

## [CURRENT AFFAIRS – 31 JULY 2018]

**Question 1.** Imran Khan will be sworn-in as Prime Minister of Pakistan. He is a leader of which Political Party?

- a) Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf
- b) Pakistan Muslim League – Nawaz
- c) Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians
- d) Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal Pakistan

**Correct Ans: (a)**

**Note:**

According to the Pakistan Elections results 2018 announced by the Election Commission of Pakistan on July 29, 2018, Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) has emerged as the single largest party in the National Assembly after the Pakistan Elections 2018. The PTI has bagged a total of 116 seat

**Question 2.** Which Bank was awarded as the best performing primary lending institution in credit linked subsidy scheme (CLSS)?

- a) HSBC Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) IDBI Bank

**Correct Ans:(b)**

**Note:**

HDFC has been awarded the best performing primary lending institution in credit linked subsidy scheme (CLSS) for the EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and LIG (Low Income Group) category. The award was given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**Question 3.** Renowned writer Ramapada Chowdhury passed away recently. He wrote in which language?

- a) Hindi
- b) Telugu
- c) Bengali
- d) Tamil

**Correct Ans: (c)**

**Note:**

Acclaimed Bengali writer Ramapada Chowdhury, whose story 'Abhimanyu' was made into a Hindi movie 'Ek doctor ki maut', died in Kolkata. 'Abhimanyu' was based on the life and work of Dr Subhas Mukhopadhyay who created India's first and the world's second test-tube baby in 1978.

**Question 4.** The Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) was brought under which Ministry recently?

- a) Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- b) Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- c) Union Ministry of Commerce
- d) Union Finance Ministry

**Correct Ans: (d)**

**Note:**

Work related to the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) has been taken away from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. It will now be under the Department of Economic Affairs, Finance Ministry.

**Question 5.** Which nation topped the E-Government Development Survey 2018?

- a) Sweden
- b) Australia
- c) Denmark
- d) The United States of America

**Correct Ans: (c)**

**Note:**

Denmark, with an index value of 0.9150, topped the 2018 E-Government Development Survey. It was followed by Australia with 0.9053 score and the Republic of Korea with a value of 0.9010.

**Question 6.** Which nation has elevated India's status to Strategic Trade Authorization-1 (STA-1) country to ease export controls for high-technology product sales?

- a) Germany
- b) Russia
- c) US
- d) France

**Correct Ans: (c)**

**Note:**

The United States has eased export controls for high-technology product sales to India by elevating its status to a Strategic Trade Authorization-1 (STA-1) country. With the move, the United States has granted India the same access as NATO allies, Australia, Japan and South Korea.

**Question 7.** What was India's rank in E-Government Development Survey 2018?

- a) 66
- b) 96
- c) 78
- d) 101

**Correct Ans: (b)**

**Note:**

India jumped 22 places to break into the top 100 of the United Nation's E-Government Index 2018. India, which was ranked 118 in 2014, jumped 11 places to be ranked 96 in 2018. The jump shows how digital technologies and innovations are impacting the public sector and changing people's everyday lives.

**Question 8.** Which free software has been launched by the Union IT Ministry to enable editing of text on scanned images?

- a) e-Aksharayan
- b) Darshan-Y
- c) Imagery
- d) Saransh

**Correct Ans: (a)**

**Note:**

The IT ministry on July 31, 2018 launched a desktop software e-Aksharayan to enable editing of text printed on scanned documents. The software can be downloaded for free from its website. It will convert scanned printed Indian language documents into a fully editable text format in Unicode encoding.

**Question 9.** The European Union countries have decided to move the bloc's anti-piracy headquarters to which nation after Brexit?

- a) Portugal
- b) Germany
- c) Italy
- d) Spain

**Correct Ans:(d)**

**Note:**

European Union countries on July 31, 2018 decided to move the headquarters of the bloc's anti-piracy Atalanta patrols from London to the Spanish port of Rota on March 29 next year, when Britain exits the EU.

**Question10.** Which city hosted the 3-day meeting of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Chennai
- c) Mumbai
- d) Bengaluru

**Correct Ans: (c)**

**Note:**

The three-day meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India began in Mumbai on July 30, 2018. The meeting will discuss the Third Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2018-19 which will be issued on August 1, 2018.