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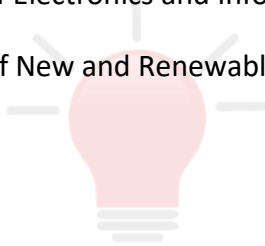
Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. World's third largest diamond has recently been discovered in which country?

- A. Botswana B. Namibia C. Lesotho
D. Zimbabwe E. None of these

2. Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra passed away recently due to Covid-19 related complications, was the secretary of which department?

- A. Department of Expenditure
B. Department of Industry and Internal Trade
C. Department of Electronics and Information Technology
D. Department of New and Renewable Energy
E. None of these



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3. World Refugee Day was celebrated recently on which date?

- A. June 19 B. June 22 C. June 20
D. June 21 E. None of these

4. Which date is observed as the World Music Day?

- A. 21st June B. 22nd June C. 20th June
D. 19th June E. None of these

5. International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice was observed on which date?

- A. June 22 B. June 21 C. June 23
D. June 24 E. None of these



6. International Day of Yoga was observed on which date recently?

- A. June 22 B. June 19 C. June 20
D. June 21 E. None of these

7. Which of the following players has recently won the 2021 French Grand Prix?

- A. Max Verstappen B. Lewis Hamilton C. Charles Leclerc
D. Valtteri Bottas E. None of these

8. 'The Nutmeg's Curse' is going to be released in October this year. Who among the following is the author of the book?

- A. Amitav Ghosh B. Vikram Seth C. Aravind Adiga
D. Salman Rushdie E. None of these

9. As per the Ease of Living Index, which city is 'most liveable' city?

- A. New Delhi B. Chennai C. Bengaluru
D. Hyderabad E. None of these

10. Which one is going to be declared 'INOPERATIVE' if not linked before June 30, 2021?

- A. Adhaar Card B. Pan Card C. Voter's Card
D. Driving Licence E. None of these

11. Who among the following has recently been named member of World Bank-IMF High Advisory Group?

- A. Raghuram Rajan B. Isher Judge Ahluwalia C. Montek Singh Ahluwalia
D. Sameer Kochhar E. None of these

12. Ebrahim Raisi has recently won the 2021 Presidential Election of which country?

- A. Iraq B. Iran C. Sudan
D. Syria E. None of these



13. Which of the following states has recently launched two ambitious schemes christened as the 'Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyaymi Yojna' and the 'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojna' to promote entrepreneurship among youth and women of all sections under the state's 'Mukhya Mantri Udyami Yojna' scheme?

- A. Jharkhand B. Chhattisgarh C. Bihar
D. West Bengal E. None of these

14. World Sickle Cell Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. June 19 B. June 20 C. June 21
D. June 22 E. None of these

15. Which edition of the National Reading Day was observed on 19th June 2021?

- A. 27th B. 25th C. 26th
D. 24th E. None of these

16. "Monk in a Merc", the memoir of which person is set to release on 28th June 2021?

- A. Dr Ashok Pangariya B. Dr Dinesh Khandelwal C. Dr Ashok Kumar Jain
D. Dr Manish Agrawal E. None of these

17. Markis Kido passed away recently, was related to which sport?

- A. Tennis B. Badminton C. Cricket
D. Hockey E. None of these

18. A team of _____ researchers has developed a new imaging technique that can potentially help reveal obstacles in the path that would otherwise be hidden by fog in rail, sea, and road transportation and would also help spotting lighthouse beacons.

- A. Indo-China B. Indo-French C. Indo-Japan
D. Indo-German E. None of these



19. Carlyle Asia Partners has recently sold what percent of stake in SBI Cards and Payment Services worth `4,811 crore through a block deal?

- A. 5.3 percent
- B. 5.1 percent
- C. 5.5 percent
- D. 5.7 percent
- E. None of these

20. Who among the following has recently re-elected as UN Secretary General for 2nd 5-year term starting Jan 1, 2022?

- A. Antonio Guterres
- B. Filippo Grandi
- C. Ban Ki-moon
- D. Kofi Annan
- E. None of these



Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	B	C	A	B	D	A	A	C	B	C	B	C	A	C	A	B	B	B	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: World's third largest diamond

What: discovered in Botswana

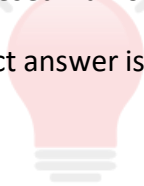
When: published on 16th June 2021

The diamond firm Debswana has announced the discovery in Botswana of a 1,098-carat stone that it described as the third largest of its kind in the world.

