

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS – AUGUST 2018

1. For which of the following missions has the Union Cabinet recently approved raising of funds as Extra Budgetary Resources?

- a. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- b. Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)
- c. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana
- d. MGNREGA

2. What is the theme of letter writing competition named Dhai Akhar organised by the Department of Posts?

- a. Letter to My Motherland
- b. Swachh Bharat
- c. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- d. Jai Jawan Jai Kisan

3. Who is the director of the film Halkaa which has been made under the aegis of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)?

- a. Konkona Sen Sharma
- b. Anurag Kashyap
- c. Mahesh Manjrekar
- d. Nila Madabh Panda

4. Which of the following has been recently included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves?

- a. Khangchendzonga
- b. Agasthyamalai
- c. Dehang-Dibang
- d. Manas

5. Who of the following has been chosen for the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award 2018?

- a. Rajmohan Gandhi
- b. Tushar Gandhi
- c. Gopal Krishna Gandhi
- d. Arun Gandhi

6. Which country has been in news for having used Novichok, a deadly nerve agent against its former intelligence officer?

- a. Russia
- b. Iran
- c. North Korea
- d. Venezuela

7. Lombok island which was hit by a devastating earthquake on Aug 5 killing more than 300 people is in which country?

- a. Philippines
- b. Indonesia
- c. Japan
- d. Australia

8. In which city has Ikea, the Swedish furniture manufacturer opened its first store in India?

- a. Bengaluru b. Pune c. Gurugram d. Hyderabad
9. President of which of the following countries survived a drone attack on his life recently?
- a. Brazil b. Venezuela c. Columbia d. Cuba
10. Which of the following states has launched a smartphone distribution scheme called Mobile Tihar?
- a. Rajasthan b. Madhya Pradesh c. Chhattisgarh d. Uttarakhand
11. Which State has become the first in the country to implement the National Policy on Biofuels?
- a. Rajasthan b. Tamil Nadu c. Kerala d. Maharashtra
12. Of which country has Mr. Emmerson Mnangagwa been elected the President?
- a. Uganda b. Liberia c. Zimbabwe d. Ethiopia
13. To how many beneficiaries have cooking gas connections been distributed under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana till date?
- a. One crore b. Two crores c. Three crores d. Five crores
14. Which country recently launched its first hypersonic aircraft name Xingkong-2 (Starry Sky-2)?
- a. China b. Japan c. South Korea d. North Korea
15. With which country does India conduct the joint military exercise Maitree?
- a. Singapore b. Sri Lanka c. Thailand d. Indonesia
16. What is the cashback (on GST amount) offered for Digital Transactions done via BHIM, Rupay or USSD mode as announced by the GST Council?
- a. 20% upto Rs. 100 b. 10% upto Rs. 200
- c. 20% upto Rs. 200 d. 10% upto Rs. 100
17. Which State has launched One District, One Product scheme to enhance skills of local people and provide employment?
- a. Rajasthan b. Gujarat c. Maharashtra d. Uttar Pradesh
18. Justice Gita Mittal was recently sworn in as the first female Chief Justice of High Court of -
- a. Jammu & Kashmir b. Delhi c. Uttarakhand d. Chandigarh
19. Balramji Dass Tandon who passed away on 14 August 2018 was the serving Governor of which State?

30. Which month has been chosen to be observed as Poshan Maah (Nutrition Month) by the Govt of India?

- a. August b. September c. October d. November

31. Which company has become the first Indian company to cross 8 trillion rupees in market capitalisation?

- a. Reliance Industries b. TCS Ltd
c. HDFC Bank d. Hindustan Lever

32. Scott Morrison is the new Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- a. Canada b. Ireland c. New Zealand d. Australia

33. In which country was the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Peace Mission Exercise held from 22 to 29 August 2018?

- a. China b. Kazhakstan c. Russia d. Tajikistan

34. Which Australian cricketer's autobiography is titled No Spin: My Autobiography?

- a. Shane Warne b. Ricky Ponting c. Brett Lee d. Craig McDermott

35. Which of the following cities was the venue of the 4th BIMSTEC Summit held from 30 to 31 August 2018?

- a. New Delhi b. Kathmandu c. Bangkok d. Dhaka

36. Which of the following companies has launched a project named Navlekha to allow Indian vernacular news publishers to get their content online?

- a. Microsoft b. Google c. Amazon d. Apple

37. As per the new Drone Regulations to come into force on 01.12.2018, drones will be allowed to fly upto a maximum altitude of -

- a. 400 feet b. 400 meters c. 1000 feet d. 1000 meters

38. Which airline recently flew India's first biofuel powered flight?

- a. Indigo b. Spicejet c. Air India d. Vistara

39. Between which two cities was India's first biofuel powered flight operated recently?

- a. Jaipur and Delhi b. Ahmedabad and Mumbai
c. Lucknow and Patna d. Dehradun and Delhi

40. The fuel used to operate India's first biofuel powered flight was extracted from which of the following plants?

- a. Jatropha b. Moringa c. Lantana d. Parthenium

41. Who of the following is the developer of the Neta app which was recently launched by the former President Shri Pranab Mukherjee?

- a. Vijay Sharma b. Pratham Mittal c. Phanindra Sama d. Ankit Bhati

42. Which international organization recently launched world's first blockchain bond named Bond-i?

- a. IMF b. World Bank c. European Union d. BRICS

43. Beyond the Lines is the autobiography of which famous journalist who passed away recently?

- a. Tarun Sagar b. Vijay Chavan c. Gurudas Kamat d. Kuldip Nayyar

44. To which country did Kofi Annan, the former UN Secretary General, who passed away in Aug 2018 belong?

- a. Ghana b. Portugal c. Austria d. Sweden

45. HeliNa is a helicopter launched version of which of the following missiles?

- a. Prithvi b. Agni c. Nag d. Trishul

46. Which country hosted the World Hindi Conference in August 2018?

- a. Maldives b. Mauritius c. Canada d. Nepal

47. As per the Ease of Living Index launched by the Central Govt, which city is not among top FOUR ranked cities in India?

