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1. Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) beyond the 12th Plan period (2012-2017) for three years up to 2019-20. What is the fund allocated for this purpose?

1. Rs 4000 crore
2. Rs 4500 crore
3. Rs 5000 crore
4. Rs 5500 crore

Answer – 4. Rs 5500 crore

2. India has signed MoU with which country, to enhance best practices in the administration of contractual employment, implementing latest reforms in recruitment processes and enhance the protection and welfare of Indian workers who are working in that country?

1. Jordan
2. South Africa
3. Fiji
4. Macedonia

Answer – 1. Jordan

3. King Abdullah II of which country visited India on a three-day official visit from February 27, 2018 to March 1, 2018?

1. UAE
2. Iran
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Jordan

Answer – 4. Jordan

4. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave approval to Capital Acquisition Proposals of the Services and Coast Guard valued at approximately Rs. _____?

1. 8135 crore
2. 9405 crore
3. 9435 crore
4. 9930 crore

Answer – 3. 9435 crore

5. Which state government has decided to establish State Sanskrit Education Council to improve formal education of Sanskrit in the state?

1. Rajasthan
2. Assam
3. Sikkim
4. Delhi

Answer – 4. Delhi

6. Name the Union territory that joined UDAY (Scheme Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana) Scheme recently?

1. Union territory of Lakshadweep
2. Union territory of Delhi
3. Union territory of Andaman & Nicobar
4. Chandigarh

Answer – 1. Union territory of Lakshadweep

7. Government has decided to consolidate how many overseas Operations of the PSU's (public sector banks)?

1. 30
2. 33
3. 35
4. 39

Answer – 3. 35

8. In which state, the Avaada Power Pvt Ltd had planned to invest Rs 3,500 crore to establish 500 MW solar projects?

1. Telanagana
2. Gujarat
3. Maharashtra
4. Andhra Pradesh

Answer – 4. Andhra Pradesh

9. In which Indian city, Tata Boeing Aerospace Ltd (TBAL) inaugurated the facility to manufacture fuselages for the AH-64 Apache helicopter?

1. Pune
2. Hyderabad
3. Agra
4. Mumbai

Answer – 2. Hyderabad

10. Who was appointed the new Secretary, Higher Education, in the Ministry of Human Resource Development?

1. R K Narayanan
2. R Subramanyam
3. Senthil Nathan
4. Raphael Geeth

Answer – 2. R Subramanyam

11. Who has been named the next Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan?

1. Vijaya Singh
2. Vinay Kumar
3. Mohammed Thoufeq
4. Mohammed Rasool

Answer -2. Vinay Kumar

12. Who was made the brand ambassador of Luminous Power Technologies for its new independent brand Amaze?

1. MS Dhoni
 2. Hardik Pandya
 3. Sachin Tendulkar
 4. Virat Kohli
- Answer – 4. Virat Kohli

13. The moon is about to get its first mobile phone network in 2019. Vodafone Germany, Nokia and Audi was jointly working to support this project. They have decided to build which network there?

1. 2G
2. 3G
3. 4G
4. 5G

Answer – 3. 4G

14. India successfully test-fired Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) Nag in desert conditions, at Pokhran's field firing range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The ATGM Nag was developed by _____?

1. TATA
2. NASA
3. HAL
4. DRDO

Answer – 4. DRDO

15. Which state government launched "T App Folio", a mobile governance application, for delivery of government to citizen (G2C) and business to citizen (B2C) services anytime and anywhere?

1. Telangana
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Bihar
4. Tamil Nadu

Answer – 1. Telangana

16. Which company launched the world's first 5G commercial chip?

1. NELCO
2. Huawei
3. Aplab
4. Valiant

Answer – 2. Huawei

17. Which country was banned by International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2014, to which, now the membership was restored in 2018?

1. Japan
2. Russia
3. China
4. Australia

Answer – 2. Russia

19. Which city will host the 2020 Summer Olympics?

1. Bern
2. Beijing
3. Tokyo
4. Greece

Answer – 3. Tokyo

20. Name the para-swimmer who was suspended for 3 years by the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) due to allegations of recording videos of female para-swimmers at the National Championships 2017 in Jaipur?

