

**Most Important One Liner Questions and Answers, May 2023**

- Q1.** Who won the 2023 Paraguay presidential election?  
**Ans:** Santiago Pena
- Q2.** The Indian Prime Minister inaugurated \_\_\_ FM transmitters across 18 states and 2 union territories.  
**Ans:** 91
- Q3.** Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches 'Millets Experience Centre' at Dilli Haat. Who established the Millets Experience Centre in New Delhi?  
**Ans:** National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED)
- Q4.** Which country proposed the International Year of Millets 2023?  
**Ans:** India
- Q5.** Indian Army Inducts First Women Officers into Regiment of Artillery. Who are the first women officers inducted into the Regiment of Artillery?  
**Ans:** Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav, Lt Pious Mudgil, and Lt Akanksha
- Q6.** In FY23, scheduled commercial banks reported a credit growth of \_\_ percent, primarily driven by growth in personal loans, and loans to services sector and agriculture and allied activities.  
**Ans:** 15.4%
- Q7.** Personal loans registered a growth of \_\_\_ per cent in FY23 as compared with \_\_\_ per cent in the year-ago period.  
**Ans:** 20.6, 12.6
- Q8.** Which state has topped the list of states with the highest market borrowings for the third year in a row according to RBI data?  
**Ans:** Tamil Nadu
- Q9.** Which states have been identified as highly stressed states based on the debt/GSDP ratio as per the analysis?  
**Ans:** Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, and West Bengal
- Q10.** What additional space of GSDP has the 15th Finance Commission provided to states for the period of 2021-22 to 2024-25 on fulfilment of required Power Sector Reforms?  
**Ans:** 0.5% of GSDP
- Q11.** NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), has signed a definitive agreement with PPRO, a global digital payments infrastructure provider, to expand the reach of RuPay cards and Unified Payments Interface (UPI). What is NIPL?  
**Ans:** A subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India
- Q12.** Who has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy?  
**Ans:** Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- Q13.** Which bank is Rajneesh Karnatak appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of?  
**Ans:** Bank of India (BOI)
- Q14.** Labour Day, also known as International Workers' Day, is celebrated on May 1st in many countries around the world. In which year did the International Labour Organization (ILO) come into existence?  
**Ans:** 1919
- Q15.** Which company has surpassed IT major Infosys to become the sixth most valuable company on the stock exchanges in India?  
**Ans:** ITC
- Q16.** Which government body is responsible for administering the GST in India?  
**Ans:** Goods and Services Tax Council
- Q17.** What is the reading above which the overall increase in output is indicated compared to the previous month in the manufacturing PMI report?  
**Ans:** 50
- Q18.** According to the S&P Global India Manufacturing PMI report, what was the manufacturing PMI for March?  
**Ans:** 56.2
- Q19.** India and Russia have agreed to explore the possibility of accepting each other's payment cards, \_\_\_ (India) and \_\_\_ (Russia), for hassle-free payments between the two countries.  
**Ans:** RuPay and Mir
- Q20.** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has established a resilient payment and settlement infrastructure in India, enabling transactions through a range of retail payment products like RuPay card, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), UPI, Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), BHIM Aadhaar, National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC Fastag), and Bharat BillPay since its inception in \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** 2008



- Q21.** According to the "UPI Monthly Product Statistics," what was the percentage decline in the volume of UPI transactions in April 2023 compared to March 2023?  
**Ans:** 7.96%
- Q22.** Which organization is associated with the United Nations (UN) and is dedicated to developing safe and efficient international air transport for peaceful purposes?  
**Ans:** International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- Q23.** India to join international climate action in civil aviation from 2027. What is the name of the global market-based measure designed to offset international aviation CO2 emissions in order to stabilize the levels of such emissions?  
**Ans:** Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)
- Q24.** National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) signed a supplementary joint venture agreement with the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) to develop nuclear power projects in the country. What is the installed nuclear power capacity of India as per the Central Electricity Authority data?  
**Ans:** 6,780 MW
- Q25.** What is GBMDriver?  
**Ans:** A machine learning-based computational tool
- Q26.** Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court?  
**Ans:** Justice TS Sivagnanam
- Q27.** The Centre for Policy Research (CPR), a think tank based in Delhi, has had its Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) registration suspended by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for 180 days. What is the FCRA?  
**Ans:** An act that regulates foreign contributions to NGOs in India
- Q28.** Which is India's only tri-services command?  
**Ans:** Andaman and Nicobar Command
- Q29.** Maria Stepanova, a renowned Russian writer currently residing in Berlin, has been awarded the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023. Which organization sponsors the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding?  
**Ans:** The German Publishers and Booksellers Association
- Q30.** Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Delhi on May 1st, 2023, led by RAdm Gurcharan Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, arrived in Singapore to participate in the inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023). Which country is NOT a member of ASEAN?  
**Ans:** Japan
- Q31.** The Supreme Court of India has granted couples the right to divorce on the grounds of "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" under Article 142 of the Constitution. What is Article 142 of the Constitution?  
**Ans:** A provision that gives the Supreme Court the power to give precedence to equity over law for the purpose of "complete justice" in a matter
- Q32.** The Australian High Commission in India has recently announced its government grant for a project in Kargil. The project announced by the Australian High Commission in India is called \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Return to Roots
- Q33.** A new study by the World Economic Forum (WEF) suggests that the Indian job market is expected to witness a 22% churn over the next five years. What is the World Economic Forum (WEF)?  
**Ans:** A non-profit organization based in Switzerland
- Q34.** What is the annual meeting of the WEF called?  
**Ans:** The Davos Forum
- Q35.** Every year on May 3, we observe World Press Freedom Day to increase understanding about the significance of a press. What is the theme of this year's World Press Freedom Day?  
**Ans:** Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights
- Q36.** Which organization produces the annual World Press Freedom Index?  
**Ans:** Reporters Without Borders
- Q37.** Science 20 Engagement Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency begins. Where was the Thematic Conference organized by Science 20 held?  
**Ans:** Lakshadweep
- Q38.** HDFC Bank has introduced its digital distribution platform, HDFC Bank Smart Saathi, to connect \_\_\_\_ to the bank.  
**Ans:** Business correspondents and business facilitators
- Q39.** Who is the CEO and MD(April 2023) of HDFC Bank?  
**Ans:** Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Q40.** Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is organizing "Ekta Evam Shradhanjali Abhiyan" as part of its 64th BRO Day Celebrations. Which statements about Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is correct?  
**Ans:** BRO is responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads in India's border areas.
- Q41.** Who are the recipients of the 2023 UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize?  
**Ans:** Three Iranian female journalists
- Q42.** Who is the current president of Iran?  
**Ans:** Ebrahim Raisi

