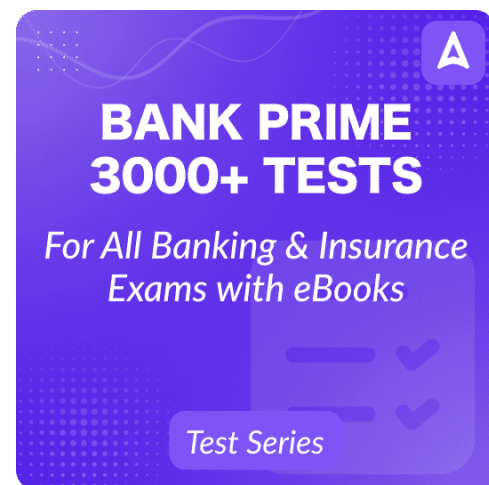
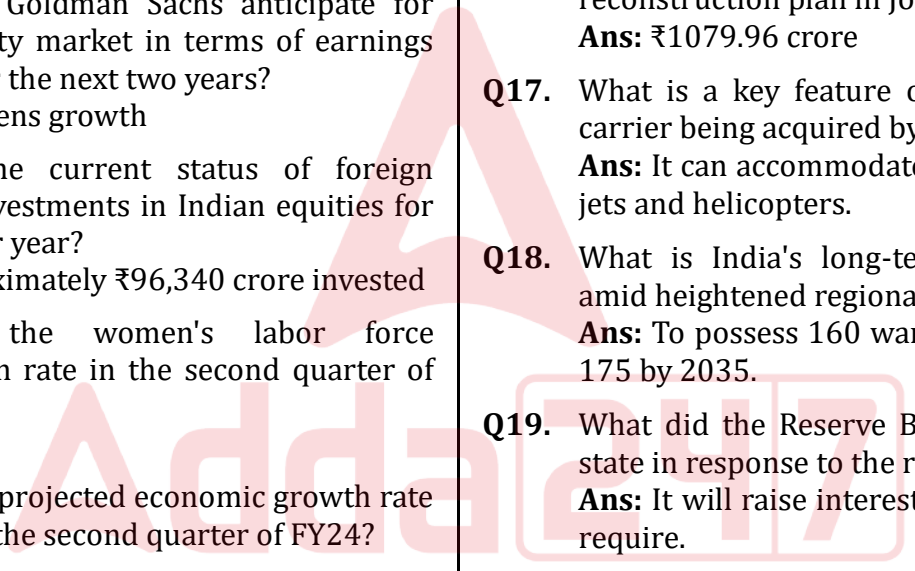


**Most Important One Liner Questions and Answers, December 2023**

- Q1.** What is the role of Siemens AG and Kyosan Electric Manufacturing Co in the deployment of the Kavach system?  
**Ans:** Participating in radio surveys
- Q2.** What is the expected headline inflation in FY2025, according to Morgan Stanley?  
**Ans:** 4.9%
- Q3.** What is the current progress of Kavach deployment on the designated routes?  
**Ans:** 98% radio survey completed
- Q4.** What is the anticipated financial impact of the benchmark switch on Indian equity markets?  
**Ans:** A \$3.6 billion inflow
- Q5.** What does Goldman Sachs anticipate for India's equity market in terms of earnings growth over the next two years?  
**Ans:** Mid-teens growth
- Q6.** What is the current status of foreign portfolio investments in Indian equities for the calendar year?  
**Ans:** Approximately ₹96,340 crore invested
- Q7.** What is the women's labor force participation rate in the second quarter of FY24?  
**Ans:** 24%
- Q8.** What is the projected economic growth rate for India in the second quarter of FY24?  
**Ans:** 6.7%
- Q9.** When will the mandatory blending of compressed biogas with natural gas commence, according to the government's announcement?  
**Ans:** April 2025
- Q10.** How long has the government decided to extend the PMGKAY scheme?  
**Ans:** Five years
- Q11.** What is the estimated cost of the five-year extension of PMGKAY for the exchequer?  
**Ans:** ₹11.80 lakh crore
- Q12.** What is the OECD's growth projection for India in FY25?  
**Ans:** 6.1%
- Q13.** Who is the Director of Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA)?  
**Ans:** Umakant Dash
- Q14.** What is the total outlay approved for the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)?  
**Ans:** Rs 24,104 crore
- Q15.** How many Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) have been identified under the PM-JANMAN?  
**Ans:** 75
- Q16.** How much financial assistance will be provided by the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the recovery and reconstruction plan in Joshimath?  
**Ans:** ₹1079.96 crore
- Q17.** What is a key feature of the new aircraft carrier being acquired by India?  
**Ans:** It can accommodate at least 28 fighter jets and helicopters.
- Q18.** What is India's long-term naval strategy amid heightened regional competition?  
**Ans:** To possess 160 warships by 2030 and 175 by 2035.
- Q19.** What did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) state in response to the rising inflation?  
**Ans:** It will raise interest rates if conditions require.
- Q20.** Which states in India have ongoing Foxconn projects?  
**Ans:** Karnataka and Telangana



