

Current Affairs MCQs – 21 September 2018

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Q1. _____ has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guatemala.

- A. B. S. Mubarak
- B. Anil Kumar
- C. S K Shareef
- D. Swati Sharma

Answer: A

Explanation: B. S. Mubarak (IFS:2001). presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guatemala.

Q2. _____ has been appointed as the new chairman of the Steel Authority of India (SAIL).

- A. Anil K Chaudhary
- B. Vishnu Singh

C. P K Singh

D. B S Mubarak

Answer: A

Explanation: Anil Kumar Chaudhary has been appointed as the new chairman of the Steel Authority of India (SAIL).

Chaudhary, at present, has been serving as the Director (Finance) in the country's largest steel making company.

The post of SAIL chairman fell vacant on June 30 with the retirement of P K Singh.

Q3. Which bollywood actress conferred with the Smita Patil Memorial Award at the 34th Anniversary Global Awards, in Mumbai.

A. Alia Bhatt

B. Anushka Sharma

C. Katrina Kaif

D. Sonam Kapoor

Answer: B

Explanation: Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma conferred with the Smita Patil Memorial Award at the 34th Anniversary Global Awards, in Mumbai.

It was conferred by Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Piyush Goyal for best actress at Priyadarshni Academy.

Q4. Exercise Aviaindra is an Air Force level exercise between India and _____ country.

A. Russia

B. Japan

C. China

D. Sri Lanka

Answer: A

Explanation: Exercise Aviaindra is an Air Force level exercise between India and the Russian Federation.

It is being conducted at Lipetsk, Russia from 17 Sep to 28 Sep. It will be conducted in Jodhpur, India from 10 Dec to 22 Dec, 2018.

The aim of the exercise is focused towards anti-terrorist operations in a bi-lateral scenario.

The exercise would further enhance the co-operation and understanding of each other's Concept of Operations. In addition to flying exercise, there would be formal interactions, discussions, exchange of ideas and friendly sports matches to enhance bonhomie between the two Air Forces.

First Aviaindra was conducted in 2014 and has been planned as a bi-annual exercise.

Q5. The International Day of Peace is observed on

- A. 19 September
- B. 20 September
- C. 21 September
- D. 22 September

Answer: C

Explanation: The International Day of Peace is observed on 21st September.

2018 Theme: The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70.

It is dedicated to world peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access. The day was first celebrated in 1982, and is kept by many nations, political groups, military groups, and people.

Q6. India has contributed \$__ million for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the imposing UN building at the world body's headquarters, New York.

- A. \$4 million

- B. \$3 million
- C. \$2 million
- D. \$1 million

Answer: D

Explanation: India has contributed \$1 million for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the imposing UN building at the world body's headquarters, New York.

The contribution will help reduce carbon footprint and promote sustainable energy.

Q7. Tran Dai Quang who passed away recently was _____ country president.

- A. Nepal
- B. Laos
- C. Vietnam
- D. Bhutan

Answer: C

Explanation: Vietnam President Tran Dai Quang, died after an illness. He was 61.

Quang was appointed as the president in April, 2016. Before that, he had served as Minister of Public Security, an organisation with broad powers and a remit that includes intelligence gathering and thwarting domestic and foreign threats to the party.

Q8. India's growth forecast to _____ % for financial year 2019, according to Fitch.

- A. 7.5%
- B. 7.6%
- C. 7.7%
- D. 7.8%

Answer: D

Explanation: Fitch Ratings in its Global Economic Outlook, upped India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.8%, from 7.4% projected earlier.

India's growth likely peaked in 2Q18 (April-June) though. It has cut the growth forecasts for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 growth by 0.2 percentage points to 7.3%.

Q9. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the appointment of _____ as Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

- A. Gitesh Sarma
- B. Sameena Mehta
- C. Jaspreet Kumar
- D. None of these

Answer: A

Explanation: The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri A. Gitesh Sarma, (IFS:1986) as Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Q10. Ramgarh Tal Lake is in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Punjab

Answer: A

Explanation: Ramgarh Tal is a lake located near Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, India.

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