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1. Which of the following teams won the 2017-18 Ranji Trophy at the Holkar stadium in Indore recently?

1) Delhi 2) Vidarbha 3) Mumbai 4) Saurashtra 5) Karnataka

2. Who among the following has been appointed the President of Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)?

1) Arun Singh 2) Prabhat Jha 3) Saroj Pandey 4) Bhupender Yadav 5) Vinay Sahasrabudhe

3. Which of the following has become the second state in the Northeast to be declared Open Defecation Free? The state has 21 districts.

1) Assam 2) Manipur 3) Arunachal Pradesh 4) Mizoram 5) Meghalaya

4. The anti-govt protests erupted over the govt's economic policies across different cities in which country recently? Several people have been killed in the protests.

1) Iran 2) Turkey 3) Greece 4) Egypt 5) Saudi Arabia

5. The UNESCO had declared the Old City of Hebron as an endangered World Heritage site. The site is located in

1) Spain 2) Netherlands 3) UK 4) Israel 5) Colombia

6. The Allahabad Bank has entered into an agreement with National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL). The bank is headquartered in

1) New Delhi 2) Mumbai 3) Lucknow 4) Allahabad 5) Kolkata

7. The Chief Minister of which of the following state went on Vikas Samiksha Yatra recently to assess the development in the state? Satya Pal Malik is the present governor of the state.

1) Himachal Pradesh 2) Gujarat 3) Madhya Pradesh 4) Bihar 5) Karnataka

8. The Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga project, that will take the fuel to eastern India, originates at Jagdishpur situated in

1) Odisha 2) Uttar Pradesh 3) Bihar 4) Jharkhand 5) West Bengal

9. The 2018 Republic Day will be celebrated with leaders of all 10 ASEAN countries coming to India as chief guests. Which of the following is NOT a ASEAN member?

1) Malaysia 2) Taiwan 3) Myanmar 4) Philippines 5) Singapore

10. The International Day of Disabled Persons is observed every year on

1) 01 Dec 2) 02 Dec 3) 03 Dec 4) 02 Jan 5) 03 Jan

11. Which state govt ushered in the New Year by gifting the farmers a 24-hour free power supply for agricultural purposes? 1) Maharashtra 2) Gujarat 3) Bihar 4) Telangana 5) Karnataka

12. The Assam govt has published the part draft of National Register of Citizens which includes names of 1.9 cr of total 3.29 cr people in the state. The present governor of Assam is

1) Jagdish Mukhi 2) Banwarilal Purohit 3) Janaki Ballabh Patnaik 4) Acharya Dev Vrat 5) Om Prakash Kohli

13. The output of the eight core sectors in the country rose at what per cent in Nov 2017? 1) 6.4 per cent 2) 6.5 per cent 3) 6.6 per cent 4) 6.7 per cent 5) 6.8 per cent

14. Who among the following has been appointment as the new Foreign Secretary to replace S Jaishankar? 1) Ajay Bisaria 2) Gautam Bambawale 3) Vijay Keshav Gokhale 4) Navtej Singh Sarma 5) Pankaj Saran

15. Bandhan Bank has filed draft papers with the Sebi for its initial public offer (IPO) to raise about Rs 2,500 cr. The Bandhan Bank is headquartered in 1) Chennai 2) Kolkata 3) Bengaluru 4) Hyderabad 5) Bhubaneswar

16. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have introduced VAT from 1 Jan 2018. The term VAT stands for 1) Varied Additional Tax 2) Value-Acquisition Tax 3) Valid Applicable Tax 4) Value-Added Tax 5) None of these

17. President Bashar al-Assad replaced his defence minister Fahd Jassem al-Freij as part of a govt reshuffle recently in which country? 1) Egypt 2) Turkey 3) Syria 4) Somalia 5) Nigeria

18. Who among the following won the King Salman FIDE World Blitz Championship at Riyadh recently? 1) Sergey Karjakin 2) Maxime Vachier-Lagrave 3) Ian Nepomniachtchi 4) Viswanathan Anand 5) Magnus Carlsen

19. Which country successfully tested its first photovoltaic highway recently? The road has wireless charging systems for electric vehicles. 1) Malaysia 2) China 3) France 4) UAE 5) Japan

20. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s spaceport is situated in Sriharikota in 1) Andhra Pradesh 2) Tamil Nadu 3) Odisha 4) Karnataka 5) Gujarat

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21. In which country, president Yoweri Museveni recently signed into law a bill that removes presidential age limit from the constitution? 1) Rwanda 2) Uganda 3) Nigeria 4) Somalia 5) Ghana
22. Anwar Jalalpuri passed away recently. He was a famous poet of 1) Bengali 2) Assamese 3) Urdu 4) Tamil 5) Marathi
23. Who among the following won the 2017 Royal Cup golf title in Pattaya, Thailand recently? 1) Shiv Kapur 2) Shiv Chawrasia 3) Arjun Atwal 4) Jyoti Randhawa 5) Gaganjeet Bhullar
24. The Finance Minister Arun Jaitley recently revealed the contours of new 'electoral bonds' to be used to donate to political parties. The bonds can be bought from specified branches of 1) PNB 2) ICICI Bank 3) Bank of Baroda 4) IDBI Bank 5) SBI
25. Who among the following is the Minister of State for Women & Child Development in the present Union Cabinet? 1) Upendra Kushwaha 2) Shripad Yesso Naik 3) Inderjit Singh Rao 4) Dr Virendra Kumar 5) VK Singh
26. Which of the following banks announced a 30-basis-point cut in old lending rate benchmarks on the eve of New Year? 1) ICICI Bank 2) HDFC Bank 3) Axis Bank 4) SBI 5) PNB
27. G Sathiyam recently became India's highest-ranked player in the latest rankings in the game of 1) Tennis 2) Table Tennis 3) Badminton 4) Squash 5) Snooker
28. The US military killed at least 17 Al-Shabaab terrorists recently. This terrorist group is active in 1) Somalia 2) Kuwait 3) Palestine 4) Iraq 5) Mauritania
29. India's manufacturing PMI hit five-year high in Dec 2017 at 54.7 per cent. The term PMI stands for 1) Purchasing Material Index 2) Participatory Management Index 3) Purchasing Masters' Index 4) Procurement Managers' Index 5) Purchasing Managers' Index
30. Which country recently banned Jamaat-ud-Dawa and Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation from collecting donations? 1) Afghanistan 2) Bangladesh 3) Pakistan 4) UAE 5) Malaysia
31. The Union Cabinet has approved the construction of Asia's longest bi-directional Zojila Pass tunnel at an estimated cost of Rs 6,089 cr in the state of 1) Jammu and Kashmir 2) Kerala 3) Tamil Nadu 4) Sikkim 5) Arunachal Pradesh
32. The Minister of Women & Child Development, Maneka Gandhi, recently launched an online portal to provide women with easy access to information on govt schemes and initiatives for them. The portal is 1) SHAKTI 2) NARI 3) SAATHI 4) SAHAY 5) SAHELI
33. The Reliance Industries recently commissioned world's largest refinery off-gas cracker (ROGC) project of 1.5 MMTPA capacity in 1) Mumbai 2) Mathura 3) Vadodara 4) Mangalore 5) Jamnagar
34. Who among the following has been crowned Miss India USA 2017? 1) Simran 2) Swapna Mannam 3) Shree Saini 4) Ishwarya 5) Prema
35. The SFIO will probe 57 suspected shell firms that deposited billions of rupees post-demonetisation period. The term SFIO means 1) Serial Fraud Investigation Office 2) Serious Fraud Interrogation Office 3) Suspicious Finance Investigation Office 4) Serious Fraud Investigation Office 5) None of these
36. Salil Parekh took charge as the new CEO of which of the following firms recently? 1) Wipro 2) TCS 3) Infosys 4) HCL 5) Tech Mahindra
37. The market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced the MPS rule for listed companies. What is the full form of the term MPS? 1) Maximum Public Shareholding 2) Minimum Public Shareholding 3) Maximum Private Shareholding 4) Minimum Private Shareholding 5) None of these
38. Who among the following has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA)? 1) Syed Asif Ibrahim 2) Rajiv Mathur 3) Dineshwar Sharma 4) Anil Kumar Dhasmana 5) Rajinder Khanna
39. The govt recently scrapped 'Spike' missile deal with Rafael which is based in 1) France 2) Sweden 3) Germany 4) Israel 5) Norway
40. The Union Cabinet approved an MoU between India and which country recently to improve public transport in the country? 1) UK 2) Singapore 3) Switzerland 4) Denmark 5) Japan

