

15th December, Current Affairs Quiz

1. Recently which nodal agency has launched the “e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition” Aayog in association with the Convergence Energy Service Limited (CESL) & World Resources Institute?
 - A. NITI Aayog
 - B. Reserve Bank of India
 - C. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 - D. UNICEF India

Answer: A.

Explanation:

Recently, NITI Aayog in association with the Convergence Energy Service Limited (CESL) & World Resources Institute, India has launched the “e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition” (e-Sawari India e-Bus Coalition). This affiliation is also supported by Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI).

2. In India, electrification of public transport especially across bus sector is key to prevent _____.
 - A. Omicron
 - B. Number of Protests
 - C. Carbon emission
 - D. Methane emission

Answer: C.

Explanation:

In India, electrification of public transport especially across bus sector is key to prevent carbon emission. The launch of e-Sawaari India Electric Bus affiliation is a step of ensuring steady and paced electrification of bus transport system in the country. It will help in address the challenges of procurement, operations & financing e-bus deployment in a bid to achieve goal of net zero emissions.

3. Who among the following is the vice chairman of NITI Aayog?
 - A. Narendra Modi
 - B. Amitabh Kant
 - C. N. K. Singh
 - D. Dr. Rajiv Kumar

Answer: D.

Explanation:

Dr. Rajiv Kumar is the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.

The NITI Aayog (Hindi for Policy Commission) (abbreviation for National Institution for Transforming India) serves as the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India, and the nodal agency tasked with catalyzing economic development, and fostering cooperative federalism through the involvement of State Governments of India in the economic policy-making process using a bottom-up approach.

4. In which year NITI Aayog was established?
- A. 2014
 - B. 2015
 - C. 2016
 - D. 2017

Answer: B.

Explanation:

NITI Aayog, which stands for National Institution for Transforming India, was formed by a resolution of the Union Cabinet on 1 January 2015. NITI Aayog is the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, providing directional and policy inputs.

5. Which Indian state has topped the Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index in the large states category?
- A. Maharashtra
 - B. Rajasthan
 - C. West Bengal
 - D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: C.

Explanation:

Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index is prepared by the Institute for Competitiveness, by the chairperson of the Economic Advisory Council.

On the Index, West Bengal has topped the chart in the large states category.

6. Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index has divided Indian states into how many categories?
- A. 3 Category
 - B. 4 Category
 - C. 5 Category
 - D. 6 Category

Answer: B.

Explanation:

Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index is prepared by the Institute for Competitiveness, by the chairperson of the Economic Advisory Council.

This Index has divided states into four categories:

The Four Categories are:

Large states, small states, North East and Union Territories.

7. Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Index works as an indicator of literacy among children aged below _____.
- A. 20 years
 - B. 15 years
 - C. 10 years
 - D. 8 years

Answer: C.

Explanation:

Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Index works as an indicator of literacy among children aged below 10 years.

8. Which Indian state is at the bottom in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index in the large states category?
- A. Bihar
 - B. Uttar Pradesh
 - C. Jharkhand
 - D. Chhattisgarh

Answer: A.

Explanation:

Bihar is at the bottom in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index in the large states category.

9. Which Indian state is at the top in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index in the small states category?
- A. Haryana
 - B. Kerala
 - C. Goa
 - D. Telangana

Answer: B.

Explanation:

Kerala is placed at the top spot in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index in the small states category.

10. Which Indian state is at the bottom in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index in the small states category?
- A. Jharkhand
 - B. Haryana
 - C. Goa
 - D. Telangana

Answer: A.

Explanation:

Jharkhand is at the bottom in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index in the small states category.

11. Which Union Territory has topped the Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index 2021?
- A. Jammu Kashmir
 - B. Ladakh
 - C. Lakshadweep
 - D. Andaman Nicobar

Answer: C.

Explanation: Among Union Territory, Lakshadweep has topped Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index 2021 with score of 52.69.

12. Which state has topped the Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index 2021 in Northeast category?
- A. Assam

- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Mizoram
- D. Meghalaya

Answer: C.

Explanation: Mizoram has topped the list in Northeast category in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index 2021 with score of 51.64.

13. Which Union Territory is at the bottom in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index 2021?
- A. Jammu Kashmir
 - B. Ladakh
 - C. Lakshadweep
 - D. Andaman Nicobar

Answer: B.

Explanation:

In Union Territory category, Ladakh is at the bottom in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index 2021.

14. Which state is at the bottom in Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Index 2021 in North East Category?
- A. Assam
 - B. Arunachal Pradesh
 - C. Mizoram
 - D. Meghalaya

Answer: B.

Explanation: In North East Category, Arunachal Pradesh is at last spot.

15. The 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' establishes an understanding of overall state of Foundational Learning among children below ten years. It has how many pillars?
- A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 5
 - D. 6

Answer: C.

Explanation: The 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' establishes an understanding of overall state of Foundational Learning among children below ten years in all the states and Union territories in India. It has five pillars:

The five pillars are:

1. Educational infrastructure
2. Access to education
3. Basic Health
4. Learning outcomes and
5. Governance.

16. The 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' establishes an understanding of overall state of Foundational Learning among children below ten years. It is comprised of how many indicators?

