

## 6<sup>th</sup> December, Current Affairs Quiz

1. Recently India with which country had launched the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in September 2021?
  - A. Turkey
  - B. Saudi Arabia
  - C. Israel
  - D. United Arab Emirates

**Answer: D.**

**Explanation:** Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal recently said that trade negotiations between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are at an advanced stage now and the two partners are expected to wrap up a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by January 2022.

India and UAE had launched the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in September 2021. Recently, the countries held the third round of negotiations.

2. With UAE which union ministry of India has launched Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement recently?
  - A. Commerce and Industry Ministry
  - B. Co-operation Ministry

- C. Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Ministry
- D. Information and Broadcasting Ministry

**Answer: A.**

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3. As of March 2021, UAE is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest investor in India.

- A. Second
- B. Third
- C. Fourth
- D. Fifth

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** As of March 2021, UAE is the third largest investor in India. The Indian companies have invested 85 billion USD in UAE. The major imports to India from UAE are petroleum products, stones, jewellery, gems. The major exports are minerals, precious metals, gems.

4. With CEPA, the bilateral trade will be increased to 100 billion USD within \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 4 years
  - B. 5 years
  - C. 6 years
  - D. 7 years

**Answer: B.**

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The UAE has been an important trade ally of India for over five decades.

5. Recently, the Centre has announced that the Paika rebellion cannot be called the first War of Independence. Paika rebellion was related to which state?
- A. Maharashtra
  - B. Odisha
  - C. Karnataka

D. Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** Recently, the Centre has announced that the Paika rebellion cannot be called the first War of Independence.

The Paikas (pronounced “paiko”, literally ‘foot soldiers’), were a class of military retainers who had been recruited since the 16th century by kings in Odisha from a variety of social groups to render martial services in return for hereditary rent-free land (nish-kar jagirs) and titles.

6. Centre has also suggested to include Paika rebellion as a case study in \_\_\_\_\_ National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) history textbook.

A. Class 6

B. Class 7

C. Class 8

D. Class 9

**Answer: C.**

**Explanation:** Recently, the Centre has announced that the Paika rebellion cannot be called the first War of Independence.

Centre has also suggested that it would be included as a case study in the Class 8 National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) history textbook.

7. In which year the Government has released the commemorative coin and postage stamp in memory of Paika Rebellion?
- A. 2018
  - B. 2019
  - C. 2020
  - D. 2021

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** In 2017, the Odisha state cabinet was the first state cabinet who had passed a proposal to formally urge the centre to declare the Paika rebellion as the first war of Independence.

Consequently, in 2018 the Government released the commemorative coin and postage stamp in memory of Paika Rebellion.

8. Recently \_\_\_\_\_ has tested the “vertical launch-short range surface-to-air missile”, successfully.
- A. DRDO
  - B. ISRO
  - C. Indian science institute
  - D. None of the above

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) tested the “vertical launch-short range surface-to-air missile”, successfully.

9. The “vertical launch-short range surface-to-air missile”, has been test fired from integrated test range in Chandipur, It is situated on the coast of which state?
- A. Odisha
  - B. Karnataka
  - C. West Bengal
  - D. Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: A.**

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10. Who among the following is the chief of DRDO?
- A. Govindan Rangarajan
  - B. Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy
  - C. K. Sivan
  - D. None of the above

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** Dr. G Satheesh Reddy is the chief of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

11. Where is the headquarters of DRDO?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Gujarat

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** DRDO is headquartered in New Delhi. It was formed in 1958 by amalgamating the Defence Science Organisation and a few technical development establishments. DRDO is India's largest research organisation.

12. Comet A1 Leonard is a long period comet. It was the first discovered Comet in 2021. And it was discovered in which month?

- A. January
- B. February
- C. March
- D. April

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** Because the Comet A1 Leonard will pass near the earth on December 18, 2021.

Comet A1 Leonard is a long period comet. It was discovered this year by GJ Leonard in January.