- Q43.** Amitabh Kant, who served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) (2016-2022), has authored a new book titled "Made In India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise". Who is the Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog at present( April 2023)?  
**Ans:** Suman Bery
- Q44.** Officials announced on Monday that the deadline for the Smart Cities Mission will be extended until June 2024. When was the Smart Cities Mission launched?  
**Ans:** June 2015
- Q45.** What is the budget allocation for the Smart Cities Mission ?  
**Ans:** Rs 16,000 crore
- Q46.** The National SC-ST Hub Scheme has received praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi for crossing over one lakh beneficiary registrations. Which implementing body is responsible for the National SC-ST Hub Scheme?  
**Ans:** National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
- Q47.** Who launched the National SC-ST Hub Scheme?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Q48.** The Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India, is participating in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2023 to promote inbound travel to India from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. How much did Indian nationals spend on overseas travel in the first nine months of 2022?  
**Ans:** \$10 billion
- Q49.** India's first undersea tunnel, which is set to open by November 2023, is a 2.07-kilometer twin tunnels run 17-20 meters below sea level. The Mumbai Coastal Road Project connects Marine Drive to the \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Bandra-Worli Sea Link
- Q50.** According to Bain and Company's Future of India Retail Payments report, merchant payments over the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) are expected to expand by \_\_\_\_ to \$1 trillion by FY26.  
**Ans:** 40 to 50 percent
- Q51.** As per the report, government payments and subsidies are expected to decrease over the next three to five years, ultimately resulting in \_\_\_\_ for merchant payments.  
**Ans:** market forces controlling pricing
- Q52.** What is the new feature that Airtel Payments Bank has introduced in collaboration with NPCI?  
**Ans:** Face authentication for AePS
- Q53.** When was Airtel Payments Bank launched?  
**Ans:** 2017
- Q54.** Payments Banks can accept deposits only up to a maximum of \_\_\_\_ per customer.  
**Ans:** Rs. 2 lakh
- Q55.** Microsoft India has announced two new initiatives aimed at supporting small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) in their digital transformation journey. The tech giant has launched a dedicated helpline and a comprehensive website. What is the Digital Transformation Helpline?  
**Ans:** A helpline for small and medium-sized businesses to navigate their technological adoption and deployment journey
- Q56.** What is the name of the new insurance scheme for toddy tappers introduced by the Telangana government?  
**Ans:** Geetha Karmikula Bhima
- Q57.** What is the name of the initiative that will provide a monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 to eligible women in the Spiti Valley?  
**Ans:** Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi
- Q58.** Which state has been ranked as the most innovative state in the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22?  
**Ans:** Karnataka
- Q59.** Who has been confirmed as the next President of the World Bank( April 2023)?  
**Ans:** Ajay Banga
- Q60.** What is the Vivad se Vishwas scheme?  
**Ans:** A scheme to offer assistance to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Q61.** What is the installed capacity of NTPC Group after the integration of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant?  
**Ans:** 72,304 MW
- Q62.** Who is the current Chairman & Managing Director of NTPC Limited?  
**Ans:** Gurdeep Singh
- Q63.** India's unemployment rate rose to \_\_ in April 2023 from 7.8% in March, according to the Centre for Monitoring India Economy.  
**Ans:** 8.11%
- Q64.** The budget for 2023-24 proposed to increase capital investment outlay steeply for the third year in a row by \_\_ to Rs 10 lakh crore, which would be 3.3% of GDP.  
**Ans:** 33%

- Q65.** What is the frequency of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)?  
**Ans:** Every two years
- Q66.** Who has launched the G20 TechSprint 2023?  
**Ans:** Both the Bank for International Settlements and the Reserve Bank of India
- Q67.** Where is the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) headquartered?  
**Ans:** Basel, Switzerland
- Q68.** How many central banks are members of the BIS?  
**Ans:** 63
- Q69.** The foreign ministers of eight member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) are meeting in Goa on May 4 and 5. This meeting will set the stage for the SCO Leaders' Summit to be held in July in New Delhi. What is the theme of India's Chairmanship of SCO in 2023?  
**Ans:** SECURITY-SCO
- Q70.** Which country is not a founding member of the SCO?  
**Ans:** India
- Q71.** India and Israel have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on industrial research and development cooperation, marking a significant milestone in their scientific and technological partnership. Which high-tech fields are included in the MoU for joint research and development projects?  
**Ans:** Agriculture, Renewable Energy, Aerospace and Quantum Computing
- Q72.** Who is the current Prime Minister of Israel?  
**Ans:** Benjamin Netanyahu
- Q73.** Who has been appointed as the administrator of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) by the Delhi High Court to conduct elections?  
**Ans:** P Krishna Bhat
- Q74.** Who is eligible to participate in the Khelo India Scheme?  
**Ans:** Children between the ages of 10 and 18
- Q75.** Which Ministry launched the FAME India Scheme?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Heavy Industries
- Q76.** India's first International Multimodal Logistics Park is being built in \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Jogighopa
- Q77.** The Ukrainian Defence Ministry faced online backlash after posting an offensive tweet depicting the Hindu Goddess Kali in a distorted manner. The tweet was later deleted and Deputy Foreign Minister Emine Dzhaparova issued an apology. Which country borders Ukraine to the east and northeast?  
**Ans:** Russia
- Q78.** Which ports does APSEZ currently operate?  
**Ans:** Mundra, Hazira, Dahej, and Dhamra in India, and Abbot Point in Australia
- Q79.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new instructions to all banks and financial institutions in the country to ensure that all wire transfers, whether domestic or international, contain complete information about the originator and beneficiary. Do the RBI's updated instructions on wire transfers apply to transactions made using credit cards, debit cards, or Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)?  
**Ans:** No, they do not apply to any transactions made using credit cards, debit cards, or PPIs
- Q80.** Who are the ordering regulated entities (REs) in the context of wire transfers?  
**Ans:** Financial institutions that initiate wire transfers on behalf of the originator
- Q81.** Visa, the global card transaction company, has launched a new feature in India that allows users to make online payments without the need for a CVV number. The two-factor authentication process for Visa's CVV-free service in India does not require \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** The 16-digit card number, The CVV number, Any other card details
- Q82.** The process of securing card details with a unique code is called \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Tokenisation
- Q83.** What is the objective of the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit?  
**Ans:** To discuss the future of AI and its potential in contributing to the UAE's vision of creating the next Silicon Valley
- Q84.** Who is the current ruler of the UAE?  
**Ans:** Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Q85.** When was the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) established?  
**Ans:** 2011