1. Sharat Gayakwad
2. Devendra Jhajharia
3. Mariyapan Thangavelu
4. Prasanta Karmakar

Answer – 4. Prasanta Karmakar

21. Arabinda Muduli passed away recently. Who was he?

1. Dancer
2. Singer
3. Doctor
4. Athlete

Answer – 2. Singer

22. In which state, the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the World Rare Disease Day Conference 2018?

1. Karnataka
2. Kerala
3. Maharashtra
4. New Delhi

Answer – 5. New Delhi

23. Cabinet approves Establishment of National Financial Reporting Authority. How many members are there in NFRA?

1. 3
2. 4
3. 5
4. 6

Answer – 3. 5

24. Which state Government announced the launch of a 24-hour helpline, claiming to be the first in India, to offer information and guidance on education to students?

1. Kerala
2. Karnataka
3. Delhi
4. Tamil Nadu

Answer – 4. Tamil Nadu

25. Which state government has partnered with Wikipedia, to spread the Marathi language and enhance its online usage?

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Gujarat
3. Telangana
4. Maharashtra

Answer – 4. Maharashtra

26. In which state, the Satara Mega Food Park was inaugurated by Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister of Food Processing Industries?

1. Maharashtra
2. Sikkim
3. Rajasthan
4. Haryana

Answer – 1. Maharashtra

27. Central Government approved projects worth Rs. _____ under the 'Nirbhaya Fund' for eight major cities of India, in order to make them safer for women?

1. 1911.55 crore
2. 1914.55 crore
3. 2916.55 crore
4. 2919.55 crore

Answer – 4. 2919.55 crore

28. Which state inaugurated the 27th Technological Conference of Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA) on Shaping the Future of Jute?

1. Maharashtra
2. Odisha
3. Assam
4. West Bengal

Answer – 4. West Bengal

29. As per Hurun Global Rich List 2018, which country has the highest number of billionaires in the world?

1. Germany
2. USA
3. China
4. India

Answer – 3. China

30. India and Bangladesh signed a tripartite agreement with which other country, that allows Indian firms to participate in construction and installation works in the "non-critical" category for the Rooppur nuclear power plant project in northwest Bangladesh?

1. USA
2. Pakistan
3. Srilanka
4. Russia

Answer – 4. Russia

31. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed a limit of Rs. _____ for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to go long in Interest Rate Futures (IRFs)?

1. 1000 lakh
2. 5000 lakh
3. 1000 crore
4. 5000 crore

Answer – 5. 5000 crore

32. In a bid to support Indian farmers, Central Government has raised import tax on crude and refined palm oil to the highest level in more than a decade. What is the % increase?

1. Crude palm oil-44%, Refined palm oil-54%
2. Crude palm oil-42%, Refined palm oil-52%
3. Crude palm oil-40%, Refined palm oil-50%
4. Crude palm oil-38%, Refined palm oil-48%

Answer – 1. Crude palm oil-44%, Refined palm oil-54%

33. Name the Indian-American scientist, who has been granted over USD 1.1 million for cancer research?

1. Ashok Das
2. Navin Vardarajan
3. Krishan Sabnani
4. Jogesh Pati

Answer – 2. Navin Vardarajan

34. Who was appointed as the director and managing director of the HCL Infosystems Ltd?

1. Rangarajan Raghavan
2. Ananda Krishnan
3. Subash Kak
4. Sudir Venkatesh

Answer – 1. Rangarajan Raghavan

35. In which state, the world's largest solar park 'Shakti Sthala' was inaugurated?

1. Kerala
2. Rajasthan
3. Karnataka
4. Madhya Pradesh

Answer – 3. Karnataka

36. What is the name of the interceptor boat which was delivered to Indian Coast Guard (ICG) by Bharati Defence and Infrastructure Ltd (BDIL)?

1. A-175
2. B-175
3. B-162
4. C-162

Answer – 4. C-162

37. Who won silver medal in in the women’s 50kg freestyle event, at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan?

