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How many medals India won in the recently concluded London Olympics 2012?

- A) 5
- B) 4
- C) 6
- D) 7

Answer: C) 6

Which PSU has recently been awarded with “Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar” in 2012 in the “Community Sports Identification and Nurturing of Budding Young Talent” category?

- A) NTPC
- B) BHEL
- C) SAIL
- D) ONGC

Answer: C) SAIL

Who has won the Gold Medal in the Men’s 100m and 200m sprints in the London Olympics 2012?

- A) Michael Frater
- B) Usain Bolt
- C) Yohan Blake
- D) Nesta Carter

Answer: C) Ans) Usain Bolt

1. Scientists at NASA on 27 September 2012 announced that the Mars Curiosity Rover has discovered stream bed gravel, which hints towards the presence of waist-deep water on the surface of Mars in the past. What is this Mars Curiosity Rover?

- (a) Satellite
- (b) Team of Astronauts
- (c) Robotic explorer
- (d) Meteors

Answer: (c) Robotic explorer

2. The Indian Institute of Toxicology Research reported that the water in and around the deserted Union Carbide plant is contaminated and not fit for consumption. Where is this Union Carbide Plant Located?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Shimla
- (d) Bhubaneswar

Answer: (a) Bhopal

3. The endangered species, Great Indian Bustard and Lesser Florican have got a dedicated land for breeding in the Shonkaliya Region of Ajmer District, Rajasthan. What are they?

- (a) Birds

- (b) Animals
- (c) Insects
- (d) Amphibian

Answer: (a) Birds

4. The simultaneous earthquakes seen in past few years in which region is found to be a cause of the Tectonic Plate Disintegration?

- (a) Arabian Sea
- (b) Indian Ocean
- (c) Arabian Peninsula
- (d) Himalyan Region

Answer: (b) Indian Ocean

5. On which date the most outstanding demonstrations of its own kind in Khandawa district of Madhya Pradesh named Jal Satyagraha which had continued for 17 days at Omkareshwar Dam Project came to an end?

- (a) 10 September 2012
- (b) 15 September 2012
- (c) 17 September 2012
- (d) 12 September 2012

Answer: (a) 10 September 2012

6. Name the astronaut of Indian American origin who took over the command of International Space Station on 15 September 2012.

- (a) Sunita Williams
- (b) Kalpana Chawla
- (c) Ravish Malhotra
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) Sunita Williams

7. Scientists at Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) warned that most of Earth's land areas might face an extreme summer heat wave than they did faced in between 1951 to 1980. Goddard Institute of Space Studies is a division of which space research centre?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NASA
- (c) Centre of astrophysics
- (d) European Space Agency

Answer: (b) NASA

8. On which date from 1995 onwards the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is celebrated worldwide?

- (a) 15 September
- (b) 18 September
- (c) 16 September
- (d) 12 September

Answer: (c) 16 September

9. Where the ozone layer is mainly found in the Earth's atmosphere?

- (a) Stratosphere
- (b) Hemisphere
- (c) Ozonosphere
- (d) Troposphere

Answer: (a) Stratosphere

10. The environment ministry on 12 September 2012 suspended the clearance of environmental guidelines issued to 93 Mines across which state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Goa
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (c) Goa

11 Scientists of the University of Michigan developed a gene therapy which they claimed could restore the sense of olfactory function. What is this olfactory function related to?

- (a) Sense of hearing
- (b) Sense of smell
- (c) Sense of sight
- (d) Sense of touch

Answer: (b) Sense of Smell

12. Australian scientists along with US experts claimed that they have discovered treatment for Alzheimer patients following a study finding a link to abnormalities in Alzheimer Patients. Alzheimer's disease is related to?

- (a) Brain
- (b) Heart
- (c) Eye sightedness
- (d) Liver

Answer: (a) Brain

13. Researchers from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Australia discovered that two proteins that work together to kill self-reactive immune cells can protect against diseases such as type1 diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. Rheumatoid arthritis principally attacks which part of the body?

- (a) Joints
- (b) Skin
- (c) Lungs
- (d) Kidney

Answer: (a) Joints

14. India enter into its first multi-lateral Social Science research collaboration with four European Nations by the approval of projects for networking and social science research cooperation in between the researchers of these nations. The colaboration came into existence on which date?

- (a) 2 September 2012
- (b) 7 September 2012
- (c) 5 September 2012
- (d) 4 September 2012

Answer: (c) 5 September 2012

15. The Zoological Society of London and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) released a list of 100 different species to be first in line for extinction from 48 different countries during the World Conservation Congress held in Republic of Korea on 11 September 2012. The Indian species that was categorised under first line of extinction was _____

- (a) Great Indian Bustard
- (b) One horned Rhino
- (c) Indian giant Squirrel
- (d) Asiatic Lion

Answer: (a) Great Indian Bustard

16. On which date, the Union Cabinet of India, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh approved the long awaited demand for One Rank One Pension (OROP) and other benefits of ex-servicemen.

- (a) 21 September 2012
- (b) 24 September 2012
- (c) 19 September 2012
- (d) 17 September 2012

Answer: (b) 24 September 2012

17. Name the Union Minister who on 24 September 2012 took an additional charge of the Railway Ministry after the exit of Mukul Roy.

- (a) C.P. Joshi
- (b) Nitish kumar
- (c) Mamta Banerjee
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) C.P. Joshi

18. Which Indian Bollywood actress was appointed as International Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) ?

- (a) Katrina Kaif
- (b) Aishwarya Rai
- (c) Kareena Kapoor
- (d) Madhuri Dixit

Answer: (b) Aishwarya Rai

19. The Election commission of India on 27 September 2012 directed the Political Parties and candidates not to use which of the following in the election campaign as it was violating Article 51 (g) of the constitution?

