Supreme Court d) Telangana HC
- 6. Which nation's radio stations have started giving weather bulletins of territories claimed by India ?**
a) Pakistan b) Nepal c) Bangladesh d) China
- 7. When will NITI Aayog launch 'Decarbonising Transport in India' project ?**
a) June 24th b) June 25th c) June 26th d) June 27th
- 8. Which Indian has entered the Forbes list of world's top 10 richest people ?**
a) Azim Premji b) Uday Kotak c) Mukesh Ambani d) Shiv Nadar

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1. (a) India

Nepal's parliamentary panel recently proposed an amendment in the nation's Citizenship Act. Under the amendment, a foreign woman marrying a Nepali national will have to wait for 7 years to get naturalised citizenship.

2. (b) Assam

The Pollution Control Board Assam (PCBA) has issued a closure notice to Oil India Limited (OIL), directing the oil production company to close down all its production and drilling operations in Baghjan Oil Field.

3. (d) Tripura

The Tripura government has decided to launch a scheme called 'Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho' which means 'Play little, Study little', from June 25, 2020. Under the scheme, the students would be getting audio and video content on learning activities projects as well as fun and gaming activities through SMS or WhatsApp.

4. (c) Rs 500 crore

The government has granted emergency funds up to Rs 500 crore per procurement project to the three armed services to buy weapons and military hardware in view of the escalating border standoff with China.

5. (c) Supreme Court

The Supreme Court on June 22, 2020 indicated that it would allow Puri's Rath Yatra, which is scheduled to start from tomorrow. The Apex court stated that it cannot micro-manage the rituals and left it to the wisdom of state, the Centre and temple management to deal with that issue.

6. (b) Nepal

Nepal's FM radio stations located close to India-Nepal border in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh have started giving weather bulletins of disputed areas of Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura, which India considers as a part of its own territory.

7. (a) June 24th

NITI Aayog will be launching 'Decarbonising Transport in India' project on June 24, 2020 in collaboration with the International Transport Forum. The main aim of the project will be to develop a pathway towards a low-carbon transport system for India.

8. (c) Mukesh Ambani

Mukesh Ambani with a recent soar in net worth has jumped into the exclusive club of the world's top 10 richest people, as per Forbes Real-Time Billionaire list.

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QUESTIONS

- 1. How much fund has been allocated under PM CARES Fund for 50,000 'made in India' ventilators ?**
a) Rs 2000 crore b) Rs 3000 crore c) Rs 1000 crore d) Rs 1500 crore
- 2. Which state's High Court has issued a notice to Twitter, centre, state government over communal tweets ?**
a) Delhi b) Telangana c) Bombay d) Madras
- 3. Which nation will be holding a limited Hajj pilgrimage in 2020 ?**
a) UAE b) Qatar c) Saudi Arabia d) Bahrain
- 4. Which company has claimed to have launched an Ayurvedic medicine to treat COVID-19 ?**
a) Reliance b) Dabur c) Patanjali d) Himalaya
- 5. Which nation blocked Pakistan's attempt to declare Indian citizen as 'global terrorist' ?**
a) Russia b) UK c) France d) US
- 6. Who participated in Russia -India-China Ministers meeting on June 23, 2020 ?**
a) S Jaishankar b) Rajnath Singh c) Nirmala Sitharaman d) Harsh Vardhan
- 7. Which nation has temporarily suspended the issuance of H-1B visa and other work visas ?**
a) UK b) France c) Germany d) US
- 8. The Supreme Court allowed the world-famous Jagannath Rath Yatra to take place in which city ?**
a) Ahmedabad b) Puri c) Jamshedpur d) Raipur

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1. (a) Rs 2000 crore

The PM CARES Fund Trust has allocated Rs 2000 crore for the supply of 50000 indigenously manufactured ventilators to government-run COVID hospitals in all states and union territories.

2. (b) Telangana

The Telangana High Court has issued notices to social networking site Twitter, Centre as well as the state government seeking explanation on why posts allegedly linking COVID-19 to the Muslim community and the religious event held in Nizamuddin in the national capital in March 2020, have not been removed.

