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###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

The error lies in the third part of the sentence. Being preceded by the helping verb 'was', the verb 'know' needs to take on its past participle form to maintain the tone of the sentence.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

2. Ans. A.

Note that Lest is a negative word and we do not use 'not, never or no' with lest.

3. Ans. D.

Note the correct co-relative conjunction is 'Not only...but also'. In the fourth part, 'but' is missing which must be placed before 'also' for the sentence to make sense.

4. Ans. C.

Note that belonging is (uncountable) the action of the verb to belong while belongings is possessions or personal items. And in the given context, the latter makes sense.

5. Ans. A.

The Otts said they left Fort Lauderdale as "...Fort Lauderdale was getting too crowded" indicates the increase in the population of Fort Lauderdale. Hence, the correct answer is A.

6. Ans. C.

"A certified community must meet criteria that are important to retirees..." "Access to coastal areas" is not an important factor to retirees. People have changed their residence when places get "overcrowded", and are advised to check travel convenience and availability of medical facilities. Hence, the correct answer is C.

7. Ans. D.

Only option III is correct. The reasons are as follows:

I: "Communities are actively seeking out retirees as a way to boost

economic development." Clearly, the retirees have much to give to the communities. So, option I is false.

II: Here, Fort Lauderdale is described as even a retirement mecca because it attracts plenty of retirees. So, option II is false.

III: "If you ever wanted to be useful or needed, a small town is the place for you..." When people have such involvement in the communities, they do not live an idle life. So, option III is true.

Hence, the correct answer is D.

8. Ans. E.

The first two paragraphs present an idyllic picture of the small towns as retirement settings. But the third paragraph starts with the downside of such a setting. This shift in mood should be marked by a suitable statement. Option E begins with "but" and introduces the topic that small towns may not be as perfect as we think them to be. Hence, the correct answer is E.

9. Ans. D.

The paragraph suggests that there is a "social pressure to become involved". This could be seen as an obligation, neglect of which might direct resentment towards you. But the passage doesn't make it clear how far this resentment will go. But, since most people in the community don't turn hostile, we can say that the given reference is probably false. Hence, the correct answer is D.

10. Ans. B.

Morrison was advising about how to keep oneself busy while living in a small town. This advice was the result of him living in one. Hence, the correct answer is B.

11. Ans. A.

If housing options are limited, then from the given options, "a suitable

home" will be the most difficult to find, as experienced by the Carlsens of Walla Walla. Hence, the correct answer is A.

12. Ans. C.

Only options II & III are correct. The reasons are as follows:

I: Doctors "...escape big cities for the simpler life". This is a personal life choice and has no relation to their work environment. So, option I is false.

II: "If you treasure your anonymity, you may not want to live in a place where everyone really knows your name, as well as your business..." shows that the people have no regard for personal privacy. They even notice tiny details like "...a new awning on your house or whether you left 15 minutes early that day, or whether your cat was wandering down the street." So, option II is true.

III: Of all the community activities, golf and fishing are the ones specifically mentioned. Clearly, there's a preference among the retirees. So, option III is true.

Hence, the correct answer is C.

13. Ans. B.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The phrase 'one of the' is always followed by a singular verb. Also, "myself" is a reflexive pronoun and is used when you are the object of your own action - i.e., when "you" are doing something to "you." (Ex: I could write the songs myself, but they sound better when they are written by Barry Manilow and me). However, the pronoun "me" is used as an object. (Ex: The songs are written by me.). Therefore, the emboldened segment should be replaced with 'was employed to copy the papers for me' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

14. Ans. C.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The word 'found' is the past tense of the verb 'find'. The word 'founded' is the part tense of the verb 'found' which means to establish/set up.

We need a past tense in the sentence. Also, the preposition 'in' is used to express a period of time during which an event happens, or a situation remains the case.

Hence, the emboldened segment should be replaced with 'founded by Francisco Hernandez de Cordova in 1523' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

15. Ans. C.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The subject in the sentence is singular i.e. 'the repeated administration'. Since the verb must agree with the main subject and not with the intervening plural object of a preposition, the verb should be singular i.e. 'has'.

Also, an adjective is required to modify the noun 'repeated administration'. Therefore, the emboldened phrase must be replaced with 'the repeated administration of small ones has proved effectual' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

16. Ans. B.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The error is because of the usage of adverb 'anonymously'. We need an adjective to modify the noun 'a German translation of the Systema Naturae'. Therefore, 'anonymous' must be used instead of 'anonymously'. Also, 'hitherto' means

'until now or until the point in time under discussion'.