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41. The UNESCO recently entered the endangered 'bird language' of which of the following countries in Intangible Cultural Heritage list? 1) China 2) Mongolia 3) Vietnam 4) Turkey 5) Egypt
42. The NABARD has sanctioned Rs 372.51 cr loan assistance under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to which state towards irrigation and rural bridge projects? 1) Odisha 2) Jharkhand 3) West Bengal 4) Karnataka 5) Tamil Nadu
43. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) initiated 'prompt corrective action' (PCA) against which of the following state-run lenders recently over its high bad loans? 1) Bank of Baroda 2) Indian Bank 3) Punjab National Bank 4) Canara Bank 5) Allahabad Bank
44. The GAIL has installed India's second largest roof top solar PV power plant at its Petrochemical Complex at Pata in 1) Bihar 2) Uttar Pradesh 3) Karnataka 4) Himachal Pradesh 5) Assam
45. The Union Cabinet recently approved the signing of the MoU between India and which country on cooperation in the Oil and Gas Sector? 1) Venezuela 2) Russia 3) Israel 4) Vietnam 5) Cambodia
46. The Union Cabinet has approved an agreement between India and Myanmar on land border crossing. The currency of Myanmar is 1) Rand 2) Kyat 3) Krona 4) Peso 5) Rupiah
47. Which of the following banks has partnered with the Rajasthan govt to promote and nurture startups in the state under the bank's SmartUp programme? 1) HDFC Bank 2) Axis Bank 3) ICICI Bank 4) Federal Bank 5) IndusInd Bank
48. The United States recently suspended over 1-bn US dollar security assistance to which country? 1) Yemen 2) Colombia 3) Chad 4) Afghanistan 5) Pakistan
49. In which country a new law took effect at the New Year requiring all companies to prove that their wage practices don't discriminate against women? 1) UK 2) Norway 3) Iceland 4) New Zealand 5) Denmark
50. The SBI and Nabard have signed an agreement with five NGOs of which state for the promotion of 2,500 joint liability groups (JLGs) in select districts of the State? 1) Rajasthan 2) Telangana 3) Madhya Pradesh 4) West Bengal 5) Maharashtra
51. The Finance Ministry recently said that the govt was not closing 8 per cent saving bonds but replacing it with _____ Savings Scheme. 1) 7.85 per cent 2) 7.75 per cent 3) 7.50 per cent 4) 7.25 per cent 5) 07 per cent
52. Which of the following is the currency of Argentina? 1) Peso 2) Pound 3) Shekel 4) Lek 5) Manat
53. The finance ministry has approved proposal for infusion of Rs 75.77 bn in 6 weak public sector banks (PSBs). What amount has been approved for IDBI Bank? 1) Rs 3.23 billion 2) Rs 6.5 billion 3) Rs 13.75 billion 4) Rs 22.57 billion 5) Rs 27.29 billion
54. The Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) are nowadays categorising the gains from NCDs as interest income to benefit from tax arbitrage. The term NCD stands for 1) Non-Contractible Debentures 2) Non-Coverable Debentures 3) Non-Curable Debentures 4) Non-Convertible Debentures 5) None of these
55. The central bank of which of the following countries recently gave its green signal to use the Chinese yuan (CNY) for bilateral trade and investment activities? 1) Mongolia 2) Sri Lanka 3) Pakistan 4) Maldives 5) Myanmar
56. According to an HSBC report, India's GDP growth rate is expected to accelerate to what per cent in 2018-19? 1) 6.4 per cent 2) 6.8 per cent 3) 7.0 per cent 4) 7.2 per cent 5) 7.4 per cent
57. The six countries formally joined the ranks of the non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council recently. Which of the following is NOT one of them? 1) Equatorial Guinea 2) The Netherlands 3) Poland 4) Peru 5) None of these
58. India and which of the following countries exchanged the list of nuclear installations and facilities under a three-decade old bilateral pact recently? 1) China 2) Pakistan 3) US 4) Russia 5) France
59. Which of the following institutions sanctions funds under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) since the fund's inception in 1995-96? 1) SIDBI 2) EXIM Bank 3) NABARD 4) SBI 5) RBI
60. Katrin Jakobsdottir is the present Prime Minister of which of the following countries? 1) Poland 2) New Zealand 3) Denmark 4) Iceland 5) Norway