- (a) Animals and Birds
- (b) Arms and ammunition
- (c) Heavy vehicles
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) Animals and birds

20. Name the Indian nuclear-capable surface-to-surface missile which on 19 September 2012 was successfully test fired from Wheeler Island, off the Odisha Coast.

- (a) Agni III
- (b) Agni IV
- (c) Prithvi III
- (d) Agni V

Answer: (b) Agni IV

21. Name the person who on 13 September 2012 was appointed as the 39th chief justice of India

- (a) Justice Altamas Kabir
- (b) Justice A.K. Sikri
- (c) Rajeev Gupta
- (d) Justice Mohit Shantilal Shah

Answer: (a) Justice Altamas Kabir

22. Which person was appointed as the president of, The Indian Newspaper Society for the year 2012-2013 on 13 September 2012 during the 73rd annual meet of the Newspaper Society?

- (a) K.N. Tilak Kumar
- (b) Ravindra Kumar
- (c) Ashish Bagga
- (d) Pradeep Gupta

Answer: (a) K.N. Tilak Kumar

23. On which date Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs inaugurated the 7th Heads of Indian Missions (HoMs) conference and announced revised Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) scheme.

- (a) 15 September 2012
- (b) 16 September 2012
- (c) 17 September 2012
- (d) 20 September 2012

Answer: (c) 17 September 2012

24. The Supreme Court of India on 14 September 2012 lifted the gag order on media reporting of troop movement that was ordered by one of the High Court. HC order was in violation of the fundamental right under Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution, granted to the media and every citizen of the country. The order came from which of the high court?

- (a) Allahabad High court
- (b) Calcutta high court
- (c) Karnataka high court
- (d) Madras high court

Answer: (a) Allahabad High court

25. The Union government hiked Dearness Allowance (DA) by what percent benefiting its 80 lakh employees and pensioners and costing the exchequer an additional Rs7,408 crore annually?

- (a) 4 percent
- (b) 8 percent
- (c) 7 percent
- (d) 6 percent

Answer: (c) 7 percent

26. The Supreme Court of India on 4 September 2012 directed the Union Government of India to re-fix the pay scale of army officers affected by the which Pay Commission?

- (a) Fourth pay Commission
- (b) Sixth pay Commission
- (c) Fifth Pay Commission
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) Fourth pay Commission

27. At what interest rate percent per annum, The Union Cabinet gave its approval to continue interest subsidy to Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Cooperatives Banks and NABARD enabling them to provide short-term crop loans of up to Rs 3 lakhs to farmers during the year 2012-13?

- (a) 7% Per annum
- (b) 8.5 % Per annum
- (c) 6 % Per annum
- (d) 5 % per annum

Answer: (a) 7 % per annum

28. To what percent Government of India on 11 September 2012 reduced interest rates on rescheduled crop loans from 12 percent in the drought-affected areas for the fiscal year 2012-13

- (a) 8 percent
- (b) 5 percent
- (c) 7 percent
- (d) 6 percent

Answer: (c) 7 Percent

29. The State Health Ministry of Arunachal Pradesh launched a scheme in Itanagar on 14 September 2012 for providing financial assistance upto 1.5 lakh rupees to BPL patients suffering from life threatening diseases in the form of a onetime grant. What was the name of that scheme?

- (a) Rashtriya Aarogya Nidhi
- (b) Rashtriya Janseva Nidhi
- (c) Rashtriya Sarvoklayan Prayojna
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) Rashtriya Aarogya Nidhi

30. Name the Person of India who was appointed as Chief Economist of World Bank.

- (a) Kaushik basu
- (b) Jaideep Sarkar
- (c) Narayan Murthy
- (d) Nandan Nilkeni

Answer: (a) Kaushik basu

31. Name the England football player, the captain of Chelsea in the premier league who announced his retirement from International Football on 24 September 2012.

- (a) John Terry
- (b) Stevan Gerrard
- (c) David Beckham
- (d) Ashley Cole

Answer: (a) John Terry

32. Name the Indian boxer and London Olympic bronze medalist who on 24 September 2012 named as the brand ambassador of super fight league.

- (a) Vijendra Singh
- (b) M C Mary Kom
- (c) Manoj Kumar
- (d) Vikas Krishan

Answer: (b) M C Mary Kom

33. Name the Former Cricketer and all-rounder, who was appointed as the Chairman of the five member senior selection committee of BCCI on 27 September 2012.

- (a) Saba Karim
- (b) Vikram Rathour
- (c) Sandeep Patil
- (d) Rajinder Singh Hans.

Answer: (c) Sandeep Patil

34. Deepika Kumari the Sports Person from India, won Silver at Recurve World Cup on 23 September 2012 in Tokyo. Recurve world Cup is related to which Sports Event?

- (a) Archery
- (b) Shooting
- (c) Disc Throwing
- (d) Volley ball

Answer: (a) Archery

35. Which Indian golfer wrapped up a four-shot victory at the Yeangder tournament players Championship in Chinese Taipei on 17 September 2012?

- (a) Gaganjeet Bhullar
- (b) Jeev Mikha Singh
- (c) Shiv Kapur
- (d) Jyoti Randhawa

Answer: (a) Gaganjeet Bhullar

36. Name the two players on whom AITA (All India Tennis Association) extended ban till June 2014

- (a) Mahesh Bhupati and Rohan Bopanna
- (b) Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna
- (c) Leander Paes and Sania Mirza
- (d) Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupati

Answer: (a) Mahesh Bhupati and Rohan Bopanna

37. Name the owner of Delhi franchise of hockey India

- (a) Tata Group
- (b) Wave Group
- (c) Bharti Group
- (d) Aircel and Reliance

Answer: (b) Wave Group

38. Name the person who has been appointed as full time president of Hockey India.

- (a) Gayatri Shetty
- (b) Mariamma koshy
- (c) Bachendri Pal
- (d) Dilip Tirki

Answer: (b) Mariamma koshy

39. Name the the Australian Cricketer who on 20 September 2012 announced his retirement from all formats of Cricket.

- (a) Matthew Hayden
- (b) Ricky Pointing
- (c) Michael Clarke
- (d) Bret Lee

Answer: (a) Matthew Hayden

40. Name the BJP MLA who was elected as the President of Indian Boxing Federation on 23 September 2012.

- (a) Abhishek Matoria
- (b) Ashok Gehlot
- (c) Mahesh Joshi
- (d) Sachin Pilot

Answer: (a) Abhishek Matoria

41. Name the New Zealand's fast bowler who retired from both International and Domestic Cricket

- (a) Shane Bond
- (b) Daryl Tuffey
- (c) Ian Butler
- (d) Chris Martin

Answer (b) Daryl Tuffey

42. The boxing Champion, Muhammad Ali who retired from the game in the year 1981 was honoured with Medal in Philadelphia on 13 September 2012. What was the name of that medal?