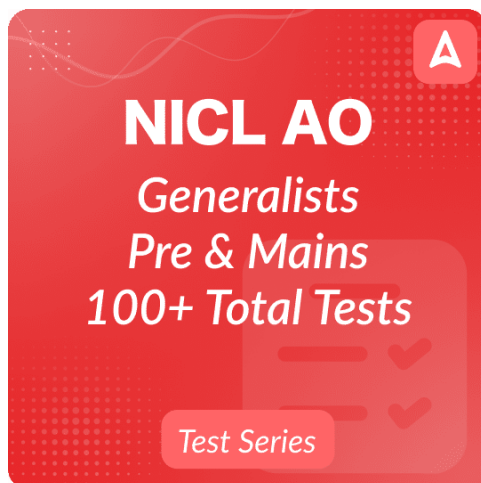
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- Q21.** Which international organization's commitment aligns with the initiative for gender equality in the aviation sector?  
**Ans:** International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- Q22.** What is the fiscal deficit as a percentage of the targeted amount for the 2023-24 financial year in India as of October 2023?  
**Ans:** 45.0%
- Q23.** Which states contribute to nearly half of all tax returns filed by FY22, as highlighted by the SBI Research study?  
**Ans:** Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal
- Q24.** Which industry experienced the highest growth rate in cumulative production during April to October 2023-24?  
**Ans:** Steel
- Q25.** Which industry contributes the most to the combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI)?  
**Ans:** Electricity
- Q26.** What impact does the expected nominal GDP growth rate for the current year have on states' debt/GSDP ratio?  
**Ans:** It could result in a higher debt/GSDP ratio.
- Q27.** What was the GDP growth rate for India in the July-September quarter of FY24?  
**Ans:** 7.6%
- Q28.** What is the primary purpose of a windfall tax in the context of the energy sector?  
**Ans:** To regulate excessive profits during favorable market conditions
- Q29.** What is the significance of December 1, 1963, in Nagaland's history?  
**Ans:** Statehood Day
- Q30.** What is the primary goal of the Amplifi 2.0 portal launched by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in India?  
**Ans:** Centralizing Data for Urban Development
- Q31.** What is the total expenditure incurred by the Government of India up to the corresponding period in the fiscal year 2023-24, and how is it distributed between Revenue and Capital Accounts?  
**Ans:** ₹23,94,412 crore, with the majority on Revenue Account
- Q32.** What was the total gross GST revenue collected in November 2023?  
**Ans:** ₹1.67 lakh crore
- Q33.** What is the percentage increase in gross GST collections for the fiscal year 2023-24 up to November 2023 compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year?  
**Ans:** 11.9%
- Q34.** What is Nuvama Institutional Equities' stance regarding India's GDP growth?  
**Ans:** 6.5%
- Q35.** How does State Bank of India (SBI) Research view India's GDP growth for fiscal 2023-24, and what is the stance of DBS?  
**Ans:** 7.0%, 6.8%
- Q36.** Which regulatory bodies are involved in the MoU, allowing London lenders to facilitate trade in Indian sovereign bonds, and what does it establish?  
**Ans:** RBI and BoE - A framework for regulatory cooperation
- Q37.** How did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) contribute to the rise in foreign exchange reserves?  
**Ans:** Actively managing and absorbing foreign portfolio flows
- Q38.** Despite the increase in foreign exchange reserves, what noteworthy event occurred with the Indian rupee?  
**Ans:** Record low at 83.40 against the US dollar
- Q39.** Who is the designated Chairman of India Debt Resolution Co Ltd (IDRCL)?  
**Ans:** Narayan Seshadri
- Q40.** What announcement did Prime Minister Modi make at COP28 in Dubai?  
**Ans:** Hosting UN Climate Meet (COP33) in 2028

- Q41.** What global initiative did Modi mention in relation to alternative fuels during COP28?  
**Ans:** Global Biofuels Alliance
- Q42.** What recent historic milestone did the Indian Navy achieve?  
**Ans:** Appointing the first woman commanding officer for a naval ship
- Q43.** What is the enterprise value of Atha Group's 404MW solar assets in the BluPine Energy acquisition?  
**Ans:** ₹2,100 crore
- Q44.** How much has Actis committed to investing in BluPine Energy through its Energy 5 Fund?  
**Ans:** US\$800 million
- Q45.** What will be BluPine Energy's strategic focus post-acquisition?  
**Ans:** Wind, solar, and storage
- Q46.** What is the percentage decline in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from the Cayman Islands to India during April-September 2023-24?  
**Ans:** 75%
- Q47.** What is the expected headline inflation in FY2025, according to Morgan Stanley?  
**Ans:** 4.9%
- Q48.** What is the overall percentage decline in FDI inflows to India during April-September 2023-24?  
**Ans:** 24%
- Q49.** In a recent corporate venture, which Chinese company partnered with the JSW Group to accelerate the growth of MG Motor in India?  
**Ans:** SAIC Motor
- Q50.** What regulatory measure was introduced by the Indian government in April 2020 regarding FDI from neighboring countries?  
**Ans:** Pre-Approval Requirement
- Q51.** What is the current status of foreign portfolio investments in Indian equities for the calendar year?  
**Ans:** Approximately ₹96,340 crore invested
- Q52.** What is the women's labor force participation rate in the second quarter of FY24?  
**Ans:** 24%
- Q53.** What was India's Manufacturing PMI in November?  
**Ans:** 56
- Q54.** When will the mandatory blending of compressed biogas with natural gas commence, according to the government's announcement?  
**Ans:** April 2025
- Q55.** What is Karnataka's annual investment target to boost its state economy?  
**Ans:** Rs 1.4 trillion
- Q56.** Why has India resumed importing Venezuelan crude oil?  
**Ans:** Following the easing of U.S. sanctions on Venezuela.
- Q57.** What is the OECD's growth projection for India in FY25?  
**Ans:** 6.1%
- Q58.** What is the primary focus of the World Bank's initiative, led by President Ajay Banga, to scale climate finance through the Private Sector Investment Lab (PSIL)?  
**Ans:** Creating a securitizable asset class for climate investments