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61. The managing director of the MAS, Ravi Menon, has been named the best central bank governor in Asia-Pacific for 2018. The MAS is the monetary authority of 1) Sweden 2) Switzerland 3) Singapore 4) Slovenia 5) Serbia

62. The Paytm Payments Bank has partnered with which of the following banks to introduce a facility to create a fixed deposit when the customer balance exceeds Rs1 lakh at the end of day? 1) IndusInd Bank 2) Federal Bank 3) YES Bank 4) RBL Bank 5) Axis Bank

63. The TIHCL has got RBI clearance to register and function as a non-banking finance company (NBFC). It is the first State promoted and co-financing NBFC which is promoted by the govt of 1) Tamil Nadu 2) Karnataka 3) Telangana 4) Maharashtra 5) Tripura

64. The Himalayan Hydro Expo 2018 was held recently in 1) Thimphu 2) New Delhi 3) Lhasa 4) Islamabad 5) Kathmandu

65. The External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited which of the following three ASEAN countries recently? 1) Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore 2) Thailand, Brunei and Singapore 3) Thailand, Indonesia and Myanmar 4) Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore 5) Vietnam, Brunei and Myanmar

66. The Ministry of Defence recently cleared contracts worth about what amount for Navy and Army? 1) Rs 2240 cr 2) Rs 2420 cr 3) Rs 2060 cr 4) Rs 2150 cr 5) Rs 2550 cr

67. The former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad Yadav was recently sentenced by a special CBI court to three-and-a-half years of imprisonment in a fodder scam case and was imposed with a fine of 1) Rs 05 lakh 2) Rs 10 lakh 3) Rs 25 lakh 4) Rs 40 lakh 5) Rs 50 lakh

68. What is the theme of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2018? 1) Women Empowerment 2) Youth Writers for Change 3) Environment & Climate Change 4) Water and Soil Conservation 5) None of these

69. Which of the following states unveiled its state emblem recently after it received the Centre's approval for the same? 1) West Bengal 2) Bihar 3) Uttar Pradesh 4) Maharashtra 5) Gujarat

70. The Reserve Bank will soon bring into circulation new Rs 10 denomination banknotes in 1) leaf green colour 2) bright yellow colour 3) chocolate brown colour 4) light blue colour 5) shiny violet colour

71. _____ lifted the inaugural Tata Open Maharashtra Tennis trophy in Pune. The tournament is India's only ATP event. 1) Marin Cilic 2) Roberto Bautista Agut 3) Kevin Anderson 4) Gilles Simon 5) Richard Gasquet

72. The Growth in GDP during 2017-18 has been estimated at what per cent by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) in 2017-18? 1) 6.2 per cent 2) 6.5 per cent 3) 6.8 per cent 4) 7.1 per cent 5) 7.3 per cent

73. PM Narendra Modi held discussions on specific security and policing issues at the annual conference of DGPs and IGPs at the BSF Academy in Tekanpur in the state of 1) Haryana 2) Uttar Pradesh 3) Madhya Pradesh 4) Rajasthan 5) Gujarat

74. Which of the following countries recently approved a new attempt to find the wreckage of Flight 370 in the Indian Ocean? 1) Indonesia 2) Thailand 3) Ukraine 4) Vietnam 5) Malaysia

75. The United Nations has set up a special investigation of the attack that killed 15 UN peacekeepers recently in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The capital of DR Congo is 1) Kinshasa 2) Baku 3) Yerevan 4) Luanda 5) Tirana

76. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is payment service which has been developed by 1) BIS 2) NPCI 3) SWIFT 4) IBA 5) Word Bank

77. The number of students enrolling for higher education in India saw a marginal increase of what per cent in 2016-17, according to a the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)? 1) 0.3 per cent 2) 0.5 per cent 3) 0.7 per cent 4) 0.9 per cent 5) 1.1 per cent

