

GK for December 2015

Ques. : 1 The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is annually held on

- 1) 30 Nov
- 2) 1 Dec
- 3) 2 Dec
- 4) 3 Dec
- 5) 31 Dec

Answer:- 4) 3 Dec

Ques. : 2 The Padma Bhushan awardee Ustad Sabri Khan passed away recently. He was a maestro of

- 1) Sarangi
- 2) Violin
- 3) Guitar
- 4) Tabla
- 5) Flute

Answer:- 1) Sarangi

Ques. : 3 India launched the GIAN scheme to boost the quality of the country's higher education through international collaboration. What is the full form of the term GIAN?

- 1) Grass root Initiative of Academic Networks
- 2) General Initiative of Academic Networks
- 3) Greater Initiative of Academic Networks
- 4) Global Initiative of Academic Networks
- 5) None of these

Answer:- 4) Global Initiative of Academic Networks

Ques. : 4 Which of the following countries hosted the first media summit of the Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping recently?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Russia
- 4) China
- 5) India

Answer:- 4) China

Ques. : 5 Roch Marc Christian Kabore was elected as the new president of which of the following countries recently?

- 1) Burkina Faso
- 2) Cameroon
- 3) Barbados
- 4) Angola
- 5) Algeria

Answer:- 1) Burkina Faso

Ques. : 6 Name the bodybuilder who earned the title of "Mr World" by winning a gold medal in a world bodybuilding meet in Bangkok, Thailand recently.

- 1) Varinder Singh Ghuman
- 2) Ankur Sharma
- 3) Thakur Anoop Singh
- 4) Neeraj Kumar
- 5) Ashish Sakharkar

Answer:- 3) Thakur Anoop Singh

Ques. : 7 _____ on 1 Dec 2015 assumed Presidency of the Royal Society in London and will serve for up to five years.

- 1) Elizabeth Blackburn
- 2) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
- 3) Harry F Noller
- 4) Thomas A Steitz
- 5) None of these

Answer:- 2) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan

Ques. : 8 The four European countries — Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland — have announced a _____ initiative to cut greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries.

- 1) \$250-mn
- 2) \$400-mn
- 3) \$500-mn
- 4) \$750-mn
- 5) \$900-mn

Answer:- 3) \$500-mn

Ques. : 9 Name the Padma Bhushan and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee acclaimed violinist who was honoured with the Sangeet Samman at the ITC Sangeet Sammelan 2015 recently.

- 1) Kala Ramnath
- 2) Johar Ali Khan
- 3) P Sunder Rajan
- 4) Balabhaskar
- 5) L Subramaniam

Answer:- 5) L Subramaniam

Ques. : 10 The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed globally on _____

- 1) 1 Dec
- 2) 2 Dec
- 3) 3 Dec
- 4) 4 Dec
- 5) 5 Dec

Answer:- 2) 2 Dec

Ques. : 11 _____ became the first state of India to join the Union Govt's Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) recently.

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Bihar

Answer:- 1) Andhra Pradesh

Ques. : 12 Alexis Tsipras is the present Prime Minister of which of the following countries? The country approved the 2016 budget amid economic recession recently.

- 1) Greece
- 2) Portugal
- 3) Egypt
- 4) Denmark
- 5) Spain

Answer:- 1) Greece

Ques. : 13 _____ sent the first uranium consignment of 250 tonnes to India for its nuclear power reactors recently. A civil nuclear deal is signed between the two countries.

- 1) Australia
- 2) Canada
- 3) Japan
- 4) UK

5) Australia

Answer:- 2) Canada

Ques. : 14 The AIA Group Ltd (AIA) announced to increase its shareholding in life insurance joint venture with which of the following companies from the current level of 26 per cent to 49 per cent?

- 1) Reliance Group
- 2) Bharti Insurance
- 3) Tata Group
- 4) Birla Group
- 5) None of these

Answer:- 3) Tata Group

Ques. : 15 One of the sections of a financial market where securities and financial instruments with short-term maturities are traded is called the

- 1) super market
- 2) closed market
- 3) open market
- 4) capital market
- 5) money market

Answer:- 5) money market

Ques. : 16 The newly launched IDFC Bank has inked a pact with which IT services major to use its BaNCS system for bank's core banking solutions?

- 1) Infosys
- 2) Wipro
- 3) HCL
- 4) Tata Consultancy Services
- 5) Tech Mahindra

Answer:- 4) Tata Consultancy Services

Ques. : 17 Who won 2015 Indonesian Masters Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament recently?