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- Q59.** Why did India refrain from signing the COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health?  
**Ans:** Concerns that reducing greenhouse gas emissions for cooling in healthcare infrastructure could hinder medical services in underserved areas
- Q60.** What is the percentage reduction in India's GDP emission intensity achieved between 2005 and 2019?  
**Ans:** 33%
- Q61.** What is S&P Global Ratings' projection for India's GDP growth by 2026 compared to China?  
**Ans:** 7.0%
- Q62.** What did PM Modi announce regarding the Indian Navy's ranks?  
**Ans:** Renaming of ranks to reflect Indian culture
- Q63.** What does the Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) reveal about India's services sector in November?  
**Ans:** Experienced a one-year low at 56.9
- Q64.** What is the primary focus of China's new financial risk management approach at the provincial level?  
**Ans:** "One Province, One Policy"
- Q65.** Which Indian state reported the highest urban youth unemployment rate in July-September 2023?  
**Ans:** Himachal Pradesh
- Q66.** What is the overall youth unemployment rate in urban areas across India in July-September 2023?  
**Ans:** 17.3%
- Q67.** Which state boasts the lowest urban youth unemployment rate in the specified quarter?  
**Ans:** Gujarat
- Q68.** What is the projected percentage increase in capital expenditure for India's 18 largest states in FY24, as per the Crisil report?  
**Ans:** 18-20%
- Q69.** What is the average monthly GST collection in FY 2023-24?  
**Ans:** Rs 1.66 trillion
- Q70.** How many pending appeals over tax demands are there as of October 31, 2023?  
**Ans:** 14,897
- Q71.** What is the key region witnessing significant housing demand apart from major cities?  
**Ans:** Southern states
- Q72.** What milestone did Bharti Airtel achieve on December 4, making it the 8th company to do so in India?  
**Ans:** Rs.6 lakh crore
- Q73.** What is the primary driver of India's recent economic surge?  
**Ans:** Construction sector
- Q74.** When was INS Sandhayak launched, and what added significance does the completion have?  
**Ans:** Launched on Navy Day; signifies the Indian Navy's achievements
- Q75.** What is the focus of the Bihar government's efforts in the field of afforestation, leading to international recognition at COP-28?  
**Ans:** Water Management Strategies
- Q76.** What is the primary focus of the Indian government's initiative at Delhi metro stations?  
**Ans:** Subsidizing essential food items
- Q77.** What is the current market value of India's stock market?  
**Ans:** \$4 trillion
- Q78.** What is the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) prediction for Michaung's future status?  
**Ans:** Weaken further into a Well Marked Low Pressure area
- Q79.** Which key area of collaboration was NOT highlighted during President Ruto's visit?  
**Ans:** Cybersecurity
- Q80.** What economic announcement did Prime Minister Modi make during the joint press meet?  
**Ans:** A USD 250 million line of credit for agricultural modernization

- Q81.** Who will be responsible for overseeing the pilot project at Rajiv Chowk metro station?  
**Ans:** National Cooperative Consumer Federation of India (NCCF)
- Q82.** How did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) contribute to the rise in foreign exchange reserves?  
**Ans:** Actively managing and absorbing foreign portfolio flows
- Q83.** What is the name of the initiative by the Rural Development Department of Bihar that garnered international praise?  
**Ans:** Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan
- Q84.** What does Mahaparinirvan Diwas commemorate?  
**Ans:** Death anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- Q85.** In 1947, what committee did Dr. B.R. Ambedkar establish that holds historical significance?  
**Ans:** Drafting Committee
- Q86.** According to the NCRB report, which city has been recognized as the safest in India for three consecutive years?  
**Ans:** Kolkata
- Q87.** Which city secured the second position in the rankings of safest cities, according to the NCRB report?  
**Ans:** Pune
- Q88.** Who has recently assumed the position of Executive Director at the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)?  
**Ans:** Jithesh John
- Q89.** Who has been officially announced as the new Chief Minister of Telangana by the Congress central leadership?  
**Ans:** Revanth Reddy
- Q90.** What is the JT-60SA, recently inaugurated in Japan's Ibaraki Prefecture?  
**Ans:** Nuclear Fusion Reactor
- Q91.** Which insurer holds the fourth position globally in 2022, according to S&P Global?  
**Ans:** LIC
- Q92.** What is the total reserve of LIC reported in the S&P Global ranking?  
**Ans:** \$503.7 billion
- Q93.** What makes Lakadong turmeric unique, leading to its Geographical Indication (GI) tag?  
**Ans:** High curcumin content
- Q94.** Apart from Lakadong turmeric, which product received the GI tag in Meghalaya?  
**Ans:** All of the above
- Q95.** Who is poised to become the new Chief Minister of Mizoram?  
**Ans:** Lalduhoma
- Q96.** Who tops the list of 'World's 100 Most Powerful Women' globally in 2023?  
**Ans:** Ursula von der Leyen
- Q97.** What is Nirmala Sitharaman's ranking in Forbes' 'World's 100 Most Powerful Women' 2023?  
**Ans:** 32nd
- Q98.** Who became the first woman to chair the state-run SAIL in 2021?  
**Ans:** Soma Mondal
- Q99.** What is the total expenditure for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase I as of October 31, 2023?  
**Ans:** Rs 4.10 trillion
- Q100.** What is the total amount raised through NH monetization, and private investments for NHs since 2018-19?  
**Ans:** Rs 70,127 crore; Rs 1,12,095 crore