78. The US space agency NASA is to launch two missions GOLD and ICON to explore 1) Mercury 2) Pluto 3) Sun 4) ionosphere 5) another inhabitable planet

79. The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has reached a subscriber base of 80 lakh. Under the scheme, a subscriber would receive a minimum guaranteed monthly pension of 1) Rs 7,500 2) Rs 7,000 3) Rs 6,000 4) Rs 5,500 5) Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 depending on the contribution

80. In which of the following gulf countries 11 princes were arrested for staging a protest against the kingdom's austerity measures recently? 1) Kuwait 2) Iran 3) Saudi Arabia 4) UAE 5) Bahrain

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81. Who among the following is the present Secretary in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

- 1) Subhash Chandra Garg 2) Rajiv Kumar 3) TCA Anant
4) Arvind Subramanian 5) Hasmukh Adhia

82. The govt has set an aggressive target of achieving what per cent gross enrolment ratio (GER) in higher education by 2020? 1) 10 per cent 2) 15 per cent 3) 20 per cent 4) 25 per cent 5) 30 per cent

83. According to the data released by the central statistics office (CSO), recently, the anticipated growth of real gross value added (GVA) at basic prices in 2017-18 is 1) 5.1 per cent 2) 5.8 per cent 3) 6.1 per cent 4) 6.7 per cent 5) 7.1 per cent

84. The 96 birth anniversary of the Nobel Prize-winner Har Gobind Khorana was observed recently. He is known for his comprehensive work on 1) DNA 2) blood group 3) scattering of light 4) microwave 5) cloning

85. Aanchal Thakur made history recently by winning India's first-ever international medal in 1) luge 2) pole vault 3) discuss throw 4) skiing 5) triple jump

86. Who among the following is the present Union Minister for Minority Affairs? 1) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi 2) Shazia Ilmi 3) Najma Heptulla 4) MJ Akbar 5) Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain

87. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has announced to relax norms around levy of MAT for insolvent companies. The full form of the term MAT is 1) Maximum Alternate Tax 2) Minimum Alternate Tax 3) Migrating Alternate Tax 4) Manageable Alternate Tax 5) None of these

88. The three-day annual Flamingo Festival was held at Pulicat lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary in which state recently? 1) Gujarat 2) Assam 3) Odisha 4) Tamil Nadu 5) Andhra Pradesh

89. The 'Mankidia' is one of the 13 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in the state of 1) Sikkim 2) Tripura 3) Gujarat 4) Odisha 5) Jharkhand

90. India recently unveiled its fastest supercomputer yet that can deliver a peak power of 6.8 petaflops. The computer is named 1) Daksh 2) Kushagra 3) Pratyush 4) Pratap 5) Tej

91. The World Bank has projected India's growth rate at what per cent in 2018 in its 2018 Global Economics Prospect released recently? 1) 6.7 per cent 2) 6.9 per cent 3) 7.1 per cent 4) 7.3 per cent 5) 7.6 per cent

92. The 2018 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXIII Olympic Winter Games, will take place from 9 to 25 Feb 2018 in 1) Tokyo, Japan 2) Pyeongchang, South Korea 3) Beijing, China 4) Manila, Philippines 5) London, UK

93. Maithripala Sirisena has sought Supreme Court's opinion on whether he can stay in office for six years till 2021. He is the present president of 1) Cambodia 2) Venezuela 3) Sri Lanka 4) Maldives 5) Thailand

94. The Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) is situated in the state of 1) Odisha 2) West Bengal 3) Karnataka 4) Madhya Pradesh 5) Gujarat

95. Klaus Martin Schwab is an economist best known as the founder and executive chairman of the 1) SIPRI 2) BIS 3) SWIFT 4) OECD 5) WEF

96. Barmer refinery cum petrochemical complex is situated in which state? 1) Rajasthan 2) Gujarat 3) Maharashtra 4) Karnataka 5) Madhya Pradesh

97. VG Mathew is the present MD & CEO of which of the following banks? It is a major private sector bank headquartered at Thrissur in Kerala. 1) Federal Bank 2) IndusInd Bank 3) Karnataka Bank 4) South Indian Bank 5) RBL Bank

98. The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is annually celebrated on which day to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community towards their homeland? 1) 01 Jan 2) 03 Jan 3) 04 Jan 4) 07 Jan 5) 09 Jan

