1. What is the theme of the ‘World TB Day 2021’?

 [A]End TB
 [B] All out Efforts to Eliminate TB
 [C] Intensive Care for TB
 [D] Clock is Ticking

**Correct Answer:** D

**Explanation:**
 Every year on 24th March, World Tuberculosis Day is observed. The theme for World TB day 2021 is “’Clock is Ticking”, which conveys the message that word needs to act urgently to end TB. Countries across the world including India have aimed to end TB completely by 2025.

1. “MITRA” scheme announced in Budget 2021-22 is associated with which sector?

 [A] Defence
 [B] Textile
 [C] Automobile
 [D] Medicine

**Correct Answer:** B

**Explanation:**
The PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) was announced in the Union Budget 2021-22 for growth of the textile sector and place India as a global leader in Textiles.
The Government has approved setting up of 7 Mega Textile parks at a proposed cost of Rs.4445 crore. These parks are expected to provide job opportunities to 21 lakh people.

1. Mandu festival, which was making news recently, is celebrated in which state?

 [A]Gujarat
 [B]Madhya Pradesh
 [C] Andhra Pradesh
 [D] Odisha

**Correct Answer:** B [Madhya Pradesh]

* **Explanation:**
The three-day Mandu Festival began at Mandu, the historic town of Madhya Pradesh. The state also inaugurated Dino Adventure Park & Fossils Museum. During the Mandu Utsav, Handicrafts related to handmade art are displayed to encourage local artisans.
1. Chocolate-bordered Flitter discovered recently belongs to which of the following species?

 [A]Bird [B] Butterfly (C) Spider (D) Lizard
 **Correct Answer:**B

 **Explanation:**

* Chocolate-bordered Flitter (*Zographetus Dzonguensis)* is a golden yellow butterfly discovered in Dzongu in North Sikkim.
1. **Consider the following statements regarding Central Vista development project prior Independence.**

1. The Central Vista development was led by architects Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker.

2. It was inaugurated by Viceroy Lord Linlithgow.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 Only (b) 2 Only (c) Both 1 & 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

* Central Vista is a 3.2 kilometer area in Delhi housing parliament House, Rashtrapati Bhawan, North and South Blocks, Rajpath, India Gate, National Archives, and then Princes houses around India gate.
* These 20 years-long projects of Central Vista development were led by Architects Edwin lutyens and Herbert Baker. It was completed in 1927 and inaugurated by viceroy Lord Irwin.
1. **Which one of the following Countries do not border Red Sea?**

 (a) Saudi Arabia (b) Egypt

(c) Iraq (d) Yemen

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

* The Red Sea contains some of the world’s hottest and saltiest seawater.
* With its connection to the Mediterranean Sea Via the Suez canal, it is one of the most heavily travelled waterways in the world, carrying maritime traffic between Europe & Asia.
* The Countries bordering the Red Sea are: Saudi Arabia, yemen, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea & Djibouti.
1. **National Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index, is released by which the following organization?**

 (a) Ministry of Social Justice & empowerment

 (b) Ministry of Labor and Employment

 (c) NITI Aayog

 (d) Institute for Human Development

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

* Think tank, releases the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (NMPI) baseline report that defines poverty as the deprivation in crucial and basic parameters of health, education and living standards.
1. **With reference to Rani Gaidinliu consider the following:**

 1. The title “Rani” was given to her by Mahatma Gandhi.

 2. She led the Heraka religious movement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 Only (b) 2 Only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

 **Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

* Jawaharlal Nehru gave her the title of “Rani” (Queen”); and she gained local popularity as Rani Gaidinliu.
* At the tender age of 13, Gaidinliu, joined her cousin Haipou Jadonang’s Heraka movement. The Heraka movement was a spiritual movement dedicated to reviving the ancient Naga Tribal religion.
1. **Pakke Tiger Reserve is located in which of the following states?**

(a) West Bengal (b) Arunachal Pradesh

(c) Tripura (d) Madhya Pradesh

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

* Recently, for the first time, Arunachal Pradesh’s cabinet meeting was held outside the State Capital Itanagar. It was held at Pakke Tiger Reserve.
1. **Article 123 of the constitution is related to which of the following:**

(a) Language to be used in Parliament.

(b) No discussion in Parliament with respect to conduct of any judge of SC or HC

(c) Ordinance making power of government.

(d) President to consult Supreme Court on any matter.

