

Current Affairs MCQ 22-31 October 2019

1. **Recently Indian Air Force successfully tested which missile at Trak Island in Andaman and Nicobar islands?**

(A) Dhanush
(B) Brahmos
(C) Prahaar
(D) Astra

Correct Answer: (B) Brahmos

Explanation: The Indian Air Force (IAF) fired two BrahMos surface-to-surface missiles at Trak Island in Andaman and Nicobar islands and the mock targets were hit successfully.

2. **What is the rank of India in the World Intellectual Property Indicators 2019?**

(A) 7th
(B) 6th
(C) 5th
(D) 8th

Correct Answer: (A) 7th

Explanation: India ranked as the 7th nation in the ranking of the total (resident and abroad). IP filing activity by origin, revealed World Intellectual Property Indicators 2019, which published such data for 49 countries.

3. **Recently in which city world's oldest pearl was discovered?**

(A) Gangtok
(B) Beijing
(C) Shanghai
(D) Abu Dhabi

Correct Answer: (D) Abu Dhabi

Explanation: The world's oldest natural pearl named 'Abu Dhabi Pearl' has been discovered on an island off Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. The 8,000-year-old pearl was found during excavations at Marawah Island which also revealed the earliest architecture in the UAE.

4. **The 2019 World Military Games held in which city?**

(A) Rome
(B) NewDelhi
(C) Beijing
(D) Wuhan

Correct Answer: (D) Wuhan

Explanation: Para-Athlete Anandan Gunasekaran bagged two gold medals for the Indian contingent in the World Military Games here in Wuhan, China.

5. **Recently who has become India's 65th Grandmaster?**

(A) Raunak Sadhwani
(B) E Srinivasan
(C) Srikant Dixit
(D) Lavnya Sharma

Correct Answer: (A) Raunak Sadhwani

Explanation: Raunak Sadhwani has become India's 65th Grandmaster. He defeated Russian GM Alexander Motylev to become the Grandmaster at the age of 13 years, 9 months and 28 days.

6. **Who has won the 2019 Stockholm Open title?**

(A) Denis Shapovalov
(B) Milos Raonic
(C) Josphe Miles
(D) Traver Simons

Correct Answer: (A) Denis Shapovalov

Explanation: Canadian player Denis Shapovalov has won the Stockholm Open title. He has become the first Canadian ATP singles champion since Milos Raonic won at Brisbane in January 2016

7. **Recently Justin Trudeau was sworn in as PM of which country?**

(A) Australia
(B) Ukraine
(C) Canada
(D) Netherlands

Correct Answer: (C) Canada

Explanation: Justin Trudeau has won a second term as Canada's prime minister after the country's federal election, losing the majority but delivering unexpectedly strong results..

8. **Recently Subha Dutta passed away. She was related to which field?**

(A) Philosopher
(B) Sports
(C) Editor
(D) Actress

Correct Answer: (C) Editor

Explanation: Subha Dutta, editor of one of the largest circulated Bengali dailies of West Bengal, Bartaman has passed away. She was 67.

9. **What is the currency of Nigeria?**

(A) Won
(B) Ngultrum
(C) Naira
(D) Lira

Correct Answer: (C) Naira

10. **Recently Union Cabinet approved merger of which company with MTNL?**

(A) Jio
(B) BSNL
(C) Vodafone
(D) Idea

Correct Answer: (B) BSNL

Explanation: The Union Cabinet approved merger of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). The centre approved a package of nearly Rs 70,000 crore for the two financially stressed entities.

11. **Which state government decided to give no government jobs having more than two children after January 1, 2021?**

- (A) Assam
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Manipur

Correct Answer: (A) Assam

Explanation: The Assam Cabinet decided that no government jobs will be given to persons having more than two children after January 1, 2021 as per the small family norm.

12. **As per Crime in India Report 2017, which state tops the list of states in crimes against women?**

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Assam

Correct Answer: (A) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation: The annual Crime in India Report 2017 was released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCR(B)). 3,59,849 cases of crime against women were reported in India. Uttar Pradesh topped the list of states with the most number of crimes against women with 56,011 cases. It was followed by Maharashtra with 31,979 cases and West Bengal with 30,002 cases.

13. **The 2024 Olympic Games will held be in which city?**

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Geneva
- (C) Paris
- (D) Rome

Correct Answer: (C) Paris

Explanation: Paris has unveiled a gold-medal-shaped emblem for the 2024 Olympics and Paralympic Games that incorporates the Olympic flame and the lips of Marianne.