- Q86.** Which authority was established in 2009 under Section-3 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986, to clean up the Ganga River?  
**Ans:** National River Ganga Basin Authority (NRGBA)
- Q87.** Which scheme is subsumed under the Gati Shakti initiative?  
**Ans:** National Infrastructure Pipeline, BharatmalaSagarmala and UDAN
- Q88.** How will project progress be monitored under the Gati Shakti initiative?  
**Ans:** By a monitoring group under the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), By a group of ministries responsible for resolving inter-ministerial issues and Through cross-sectoral interactions
- Q89.** Which organization recently released the 'Currency and Finance' report for the fiscal year 2022-23?  
**Ans:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Q90.** What is CU-Chayan?  
**Ans:** A new portal for faculty recruitment in Central Universities
- Q91.** The first-ever border haat in Sylhet division along the India border was opened at Bholaganj in Companiganj upazila. How many border haats are currently operational between India and Bangladesh?  
**Ans:** 13
- Q92.** India is considering joining the 'Climate Club,' an environmental initiative started by the \_\_\_ to promote stronger climate action.  
**Ans:** G7
- Q93.** The first pillar of the Climate Club is advancing ambitious and transparent climate policies. This involves setting targets and implementing policies that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming to \_\_\_ above pre-industrial levels.  
**Ans:** 1.5°C
- Q94.** Which country is not a member of the G7?  
**Ans:** China
- Q95.** The Prime Minister recently praised the initiative by Border Roads Organisation Project Dantak to commemorate the 64th Raising Day. When was Border Roads Organisation Project Dantak established?  
**Ans:** 1961
- Q96.** The Uttar Pradesh government has approved the establishment of its first Pharma Park in \_\_\_ district of Bundelkhand.  
**Ans:** Lalitpur
- Q97.** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system for issuers that have listed or are planning to list non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments, and security receipts. Who is authorized to issue and manage LEI codes in India?  
**Ans:** Legal Entity Identifier India Ltd
- Q98.** Who is the current Chairperson of SEBI?  
**Ans:** Madhabi Puri Buch
- Q99.** Who has been appointed as the Domestic Policy Advisor in the Biden administration in May 2023?  
**Ans:** Neera Tandon
- Q100.** Who developed the indigenously designed and developed loitering munitions for the air force?  
**Ans:** Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)
- Q101.** The Ministry of External Affairs announced that French President Emmanuel Macron had extended an invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be the Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade in Paris on July 14, and that Mr. Modi had accepted. What event does Bastille Day commemorate?  
**Ans:** The French Revolution
- Q102.** To promote trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh, the Dawki land port was inaugurated by Union Minister Nityanand Rai. Where is the Dawki land port located?  
**Ans:** Meghalaya
- Q103.** What is 'Vishesh'?  
**Ans:** A retail banking initiative
- Q104.** Which regulatory body has issued the NBFC license to GetVantage?  
**Ans:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Q105.** What is the name of the integrated training exercise being conducted in Arunachal Pradesh(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Operation Buland Bharat
- Q106.** Which country is NOT a member of ASEAN?  
**Ans:** China
- Q107.** The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has kicked off in Indonesia. What is the main theme of the 42nd ASEAN Summit in Indonesia?  
**Ans:** ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth
- Q108.** Fitch Retains India's 'BBB-' Rating with Stable Outlook as Growth Potential Fights High Deficit Concerns. What is India's general government debt estimated at in FY23?  
**Ans:** 82.8% of GDP

- Q109.** How long can India's current foreign exchange reserves cover its external payments?  
**Ans:** 7.1 months
- Q110.** A higher current account deficit can lead to \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Higher inflation
- Q111.** India's current account deficit is driven by \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Robust services exports, Buoyant remittances and Moderating goods deficit from declining oil prices
- Q112.** In which city is the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower being constructed?  
**Ans:** Hyderabad
- Q113.** What is the share of securities in the RBI's total foreign currency assets as of end-March 2023?  
**Ans:** 80%
- Q114.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that it has deployed its incremental reserves in bonds and securities, with a particular focus on US Treasuries. Sovereign securities are considered to be among the \_\_\_\_ investments in the world.  
**Ans:** safest
- Q115.** What is the name of the introductory-level online training program launched by ISRO for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology?  
**Ans:** START
- Q116.** Which company has retained the top spot in the Everest 2023 PEAK Matrix Service Provider of the Year Awards for Information Technology (IT) services for the seventh consecutive year?  
**Ans:** Accenture
- Q117.** Where have significant lithium reserves recently(as of May 2023) been discovered in India?  
**Ans:** Rajasthan's Degana
- Q118.** What is the name of the port that has been put into operation by India in Myanmar?  
**Ans:** Sittwe Port
- Q119.** The Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport initiative is a project aimed at developing a multimodal transport system to connect which two locations?  
**Ans:** Kolkata and Sittwe
- Q120.** Which national park in India has been identified as the potential site for reintroducing cheetahs under Project Cheetah?  
**Ans:** Kuno National Park
- Q121.** The Reserve Bank of India increased its gold reserves by \_\_\_\_% in the fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2023.  
**Ans:** 4.5%
- Q122.** What percentage of the country's total foreign exchange reserves did the RBI's gold reserves comprise as of March 31, 2023?  
**Ans:** 7.81%
- Q123.** Which central bank was the largest single buyer of gold during January-March 2023, according to the World Gold Council report 2023?  
**Ans:** Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Q124.** Which bank has been penalized by the Reserve Bank of India(as of May 2023) for violating the Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006?  
**Ans:** HSBC Bank
- Q125.** What is the name of the rebranded loyalty program of PAYBACK India by BharatPe?  
**Ans:** Zillion
- Q126.** What is the Global Collections service offered by Cashfree Payments and YES Bank?  
**Ans:** An international payment collection service for exporters
- Q127.** What is an e-FIRA?  
**Ans:** A certificate for international payments received
- Q128.** Sri Lanka secured a \$3 billion bailout package from the \_\_\_\_ in March 2023.  
**Ans:** International Monetary Fund
- Q129.** Who is the current President of Sri Lanka?  
**Ans:** Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Q130.** Where was the Petersberg Dialogue on Climate Change hosted in May 2023?  
**Ans:** Berlin, Germany
- Q131.** What is the Global Stocktake?  
**Ans:** A report assessing whether current efforts will enable us to reach the objectives set out in the Paris Agreement
- Q132.** Which region has the largest number of deaths for maternal, newborn, and stillbirths?  
**Ans:** Sub-Saharan Africa
- Q133.** Which country leads the list of 10 countries with 60% of global maternal deaths, stillbirths, and newborn deaths?  
**Ans:** India
- Q134.** Who has been appointed as the Chair of the Technical Officials Committee by Badminton Asia?  
**Ans:** Omar Rashid
- Q135.** The Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) called SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management) was launched by the Union Health Secretary. What does SAKSHAM stand for?  
**Ans:** Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management

- Q136.** Which countries will benefit from Saudi Arabia's new e-visa system?  
**Ans:** Jordan, UAE, Egypt, India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Indonesia
- Q137.** What is the official currency of Thailand?  
**Ans:** Baht
- Q138.** The 35th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was conducted from 03 – 10 May 2023. Which ships participated in the 35th Indo-Thai CORPAT?  
**Ans:** INS Kesari and HTMS Saiburi.
- Q139.** The 'Harit Sagar Guidelines - 2023' launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways aims to achieve \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Zero Carbon Emission
- Q140.** What are the major ports required to do as per the 'Harit Sagar Guidelines - 2023'?  
**Ans:** Generate more renewable energy, Reduce carbon emissions, Implement environmental-friendly practices and Achieve Sustainable Developmental Goals
- Q141.** Which port received the award for the best absolute performance for the year 2022-23?  
**Ans:** Deendayal Port
- Q142.** Which international advisory body has recommended Santiniketan for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List?  
**Ans:** International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- Q143.** How many UNESCO World Heritage sites does India currently have?  
**Ans:** 40
- Q144.** The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) is an apex-level body in India that was set up in \_\_\_\_ to strengthen and institutionalize the mechanism for maintaining financial stability, enhancing financial sector development, and inter-regulatory coordination.  
**Ans:** 2010
- Q145.** The FSDC is chaired by the \_\_\_\_ and comprises of heads of financial sector regulators, namely the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), and the Ministry of Finance.  
**Ans:** Union Finance Minister
- Q146.** The FSDC has set up sub-committees to focus on specific issues. Currently, there are \_\_\_\_ sub-committees.  
**Ans:** Three
- Q147.** What activities were undertaken by the FSDC Sub-Committee chaired by the RBI Governor?  
**Ans:** Early Warning Indicators for the economy and our preparedness to deal with them, Simplification and Streamlining of KYC Framework to meet the needs of Digital India and Bimakrit Bharat - Unique Value Proposition to take insurance to last mile
- Q148.** The All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBE) has announced plans to establish an online "Bank Clinic" to assist retail bank customers with grievance redressal. What is the primary purpose of the Bank Clinic introduced by AIBE?  
**Ans:** To provide customers with a platform to raise their concerns and grievances, To improve customer satisfaction and loyalty and To provide feedback to banks on areas of service deficiencies
- Q149.** Every year on May 11th, India observes National Technology Day to recognize and honor the remarkable accomplishments and contributions of its scientists, engineers, and technologists in the development of the country. What is the theme of this year's National Technology Day in India?  
**Ans:** School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate
- Q150.** Which company has taken over as the global sponsor for ICC(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Mastercard
- Q151.** Which services will be under the control of Delhi government according to the recent Supreme Court judgment?  
**Ans:** All services except land, police, and law and order
- Q152.** Who is the current Lieutenant Governor of Delhi(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Vinai Kumar Saxena