Hence, the emboldened phrase can be replaced by 'which had hitherto been technically anonymous' or 'which had been technically anonymous until now' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

17. Ans. B.

Note that with the phrase 'A group of' we always use a plural noun. In this case the correct plural of 'passer by' is 'passersby'. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

18. Ans. D.

The sentence implies that locals and visitors love to move along the beautiful coastline.

All the three words, 'meander', 'stroll', and 'roam' meaning 'wander at random' are the apt fits for the blank.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

19. Ans. B.

To manage the diversity, one should be able to understand or determine the key differences among them. 'Discern' meaning 'recognize or find out' is the apt fit for the blank.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

The meanings of the other words are: Putrefy: (of a body or other organic matter) decay or rot and produce a fetid smell.

Enjoin: instruct or urge (someone) to do something.

20. Ans. C.

The sentence implies that it was misrepresentation of justice when she was not allowed to speak in her own defence.

'Travesty' meaning 'a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something' is the apt fit for the blank.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

The meanings of the other words are: Exult: feel or show triumphant elation or jubilation.

Derision: contemptuous ridicule or mockery.

21. Ans. D.

The sentence implies that the subject's criticisms were always insignificant, and they never offered constructive suggestions.

All the three words, 'frivolous' meaning 'not having any serious purpose or value', 'thoughtless' meaning '(of a person or their behaviour) not showing consideration for the needs of other people', and 'flippant' meaning 'not showing a serious or respectful attitude' can fit in the blank aptly.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

22. Ans. A.

The sentence implies that the event was an historic one that caused a sea-change in public attitudes.

Both 'momentous' meaning 'of great importance or significance, especially in having a bearing on future events' and 'significant' meaning 'sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy' are the apt fits for the blanks.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

'Sagacious' means 'having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement; wise or shrewd'.

23. Ans. A.

In the sentence, "Leonard calls it "tacit knowledge"", "it" refers to the knowledgeable gainer from the experience, not the experience itself.

Hence, the correct answer is A.

24. Ans. D.

Even while bidding the senior employee farewell, the current

employees are worried about the future in her absence. This makes them, and by extension, the passage's overall tone. *apprehensive*. Hence, the correct answer is D.

25. Ans. B.

The company had to come up with a board game instead of a proper strategy. This strategy is also limited to just one company (Duke). Despite all the shortcomings, this is a strategy nonetheless, however unconventional. This given inference, thus, is probably true. Hence, the correct answer is B.

26. Ans. E.

The first paragraph talks about how employees retire over 10,000 times a day. The employees, while retiring, take away valuable experience along with them. So, when the paragraph says "haemorrhaging its veteran employees", it refers to lose or expend large amounts of experience employees. Hence, the correct answer is E.

27. Ans. C.

Sunk means experiencing serious trouble, or unable to solve a problem. Submerge means cause (something) to be under water.

Subside means become less intense, violent, or severe.

Slump means a period of substantial failure or decline.

Succumb means fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force.

Sag means sink, subside, or bulge downwards underweight or pressure or through lack of strength.

Hence, the correct answer is C.

28. Ans. A.

"Knowledge is the critically-important stuff in your head that has never been written down." Stuff in the head that can't be written down, cannot be

stored by any physical means. Hence, the correct answer is A.

29. Ans. E.

The seventh paragraph begins with "Business can start...". We need the previous sentence to state what needs to be started. Option E states this as the preparations for the retirement of a generation. It also provides a solution for the loss of experienced employees discussed in the given passage. Hence, the correct answer is E.

30. Ans. A.

From the different parts it is evident that the sentence aims to present a comparison between forest fires in different areas. The sentence should begin with part D. parts E and A form an unit which list two areas. Part B which talks of a single area and uses the comparative 'dwarfed' must come in second position. This makes option A the only eligible correct answer.

31. Ans. B.

From the given parts, it is evident that part B should start the sentence. This is because it draws attention to the people who have the virus and the rest of the sentence then goes on to explain their symptoms. Thus, option B which has part B in the beginning is the correct answer.