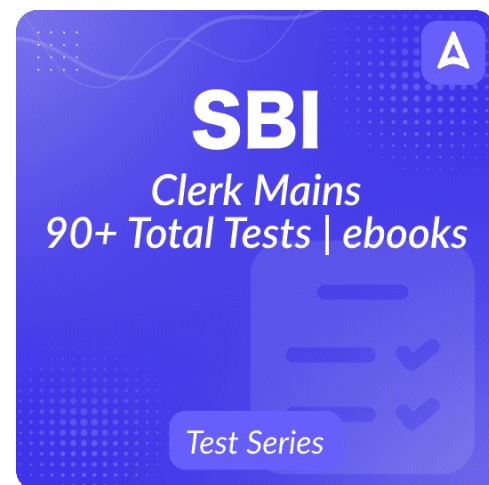
- Q101.** What is the estimated cost of the five-year extension of PMGKAY for the exchequer?  
**Ans:** ₹11.80 lakh crore
- Q102.** What is CII's revised GDP growth forecast for India in FY24?  
**Ans:** 6.8%
- Q103.** What is the projected percentage decline in global grain prices for 2024?  
**Ans:** 6.5%
- Q104.** What is the total outlay approved for the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)?  
**Ans:** Rs 24,104 crore
- Q105.** Who recently received the Cultural Medallion in Singapore for artistic excellence?  
**Ans:** Meira Chand
- Q106.** What was the outcome of the RBI MPC meeting in December 2023?  
**Ans:** Repo rate remained unchanged at 6.5%
- Q107.** What is the proposed timeline for the operationalization of the fintech repository, as stated in RBI's MPC 2023 statement?  
**Ans:** April 2024
- Q108.** What is the RBI's projected GDP growth for the fiscal year 2023-24?  
**Ans:** 7%
- Q109.** What change has been made to UPI limits in the December 2023 RBI MPC meeting?  
**Ans:** Increased to Rs 5 lakh per transaction
- Q110.** What is the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) as per the latest RBI MPC update?  
**Ans:** 4.5%
- Q111.** What is the primary reason for the RBI's decision to retain the policy stance as 'withdrawal of accommodation'?  
**Ans:** Concerns about potential upside risks to inflation
- Q112.** What is the major concern highlighted by Governor Shaktikanta Das regarding the inflation outlook?  
**Ans:** Risks to food inflation leading to an uptick
- Q113.** How does Open Market Operation (OMO) contribute to monetary management?  
**Ans:** It involves outright purchase and sale of government securities
- Q114.** What is the function of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) in the Indian banking system?  
**Ans:** To control liquidity in the banking system
- Q115.** What is the primary focus of Monetary Policy?  
**Ans:** Controlling money supply and interest rates
- Q116.** Who is slated to assume the position of Vice Chief of Naval Staff in the Indian Navy on January 4?  
**Ans:** Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi
- Q117.** What was the theme of the 5th Nagaland Honey Bee Day celebration?  
**Ans:** Bee & Honey Trials
- Q118.** Who has recently assumed the position of Executive Director at the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)?  
**Ans:** Jithesh John
- Q119.** Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Max Life Insurance?  
**Ans:** Rajiv Anand
- Q120.** What is the name of IBM's latest quantum processor that boasts 1,121 qubits?  
**Ans:** Condor
- Q121.** Who has IDFC FIRST Bank collaborated with for the "FIRST SWYP" credit card?  
**Ans:** Mastercard
- Q122.** What is the current level of India's foreign exchange reserves as of December 1, 2023?  
**Ans:** \$604 billion
- Q123.** Why did India's foreign exchange reserves face a depletion in recent months?  
**Ans:** Central bank intervention to defend the rupee
- Q124.** What is the primary purpose of the Interest Equalisation Scheme recently approved by the Union Cabinet?  
**Ans:** Facilitating export credit for identified sectors and MSMEs

- Q125.** Which Indian state reported the highest urban youth unemployment rate in July-September 2023?  
**Ans:** Himachal Pradesh
- Q126.** According to the recent decision, what is the interest equalisation rate for MSME exporters?  
**Ans:** 3%
- Q127.** Why did India permit duty-free imports of yellow peas until March 2024?  
**Ans:** To stabilize pulse prices and boost domestic supply
- Q128.** What is the projected percentage increase in capital expenditure for India's 18 largest states in FY24, as per the Crisil report?  
**Ans:** 18-20%
- Q129.** What is the average monthly GST collection in FY 2023-24?  
**Ans:** Rs 1.66 trillion
- Q130.** Which countries are major importers of non-basmati rice from India?  
**Ans:** Benin, UAE, Nepal
- Q131.** What is the primary focus of the collaboration between the Ministry of Defence and TCIL?  
**Ans:** Digital Coast Guard (DCG) project
- Q132.** What is the theme for the 2023 celebrations of the UDHR?  
**Ans:** Freedom, Equality, and Justice for All
- Q133.** What prestigious title has Federal Bank recently been awarded?  
**Ans:** Bank of the Year (India)
- Q134.** What is the theme for International Anti-Corruption Day 2023?  
**Ans:** UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption
- Q135.** According to the NCRB data, which city has the highest rate of recognizable crimes (IPC) among the top 10 safest cities in India?  
**Ans:** Hyderabad
- Q136.** Who is ranked as the world's most popular leader in the September 2023 Morning Consult survey?  
**Ans:** Narendra Modi
- Q137.** What did the Supreme Court uphold regarding Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370?  
**Ans:** The Court upheld the 2019 revocation of J&K's special status, confirming it as a temporary provision.
- Q138.** What steps did the Supreme Court direct for J&K's future?  
**Ans:** The Court called for immediate restoration of J&K's statehood.
- Q139.** What event did Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurate in Vijayawada?  
**Ans:** Krishnaveni Sangeetha Neerajanam
- Q140.** What led to ITC Ltd becoming the third most valuable tobacco company globally, surpassing British American Tobacco (BAT)?  
**Ans:** Strategic diversification into FMCG, hotels, papers, and agri-products
- Q141.** What is India's global ranking in startup funding in 2023?  
**Ans:** Fourth
- Q142.** Despite the funding decline, India maintained its position in the top \_\_\_ geographies globally in terms of total funding for the year.  
**Ans:** Five
- Q143.** What is the name of the initiative by the Rural Development Department of Bihar that garnered international praise?  
**Ans:** Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan
- Q144.** What is India's current rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?  
**Ans:** 7th
- Q145.** How does India compare globally in terms of per capita emissions?  
**Ans:** Half of the global average
- Q146.** What is the primary focus of Uttar Pradesh's vision at the World Economic Forum?  
**Ans:** Transforming into a trillion-dollar economy
- Q147.** Which city secured the second position in the rankings of safest cities, according to the NCRB report?  
**Ans:** Pune

