

Current Affairs MCQs – 1,2 October 2018

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Q1. The International Day of Older Persons is observed on

- A. 1st October
- B. 2nd October
- C. 30th September
- D. 29th October

Answer: A

Explanation: The International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1 each year.

The holiday is celebrated by raising awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse. It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society.

2018 Theme: “Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions.”

Q2. Niwari will become the ____ district of Madhya Pradesh.

- A. 50
- B. 51
- C. 52
- D. 53

Answer: C

Explanation: Niwari will become the 52nd district of Madhya Pradesh, with effect from October 1, 2018.

A proposal to this effect was cleared by the state Cabinet. IAS officer Akshay Kumar Singh (2010-batch) will hold the interim charge of the first District Collector of the new district till further orders.

Q3. A High Level Meeting between Coast Guards of India and Vietnam was held in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Hanoi
- C. Da Lat

Answer: A

Explanation: A High Level Meeting between Coast Guards of India and Vietnam was held at Coast Guard Headquarters in New Delhi under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2015.

Director General Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Shri Rajendra Singh led the Indian side while Commandant, Vietnam Coast Guard (VCG) Major General Nguyen Van Son led a six-member Vietnamese side.

During the meeting both sides agreed to strengthen mutual cooperation in accordance with the provisions of MoU. Sharing of best management practices and augmenting operational level interaction were also agreed upon.

Q4. _____ has taken over charge as the new Member (Rolling Stock) of Railway Board

- A. Rajesh Agrawal
- B. Yahwanth Naryan
- C. Dhanasri Mehta
- D. Rohit Kumar

Answer: A

Explanation: Rajesh Agrawal has taken over charge as the new Member (Rolling Stock) of Railway Board and ex-officio Secretary to the Government of India on 28th September 2018.

Rajesh Agrawal belongs to the 1980 batch of Indian Railways Services of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME). Prior to this appointment, he was General Manager of Modern Coach Factory at Raebarely.

Q5. Which state government has launched the Wage Compensation Scheme for Pregnant Women in tea gardens of the state.

- A. Assam
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. West Bengal

Answer: A

Explanation: Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday has launched the Wage Compensation Scheme for Pregnant Women in tea gardens of the state.

Under the scheme, each pregnant woman in tea gardens will get a sum of Rs 12,000 so that she can take better care of herself and her unborn baby without compromising the livelihood of her family.

Q6. Ministry of AYUSH has set up an AYUSH Information Cell at the premises of the Indian Embassy in _____

- A. Bulgaria
- B. Hungary
- C. Moldova
- D. Romania

Answer: D

Explanation: Ministry of AYUSH has set up an AYUSH Information Cell at the premises of the Indian Embassy in Romania to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH system of medicine and encourage Ayurveda practice in Romania.

The AYUSH Information Cell, Romania will help to organise lectures, consultation, conduct seminars, training courses and facilitate associations of AYUSH stakeholders for networking conducting meetings, develop awareness of AYUSH system among public in Romania.

Q7. What is the 2018 Theme of World Habitat Day.

- A. Public Spaces for All
- B. Better City, Better Life
- C. Municipal Solid Waste Management
- D. Planning our urban future

Answer: C

Explanation: The World Habitat Day is observed on first Monday of October. The idea is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat.

2018 Theme: 'Municipal Solid Waste Management'.

Q8. _____ has clinched Asian Junior Squash Championship title in Under-13 individual event).

- A. Anas Ali Shah
- B. Yuvraj Wadhvani

C. Arvav Sareen

D. Mohammad Hamza Khan

Answer: B

Explanation: India's Yuvraj Wadhvani has clinched Asian Junior Squash Championship title after defeating Anas Ali Shah of Pakistan in the final of the boys' U-13 individual event.

Wadhvani thrashed his Pakistani counterpart 13-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10 in the final to become the second Indian to lift the prestigious trophy.