32. Ans. D.

When we observe the given parts we can see that part A should begin the sentence as it introduces the topic of fires. Their immediate effect is listed in part B which becomes the second part. Thus, options D or E can be the correct answer. Part B should be followed by part C which introduces the said 'vicious cycle'. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

33. Ans. A.

From the given parts it is clear that the sentence should begin with part B which presents the problem. It should

be followed by part C which talks about the issues with the problem. Since we have established that the sequence should go 'BC...' it is clear that option A is the correct answer.

34. Ans. E.

From the given parts it is evident that the sentence wants to point towards a warning issued by an authority/organisation. Thus, the sentence should begin with part A followed by part B. this makes either options D or E the correct answer. Part D talks about the issue of warning and thus comes in third spot. This makes option E the correct answer.

35. Ans. C.

From the given parts it is evident that part E should begin the sentence as the sentence aims to praise the quick action of authorities while urging them regarding future actions. Now, only option C has E in the first spot making it the correct answer.

36. Ans. E.

The above given sentence intends to state that India's federal power structure was highly reinforced during the 1990s as an outcome of a reluctant placing of new political realities. Hence, D-E should interchange each other to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, E will be right answer choice.

37. Ans. E.

The given sentence is giving perfect sense. The context of the sentence is that it is obvious that soon, there will be no choice left to the state and local authorities to restrict the activities in order to manage with the disturbing surge of cases. Hence, option E is the right answer choice.

38. Ans. C.

A-B and D-E will need replacement to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

The context of the sentence is Iran is insisting USA to remove the sanctions first while Washington is asking Iran to take the first step and resume its compliance with the pact, the dispute between USA and Iran remains to be huge. 'Sanctions' should come in place of 'insisting' and 'remains' should come in place of 'pact' to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct. Hence, option C is the right answer choice.

39. Ans. B.

The context of the sentence is that the void created by the departure of the US military machine should be filled forces that are not contrary to the peace, prosperity and permanency of Afghanistan and its neighbours. In this context, C-E i.e. 'forces-stability' will interchange each other to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, B will be right answer choice.

40. Ans. B.

The given sentence above intends to state that Jonathan is aware of the fact that Shashi Tharoor has accused the British of building the railways so that they can smoothen the process of getting the loot out of India. In this context, C-E should be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, B will be right answer choice.

41. Ans. A.

* 2nd Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Disaster Management Exercise (BIMSTEC DMEx-2020) was held in Bhubaneswar (Odisha)

* The exercise was held from 11th February 2020 to 13th February 2020 and concluded at Puri, Odisha.

42. Ans. D.

* Indian Under-19 cricket team represents India in cricket at Under-19 level.

* Indian team has won four Under-19 World Cups and has the best win percentage in ODIs (77%) among all Under-19 national teams.

* Priyam Garg is currently the captain of Indian team in ICC U-19 cricket world cup.

43. Ans. B.

* Novak Djokovic has won Men's single title in Australian Open 2020, defeating Dominic Thiem in the final by 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.[2]

* It was his eighth Australian Open and 17th Grand Slam singles title, Djokovic also regained the ATP no. 1 singles ranking from Rafael Nadal.

44. Ans. C.

* R.K Pachauri who recently passed away was the Chief Executive of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) since 1981 and led the institute for more than three decades and demitted office as Executive Vice Chairman of TERI in 2016.

45. Ans. B.

* 'Ajeya Warrior' exercise is being held between India and United Kingdom.

* The fifth edition of India-UK joint military exercise 'Ajeya Warrior' was conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom

* It was conducted from 13th to 26th February, 2020

* Aim of this exercise is to conduct army level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorism operations.

46. Ans. C.

* Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has developed India's lightest level III plus bullet proof jacket (6.8 kgs nominal weight), which is named as Bhabha Kavach.

* This jacket is based on indigenous hot pressed boron carbide and carbon nanotube technologies.

* It has qualified all the ballistic tests required as per the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the new Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

47. Ans. A.

* Parasite became the first non-English language film to win Best Picture at Oscars 2020.

* Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) presented Oscars 2020 (92nd Academy Awards).

48. Ans. E.

* Addis Ababa is the capital and largest city of Ethiopia.

* It is located on a well-watered plateau surrounded by hills and mountains, in the geographic centre Ethiopia.

49. Ans. C.

* India signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Iceland in the field of Fisheries.

* MoU will facilitate creation of facilities for exchange of scientists and technical experts and their proper placement, especially in areas of estimating Total Allowable Catches in off shore and deep sea areas.

