BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| 1. | 1. Which among the following days is co | elebrated twice a year ? |
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| | a) World Freedom Day b) Internation | al Human Space Flight Day |
| | c) International Astronomy Day d) Ze | ro Discrimination Day |
| | | |
| 2. | 2. India lost its top rank in ICC Test tea | m rankings to which nation on May 1, |
| | 2020 ? | |
| | a) New Zealand b) Australia c) Engl | and d) South Africa |
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| 3. | 3. The National Mission for Clean Gang | ga launched 'IDEAthon' on May 2, 2020. |
| | The NMCG operates under which Mir | nistry ? |
| | a) Environment Ministry b) Science ar | nd Technology c) Health Ministry d) J |
| | Shakti Ministry | |

- 4. India ranks at which position in a scientific publication?
 - a) 3rd b) 2nd c) 6th d) 10th
- 5. The Saffron cultivated in which among the following regions has received the GI tag?
 - a) Mysuru Saffron b) Kashmir Saffron c) Shimla Saffron d) Gangtok Saffron

d) Jal

- 6. The third phase of lockdown is scheduled to end on which date?
 - a) May 16th b) May 17th c) May 15th d) May 21st
- 7. When was the World Press Freedom Day observed?
- a) May 2nd b) May 3rd c) May 4th d) May 1st
- 8. Which country will launch its first Arktika-M satellite to monitor the Arctic climate by the end of 2020?
 - a) US b) Japan c) Russia d) China

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| 1. | Who has been appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations? a) Deepak Mittal b) Piyush Srivastava c) TS Tirumurti d) Jaideep Mazumdar |
| 2. | Which state has become the first in the northeastern region to develop a mobile COVID-19 sample collection kiosk? a) Tripura b) Meghalaya c) Nagaland d) Goa |
| 3. | Which Pakistani cricketer has been banned for 3 years for failing to report corrupt approaches? a) Umar Akmal b) Shadab Khan c) Asif Ali d) Imad Wasim |
| | Which patien is looking to make travel exemptions for the Indian cricket. |
| 5. | Which nation is looking to make travel exemptions for the Indian cricket team's tour later this year ? a) South Africa b) New Zealand c) Australia d) England |
| 6. | According to the GRID 2020 report, how many people were displaced in 2019? a) 2 Million b) 5 Million c) 3 Million d) 4 Million |

8. USAID has announced how much additional grant to India to battle the **COVID-19 pandemic?**

a) \$3 million b) \$2 million c) \$2.5 million d) \$3.5 million

7. Which state has imposed a COVID-19 cess on diesel and petrol?

a) Madhya Pradesh b) Nagaland c) Maharashtra d) Meghalaya

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| 1. | Which nation has successfully isolated corona-virus antibody in |
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| | breakthrough development? |
| | a) Iran b) India c) Italy d) Israel |
| | |
| 2. | Indian American Ashok Michael Pinto has been nominated as the US |
| | representative to which among the following institutions? |
| | a) IBRD b) IDAI c) WHO d) UN |
| | |
| 3. | The 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games have been postponed to which |
| | year? |
| | a) 2022 b) 2023 c) 2024 d) 2025 |
| | |
| 4. | According to the Global Report on Food Crisis 2020, how many people ar |
| | living under food crisis currently? |
| | a) 111 million b) 123 million c) 135 million d) 142 million |
| | |
| 5. | Which country was the hardest-hit by food crisis in 2019, as per Global |
| | Report on Food Crisis, 2020 ? |
| | a) Libya b) Sudan c) Yemen d) Syria |
| | |
| 6. | Which organisation has developed Ultra Violet Disinfection Tower 'UV |
| | Blaster' for chemical free and rapid disinfection ? |
| | a) ISRO b) ICMR c) Mahindra d) DRDO |
| | |

7. When is the last date for filing of nominations for national sports awards 2020?

a) June 1st b) June 3rd c) June 12th d) June 25th

8. The US plans to borrow how much amount for second quarter to deal with coronavirus pandemic?

a) USD 2.9 trillion b) USD 2 trillion c) USD 3.5 trillion d) USD 1.7 trillion

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| Q | UESTIONS & ANSWERS |
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| 1. | Who was recently awarded the commemorative World War II medal by Russia ? |
| | a) Narendra Modi b) Kim Jong Un c) Shinzo Abe d) Moon Jae-in |
| 2. | Karnataka has announced new relief package for flower growers, weavers barbers, auto and taxi drivers. How much amount has been allocated for the package? |
| | a) Rs 1700 crore b) Rs 1610 crore c) Rs 1590 crore d) Rs 1340 crore |
| 3. | Former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's PSA detention has been extended for how many months ? |
| | a) Three months b) Two months c) Six months d) Four months |
| | The central trade unions have sought how much monthly cash support from the centre for needy households? |
| | a) Rs 5000 b) Rs 3000 c) Rs 6000 d) Rs 7500 |
| | Which state government has extended the lockdown till May 29? a) Punjab b) Telangana c) Odisha d) Maharashtra |
| 6. | Which country has claimed to develop the first potential vaccine candidate that neutralised the virus in human cells? |
| | a) Germany b) Japan c) Italy d) Israel |

8. When is the last date for filing annual GST return for fiscal year 2018-2019?

a) September 30th b) June 30th c) July 31st d) August 1st

7. Which state government has launched 'Ayush Kavach' app?

a) Maharashtra b) Jharkhand c) Rajasthan d) Uttar Pradesh

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a) May 7th

b) May 6th

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| 1. | What is the name of Iran's new currency? |
|----|--|
| | a) Roman b) Sian c) Toman d) Bron |
| | |
| 2. | Which among the following cities witnessed a horrific toxic gas tragedy on |
| | May 7, 2020 ? |
| | a) Patna b) Visakhapatnam c) Jamshedpur d) Bhubaneswar |
| | |
| 3. | What is the toll-free number to access Aarogya Setu IVRS service? |
| | a) 1921 b) 1891 c) 1000 d) 1782 |
| | |
| 4. | Which among the following countries assured to give foreign firms equal |
| | access to government support policies ? |
| | a) India b) China c) US d) France |
| | |
| 5. | Which nation has re-opened its mosques for public prayers? |
| | a) Pakistan b) India c) Malaysia d) Bangladesh |
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| 6. | Which state government has allowed 12-hour shifts for factory workers till |
| | June 30 ? |
| | a) Telangana b) Andhra Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Tamil Nadu |
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| 7. | Which nation has banned the export of alcohol-based hand sanitisers? |
| | a) China b) Malaysia c) India d) US |
| | |
| 2 | When was "Vesak" the Day of the Full Moon observed in 2020? |

c) May 8th d) May 5th

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| Q | UESTIONS & ANSWERS |
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| | Dia Mirza's term as UNEP Goodwill Ambassador till when ? a) 2022 b) 2023 c) 2021 d) 2024 |
| | What is the name of Iran's existing currency? a) Sian b) Rial c) Shekel d) Yen |
| | Which bank has hiked home loan rates linked to repo rate by up to 30 bas points? a) PNB b) SBI c) BOI d) Canara Bank |
| | US firm Vista Equity Partners will be investing Rs 11,367 cr in which Indian company? a) Reliance Jio b) Bharti Airtel c) Vodaphone-Idea d) BSNL |
| 5. | Which state has suspended major labour laws till 1000 days to attract investment? a) Madhya Pradesh b) Uttar Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Delhi |
| 6. | When is World Thalassemia Day observed ? a) May 8th b) May 7th c) May 9th d) May 6th |
| 7. | When does the UN mark "Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for |

