

[CURRENT AFFAIRS – 24-SEP -2018]

Question1: Which of the following has signed a MoU with Emirates News Agency for bilateral cooperation in the area of the free news exchange?

- A. Times of India
- B. Zee News
- C. NDTV
- D. Asian News International

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Asian News International, ANI and Emirates News Agency, WAM, the official news agency of the UAE government has signed an MoU, for bilateral cooperation in the area of the free news exchange in Abu Dhabi. The Mou wa signed between: Mohammad Jalal Alrayssi, Executive Director of WAM and Sanjiv Prakash, Chief Editor and CEO of ANI.

Question 2: Name the NASA's satellite that has discovered two new Earth-like planets named super-Earth and hot Earth.

- A. Pioneer 10 Space Survey Satellite (PSSS)
- B. Kepler Observation Satellite (KOS)
- C. Spitzer Space Telescope (SST)
- D. Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)'s Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) has discovered two new earth-like exoplanets namely: "super-Earth" and "hot Earth". TESS was launched in April 2018 to detect exoplanets (planets outside the sun's solar system). It is a one year mission worth \$337 million. This is TESS's first discovery. Super-Earth: It is named as Pi Mensae c. It is 60 light-years away. It orbits its sun every 6.3 days. Hot-Earth: It is named as LHS 3844 b. It is 49 light-years away. It orbits its sun every 11 hours. Both the planets are too hot to support life.

Question 3: Who signs a deal with Softbank and NTT Communications to roll out 5G and internet of things (It) technology in India?

- A. Vodafone
- B. Jio
- C. Airtel
- D. BSNL

Answer: Option D

Explanation: State-run telecom firm BSNL has inked a pact with Japan's Softbank and NTT Communications to roll out 5G and internet of things (IoT) technology in India. BSNL will look at collaborating with Softbank for its satellite constellation which will have around 900 satellites. 3G was launched in India after seven years the technology was available in other foreign markets and 4G services after four years' lag but according to BSNL CMD Anupam Shrivastava 5G will be launched in India in 2020 as soon the standards are freezed by ITU.

Question 4: The World Alzheimer's Day is observed on which date?

- A. September 20
- B. September 21
- C. September 22
- D. September 23

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: World Alzheimer's Day was observed all over the world. World Alzheimer's Day is observed on 21 September since 2012. Also, September is observed as World Alzheimer's Month. On this day, Alzheimer's organizations throughout the world create awareness about Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease is a group of disorders that impairs memory and other mental functions.

Question 5: Which state tops in terms of "Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)?

- A. Odisha
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts among States in terms of "Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). It was followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. The three States were awarded the three best performing States under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018.

Question 6: BRICS New Development Bank has approved a \$525-million loan for the infrastructure projects of this Indian state recently.

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. West Bengal

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The BRICS New Development Bank has approved a \$525-million loan for infrastructure projects in India. The loan will be used by the Indian government for on-lending to the Madhya Pradesh government for rehabilitating major district roads with a total length of about 2,000 km. The loan aims to improve connectivity of the rural interior with the national and state highways.

Question 7: Which movie has been chosen as the India's official entry to Oscars 2019?

- A. Raees
- B. Tubelight
- C. Village Rockstars
- D. Jagga Jasoos

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Assamese movie "Village Rockstars" has been chosen to represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the 91st Academy Awards 2019. The film, which is directed by Rima Das,

also won the Best Feature film Award at the 65th National Film Awards. The film follows Dhunu, a girl who grows up in poverty and learns to fend for herself. However, that does not prevent her from following her dream of forming a rock band and owning a guitar someday.

Question 8: This stock exchange has signed an agreement with London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) for dual listing route for masala bonds and foreign currency bonds of Indian issuers.

- A. Bombay Stock Exchange
- B. National Stock Exchange
- C. Calcutta Stock Exchange
- D. Madras Stock Exchange

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: National Stock Exchange (NSE) and London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) signed a pact on a dual listing route for masala bonds as well as foreign currency bonds of Indian issuers. MOU was signed by NSE MD and CEO Vikram Limaye and London Stock Exchange Plc CEO Nikhil Rathi. Under the MOU, the masala bonds and foreign currency bonds in LSEG would be listed on NSE and the reverse would be done as well. This would help in: Enhancing visibility & increase liquidity in secondary markets, Also reduce the cost of raising capital for all issuers.

Question 9: The World Rose Day was observed on;

- A. September 22
- B. September 21
- C. September 20
- D. September 19

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Rose Day is observed on all over the world every year who are battling cancer. It was observed on September 22nd of every year. The purpose of celebrating Rose Day is to make cancer patients become strong to face the disease with spirit and will power.

Question 10: Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Steel Authority of India?

- A. Shri CA Parmod Bindal
- B. Shri Anil Kumar Chaudhary
- C. Shri Nilanjan Sanyal
- D. Ms. Soma Mondal

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed Anil Kumar Chaudhary as the new chairman of the Steel Authority of India till his superannuation in December 2020. PK Rath appointed as CMD of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) He is presently the Director (operations) in RINL.