50. Ans. A.

* According to Public Enterprises Survey tabled in Parliament, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) were the top three profitable PSUs in 2018-19

* BSNL, Air India and MTNL incurred highest losses for a third consecutive year, according to a survey 2018-19.

51. Ans. B.

* Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has designed a unique concept 'Apiary on Wheels' for the easy upkeep and migration of bee boxes having live bee colonies.

* It has been flagged off in Delhi by Union Minister of MSME, Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari.

52. Ans. C.

* Kaamya Karthikeyan became the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America.

* She is a class seven student of Navy Children School (NCS) in Mumbai

* Mt. Aconcagua is the highest peak outside Asia at 6962 metres.

53. Ans. A.

* The official names for Corona Virus as issued by WHO (World Health Organization) are COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 on 11 February 2020.

54. Ans. D.

* Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has been elected as the President for a second term as Portugal in the first round of voting.

55. Ans. D.

* Army's College of Military Engineering jointly with a private firm has developed "Parth" gunshot locator device

* It costs much cheaper than the imported ones.

* The device costs around Rs 3 lakhs, and if inducted, would replace a similar imported item which costs around Rs 65 lakhs.

56. Ans. B.

* Theme of UN International Day of Education 2020 is 'Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace'.

* The theme highlights the integrated nature of education, its humanistic aims, as well as its centrality to our collective development ambitions.

57. Ans. A.

* UNESCO World Heritage Site Buddhist Monuments 'Hōryū-ji Area' is located at Hōryū-ji and Hokki-ji in Ikaruga, Nara Prefecture, Japan.

* These buildings were designated in 1993 along with the surrounding landscape, under several criteria.

58. Ans. A.

* Amazon has invested Rs 11,624 crore (\$1.6 billion) for setting up of two data centres on the outskirts of Hyderabad in Ranga Reddy district.

* More than 90 per cent of the investment would go towards the high-end computer and storage equipment that would be housed at these two data centres.

59. Ans. A.

* President Ram Nath Kovind has released mobile app of Red Cross Society of India in Hyderabad, Telangana

* The app has been developed by the Telangana Centre for Good Governance in less than three months, the mobile app is accessible in all languages.

60. Ans. B.

• Noted Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri (known as 'Akkitham'- 93 years) has been declared the recipient of the 55th Jnanpith Award (country's highest literary honour) for the year 2019.

• His work includes Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam, or the legend of the 20th century, which is considered to have brought modernism into Malayalam poetry.

• Akkitham is the 6th Malayalam writer to be conferred this award.

• Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri is the recipient of the Padma Shri (in 2017), Kerala Sahitya Academy Award (in 1971), the Sahitya Academy Award (in 1973), and the Vayalar Award (in 2012).

• Writer Amitav Ghosh was the recipient of the Jnanpith Award in 2018.

61. Ans. B.

• West Bengal is the largest producer of rice in India.

• Rice is regarded as the master crop of coastal India and in few regions of eastern India.

• Rice is the basic food crop and being a tropical plant, it flourishes comfortably in hot and humid climate. Rice is mainly grown in rain fed areas that receive heavy annual rainfall.

62. Ans. C.

• Intensive agriculture is a system of cultivation using large amounts of labour and capital relative to land area.

• Large amounts of labour and capital are necessary to the application of fertilizer, insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides to growing crops, and capital is particularly important to the acquisition and maintenance of high-efficiency machinery.

63. Ans. A.

• Sericulture is the production of raw silk by means of raising caterpillars (larvae), particularly those of the domesticated silkworm (*Bombyx mori*).

• It involves two processes: Care of the silkworm from the egg stage through completion of the cocoon.

64. Ans. D.

• PMKSY has the following components:

- **Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP):** It focuses on faster completion of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation including National Projects.

- **Har Khet ko Pani:** Creation of new water sources through Minor Irrigation (both surface and ground water), Repair, restoration and renovation of water bodies, Creating

and rejuvenating traditional water storage systems, etc

- **Per Drop More Crop**

- **Watershed Development:**

Effective management of runoff water and improved soil & moisture conservation activities and Converging with MGNREGS for creation of water source.

65. Ans. E.

• Fifth edition of biennial global pulses conference, 'The Pulses Conclave' was held from February 12th to 14th, 2020 at Amby Valley City in Lonavala, Maharashtra.