Those who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War ?

a) May 6-7 b) April 29-30 c) May 8-9 d) May 1-2

8. Telangana has imposed how much fine for not wearing masks in public places?

a) Rs 5000 b) Rs 3000 c) Rs 2000 d) Rs 1000

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

kit for COVID-19?

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| 1. | When is National Technology Day observed? |
|----|--|
| | a) May 11th b) May 12th c) May 10th d) May 9th |
| 2. | The WHO and UN Postal Agency released a commemorative stamp on May |
| | 9th to mark the 40th anniversary of the eradication of which disease? |
| | a) Measles b) Polio c) Big Foot d) Small Pox |
| | a) measies b) rone c) big rote a) billian rox |
| 3 | The birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap Singh I was observed on May 9. |
| - | Rana was the 13th King of which kingdom? |
| | a) Mewar b) Amber c) Kutch d) Gogunda |
| | a) Wewai b) Amber e) Rateri a) dogarida |
| 1 | The AIIB has approved how much funds for India's "COVID-19 Emergency |
| 4. | |
| | Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project"? |
| | a) USD 800 million b) USD 700 million c) USD 500 million |
| | d) USD 350 million |
| _ | Which state seven ment has lave shed the (Drayesi Dahat Mitra) and for the |
| Э. | Which state government has launched the 'Pravasi Rahat Mitra' app for the |
| | migrant workers? |
| | a) Madhya Pradesh b) Uttar Pradesh c) Rajasthan d) Gujarat |
| _ | Which state has been ad use massals southing Massassium Coulomate for 1 |
| 0. | Which state has banned pan masala containing Magnesium Carbonate for 1 |
| | year ? |
| | a) Maharashtra b) Telangana c) Odisha d) Jharkhand |
| | |
| 1. | Which institute has developed India's first indigenous antibody detection |

8. Indian Railways will be re-opening passenger train services from which date?

a) May 13th b) May 12th c) May 11th d) May 15th

a) NIV b) IIT Madras c) IISc Bengaluru d) DRDO

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| 1. | . The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide how | | | | | |
|----|--|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|--|
| | much financial a | assistance to India t | o respond to the CO | VID-19 crisis? | | |
| | a) USD 2 million | b) USD 1.5 million | c) USD 3.6 million | d) USD 5 million | | |

2. The Ministry of Finance released how much amount on May 11 to 14 states to battle COVID-19?

a) Rs. 5,910 crore b) Rs. 7,130 crore c) Rs. 4,567 crore d) Rs. 6,195 crore

3. When is the last date for filing of nominations for the Gandhi Peace Prize 2020 ?

a) June 30th b) June 15th c) July 31st d) May 31st

4. Which Union Ministry has launched CHAMPIONS Portal?

a) MSME Ministry b) Home Ministry c) Health Ministry d) Commerce

5. Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi has taken charge as the Secretary in which Ministry?

a) New & Renewable Energy b) MSME c) Commerce d) Woman and Child

6. Which among the following states will develop its own standard operating procedure for the tourists visiting the place?

a) Kerala b) Assam c) Sikkim d) Goa

7. Which among the following states became the first one to launch an innovative Scheme "FIR Aapke Dwar Yojana"?

a) Maharashtra b) Uttar Pradesh c) Madhya Pradesh d) Gujarat

8. When is the International Day of the Nurse observed?

a) May 11th b) May 12th c) May 13th d) May 14th

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| 1. | The government has announced how much reduction in TDS/TCS rates till |
|----|---|
| | March 31, 2020 ? |
| | |

- a) 50 percent b) 30 percent c) 20 percent d) 25 percent

- 2. The Government has announced how much emergency liquidity for the power distribution firms, as a part of AatmaNirbhar Economic Package?

- a) Rs 65000 crore b) Rs 90000 crore c) Rs 85000 crore d) Rs 50000 crore
- 3. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of CBSE?
- a) Manoj Ahuja b) Prakash Jindal c) Saransh Sabarwal d) Prateek Mishra
- 4. Which state has become the first one in India to regulate cultivation of crops?

- a) Telangana b) Andhra Pradesh c) Uttar Pradesh d) Madhya Pradesh
- 5. Who will be representing India at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Ministers meeting?
- a) Rajnath Singh b) Piyush Goyal c) Prakash Javadekar d) S Jaishankar
- 6. The Election Commission has set up a committee to examine Gujarat HC's judgement on which constituency?

- a) Bardoli b) Dholka c) Rajkot d) Bharuch
- 7. Which nation has said that it will oppose US's attempt to extend arms embargo on Iran?

 - a) China b) Saudi Arabia c) Russia d) UK

- 8. Which among the following companies have permitted work from home to its employees for an indefinite period?
 - a) Whatsapp b) Facebook c) Twitter d) Google

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

| 1. | The Government has announced how much special credit facility for street |
|----|--|
| | vendors under Aatmanirbhar Economic Package? |

- a) Rs 5000 crore b) Rs 3000 crore c) Rs 1000 crore d) Rs 4000 crore

2. The centre has extended the Credit Link Subsidy scheme till when?

- a) December 2020 b) March 2021 c) January 2021 d) December 2021

3. How much additional emergency working capital fund has been announced for small and marginal farmers under Aatmanirbhar Economic Package?

- a) Rs 15000 crore

- b) Rs 30000 crore c) Rs 50000 crore d) Rs 45000 crore

4. The PM-CARES Fund Trust has allocated how much amount for India's fight against COVID-19 in its first installment?

- a) Rs 3100 crore b) Rs 2150 crore c) Rs 2000 crore d) Rs 1950 crore

5. How much fund has been allocated for the development of COVID-19 vaccine under the PM-CARES fund?

- a) Rs 1000 crore b) Rs 500 crore c) Rs 100 crore d) Rs 700 crore

6. The BRICS'New Development Bank has pledged how much emergency assistance loan to India to support its battle against coronavirus?