- Q153.** India and Canada have agreed to ramp up their discussions on the movement of skilled professionals and students to enhance their bilateral economic partnership. This decision was made during the sixth India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment. Who is the current Prime Minister of Canada?  
**Ans:** Justin Trudeau
- Q154.** The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum 2023 is organized by \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Startup India
- Q155.** Who will jointly establish the Ayush-ICMR Centers for Advanced Research in Integrative Health at all AIIMS?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- Q156.** The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has extended the deadline for linking Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar to 30 June 2023. Who needs to link PAN with Aadhaar?  
**Ans:** Every person who has a PAN as of 1 July 2017 and is eligible to obtain an Aadhaar number
- Q157.** What is the National Pension System (NPS)?  
**Ans:** A defined contribution pension system for private sector employees
- Q158.** Who is the current Chairperson of PFRDA?  
**Ans:** Deepak Mohanty
- Q159.** What is the jurisdiction of PFRDA?  
**Ans:** PFRDA has jurisdiction over all pension funds in India
- Q160.** The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on May 11 that the global health emergency for mpox. What is mpox?  
**Ans:** A viral disease
- Q161.** What is the origin country of mpox, a disease formerly known as monkeypox?  
**Ans:** Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Q162.** International Nurses Day is observed on the 12th of May every year to commemorate the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, who was born on May 12, 1820. What is the theme for International Nurses Day 2023?  
**Ans:** Our Nurses. Our Future.
- Q163.** Anti-Dumping Duty on Optical Fiber Imports proposed by DGTR. What is Anti-Dumping Duty?  
**Ans:** A penalty on exporters for selling goods below their market value
- Q164.** Who imposes Anti-Dumping Duty?  
**Ans:** Importing countries
- Q165.** National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) has appointed Rajiv Dhar, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer as the Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of NIIFL on an interim basis, effective May 11, 2023. What is the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)?  
**Ans:** A private equity fund that invests in Indian infrastructure projects
- Q166.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined forces with the Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN) to participate in the Greenwashing TechSprint. What is greenwashing?  
**Ans:** The practice of making exaggerated, misleading, or unsubstantiated claims about the environmental benefits of a product, service, or investment opportunity
- Q167.** Which organization is hosting the virtual TechSprint for GFIN's Greenwashing TechSprint?  
**Ans:** FCA
- Q168.** Exim Bank plans to raise up to record \$4 billion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) for extending trade finance and term loans. What is Exim Bank?  
**Ans:** An Indian government-owned export credit agency
- Q169.** Who is the current Chairperson and Managing Director of Exim Bank?  
**Ans:** Harsha Bangari
- Q170.** What is the purpose of the "100 Days 100 Pays" campaign launched by the Reserve Bank of India?  
**Ans:** To reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return them to their rightful owners/claimants
- Q171.** What is the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund maintained by the RBI?  
**Ans:** A fund used to promote financial literacy among depositors
- Q172.** What happens to unclaimed deposits in savings/current accounts or term deposits not claimed within 10 years from the date of maturity?  
**Ans:** They are transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund maintained by the RBI
- Q173.** India's industrial production growth fell to a five-month low of 1.1% in March 2023. Which sector of India's industrial production showed poor performance in March 2023?  
**Ans:** Power
- Q174.** What is the base year for the IIP in India?  
**Ans:** 2011-12
- Q175.** Which sectors are covered by the IIP?  
**Ans:** Mining, manufacturing, and electricity



- Q176.** London Stock Exchange Group's (LSEG) announced its plan to set up a technology center of excellence in Hyderabad, India, which is expected to create about 1,000 jobs a year and boost the BFSI sector in the city. What does LSEG do?  
**Ans:** Provides financial market infrastructure and data, Operates in 70 countries worldwide Serves customers in 190 countries and Has over 2,000 issuers across 100 countries
- Q177.** Where will the Global Ayurveda Festival 2023 be held?  
**Ans:** Thiruvananthapuram
- Q178.** What is the theme of the Global Ayurveda Festival 2023?  
**Ans:** Emerging Challenges in Healthcare & A Resurgent Ayurveda
- Q179.** India's retail inflation based on the consumer price index decreased to 4.7% in April from 5.66% in the previous month due to lower food and fuel prices. What is the acceptable range of inflation rate set by the Reserve Bank of India?  
**Ans:** 2-6%
- Q180.** Who is taking over as CEO of Twitter(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Linda Yaccarino
- Q181.** UN Global Road Safety Week is an annual event held in May to raise awareness about road safety and the importance of taking steps to prevent accidents. When does the 7th UN Global Road Safety Week take place this year?  
**Ans:** 15-21 May
- Q182.** International Day of Families is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness of the importance of families and their role in society.  
**Ans:** May 15
- Q183.** Renowned astronomer and founder director of IUCAA, \_\_\_\_\_, received the inaugural Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award from the Astronomical Society of India (ASI).  
**Ans:** Prof Jayant V. Narlikar
- Q184.** What is the total number of Grandmasters in India after V. Praneeth's achievement?  
**Ans:** 82
- Q185.** Tungnath, located in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand, is not only one of the highest Shiva temples in the world but also the highest among the five Panch Kedar temples. What recent designation has been given to the Tungnath temple?  
**Ans:** National Monument status
- Q186.** Who recently reached the summit of Mount Everest for the 26th time?  
**Ans:** Pasang Dawa Sherpa
- Q187.** Which organization introduced the requirement for doctors to obtain a Unique Identification Number (UID) to practice medicine in the country?  
**Ans:** National Medical Commission (NMC)
- Q188.** Who was confirmed by the US Senate as the Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues in the State Department?  
**Ans:** Geeta Rao Gupta
- Q189.** What is the theme for the 7th UN Global Road Safety Week?  
**Ans:** Sustainable Transport
- Q190.** What is the theme for the International Day of Families in 2023?  
**Ans:** Demographic Trends and Families
- Q191.** How much did India's foreign exchange reserves increase by in the week ending May 5, 2023?  
**Ans:** \$7.196 billion
- Q192.** RBI expects banks to completely stop using LIBOR by July. What is the full form of LIBOR?  
**Ans:** London Interbank Offered Rate
- Q193.** What is the ranking of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) in the Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI)?  
**Ans:** 2nd
- Q194.** The objective of the IOC is to facilitate discussions on regional cooperation for \_\_\_\_\_ (SAGAR) by bringing together important states and principal maritime partners of the region on a common platform.  
**Ans:** Security And Growth for All in the Region
- Q195.** Who has been appointed as the next CBI chief?  
**Ans:** Praveen Sood
- Q196.** Laos is gearing up to host the annual ASEAN Tourism Forum in January 2024. What is the official currency of Laos?  
**Ans:** Kip
- Q197.** International Day of Living Together in Peace is celebrated annually on \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage peace, tolerance, inclusivity, understanding, and solidarity among individuals and communities globally.  
**Ans:** May 16
- Q198.** EU regulators approve Microsoft's \$69 billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard. What is cloud gaming?  
**Ans:** A type of gaming that allows users to stream games from servers and play them on existing devices like TVs, smartphones, and laptops