• It was organized by India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA), the nodal body for India's pulses trade and industry.

66. Ans. D.

• Provisions of loans and subsidies is an institutional reform.

• Improved tools and mechanization, Transport and Communication, Irrigation Development, Certified Seed Distribution, Development of surface and ground water irrigation and rural electrification are the technological reforms.

67. Ans. E.

• 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance was recently held in Delhi.

• It was jointly organized by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Asia - Pacific Rural Agricultural and Credit Association (APRACA) on 12th and 13th November.

• It aims at bringing together stakeholders of rural and agricultural finance all over the world.

68. Ans. C.

• GOBAR-DHAN stands for Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBAR-DHAN)

• The scheme is implemented under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin-Phase

2, by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Jal Shakti ministry.

- It to augment income of farmers by converting biodegradable waste into compressed biogas (CBG).

69. Ans. A.

- Total horticulture production in 2019-20 is expected to be 313.35 million tonnes (mt), about 0.84% higher than 2018-19, according to first advance estimates.

- As per the final estimates, the total horticulture production of the country in 2018-19 was estimated to be 310.74 mt.

70. Ans. D.

- Contour farming is the practice of tilling sloped land along lines of consistent elevation in order to conserve rainwater and to reduce soil losses from surface erosion.

- It has been proved to reduce fertilizer loss, power and time consumption, and wear on machines, as well as to increase crop yields and reduce erosion.

71. Ans. C.

- Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) Deposits are drawn from banks who have already defaulted in priority sector lending.

72. Ans. A.

- First Advance Estimates of production of major Kharif crops for 2019-20 have been released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare

- As per First Advance Estimates, the estimated production of foodgrains crops is estimated at 140.57 million during Kharif 2019-20 showing decline from 141.71 million tonnes in kharif 2018-19.

73. Ans. B.

- World Bank on Wednesday cut India's growth for financial year 2020 to 5% from 6% estimated earlier, a

day after the country's statistics office pegged growth in the current financial year at 5%.

74. Ans. E.

- * Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) is designed to strengthen Gram Sabhas to function as effective institutions with social inclusion of citizens particularly the vulnerable groups.

- * Sunset date for RGSA will be 31st March 2030.

75. Ans. D.

- * Third industrial policy will replace the industrial policy of 1991 which was prepared in the backdrop of the balance of payment crisis.

- * First industrial policy was launched in 1956.

- * DPIIT had initiated the process of formulation of a new industrial policy in May 2017 and will subsume the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP).

76. Ans. B.

- * The 50th edition of the 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting was held in Davos, Switzerland from January 21-24, 2020.

- * The theme for World Economic Forum 2020 was "Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World".

77. Ans. C.

- * Government has extend the final deadline of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for resolution of insolvency and bankruptcy cases from the current 270 days to 330 days.

78. Ans. B.

- * IMF lowered down the 2019 growth forecast of India to 4.8% for this fiscal year due to the crisis in the non-banking financial sector and weak rural demand.

79. Ans. C.

- * National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is

planning to raise Rs 55,000 crore from the domestic market in the current financial year to fund its organisation's growth and also support various agricultural and rural development schemes of the government.

* It will raise this funds through long term bonds for 10-15 years tenures.

80. Ans. A.

* Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) aims to alleviate rural poverty and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for the rural poor.

* This mission is launched by Ministry of Rural Development.

81. Ans. B.

* Draft National Education Policy 2019 is based on five pillars of "access, equity, quality, affordability, accountability" and will transform India into a "vibrant knowledge hub.

82. Ans. D.

* Maharashtra had the highest gross state domestic product in financial year 2019, valued at over 26.3 trillion Indian rupees.

* Maharashtra is being followed by Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

83. Ans. D.

* Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) is the skill and placement initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development.

* It aims to target youth, in the age group of 15–35 years.

* It is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

84. Ans. D.

* The 'Agriculture Export Policy, 2019' aim to double farm exports to \$60 billion by 2022 from \$30 billion last year, and will invest Rs 1,400 crore to set up specialised clusters in different states for different produce to push exports.

85. Ans. B.

* Retail inflation in India rises to about five-and-half year high in December 2019 to 7.35% surpassing the RBI's comfort level, mainly due to spiralling prices of vegetables as onions were selling costlier.

86. Ans. A.

* Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) was launched on 11th October 2014

* Under SAGY, each Member of Parliament adopts a Gram Panchayat and guides its holistic progress giving importance for social development at par with infrastructure.