- a) USD 500 million b) USD 1 billion c) USD 1.5 billion d) USD 750 million

7. The Railways has cancelled regular passenger train services till when?

- a) May 31st b) June 15th c) July 31st d) June 30th

8. India was ranked at which position on the Global Energy Transition Index 2020?

- a) 62nd b) 84th c) 77th d) 74th

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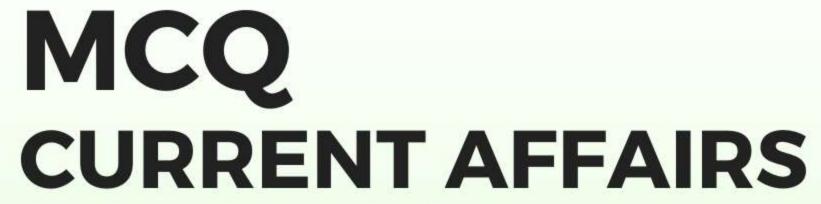
| Ų | DESTIONS |
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| 1. | The government has announced how much fund to support micro food enterprises under Aatmanirbhar Bharat economic package? a) Rs 10,000 crore b) Rs 60000 crore c) Rs 5000 crore d) Rs 7000 crore |
| 2. | How much fund has been allocated for bee keeping initiatives under the government's special Aatmanirbhar Bharat economic package? a) Rs 1000 crore b) Rs 700 crore c) Rs 500 crore d) Rs 100 crore |
| 3. | The government has allocated how much fund to strengthen farm gate infrastructure? a) Rs 50,000 crore b) Rs 10,000 crore c) Rs 1,00,000 crore d) Rs 75,000 crore |
| 4. | How many Rafale fighter jets are set to arrive in India by July-end? a) One b) Four c) Three d) Two |
| 5. | Which state has launched Atmanirbhar Sahay Yojna to help lower-middle income group? a) Madhya Pradesh b) Maharashtra c) Gujarat d) Karnataka |
| 6. | Who among the followed was denied the right to appeal against his extradition order at the UK Supreme Court ? a) Mehul Choksi b) Lalit Modi c) Nirav Modi d) Vijay Mallya |
| 7. | Which among the following organization's Chief, Roberto Azevedo has |

8. Sebastian Vettel has decided to leave which historic F1 team at the end of this year's delayed season?

a) Ferrari b) McLaren c) Renault d) Mercedes

decided to step down early?

a) WHO b) WTO c) UNICEF d) WB



ANSWERS

1. (a) Rs 10,000 crore

The Government has allocated Rs 10000 crore for the micro food enterprises. The scheme promotes PM Modi's vision of "Vocal for Local with Global Outreach". It will be executed in a cluster-based approach. Health and wellness products, nutritional products and organic products will benefit from this fund.

2. (c) Rs 500 crore

The Government has allocated Rs 500 crores for bee keeping initiatives. This will benefit 2 lakh bee keepers. Currently, India imports wax for all purposes. This import can be stopped.

3. (c) Rs 1,00,000 crore

The Government will provide Rs 1 lakh crore to the aggregators, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), primary agriculture cooperative societies to strengthen the farm gate infrastructure- cold chains, post harvest management infrastructure, storage centre and yards

4. (b) Four

The first four Rafale fighter jets will be flown in from France by the end of July 2020. The aircraft were earlier supposed to be delivered by May end but the delivery was postponed by two months in the wake of coronavirus outbreak.

5. (c) Gujarat

The Gujarat government on May 14, 2020 launched the Atmanirbhar Gujarat Sahay Yojna (AGSY). Under the scheme, the state will provide a loan of Rs 1 lakh each from banks at just 2 percent annual interest to around 10 lakh people belonging to lower-middle-income groups to help start their lives afresh.

6. (d) Vijay Mallya

Indian liquor baron Vijay Mallya's application to appeal at the UK Supreme Court against his extradition order to India was rejected by the London High Court on May 14, 2020.

7. (b) WTO

Roberto Azevedo, the Chief of the World Trade Organization (WTO) has decided to step down, a year before his term expires. The former Brazilian diplomat said that he will step down on August 31, 2020.

8. (a) Ferrari

Four-time Formula One world champion Sebastian Vettel will be leaving Ferrari at the end of the F1 season. Sebastian Vettel had joined Ferrari in 2015 to follow the footsteps of Michael Schumacher in winning titles with F1's oldest and most glamorous team.

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QUESTIONS

| 1. | What is the r | name of the c | ylone that is | likely to h | it the coasts | of Odisha and |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | West Bengal | on May 20 ? | | | | |
| | a) Mary b) A | Amphan c) F | ani d) Nanc | у | | |
| 2. | 2020 after te | | for coronav | irus. He wa | as a renown | way on May 17 ed theatre |
| | a) Karnataka | | | | No. of the second secon | lesh |
| 3. | Which amon | g the followi | ng states has | decided to | o provide vid | leo-calling |
| | facility, TV se | | | | | |
| | a) Uttar Prade | esh b) Delhi | c) Madhya F | Pradesh | d) Maharasht | ra |
| 4. | US private ed | quity firm, Ge | eneral Atlanti | c has deci | ded to inves | t Rs 6600 crore |
| | in which amo | ong the follow | ving Indian c | ompanies | ? | |
| | a) Flipkart b |) Big Basket | c) Reliance Jie | d) Voda | afone-Idea | |
| | | | | | | |
| 5. | When did Ma | | M Uddhav Th | ackeray ta | ke oath as a | member of |
| | a) May 16th | | c) May 15th | d) May 1 | 8th | |
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6. Which among the following two countries are not signatories of the EU-backed "Resolution on COVID 19 Response" that seeks independent inquiry into coronavirus origin?

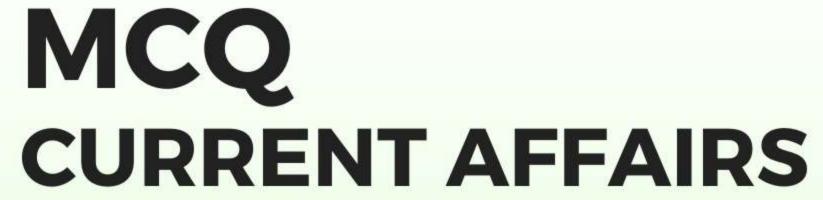
a) US, China b) UK, Australia c) Russia, India d) China, Japan

7. World's first major football league resumed its season post-COVID-19 lockdown in which among the following countries?

a) France b) Italy c) Spain d) Germany

8. Which state government will launch Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana on May 21?

a) Jharkhand b) Chhattisgarh c) Rajasthan d) Punjab



ANSWERS

1. (b) Amphan

The Home Ministry stated that cyclone 'Amphan' will likely turn into a super cyclonic storm by the evening of May 18 and will hit the coasts of Odisha and West Bengal on May 20. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier informed that the storm has turned extremely severe over the Bay of Bengal.