99. The World Bank upgraded the global growth forecast which now is expected to rise to _____ in 2018. 1) 2.7 per cent 2) 2.9 per cent 3) 3.1 per cent 4) 3.2 per cent 5) 3.4 per cent

100. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), an umbrella organisation for retail payment systems in India, has appointed who among the following its new MD and CEO? 1) R Gandhi 2) Dilip Asbe 3) Uday Kotak 4) Shikha Sharma 5) Arundhati Bhattacharya

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101. The health ministry is set to roll out a National Programme for Control of Viral Hepatitis from 2018-19. For the next three years, a budget of _____ has been approved for this. 1) Rs 200 cr 2) Rs 400 cr 3) Rs 600 cr 4) Rs 750 cr 5) Rs 800 cr

102. Who among the following has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) replacing AS Kiran Kumar? 1) Vijay P Bhatkar 2) Padmanabhan Balaram 3) Myswamy Annadurai 4) K Radhakrishnan 5) Sivan K

103. According to the 2018 Global Economics Prospect released by the World Bank, India is estimated to have grown at what per cent in 2017? 1) 6.4 per cent 2) 6.5 per cent 3) 6.6 per cent 4) 6.7 per cent 5) 6.9 per cent

104. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has introduced the concept of 'Virtual ID' to increase security. It is a temporary, revocable 1) 12-digit number 2) 14-digit number 3) 16-digit number 4) 18-digit number 5) 20-digit number

105. The Union Cabinet has permitted FDI in Air India. Now, foreign airlines or any other foreign investor can put in up to _____ in Air India. 1) 26 per cent 2) 49 per cent 3) 51 per cent 4) 74 per cent 5) 100 per cent

106. The Union Cabinet has allowed what per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in single-brand retail companies through the automatic route? 1) 26 per cent 2) 49 per cent 3) 51 per cent 4) 74 per cent 5) 100 per cent

107. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the three-day International Dharma-Dhamma conference at _____ recently. 1) Rajgir, Bihar 2) Patna, Bihar 3) Kushinagar, UP 4) Sarnath, UP 5) Sanchi, MP

108. A magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck near the coast of Honduras recently. The capital city of Honduras is 1) Bangui 2) Ouagadougou 3) Tegucigalpa 4) Sarajevo 5) Gaborone

109. The host country of the Blind Cricket World Cup 2018 is 1) Bangladesh 2) UAE 3) England 4) Sri Lanka 5) Australia

110. The Indian-origin MPs Suella Fernandes and Rishi Sunak have been appointed as junior ministers in which of the following countries? 1) Canada 2) New Zealand 3) Iceland 4) UK 5) Norway

111. Who among the following will head the Supreme Court appointed three-member special investigation team (SIT) set up to probe 84 anti-Sikh riots? 1) Shiv Narayan Dhingra 2) Antony Dominic 3) Abhilasha Kumari 4) Surya Kant 5) Thottathil B Radhakrishnan

112. Which of the following countries has granted citizenship to Julian Assange, the founder of wikileaks? 1) Chad 2) Ecuador 3) Greece 4) Norway 5) Sweden

113. The Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan visited Victoria recently to attend Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC). Victoria is the capital of 1) Mauritius 2) Trinidad and Tobago 3) Djibouti 4) Seychelles 5) Yemen

114. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched its 100th satellite recently onboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C40). That 100th satellite is 1) IRNSS-1H 2) SCATSAT-1 3) Cartosat-2 4) Cartosat-2A 5) GSAT-2

115. The 155th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was observed recently. His birthday is observed as National Youth Day which falls on 1) 02 Jan 2) 10 Jan 3) 12 Jan 4) 22 Jan 5) 31 Jan

116. The govt offloaded its 2.52 per cent stake in which of the following PSUs to get around Rs 1,200 cr recently? 1) NMDC 2) NTPC 3) ONGC 4) SAIL 5) NALCO

117. The Special Envoy of the Maldives President and Foreign Minister Dr Mohamed Asim met PM Narendra Modi recently. The currency of Maldives is 1) Kyat 2) Ngultrum 3) Rupee 4) Rupiah 5) Rufiyaa