- A. 21
- B. 31
- C. 41
- D. 51

Answer: C.

Explanation:

The 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' establishes an understanding of overall state of Foundational Learning among children below ten years in all the states and Union territories in India. It has five pillars, comprising of 41 indicators. The five pillars are:

1. Educational infrastructure
2. Access to education
3. Basic Health
4. Learning outcomes and
5. Governance

17. Recently with which South East Asian country India has signed an agreement for the cooperation in the field of Information Technology (IT)?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Thailand
- C. Malaysia
- D. Philippines

Answer: A.

Explanation:

As the digitalization is becoming necessary at global level consequently, recently, India and Vietnam has also signed agreement for the cooperation in the field of Information Technology (IT).

18. In which year India and Vietnam have established extensive economic ties, including agriculture, oil exploration and manufacturing?
- A. In 1989
 - B. In 1992
 - C. In 1995
 - D. In 1999

Answer: B.

Explanation: In 1992, India and Vietnam have established extensive economic ties, including agriculture, oil exploration and manufacturing.

19. India had granted "Most Favoured Nation" status to Vietnam in _____.
- A. 1970
 - B. 1975
 - C. 1979
 - D. 1985

Answer: B.

Explanation: India had granted "Most Favoured Nation" status to Vietnam in 1975 and both nations signed a bilateral trade agreement in 1978.

20. Recently, Max Verstappen has won his first "Formula One (F1) world title", leaving behind Lewis Hamilton, at Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. He belongs to which country?
- A. France
 - B. Spain
 - C. Italy
 - D. Belgium

Answer: D.

Explanation: Recently, Max Verstappen has won his first "Formula One (F1) world title", leaving behind Lewis Hamilton, at Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Max Emilian Verstappen is a Belgian-Dutch racing driver.

21. Max Emilian Verstappen is presently competing in Formula One with Red Bull Racing, under the flag of _____.

- A. Netherlands
- B. Switzerland
- C. Spain
- D. Germany

Answer: A.

Explanation: Max Emilian Verstappen is a Belgian-Dutch racing driver, who is presently competing in Formula One with Red Bull Racing, under the flag of Netherlands.

22. At the 2021 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Max Emilian Verstappen became the first Dutch driver to win Formula One Championship. He has become the _____ Formula One World Drivers' Champion.
- A. 34th
 - B. 35th
 - C. 36th
 - D. 37th

Answer: A.

Explanation: Max Emilian Verstappen was also the youngest driver to compete in Formula One at 2015 Australian Grand Prix. At that time he was just 17 years old. At the 2021 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, he became the first Dutch driver to win Formula One Championship. He has become the 34th Formula One World Drivers' Champion.

23. After how many years India has won the title of Miss Universe in 2021?
- A. 11 years
 - B. 15 years
 - C. 20 years
 - D. 21 years

Answer: D.

Explanation: Harnaaz Sandhu has won the Miss Universe crown 21 years after Lara Dutta.

24. This was the _____ Miss Universe 2021 and it was held in Eilat, Israel.
- A. 50th
 - B. 60th
 - C. 70th
 - D. 80th

Answer: C.

Explanation: This was the 70th Miss Universe 2021 and it was held in Eilat, Israel. India was represented by Ms. Harnaaz Sandhu.

25. Harnaaz Sandhu has won the Miss Universe crown 21 years after Lara Dutta. She belongs to which state?
- A. Haryana
 - B. Punjab
 - C. Delhi
 - D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: B.

Explanation: Ms. Sandhu is 21-year-old and belongs to Punjab. She claimed the Miss Universe crown, leaving behind Nadia Ferreira from Paraguay and Lalela Mswane from South Africa.

26. Before Ms. Sandhu how many Indians have won the title of Miss Universe so far?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

Answer: B.

Explanation: Before Ms. Sandhu, only two Indians have won the title of Miss Universe so far: Sushmita Sen had won this title in 1994 and Lara Dutta in 2000.

26. Recently, as per an update of IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, _____ are declining across the world.
- A. Butterflies
 - B. Indian rhinoceros
 - C. Dragonflies
 - D. All of the above

Answer: C.

Explanation: Recently, as per an update of IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, due to the destruction of wetlands the dragonflies are declining across the world.

27. Where is the headquarters of IUCN?

- A. United States of America
- B. Switzerland
- C. France
- D. Germany

Answer: B.

Explanations: Gland is a municipality in the district of Nyon in the canton of Vaud in Switzerland. The city also is home to the IUCN and WWF headquarters.

28. For the first time, number of species at risk of extinction in the Red List of IUCN has exceeded _____.

- A. 10,000
- B. 20,000
- C. 30,000
- D. 40,000

Answer: D.

Explanation: For the first time, number of species at risk of extinction in the Red List of IUCN has exceeded 40,000.

29. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) recently successfully tested the new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile _____.

- A. Agni P
- B. Agni Q
- C. Agni R
- D. Agni S

Answer: A.

Explanation: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) recently successfully tested the new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile 'Agni P'.

30. Recently, "Agni P" has been launched from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast. It is situated in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Kerala

- C. Tamilnadu
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A.

Explanation: “Agni P” has been launched from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.