In under-15 category, India's Arvav Sareen had to settle for the second podium finish after losing his summit clash 6-11, 9-11, 7-11 to Mohammad Hamza Khan of Pakistan.

Q9. World Vegetarian Day is observed on

A. 29 september

B. 30 September

C. 1 September

D. None of these

Answer: C

Explanation: World Vegetarian Day is observed annually around the planet on October 1. It is a day of celebration established by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977 and endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978, "To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism."

Q10. Who is the current governor of Arunachal Pradesh?

A. Padmanabha Acharya

B. B. D. Mishra

C. V. Shanmuganathan

D. E. S. L. Narasimhan

Answer: B

Explanation:

Q11. _____ was appointed as chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

- A. Gita Gopinath
- B. Dipak C. Jain
- C. Geeta Menon
- D. Maurice Obstfeld

Answer: A

Explanation: Prominent Indian-American economist Gita Gopinath was appointed as chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Gita (46) will succeed Maurice (Maury) Obstfeld, who announced in July that he would retire at the end of 2018.

She currently serves as the John Zwaanstra Professor of International Studies and Economics at Harvard University.

she was born and grew up in India. She received her PhD in economics from Princeton University in 2001 after earning a B.A. from the University of Delhi and M.A. degrees from both the Delhi School of Economics and University of Washington.

She joined the University of Chicago in 2001 as an Assistant Professor before moving to Harvard in 2005. She became a tenured Professor there in 2010.

She is co-editor of the American Economic Review and co-director of the International Finance and Macroeconomics Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research. She is co-editor of the current Handbook of International Economics with Former IMF Economic Counsellor Kenneth Rogoff.

Q12. India ranked ____ in the Cigarette Package Health Warnings: International Status Report 2018 released by the Canadian Cancer Society.

- A. 7th
- B. 15th
- C. 5th
- D. 23rd

Answer: C

Explanation: India ranks 5th in the Cigarette Package Health Warnings: International Status Report 2018 released by the Canadian Cancer Society. India ranked jointly with Hong Kong and Thailand.

The rankings were in terms of the largest pictorial warning on cigarette packs with 85% of both sides of the packets covered.

Timor-Leste has the largest warnings on cigarette packages in the world with 92.5% on front and back, followed by Nepal and Vanuatu with 90% and New Zealand at fourth with 87.5%.

The current report is the sixth Canadian Cancer Society international report on cigarette package health warnings. Previous reports were published in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

The report released in Geneva at the 8th session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) revealed that there was tremendous international momentum for plain packaging of tobacco.

The report found that 118 countries and territories now require pictorial health warnings on cigarette packages, up from 100 in 2016. In 2001, Canada became the first country to make picture health warnings mandatory.

A total of 107 countries require warnings to cover at least 50 per cent of the package, both front and back (on average), up from 94 in 2016 and 24 in 2008.

There are now 55 countries/jurisdictions that require at least 65 per cent (on average) of the package, front and back, be covered with warning.

In India, the current regulation of pictorial warnings on both sides of packages of cigarettes, bidis and all forms of chewing tobacco products came into effect in April 2016 upon the direction of the Rajasthan High Court and subsequently Supreme Court.

Q13. _____ will be awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

- A. James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo
- B. Jacques Dubochet and Joachim Frnk
- C. Arthur Ashkin and Gérard Mourou
- D. Gérard Mourou and Donna Strickland

Answer: A

Explanation: James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo will be awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discoveries which led to the development of a revolution in cancer treatment — therapies that work by harnessing the body's own immune system.

It was announced by the Nobel committee of the Karolinska Institute.

Allison (70) is currently chair of the department of immunology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, United States.

Honjo (76) is a distinguished professor at the Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study and a professor in the department of immunology and genomic medicine at Kyoto University in Japan.

Q14. _____ took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), South Western Air Command.

- A. Harjit Singh Arora
- B. Vishnu Prasad Singh
- C. Sanjeev Kaumar
- D. None of these

Answer: A

Explanation: Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora AVSM took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), South Western Air Command at Gandhinagar on 01 Oct 18.