- Q199.** Who inaugurated the National Homoeopathic Convention 'Homeocon 2023' in Uttarakhand?  
**Ans:** Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami
- Q200.** Which ministry is responsible for the development, promotion, and regulation of traditional systems of medicine in India?  
**Ans:** Ministry of AYUSH
- Q201.** What event is specifically commemorated on the International Day of Light?  
**Ans:** Theodore Maiman's successful operation of the laser
- Q202.** MIT-World Peace University has built Asia's first subsea research lab in collaboration with \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Aker Solutions
- Q203.** Who launched the UTSAH (Undertaking Transformative Strategies and Actions in Higher Education) Portal and the Professor of Practice (PoP) Portal?  
**Ans:** University Grants Commission (UGC)
- Q204.** Which martial art will be featured in the 37th National Games-2023 for the first time?  
**Ans:** Gatka
- Q205.** How many member states are currently part of the European Union(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** 27
- Q206.** Who has been appointed as the US Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues in the State Department?  
**Ans:** Geeta Rao Gupta
- Q207.** Who is set to take oath as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)-in May 2023?  
**Ans:** Manoj Soni
- Q208.** The Meri LiFE app, launched by Shri Bhupender Yadav, is set to revolutionize the way individuals and communities track their progress in the global mass movement called Mission LiFE. Which ministry is responsible for the implementation of Mission LiFE?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change
- Q209.** What is the objective of Mission LiFE?  
**Ans:** Encouraging sustainable lifestyle choices
- Q210.** Laos is gearing up to host the annual ASEAN Tourism Forum in January 2024, which will take place in the country's capital city, Vientiane. What is the theme of the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2024?  
**Ans:** Quality and Responsible Tourism -- Sustaining ASEAN Future
- Q211.** Who is Slovakia's new caretaker Prime Minister(May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Ludovit Odor
- Q212.** Brazil has recently confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in wild birds. Avian Influenza is primarily caused by:  
**Ans:** Virus
- Q213.** Avian Influenza is further categorized based on different hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N) proteins. Common subtypes include H5N1, H7N9, H9N2, among others. Which subtypes of Avian Influenza has raised concerns about a potential global pandemic?  
**Ans:** H5N1
- Q214.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken significant actions in the financial sector, canceling the certificate of registration of seven non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) and accepting the surrender permits of 14 NBFCs. What is the principal business of NBFCs?  
**Ans:** Loans and advances, acquisition of securities, leasing, hire-purchase, etc.
- Q215.** How many members constitute the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI?  
**Ans:** 6
- Q216.** The 8th All India Pension Adalat, to be inaugurated by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, marks another significant step in resolving pensioners' chronic cases. By bringing stakeholders together and leveraging technology, the adalat aims to provide speedy solutions and ensure timely pension processing. The newly created "Integrated Pensioners' Portal" integrates portals related to \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** pension disbursing banks, ANUBHAV, and CPENGRAMS
- Q217.** The All India Pension Adalat initiative was started on an experimental basis in the year \_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** 2017
- Q218.** India's economic recovery has gained significant momentum, positioning the country as a key contributor to global GDP growth, according to a recent report by Morgan Stanley. What is the projected growth rate of India's GDP in fiscal year 2023, according to the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?  
**Ans:** 6.4%
- Q219.** What recent government initiative in India focuses on deepening e-commerce penetration and fostering innovation by start-ups, particularly for small merchants and rural consumers?  
**Ans:** Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)

**Q220.** In India, there has been a change in the mindset from the Gandhian principles of small is beautiful, to actively incentivizing large scale manufacturing capacities through production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes. How many sectors are covered under India's PLI scheme?

**Ans:** 14

**Q221.** What is the name of the report released by the United Nations that provides insights into the world economic situation and prospects?

**Ans:** World Economic Situation and Prospects

**Q222.** Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) plans to set up an ethanol plant in which district of Himachal Pradesh?

**Ans:** Una

**Q223.** Grain-based ethanol is a renewable fuel produced through the fermentation of \_\_.

**Ans:** Starch

**Q224.** Who has been appointed as the President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Paytm's parent company, One 97 Communications Ltd.(as of May 2023)?

**Ans:** Bhavesh Gupta

**Q225.** National Dengue Day is observed on May 16 every year to raise awareness about the mosquito-borne disease. Which mosquito species is primarily responsible for spreading dengue?

**Ans:** Aedes aegypti mosquito

**Q226.** World Bank Approves \$82 Million Loan For Controlling Zoonotic Diseases in India. Which financing instrument is being utilized for the \$82 million loan from the World Bank?

**Ans:** Program-for-Results (PforR)

**Q227.** The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans and grants to the governments of low- and middle-income countries for development projects. It aims to reduce poverty and promote sustainable economic growth. How many institutions make up the World Bank Group?

**Ans:** Five

**Q228.** Which organization was NOT involved in the joint flood relief exercise 'Jal Rahat' conducted by the Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army?

**Ans:** Indian Air Force (IAF)

**Q229.** International Museum Day, observed on Thursday, May 18, 2023, serves the purpose of increasing recognition for the vital role that museums play in fostering cultural exchange, enhancing diverse cultures, and fostering mutual understanding, cooperation, and peace among different communities. What is the theme for the 2023 International Museum Day?

**Ans:** Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being

**Q230.** In 2014, the launch of FIPIC included India and 14 Pacific Island Countries: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa, Vanuatu, Niue, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Cook Islands, Palau, Nauru, and Solomon Islands. What does FIPIC stand for?

**Ans:** Forum for Indian and Pacific Island Countries

**Q231.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will go on a three-nation tour, starting on May 19th and concluding on May 24th, which includes the G-7 Summit and the Quad Leaders' Summit. The 49th G7 summit is scheduled to take place in \_\_.

**Ans:** Hiroshima (Japan)

**Q232.** According to government and industry sources, India is planning to lodge a complaint with the World Trade Organisation about the European Union's proposal to levy tariffs ranging from 20% to 35% on high-carbon goods like steel, iron ore, and cement from India. The headquarters of the WTO is located in \_\_.

**Ans:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Q233.** The ASW Corvette, INS Kavaratti, which was built and designed in India, has reached Batam, Indonesia to participate in the 4th India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise, Samudra Shakti-23, from May 14 to May 19, 2023. Which country is known for manufacturing the Kamorta-class ASW Corvettes?