2. (b) Maharashtra

Renowned Marathi theatre personality, Ratnakar Matkari passed away in Mumbai on May 17, 2020 at the age of 81 years. He had tested positive for coronavirus four days before and was undergoing treatment. Matkari had won the National Award for Best Director for his film 'investment' in the Regional Category section.

3. (c) Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh authorities have decided to provide video-calling facilities and TV sets to the COVID19 patients. The initiative has been first initiated in Indore. If it is successful, the facilities will be provided in the wards of corona infected patients in all major hospitals of the state. The move is to help the patients and protect them from depression and boredom.

4. (c) Reliance Jio

General Atlantic, a US investment firm, has decided to invest around Rs 6600 crore in Jio Platforms for a 1.34% stake. This is the fourth biggest investment in Reliance Jio in the past month, after Vista Equity Partners, private equity firm Silver Lake and Facebook.

5. (d) May 18th

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray took oath as a member of the Legislative Council on May 18, 2020. Along with Maharashtra CM, eight others were also sworn into the council including Council Deputy Chairperson Neelam Gorhe (Shiv Sena), four BJP candidates, two NCP candidates and one Congress Candidate.

6. (a) US, China

Coalition of 116 nations including India have provided their support to Australia's push for an independent inquiry into the origin of the COVID-19 virus. The European Union will be putting forward the' Resolution on COVID 19 Response' at the World Health Assembly. The United States and China are not signatories to the resolution but they have issued no-objection in the matter.

7. (d) Germany

Germany's Bundesliga is the world's first major sports competition and Europe's first major football league to resume its season post nationwide lockdown imposed to contain coronavirus pandemic. The football league kickstarted its remaining matches of the 2019-20 season from May 16, 2020.

8. (b) Chhattisgarh

The Chhattisgarh state government will launch its Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana on May 21. The day will mark the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The scheme aims at stimulating the rural economy of the state which has been affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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QUESTIONS

| 1. | 1. Which state governme | nt has divided i | ts areas into Rec | d and non-red zones ? |
|----|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | a) Delhi b) Gujarat c) |) Maharashtra | d) Tamil Nadu | |
| 2 | 2 The central governmen | at has doclared | how many citios | as five star garbage |
| ۷. | 2. The central governmen | it iias deciared | now many cities | as live-star garbage- |
| | free cities ? | | | |
| | a) Six b) Seven c) Five | e d) Three | | |
| | | | | |
| 3. | 3. Which among the follow | wing world lead | ers is taking hy | droxychloroquine to |
| | boost his immunity aga | ainst COVID-19? | (0) | |
| | a) Donald Trump b) Kir | m Jong-un c) N | arendra Modi | d) Vladimir Putin |
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4. Which among the following nations has unveiled a new tariff regime?

a) Japan b) US c) UK d) Australia

5. The United States issued a statement condemning which nation's exclusion from the World Health Assembly?

a) South Korea b) Israel c) North Korea d) Taiwan

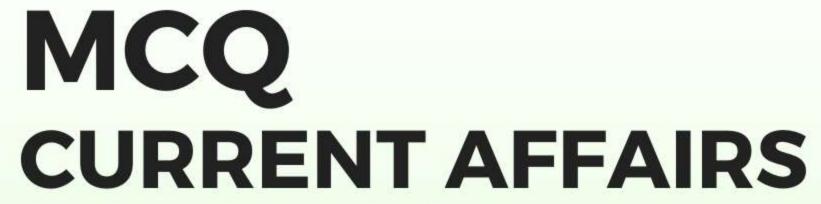
6. Benny Gantz was sworn in as the alternate Prime Minister of which nation?a) Israel b) Germany c) South Korea d) Ireland

7. Who could be the world's first trillionaire by 2026, as per a new report ?

a) Jack Ma b) Mark Zuckerberg c) Mukesh Ambani d) Jeff Bezos

8. General Atlantic will invest Rd 6600 crore in Reliance Jio to pick up how much stake?

a) 2.45 percent b) 1.34 percent c) 3.90 percent d) 7.76 percent



ANSWERS

1. (c) Maharashtra

Maharashtra Government has divided the state into Red and Non-Red zones, moving away from the Centre's directive to mark the state into Red, Orange and Green zones. The state has marked the all the municipal corporations of Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Pune, Solapur, Aurangabad, Malegaon, Nashik, Dhule, Jalgaon, Akola and Amravati as Red Zones and the rest will fall under non-red zone category.

2. (a) Six

The central government has declared six cities as five-star garbage-free cities. The cities include Ambikapur, Rajkot, Surat, Mysore, Indore and Navi Mumbai. Besides this, 65 cities were given 3 stars and 70 cities were rated with one star.

3. (a) Donald Trump

US President Donald Trump recently declared that he is taking the antimalarial drug-hydroxychloroquine to help fend off the coronavirus infection. The drug is generally prescribed for the frontline healthcare workers treating the virus. It is not a proven shield against COVID-19.

4. (c) UK

The United Kingdom on May 19, 2020 unveiled a new post-Brexit tariff regime to replace the European Union's external tariff. The UK Global Tariff (UKGT) will continue a 10% tariff on cars but will cut levies on many supply chain imports.

5. (d) Taiwan

The United States has condemned Taiwan's exclusion from the World Health Assembly. The US Secretary of State, Michael R Pompeo accused WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of choosing not to invite Taiwan under pressure from the People's Republic of China in a press statement issued on May 18, 2020.

6. (a) Israel

Benjamin Netanyahu-led government was sworn into office in Israel on May 17, 2020 ending almost a year and half of divisive politics that saw three deadlocked elections. Benny Gantz, Netanyahu's rival-turned partner, took his oath of office as the alternate prime minister and future prime minister.

7. (d) Jeff Bezos

According to a report, Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos could potentially become the world's first trillionaire by 2026. The study done by Comparisun, a company which helps organisations compare different business products stated that the net worth of Bezos has grown by 34 percent on average over the last five years.

8. (b) 1.34 percent

General Atlantic, a US investment firm, has decided to invest around Rs 6600 crore in Jio Platforms for a 1.34% stake. This deal will take the total investment in Jio Platforms to a combined total of ₹67,194.75 crore from the four investments.

