

Q1. Which state's tableau won the first place in the States/UTs category by the panel of judges in the Republic Day Parade 2024?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Q2. Which new species was discovered from the Western Ghats?

- (a) Kangaroo lizard
- (b) Flying squirrel
- (c) Tree frog
- (d) Mountain goat

Q3. India ranked what position in the Global Corruption Index 2023?

- (a) 75th
- (b) 85th
- (c) 93rd
- (d) 101st

Q4. What is the mascot for the Khelo India Winter Games 2024?

- (a) Bengal Tiger
- (b) Snow Leopard
- (c) Indian Elephant
- (d) Indian Rhino

Q5. Which government, in collaboration with Mazgaon Dock Limited (MDL), is spearheading India's first submarine tourism venture?

- (a) Maharashtra Government
- (b) Gujarat Government
- (c) Karnataka Government
- (d) Goa Government

Q6. Which messaging app are paramilitary forces set to transition to for all official communication and document sharing in the new year?

- (a) WhatsApp
- (b) Telegram
- (c) Signal
- (d) Sandes App

Q7. On which date did Prime Minister Narendra Modi announce the unveiling of new designs for Admirals' epaulettes and a renaming of ranks within the Indian Navy?

- (a) December 4, 2023
- (b) November 5, 2023
- (c) November 11, 2023
- (d) December 26, 2023

Q8. Who bagged the girls' under-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open squash held in Edinburgh?

- (a) Robyn McAlpine
- (b) Anahat Singh
- (c) Komal Sharma
- (d) V Janet Vidhi

Q9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Ujjain
- (d) Ayodhya

Q10. What is the theme for Global Family Day 2024?

- (a) Promoting Global Peace
- (b) Embracing Diversity, Strengthening Families
- (c) Connecting Cultures, Uniting World
- (d) Celebrating Unity in Divers

Q11. What is the name of Binny Bansal's latest e-commerce startup?

- (a) OppDoo
- (b) Scapia
- (c) I-Log
- (d) VP-IN

Q12. What is the motto of Russia's BRICS Chairmanship in 2024?

- (a) Unity for Global Prosperity
- (b) Strengthening Multilateralism for Equitable Global Development and Security###
- (c) Building Bridges for International Cooperation
- (d) Harmony in Diversity for Worldwide Stability

Q13. Which Union Territory recently became the first to implement the PM Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY)?

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Puducherry
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir
- (d) Chandigarh

Q14. Beatrice Chebet smashed the women's world 5km record in Barcelona. She is from which country?

- (a) Kenya
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Zimbabwe

Q15. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH)?

- (a) Nakul Anand
- (b) Puneet Chhatwal
- (c) Vivek Sharma
- (d) Gautam Tiwari

Q16. Who presented the coffee table book titled "Srirangam - The Resplendent Kingdom of Rangaraja" to Prime Minister Modi?

- (a) The Hindu Group of Publications
- (b) Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple authorities
- (c) BJP State President K. Annamalai
- (d) Tiruchi International Airport officials

Q17. Which award did Hero MotoCorp win for its water management initiatives?

- (a) National Water Conservation Award
- (b) CII National Award for Excellence in Water Management
- (c) Green Manufacturing Award
- (d) All of the above

Q18. Which of the following has declared 2024 as the 'Year of Human Resource Development and Discipline'?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) RBI
- (c) IREDA
- (d) SEBI

Q19. Who has been awarded the OBE for leading UK space science research?

- (a) Professor Adrian Michael Cruise
- (b) Dr. Sarah Johnson
- (c) Sir David Thompson
- (d) Dr. Emily Clarke

Q20. Which Indian state has introduced 'Gunotsav 2024'?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Assam
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Gujarat

Q21. Which film won the Best Film - Drama award at the 81st Golden Globe Awards?

- (a) Barbie
- (b) Killers of the Flower Moon
- (c) Oppenheimer
- (d) Poor Things

Q22. When was the African National Congress (ANC) founded?

- (a) 1901
- (b) 1912
- (c) 1923
- (d) 1994

Q23. Dongria Kondh embroidery shawl recently bagged the GI Tag. It belongs to which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Bihar

Q24. Who won the Best Actress - Drama for her role in "Killers of the Flower Moon"?

- (a) Margot Robbie
- (b) Emily Blunt
- (c) Lily Gladstone
- (d) Sarah Snook

Q25. Which state has recently introduced a comprehensive social welfare scheme named "Yogyasree"?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Q26. US launches Peregrine-1 lander to Moon in first American lunar mission after \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) 51 years
- (b) 52 years
- (c) 53 years
- (d) 54 years

Q27. Which countries are participating in Ex Sea Dragon 24 alongside India?

- (a) US, Russia, China, and Japan
- (b) US, Australia, South Korea, and Japan
- (c) US, UK, France, and Germany
- (d) US, Canada, UK, and Australia

Q28. Which nation is set to chair the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and host its 46th session in New Delhi from July 21 to 31, 2024?

- (a) India
- (b) China
- (c) USA
- (d) Nepal

Q29. What is the theme of the Inaugural Address at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in the Startup India Innovation Week 2024?

- (a) Empowering Youth in India
- (b) Startups Unlocking Infinite Potential
- (c) Digital India: The Future
- (d) Sustainable Development Goals and Startups

Q30. Which political party led by Tshering Tobgay secured a landslide victory in the recent election?