**Ans:** India

**Q234.** Which bank has partnered with Zomato to provide the necessary technology infrastructure for Zomato UPI?

**Ans:** ICICI Bank

**Q235.** The United Nations General Assembly took a significant step towards promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly transportation by adopting a resolution to designate November 26 as World Sustainable Transport Day. Which is true about the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

**Ans:** Each member state has one vote



- Q236.** Which ocean did Tropical Cyclone Fabien form in?  
**Ans:** Indian Ocean
- Q237.** Who released the report on the rise of India's ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWI) and billionaire population?  
**Ans:** Knight Frank
- Q238.** CBDT exempts TDS on Mahila Samman Savings Certificate. Relief for investors as interest income will be taxed based on their tax slab. Scheme remains empowering for women. According to the recent CBDT notification, under what condition will no Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) be applicable on interest earned from the MSSC scheme?  
**Ans:** If the interest does not exceed Rs. 40,000 in a financial year.
- Q239.** Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)?  
**Ans:** AK Jain
- Q240.** The 76th edition of the Cannes Film Festival will showcase a dazzling array of films. Scheduled to occur from May 16 to 27, 2023. Accomplished Swedish filmmaker Ruben Östlund has been chosen to preside over the jury for the occasion. Which prestigious award is presented for the best film at the Cannes Film Festival?  
**Ans:** Palme d'Or
- Q241.** The India Pavilion at the Cannes International Film Festival 2023 was inaugurated by \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Ans:** Dr. L Murugan
- Q242.** Which ministries are collaborating for the "Integrative Health" policy?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- Q243.** India is the world's largest producer of films, producing over \_\_\_\_\_ films in over 50 languages.  
**Ans:** 3000
- Q244.** How is the National Ayush Mission funded?  
**Ans:** Through state and central government support
- Q245.** Which scheme is enabling more people from tier-2 and tier-3 cities to join India's domestic aviation map?  
**Ans:** UDAN
- Q246.** Where will Wing India 2024, Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation, be held?  
**Ans:** Hyderabad
- Q247.** What is the primary goal of the National Ayush Mission?  
**Ans:** To improve the health and wellness of individuals and communities
- Q248.** What does the term "multi-tenancy" refer to in cloud computing?  
**Ans:** Sharing computing resources among multiple users or organizations
- Q249.** Which city in India has become the first to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?  
**Ans:** Bhopal
- Q250.** The recently inaugurated one of India's biggest Skywalk bridges, spanning 570 meters in length and 4.2 meters in width, was officially opened by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin. Where does the skywalk bridge connect?  
**Ans:** Mambalam railway station and T Nagar bus terminus
- Q251.** Which global organization is CA Maldives aiming to become a member of with the support of ICAI?  
**Ans:** International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)
- Q252.** Shri Parshottam Rupala, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, initiated the fifth phase of the Sagar Parikrama Yatra. What are the coastal areas covered in the upcoming leg of the Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-V?  
**Ans:** Ratnagiri, Malvan, and Vasco
- Q253.** What is the total outlay of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?  
**Ans:** Rs 20,050 crore
- Q254.** How many judges are typically present in a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court?  
**Ans:** Five or more
- Q255.** What is the role of the Central government in the appointment of Supreme Court judges?  
**Ans:** None of the above
- Q256.** The Advance Authorization Scheme (AAS) or Advance License Scheme, introduced by the Government of India under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020, has recently gained attention in the news. Which government body implements the Advance Authorization Scheme?  
**Ans:** Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
- Q257.** What is the amount of surplus transfer approved by the RBI to the government for the financial year 2022-23?  
**Ans:** Rs 87,416 crore
- Q258.** What is the contingency risk buffer, The risk provisioning made from economic capital to cover monetary, fiscal stability, credit and operation risks is cumulatively referred to as the Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB), maintained by the RBI for the financial year 2022-23?  
**Ans:** 6%



- Q259.** The government has appointed \_\_, \_\_, and \_\_ as lead bankers for the IREDA IPO.  
**Ans:** IDBI Capital, BOB Capital, and SBI Capital
- Q260.** The IPO of IREDA is expected to consist of a \_\_ stake sale by the government and a \_\_ fresh equity issuance by IREDA.  
**Ans:** 10%, 15%
- Q261.** Who is eligible to apply for an Advance License under the Advance Authorization Scheme, introduced by the Government of India under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020?  
**Ans:** Both merchant and manufacturer exporters
- Q262.** What is the main factor contributing to the higher surplus transfer by the RBI?  
**Ans:** Sale of foreign exchange reserves
- Q263.** What is the value of India's defence production in the financial year 2022-23?  
**Ans:** Rs 1,06,800 crore
- Q264.** Who published the report titled "The Billion Dollar Death Trade: International Arms Networks that Enable Human Rights Violations in Myanmar"?  
**Ans:** United Nations
- Q265.** The Indian Navy's submarine, Vaghsheer, has begun its sea trials. Vaghsheer is scheduled for delivery to the Indian Navy in early 2024 after completion of these trials. What is the class of the Vaghsheer submarine?  
**Ans:** Kalvari
- Q266.** World Bee Day is an annual event held on May 20th to increase understanding and recognition of the vital role bees and other pollinators play in our ecosystem. This observance was established by the United Nations in 2017. What is the theme of World Bee Day 2023?  
**Ans:** Engaging in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production
- Q267.** According to a report titled "The Billion Dollar Death Trade: International Arms Networks that Enable Human Rights Violations in Myanmar," India has supplied arms, dual-use items, and raw materials worth ₹422 crore (\$51 million) to the military junta in Myanmar since its takeover in February 2021. Which country shares the longest border with Myanmar?  
**Ans:** China
- Q268.** In a recent development in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah is set to become the next chief minister, with DK Shivakumar as his deputy. Which is a famous UNESCO World Heritage Site in Karnataka?  
**Ans:** Hampi
- Q269.** May 18 is recognized as World AIDS Vaccine Day, an occasion that emphasizes the importance of creating a vaccine for the incurable illness. This day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, not only raises awareness but also pays tribute to the dedicated scientists and researchers who are committed to developing a vaccine to prevent HIV/AIDS. Which cells of the immune system does HIV primarily target?  
**Ans:** T cells
- Q270.** World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed annually on \_\_.  
**Ans:** May 21st
- Q271.** Public sector banks (PSBs) in India have achieved a significant milestone in the financial year ended March 2023, with their cumulative profit crossing the Rs 1 lakh crore-mark. Which public sector bank reported the highest net profit growth in percentage terms in FY23?  
**Ans:** Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)
- Q272.** Which ministry is responsible for implementing the "Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Seher" campaign?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Q273.** What is the new relaxation in TCS rules for international debit and credit card transactions in India?  
**Ans:** Exemption from TCS for transactions up to Rs 7 lakh per financial year
- Q274.** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has recently announced the relaxation of norms for surety bonds. What is the purpose of surety bonds in the context of insurance?  
**Ans:** Managing risks associated with breaches of contract or non-performance
- Q275.** What recent changes has IRDAI made regarding solvency requirements for surety bonds?  
**Ans:** Reduced the solvency requirement from 1.875 times to 1.5 times
- Q276.** The newly inaugurated coastal outposts of the Border Security Force (BSF) are located at \_\_ coast.  
**Ans:** Jakhau
- Q277.** The establishment of the Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) was announced by the Prime Minister of India during the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019. When was the UNCCD adopted?  
**Ans:** 1994