- (a) Liberty medal
- (b) Medal of Excellence
- (c) Indecorum medal
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) Liberty medal

43. Which Indian player became ICC ODI cricketer of the year?

- (a) Virendra Sehwag
- (b) MS Dhoni
- (c) Suresh Raina
- (d) Virat Kohli

Answer: (d) Virat kohli

44. Which character is declared to be the official mascot for the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil on 12 September 2012.

- (a) Laughing Buddha

- (b) A Smiling Armadillo
 - (c) Shera
 - (d) A Running Pichachhoo
- Answer: (b) A Smiling Armadillo

45. Women SAF football championship 2012 was won by which country?
- (a) Nepal
 - (b) Bhutan
 - (c) China
 - (d) India
- Answer: (d) India

46. Name the Indian High jumper who won a silver medal in (F42 single leg, amputations minimal disability category) at London Paralympics Games.
- (a) Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajegowda
 - (b) Vijay Singh Chauhan
 - (c) Suresh Babu
 - (d) Hari Shankar Roy
- Answer: (a) Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajegowda

47. The legendary tennis player from US who announced his retirement during the US open on 6 September 2012 after facing a defeat from John Martin del Potro.
- (a) Roger Federer
 - (b) Rafael Nadal
 - (c) Novak Djokovic
 - (d) Andy Roddick
- Answer: (d) Andy Roddick

48. Which Indian female wrestler won Bronze in the World Junior Championship at Pattava on 6 September 2012?
- (a) Indu Choudhary
 - (b) Geeta Phogat
 - (c) Sonika Kaliraman
 - (d) Alka tomar
- Answer: (a) Indu Choudhary

49. Name the Formula one driver who became the winner of Italian Grand Prix 2012
- (a) Fernando Alonso
 - (b) Lewis Hamilton
 - (c) Sebastian Vettel
 - (d) Michael Schumacher
- Answer: (b) Lewis Hamilton

50. Name the tennis player who became the first British man to capture US Open Grand Slam Singles Championship after 76 years by defeating Novak Djokovic on 11 September 2012.
- (a) Andy Murray
 - (b) Max Woonsam

(c) Jamie Murray

(d) Bunny Austin

Answer: (a) Andy Murray

51. For what percent, The Government of India on 20 September 2012 hiked the foreign investment cap for the broadcasting service providers?

(a) 65 percent

(b) 74 percent

(c) 80 percent

(d) 54 percent

Answer: (b) 74 percent

52. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 24 September 2012 approved a package on debt restructuring for the state-electricity boards. What was net worth of that package?

(a) 1.90 lakh Crore

(b) 3.5 lakh Crore

(c) 2.6 lakh Crore

(d) 1.25 lakh Crore

Answer: (a) 1.90 lakh crore

53. Which agency was instructed by the Central Vigilance Commission on 24 September 2012 to expand its investigation scope on Coal Block Allocation to private firms in between 1993 to 2004?

(a) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

(b) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

(c) CAG Committee

(d) None of These

Answer: (b) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

54. Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved a proposed hike of the government's stake in Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd (IFCI) to make it a state-run company. What was hike that Percent?

(a) 56.25 Percent

(b) 55.57 Percent

(c) 54.35 Percent

(d) 58.65 Percent

Answer: (b) 55.5 Percent

55. State Bank of India, the country's largest bank, cuts its base rate with how much point making it to 9.75 percent?

(a) 25 basis point

(b) 45 basis point

(c) 35 basis point

(d) 50 basis point

Answer: (a) 15 basis point

56. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited introduced a system for making the payment of the bookings via mobile phones. What is the name of that system?

- (a) Interbank Mobile Payment System (IMPS)
- (b) Sybase mobile banking System
- (c) Railway mobile banking system
- (d) PNB mobile banking System

Answer: (a) Interbank Mobile Payment System (IMPS)

57. Name the Union Minister who had suggested setting up of a National Investment Board (NIB) under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to accord speedy clearances to mega proposals.

- (a) Sharad Pawar
- (b) A.K. Antony
- (c) Kapil Sibal
- (d) P. Chidambaram

Answer (d) P. Chidambaram

58. Reserve Bank of India injected a liquidity of around _____ by slashing down the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 25 basis points to 4.50 percent from 4.75 percent.

- (a) 17000 crore
- (b) 15000 crore
- (c) 10000 crore
- (d) 12000 crore

Answer: (a) 17000 crore

59. Shimla Municipal Corporation introduced a Tax on Shimla entry of vehicles that are not registered in Himachal Pradesh. What was the name of that tax?

- (a) Envy Tax
- (b) Green Tax
- (c) Carbon tax
- (d) Natural resource consumption tax

Answer: (b) Green tax

60. Name the report which was submitted to the finance minister of India by the Shome Committee constituted by the Central Board of Direct Taxes, after the approval of Prime Minister of India.

- (a) GARR Report
- (b) CAG Report
- (c) Financial Credit Report
- (d) Tax Mitigation Report

Answer: (a) GARR Report

61. In a gesture of goodwill Karnataka government in front of Supreme Court of India agreed to release _____ cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu from the Cauvery River.

