

Q1 Answer: B

Explanation:

Insanitation affects children leading to 100,000 deaths due to diarrhoeal diseases. Every rupee invested in improving sanitation leads to a saving of Rs 4.30, shows a recent independent study by UNICEF.

The Swacch Bharat Abhiyan is the fulcrum under which the tourist destinations are kept clean, like renovation of river ghats in pilgrim cities like Varanasi. The slogan of “Swaach Bharat Swaach Smarak” given by the Prime Minister indicates the need to keep the heritage sites clean.

Q2 Answer: C

Explanation:

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is the apex body for co-ordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country.
- Under ICAR there are more than 102 Agricultural Research Institutes, 73 Central and State Agricultural Universities and more than 690 Krishi Vigyan Kendras
- Due to ineffective mechanisms to spread information most of the benefits of farmer-oriented research take a long time to reach the agrarian community.

Q3 Answer: A

Explanation:

The ‘Maa Narmada Mahotsav’ was celebrated from 6th September to 15th September in Gujarat.

Q4 Answer: C

Explanation:

Mahila Shakti Kendra will be set-up at village level. This will provide one stop convergent support services for empowering rural women with opportunities for skill development, employment, digital literacy, health and nutrition.

Q5 Answer: C

Explanation:

The urban form approach will address ways to make urban expansion sustainable and manageable. This would mean an emphasis on planning for urban and its adjoining peri-urban and rural areas in an integrated manner. It was adopted in New Delhi declaration by Asia-Pacific countries.

Q6 Answer: D

Explanation:

Norway and Switzerland were among the founding Member States of EFTA in 1960. Iceland joined EFTA in 1970, followed by Liechtenstein in 1991. The EFTA was established to serve as an alternative trade bloc for those European states that were unable or unwilling to join the then European Economic Community (EEC)

Q7 Answer: B

Explanation:

Gyan Sangam is the meet of various banks, financial institutions and insurance companies in order to discuss for enhancing the digitisation of the banking system in India and ways to increase the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems and big data analytics in the banking & financial services industry in India.

Q8 Answer: C

Explanation:

SAUNI stands for Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation, a project launched by Narendra Modi in September 2012.

- SAUNI envisages filling 115 major dams of the arid Saurashtra region by diverting floodwaters overflowing from the Sardar Sarovar Dam across the Narmada in south Gujarat.
- SAUNI is an out-and-out irrigation and drinking water project designed solely for the Saurashtra peninsula.

- SAUNI aims to fill irrigation dams which already have canal networks to channel water to farms. Technically, therefore, SAUNI is a link project.

Q9 Answer: A

Explanation:

- Under the scheme, subsidized liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders are sold at market rates and consumers are entitled to receive LPG subsidy direct.
- The scheme aims at eliminating duplication or bogus LPG connections and its diversion.

Q10 Answer: C

Explanation:

Biometric information essentially refers to photograph, fingerprints and iris scan.

Q11 Answer: B

Explanation:

‘Anubhuti’, an ambitious initiative by the railways to target the fast-growing affluent class by offering comforts and amenities.

Q12 Answer: C

Explanation:

- Insurance scheme ‘Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna’ to boost the farming sector.
- The scheme will offer more insurance with less premium and lead to rise of purchasing capacity of farmers.

Q13 Answer: A

Explanation:

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Explanation

- Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) was launched by Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India to provide health insurance cover to Below Poverty Line population and informal sector workers of India.

- The objective of the scheme is to protect these families from shocks related to catastrophic expenditures on health by improving access to health and reducing out of pocket expenditure

Q18 Answer: C

Explanation:

The Global Human Capital Index for the year 2017 has been released by WEF. India has been placed at a low 103 rank, the lowest among BRICS economies.

Q19 Answer: C

Explanation:

- The aim of the pmkvy scheme is to encourage aptitude towards employable skills and to increase working efficiency.
- Average award amount per person has been kept as ₹ 8,000 (US\$120).
- National Skill Development Council (NSDC) has been made coordinating and driving agency for the same.

Q20 Answer: B

Explanation:

The package, to be called 'Ujjwala Plus', will allow good samaritans corporates included to donate cooking gas connections for poor households. Donors will get relief under Section 80G of tax norms.

Q21 Answer: A

Explanation:

The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog launched National Nutrition Strategy aimed at Kuposhan Mukta Bharat. It intends at bringing nutrition to centre-stage of National Development Agenda. The strategy lays down a roadmap for effective action, among both implementers and practitioners, in achieving our nutrition objectives.

Q22 Answer: B

Explanation:

The historic adoption of the new Sustainable Development Agenda, with 17 global goals at its core replacing MDGs is done under UN summit on Sustainable development -2015.

Q23 Answer: C

Explanation:

The Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, which turned paperless, has set a benchmark for other state Assemblies. It is the first House in the country to implement e-Vidhan as a pilot project, the web-based and fully automated Vidhan Sabha will no longer require manual laying of papers

Q24 Answer: B

Explanation:

- Udaan is national integration scheme with goal to mainstream Jammu&Kashmir youth with rest of country.
- The scheme not only provides skill enhancement and job opportunity but also connects bright youths from J&K with vibrant corporate sector of country.
- Udaan Scheme provides exposure to youth of J&K to best of corporate India and corporate India to rich talent pool available in State. So far, 109 leading corporate entities have partnered with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under scheme with commitment to train youth from State covering Banking, Financial Services, IT, ITES, Organized Retail, Infrastructure, Hospitality etc.

Q25 Answer: C

Explanation:

The LPG Panchayat is an interactive communication platform aimed at educating rural LPG users about proper safety precautions to be taken while using LPG, its benefit to the environment, its effect on women empowerment and health.

.Recently, NITI Aayog has launched “SATH”, a program providing “Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital’ with the State Governments.

Q26 Answer: D

Explanation:

The vision of the program is to initiate transformation in the education and Health sectors.

The program aims to identify and build three future 'role model' states for Health systems.

Furthering the agenda for cooperative federalism, NITI Aayog has launched SATH, a program providing 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital' with the State Governments. The program addresses the need expressed by many states for technical support from NITI.

Q27 Answer: C

Explanation:

- The government has launched a web portal called 'PENCIL' for effective implementation of the National Child Labour Project, (NCLP).
- PENCIL (Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour) — an electronic platform for no child labour in the country is being developed by the Labour Ministry.
- PENCIL portal has five components — Child Tracking System, Complaint Corner, State Government, National Child Labour Project and Convergence.

Q28 Answer: A

Explanation:

- Rural Skills Division, Ministry of Rural Development has organized 'Bharat ke Kaushalzaade', an event honoring beneficiaries of its key skilling programmes, on the eve of Antyodaya Diwas 2017.
- The event also witnessed the mobilization platform launch, branded 'Kaushal Panjee' (Skill Register).

Q29 Answer: A

Explanation:

- A chronic occupational lung disease contracted by the prolonged breathing of coal mine dust. The silica and carbon in the coal dust cause black lung disease.

- Pneumoconiosis is not reversible. There is no specific treatment. Black lung disease has gone by many names, including anthracosis, black lung, black spittle, coal worker's pneumoconiosis, miner's asthma, and silicosis.

Q30 Answer: C

Explanation:

The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) of the Ministry of Women & Child Development has started a monthly "Jan Sampark" program. It is to give out information to public and address their concerns regarding adoption.

Q31 Answer: A

Explanation:

The NSDC and Google India will also work together to focus on upskilling Android trainers under the programme.