- a. Pune b. Navi Mumbai c. Tirupati d. Hyderabad

48. As the Global Liveability Index released by Economic Intelligence Unit, London, which city has been ranked at No. 1 position?

- a. Vienna b. Sydney c. Osaka d. Melbourne

49. Which was the first Union Cabinet portfolio held by the former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

- a. Home Minister b. Defence Minister c. Foreign Minister d. Railway Minister

50. Which of the following schemes was launched during the tenure of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee?

- a. Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana b. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

c. Janani Suraksha Yojana

c. Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana

51. The birth anniversary of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee is observed in India as –

a. Good Governance Day

b. National Integration Day

c. Civil Services Day

d. National Youth Day

52. Identify the first captain of India's one-day international cricket team who passed away recently?

a. Sunil Gavaskar

b. Kapil Dev

c. BS Bedi

d. Ajit Wadekar

53. Which of the following produced a documentary on the President's Bodyguard, the oldest surviving mounted unit of the Indian Army?

a. National Geographic

b. Discovery

c. Films Division, Gol

d. Dharma Productions

54. For which of the following books was VS Naipaul awarded the Booker Prize?

a. A House for Mr. Biswas

b. In a Free State

c. A Bend in the River

d. An Area of Darkness

55. Who of the following has been elected as the new Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha?

a. BK Hariprasad

b. Harivansh Narayan Singh

c. Ravindra Kishore Sinha

d. Rajeev Chandrashekhar

56. As per the recent amendments what is the colour combination for displaying registration mark on battery operated vehicles?

a. White on green background

b. Black on green background

c. Yellow on green background

d. Yellow on green background

57. Who of the following has been awarded the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award 2017?

a. Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab

b. Smt Najma Heptullah

c. Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad

d. Shri Dinesh Trivedi

58. In which of these banks has the Govt approved acquisition of controlling stake by LIC thus reducing Govt share to less than 50%?

a. Corporation Bank

b. IDBI Bank

c. NABARD

d. SIDBI

59. The Constitution (One hundred and twenty third) Amendment Bill, 2017 introduced in Parliament relates to which of the following?

- a. Constitutional Status to National Commission for Backward Classes
- b. Prevention of Atrocities on SCs and STs
- c. Decriminalising Section 377 of Indian Penal Code
- d. Grant of special status to Jammu and Kashmir

60. Which country won the Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 held in London?

- a. Spain
- b. Malaysia
- c. India
- d. Netherlands

61. In the World Badminton Championships 2018 which position was secured by Indian shuttler PV Sindhu?

- a. First
- b. Second
- c. Third
- d. Fourth

62. अतुल्य भारत की अमूल्य निधि (Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India) is the new tagline of which of the following?

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. ITDC
- c. Geographical Indications
- d. IRCTC

Answers

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| 11. a | 12. c | 13. d | 14. a | 15. c | 16. a | 17. d | 18. a | 19. b | 20. b |
| 21. a | 22. d | 23. a | 24. c | 25. c | 26. b | 27. a | 28. c | 29. d | 30. b |
| 31. a | 32. d | 33. c | 34. a | 35. b | 36. b | 37. a | 38. b | 39. d | 40. a |
| 41. b | 42. b | 43. d | 44. a | 45. c | 46. b | 47. d | 48. a | 49. c | 50. b |
| 51. a | 52. d | 53. a | 54. b | 55. b | 56. c | 57. a | 58. b | 59. a | 60. d |
| 61. b | 62. c | | | | | | | | |

Additional information on some of the answers

1. The approval has been accorded for raising Rs. 15,000 crore as Extra Budgetary Resources (GoI Fully Serviced Bonds) for Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] during the financial year 2018-19 through NABARD.

4. 11 out of 18 biosphere reserves in India are now included in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

14. The aircraft can travel at about 6 times the speed of sound and has unpredictable trajectory making it capable of breaking through any current generation anti-missile defence system.

15. Maitree 2018 was conducted in Chachoengsao province of Thailand from 6 to 19 Aug.

17. One district, One Product Summit was inaugurated by the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind in Lucknow. The scheme aims to provide employment to 25 lakh people in five years through the financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 crores.

23. The feat was achieved in a project coordinated by International Wheat Genome Consortium. The research article was authored by more than 200 scientists from 73 research institutions in 20 countries. A team of 18 Indian scientists co-authoring this paper, led by Dr. Kuldeep Singh at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) Ludhiana, Professor J. P. Khurana at the University of Delhi South Campus, and Professor Nagendra Singh at ICAR-National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi, contributed to the decoding of Chromosome 2A of the wheat genome. This project was financially supported by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.

24. The service allows users to make and receive calls from anywhere in India and abroad with any landline or mobile. The customers can enjoy unlimited audio or video calls for a year by paying a one-time activation fee of Rs 1,099.

26. The nine tournaments which are part of ATP Masters 1000 are Canadian Open (Montreal, Toronto), Cincinnati Masters, Indian Wells Masters, Italian Open (Rome), Madrid Open, Miami Open, Monte-Carlo Masters, Paris Masters and Shanghai Masters.

28. The chick was born to the penguin pair of "Mr Molt" and "Flipper" at Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan and Zoo but unfortunately died a few days later.