- (a) 20000
- (b) 10000
- (c) 5000
- (d) 15000

Answer: (b) 10000

62. The EGoM (Empowered Group of Ministers) on 11 September 2012 declared to slash down the interest rate from 10 to 12 percent to how many percent in the entire 350 drought hit Talukas of the four states namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Karnataka?

- (a) 4 percent
- (b) 8.5 percent
- (c) 7 percent
- (d) 6 percent

Answer: (c) 7 percent

63. As per the data released by the government on 14 September 2012, Indian inflation rose from 6.87 percent recorded in July 2012 to _____ percent August 2012.

- (a) 7.55
- (b) 8.0
- (c) 9.5
- (d) 7.25

Answer: (a) 7.55

64. The Union Cabinet cleared the proposal of foreign direct investment (FDI) for 51 percent in the multi-brand retail chains and _____ percent in Aviation power exchanges industry.

- (a) 50
- (b) 49
- (c) 66
- (d) 25

Answer: (b) 49

65. The reserve bank of India reduced the Cash Reserve Ratio(CRR) by:

- (a) 0.5 percent
- (b) 0.25 percent
- (c) 0.75 percent
- (d) 1 percent

Answer: (b) 0.25 percent

68. Mauritius based, investment firm, got a clearance for their foreign direct investment proposal of investing Rs 808 crore by the union government of India. What was the name of that investment firm?

- (a) Cloverdell Investments Ltd
- (b) Conyers Dill and Pearman
- (c) CIEL Investment
- (d) Paracor Investment

Answer: (a) Cloverdell Investments Ltd

69. To split off the ground handling and engineering services of Air India, Union cabinet approved a proposal of how much amount so that the two units Air India Engineering Services Limited (AIESL) and Air India Transport Services Ltd. (AITSL) will be operational as two completely owned subsidiaries and treated as separate profit centers?

- (a) 867 crore
- (b) 800 crore
- (c) 875 crore

(d) 768 crore

Answer: (d) 768 crore

70. The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) published its annual publication- India's external debt: a status report 2011-12. As per the published report, India's external debt in the end of March 2012 was:

(a) \$345.8 billion

(b) \$250 billion

(c) \$362.7 billion

(d) \$450 billion

Answer: (a) \$345.8 billion

71. As per the data released by world Economic Forum India's ranking declined by three places to what position in the Global Competitiveness Index 2012-2013?

(a) 59 position

(b) 56 position

(c) 61 position

(d) 64 position

Answer: (a) 59 position

72. Due to the demand slowdown in the US and Europe, India's exports in July reduced to what per cent making it a steepest fall in three years?

(a) 15.2 percent

(b) 14.8 percent

(c) 12.5 percent

(d) 13.6 percent

Answer: (b) 14.8 percent

73. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation was awarded with the work of Management Consulting Services in which international Metro Rail Project?

(a) Jakarta Metro rail project

(b) Moscow Metro rail project

(c) London Metro rail project

(d) Copenhagen Metro rail project

Answer: (a) Jakarta Metro rail project

74. Name the Indian Entrepreneur who was placed at top in the Executive Pay Chart of the listed companies for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

(a) Mukesh Ambani

(b) Sunil Mittal

(c) Naveen Jindal

(d) Kalanithi Maran

Answer: (c) Naveen Jindal

75. Who is appointed as the chief Legal Executive director of Ashok Leyland?

(a) Sundar Rajan

(b) Dheeraj G. Hinduja

(c) Rajiv Saharia

(d) N.V. Balachandran

Answer: (a) Sundar Rajan

76. The Oil and gas exploration and production company Cairn Energy plc sold 8 per cent stake in Cairn India for a net realization of about US Dollar 910 million. The Cairn Energy is based at

(a) UK

(b) Germany

(c) France

(d) Australia

Answer: (a) UK

77. TVS Motors on 28 September 2012 launched a new 125 cc Motorcycle in market. The Motorcycle is named by

(a) TVS Phoenix

(b) TVS Flame

(c) TVS Jive

(d) TVS Apache RTR

Answer: (a) TVS Phoenix

78. Tech Mahindra acquired 51% stake in Bharti group owned mobile value added service (VAS) provider limited for 260 crore. What is the name of that value added service provider?

(a) Comviva Technologies

(b) Bharti Airtel

(c) Infratel Ltd.

(d) Vodafone services

Answer: (a) Comviva Technologies

79. 25 percent stake of Axis bank subsidiary, Axis Asset Management Company was acquired by Schroder Singapore Holdings. The company is largest asset management company of which country?

(a) USA

(b) UK

(c) Canada

(d) Switzerland

Answer: (b) UK

80. Name the country in which Tata Steel won a high-speed Rail Contract of Value Rs 315.15 Crore.

(a) Germany

(b) Japan

(c) China

(d) France

Answer: (d) France

81. HCL Technologies signed a multi-million dollar deal with the Texas-based Semi-conductor and embedded processing solution providing company. Name the company.

(a) Freescale

(b) Dallas Semiconductor

(c) Tri Quint

(d) Texas Instrument

Answer: (a) Freescale

82. Name the airline which has emerged to be the top ranked carrier for consecutive second month

(a) Jet Airways

(b) Spice Jet

(c) Indigo Airlines

(d) Air India

Answer: (c) Indigo Airlines

83. On 10 September 2012, Infosys acquired Switzerland based global management consultancy firm, which is considered to be the largest acquisition by Infosys till date. Name the firm acquired.

(a) Lodestone

(b) Adecco

(c) Dartfish

(d) Ricola

Answer: (a) Lodestone

84. Information training company NIIT Ltd partnered with which Software company on 12 September 2012 for courses in Cloud computing?