- Q148.** What is the purpose of the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design' unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?  
**Ans:** To enrich Indian cities culturally
- Q149.** What is the significance of the 200 million Euro loan agreement signed by REC Limited with the German bank KfW?  
**Ans:** To support India's power sector reforms
- Q150.** Who has been announced as the next Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)?  
**Ans:** Vishnu Deo Sai
- Q151.** When did International Day of Neutrality observed annually?  
**Ans:** December 12
- Q152.** Which two entities are involved in the MoU for the deployment of EV charging points?  
**Ans:** Tata Power and Indian Oil Ink
- Q153.** When is Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day observed annually?  
**Ans:** December 12
- Q154.** What was Dr. Gao Yaojie's age at the time of her passing?  
**Ans:** 95
- Q155.** \_\_\_\_\_ recently unveiled the world's 4th-generation nuclear reactor at the Shidao Bay nuclear power plant?  
**Ans:** China
- Q156.** Which prestigious award did Kabir Badi recently conferred with at a private ceremony held in Mumbai?  
**Ans:** Order of Merit of the Italian Republic
- Q157.** Which bank recently introduced the Nari Shakti Savings Account aimed at women aged 18 and above with independent income sources?  
**Ans:** Bank of India
- Q158.** Which edition of the Golden Globe Awards is going to take place in January 2024?  
**Ans:** 81st
- Q159.** Which two nations are actively involved in the 'VINBAX-23' military exercise, highlighting their commitment to regional security and cooperation?  
**Ans:** India and Vietnam
- Q160.** What is the name of the initiative launched by PM Modi to empower women in rural areas with agricultural drones?  
**Ans:** NAMO Drone Didi
- Q161.** Why did Poonawalla Housing Finance undergo a rebranding?  
**Ans:** Acquisition by TPG Capital Asia
- Q162.** How much did bilateral trade between India and Oman increase in FY23?  
**Ans:** 42%
- Q163.** What is the RBI's projected GDP growth for the fiscal year 2023-24?  
**Ans:** 7%
- Q164.** What is the approved additional spending by the Lok Sabha for the current fiscal year?  
**Ans:** ₹58,378 crore
- Q165.** What is the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) as per the latest RBI MPC update?  
**Ans:** 4.5%
- Q166.** What does the fiscal deficit for April-October represent as a percentage of the full-year Budget Estimate of the last fiscal?  
**Ans:** 45.6%
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**Ans:** To control liquidity in the banking system
- Q170.** What was the year-on-year growth rate of India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in October 2023?  
**Ans:** 11.7%



- Q171.** What was the RBI's repo rate in the latest policy review, and what inflation forecast did they retain for FY24?  
**Ans:** Repo rate: 6.5%, Inflation forecast: 5.4%
- Q172.** What was India's stance on the UN resolution for a Gaza ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas conflict?  
**Ans:** Voted in favor
- Q173.** Why has India decided to postpone the Quad summit scheduled for January 2024?  
**Ans:** Scheduling conflicts with certain Quad partners
- Q174.** What is the significance of the MisrSat-2 satellite launch?  
**Ans:** It establishes Egypt as the first African country with satellite assembly and testing capabilities.
- Q175.** According to the United Nations report, which country has become the world's largest source of opium in 2023, surpassing Afghanistan?  
**Ans:** Myanmar
- Q176.** What authorization did Bandhan Bank recently receive from RBI?  
**Ans:** Pension Disbursement for Railway Employees
- Q177.** What is the current level of India's foreign exchange reserves as of December 1, 2023?  
**Ans:** \$604 billion
- Q178.** What does RCS stand for in the context of the Meerut-Lucknow-Meerut route's operation by FlyBig?  
**Ans:** Regional Connectivity Service
- Q179.** What was the significant outcome of COP28?  
**Ans:** The "UAE Consensus," addressing fossil fuels for the first time.
- Q180.** Who has recently been appointed as a part-time member of the PFRDA board?  
**Ans:** Parama Sen
- Q181.** How many overseas subsidiaries did Indian banks have in FY23?  
**Ans:** 417
- Q182.** How did the consolidated balance sheet of foreign banks in India change in FY23?  
**Ans:** Increased by 5.7%
- Q183.** Which Indian states is NOT among those projecting debt exceeding 35% of GSDP by FY24?  
**Ans:** Maharashtra
- Q184.** What has been the trend in the number of states with high debt since the fiscal year 2020-21?  
**Ans:** Decrease
- Q185.** How much investment has been made under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme in the food processing industry?  
**Ans:** ₹7,126 crore
- Q186.** What is the outlay of the separate PLI Scheme launched for Millet-based Products?  
**Ans:** ₹800 crore
- Q187.** What does HTML stand for?  
**Ans:** Hyper Text Markup Language
- Q188.** What does the acronym "URL" stand for?  
**Ans:** Uniform Resource Locator
- Q189.** Who won the top honor at the 12th edition of the Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta?  
**Ans:** Team Italy
- Q190.** Where is the statue dedicated to Thiruvalluvar inaugurated recently?  
**Ans:** Cergy, France
- Q191.** What was the total value of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed during the Bihar Business Summit 2023?  
**Ans:** Rs 50,530 crore