- 1) Tommy Sugiarto
- 2) Kidambi Srikanth
- 3) Chen Long
- 4) Simon Santoso
- 5) Tontowi Ahmad

Answer:- 1) Tommy Sugiarto

Ques. : 18 The govt introduced a bill in Lok Sabha recently that seeks to enhance pay eligibility limit of an employee for bonus from Rs 10,000 per month to _____ per month.

- 1) Rs 12,000
- 2) Rs 15,000
- 3) Rs 18,000
- 4) Rs 21,000
- 5) Rs 25,000

Answer:- 4) Rs 21,000

Ques. : 19 The legislature of which state became the first in the country to launch an online mechanism for its members to send questions and move different motions in the House recently?

- 1) Kerala

- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Assam
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer:- 5) Maharashtra

Ques. : 20 India currently has 21 power reactors in operation and its nuclear generating capacity, currently, is

- 1) 5,800 MWe
- 2) 6,400 MWe
- 3) 7,850 MWe
- 4) 21,500 MWe
- 5) 27,500 MWe

Answer:- 1) 5,800 MWe

Ques. : 21 Caracas is the capital city of which of the following countries?

- 1) Venezuela
- 2) Colombia
- 3) Ecuador
- 4) Bolivia
- 5) Guatemala

Answer:- 1) Venezuela

Ques. : 22 The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval recently for signing of an MoU between India and _____ on cooperation in the energy sector.

- 1) Germany
- 2) UK
- 3) Japan
- 4) Sweden
- 5) Norway

Answer:- 2) UK

Ques. : 23 The RBI has said that the bank's investment in govt securities (SLR) would be lowered to 20.5% by Jan 2017. As of now, banks are mandated to invest what per cent of their deposits in govt securities?

- 1) 22.5%
- 2) 22%
- 3) 21.5%
- 4) 21%
- 5) 20.5.5%

Answer:- 3) 21.5%

Ques. : 24 The naval exercise named Indra Navy was held recently in Bay of Bengal between the navies of India and

- 1) US
- 2) Israel
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) Russia
- 5) France

Answer:- 4) Russia

Ques. : 25 India and which country is set to sign a landmark deal for Kamov 226 choppers during PM Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to that country?

- 1) France
- 2) Japan
- 3) Germany
- 4) Russia

5) Israel

Answer:- 4) Russia

Ques. : 26 Who is the Union Minister of State in the Department of Atomic of Energy (DAE) in the present cabinet?

1) GM Siddeshwara

2) Giriraj Singh

3) Piyush Goyal

4) Mahesh Sharma

5) Jitendra Singh

Answer:- 5) Jitendra Singh

Ques. : 27 The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015 is passed in Parliament. The Bill intends to make cheque-bounce filing of cases more convenient for check payees, the person who

1) issues the cheque

2) receives the cheque

3) transports the cheque

4) endorses the cheque

5) None of these

Answer:- 2) receives the cheque

Ques. : 28 Which country carried out a new medium range ballistic missile test of Ghadr-110 missile recently?

1) Pakistan

2) Turkey

3) Iran

4) Jordan

5) Saudi Arabia

Answer:- 3) Iran

Ques. : 29 The Supreme Court on 10 Dec upheld the validity of a state law which fixes minimum educational qualification for candidates contesting panchayat polls. The law belongs to

1) Haryana

2) Punjab

3) Himachal Pradesh

4) Bihar

5) Kerala

Answer:- 1) Haryana

Ques. : 30 PK Singh took charge as the new Chairman which of the following PSUs recently?

1) GAIL

2) SAIL

3) BHEL

4) IOC

5) NTPC

Answer:- 2) SAIL

Ques. : 31 The mascot of the 12th South Asian Games (OC-SAG) is Tikhor which is a

1) Bengal tiger

2) lion

3) one horned rhino

4) deer

5) snow leopard

Answer:- 3) one horned rhino

Ques. : 32 _____ launched the country's first Unesco Biosphere Reserve — Inle Lake in Shan state recently.

- 1) Thailand
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Philippines
- 5) Myanmar

Answer:- 5) Myanmar

Ques. : 33 Japan will provide a low-interest loan of \$12 bn for India's first high-speed rail service. It will also provide _____ for 'Make in India' initiative.

- 1) \$5 bn
- 2) \$6 bn
- 3) \$10 bn
- 4) \$12 bn
- 5) \$15 bn

Answer:- 4) \$12 bn

Ques. : 34 The Mumbai Police commissioner Ahmad Javed has been appointed Ambassador to which country recently?

- 1) Iran
- 2) Kuwait
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) Saudi Arabia
- 5) UAE

Answer:- 4) Saudi Arabia

Ques. : 35 Losar festival was celebrated at which place recently? It is a centuries-old New Year festival.