(a) IBM

(b) Microsoft

(c) Infosys

(d) Wipro

Answer: (b) Microsoft

85. A production- Sharing Contract (PSC) was signed by Australian BHP Billiton and UK's based global energy and Natural Gas Company on 10 September 2010. Name the UK based company.

(a) Salamander energy

(b) London Marine Consultants

(c) Falkland Oil and Gas

(d) BG Group

Answer: (d) BG Group

86. Which State-owned Indian Bank opened its first branch in South Africa in a move to enhance the relationship between South Africa and India?

(a) Bank of India

(b) Union bank of India

(c) Punjab National bank

(d) ICICI Bank

Answer (a) Bank of India

87. Larsen & Turbo integrated its L&T Engineering Services with IT business L&T InfoTech for igniting growth rate of the company in technical arena. The company's newly restructured cluster is rebranded by name as:

(a) L&T Technology Services

(b) L&T Info engineering Services

(c) L&T Tech Engineering Services

(d)L&T Tech and Solution services

Answer (a) L&T Technology Services

88. Name the steel and power Company which has acquired Canadian Energy Firm CIC for Rs 650 Crore.

(a)Jindal Steel and Power Ltd

(b)Hira Steel and Power Ltd

(c)Nandan Steel and Power Ltd

(d)Essar Group of company

Answer: (a) Jindal Steel and Power Ltd

89.Bharat electronic limited entered into a joint venture with French Energy Solution Company to manufacture radars for civilian and defense purpose. Name the French company.

(a)GDF Suez

(b)Thales

(c)Dalkia

(d)Areva NC

Answer: (b) Thales

90.Tata Consultancy Service signed in an agreement of 103 crore to provide ICT Solution for MGNREGS in which State?

(a) Uttar Pradesh

(b) Bihar

(c) West Bengal

(d) Punjab

Answer: (c) West Bengal

91.Name the Industry Leader who is nominated to Competition Commission Eminent Persons Advisory Group (EPAG) by the Union government of India.

(a)Deepak Parekh

(b)Narayan Murthy

(c)Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

(d)VN Kaul

Answer: (a) Deepak Parekh

92.Which call centre service provider company was acquired by Tech Mahindra with a deal of \$87.1 Million?

(a)Fusion BPO Services

(b)Hutchinson Global Services

(c)Intelnet

(d)Exl services

Answer: (b) Hutchinson Global Services

93.A new strain of rice developed by the scientists, which can enhance the productivity in the soil that lacks a nutrient content. Name the nutrient, lack of which effects crop yield.

(a)Sulphur

(b)Oxygen

(c) Phosphorous

(d) Carbon

Answer: (c) Phosphorous

94. Name the two planets that came together in the Western sky on 15 August 2012 after sunset.

(a) Mars and Saturn

(b) Earth and Mars

(c) Jupiter and Saturn

(d) Venus and Earth

Answer: (a) Mars and Saturn

95. The identified singing mice that use songs to communicate are found in which region?

(a) The Himalayan terrain

(b) The tropical cloud forests in the mountains of Costa Rica

(c) On the volcanic plates of Pacific

(d) Greenland

Answer: (b) The tropical cloud forests in the mountains of Costa Rica

96. Name the NASA's Rover that has recently touched the surface of Mars

(a) Rover Curiosity

(b) Gale Crater

(c) Martian home

(d) Calif

Answer: (a) Rover Curiosity

97. Name the process that will be applied for transferring the gene of the newly developed Stained Rice to the modern variety of rice

(a) Cross-Breeding

(b) Genetic Engineering

(c) Hybridization

(d) None of these

Answer: (a) Cross-Breeding

98) Which of the following is not a brand owned by Shahnaz Hussain?

A) Veda Dynamics

B) Kaya Skin clinics

C) Shahnaz Herbal

D) Forever Beautiful

Ans) B- Kaya Skin clinics

Which of the following is not a snack brand owned by PepsiCo Company Frito Lay?

A) Lays

B) Bingo

C) Kurkure

D) Uncle Chipps

Ans) B- Bingo

Which beer giant operates in India through its 100% owned subsidiary South Asia Breweries?

- A) Carlsberg
 - B) AnheuserBusch
 - C) Heineken
 - D) Scottish & Newcastle
- Ans) Carlsberg

Who has been ranked by Time Magazine as the most powerful woman of the past century?

- A) Mother Teresa
 - B) Indira Gandhi
 - C) Jane Adams
 - D) Golda Meir
- Ans) Jane Adams

Justice Soumitra Sen of the Calcutta High court is the second judge in the country history to face removal proceedings in Parliament. Who was the first?

- A) Gautam Ghosh
 - B) B. Sudhakar
 - C) V. Ramaswamy
 - D) Kunal Kishore
- Ans) V. Ramaswamy

The book 'Building A World Class Civil Service for 21st century India' is written by

- A) Arun de Souza
 - B) Ian Harris
 - C) S.K. Das
 - D) Devesh Kapur
- Ans) S.K. Das

Which of the following places has been removed from UN list of unresolved disputes?

- A) Taiwan
 - B) Tibet
 - C) J&K
 - D) Arunachal Pradesh
- Ans) J&K

Which of the following is not a member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization?

- A) Russia
 - B) Kazakhstan
 - C) Uzbekistan
 - D) South Korea
- Ans) South Korea

The headquarters of NATO is situated at

- A) Vienna, Norway
 - B) New York, USA
 - C) Brussels, Belgium
 - D) Seoul, South Korea
- Ans) Brussels, Belgium

International Day for Tolerance is observed on

- A) November 10
 - B) November 16
 - C) November 24
 - D) November 28
- Ans) November 16

1. India's passenger car sales were decreased by 19% in August compared to same month last year due to high interest rate and high fuel prices. This is the highest drop in car sales in last one year, as per the Society of Indian automobile Manufacturer (SIAM).

2. The Goa Government has ordered temporary suspension of all mining operations in the state following serious irregularities mentioned in the report of the Justice M.B. Shah commission. The M.B. Shah commission was appointed by the Indian Government to check the illegal mining cases in different states including Karnataka and Goa.