14. **Who was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?**

- (A) Nilesh Jain
- (B) D Arora
- (C) Sunil Arora
- (D) Pankaj Kumar

Correct Answer: (D) Pankaj Kumar

Explanation: The government appointed Pankaj Kumar, a 1987-batch IAS officer, as the new Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), as part of a major reshuffle in the top bureaucracy that saw the appointments of new secretaries in crucial ministries.

15. **Where is the HQ of BSNL?**

- (A) Lucknow
- (B) Chennai
- (C) New Delhi

(D) Mumbai

Correct Answer: (C) New Delhi

16. **Recently PV Sindhu and which other personality was named the ambassadors for Bharat Ki Laxmi, an initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- (A) Disha Patani
- (B) Deepika Padukone
- (C) Sania Mirza
- (D) Katrina Kaif

Correct Answer: (B) Deepika Padukone

Explanation: Actor Deepika Padukone and shuttler PV Sindhu were named the ambassadors for Bharat Ki Laxmi, an initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that aims at bringing commendable work done by women across the nation to light ahead of the Diwali festival.

17. **According to a study published in report Current Biology, which is world's loudest bird?**

- (A) Bellbird
- (B) Sunbird
- (C) Peafowl
- (D) Drongos

Correct Answer: (A) Bellbird

Explanation: The male white bellbird is the world's loudest bird which hits 125.4 decibels. This study was published in the journal Current Biology. This was recorded by Biologist Jeff Podos at Brazil in the mountains of the northern Amazon.

18. **What is the rank of India in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business 2020 survey?**

- (A) 71
- (B) 83
- (C) 63
- (D) 92

Correct Answer: (C) 63

Explanation: India climbed 14 rungs in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business 2020 survey to stand at 63, among 190 countries, making it the one of world's top 10 most improved countries for the third consecutive time.

19. **Recently which Indian para athlete wins three gold medals at World Military Games in Wuhan, China?**

- (A) Subedar Anandan Gunasekaran
- (B) Pradhan Singh
- (C) Alok Singh Trilok
- (D) Panchanand Pachuriya

Correct Answer: (A) Subedar Anandan Gunasekaran

Explanation: Indian Para Athlete of Madras Engineering Group & Centre, Subedar Anandan Gunasekaran, clinched three gold medals in the seventh World Military Games 2019 in China.

20. **Who has become the 1st Indian man to win a gold medal at the Wushu World Championships?**

- (A) Sanjay Chaturvedi
- (B) Triloknath Awasthi

- (C) Madhav Singh
(D) Praveen Kumar

Correct Answer: (D) Praveen Kumar

Explanation: Praveen Kumar has become the 1st Indian man to win a gold medal at the Wushu World Championships. He defeated Philippines' Russel Diaz by 2-1 in the men's sanda event in the 48kg category of the 15th World Wushu Championships held in Shanghai.

21. **Who has made history by becoming the first female umpire to officiate in a men's first-class game in South Africa?**

- (A) Lauren Agenbag
(B) Ellyse Perry
(C) E Watson
(D) GS Lakshmi

Correct Answer: (A) Lauren Agenbag

Explanation: Lauren Agenbag has made history by becoming the first female umpire to officiate in a men's first-class game in South Africa. The 23-year-old officiated in the match between Central Gauteng Lions and Boland in the Cricket South Africa's (CSA) Provincial three-day competition in Johannesburg.

22. **Who has been conferred life membership by Mohun Bagan Athletic Club?**

- (A) BS Doval
(B) Abhijeet Banerjee
(C) Saurav Ganguly
(D) NK Dhanojia

Correct Answer: (B) Abhijeet Banerjee

Explanation: The Mohun Bagan Athletic Club has conferred life membership to Nobel laureate Abhijeet Banerjee. The club handed him the First Day Cover of 1911 and the maroon green jersey with his name written on it. He was also given a book on the history of the club.

23. **Who is the author of Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics?**

- (A) Roopa Singh
(B) Ashish Ray
(C) Nilanjana Roupay
(D) Kashinath Pandit

Correct Answer: (D) Kashinath Pandit

Explanation: An Indian historian, educationist and Padma Shri recipient, Kashi Nath Pandit's new book entitled "Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics", published by Academic Foundation.

24. **Recently the government accorded 'Maharatna' status to state-owned Hindustan Petroleum and which other organisation?**

- (A) BSNL
(B) Shipping Corporation of India
(C) Nuclear Power Corporation of India
(D) Power Grid Corporation

Correct Answer: (D) Power Grid Corporation

Explanation: The government accorded

'Maharatna' status to state-owned Hindustan Petroleum and Power Grid Corporation, thus giving them greater operational and financial autonomy.