- 1) Shimla
- 2) Aizawl
- 3) Ladakh
- 4) Kohima
- 5) Agartala

Answer:- 3) Ladakh

Ques. : 36 The work on the \$10-bn TAPI pipeline project started recently. In the term TAPI, letter 'T' stands for

- 1) Tajikistan
- 2) Turkmenistan
- 3) Tehran
- 4) Tanzania
- 5) Tashkent

Answer:- 2) Turkmenistan

Ques. : 37 _____ will head the Judicial Committee which will look into the implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme for the ex-servicemen.

- 1) Rajendra Mal Lodha
- 2) L Narasimha Reddy
- 3) KG Balakrishnan
- 4) Altamas Kabir
- 5) Markandey Katju

Answer:- 2) L Narasimha Reddy

Ques. : 38 Name the Indian-origin Tamil writer who has been declared the winner of this year's prestigious South East Asia Write Award recently.

- 1) Jamaludeen Mohamed Sali

- 2) Nanjil Nadan
- 3) D Selvaraj
- 4) Joe D Cruz
- 5) Poomani

Answer:- 1) Jamaludeen Mohamed Sali

Ques. : 39 Kento Momota and Nozomi Okuhara won Men's singles and Women's singles title respectively at the BWF World Super Series finals in Dubai recently. Both are the shuttlers of

- 1) Japan
- 2) South Korea
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) Singapore
- 5) Philippines

Answer:- 1) Japan

Ques. : 40 Vijay Kumar is associated with which of the following games?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Shooting
- 3) Archery
- 4) Discuss Throw
- 5) Squash

Answer:- 2) Shooting

Ques. : 41 The RBI committee on financial inclusion has suggested that the govt should transfer cash directly to persons instead of giving subsidies. The Committee was headed by

- 1) Deepak Mohanty
- 2) Kaushik Basu
- 3) Rajiv Takru
- 4) Rajiv Mehrishi
- 5) Usha Thorat

Answer:- 1) Deepak Mohanty

Ques. : 42 Taxpayers with annual income more than _____ will not get subsidised cooking gas (LPG) from Jan 2016.

- 1) Rs 5 lakh
- 2) Rs 8 lakh
- 3) Rs 10 lakh
- 4) Rs 12 lakh
- 5) Rs 15 lakh

Answer:- 42) Rs 10 lakh

Ques. : 43 The Supreme Court recently upheld the liquor policy of which of the following state govts restricting service and consumption of liquor at bars in five star hotels only?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Bihar

Answer:- 1) Kerala

Ques. : 44 India recently requested which of the following countries to complete the procedures for its participation in the Farzad-B gas field, discovered by OVL, in the Persian Gulf?

- 1) Egypt
- 2) Iran

- 3) Iraq
 - 4) Turkmenistan
 - 5) Saudi Arabia
- Answer:- 2) Iran

Ques. : 45 The Committee reviewing public-private partnership (PPP) in infrastructure has recommended setting up independent regulators for PPP projects in various sectors. The Committee was headed by

- 1) Arvind Panagariya
- 2) Amiya Kumar Bagchi
- 3) Amit Mitra
- 4) Abhijit Banerjee
- 5) Vijay Kelkar

Answer:- 5) Vijay Kelkar

Ques. : 46 The central govt is renaming yet another welfare programme, the Indira Awaas Yojana. It's to be renamed as the

- 1) Advani Awaas Yojana
- 2) Hedgewar Awaas Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana
- 4) Sansad Awaas Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer:- 3) Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana

Ques. : 47 Which of the following teams won the Vijay Hazare Cricket Trophy (2015-16) in Bengaluru recently?

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Gujarat

Answer:- 5) Gujarat

Ques. : 48 Justice VS Malimath, who died on 22 Dec, was the former Chief Justice of

- 1) Karnataka and Kerala High Courts
- 2) Delhi High Court
- 3) Bombay and Madras High Courts
- 4) Gauhati High Court
- 5) Bombay High Court

Answer:- 1) Karnataka and Kerala High Courts

Ques. : 49 The Central Govt has announced to organise the "Make in India Week" in Mumbai during

- 1) Jan 13-18, 2016
- 2) Feb 13-18, 2016
- 3) Mar 13-18, 2016
- 4) Apr 13-18, 2016
- 5) May 13-18, 2016

Answer:- 2) Feb 13-18, 2016

Ques. : 50 The indigenously developed 'Astra' missile was on 25 Dec successfully test-fired. This is a(n)

- 1) surface-to-surface missile
- 2) surface-to-air missile
- 3) air-to-surface missile
- 4) air-to-air missile
- 5) None of these

Answer:- 3) air-to-air missile

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