Quiz Date: 18th December 2021

Q1. Which state has inked pact with United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (UN-FAO) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on Technical Cooperation Project for sustainable agriculture?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Assam
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Q2. Which organization has approved a \$112 million loan to strengthen skills education and training through the establishment of the Assam Skill University (ASU)?

- (a) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- (b) New Development Bank
- (c) Asian Development Bank
- (d) World Bank
- (e) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Q3. Who is the head of the Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS) set up by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- (a) Mukundakam Sharma
- (b) Sudarshan Sen
- (c) Deepak B Phatak
- (d) Abhay Karandikar
- (e) Madhabi Puri Buch

Q4. RBI has introduced prompt corrective action framework for large non-banking financial companies. The provisions of the PCA framework will be effective from ______.

- (a) December 2021
- (b) October 2022
- (c) March 2022
- (d) December 2022
- (e) March 2023

Q5. Who among the following has been honoured with Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) Medal 2021?

- (a) Sunil Gavaskar
- (b) Rahul Dravid
- (c) Ravi Shastri
- (d) Anil Kumble
- (e) Kapil Dev

Q6. Who has been named Time magazine's 2021 Athlete of the Year?

- (a) Sofia Kenin
- (b) Victoria Azarenka
- (c) Jen Brady
- (d) Naomi Osaka
- (e) Simone Biles

Q7. Which company has signed a purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to supply 4,667 MW of green power?

- (a) Tata Power SED
- (b) Adani Green Energy
- (c) Rockwell Collins
- (d) Reliance Power
- (e) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited



Q8. Who is the author of the book titled 'Raj Kapoor: The Master at Work', released by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu?

- (a) Amit Ranjan
- (b) Subhadra Sen Gupta
- (c) Rahul Rawail
- (d) Pradeep Magazine
- (e) Aseem Chawla

Q9. Edtech platform firm Adda247 has acquired UPSC-focused ed-tech platform StudyIQ Education for _____.

- (a) \$10 million
- (b) \$20 million
- (c) \$30 million
- (d) \$40 million
- (e) \$50 million

Q10. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Software Technology of India?

- (a) Aswant Sinha
- (b) Amit Pankal
- (c) Arvind Kumar
- (d) Arun Kumar

(e) Aswin Kumar

Q11. Which of the following company will develop electric vehicles (EV) with BMW's motorcycle brand in India?

- (a) TVS Motor Company
- (b) Maruti Suzuki
- (c) Hyundai India
- (d) Mahindra & Mahindra
- (e) Honda Cars

Q12. Name the NASA spacecraft, which has become the first spacecraft to pass through the Sun's outer atmosphere.

- (a) Space Solar Probe
- (b) Parker Solar Probe
- (c) American Solar Probe
- (d) RedPlanet Solar Probe
- (e) SunPlanet Solar Probe

Q13. 7-time champion ______ receives knighthood at Windsor Castle, London.

- (a) Carlos Sainz Jr.
- (b) Yuki Tsunoda
- (c) Max Verstappen
- (d) Valtteri Bottas
- (e) Lewis Hamilton

Q14. Which of the following company has announced the Digital Payments Utsav for 500 villages in India? (a) Microsoft (b) Whatsapp

- (c) TCS
- (d) Google
- (e) Facebook

Q15. Who among the following has been honoured with SJFI Sportsman of the year 2021?

- (a) Bajrang Punia
- (b) Yogeshwar Dutt
- (c) Ravi Dahiya
- (d) Neeraj Chopra
- (e) Vijay Kumar

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S1. Ans.(e)

Sol. An agreement on Technical Cooperation Project has been inked by Andhra Pradesh Government with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (UN-FAO) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to help the state farmers in adopting a sustainable agriculture food system.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$112 million loan to strengthen skills education and training through the establishment of the Assam Skill University (ASU).

S3. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has set up an Advisory Committee for Leveraging Regulatory and Technology Solutions (ALeRTS) to enhance technological capabilities and explore suitable technology solutions for the early detection of market anomalies.

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. RBI has introduced prompt corrective action (PCA) framework for large non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) with effect from October 2022.

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) has decided to honour former Indian Cricketer and cricket commentator Sunil Manohar Gavaskar with its prestigious 'SJFI Medal 2021' at SJFI Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Guwahati, Assam.

S6. Ans.(e)

Sol. Simone Biles was named Time magazine's 2021 Athlete of the Year. The world's most decorated gymnast, a four-time Olympic medalist, was hailed for putting her mental health first when she withdrew from four event finals at the Tokyo Olympics.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has signed a purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to supply 4,667 MW of green power.

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Vice President released the book 'Raj Kapoor: The Master at Work'; authored by Rahul Rawail.

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Edtech platform firm Adda247 has acquired UPSC-focused ed-tech platform StudyIQ Education for \$20 million (150 crores) in a cash and stock deal.

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Arvind Kumar has joined as Director General of Software Technology of India. Software Technology Parks of India is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology Government of India.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. India's TVS Motor Company will develop electric vehicles (EV) with BMW's motorcycle brand in India, joining a host of Indian automakers that have sought to expand their clean mobility offering.

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. NASA's Parker Solar Probe has entered the Sun's upper atmosphere for, first time in history. In 2018, launched the Parker Solar Probe aims to unravel the mysteries of the Sun by travelling closer to it.

S13. Ans.(e)

Sol. Lewis Hamilton has picked up a new title only days after losing one on the track. The seventime Formula One champion received a knighthood at Windsor Castle, London.

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. WhatsApp has announced the Digital Payments Utsav for 500 villages in India. WhatsApp's Digital Payments Utsav is a pilot program that promotes digital payments to empower individuals and businesses and is meant as a project to further the cause of financial inclusion.