1. Subba Reddy
2. Aravind Godson
3. Rajendra Kumar
4. Vinesh Phogat

Answer – 4. Vinesh Phogat

38. Khagendra Jamatia recently passed away. Who was he?

1. Lawyer
2. Singer
3. Politician
4. Dancer

Answer – 3. Politician

39. When is the Zero Discrimination Day observed all over the world?

1. 1st March
2. 2nd March
3. 3rd March
4. 4th March

Answer – 1. 1st March

40. Under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Textiles, the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) – New Delhi, will conduct a National Sizing Survey of India to develop an ‘India size chart’ for the garment industry. At present India is following which country’s tweaked version of size charts?

1. US or UK
2. US or China
3. US or Japan
4. US or Malaysia

Answer – 1. US or UK

41. Which state government launched ‘Khushi’, a scheme that offers free sanitary pads to 17 lakh girl students in the state?

1. Goa
2. Bihar
3. Punjab
4. Odisha

Answer – 4. Odisha

42. Which country announced that it will be on the grey list of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) from June 2018?

1. Pakistan
2. Afghanistan
3. India
4. China

Answer – 1. Pakistan

43. In a bid to increase the importance of services sector and to encourage banks to lend more to this sector, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to remove the per borrower loan limits for _____ involved in services, for classification under priority sector lending?

1. IT Companies
2. MSME's
3. Agricultural Companies
4. Film Industry

Answer – 2. MSME's

44. How many total Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) are introduced by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) so far?

1. 190
2. 198
3. 200
4. 203

Answer – 4. 203

45 Which Indian Actor-Politician has been honoured with a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the fields of arts and politics at the annual 'Political and Public Life Awards' presented by Britain's Asian Voice weekly newspaper?

1. Kamal Hasan
2. Amitabh Bachchan
3. Shatrughan Sinha
4. Govinda

Answer – 3. Shatrughan Sinha

46. Armen Sarkisian was elected as the new president of which country?

1. Bolivia
2. Peru
3. Chile
4. Armenia

Answer – 4. Armenia

47. Which Space Organisation launched GOES-S, the world's most advanced weather satellites?

1. ISRO
2. NASA
3. Roscosmos
4. JAXA

Answer – 2. NASA

48. By defeating Pakistan, which country won the inaugural IBSF Snooker Team World Cup 2018 in Doha, Qatar?

1. Argentina
2. USA
3. India

4. Japan

Answer – 3. India

49. Shubhankar Sharma is related to which of the following?

1. Swimming
2. Golf
3. Hockey
4. Wrestling

Answer – 2. Golf

50. Name the first Indian woman wrestler to win gold in the Senior Asian Championships by winning gold medal in the 65kg freestyle category in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

1. Babitha Kumari
2. Vinesh Phogat
3. Kavita Devi
4. Navjot Kaur

Answer – 4. Navjot Kaur

51. T Thomas recently passed away. Who was he?

1. Dentist
2. Surgeon
3. Businessman
4. Architect

Answer – 3. Businessman

52. In which state of India, the food processing centre will be launched, in collaboration with Israel?

1. Assam
2. Manipur
3. Meghalaya
4. Mizoram

Answer – 4. Mizoram

53. When is the “World Wild Life Day” celebrated all over the world?

1. 28th February
2. 1st March
3. 2nd March
4. 3rd March

Answer – 4. 3rd March

54. In which three North Eastern States, Legislative Assembly Elections were held in the month of February 2018?

1. Tripura, Meghalaya Nagaland
2. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur
3. Nagaland, Sikkim, Mizoram
4. Mizoram, Assam, Sikkim

Answer – 1. Tripura, Meghalaya Nagaland

55. Name the healthcare scheme introduced by Karnataka government to provide quality primary, secondary and tertiary treatment to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and above Poverty Line (APL) families in Karnataka.

1. Attention Karnataka
2. Healthcare Karnataka
3. Arogya Karnataka
4. Nomadic Karnataka

Answer – 3. Arogya Karnataka

56. Which State Government has launched 'Ama Gaon, Ama Vikas' (our village, our development) programme with an objective to reach out to the people in rural areas of the state and involve them in developmental activities?

1. Gujarat
2. Maharashtra
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Odisha

Answer – 4. Odisha

57. In the October-December 2017 quarter (Q3) of the current fiscal, Indian economy grew at _____% rate and there by regained its tag of world's fastest growing economy?