The company's acting managing director, Lynette Armstrong, presented the stone, which was found on 1 June, to the country's president, Mokgweetsi Masisi, on Wednesday.

It is the third largest in the world, behind the 3,106-carat Cullinan found in South Africa in 1905 and the 1,109-carat Lesedi La Rona discovered in Botswana in 2015.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: DPIIT secretary Guruprasad Mohapatra

What: dies of Covid complications

When: published on 20th June 2021

Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) secretary Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra died of Covid-19 related complications on Saturday morning. He was 59.

A Gujarat cadre 1986-batch IAS officer, he was appointed to the DPIIT in August 2019. He was admitted to AIIMS in Delhi in mid-April and is the first serving secretary to the Government of India to have succumbed to the disease, as per a PTI report.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior ministers expressed their condolences over Mohapatra's demise.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: World Refugee Day

What: celebrated on 20 June

When: published on 20th June 2021

World Refugee Day is observed every year on June 20 by the United Nations to honour the courage of refugees around the world who have been forced outside of their homes. The day aims to build understanding and empathy for refugees building their life in countries new to them. The UN also recognises host communities that welcome refugees and offer them shelter and assistance, in the true spirit of compassion, humanity and shared values.

According to the UN, 20 people leave their homes every minute to escape persecution, terror and war. Refugees have the right to work, education and housing, among several other rights.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: World Music Day

What: was observed on 21st June

When: published on 21st June 2021

World Music Day is an annual celebration observed on 21 June around the world. It is a day to encourage young and amateur musicians to perform. On this day, also known as Music Day or Make Music Day, anyone can play their favourite instruments for enjoyment and relaxation.

More than 120 countries commemorate this day as people organise free public concerts in parks, stadiums, and public places, mostly for music lovers and learners.

However, with the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown restricting activities this year, people are more likely to celebrate World Music Day virtually at home.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice

What: was observed on June 21

International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice is observed globally on 21st June. This day bring awareness about solstices and equinoxes and their significance for several religions and ethnic



cultures. The International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 20th June 2019 within Resolution A/RES/73/300.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Yoga

What: was observed on June 21

The Day will be marked at a time when COVID-19 pandemic continues to upend lives and livelihoods of people globally.

Beyond its immediate impact on physical health, the COVID-19 pandemic has also exacerbated psychological suffering and mental health problems, including depression and anxiety, as pandemic-related restrictions continue in various forms in many countries. This has highlighted the urgent need to address the mental health dimension of the pandemic, in addition to the physical health aspects.

The message of Yoga in promoting both the physical and mental well-being of humanity has never been more relevant. A growing trend of people around the world embracing Yoga to stay healthy and rejuvenated and to fight social isolation and depression has been witnessed during the pandemic. Yoga is also playing a significant role in the psycho-social care and rehabilitation of COVID-19 patients in quarantine and isolation. It is particularly helpful in allaying their fears and anxiety.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Max Verstappen

What: wins 2021 French Grand Prix

When: published on 21st June 2021

Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen beat Mercedes-Benz AMG's Lewis Hamilton by almost three seconds to claim victory on Sunday at a thrilling 2021 Formula One French Grand Prix, held at Circuit Paul Ricard.

Third place on the podium went to Red Bull's other driver, Sergio Perez, who finished about nine seconds behind his teammate.

Verstappen started the race on pole but soon lost the lead to Hamilton on the exit of Turn 1 due to a bit of oversteer. Verstappen rejoined quickly and was eventually able to jump into the lead thanks to an undercut as both drivers stopped for fresh tires, with Verstappen going first on lap 18 and Hamilton one lap later.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



8. Hints to Remember

Who: Amitav Ghosh's new book 'The Nutmeg's Curse'

What: to release in October

When: published on 16th June 2021

Jnanpith awardee and bestselling author Amitav Ghosh's new book 'The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis' is all set to release in October this year. The upcoming book is said to be "an enthralling, panoramic history of the influence of colonialism on the world today, told through the surprising story of the nutmeg", according to the book's blurb.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Bengaluru

What: ranks as most liveable city in India, Chennai second: CSE report

When: published on 19th June 2021

Bengaluru's traffic is often the source of ridicule. After all, the city's traffic has even averted a terror attack. But despite this, Bengaluru continues to figure among India's most liveable cities. The latest to name Bengaluru as the most liveable city is a report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) titled State of India's Environment in Figures 2021, released on June 16. Bengaluru was ranked the best city overall followed by Chennai, Shimla and Bhubaneswar.