- Q192.** Which policy did Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveil during the Bihar Business Summit 2023?  
**Ans:** Bihar Logistics Policy 2023
- Q193.** What was the net new addition of women subscribers to EPFO in FY23?  
**Ans:** 28.69 lakh
- Q194.** According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), what was the female unemployment rate in 2022-23?  
**Ans:** 2.9%
- Q195.** What government code enhances paid maternity leave and mandates creche facilities?  
**Ans:** Code on Social Security, 2020
- Q196.** What is India's global ranking in startup funding in 2023?  
**Ans:** Fourth
- Q197.** What is the cumulative FDI inflow in Tamil Nadu from October 2019 to September 2023?  
**Ans:** \$10 billion
- Q198.** What percentage of FDI is allowed in most sectors under the automatic route according to the government's policy?  
**Ans:** 100%
- Q199.** What is India's current rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?  
**Ans:** 7th
- Q200.** What is the growth rate of net direct tax collection for April-November compared to the previous year?  
**Ans:** 23.4%
- Q201.** What is the outlook for India's economic growth in FY25, according to ADB?  
**Ans:** 6.7%
- Q202.** What is the range of India's logistics cost as a percentage of GDP in FY22, according to the government survey?  
**Ans:** 7.8-8.9%
- Q203.** What factor primarily contributed to India's wholesale inflation rebound in November?  
**Ans:** Increased food article prices
- Q204.** What sets India apart in the automotive sector, according to the S&P Global Mobility forecasts?  
**Ans:** Remarkable 36% growth in 2023
- Q205.** Who claimed the top spots in the Hurun India Top 100 Under 30 List 2023?  
**Ans:** Kaivalya Vohra and Aadit Palicha
- Q206.** What was the change in deposits for Indian scheduled banks by December 1, 2023?  
**Ans:** Increased by ₹2,30,727 crore
- Q207.** What was the percentage decline in India's merchandise exports in November 2023?  
**Ans:** 2.83%
- Q208.** What is the RBI's projected GDP growth for the fiscal year 2023-24?  
**Ans:** 7%
- Q209.** How much did the trade deficit narrow in November 2023?  
**Ans:** \$20.58 billion
- Q210.** Who played a key role in developing the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator?  
**Ans:** ADE under DRDO
- Q211.** What is the primary reason for the RBI's decision to retain the policy stance as 'withdrawal of accommodation'?  
**Ans:** Concerns about potential upside risks to inflation
- Q212.** What is the primary focus of the collaboration between IDFC FIRST Bank, LIC Cards, and Mastercard?  
**Ans:** Introducing co-branded credit cards
- Q213.** Why did State Bank of India (SBI) invest ₹49.99 crore in Canpac Trends?  
**Ans:** For capital appreciation in the paper packaging sector
- Q214.** What is the function of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) in the Indian banking system?  
**Ans:** To control liquidity in the banking system
- Q215.** What does EODES stand for?  
**Ans:** Electronic Origin Data Exchange System

- Q216.** Why did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) impose a monetary penalty on Indapur Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd?  
**Ans:** Non-compliance with prudential inter-bank gross exposure limit
- Q217.** What led to the monetary penalty on Pune Merchants Co-operative Bank Limited, Pune?  
**Ans:** Failure to conduct an annual review of inoperative/dormant accounts
- Q218.** Who is the founder of Krutrim SI Designs, the new AI venture focused on the Indian ecosystem?  
**Ans:** Bhavish Aggarwal
- Q219.** Where will the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University be established following the Indian Parliament's approval?  
**Ans:** Telangana
- Q220.** What is the name of IBM's latest quantum processor that boasts 1,121 qubits?  
**Ans:** Condor
- Q221.** What was the significant achievement demonstrated by India with the Akash missile in the Astrashakti military exercise?  
**Ans:** Engaging four aerial targets simultaneously at 25 km
- Q222.** What is the primary purpose of the Akash missile system?  
**Ans:** Short-range surface-to-air defense
- Q223.** Who has been approved as Israel's new Ambassador to India, along with non-resident roles in Sri Lanka and Bhutan?  
**Ans:** Reuven Azar
- Q224.** What is the cost of constructing the 402 km segment of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor?  
**Ans:** Rs 10,903 crores
- Q225.** What is the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) as per the latest RBI MPC update?  
**Ans:** 4.5%
- Q226.** What is the primary focus of the 'Indus Solitaire Program' launched by IndusInd Bank?  
**Ans:** Diamond industry
- Q227.** What is the primary expectation of S&P Global Ratings regarding credit strength in Asian emerging economies?  
**Ans:** Stability in credit ratings
- Q228.** How does Open Market Operation (OMO) contribute to monetary management?  
**Ans:** It involves outright purchase and sale of government securities
- Q229.** Why is there a growing demand for a fuel price cut?  
**Ans:** International crude oil prices stabilizing below \$80 per barrel
- Q230.** What is the annual return on equities for NPS as of December 8, 2023?  
**Ans:** 16.94%
- Q231.** What was the RBI's repo rate in the latest policy review, and what inflation forecast did they retain for FY24?  
**Ans:** Repo rate: 6.5%, Inflation forecast: 5.4%
- Q232.** How many new subscribers joined NPS under the 'All Citizen Model' category this fiscal year?  
**Ans:** 3.60 lakh
- Q233.** How many states and UTs are categorized as "achievers" in the LPI 2023?  
**Ans:** 13
- Q234.** Who emerged victorious in the 2023 Vijay Hazare Trophy final?  
**Ans:** Haryana
- Q235.** Which ministry organized the GPAI Summit 2023?  
**Ans:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Q236.** What is the primary objective of the Post Office Bill, 2023?  
**Ans:** To replace the Indian Post Office Act, 1898
- Q237.** What historical event led to the emergence of the Anand Marriage Act?  
**Ans:** British Imperial Legislative Council's legislation in 1909