**Correct Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

* Article 123 of the Constitution allows the President to promulgate an ordinance when Parliament is not in session.
1. **Dakshin Ganga, Bharati and Maitri are related to which of the following:**

(a) These are the glaciers forming the Ganga River.

(b) These are India research base stations in Antartica.

(c) These are the defence exercise conducted between India and Nepal

(d) These are space observatories set up by India in collaboration with NASA

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

* The Indian Antarctic program, which began in 1981, has completed 40 scientific expeditions, and built three permanent research base stations in Antarctica, name Dakshin Gangotri (1983), Maitri (1988) and Bharati (2012).
1. **Which of the following are the Green House Gases?**

(a) Carbon dioxide, Ozone and Nitrogen.

(b) Water Vapor, Methane and Nitrous oxide

(c) Ozone carbon Monoxide and Sulphur oxide

(d) Methane, Ozone and Nitrogen dioxide

**Correct Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

* The Primary GHGs are: Water Vapour, Carbon dioxide Methane, Nitrous oxide and Ozone. Other GHGs are carbon monoxide fluorinated gases, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), black carbon (soot), and brown carbon. Among the green house gases, only water vapour can absorb both incoming (UV) and outgoing (infrared) radiation.
1. **Red Dot campaign was sometime seen in the news. The campaign is related to which of the following?**

(a)Open Defecation Free cities

(b)Solid waste management

(c)Rain water harvesting

(d)Road traffic regulation

Correct Answer: b

EXPLANATION:

* Pune introduced the Red Dot campaign to manage sanitary waste. It is a one-of-its-kind initiative where citizens, workers and administration unanimously accepted their responsibility, making it a lesson for other cities in India. This was achieved through a well-planned mechanism of collection, channelisation and disposal.
1. **With reference to Western Ghats, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

2. Western Ghats are also known as Anaimalai hills and Cardamom hills in Kerala

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a)1 only

(b)2 only

(c)Both 1 and 2

(d)Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: c**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Both the statements are correct. here are a few local names given to the Western Ghats:
* Sahyadri in Maharashtra
* Nilgiri hills in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
* Anaimalai hills and Cardamom hills in Kerala.
1. **Mount Semeru is located in which of the following country?**

(a)Indonesia

(B)India

(c)The USA

(d)France

**Correct Answer: a**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Recently, Mount Semeru volcano of Indonesia erupted which killed at least 14 persons and left dozens injured. Semeru, or Mount Semeru, is an active volcano in East Java, Indonesia. It is located in a subduction zone, where the Indo-Australia plate subducts under the Eurasia plate. It is the highest mountain on the island of Java. This stratovolcano is also known as Mahameru, meaning "The Great Mountain" in Sanskrit.
1. Which among the following is not a declared major coalfield region of Madhya Pradesh?

(a) Sohagpur

(b)Johilla

(c)Korar

(d)pandharpur

Correct Answer: d

**EXPLANATION:**

* Pandharpur is not a major coalfield declared by M.P government.The major declarations are Singrauli coal field,Johilla, Korar,Sohagpur,Umaria,Pathakhera,Mohpani, tawa valley coalfield limited.
1. **Which district of Madhya Pradesh is known as Cherrapunji of Madhya Pradesh?**

(a) Alirajpur

(b)Jhabua

(c) Indore

(d)Dhar

Correct Answer: a

**EXPLANATION**:

* Kathiwada village of Alirajpur district which borders Gujarat is known as Cherrapunji of Madhya Pradesh on account of high rainfall from south west monsoon from Arabian branch.
1. **Climate Resilience Information System and Planning (CRISP-M) tool is related to which of the following scheme/program?**

1.Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

2.Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0

3.Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0.

4.Jal Jeevan Mission

**Correct Answer: a**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj has recently launched a Climate Resilience Information System and Planning (CRISP-M) tool for integration of climate information in Geographic Information System (GIS) based watershed planning under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. The CRISP-M tool will help embed climate information in the GIS based planning and implementation of Mahatma Gandhi.
1. **Arrange the following states in descending order of their total area under forest cover:**

1. Jharkhand

2. Madhya Pradesh

3. Arunachal Pradesh

4. Chhattisgarh

Choose the correct option from the codes given below :

(a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 2, 3, 4, 1 (c) 2, 4, 3, 1 (d) 2, 4, 1, 3

**Correct Answer: b [2, 3, 4, 1]**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Correct descending order- Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand.
1. **Which degree channel separates “Minicoy Island from Maldives”?**