25. **What is the rank of India in terms of providing pension and retirement benefits to citizens according to report by Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index (MMGPI) 2019?**

- (A) 35
(B) 31
(C) 32
(D) 33

Correct Answer: (C) 32

Explanation: India has marginally improved its ranking to 32nd position in terms of providing pension and retirement benefits to citizens compared to last year, according to a report. The country's score in the Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index (MMGPI) 2019 rose to 45.8 from 44.6 last year.

26. **Which year will mark the 75th anniversary of United Nations (UN)?**

- (A) 2025
(B) 2022
(C) 2021
(D) 2020

Correct Answer: (D) 2020

Explanation: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced the UN's plan to feature a global conversation to build a collective future to mark its 75th anniversary. 24th October 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of United Nations (UN)

27. **Which state won the Vijay Hazare trophy?**

- (A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Karnataka
(C) Assam
(D) Odisha

Correct Answer: (B) Karnataka

Explanation: Karnataka defeated Tamil Nadu by 60 runs to lift the Vijay Hazare trophy. With this, Karnataka has won the Vijay Hazare trophy for the fourth time.

28. **Who was appointed as new Governor of Mizoram?**

- (A) Gita Naik
(B) Ram Naik
(C) PS Sreedharan Pillai
(D) Kalraj Mishra

Correct Answer: (C) PS Sreedharan Pillai

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind appointed BJP leader P.S. Sreedharan Pillai as the Governor of Mizoram.

29. **Who was appointed as the first Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir?**

- (A) Girish Chandra Murmu
(B) Satya Pal Malik

- (C) Ram Sevak Kushwaha
(D) RadhaKrishna Mathur

Correct Answer: (A) Girish Chandra Murmu

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Girish Chandra Murmu as the first Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Radha Krishna Mathur as the first Lt Governor of Ladakh.

30. **What is the theme of this year United Nations Day?**

- (A) Environment protection
(B) Universe and Earth
(C) Planet and Earth
(D) Our Planet, Our Future

Correct Answer: (D) Our Planet, Our Future

Explanation: In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, as which "shall be devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for" its work. This year's theme is 'Our Planet. Our Future'.

31. **Where is the HQ of UNICEF?**

- (A) Rome
(B) Washington DC
(C) New York
(D) London

Correct Answer: (C) New York

32. **Where is the HQ of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited?**

- (A) Pune
(B) Mumbai
(C) New Delhi
(D) Chennai

Correct Answer: (B) Mumbai

33. **Who has been appointed as the chairman of Airports Authority of India?**

- (A) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
(B) PC Mody
(C) Ashwani Lohani
(D) Arvind Singh

Correct Answer: (D) Arvind Singh

Explanation: Senior IAS officer Arvind Singh has been appointed as the chairman of Airports Authority of India and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu will head the National Highways Authority of India as part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.

34. **Which social media platform has decided to ban political advertising?**

- (A) Facebook
(B) Instagram
(C) Twitter
(D) Whatsapp

Correct Answer: (C) Twitter

Explanation: Twitter has decided to ban all political advertising from its platform. This was announced by Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey who

tweeted saying that political message reach should be earned, not bought.

35. **Which city is hosting the 35th ASEAN Summit?**

- (A) New Delhi
(B) Shanghai
(C) Bangkok
(D) Kathmandu

Correct Answer: (C) Bangkok

Explanation: The 35th ASEAN Summit began in Bangkok on October 31, 2019 and will continue till November 4, 2019. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be attending the summit on November 3-4, 2019.

36. **The first day-night Test match will be played between India and Bangladesh on which ground?**

- (A) Arun Jaitley Stadium
(B) Eden Gardens Stadium
(C) Wankhede Stadium
(D) Nehru Stadium

Correct Answer: (B) Eden Gardens Stadium

Explanation: The first day-night Test between India and Bangladesh will be played at the Eden Gardens Stadium in Kolkata from 22 November. Another feature of this match is that it will be played with a pink colored ball.

37. **Which former Prime Minister's death anniversary is observed on October 31?**

- (A) HD Deve Gowda
(B) I K Gujaral
(C) Jawahar Lal Nehru
(D) Indira Gandhi

Correct Answer: (D) Indira Gandhi

Explanation: The 35th death anniversary of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was observed on October 31, 2019. Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her own bodyguards on October 31, 1984 for launching Operation Blue Star.

38. **Former Parliamentarian, Gurudas Dasgupta passed away at the age of 83 on October 31. He had served as the Deputy General Secretary for which political party?**

- (A) CPI
(B) INC
(C) TMC
(D) BJP

Correct Answer: (A) CPI

Explanation: Gurudas Dasgupta, veteran CPI leader passed away in Kolkata on October 31, 2019. He was 83. The parliamentarian was suffering from heart and kidney-related ailments.