- Q278.** Which regions is most affected by desertification?  
**Ans:** Asia
- Q279.** What is Tax Collected At Source (TCS)?  
**Ans:** A tax collected by merchants on behalf of the government
- Q280.** Which public sector bank witnessed a decline in annual net profit in FY23?  
**Ans:** Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- Q281.** What is the primary objective of the "Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Seher" campaign?  
**Ans:** To encourage citizens to adopt the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR)
- Q282.** What is the theme for International Day for Biological Diversity 2023?  
**Ans:** From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity
- Q283.** Which naval exercise between India and Saudi Arabia is being conducted in 2023?  
**Ans:** AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023
- Q284.** Which operation involved the evacuation of Indian nationals from Sudan in April 2023?  
**Ans:** Operation Kaveri
- Q285.** The government, in collaboration with the RBI, has proposed a modification to the Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transaction) Rules. This amendment involves including credit card transactions within the limit of \$250,000 under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS). Which ministry in India is responsible for the Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS)?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Finance
- Q286.** Who has been awarded the advance purchase orders for 1 lakh BSNL 4G sites?  
**Ans:** TCS
- Q287.** Which areas in India are currently not served by BSNL's fixed line and wireless telephony and data services?  
**Ans:** Mumbai and New Delhi
- Q288.** What is the purpose of the 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT)?  
**Ans:** To develop sustainable water management practices in India, To promote knowledge sharing and collaboration between India and Israel in water technology, To implement Israeli water technologies in India's context and To pilot sustainable technologies for water security in India
- Q289.** According to the Financial Times Rankings 2023, where does IIM Kozhikode rank among the top providers of open-enrolment executive programs globally?  
**Ans:** 72nd position
- Q290.** Who is the first Saudi female astronaut to go to space?  
**Ans:** Rayyanah Barnawi
- Q291.** Garuda Aerospace, a leading drone manufacturer, has joined hands with Naini Aerospace, to establish a joint development partnership. Which government PSU is Naini Aerospace a subsidiary of?  
**Ans:** HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited)
- Q292.** Which cricketer is an investor in Garuda Aerospace and also serves as its brand ambassador?  
**Ans:** Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- Q293.** Which is NOT included in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)?  
**Ans:** Services
- Q294.** Which sector of the Indian economy is often considered a key driver of GDP growth?  
**Ans:** Services
- Q295.** Which is not a function of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?  
**Ans:** Managing the fiscal policy of the government
- Q296.** What is the current statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) mandated by the RBI(September 2022)?  
**Ans:** 18%
- Q297.** Which committee is responsible for formulating Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in India?  
**Ans:** Urjit Patel Committee
- Q298.** Neeraj Chopra has claimed the number one ranking in men's javelin for the first time with \_\_\_ points.  
**Ans:** 1455
- Q299.** On May 23, is the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, it is a devastating childbirth injury that can cause lifelong physical and social problems for women. What is the main cause of obstetric fistula?  
**Ans:** Prolonged and obstructed labor
- Q300.** How many Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) were featured in the top 75 FT Open-enrolment Executive Education Rankings 2023?  
**Ans:** 3
- Q301.** Which states in India have implemented AFSPA?  
**Ans:** Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh
- Q302.** What is the projected GDP growth rate for the first quarter of FY24, as per the RBI's economic activity index?  
**Ans:** 7.6%
- Q303.** In a bid to strengthen bilateral relations, Indian Railways has handed over 20 broad gauge (BG) locomotives to Bangladesh. Which pairs of passenger trains are currently running between India and Bangladesh?  
**Ans:** Kolkata-Dhaka Maitree Express

- Q304.** Which state is hosting the third edition of 'Khelo India' University Games?  
**Ans:** Uttar Pradesh
- Q305.** When was the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) enacted?  
**Ans:** 1958
- Q306.** Which water sport will make its debut at the 3rd 'Khelo India' University Games?  
**Ans:** Rowing
- Q307.** Paytm Money, a subsidiary of One97 Communications, the parent entity of Paytm, has recently announced the launch of a bonds platform for retail investors in India. What type of bonds can retail investors invest in through Paytm Money's new platform?  
**Ans:** Government bonds, Corporate bonds and Tax-free bonds
- Q308.** Which terms refers to the interest rate paid by government bonds?  
**Ans:** Coupon rate
- Q309.** What regulatory framework does Paytm Money adhere to as a bond investment platform?  
**Ans:** Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Q310.** Which banks are currently offering support for RuPay credit cards on Google Pay's UPI platform?  
**Ans:** Axis Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, HDFC Bank, Indian Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Punjab National Bank, and Union Bank of India
- Q311.** According to NPCI data, how many UPI transactions were conducted in calendar year 2022?  
**Ans:** 74 billion transactions
- Q312.** The University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced a new program called 'NEP SAARTHI - Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in India'. Which policy is the NEP SAARTHI program aligned with?  
**Ans:** National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
- Q313.** NEP SAARTHIs will receive a certificate, be acknowledged on the UGC's official social media platforms, and receive invitations to all relevant online events organized by the UGC. How many NEP SAARTHIs will be selected by the UGC?  
**Ans:** 300
- Q314.** As part of Ax-2, Axiom Space will investigate whether two inhibitory drugs can reverse regeneration in an organoid model of breast cancer. What is Axiom Space's mission?  
**Ans:** To build and operate the world's first commercial space station
- Q315.** Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Tripura Tourism(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Sourav Ganguly
- Q316.** What agreements were signed between India and Australia during the recent bilateral meeting?  
**Ans:** Migration and Green Hydrogen task force
- Q317.** Which state in India has declared itself as the first fully e-governed state?  
**Ans:** Kerala
- Q318.** Which platform integrates over 800 government services online in Kerala?  
**Ans:** e-Sevanam
- Q319.** Which ministry is responsible for implementing the central sector scheme for the formation and promotion of FPOs?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Q320.** Which agency has been allocated the target of establishing 1,100 additional FPOs under the central scheme?  
**Ans:** National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
- Q321.** What is the name of the comprehensive suite of services, solutions, and platforms launched by Infosys that harnesses the power of generative AI technologies?  
**Ans:** Topaz
- Q322.** What is the name of the initiative launched to enhance the capabilities of civil servants across various government organizations?  
**Ans:** Mission Karmayogi
- Q323.** What is the name of the AI supercomputer located at C-DAC, Pune, which achieved a global ranking of 75th on the Top 500 Global Supercomputing List?  
**Ans:** AIRAWAT
- Q324.** Which organization has launched the Jugalbandi chatbot?  
**Ans:** Microsoft