118. Benjamin Netanyahu is the present Prime Minister of which of the following countries? 1) Sweden 2) Ukraine 3) Israel 4) France 5) Spain

119. The SEBI barred which of the following organisations recently from issuing audit certificates to any listed company in India for two years? It was found guilty in Satyam scam. 1) Standard and Poors 2) Moody's 3) Fitch Ratings 4) Price Waterhouse 5) CRISIL

120. L Sarita Devi is associated with which of the following games?

1) Shooting 2) Boxing 3) Archery 4) Badminton 5) Squash

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121. Prof Baldev Raj passed away recently. He was a well known 1) biologist 2) chemist 3) Atomic scientist 4) astronaut 5) flutist

122. Sarjubala Devi won a gold medal in National Women's Championship recently. She is a/an 1) archer 2) boxer 3) wrestler 4) weightlifter 5) shuttler

123. Which of the following banks and Dynamics Inc has announced to introduce the first battery-powered, interactive payment cards in the Indian market in 2018? 1) HDFC Bank 2) ICICI Bank 3) Axis Bank 4) Federal Bank 5) IndusInd Bank

124. The UN Environment and WHO have agreed to major collaboration on environmental health risks. The WHO is headquartered at 1) Geneva 2) Hague 3) New York 4) Washington DC 5) London

125. Which of the following countries has become Nepal's second internet service provider, breaking India's monopoly? 1) Japan 2) US 3) France 4) China 5) Russia

126. The 5th India-Malaysia bilateral meeting on cooperation in traditional medicine was held recently in New Delhi. The currency of Malaysia is 1) Rand 2) Lek 3) Manat 4) Ringgit 5) Peso

127. For the first time in history a woman lawyer has been recommended for direct elevation from the Bar to a Supreme Court judgeship. The woman lawyer is 1) Indu Malhotra 2) Sujata Manohar 3) Gyan Sudha Misra 4) Manjula Chellur 5) R Banumathi

128. The Indian Space Research Organisation launched PSLV-C40 rocket recently which successfully placed ___ satellites in two different orbits. 1) 28 2) 31 3) 64 4) 98 5) 123

129. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew at what per cent in Nov 2017? 1) 4.5% 2) 4.8% 3) 5.4% 4) 6.5% 5) 8.4%

130. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has reduced the international call termination rate (effective from 01 Feb 2018) to 1) 25 paise 2) 30 paise 3) 45 paise 4) 53 paise 5) 60 paise

131. India has extended a financial assistance of \$45.27 mn for upgrading Kankesanthurai (KKS) Harbour in 1) Sri Lanka 2) Bangladesh 3) Maldives 4) Myanmar 5) Seychelles

132. Tanzania has ruled that Bharti Airtel operations there were privatised illegally. The capital of Tanzania is 1) Belmopan 2) Minsk 3) Dodoma 4) Luanda 5) Tirana

133. A survey by Gallup International has ranked who among the following on top among world readers? PM Narendra Modi is ranked at number three. 1) Emmanuel Macron 2) Angela Merkel 3) Benjamin Netanyahu 4) Vladimir Putin 5) Xi Jinping

134. Which of the following telecom firms has joined hands with Amazon to offer Amazon Prime services? 1) Reliance Jio 2) Vodafone 3) Aircel 4) Bharti Airtel 5) Idea

135. As per the Sample Registration System data, under-five child mortality in India came down to ___ per thousand in 2016. 1) 25 2) 33 3) 39 4) 43 5) 45

136. The headquarters of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is located in which city? The vice president and chief investment officer of AIIB is DJ Pandian. 1) Tokyo 2) Manila 3) Beijing 4) Bangkok 5) Mumbai

137. The festival of Magh Bihu is celebrated in which of the following states in India? 1) Rajasthan 2) Madhya Pradesh 3) Gujarat 4) Maharashtra 5) Assam

138. V Vaidyanathan is the chairman of which of the following non-banking finance companies? His NBFC is merging with a private sector bank. 1) Sundaram Finance 2) Bajaj Finserv 3) India Bulls 4) Capital First 5) L&T Finance

139. The Teen Murti Chowk was recently renamed as Teen Murti Haifa Chowk. Haifa is a city situated in 1) UK 2) Israel 3) Italy 4) France 5) Germany

140. Who among the following is India's permanent representative to the United Nations? His Twitter account was hacked recently.