1. UK's Tennis icon Andy Murray won his first Grand Slam title yesterday when he defeated Novak Djokovic by 7-6 (12-10), 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2 in the dramatic US open 2012 final. With this he ended UK's 76-year wait for men's Grand Slam title. 76 years ago UK's Fred Perry won the last Grand Slam title at US Open.

2. US Tennis star Serena Williams won Women's Singles US Open title 2012 last weekend after defeating Victoria Azarenka of Belarus by 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. This is her 4th US Open Title and 15th Grand Slam title.

3. McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won the Italian Grand Prix 2012 last weekend. Ferrari's Fernando Alonso finished at the 3rd position and extended his overall lead.

4. The South Korean Movie, Pieta won the Golden Lion Prize in the "Best Movie" category at the 69th Vennish Film Festival recently.

It was directed by Kim Ki-duk. **Paul Thomas Anderson's "The Master" won two prizes**, The Best Director award for Paul Thomas Anderson and Best Actor awards for Philip Seymour Hoffman and Joaquin Phoenix.

5. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new President of Somalia. He defeated current President Sharif Sheikh Ahmed in the Presidential election after securing 190 votes compared to Ahmed's 79 votes.

6. The Italian economy was contracted by 0.8% during the second quarter (April-June) of the current year. It deepens recession in the country which is already struggling with high public debt and lower economic growth

- **Apple Inc.** - a Japanese court rejected the patent claim of Apple Inc. that its South Korean rival Samsung stole its technology.
- **Harvard University** - an Ivy League University which has recently faced largest cheating scandal in its history
- **Ramon Magsaysay Award Winners 2012** – Award given by the President of Philippines Benigno Aquino III.
- **Awards -**
 1. Government Service – Syeda Rizwana Hasan (Bangladesh)
 2. Public Service – Yang Siang Koma (Cambodia)
 3. Community Leadership –Kulendei Francis (**India**)
 4. Journalism, Literature, and the Creative Communication Arts – Romulo Davide (Philippines)
 5. Peace and International Understanding – Chen Shu-chu (Taiwan)
 6. Emergent Leadership – Ruwindrijarto (Indonesia)
- **Thalidomide** - A drug manufactured by Grünenthal, a German pharmaceutical company An estimated 10,000 children worldwide were born with defects — including missing limbs — after their mothers took thalidomide, which was sold in nearly 50 countries before being pulled from the market in 1961.
- **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** – in its recent report, IAEA has alleged that Iran is frustrating U.N. inspection of a suspect military site by apparently scrubbing it clean.
- **Lucimar da Silva** - A gay man in Brazil who has been granted a four-month “maternity” leave for a child he and his civil partner adopted.
- **Meles Zenawi** – the person who served as the Prime Minister of Ethiopia – he has recently passed away – he served as the Prime Minister until he died
- **Iran** – country which has reinforced its aspirations to transform its navy into a *blue water force* that is capable of establishing its presence off the coast of the United States in the next few years.

- **Kaushik Basu** - The World Bank has named Kaushik Basu as the institution's *new chief economist and Senior Vice-President* – Earlier, he was the chief economic adviser of the India's Ministry of Finance
- **Save the Children** - Pakistan has asked foreign staff members of the international aid agency Save the Children [an NGO] to leave the country – there have been allegations against the NGO for helping CIA and its relation in Abbottabad attack on al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.
- **Communist Party of Nepal (Maoists)** - the United States has finally lifted its "terrorist" tag for Nepal's ruling party, Communist Party of Nepal (Maoists)
- **Haqqani Network** - a terror outfit in Afghanistan – has been designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation by U.S.A.
- **Paul McCartney** – Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney he has recently received the *French Legion of Honour award*
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology** - The prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology has grabbed the top slot from Cambridge University on a world ranking for 2011-2012 – rankings in the "league table" by QS World University Rankings.
- **WikiLeaks** - it recently released a cache of more than 32,000 emails to and from the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs saying they revealed "the inner workings of the Syrian government and economy" .
- **Bank of England** – it is the central bank of the United Kingdom and the model on which most modern central banks have been based – British Treasury chief George Osborne said he would be advertising a major job for the first time ever: *Governor of the Bank of England*.
- **Christopher Stevens** - The ambassador of the United States to Libya has been killed during an armed mob attack in Benghazi on the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.
- **Apple Inc.** - it recently unveiled the iPhone 5 – Marketing head Phil Schiller unveiled the year's most eagerly awaited phone
- **Eduardo dos Santos** - President of Angola. Angola is holding country's third elections since gaining independence in 1975.
- **Vinod Rai – Comptroller and Auditor General of India** - he was in light because of the report which he presented on the allocation of Coal Blocks – he reported the huge losses suffered by the government in this allocation
- **Raj Thackeray** - Chairperson, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena
- **Rajasthan Vishesh Awas Yojna** - special housing scheme launched by the state of Rajasthan for rehabilitation of both urban and rural poor affected by natural and manmade calamities.
- **India's G.D.P** growth (1st quarter 2012-13) – 5.5% – it was the worst GDP in this quarter within past *one decade*.
- **India's Foreign Policy: Coping with the Changing World** – book authored by Muchkund Dubey to be released – M. Dubey is a former Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh
- **Gen Liang Guanglie** – Chinese Defence Minister who is on a visit to India
- **Duniya Na Mane** - movie screened on the opening day of the Delhi Book Fair to commemorate 100 years of Indian cinema.