- Q325.** What kind of support is provided to FPOs under the central scheme?  
**Ans:** Technical assistance for marketing strategies, Financial assistance for infrastructure development, Training programs for farmers on modern farming techniques and Access to high-quality agricultural inputs
- Q326.** Who is the Chairman of the Capacity Building Commission overseeing the training institutions for civil services?  
**Ans:** Shri Adil Zenulbhai
- Q327.** "Time Shelter" won the International Booker Prize. Who is the author of the novel "Time Shelter"?  
**Ans:** Georgi Gospodinov
- Q328.** Historic Scepter 'Sengol' Finds Home in New Parliament Building. What does the sengol symbolize in the context of India's independence?  
**Ans:** Liberation from British rule
- Q329.** When is the "International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories" observed?  
**Ans:** May 25 to 31
- Q330.** World Thyroid Awareness Day is observed on May 25 every year. The day is dedicated to spreading awareness about thyroid-related disorders, their symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options. Which is NOT a common thyroid disorder?  
**Ans:** Adrenal Insufficiency
- Q331.** What is the primary objective of the GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme – 2023 (GAINS)?  
**Ans:** To generate a large number of ideas for technological advances in shipbuilding.
- Q332.** What is the seating capacity of the Lok Sabha in the new Parliament House?  
**Ans:** 888 seats
- Q333.** Which national symbol inspired the design of the Rajya Sabha in the new Parliament House?  
**Ans:** Lotus
- Q334.** Under the SAMARTH Campaign, the Ministry of Rural Development aims to achieve digital transformation in how many Gram Panchayats?  
**Ans:** 50,000
- Q335.** What is the stake that SBI Funds Management Ltd has been approved to acquire in HDFC Bank?  
**Ans:** 9.99% stake
- Q336.** Axis Bank has launched 'Sarathi,' a revolutionary digital onboarding platform aimed at simplifying the process for merchants to adopt Electronic Data Capture (EDC). Which best describes Axis Bank's 'Sarathi' platform?  
**Ans:** A paperless onboarding platform for PoS terminals
- Q337.** Which organization launched UPI123Pay to facilitate UPI transactions for feature phone users?  
**Ans:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Q338.** Which digital payment platforms currently dominate the UPI transaction market share?  
**Ans:** PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm
- Q339.** Who launched the GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme – 2023 (GAINS)?  
**Ans:** G Surya Prakash
- Q340.** What is the role of BC Sakhis in the digital transformation of Uttar Pradesh?  
**Ans:** Providing doorstep banking services and facilitating digital transactions
- Q341.** Which areas are the focus of the GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme – 2023 (GAINS)?  
**Ans:** Artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and energy efficiency.
- Q342.** Which two states have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance the tourism landscape(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Goa and Uttarakhand
- Q343.** Which two ministries have collaborated to promote the development of the Unani System of Medicine in India?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Minority Affairs
- Q344.** In a significant development, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has elected \_\_\_\_, the founder of Dream11, as its new chairperson.  
**Ans:** Harsh Jain
- Q345.** In which city did Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his recent visit to Australia, announce the establishment of a new Indian consulate in Australia?  
**Ans:** Brisbane
- Q346.** Which greenhouse gases will be monitored by the Global Greenhouse Gas Watch?  
**Ans:** CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O
- Q347.** The Ministry of Finance has announced the launch of a special ₹75 coin to commemorate the inauguration of India's new parliament building. Which national emblem is featured on one side of the ₹75 coin?  
**Ans:** Lion Capital of the Ashoka Pillar



- Q348.** Which component of India's forex reserves experienced the largest decline during the week under review( as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Foreign Currency Assets (FCA)
- Q349.** Why has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) been intervening in the forex market?  
**Ans:** To stabilize the value of the rupee
- Q350.** When was the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) established?  
**Ans:** 1950
- Q351.** Which organization has provided the loan for the industrial corridor development in Andhra Pradesh?  
**Ans:** ADB (Asian Development Bank)
- Q352.** Under which section of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, did the RBI grant approval for the merger?  
**Ans:** Section 44A(4)
- Q353.** Which city is the headquarters of The Cosmos Co-operative Bank?  
**Ans:** Pune
- Q354.** Cooperative banks primarily focus on providing which types of services?  
**Ans:** Retail banking services
- Q355.** What is the objective of HDFC Bank's Leadership Excellence Program (LXP)?  
**Ans:** To hire and train women branch managers and To increase the percentage of women in the organization to 25% by 2025
- Q356.** Which training academy is HDFC Bank partnering with for the Leadership Excellence Program (LXP)?  
**Ans:** Manipal Global Skills Academy (MGSA)
- Q357.** Where is ADB's headquarters located?  
**Ans:** Manila, Philippines
- Q358.** Which company is responsible for the construction of the new Parliament building?  
**Ans:** Tata Projects Limited
- Q359.** Who has been appointed as the chairman of the 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee established by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)?  
**Ans:** Rajesh Gopal
- Q360.** Which organization is organizing the first-ever Urban Climate Film Festival?  
**Ans:** National Institute of Urban Affairs
- Q361.** Which program showcases the impact of data-driven governance in improving the lives of citizens at the grassroots level?  
**Ans:** Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)
- Q362.** What was the focus of the 8th Governing Council Meeting of Niti Aayog chaired by Prime Minister Modi?  
**Ans:** Strengthening cooperative federalism
- Q363.** Where was the Sudarshan Shakti Exercise 2023 conducted?  
**Ans:** Rajasthan and Punjab
- Q364.** Which bank emerged as the top performer in NPA management during FY23?  
**Ans:** Bank of Maharashtra
- Q365.** Which bank had the highest net NPA ratio during FY23?  
**Ans:** Bank of Baroda
- Q366.** Which bank topped the chart in terms of low-cost Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) deposits?  
**Ans:** Bank of Maharashtra
- Q367.** According to BoB Eco Research, what is the projected GDP growth range for India in FY24?  
**Ans:** 6-6.5%
- Q368.** What is the primary reason for India's projected GDP growth in FY24, as stated by Governor Shaktikanta Das?  
**Ans:** Improved agricultural output, Sustained rebound in contact-intensive sectors and Government's focus on capital spending and infrastructure
- Q369.** Which ministry is involved in the implementation of the IMPRINT India scheme?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Science and Technology
- Q370.** How many technology domains are covered under the IMPRINT India scheme?  
**Ans:** 10
- Q371.** Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Karnataka Bank(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma
- Q372.** When was Karnataka Bank established?  
**Ans:** 1924
- Q373.** Which sector contributes the most to India's GDP?  
**Ans:** Services
- Q374.** GDP growth rate is calculated as:  
**Ans:** The percentage change in real GDP over a specific period
- Q375.** What is the impact of high inflation on the economy?  
**Ans:** Reduced investment and savings
- Q376.** What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY23 according to the SBI Ecowrap report?  
**Ans:** 7.1%

- Q377.** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) achieved yet another milestone as its geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle (GSLV) rocket, GSLV-F12, successfully placed the navigation satellite NVS-01 into orbit. Which service does the NavIC system provide?  
**Ans:** Navigation and positioning
- Q378.** Which other global navigation satellite systems are interoperable with NavIC?  
**Ans:** GPS, Glonass, BeiDou
- Q379.** Which Indian state has achieved 100% coverage of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?  
**Ans:** Telangana
- Q380.** What is the purpose of the new regulations(as of May 2023) requiring income proof for investments of Rs 10 lakh or more in small savings schemes?  
**Ans:** To prevent money laundering and terrorist financing activities.
- Q381.** Which is a key characteristic of small savings schemes?  
**Ans:** Limited liquidity
- Q382.** Where was the Second G20 Anti-corruption Working Group Meeting held?  
**Ans:** Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, India
- Q383.** Which mobile application was launched to help locate banking touchpoints across India?  
**Ans:** Jan Dhan Mitra
- Q384.** What is one benefit of small savings schemes under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act?  
**Ans:** Reduced tax liability through deductions.
- Q385.** What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY24 according to the SBI Ecowrap report?  
**Ans:** 6.2%
- Q386.** Who has been appointed to the Advisory Committee to the President of COP28(as of May 2023)?  
**Ans:** Mukesh Ambani
- Q387.** Where will the COP28 conference take place?  
**Ans:** Dubai, UAE
- Q388.** The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 84.50 lakh on Central Bank of India. What was the reason for the penalty imposed by the RBI?  
**Ans:** Non-compliance with fraud reporting norms
- Q389.** Who has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO) for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027?  
**Ans:** Girish Chandra Murmu
- Q390.** The International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed annually on May 29th. What is the theme of the 75th anniversary of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers?  
**Ans:** Peace begins with me