Only three state capitals feature in the top ten most liveable cities, as per the report. It focused on four parameters— quality of life, economic ability, sustainability and citizens' perceptions— to determine the ease of living index score. Indian cities were rated out of 100 in all parameters and Bengaluru received an ease of living index score of 66.7, followed by Chennai 62.61.

While Bengaluru scored high on the parameter of economic ability (78.82), Chennai scored highest in the parameter quality of life (60.84). Delhi, meanwhile, was ranked the worst capital city as per citizen feedback received, with a score of 69.4; Bengaluru did not fare much better, with a score of 78. The city with the highest citizen perception score was Bhubaneswar at 94.8.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: PAN

What: to be declared 'INOPERATIVE' if not linked before June 30, 2021

When: published on 20th June 2021



The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had recently extended the deadline to link Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar number to June 30, 2021, due to the difficulties posed by the ongoing Covid pandemic..

So now as the deadline is fast approaching, here are some guidelines which must be kept in mind.

As per the new Section 234H of the Income-tax Act 1961, which has been recently introduced during Budget 2021, the PAN cards which are not linked to Aadhaar after June 30, 2021, would be declared “inoperative”, as well as a penalty of Rs 1,000 may also be imposed.

On the other hand, the person will be considered as an individual without PAN card.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Montek Ahluwalia

What: named member of World Bank-IMF High-Level Advisory Group

When: published on 17th June 2021

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and distinguished fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), was named as a member of a High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) formed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the face of the dual crisis posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.

Speaking on the immediate priorities for the HLAG, Montek said, “Climate change is at the top of the agenda this year in both developed and emerging market countries and the CoP 26 in November is expected to spell out what the international community needs to do. I hope the group can make a useful contribution to defining a workable strategy that takes account of the concerns of different participants.”

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Ebrahim Raisi, ultra-conservative judiciary chief,

What: wins Iran's presidential vote amid historically low turnout

When: published on 19th June 2021

Ebrahim Raisi, a hardline judiciary chief with a brutal human rights record, will be the next president of Iran following his win in an uncompetitive election that most of the country sat out.



Raisi, who has long opposed engagement with the West and is a close ally of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, sailed to victory in a poll that saw all of his serious rivals barred in the runup to the race.

The 60-year-old won almost 18 million of the nearly 29 million ballots cast, Interior Minister Rahmani Fazli announced Saturday. But many reform-minded Iranians refused to take part in an election widely seen as a foregone conclusion. Overall voter turnout was 48.8% -- the lowest since the establishment of the Islamic Republic in 1979.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Bihar government

What: extends 'Mukhya Mantri Udyaymi Yojna' scheme to all women and youth

When: published on 19th June 2021

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday launched two ambitious schemes christened as the 'Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyaymi Yojna' and the 'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojna' to promote entrepreneurship among youth and women of all sections under the state's 'Mukhya Mantri Udyami Yojna' scheme.

The schemes were promised by the chief minister during the 2020 Bihar elections in a bid to counter the RJD's poll plank on unemployment. During the polls, the chief minister had promised to extend the existing Rs 10 lakh financial assistance for entrepreneurship development to sections, if voted to power.

Earlier, 'the Mukhya Mantri Udyami Yojna' was started in 2018 and limited to the members of SC, ST and the extremely backward classes (EBCs).

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: World Sickle Cell Day 2021

What: was observed on June 19

World Sickle Cell Day, observed every year on June 19, aims to raise awareness of sickle cell disorders. Sickle cell anemia is a genetic red blood cell disorder. People with sickle cell disorders don't have enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body, according to the mayoclinic.org. The United Nations General Assembly, on December 22, 2008, adopted a resolution recognizing sickle cell disease as a public health problem. Sickle cell disease makes normal life difficult and patients need regular blood transfusions.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



15. Hints to Remember

Who: National Reading Day India 2021

What: was observed on June 19th

The country will celebrate National Reading Day India 2021 today, on June 19, 2021. National Reading Day is an annual event that falls on the death anniversary of PN Panicker, the man behind the 'Library Movement in Kerala'. Today is the 26th edition of National Reading Day.