1) Syed Akbaruddin 2) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar 3) Devyani Khobragade 4) Asoke Kumar Mukerji 5) Vikas Swarup

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141. Which of the following countries has emerged as the top borrower from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in 2017 with USD 1.5 bn worth of loans? 1) Indonesia 2) India 3) Pakistan 4) Afghanistan 5) Thailand

142. The fourth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held recently in 1) Mumbai 2) Jaipur 3) New Delhi 4) Chennai 5) Ahmedabad

143. India signed an MoU with which country recently to enable the return of illegal Indian migrants within a month of their detection by authorities abroad? 1) Germany 2) Japan 3) France 4) UK 5) Russia

144. The 13th annual 'Iron Fist' exercise was conducted between the US and which of the following countries in California recently? 1) Japan 2) India 3) Mexico 4) Saudi Arabia 5) Turkey

145. Who among the following has been named Chairman of the Finance Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)? 1) BS Ladge 2) S Regunathan 3) GS Mander 4) Tarlochan Singh 5) Anil Khanna

146. Who among the following hit the fastest T20 century by an Indian batsman till now recently? 1) Manan Vohra 2) Sanju Samson 3) Rishabh Pant 4) Shreyas Iyer 5) Kannur Lokesh Rahul

147. What is India's ranking on the first global manufacturing index released by the World Economic Forum (WEF)? 1) 30th 2) 35th 3) 41st 4) 45th 5) 54th

148. Which of the following countries has topped the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s first 'Readiness for the future of production report'? 1) China 2) Switzerland 3) Germany 4) South Korea 5) Japan

149. The festival of Sankranti is celebrated in which state as 'Pongal'? 1) Odisha 2) Assam 3) Jharkhand 4) Tamil Nadu 5) Kerala

150. Which of the following banks and the non-banking finance company Capital First have agreed to merge in an all-share deal? 1) Federal Bank 2) IDFC Bank 3) IDBI Bank 4) IndusInd Bank 5) YES Bank

151. The Johnson & Johnson recently partnered with which state on health interventions? 1) West Bengal 2) Kerala 3) Tripura 4) Gujarat 5) Maharashtra

152. The Federal Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with Hedge Equities. The bank is headquartered in Aluva in 1) Karnataka 2) Tamil Nadu 3) Kerala 4) Maharashtra 5) Gujarat

153. India has contributed what amount to the UN's youth mission which works to raise awareness and attention to youth issues globally? 1) USD 25,000 2) USD 50,000 3) USD 75,000 4) USD 1,00,000 5) USD 1,50,000

154. India's exports grew at what per cent in Dec 2017 to USD 27.03 bn? 1) 11.36 per cent 2) 11.96 per cent 3) 12.13 per cent 4) 12.36 per cent 5) 12.65 per cent

155. The inflation based on wholesale prices remained at what per cent in Dec 2017? 1) 3.93 percent 2) 3.58 percent 3) 4.72 per cent 4) 4.22 per cent 5) 4.33 per cent

156. The Hubble and Spitzer, used by the US space agency NASA, are 1) unmanned space stations 2) rockets 3) satellites 4) space telescopes 5) supercomputers

157. Which of the following teams won the Premier Badminton League (PBL) title recently? 1) Delhi Dashers 2) Ahmedabad Smash Masters 3) Bengaluru Blasters 4) Chennai Smashers 5) Hyderabad Hunters

158. The 70th Army Day was celebrated recently on 1) 01 Jan 2) 05 Jan 3) 15 Jan 4) 25 Jan 5) 31 Jan

159. The capital of Libya is 1) Tripoli 2) Manama 3) Yerevan 4) Nassau 5) Baku

160. Sergei Lavrov is the present Foreign Minister of which of the following countries? He is one of the longest serving Foreign Ministers in the world. 1) Belarus 2) Russia 3) Ukraine 4) Greece 5) Kazakhstan

SARATHI BANKING ACADEMY

RBI RATES & RATIOS

Policy Repo Rate:	6%
Reverse Repo Rate:	5.75%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate:	6.25%
Bank Rate:	6.25%
CRR :	4%
SLR :	19.5%

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