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Question 1

1. The panel headed by Chief Economic Advisor had recommended the steep increase in MSP for pulses.
2. In July 2016 the government of India has formed a panel to look into MSP (minimum support prices) for pulses.
3. Accepting expert panel's recommendation and parliamentary committees' recommendation government of India has decided to increase MSP for pulses, to increase import of pulses and to start contract farming of pulses in Africa.
4. Parliamentary committee had recommended import of pulses and contract farming of pulses in Africa to arrest the inflation.
5. Government has taken numbers of steps to arrest inflation of pulses.

Question 2

1. He faced prosecution six times on charges of obscenity, three times in Bangladesh and three times in India proves that people across the border took note of Rambo.
2. He lived for less than forty years: written seventeen short stories, a novel, four radio plays and five essays.
3. An icon for some, an iconoclast for vast multitudes, Rambo stays in vogue.
4. Rambo mattered, whether one liked him, followed him, or hated him, the truth was that nobody could ignore Rambo.
5. Like religion, Rambo never goes out of fashion.
6. It has remained the same, around 50 years after he breathed his last in Dhaka.

Question 3

1. For example, a multinational group with a Europe-wide pay freeze should be flexible enough to authorise salary increases to specialists and managers in developing countries.
2. Second, It is an undeniable fact that the companies from emerging-market and established multinationals are rivals.
3. First, businesses need to respond faster before pay changes.
4. A case in point today is an African continent where rapid growth in some countries, notably Nigeria, has convinced many business people that the continent's time may finally have arrived.
5. The well-paid expatriate foreign managers always inspire the local Indian executives to ask for more and employers need to respond.
6. In such countries, the mobility of executive in upper level of the hierarchy is accompanied by an increase in pay package of executives.

Question 4

1. This is the right time to exercise cooperative federalism.
2. Even as agriculture needs a state intervention, with the latest agricultural report indicating negative growth in agriculture sector and reduction in farm holdings in Tamil Nadu.
3. Centre and the states need to allay mistrust and evolve solutions as a team.
4. Also, the Cauvery region is highly vulnerable to the climate change threat.
5. Rather than wasting energy in fighting with each other Tamil Nadu and Karnataka should divert their attention for more constructive work, like encouraging farmers to switch water-intensive crops to less water intensive-crops.
6. Indiscriminate urbanisation and industrialisation have added to water woes.

Question 5

1. Since the introduction of Bt cotton in 2002 India's experience with GM (Genetically Modified) crops has not been a pleasant one. Though cotton yield has doubled but some of these apprehensions have emerged.
2. The journey of GM crops in India has never been a smooth one.
3. Environmental activists still believe that commercialization of GM crops will adversely affect biodiversity, farmers' livelihood, create monopolies in agriculture input sector and loss of food sovereignty in long runs.
4. All of this cacophony is due to politics rather than science.
5. Though cleared by GEAC in 2010, Bt brinjal's commercial release was stopped by then environment minister Jairam Ramesh under pressure from civil society groups.
6. But subsequent issues regarding intellectual property rights and predatory pricing had made people suspicious.

Question 6

1. As the mist exits the snow machine, the mist crystallizes on the nucleating material, allowing it to form snow-like particles.
2. Depending on the quality of the machine, artificial snow can look as good as the real thing.
3. Doing this turns the water into a mist, which is then introduced with compressed air to break it up even further.
4. It then pressurizes the mixture and forces it out of an atomizer.
5. Snow machines work by first mixing water with a nucleating material.

Question 7

1. Instead, the high heat causes the fiber's atoms violently vibrate until all the non-carbon atoms are expelled.
2. Making carbon fiber is both a physical and a chemical process.
3. The fiber's precursor is stretched into long strands and then heated at a very high temperature in an environment with no oxygen.
4. The lack of oxygen keeps the fibers from burning.
5. This process is called carbonization, whereby non-carbon atoms are forced out to create an interlocking chain of carbon atoms.

Question 8

1. In the United States, Lake Erie was dead. In Europe, the Rhine was on fire. In Japan, people were dying of mercury poisoning.
2. The environmental revolution has been almost three decades in the making, and it has changed forever how companies do business.
3. In the 1960s and 1970s, corporations were in a state of denial regarding their impact on the environment.
4. Then a series of highly visible ecological problems created a groundswell of support for strict government regulation.
5. Today many companies have accepted their responsibility to do no harm to the environment

Question 9- 14

The search for extraterrestrial **(1)**_____ has looked for many different signs of alien life, from radio broadcasts to laser flashes, without success. However, newly published research suggests that **(2)**_____ phenomena called fast radio bursts could be **(3)**_____ of advanced alien technology. Specifically, these **(4)**_____ might be leakage from planet-sized transmitters **(5)**_____ interstellar probes in distant galaxies.

powering, mysterious, evidence, bursts, intelligence

Question 15-20

To power a light sail, the transmitter would need to **(1)**_____ a beam on it continuously. Observers on Earth would see a brief flash because the sail and its **(2)**_____ planet, star and galaxy are all moving **(3)**_____ to us. As a result, the beam sweeps across the sky and only **(4)**_____ in our direction for a moment. Repeated appearances of the beam, which were observed but cannot be explained by cataclysmic **(5)**_____ events, might provide important clues about its artificial origin.

relative, focus, host, astrophysical, points

Question 21-25

The research focused on the **(1)**_____ and function of dendrites, which are components of neurons, the nerve cells in the brain. Neurons are large, tree-like structures made up of a body, the soma, with **(2)**_____ branches called dendrites extending outward. Somas **(3)**_____ brief electrical pulses called "spikes" in order to **(4)**_____ and communicate with each other. Scientists had generally believed that the somatic spikes activate the dendrites, which **(5)**_____ send currents to other neurons' somas, but this had never been directly tested before.

connect, numerous, structure, passively, generate

Question 26-30

Scientists have generally believed that dendrites meekly sent **(1)**_____ they received from the cell's synapse (the junction between two neurons) to the soma, which in turn **(2)**_____ an electrical impulse. Those short electrical bursts, known as somatic spikes, were thought to be at the heart of

neural **(3)**_____ and learning. But the new study **(4)**_____ that dendrites generate their own spikes 10 times more often than the somas. The researchers also found that dendrites generate large **(5)**_____ in voltage in addition to the spikes; the spikes are binary, all-or-nothing events.

fluctuations, generated, computation, demonstrated, currents