The P N Panicker Foundation has been observing the national reading day, reading week, and reading month since June 19, 1996. This year, the foundation has organized activities that motivate reading online due to the prevailing COVID 19 situation in the country. A month-long 'Digital Reading' celebration would begin today, June 19, 2021, and will continue till July 18, 2021.

On National Reading Day India 2021, the country will once again honour the man behind the Library Movement in Kerala. The day is celebrated in memory of his marked contribution towards the 100% literacy rate in Kerala. The motto of National Reading Day is 'Read and Grow'.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Renowned neurologist Ashok Panagariya's memoir

What: to be released posthumously June 28

When: published on 14th June 2021

On the day of his demise from post-Covid complications, renowned neurologist Ashok Panagariya's publisher announced that his memoir, "Monk in a Merc", which will serve as a poignant reminder for anyone looking to achieve eternal happiness and mental peace while pursuing all of life's luxuries, material wealth and professional success, will be released on June 28.

It will pull at the heartstrings because it asks questions like: Can we find happiness and attain mental peace without relinquishing our material goals? What if we could understand why we behave and act the way we do? How does our brain really trick us into many of the decisions we make every day? What if we could actually train our brain and improve our ability to lead a more meaningful life -- not only for ourselves but also for society?

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Indonesian Olympic gold medalist shuttler Markis Kido

What: passes at 36



When: published on 15th June 2021

Indonesian badminton player Markis Kido passed away at 36 on Monday night, reportedly from a heart attack while playing badminton.

“One of Indonesia’s badminton heroes has passed, a gold medalist at Beijing Olympics 2008, Markis Kido,” an official release from the Indonesian Badminton Association (PBSI) said, as quoted by kompas.com

Hendra Setiawan, Markis’ partner during the Beijing Olympics, expressed his grief in a social media post.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Indo-French team’s technique

What: improves way of imaging through fog

When: published on 15th June 2021

A team of Indo-French researchers has developed a new imaging technique that can potentially help reveal obstacles in the path that would otherwise be hidden by fog in rail, sea, and road transportation and would also help spotting lighthouse beacons.

The method can also improve landing techniques of airplanes by providing pilots with a good view of airport runway beacons — significantly better than relying only on reflected radio waves as is presently the case.

Researchers from multiple Indian institutions — including Raman Research Institute (RRI) in Bengaluru and Isro’s Space Application Centre (SAC) in Ahmedabad — and the Université Paris-Saclay, CNRS, France, have developed a new imaging technique that makes imaging of objects in foggy weather conditions more clearer.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Carlyle arm

What: sells 5.1% in SBI Cards for Rs 4,811 crore

When: published on 19th June 2021

Carlyle Asia Partners sold a 5.1% stake, or 48 million shares, in SBI Cards and Payment Services worth `4,811 crore through a block deal on Friday. The stock was sold in a lower price band of `1,002.33 apiece, the National Stock Exchange and BSE data on such transactions showed.



CA Rover Holdings, an affiliate of Carlyle Asia, offered to sell 48 million shares in a price band of `1,002-1,041.30 in India's second-biggest credit card service provider.

Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs were the bankers to the deal. Morgan Stanley Asia, the only buyer disclosed in the NSE bulk deal data, bought 5.4 million shares worth `542 crore.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Antonio Guterres

What: re-elected as UN Secretary General for second five-year term

When: published on 18th June 2021

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, on June 18, was re-elected the chief of the world body, after the Security Council adopted by acclamation a resolution recommending his name to the General Assembly for a second five-year term beginning January 1, 2022.

A vote was held in the General Assembly to re-elect Antonio Guterres on June 18. He will now hold the office of the UN Secretary-General for a second term from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026.

Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly, announced on June 18 that Antonio Guterres "has been appointed by acclamation Secretary-General of the United Nations for the second term of office beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2026."

Bozkir then administered the oath of office to 72-year-old Guterres at the podium of the UN General Assembly Hall.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))





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