- *Duniya na Mane* is a 1937 Hindi social classic directed by V. Shantaram.
- **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Programme** - the Ministry of Human Resource Development has started a process of enhancing the criteria of annual parental income from the *current Rs. 1.5 lakh* and the rate of scholarships to make a larger number of students eligible for the scholarships.
- **No long duration SIM card for foreign tourists** - the government has asked telecom service providers not to provide mobile connection *for more than three months* to any foreign tourist visiting India.
- **Haryana** – state which has instituted nutrition awards at the district level to check malnourishment among children..
- **Gujarat** – State which has recently issued a notification to ban Gutka and Pan Masala in the state.
- **Anil Bordia** - Eminent educationist, activist and former civil servant, who played an important role in defining the country's new education policy – he has recently passed away
- **'Hamari Miss India'** – campaign to move from village to village to voice a strong concern against sex-selective tests and reiterate the opportunity that a girl child brings to a family and to society at large – launched by Delhi-based Sun Foundation
- **'Sorry Teacher'** – Telugu Feature Film whose release for public viewing was restrained by Andhra Pradesh High Court
- **Sri Lanka** – country which has recently issued a travel advisory to its citizens from visiting Tamil Nadu for 'increasing acts of intimidation against Sri Lankan nationals in Tamil Nadu'.
- **"Delhi Annschri Yojana"** - Under the programme, Rs.600 in cash would be transferred to the eldest female members of more than two lakh families which are not presently covered under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya programmes – to be launched by Delhi Government on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti this year
- **Hydro-electric project on Kishenganga River** – a matter of dispute between India and Pakistan
- **Justice Altamas Kabir** – to take over as the Chief Justice of India in September 2012 – he will be the 39th Chief Justice of India – he will succeed Justice S.H. Kapadia
- **McDonald's** - The world's second-biggest restaurant chain after Subway – It will open its first vegetarian outlet in the middle of next year near the Golden Temple in Amritsar.
- **Union Cabinet** - it has recently approved a Bill to amend the Constitution to provide reservation to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in government job promotions.
- **'Solaris'** – a solar-powered passenger car developed by Delhi Technological University – it has recently been flagged off by President Pranab Mukherjee
- **Musalmander Koronio (What Muslims should do)** – book that contains certain passages which are critical of the Trinamool Congress-led government's policies for minorities – The author of the book is Nazrul Islam – the publisher of the book was attacked and office was raided by the police in relation to the book.

- **Union Minister of State for Telecommunication & Information Technology** - Sachin Pilot – to be commissioned in the rank of lieutenant in the Territorial Army (TA).
- **Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)** - to soon launch mobile applications to allow people access weather related information on their Android mobile phones.
- **Rajasthan Government** – it has launched a new scheme for providing training to women for employment in different fields.
- **India** – it has slipped a place down to 169th in FIFA rankings, and is ranked 32nd in Asia
- **Washington Post** – The newspaper which was in controversy for publishing a controversial article on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh
- In a landmark judgement, Supreme has held that **Indian courts have no jurisdiction** to pass interim orders in foreign arbitration awards between an Indian company and a foreign company under the provisions of the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- **Justice M.B. Shah Commission** - probed into illegal mining of iron ore and manganese in Goa
- **External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna and Interior Minister Rehman Malik** – they have recently signed a long-pending visa agreement to ease travel relations between India and Pakistan - The new visa regime — the first major overhaul since 1974 — in particular eases travel restrictions *for businessmen* and introduces a new category of group tourism. Besides, persons aged above 65 will be issued visa on arrival.
- **Manoj Kumar Raina** - the first contestant to have won Rs. 1 crore in the sixth season of Kaun Banega Crorepati
- **“Nagara mattu Nadikanive”** – A documentary deals with the impact the proposed Gundia power project will have, if implemented, on the biodiversity of the Western Ghat - Kesari Haravu is the director of the documentary.
- **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C21)** - A Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C21) blasted off from *Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)* and placed two *foreign satellites* in orbit - Two foreign satellites which were launched by PSLV-C21 are – **SPOT-6** a 712-kg French earth observation satellite – built by Astrium SAS, a European space technology company - **Proiteres** a 15-kg Japanese microsatellite, was put into orbit as an additional payload – Proiteres is meant to study the powered-flight of a small satellite by an electric thruster and to observe Japan’s Kansai district with a high-resolution camera - It is the biggest commercial lift by PSLV
- **Aseem Trivedi** - Award-winning political cartoonist and anti-corruption and Internet freedom crusader Aseem Trivedi has recently been arrested – he was arrested on charges of sedition, cyber crime, and insulting the national flag, Parliament and the Constitution through his work.
- Trivedi’s *‘Cartoons Against Corruption’* website was earlier banned by the Mumbai police.
- **Vergheese Kurien** - father of “White Revolution” and founder of the cooperative dairy movement in the country – he has recently passed away – was also known as *milkman of India*