1. 7.1%
2. 7.2%
3. 7.3%
4. 7.4%

Answer – 2. 7.2%

58. Gadchiroli book reading event conducted in which Indian state, created a new Guinness world record by breaking the Guinness world record created in Turkey on 18th May 2017?

1. Goa
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Bihar
4. Maharashtra

Answer – 4. Maharashtra

59. For the first time, a team of astronomers from Arizona State University have discovered signals from the period when the universe's earliest stars emerged. Name the astronomer who led the team.

1. Johannes Kepler
2. Claudius Ptolemy
3. Judd Bowman
4. Bartolomeu Velho

Answer – 3. Judd Bowman

60. Name the Indian Navy Sailing Vessel (INSV) which had arrived at a port in Cape Town in South Africa on 2nd March 2018?

1. Tarini
2. Nandhi
3. Dhanvi
4. Varuna

Answer – 1. Tarini

61. Which Indian state's women team won the interstate national tennis championship 2018 held in Chhattisgarh?

1. Rajasthan
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Maharashtra
4. Gujarat

Answer – 3. Maharashtra

62. Rashid Khan has become the youngest captain in international cricket. He belongs to which country?

1. Pakistan
2. South Africa
3. Srilanka
4. Afghanistan

Answer – 4. Afghanistan

63. Who won gold medal with a world record score at the ISSF World Cup 2018 in Guadalajara, Mexico?

1. Stacy Keibler
2. Shahzar Rizvi
3. Trish Stratus
4. Mehuli Ghosh

Answer – 2. Shahzar Rizvi

64. Prafulla Das passed away recently. Who was she?

1. Dietician
2. Physician
3. Lawyer
4. Litterateur

Answer – 4. Litterateur

65. Davide Astori, passed away recently due to a sudden illness, in his room at the La di Moret hotel in Udine, Italy. He belonged to which of the following sport?

1. Volleyball
2. Handball
3. Football
4. Wrestling

Answer – 3. Football

66. President Tran Dai Quang was on an official visit to India from 2nd – 4th March 2018. Which country's president is he?

1. Norway
2. Italy
3. Canada
4. Vietnam

Answer – 4. Vietnam

67. In which Indian city, the Union Information and Broadcasting Minister, Smiriti Irani inaugurated 2018 edition of FICCI Frames, which was a three-day global convention covering the entire gamut of Media and Entertainment Industry?

1. Kolkata
2. Mumbai
3. Darjeeling
4. Pune

Answer – 2. Mumbai

68. Which state Government inaugurated the week-long 29th edition of annual International Yoga Festival (IYF)?

1. Odisha
2. Mizoram
3. Punjab
4. Uttarakhand

Answer – 4. Uttarakhand

69. India holds which rank in Global Firepower (GFP) list 2017?

1. 1st
2. 2nd
3. 3rd
4. 4th

Answer – 4. 4th

70. Which country has announced that, it will launch its own cryptocurrency and it will be circulated as legal tender along with the U.S. dollar?

1. Nauru
2. Palau
3. Marshall Islands
4. Tuvalu

Answer – 3. Marshall Islands

71. Central Government has constituted a Steering Committee to consider various issues relating to development of Financial Technology (Fintech) space in India. This committee will be headed by _____?

1. Prime Minister
2. President
3. Secretary of Corporate Affairs
4. Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)

Answer – 4. Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)

72. In a bid to increase the importance of services sector and to encourage banks to lend more to this sector, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to remove the per borrower loan limits for _____ involved in services, for classification under priority sector lending?

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2. MSME's
3. Agricultural Companies
4. Film Industry

Answer – 2. MSME's

73. Which Bank introduced a new variable interest rate mortgage product that will be linked to the 90-day Treasury bills and will change every quarter?

1. Axis Bank
2. HDFC Bank
3. Union bank of India
4. Citibank

Answer – 4. Citibank

74. Who is the first Hindu woman to be elected to Pakistan's Senate?

1. Fathima Beevi
2. Kamala Harris
3. Thahira S
4. Krishna Kumari Kohli

Answer – 4. Krishna Kumari Kohli

75. Who was made the brand ambassador of Dream11, a gaming platform?

1. Hardik Pandya
2. Sachin Tendulkar
3. MS Dhoni
4. Amir Khan

Answer – 3. MS Dhoni