- Q238.** What was the net new addition of women subscribers to EPFO in FY23?  
**Ans:** 28.69 lakh
- Q239.** According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), what was the female unemployment rate in 2022-23?  
**Ans:** 2.9%
- Q240.** How does ICRA's revised GDP forecast compare to the RBI's projection?  
**Ans:** ICRA's is lower
- Q241.** What was the total global remittance flow to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in 2023?  
**Ans:** \$669 billion
- Q242.** Which country emerged as the top remittance recipient in 2023?  
**Ans:** India
- Q243.** Who won the recent presidential election in Egypt?  
**Ans:** Abdel Fattah al-Sisi
- Q244.** What is India's current rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?  
**Ans:** 7th
- Q245.** Where was the 605th meeting of the RBI Central Board held?  
**Ans:** Kevadia
- Q246.** What is the outlook for India's economic growth in FY25, according to ADB?  
**Ans:** 6.7%
- Q247.** Who achieved a remarkable victory in the elections for the Governing Council of UNIDROIT?  
**Ans:** Ms. Uma Sekhar
- Q248.** What factor primarily contributed to India's wholesale inflation rebound in November?  
**Ans:** Increased food article prices
- Q249.** What is the core mission of UNIDROIT?  
**Ans:** Unifying Private and Commercial Law
- Q250.** Who announced the "Gelephu Smartcity Project"?  
**Ans:** King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck of Bhutan
- Q251.** What was the change in deposits for Indian scheduled banks by December 1, 2023?  
**Ans:** Increased by ₹2,30,727 crore
- Q252.** What was the total amount raised by thirteen states in the recent government securities auction?  
**Ans:** Rs 19,692 crore
- Q253.** Why is the EU disappointed with India's rejection of interim arbitration in the WTO dispute over ICT import tariffs?  
**Ans:** India's rejection undermines the right to appeal.
- Q254.** How much did the trade deficit narrow in November 2023?  
**Ans:** \$20.58 billion
- Q255.** Why did the IMF reclassify India's exchange rate regime to a "stabilized arrangement"?  
**Ans:** Improved domestic stability
- Q256.** How did India's thermal coal imports from the US evolve over recent fiscal years?  
**Ans:** Peaked in FY22 and declined in FY23
- Q257.** What is the total amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks as of March 2023?  
**Ans:** ₹42,270 crore
- Q258.** What is the purpose of RBI's '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign?  
**Ans:** Reducing unclaimed deposits
- Q259.** What is the function of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) in the Indian banking system?  
**Ans:** To control liquidity in the banking system



- Q260.** What is the full form of "RTGS" in the context of Indian banking?  
**Ans:** Real-Time Gross Settlement
- Q261.** What is the full form of "CAGR" in Indian financial calculations?  
**Ans:** Compound Annual Growth Rate
- Q262.** What is the primary role of Payment Aggregators (PAs) in the financial ecosystem?  
**Ans:** Streamlining Payment Processes for Merchants
- Q263.** Who is the founder of Krutrim SI Designs, the new AI venture focused on the Indian ecosystem?  
**Ans:** Bhavish Aggarwal
- Q264.** Where will the Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University be established following the Indian Parliament's approval?  
**Ans:** Telangana
- Q265.** In the context of Payment Aggregators, what does the term "onboarding" refer to?  
**Ans:** Enlisting New Merchants on the Platform
- Q266.** What is the projected GDP growth for India in FY24 according to the RBI?  
**Ans:** 7.1%
- Q267.** What is the average retail inflation projection for FY24 according to the RBI's DSGE model?  
**Ans:** 5.3%
- Q268.** What global GDP growth assumption is considered in the RBI's projections for India's economic performance?  
**Ans:** 2.6%
- Q269.** How many payment aggregator licenses did the RBI grant, and which companies received them?  
**Ans:** Six - Razorpay, Cashfree Payments, Open Financial, EnKash, Google Pay, and Paymate India
- Q270.** When did the RBI introduce the payment aggregator framework, and what does it mandate?  
**Ans:** March 2020, mandating payment gateways to obtain an aggregator license for merchant onboarding
- Q271.** What is the primary focus of the 'Indus Solitaire Program' launched by IndusInd Bank?  
**Ans:** Diamond industry
- Q272.** What is the primary expectation of S&P Global Ratings regarding credit strength in Asian emerging economies?  
**Ans:** Stability in credit ratings
- Q273.** How does Open Market Operation (OMO) contribute to monetary management?  
**Ans:** It involves outright purchase and sale of government securities
- Q274.** What is AFA validation in the context of CoFT requirements?  
**Ans:** Additional Factor of Authentication
- Q275.** What is the total debt of India in the September quarter?  
**Ans:** Rs 205 trillion
- Q276.** What was the RBI's repo rate in the latest policy review, and what inflation forecast did they retain for FY24?  
**Ans:** Repo rate: 6.5%, Inflation forecast: 5.4%
- Q277.** What percentage of the total debt does the central government's debt constitute?  
**Ans:** 46.04%
- Q278.** Which sector received a significant share of gross inward FDI equity flows in October 2023?  
**Ans:** Manufacturing, retail, and wholesale trade
- Q279.** What does the RBI's H1Fy24 fiscal review reveal about India's gross fiscal deficit (GFD)?  
**Ans:** Stayed within 7% of GDP