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QUESTIONS

| 1. | Domestic flig | ght operation | s will resum | e from which date? | |
|----|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| | a) May 25th | b) May 31st | c) lune 1st | d) June 15th | |

- 2. The centre has allowed 200 non-AC trains to run daily from which date?

 a) May 31st
 b) June 1st
 c) June 15th
 d) May 25th
- 3. Who will soon take charge as the Chairman of WHO's Executive Board?

 a) Harsh Vardhan b) PM Narendra Modi c) S Jaishankar
 - d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4. The competent authority will have to pay how much fine for failing to issue the J&K domicile certificates within the specified 7-day period?
 - a) Rs 1,00,000 b) Rs 50,000 c) Rs 10, 000 d) Rs 15,000
- 5. Mee Annapurna, an inclusive programe has been launched for the welfare of farmers in which state?
 - a) Madhya Pradesh b) Maharashtra c) Gujarat d) Telangana
- 6. India has provided how much aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency ?
 - a) USD 1 million b) USD 1.5 million c) USD 3 million d) USD 2 million
- 7. NABARD has released how much amount to the regional rural banks and co-operative banks for lending to the farmers?
 - a) Rs 15000 crore b) Rs 10000 crore c) Rs 36500 crore d) Rs 20,500 crore
- 8. Which nation has included disputed territories of Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura in its new map?
 - a) China b) Myanmar c) Nepal d) Bangladesh

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

ANSWERS

1. (a) May 25th

Domestic flights will resume operations from May 25, 2020 in a calibrated manner. This was announced by Union Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on May 20, 2020.

2. (b) June 1st

The Railway Minister, Piyush Goyal announced that the Indian Railways will run around 200 non-AC trains daily from June 1, 2020. The online booking for the same will begin soon. The trains will be in addition to the Shramik Special Trains.

3. (a) Harsh Vardhan

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan will be appointed as the Chairman of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board on May 22, 2020. Harsh Vardhan is expected to succeed Japan's Dr. Hiroki Nakatani, who is the current Chairman of the 34-member board.

4. (b) Rs 50, 000

The Jammu and Kashmir administration issued a notification on May 18, 2020 defining the rules for the issuance of domicile certificates in the Union territory. The 'J&K Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) Rules 2020' include a penalty clause, as per which the appellate authority can recover Rs 50,000 from the salary of the competent authority if there is any delay in issuing of the certificates beyond the specified time of 7 days.

5. (b) Maharashtra

Mee Annapurna, an inclusive programe has been launched for the welfare of farmers and Bhoomiputras in Maharashtra. The initiative was announced by Integrated Risk Insurance, an IRDA Licensed insurance intermediary.

6. (d) USD 2 million

India on May 19, 2020 provided 2 million USD relief aid to the UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) to help in the welfare of Palestine refugees. The fund is to be used in core programmes including education and health for the refugees.

7. (d) Rs 20,500 crore

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has released Rs. 20,500 crore to regional rural banks and co-operative banks for lending to the farmers. The amount is a part of the Rs. 25,000 crore, which was a refinance facility provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to NABARD.

8. (c) Nepal

Nepal's new political map shows Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura under Nepal's territory. The new map was approved by Nepal's Cabinet recently. The endorsement comes amid Nepal's border dispute with India.

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

QUESTIONS

| a) May 20th b) May 21st c) May 19th d) May |
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2. Which nation's Senate has passed a bill to delist Chinese firms from stock exchanges?

a) UK b) US c) Germany d) Canada

1. When is International Tea Day observed?

3. Oil India Limited has received environmental clearance for its exploration project beneath which national park?

a) Kaziranga National Park b) Jim Corbett National Park

c) Ranthambore National Park d) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

4. When was Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary observed?

a) May 20th b) May 19th c) May 18th d) May 21st

5. Andaman's rare palm 'Pinanga andamanensis' has been replanted in which state to prevent its extinction?

a) Goa b) Tamil Nadu c) Odisha d) Kerala

6. Cabinet has approved extension of Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana till when?

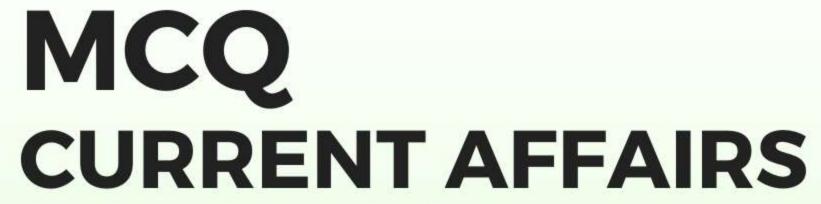
a) March 2023 b) February 2022 c) December 2021 e) May 2023

7. The Ministry of Defence has approved procurement of how many items from local suppliers?

a) 20 b) 23 c) 26 d) 30

8. Union Cabinet has approved how much additional funding for the eligible MSMEs?

a) Rs 2 lakh b) Rs 5 lakh c) Rs 3 lakh d) Rs 1 lakh



ANSWERS

1. (b) May 21st

International Tea Day is observed annually on May 21. The day aims to raise awareness of the long history and the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world.

2. (b) US

The US Senate passed legislation on May 20, 2020 that seeks to delist Chinese firms from US securities exchanges unless they follow US standards of audits and regulations.

3. (d) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

The Oil India Limited (OIL) has received environmental clearance from MoEFCC (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) for its major exploration project beneath the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park of Assam. The company has received permission to extend drilling and testing of hydrocarbons in the area. The park is the only region in India that supports feral horses.

4. (d) May 21st

Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's 29th death anniversary was observed on May 21, 2020. Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated by a Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) suicide bomber during an election rally in Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu on May 21, 1991. He had become India's youngest Prime Minister at the age of 40.

5. (d) Kerala

Andaman's rare palm called Pinanga andamanensis, which is a critically endangered species, has been replanted at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) in Kerala to prevent its extinction. There are only 600 specimens of the species at present. The plant is tiny and generally grows in evergreen forests.

6. (a) March 2023

The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) for three more years beyond March 31, 2020 till March 31, 2023. The move is aimed at ensuring old age income security for Senior Citizens.

7. (c) 26

Ministry of Defence has approved the procurement of 26 defence items from local suppliers under 'Make in India' initiative. Some of the defence items include electronic motor, cable assemblies, dual switch amplifier, sealing ring, weldox and hardox plate and modulator.

8. (c) Rs 3 lakh

The Union Cabinet has approved additional funding up to Rs 3 lakh crore to eligible MSMEs and interested MUDRA borrowers through the introduction of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

QUESTIONS

| 1. | The centre has announced how much compensation for the families of |
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| | those who died during the devastating Cyclone Amphan? |

a) Rs 50,000 b) Rs 1 lakh c) Rs 1.5 lakh d) Rs 2 lakh

2. Four-time Grand Slam singles champion Ashley Cooper passed away recently at the age of 83. His only loss in 1958 came in which Grand Slam Tournament?

a) French Open b) US Open c) Australian Open d) Wimbledon

3. Which among the following states has allowed inter-state movement of people?

a) Kerala b) Karnataka c) Madhya Pradesh d) Telangana

4. Which nation has announced its intention of withdrawing itself from the Open Skies Treaty?

a) UK b) Russia c) Japan d) US

5. The Treaty of Open Skies has how many signatories?

a) 40 b) 25 c) 35 d) 30

6. Which among the following nations has not ratified the Open Skies Treaty?

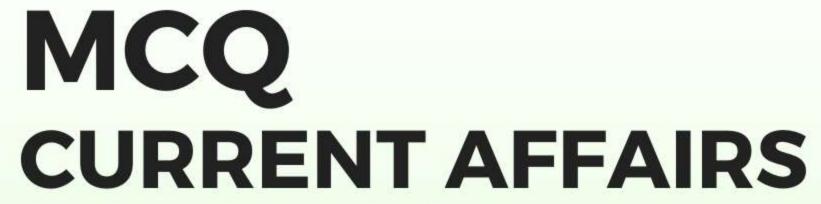
a) US b) Kyrgyzstan c) The Czech Republic d) Turkey