- *Anand* - a small town in central Gujarat that was Kurien's home for the last six decades and which he made famous as "the milk capital of India."
- **Delhi Government** - it has decided to impose a complete ban on manufacture, sale, display, transportation and storage of gutka and other related products in the city - Delhi Government has also imposed a blanket ban on manufacture, sale, storage and use of *plastic bags* in the city
- **Goa** - state which suspended the operation of all existing mining leases – the move has been taken to scrutinise clearances obtained by the leaseholders and not to allow continuation of operations without verification of requisite approvals
- There was a growing public outcry over the illegalities in the mining sector as brought out by the *Justice M. B. Shah Commission of Inquiry* in its report
- **Free medicine supply scheme** – the objective of the scheme is to provide free medicines to all patients in all Government hospitals to the people of all socio-economic categories – The scheme was launched in Rajasthan on October 2, marking Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary in 2011
- **"Siachen – The Cold War"** – a comic which illustrates comic replete with bloody battle scenes, snazzy guns and strong men about India and Pakistan fighting a tough battle on the snow tops of the Himalayan range, i.e., Siachen Glacier
- Rishi Kumar is the author, illustrator and publisher of the comics.
- **'Padma' and 'Chopola'** - Replicas of the houseboats used by Rabindranath Tagore during his stay in East Bengal (now Bangladesh) – boats to be handed over to India by Bangladesh
- **Nikki Haley** - second Indian-American governor in U.S.A. (South California)
- **Supreme Court of India** – it has recently laid down the constitutional principle which would allow the aggrieved parties to move the appropriate court for postponement of the publication of hearings.
- **'Vivekanand Yuva Vikas Rath Yatra'** - an aggressive campaign for the Gujarat Assembly elections scheduled in December this year
- **Sahara India Real Estate Corporation Ltd. (SIRECL) and the Sahara Housing Investment Corporation Ltd. (SHICL)** - owned by Subrata Roy Sharma, Chairman of Sahara India Pariwar Group [It is headquartered in Lucknow] –
- Sahara Group has recently been directed by the Supreme Court to refund over Rs. 24,400 crore collected from 2.21 crore depositors through the optimally fully convertible debentures (OFCDs) by way of bonds.
- **ATIV S-** Samsung's first device to run Windows 8
- Samsung Group is a South Korean multinational conglomerate company headquartered in Samsung Town, Seoul.
- **Windows Server 2012** - Microsoft has announced general availability of Windows Server 2012, a first of its kind version of operating system (OS) *that can be controlled remotely*.
- **Scala** – a new version of car recently launched by Renault India.
- **The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** – it has recently asked telecom companies to de-activate the international calling facility in pre-paid numbers and restore it only after a subscriber gives his consent to avail himself of the service.
- **Infosys** – it has recently announced the acquisition of Zurich-based Lodestone Holding AG, a leading management consultancy firm, for 330 million Swiss francs

(\$345 million or Rs.1,925 crore), which is expected to strengthen the company's consulting capabilities.

- **“www.machinebank.in”** - An online platform promoted by alumni from the IIM and ISB providing advisory services to buy, hire, sell or auction new and old machinery and spares, avail project and equipment finance and manpower solutions.
- **Jeet Thayil** – Indian writer who has been shortlisted for this year's Man Booker award for his debut novel *Narcopolis* — a dark tale about the opium and heroin dens of Mumbai thought to be based on his own experiences of what one critic described as the city's “seedy underbelly”.
- **Unmukt Chand** - Captain of the under-19 Indian cricket team which has recently won 2012 World Cup – India also has the privilege to win Under 19 Cricket World Cup in the year 2008 and 2012
 - 2012 Under -19 Cricket World Cup was the ninth edition of the tournament.
 - The event was staged in the Australian state of Queensland
- **Indian Wrestling League (IWL)** – to be launched by the Wrestling Federation of India next year – in order to promote wrestling in India
- **Winner, Belgian Grand Prix – Jenson Button**
 - Jenson Button is an English Formula One driver currently signed to McLaren. He was the 2009 Formula One World Champion.
- **Glen McGrath** – he has recently taken over as the Director of MRF Pace Foundation – he succeeded legendary cricketer Dennis Lillee, who helped in the creation of the Foundation
- **2012 Nehru Cup** - 15th edition of the Nehru Cup – India won 2012 Nehru cup defeating Cameroon in penalty shoot out
- **58th National School Games 2012** – held in Jammu and Kashmir
- **Oscar Pistorius** - a South African sprint runner – At the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, Pistorius became the first double leg amputee to participate in the Olympics when he entered the men's 400 metres race
- **Girisha Hosanagara** - won the silver medal in the high jump in 2012 Paralympics Games held in London – It was also India's 1st medal at 2012 Paralympics
- **Ravichandran Ashwin** - broke into the top 20 of ICC's Test Rankings for the first time at a career-best 18th spot after guiding the team to a series whitewash over New Zealand.
- **Prince of Asturias 2012 prize for sports** - Casillas, goalkeeper for Real Madrid and Spain, and Xavi, Barcelona midfielder, were awarded the prestigious Prince of Asturias 2012 prize for sports
- **Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan** - collected a record-equalling 12th Grand Slam men's doubles title when they defeated Leander Paes and Radek Stepanek in the US Open final.
- **Thailand's Thaworn Wiratchant** – he claimed a record 14th Asian Tour golf title as he cruised to a three-shot victory at the Worldwide Holdings Selangor Masters in Malaysia.
- **United States of America** – it recently beat former champion Germany 1-0 *in Tokyo* to claim its third FIFA U-20 women's World Cup crown

- **Divij Sharan** – he has joined the elite doubles players by breaking into the Top 100 of the world rankings.
- **Serena Williams** – she captured her 15th Grand Slam title and fourth career US Open crown with victory over World No. 1 Victoria Azarenka in recently concluded final match of **U.S. Open (Women's title)**
- **Andy Murray**- he ended Britain's 76-year wait for a men's Grand Slam champion when he beat 2011 winner Novak Djokovic in an epic 2012 US Open final - Murray became Britain's first major champion since Fred Perry claimed his third American title in 1936, the year the Spanish Civil War started and Franklin D. Roosevelt was re-elected US president.
- **Head, Expert Committee on General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR)** – Parthasarathi Shome
- Committee was set up by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to address the concerns of foreign and domestic investors
- **Urban Development Minister** - Kamal Nath
- **Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** - Shanta Sinha
- Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi – an anti-submarine warfare specialist – has recently taken over as Navy Chief from Admiral Nirmal Verma
- Chairman, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) – R.K. Tyagi
- Prime Minister, Pakistan – Raja Pervez Ashraf
- India's Ambassador to United States of America (USA) – Nirupama Rao
- Chairman, I.T.C. Ltd. – Y.C. Deveshwar – he has been appointed as a director on the central board of directors of the Reserve Bank of India
- CEO and Managing Director, Infosys – S. D. Shibulal
- Governor, Karnataka – H.R. Bharadwaj
- President, European Central Bank – Mario Draghi
- United Nations and Arab League Special Envoy for Syria – Lakhdar Brahimi
- Head, Pakistan Cricket Board – Zaka Ashraf
- Union Rural Development Minister – Jairam Ramesh