He succeeds Air Mshl RK Dhir PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC who retired on 30 Sep 18.

The Air Marshal was commissioned in the Indian Air Force as a fighter pilot in Dec 1981.

He has rich and diverse experience of accident-free operational flying which includes MiG 21, MiG 29 and other aircraft in IAF inventory, including helicopters.

He is a meritorious graduate of Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment, Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College. He is also Master of Philosophy in Defence and Strategic Studies.

Q15. The India's first Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System (FFEWS) was inaugurated in

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Kolkatta
- D. Vishakapatnam

Answer: C

Explanation: The country's first Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System (FFEWS) was inaugurated in Kolkatta, to help people of the city to be better prepared in case of heavy rain and flood.

The FFEWS has been designed to provide real-time updates from sensor nodes installed in key points throughout the city.

The FFEWS will reduce economic loss and impacts on livelihood and improve flood awareness and safety at the community level.

Q16. _____ have been awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics

- A. Arthur Ashkin
- B. Gérard Mourou
- C. Donna Strickland
- D. All of the above

Answer: D

Explanation: American scientist Arthur Ashkin, French engineer Gérard Mourou and Canadian professor Donna Strickland have been awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics for their work in the field of laser physics.

Dr. Ashkin has been awarded the Prize "for the optical tweezers and their application to biological systems".

Dr. Mourou and Dr. Strickland have been awarded "for their method of generating high-intensity, ultra-short optical pulses."

Q17. The UNICEF has appointed _____ as its special representative of young people.

- A. Ravi Venkatesan
- B. Guarav Sharma
- C. Vamshi Krishna
- D. Harshit Kohli

Answer: A

Explanation: The UNICEF has appointed Ravi Venkatesan as its special representative of young people.

Venkatesan in his new role will provide strategic guidance and support UNICEF globally with high-level outreach, partnerships and scaling innovations.

Venkatesan was the former chairman of the Bank of Baroda between 2015-18 and prior to that as the chairman of Microsoft India, he helped build India into Microsoft's second-largest presence in the world.

He has also served as the chairman of Cummins India and co-Chairman of Infosys Ltd.

Q18. Mile Jedinak, who announced from international format he belongs to which sport?

- A. Cricket
- B. Football

- C. Tennis
- D. Badminton

Answer: B

Explanation: Australian midfielder Mile Jedinak announced his retirement from international football.

The Aston Villa player led his country at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil and this year's tournament in Russia has also captained the side to an Asian Cup triumph on home soil in 2015.

Q19. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on

- A. 1 October
- B. 2 October
- C. 3 October
- D. 4 October

Answer: B

Explanation: The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. This day is referred to in India as Gandhi Jayanti.

Q20. _____ was named as the new President of Hockey India (HI)

- A. Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad
- B. Asima Ali
- C. Asunta Lakra
- D. Gyanendro Ningombam

Answer: A

Explanation: Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad was named as the new President of Hockey India (HI) following the 8th Hockey India Congress and Elections, New Delhi.

Ahmad, who formerly held the post of Secretary General, takes over from outgoing President Rajinder Singh after being elected unopposed.

Manipur Hockey's Gyanendro Ningombam will take over as the Senior Vice President, while Asima Ali of Hockey Jammu & Kashmir and Bhola Nath Singh of Hockey Jharkhand will serve as Vice Presidents.

Rajinder Singh, has been elected as the new Secretary General and Tapan Kumar Das of Hockey Assam was re-elected as the Treasurer for a second term.

Asunta Lakra was entrusted with the responsibility of Joint Secretary along with Firoz Ansari of Chhattisgarh Hockey.

Arti Singh of Hockey Rajasthan, M Renuka Lakshmi of Hockey Tamil Nadu and SVS Subramanya Gupta, were all elected unopposed as Executive Members of HI.

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