7. American firm KKR has invested USD 1.5 billion for how much stake in Reliance Jio Platforms ?

a) 1.36 percent b) 4.50 percent c) 2.32 pecent d) 5.76 percent

8. When was International Day for Biological Diversity observed?

a) May 21st b) May 19th c) May 18th d) May 22nd



ANSWERS

1. (d) Rs 2 lakh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Rs 2 lakh as compensation to the next of kin of those who have lost their lives during his visit to West Bengal to assess the damage caused by Cyclone Amphan.

2. (a) French Open

Former world no. 1 and four-time Grand Slam singles champion, Ashley Cooper passed away recently at the age of 83 after a prolonged illness. Cooper had won three of the four majors -the Australian Open, Wimbledon and US championships in 1958. His only loss in the Grand Slams that year was in the semifinals at the French Open.

3. (b) Karnataka

Karnataka has allowed inter-state travel amid the fourth phase of nationwide COVID-19 lockdown. Now, the inter-state travel pass will not be required to go out of Karnataka if the individual has the consent of the receiving state.

4. (d) US

US President Donald Trump announced on May 21, 2020 that he plans to withdraw the United States from Open Skies Treaty with Russia. The 18-year-old treaty was signed to improve military transparency and confidence between the two superpowers.

5. (c) 35

The Treaty of Open Skies was signed on January 1, 2002. The treaty has 35 signatories including Russia, the US, the UK, Germany, France, Canada, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece. The treaty allows unarmed aerial surveillance flights over the entire territory of the participating countries.

6. (b) Kyrgyzstan

The Treaty of Open Skies was signed on January 1, 2002. The treaty has 35 signatories including Russia, the US, the UK, Germany, France, Canada, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece. Kyrgyzstan is the only nation that has signed the Open Skies Treaty but not ratified it.

7. (c) 2.32 percent

New York-based private equity firm KKR has decided to invest Rs 11367 crore or USD 1.5 billion in Jio Platforms for a stake of 2.32%. The deal will be finalised after it gets all the regulatory and customary approvals. This is fifth such investment in Reliance Jio followed by Facebook, Silver Lake, Vista Equity Partners and General Atlantic.

8. (d) May 22nd

The International Day for Biological Diversity was observed across the world on May 22, 2020. The day's theme this year is "Our solutions are in nature". The day is observed to increase awareness and understanding among people regarding biodiversity issues.

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

QUESTIONS

| 1. | Indian economist Abhas Jha has been appointed as which international organisation's Practice Manager for Climate Change in South Asia? |
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| | a) World Bank b) United Nations c) WHO d) UNICEF |
| 2. | Which court has ordered the seizure of LG Polymers plant and asked th |
| | company's directors not to leave the country? |
| | a) Andhra Pradesh HC b) Delhi HC c) Supreme Court d) Telangana HC |
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| 3. | Which state has set up a Migration Commission? |
| | a) Uttar Pradesh b) Rajasthan c) Madhya Pradesh d) Bihar |
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| 4. | The Supreme Court has allowed which airlines to fly with middle seats |
| | filled for 10 days? |
| | a) Vistara b) Indigo c) Air India d) Air Asia |
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| _ | Which company has alovated Mobit Gunta as its so foundar? |
| Э. | Which company has elevated Mohit Gupta as its co-founder? |
| | a) Swiggy b) Zomato c) Big Basket d) Myntra |
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| 6. | Which among the following public sector banks has announced credit |
| | support to all its borrowers? |
| | a) State Bank of India b) Canara Bank c) Punjab National Bank |
| | d) Bank of India |
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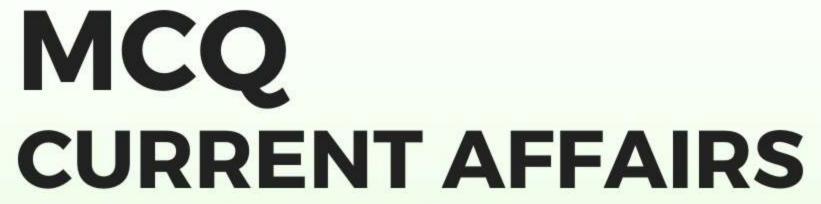
8. Indian- American Siddhartha Mukherjee had won the Pulitzer Prize in which year ?

appointed to which US state's commission on economic recovery?

b) Michigan c) Ohio d) New York

a) 2012 b) 2008 c) 2011 d) 2014

a) California



ANSWERS

1. (a) World Bank

Indian economist Abhas Jha has been appointed by the World Bank to a key position on climate change and disaster management in the South Asia region. The announcement was made by the World Bank on May 22, 2020.

2. (a) Andhra Pradesh HC

The Andhra Pradesh High Court has ordered the seizure of the LG Polymers plant in Visakhapatnam and barred entry of all into the plant except the committees appointed by the state government. The court has also asked the company's directors not to leave the country without the court's permission.

3. (a) Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh Government announced on May 24, 2020 that it will be setting up a Migration Commission for the welfare of migrants. The Migrant Commission will map details of migrants to identify their skills and provide required training to ensure job and social security.

4. (c) Air India

The Supreme Court on May 25, 2020 allowed the national carrier Air India to operate its scheduled flights with the middle seats filled for the next ten days. The SC allowed this exception while observing that the government should be more worried about the health of its citizens rather than the health of commercial airlines.

5. (b) Zomato

Mohit Gupta, CEO of Zomato's food delivery business, has been elevated as the company's co-founder. Mohit Gupta has reportedly played an instrumental role in strengthening the company over the last two years.

6. (b) Canara Bank

Canara Bank, one of the largest public sector banks owned by the Indian government, has announced credit support for all its borrowers, who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bank will provide quick and hassle-free loans to all its borrowers to help them overcome temporary liquidity mismatches.

7. (d) New York

Pulitzer winning Indian-American physician, Siddhartha Mukherjee has been appointed as a member of New York's commission that will focus on jumpstarting the state's economy, which has been badly hit by the coronavirus pandemic. Another Indian-origin higher education leader, Satish Tripathi has also been named as a member of the commission by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo.

8. (c) 2011

Pulitzer winning Indian-American physician, Siddhartha Mukherjee has been appointed as a member of New York's commission that has been set up to help revive the state's economy. Mukherjee had won the Pulitzer Prize in 2011 for his book 'The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer.'