39. **The ICC has imposed a two-year ban on which among the following cricketers for failing to report a corrupt approach?**

- (A) Steve Smith
(B) Shakib Al Hasan
(C) Rashid Khan
(D) David Warner

Correct Answer: (B) Shakib Al Hasan

Explanation: The ICC has imposed a two-year ban on Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan, with one year suspended, for failing to report a corrupt approach by a bookie.

40. **Who has been appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India?**

- (A) Justice NV Ramana
- (B) Justice AK Mishra
- (C) Justice SA Bobde
- (D) Justice RF Nariman

Correct Answer: (C) Justice SA Bobde

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind signed a warrant formally appointing Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde as the 47th Chief Justice of India on October 29, 2019. Justice Bobde will be sworn in as the CJI on November 18, a day after the retirement of current CJI Ranjan Gogoi.

41. **Who has been appointed as the first Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh?**

- (A) Mridula Sinha
- (B) PS Sreedharan Pillai
- (C) Girish Chandra Murmu
- (D) Radha Krishna Mathur

Correct Answer: (D) Radha Krishna Mathur

Explanation: The Government has chosen Radha Krishna Mathur to be the first Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh. Mathur formerly served as the Chief Information Commissioner till November 2018.

42. **The 28th Vyas Samman for the year 2018 was conferred on well known Hindi writer _____.**

- (A) Leeladhar Jagoori
- (B) RS Birla
- (C) Rustam Singh
- (D) Uday Prakash

Correct Answer – (A) Leeladhar Jagoori

Explanation: The award was instituted in 1991. It is given by the KK Birla Foundation. It recognises outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen. It carries a cash prize of Rs 4 lakh. Jagoori has been chosen for the prestigious award for his poetry collection- Jitne Log Utne Prem

43. **Nirmal Purja has created history by scaling the world's 14 highest peaks in a record 190 days. He is from _____.**

- (A) Nepal
- (B) Bhutan
- (C) India
- (D) Bangladesh

Correct Answer – (A) Nepal

Explanation: Nirmal Purja completed the climb of the 14 mountains in seven months. He was a member of the Gurkhas, as well as the elite Special Boat Service. He kicked off his ambitious "Project Possible" in April.

44. **Who was appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) recently?**

- (A) Amit Juneja
- (B) Devendra Fadnavis
- (C) Narendra Shah
- (D) Dattatray Padsalgikar

Correct Answer – (D) Dattatray Padsalgikar

Explanation: Padsalgikar had earlier served in the Intelligence Bureau (IB) for 26 years

45. **Gandhi Mandela Foundation, has recently constituted India's first International Award, known as _____.**

- (A) Gandhi Mandela Award
- (B) Shanti Swarup
- (C) Peace of Love
- (D) Ahimsa Puruskar

Correct Answer – (A) Gandhi Mandela Award

Explanation: The award aims at honouring those who have been inspired by and furthered the ideas and ideals of the Mahatma Gandhi & Nelson Mandela.

46. **Indo-French Joint Exercise Shakti-2019, will be held in _____.**

- (A) Rajasthan
- (B) Punjab
- (C) Tamil Nadu
- (D) Haryana

Correct Answer – (A) Rajasthan

Explanation: The bilateral exercise will be conducted from 31 Oct to 13 Nov 2019.

47. **World Polio Day, sometimes seen in the news, is observed on _____ every year.**

- (A) Sept 24
- (B) Oct 24
- (C) Nov 24
- (D) Dec 24

Correct Answer – (B) Oct 24

Explanation: World Polio Day was established by Rotary International.

48. **The 2020 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup is to be held in _____.**

- (A) India
- (B) South Africa
- (C) Pakistan
- (D) Kazakhstan

Correct Answer – (B) South Africa

49. **Which nation will host the first edition of expanded 24-team FIFA World Cup for Clubs in 2021?**

- (A) China
- (B) US
- (C) Iran
- (D) Pakistan

Correct Answer – (A) China

Explanation: The competition, which currently features seven teams, will be expanded to 24 teams for the first time.

50. **National Unity Day, sometimes seen in the news, is celebrated on _____.**

- (A) Oct 28
- (B) Oct 31
- (C) Nov 5
- (D) Nov 14

Correct Answer – (B) Oct 31

Explanation: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is popularly known as the Iron Man of India. This day remembers Sardar Patel's stupendous role in integrating the princely States into independent India.