It was the first comet to be discovered in 2021. Now it reached naked eye visibility in December 2021. It may make its closest approach to the sun in January 2022.

13. The long period comets have eccentric orbits. Their periods range is more than \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 150 years
  - B. 100 years
  - C. 200 years
  - D. 250 years

**Answer: C.**

**Explanation:** The long period comets have eccentric orbits. Their periods range is more than 200 years.

It is usually from thousands to even millions of years. Whereas the short period comets are those comets which orbital period is less than 200 year.

Their orbits take them beyond the outer planets (Jupiter and the rest). The short period comets are believed to have originated from Centaurs.

14. The Hornbill Festival, known as the 'Festivals of Festivals', is related to which state?
- A. Nagaland



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

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** The Hornbill Festival, which is known as the 'Festivals of Festivals', is a 10-day annual cultural fest of Nagaland that showcases the rich and diverse Naga ethnicity through folk dances, traditional music, local cuisine, handicraft, art workshops etc.

15. The Hornbill 'Festivals of Festivals', is \_\_\_\_\_ an annual cultural festival of Nagaland.

- A. 5-days
- B. 8-days
- C. 10-days
- D. 15-days

**Answer: C.**

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16. The Hornbill is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Bird

- B. Cattle
- C. Creeper
- D. Aquatic Animal

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** Hornbill bird is common in tropical and subtropical Asia, Africa and Melanesia.

The festival is named after this bird because, it forms the centre of many local folklore.

Also, the tribes in the state consider the bird to be sacred. The IUCN status of hornbill bird is “Near Threatened”.

17. The start of this festival on December 1 marks the Nagaland statehood day. In which year the Nagaland was granted statehood?
- A. In 1953
  - B. In 1963
  - C. In 1973
  - D. In 1983

**Answer: B.**

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The start of this festival on December 1 marks the Nagaland statehood day it means Nagaland was granted statehood on this day in 1963.

18. Recently, a Curtain Raiser Event for PANEX-21 for the member nations of \_\_\_\_\_ countries is to be held.
- A. BIMSTEC
  - B. ASEAN
  - C. BRICS
  - D. SAARC

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** Recently, a Curtain Raiser Event for PANEX-21 for the member nations of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries is to be held.

PANEX-21 is a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise.

19. Which among the following country is not a member of BIMSTEC countries?
- A. Bhutan
  - B. Bangladesh,
  - C. Nepal
  - D. Pakistan

**Answer: D.**

**Explanation:** The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is an international organisation of seven South Asian and Southeast Asian nations, housing 1.73 billion people and having a combined gross domestic product of \$3.8 trillion (2021).

The BIMSTEC member states are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand– are among the countries dependent on the Bay of Bengal.

20. The participants of PANEX-21 exercise will be divided into

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Six syndicates
  - B. Seven syndicates
  - C. Eight syndicates
  - D. Nine syndicates

**Answer: C.**

**Explanation:** The participants of the PANEX-21 exercise will be divided into eight syndicates. One syndicate from the participating countries and two from India.

21. Recently, which ministry and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a MoU under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0?

- A. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Jal Shakti

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

The agreement was signed under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0. It was signed to reinforce the waste management sector in the country.

22. Under the above MoU, the UNDP will help to set up how many Smart Swachhata Kendras in the country?

- A. 45
- B. 55
- C. 65
- D. 75

**Answer: D.**

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Under this MoU, the UNDP will help to set up 75 Smart Swachhata Kendras in the country.

23. The MoU is intended to realize the vision of \_\_\_\_\_ in urban India.

- A. “Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Environment”
- B. “Clean Soil, Clean Water, Clean Land”
- C. “Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Land”
- D. “Clean Environment, Clean Water, Clean Soil”

**Answer: C.**

**Explanation:** The MoU is intended to realize the vision of “Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Land” in urban India. This is to be achieved through a circular approach based on 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle) principle.