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

their training in which country?

a) Germany b) Japan c) Russia d) US

QUESTIONS

| 1 | India produced how much crude steel in April 2020 ? |
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| I.e. | a) 3.13 million tonnes b) 4.13 million tonnes c) 2.18 million tonnes |
| | d) 1.58 million tonnes |
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| 2. | Which among the following is the only nation to report a marginal rise in |
| | crude steel output in April 2020 ? |
| | a) Japan b) US c) China d) South Korea |
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| 3. | What is the new name of NASA's WFIRST Hubble Telescope? |
| | a) Nancy Grace Roman b) James E. Webb c) Thomas O Paine |
| | d) Richard H Truly |
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| 4. | Which nation has suspended the proposal for the construction of a new |
| | international cricket ground? |
| | a) India b) Sri Lanka c) Australia d) England |
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| 5. | Which state has decided to open temples from June 1? |
| | a) Kerala b) Andhra Pradesh c) Uttarakhand d) Karnataka |
| 6 | Which state has become the first Indian state to accord industrial status to |
| 0. | sports? |
| | a) Manipur b) Assam c) Jharkhand d) Mizoram |
| | a) Manipar b) / Ssam c) Martinaria a) Mizorani |
| 7. | Two districts of which have extended their lockdown till June 30, 2020? |
| | a) Uttarakhand b) Himachal Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Tamil Nadu |
| | |
| 8. | Four Indian cosmonauts selected for Gaganyaan training have resumed |

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

ANSWERS

1. (a) 3.13 million tonnes

India's crude steel output declined by 65 percent to 3.13 million tonnes in April 2020, as per a report released by the World Steel Association on May 24, 2020. In comparison, the report stated that India had produced 9.02 million tonnes of steel in April 2019.

2. (c) China

China, the largest crude steel producer in the world, is the only nation that reported a marginal rise in crude steel output in April 2020. As per the World Steel Association, China produced 85.03 MT steel in April 2020, which is marginally higher than its steel output of 84.87 MT in April 2019.

3. (a) Nancy Grace Roman

NASA has renamed its next-generation space telescope- Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST), after the space agency's first chief astronomer Nancy Grace Roman. Nancy Grace Roman is considered as the mother of Hubble Space Telescope, which was launched 30 years ago.

4. (b) Sri Lanka

The Sri Lankan Government has decided to suspend the proposal for the new international cricket ground, which was supposed to come up near Colombo. The project invited criticism with questions raised on whether it was the right project to invest in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic crisis.

5. (d) Karnataka

The Karnataka state government has decided to open temples in the state from June 1, 2020. It will become the first state to do. The standard operating procedures regarding the same will be issued soon.

6. (d) Mizoram

Mizoram has become the first Indian state to accord sports an industry status. The move is aimed at further bolstering sports activities by attracting investment.

7. (b) Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh government recently allowed district magistrates to take the decision on extending the curfew in their arreas, following which the district magistrates of Hamirpur and Solan issued an order extending the curfew imposed in their areas for another month, till June 30, 2020.

8. (c) Russia

Four Indian cosmonauts, who have been selected for India's first manned space mission Gaganyaan, have resumed their training in Russia. The training was put on hold due to the lockdown was announced after the outbreak of COVID-19.

a) Kerala b) Goa c) Madhya Pradesh

8. Which app has become an open source?

a) Aarogya Setu b) BHIM c) MyGov d) UMANG

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

QUESTIONS

| 1. | Which nation has postponed its discussion on constitutional amendment to update its map? |
|----|--|
| | a) India b) Pakistan c) China d) Nepal |
| 2. | The centre has reduced the compulsory hotel quarantine period for |
| | Indians returning from abroad to how many days? |
| | a) 14 days b) 7 days c) 5 days d) 10 days |
| 3. | Which state has demanded a COVID-19 negative certificate from people |
| | arriving through road, rail or by air? |
| | a) Kerala b) Sikkim c) Arunachal Pradesh d)Goa |
| 4. | The EU Commission has proposed how much recovery fund to support the |
| | bloc's economy? |
| | a) 750 billion euro b) 650 billion euro c) 390 billion euro d) 810 billion euro |
| 5. | Which nation's President has offered to mediate between India and China |
| | on their raging border dispute issue ? |
| | a) Japan b) US c) Russia d) South Korea |
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| 6. | Which state has initiated the process of getting GI tag for Khamti Lahi Rice, |
| | Tawang Maize and Adi Ginger? |
| | a) Assam b) Manipur c) Arunachal Pradesh d) Tripura |
| 7. | Which state has done away with voluntary quarantine option for people arriving from outside? |

d) Karnataka

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

ANSWERS

1. (d) Nepal

Nepal has postponed the scheduled discussion to amend its constitution to update the country's map. The country's House of Representatives was supposed to take up the matter for discussion on May 27 but it has now been removed the schedule.

2. (b) 7 Days

The Union Ministry of Health and Family affairs issued revised guidelines for people returning from abroad, under which the compulsory hotel quarantine period for such people has been reduced to 7 days from earlier 14 days.

3. (d) Goa

Goa has demanded that people entering the state through roal, rail or air must carry a COVID-19 certificate or get themselves tested after their arrival for the infection.

4. (a) 750 billion euro

The EU Commission has proposed a recovery fund worth 750 billion-euro (USD 825 billion) to help the bloc's economy through the deep recession caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the following lockdown.

5. (b) US

US President Donald Trump said on May 27, 2020 that he was willing to "mediate or arbitrate" the raging border dispute between India and China, amid the continuing standoff between the militaries of the two nation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

6. (c) Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh government has initiated the process of getting GI Registration of Khamti Lahi Rice, Tawang Maize and Adi Ginger.

7. (b) Goa

The Goa government on May 27, 2020 tweaked its Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for people entering the state through rail, road and air routes by doing away with the option of voluntary home quarantine for 14 days.

8. (a) Aarogya Setu

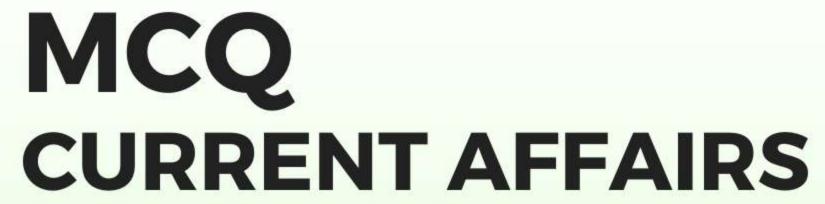
India's Aarogya Setu app, which is used for COVID-19 contact tracing, has now become an open source. Making the Aarogya Setu app open source means that the government will publish it on a public code repository and release the source code in the public domain.