* Its distinct feature are:

* Demand Driven

* Inspired by Society

* Based on People's Participation

87. Ans. B.

* Share of services sector in the Indian economy has continued accounts for around 55% of total size of the economy and GVA growth, two-thirds of total FDI inflows into India and about 38 % of total exports.

* The share of services sector now exceeds 50 per cent of Gross State Value Added in 15 out of the 33 states and UTs.

88. Ans. B.

* Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched, as a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations of designated population size (500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-Eastern States, Himalayan States, Deserts and Tribal Areas as per 2001 census)

* Setu Bharatam Programme is to make all national highways free of railway crossings

* VAHAN (an ICT-based solution for vehicle registration) and SARATHI

(for licencing) apps have been launched to curb malpractices in issuing licences and vehicle registration.

89. Ans. C.

* Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has announced 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

* Millet is a collective term referring to various small-seeded annual grasses that are cultivated as grain crops, primarily on marginal lands in dry areas in temperate, subtropical and tropical regions.

90. Ans. B.

* Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY) aims to secure the lives of 5 crore small and marginal farmers by providing them a minimum pension of ₹3000 per month, who attains the age of 60 years.

* Age eligibility for PM-KMY: 18 to 40 years.

91. Ans. A.

* National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog releases Agricultural Marketing & Farm Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI)

* AMFFRI is an index which compares the status of reforms in the agriculture sector across all the states and UTs in the country.

* The first-ever index was released in October 2016.

92. Ans. C.

* As per the World Economic Forum's Global Risks report 2020, top 5 risk factors belongs to environment or climate change.

93. Ans. D.

* 124th amendment bill seeks to amend the Constitution to provide 10 per cent reservation in jobs and educational institutions to economically backward sections in the general category.

* Eligibility criteris for EWS quota:

* Candidate's annual family income must be less than Rs. 8 lakhs per annum.

* Family must not own more than 5 acres of agriculture land.

* Residential flat area should be below 1000 sq ft.

94. Ans. C.

* As per the Economic Survey 2019-20, GDP growth rate of India is 4.8 %, amidst a weak environment for global manufacturing, trade and demand.

95. Ans. C.

* Mega Food Park Scheme that provide finance to set up food processing units, facilitate grant-in-aid at 50% of eligible project cost in general areas and at 75% of eligible project cost in the North East Region and difficult areas (Hilly States and ITDP areas) subject to maximum of Rs.50 crores per project.

96. Ans. A.

* NITI Aayog's Transformation of Aspirational Districts' initiative was launched in 2018 to improve the rank of India Human Development Index.

* It aims to remove this heterogeneity through a mass movement to quickly and effectively transform these districts.

97. Ans. B.

• India was ranked 129 out of 189 countries on the 2019 Human Development Index (HDI) improving from the 130th position in 2018.

• HDI is part of the Human Development Report that is published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

• Norway, Switzerland, Ireland are the top three nations on the index.

• Germany occupies the fourth position along with Hong Kong, and Australia secured the fifth rank on the global ranking.

- India's neighbours Sri Lanka and China ranked higher, at 71 and 85 positions, respectively.
- HDI emphasizes that people and their capabilities should be the ultimate criteria for assessing the development of a country, not economic growth alone.
- HDI measures average achievement of a country in three basic dimensions of human development:
 - 1) A long and healthy life,
 - 2) Access to knowledge, and
 - 3) A decent standard of living.

98. Ans. D.

Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Area Development Programme and INtergrated Watershed Development Programme were consolidated under this component. The scheme doesn't follow a cluster based approach which is followed in Rurban Mission or PKVY.

99. Ans. D.

- LibTech India had recently conducted a study on MGNREGS that showed the following:
 - o For most rural workers dependent on the MGNREGS, their labour does not end at the work site.
 - o Many of them are forced to make multiple trips to the bank, adding travel costs and income losses, and face repeated rejections of payment, biometric errors and wrong information, just to get their hands on their wages.
 - o MGNREGS: 100 days of wage employment in rural India
 - o The study was conducted initially in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan.

100. Ans. A.

The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans and grants to the governments of the poorer countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects.

• It comprises two institutions:

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and
- The International Development Association (IDA).
- The World Bank is a component of the World Bank Group, which has five organizations, including the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Development Association (IDA), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).



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