- (a) Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT)
- (b) Bhutan Peace and Prosperity Party (DPT)
- (c) People's Democratic Party (PDP)
- (d) Bhutan Kuen-Nyam Party (BKP)

## Answers

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. The tableau from Odisha won the first place in the States/UTs category in the Republic Day Parade 2024. The tableau was themed "Woman Empowerment in Viksit Bharat," showcasing the state's commitment to women's progress and empowerment.

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Scientists discovered a new species of kangaroo lizard from the Western Ghats, a biodiversity-rich region in India. This discovery adds to the understanding of the unique wildlife in this area.

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. India ranked 93rd among 180 countries in the Global Corruption Index 2023. This ranking reflects the perceived levels of public sector corruption in India.

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. The mascot for the Khelo India Winter Games 2024 is the snow leopard, named 'Sheen-e She' or 'Shan' in the Ladakh region. The snow leopard symbolizes the spirit of the Games and highlights the importance of conservation efforts for this endangered species native to the high-altitude areas of J&K and Ladakh.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. The Gujarat government, in collaboration with Mazgaon Dock Limited (MDL), is set to make waves in the tourism industry by introducing India's first submarine tourism venture.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. Paramilitary forces are set to transition to the 'Sandes App' for all official communication and document sharing in the new year.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the unveiling of new designs for Admirals' epaulettes and a renaming of ranks within the Indian Navy. This announcement was made during Navy Day celebrations at Sindhudurg on December 4, emphasizing a shift towards

embracing Bharatiyata and breaking free from what the Navy referred to as “Ghulami ki Maansikta” or the slave mentality.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Talented Indian teenager Anahat Singh produced a dominant performance, bagging the girls’ under-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open squash held in Edinburgh.

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in the temple town of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, shortly after launching the redeveloped Ayodhya railway station and flagging off two Amrit Bharat and six Vande Bharat trains, some virtually.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. The theme for 2024, “Embracing Diversity, Strengthening Families,” is a call to celebrate our differences while acknowledging the fundamental bonds that connect us.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. In a significant development, Binny Bansal, co-founder of Flipkart, has ventured into the e-commerce space once again with his latest startup, OppDoor. The startup aims to facilitate the global expansion of e-commerce firms by offering comprehensive end-to-end solutions.

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Russia’s 2024 BRICS Chairmanship began, January 1. Russian President Vladimir Putin said the motto is "Strengthening Multilateralism for Equitable Global Development and Security".

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Jammu and Kashmir has taken a significant step towards empowering its vibrant community of artisans and craftspeople by becoming the first Union Territory (UT) to implement the PM Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY).

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Kenya’s Beatrice Chebet smashed the women’s world 5km record in Barcelona.

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. In a recent development, Puneet Chhatwal, the Managing Director and CEO of Indian Hotels Company Limited, has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH).

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. BJP State President K. Annamalai presented him with a unique coffee table book titled "Srirangam - The Resplendent Kingdom of Rangaraja."

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Hero MotoCorp, the world’s largest two-wheeler manufacturer, has made significant waves in water conservation, bagging the CII National Award for Excellence in Water Management and setting an ambitious goal to become 500% water positive by 2025.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. CMD of IREDA, Pradip Kumar Das has declared 2024 as the ‘Year of Human Resource Development and Discipline’.

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Professor Adrian Michael Crews has received an OBE award for outstanding UK space science research.

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Assam Government launches 'Gunotsav 2024' a comprehensive state-wide assessment aimed at evaluating the performance of approximately 40 lakh students of 43,498 government schools spread across 35 districts.

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Christopher Nolan's Oppenheimer capped a big night at the Golden Globes by taking the Best Motion Picture – Drama award, giving it five trophies on the night and solidifying it as a frontrunner for the Oscars.

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. The African National Congress (ANC), a pivotal force in South Africa's history, celebrates its Foundation Day on January 8, commemorating its establishment in 1912.

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Seven products from Odisha, ranging from the Similipal Kai chutney made with red weaver ants to the embroidered Kapdaganda shawl, have bagged the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tag in recognition of their exclusivity to the state.

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. Lily Gladstone made history as the first indigenous woman to win a Best Actress Golden Globe for her celebrated performance in Killers of the Flower Moon.

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has recently introduced a comprehensive social welfare scheme named "Yogyasree." The initiative aims to provide free training modules for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in West Bengal, specifically targeting entrance and competitive examinations.

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Peregrine-1 lunar lander, operated by private firm Astrobotic, successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, marking the first American lunar mission in 51 years.

S27. Ans.(d)

Sol. This Bay of Bengal exercise brought together seven nations, including India, Australia, Canada, France, Japan, the US, and the UK, to bolster maritime security and interoperability.

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. India, the nation is set to chair the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and host its 46th session in New Delhi from July 21 to 31, 2024. This significant announcement was made by Vishal V Sharma, India's Permanent Representative to UNESCO, on January 9, underlining the nation's growing influence and commitment to global cultural and natural heritage conservation.

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. Secretary of DPIIT, Rajesh Kumar Singh, is scheduled to deliver the inaugural address at the Startup Seminar, themed 'Startups Unlocking Infinite Potential,' on January 11th, 2024.

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. The People's Democratic Party (PDP), led by Mr. Tobgay, secured a landslide victory, winning nearly two-thirds of the seats in the recent election, as announced by the election commission on January 10.

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