8. When was World Hunger Day observed?

a) May 28th b) May 27th c) May 26th d) May 25th

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

| Q | UESTIONS |
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| 1. | Twitter labelled which among the following world leader's tweets as misleading? a) Donald Trump b) Boris Johnson c) Shinzo Abe d) Joe Biden |
| 2. | Which state has banned the entry of people from Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus ? |
| | a) Goa b) Kerala c) Karnataka d) Sikkim |
| 3. | ADB has approved USD 177 mn loan for road projects in which state? a) Uttar Pradesh b) Andhra Pradesh c) Telangana d) Maharashtra |
| 4. | Which state has decided to maintain a 'State Health Register' of all citizens? a) Assam b) Maharashtra c) Delhi d) Karnataka |
| 5. | The US Congress approved legislation calling for sanctions against which nation for the oppression of Uighur Muslims ? a) China b) Myanmar c) Malaysia d) Bangladesh |
| 6. | Which nation has disagreed with WHO's decision to temporarily suspend the clinical trial of Hydroxychloroquine on COVID-19 patients? a) US b) China c) South Korea d) India |
| 7. | Which among the following authors has published the book "The Ickabog"? a) Dan Brown b) JK Rowling c) George RR Martin d) Stephenie Meyer |



ANSWERS

1. (a) Donald Trump

In a first, Twitter on May 26, 2020 labelled tweets from US President Donald Trump as misleading by highlighting two of his tweets that falsely claimed mail-in ballots would lead to widespread voter fraud. The social media giant labelled both the tweets with a message that read- "Get the facts about mail-in-ballots". The message was linked to a fact-checking platform.

2. (c) Karnataka

Karnataka has banned the entry of people coming from five states- Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus. The decision was taken by the state cabinet on May 28, 2020. The state government said that no train or flight from any of these states will be allowed to enter or land in the state.

3. (d) Maharashtra

The Asian Development Bank on May 27, 2020 approved a USD 177 million loans for road projects in Maharashtra. Under the project, around 450 km of road including 11 state highways and two major district roads will be upgraded across 7 districts in Maharashtra.

4. (d) Karnataka

Karnataka government on May 27, 2020 announced that it will be launching a new project to maintain a 'State Health Register' comprising the database of all its citizens. The health register, first-of-its-kind, will be a robust and standardized health repository of all the citizens of the state.

5. (a) China

The US House of Representatives passed the Uighur Human Rights Act by a vote of 413-1 on May 27, 2020. The legislation calls for sanctions on Chinese officials held responsible for the oppression of Uighur Muslims. The Senate had approved the bill earlier. Hence, now it has been sent to the White House for President Donald Trump's assent.

6. (d) India

India has disagreed with the World Health Organisation's decision to temporarily suspend clinical trials of Hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. India sent a letter to WHO stating that all reports about the safety and efficacy of HCQ have not been considered before giving the decision to put HCQ clinical trial on hold.

7. (b) JK Rowling

J.K Rowling has released the first five chapters of her new book 'The Ickabog' online for free. The author famous for the Harry Potter book series announced the news on her website. J.K Rowling has also planned to release the book as a print book, audiobook, and e-book formats in November 2020. The famous author will donate the royalties to the groups who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. (a) May 28th

The World Hunger Day was observed across the world on May 28, 2020. The day is observed as an initiative of the Hunger Project. It is observed since 2011 to not only spread awareness about the malaise of chronic hunger but also to solve hunger and poverty through sustainable undertakings.

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

QUESTIONS

| 1. | Who among the following has been nominated to the delimitation panel |
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| | from Jammu and Kashmir to assist in redrawing parliamentary and |
| | assembly constituencies ? |
| | a) Faroog Abdullah b) Omar Abdullah c) Mehbooba Mufti |
| | d) Ghulam Nabi Azad |
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| 2. | Who has signed an order to regulate social media platforms? |
| | a) Donald Trump b) Narendra Modi c) Angela Merkel d) Kim Jong Un |
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| 3. | Veteran politician Ajit Jogi passed away on May 29, 2020 at the age of 74. |
| | He was the first Chief Minister of which state? |
| | a) Jharkhand b) Chhattisgarh c) Odisha d) Madhya Pradesh |
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4. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Wipro ?

a) Rishad Premji b) Thierry Delaporte c) Mark Paollo d) Henry Sachet

5. Which state has launched Rozgar Setu Scheme for skilled workers?

a) Uttar Pradesh b) Maharashtra c) Madhya Pradesh d) Bihar

6. Which state government has decided to implement Herbal Roads Project?

a) Uttar Pradesh b) Madhya Pradesh c) Delhi d) Telangana

7. When was the International Day of UN Peacekeepers observed?

a) May 29th b) May 28th c) May 27th d) May 26th

8. The foundation stone for a missile park called 'Agneeprastha' has been laid in which among the following naval ship?

a) INS Kalinga b) INS Vikrant c) INS Tarkash d) INS Shivalik

BORTHAKUR'S IAS ACADEMY

ANSWERS

1. (a) Farooq Abdullah

Five Members of Parliament including former J&K CM Farooq Abdullah, Union Minister Jitendra Singh and others such as Jugal Kishore Sharma, Hasnain Masoodi and Mohammad Akbar Lone have been nominated as the delimitation panel's associate members from Jammu and Kashmir. They will assist the panel in redrawing parliamentary and assembly constituencies of J&K.

2. (a) Donald Trump

The US President Donald Trump on May 28, 2020 signed an executive order to increase the government's ability to regulate social media platforms. Trump stated that the move is being taken to defend free speech from one of the gravest dangers it has faced in American history.

3. (b) Chhattisgarh

First Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Ajit Jogi passed away on May 29, 2020. He was 74. The news of his demise was shared by his son Amit Jogi on his twitter handle. The late leader was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Raipur after suffering a cardiac arrest on May 9.

4. (b) Thierry Delaporte

Wipro on May 29, 2020 announced the appointment of Thierry Delaporte as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of the company, effectively from July 6, 2020.

5. (c) Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Government launched Rojgar Setu Yojana to help migrant workers on May 28, 2020. The scheme aims to provide employment to the migrant workers.

6. (a) Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh Government has announced that it will be implementing the Herbal Roads Project in a stretch of 800 km in the state. Under the project, the state government will plant trees that have medicinal values on either side of the roads including Neem, Peepal and Sehjan.

7. (a) May 29, 2020

The United Nations celebrates International Day of UN Peacekeepers on May 29, 2020. The day was celebrated this year with the theme "Women in Peacekeeping: A key to Peace".

8. (a) INS Kalinga

The foundation stone for a missile park 'Agneeprastha' was laid at INS Kalinga on May 29, 2020. The missile park will be dedicated to all the Officers, Sailors and Support Staff of INS Kalinga. It will also commemorate the award of the prestigious Unit Citation to INS Kalinga for the year 2018-19. The missile park aims to capture glimpses of Missile History of INS Kalinga since 1981 till date.