3. (c) Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia announced that it will hold a "very limited" Hajj this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Only those people already living in the kingdom will be allowed to take part in the pilgrimage that begins in late July.

4. (c) Patanjali

Patanjali on June 23, 2020 launched 'Coronil and Swasari', its Ayurvedic medicine, which it claims can treat COVID-19. There is no official confirmation on the same by any scientific or government authority.

5. (d) US

The United States has blocked and terminated Pakistan's proposal to proscribe an Indian national as a global terrorist by the UN Security Council (UNSC) 1267 sanctions committee.

6. (a) S Jaishankar

Union External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar participated in the virtual RIC (Russia-India-China) foreign ministers meeting today, June 23, 2020. While addressing the trilateral meeting, Jaishankar stated that the meeting is a special one that reiterates our belief in time-tested principles of international relations.

7. (d) US

Donald Trump administration on June 22 issued a proclamation to suspend the issuing of temporary work visas including H-1B visa, which is popular among Indian IT professionals, for the rest of the year.

8. (b) Puri

The world-famous annual Jagannath Rath Yatra began on June 23, 2020 in Odisha's Puri after the Supreme Court gave its approval and left it on the wisdom of the state, centre and temple management to manage the festival.

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QUESTIONS

- 1. The United Nations has honoured which state's Health minister by sending invitation for UN panel discussion on World Public Service Day ?**
a) Telangana b) Karnataka c) Kerala d) Goa
- 2. The government has declared Kushinagar airport as an International airport. The airport is located in which state ?**
a) Jharkhand b) Bihar c) Uttar Pradesh d) Madhya Pradesh
- 3. Which nation plans to set up a permanent military base in the Indian Ocean ?**
a) US b) China c) Japan d) Iran
- 4. West Bengal has extended its lockdown till when ?**
a) July 31st b) July 1st c) July 15th d) August 30th
- 5. Who will launch Atmanirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan ?**
a) PM Narendra Modi b) Yogi Adityanath c) Piyush Goyal d) Amit Shah
- 6. Who will launch the eBlood Services Mobile App ?**
a) Dr. Harsh Vardhan b) PM Narendra Modi c) Amit Shah
d) President Ram Nath Kovind
- 7. The Cabinet approved extension in the term of Rohini Commission till when ?**
a) March 2021 b) December 2020 c) January 2021 d) May 2021
- 8. According to the US, which nation remains safe haven for terror groups ?**
a) Iran b) Israel c) Pakistan d) India

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1. (c) Kerala

The United Nations has honoured Kerala Health Minister KK Shailaja by inviting her on panel discussion on World Public Service Day, which was on June 23, 2020. She was the honored speaker from India to speak about the strategies that were adopted by the state to combat the pandemic.

2. (c) Uttar Pradesh

The Union Cabinet meeting which was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 24 has approved the declaration of Kushinagar airport in Uttar Pradesh as an International airport.

3. (d) Iran

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) plans to establish a permanent military base in the Indian Ocean by March 2021. This was announced by IRGC Navy Commander Rear Admiral Alireza Tangsiri.

4. (a) July 31st

The state government of West Bengal has decided to extend the ongoing lockdown in the state till July 31, 2020. The announcement was made by WB Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee after an all-party meeting convened on June 24, 2020 to discuss the COVID situation in the state.

5. (a) PM Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch Atmanirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan on June 26, 2020 through video conference. The UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other Ministers of the state will also be present at the virtual launch.

6. (a) Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on June 25, 2020 launched the eBlood Services Mobile Application. The application is an initiative of the Indian Red Cross Society, which is dedicated to the fight against COVID-19.

7. (c) January 2021

Justice Rohini Commission set up to examine the issue of the Sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes has gotten its ninth extension for six months till January 31, 2021. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the extension of the term of the commission.

8. (c) Pakistan

The US stated in its recent report that Pakistan continues to be a safe harbor for regionally focused terrorist groups. This was reported in the annual Country Report on Terrorism by the US State Department. The report stated that Pakistan continues to allow terror groups such as Lashkar e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) to operate from its territory and target India.