 (a)Six degree channel

 (b)Eighth degree channel

 (c)Nine degree channel

 (d)Ten degree channel

**Correct Answer: b**

**EXPLANATION:**

8 Degree Channel (8 degrees north latitude) separates islands of Minicoy and Maldives.

1. **The concept of “Public Interest Litigation” was first time introduced in which of the following country?**

 (a)New Zealand

 (b)Britain

 (c)United States of America

 (d)France

**Correct Answer: C**

**EXPLANATION:**

* The concept of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) originated and developed in the USA in the 1960s.
* In the USA, it was designed to provide legal representation to previously unrepresented groups and interests.
* It was undertaken in recognition of the fact that the ordinary marketplace for legal services fails to provide such services to significant segments of the population and to significant interests.
* Such groups and interests include the poor, environmentalists, consumers, racial and ethnic minorities, and others.
1. How many Biosphere Reserves situated in Madhya Pradesh are included in World Network of Biosphere Reserve based on UNESCO, Man and Biosphere Reserve program?

(a) 2 (b)3 (d)4 (d)5

**Correct Answer: a**

**EXPLANATION:**

* World Network of Biosphere Reserves currently counts 651 biosphere reserves in 120 countries all over the world. Out of 18 Biosphere reserve in India 9 are covered under the scheme.
* Total 3 Biosphere Reserve located in Madhya Pradesh out of which two are covered under the scheme. Panchmari Biosphere Reserve and Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve are covered under the scheme.The third Biosphere Reserve of M.P is Panna Biosphere Reserve which is not included under the scheme.
1. India's longest railway over bridge is being built in which city of MP?

(a) Shahdol

(b) katni

(c) Guna

(d) Jabalpur

**Correct answer: b**

**EXPLANATION:**

* The country's longest railway over bridge (ROB) is being built in the district of Katni in Madhya Pradesh. It is also being called 'Udta Junction'. It has been named as Katni Grade Separator. It will be built on top of 676 pillars. The total length of this bridge is 34.09 km. Its length in the down line will be 18.01 km.
1. Jhabua and Alirajpur district of Madhya Pradesh shares border with which among the following state of India

(a) Chhatisgarh

(b) Gujarat

(c) Rajasthan

(d) Maharashtra

**Correct answer: b**

**EXPLANATION:**

1. Nagorno- Karabakh conflict, is in which of the following countries:

 (a) Turkemenistan and Kazakhstan

(b) UK and France

(c) Israel and Palestine

(d) Azerbaijan and Armenia

**Correct answer: d**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Nagorno-Karabakh is a disputed territory internationally recognized as part of Azerbaijan but mostly governed by the Republic of Artsakh, de facto independent state with an Armenian ethnic majority backed by neighboring Armenia.
1. Namdhapa Tiger Reserve, as seen in news is located which of the following states?

 (a) Manipur

(b) Tripura

(c) Arunachal Pradesh

(d) Mizoram

**Correct answer: c**

**EXPLANATION:**

* It is India’s easternmost tiger reserve. It is located in the Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh near the international border with Myanmar.
1. Patanjali, the notable grammarian who wrote the Mahabhasya was a contemporary of which of the following?

 (a) Pushyamitra Sunga

(b) Ashoka

(c) Gautamiputra Satakarni

(d) Milinda

**Correct answer: A**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Patanjali, the notable grammarian who wrote the Mahabhasya was a contemporary of Pushyamitra Sunga.
1. In Ecosystem, the organisms which are incapable of producing their own food, are called as?

 (a) Autotrophs

(b) Phagotrophs

(c) Saprotrophs

(d) Carnivorous

**Correct answer: B**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Consumers- Heterotrophs or phagotrophs (other nourishing): Consumers are incapable of producing their own food (Photosynthesis). They depend on organic food derived from plants, animals or both.
1. The Global Biodiversity outlook report is released by?

 (a) UN CBD

(b) WEF

(c) World Bank

(d) Global Environment Facility

**Correct answer: A**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Consumers- Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO) of is the flagship publication of the convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It is periodic report that summarizes the latest data on the status and trends of biodiversity and draws conclusions relevant to the further implementation of the convention.
1. Niryat Bandhu Scheme is often seen is news is related to which of the following?

 (a) Enterpreneurship

(b) Agriculture

(c) Space Technology

(d) Public Sector Banks

**Correct answer: A**

**EXPLANATION:**

* Announced as part of Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14 in 2011 to focus on mentoring the first-generation entrepreneurs in the field of international trade.