- Q280.** What is a primary challenge faced by banks and NBFCs in exiting AIF units?  
**Ans:** Absence of an active secondary market
- Q281.** What is the government's target for Ayushman Bharat by January 26?  
**Ans:** Covering 270 million more individuals
- Q282.** Which state leads in the number of Ayushman cardholders?  
**Ans:** Uttar Pradesh
- Q283.** What is the primary objective of the "Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects" scheme?  
**Ans:** To provide land and transmission infrastructure for Renewable Energy (RE) projects
- Q284.** What financial assistance is provided under the scheme for Detailed Project Reports (DPR) preparation?  
**Ans:** ₹25 lakh per solar park
- Q285.** Who recently received approval from the RBI for reappointment as Executive Director of ICICI Bank?  
**Ans:** Sandeep Batra
- Q286.** What is the primary reason for the RBI's decision to increase the amount in the 7-day VRR auction on Dec 22?  
**Ans:** Liquidity deficit in the banking system
- Q287.** Why did LIC's stock surge to a new 52-week high on December 22, 2023?  
**Ans:** Approval of a one-time exemption by the Ministry of Finance
- Q288.** What is the purpose of SEBI's Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) rule?  
**Ans:** To mandate public ownership in listed entities
- Q289.** What is AFA validation in the context of CoFT requirements?  
**Ans:** Additional Factor of Authentication
- Q290.** What is the total debt of India in the September quarter?  
**Ans:** Rs 205 trillion
- Q291.** What is the primary objective of RBI's draft omnibus framework for SROs?  
**Ans:** To establish a framework for self-regulatory organizations
- Q292.** What is the primary objective of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) between ArSRLM and SBI?  
**Ans:** Facilitating comprehensive banking services for self-help groups (SHGs)
- Q293.** Indian hockey team midfielder, Hardik Singh, was awarded the Men's FIH Player of the Year at the FIH Hockey Star Awards 2023 for his exceptional performance during the \_\_\_\_\_ Olympics.  
**Ans:** Tokyo 2020
- Q294.** What does the RBI's H1Fy24 fiscal review reveal about India's gross fiscal deficit (GFD)?  
**Ans:** Stayed within 7% of GDP
- Q295.** Every year on December 22, the nation commemorates National Mathematics Day in honor of the contributions made by \_\_\_\_\_ to the field of mathematics.  
**Ans:** Srinivasa Ramanujan
- Q296.** What is the current level of India's foreign exchange reserves?  
**Ans:** \$616 billion
- Q297.** India's coking coal imports for the April-November period of the current fiscal year reached a \_\_\_\_-year high at 38.14 million tonnes.  
**Ans:** 5
- Q298.** Which country has recently become India's third-largest coal supplier?  
**Ans:** Russia
- Q299.** How much did the trade deficit narrow in November 2023?  
**Ans:** \$20.58 billion
- Q300.** Why did the IMF reclassify India's exchange rate regime to a "stabilized arrangement"?  
**Ans:** Improved domestic stability

- Q301.** Which state received the largest share in the tax devolution, accounting for Rs 13,089 crore, in recent devolution?  
**Ans:** Uttar Pradesh
- Q302.** What is the total amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks as of March 2023?  
**Ans:** ₹42,270 crore
- Q303.** What is the primary objective of the MoU between MoRD and JioMart?  
**Ans:** To boost the outreach of SHG products associated with DAY-NRLM
- Q304.** Which industry vision does Bima Vistaar align with?  
**Ans:** Insurance for all by 2047
- Q305.** What does SEBI propose for the Indian stock market?  
**Ans:** Two-phase implementation of T+0 and instant settlement
- Q306.** Whose birth anniversary does National Farmer's Day commemorate?  
**Ans:** Chaudhary Charan Singh
- Q307.** What is the primary role of Payment Aggregators (PAs) in the financial ecosystem?  
**Ans:** Streamlining Payment Processes for Merchants
- Q308.** How many athletes will be honored with the Arjuna Awards for their achievements in Sports and Games in 2023?  
**Ans:** 26
- Q309.** What recognition did Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Terminal 2 recently achieve from UNESCO's Prix Versailles 2023?  
**Ans:** World's Most Beautiful Airport
- Q310.** Who is set to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi?  
**Ans:** Emmanuel Macron
- Q311.** Which bills did President Murmu recently approve, replacing existing laws?  
**Ans:** Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Act
- Q312.** From when will all fresh FIRs be registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita?  
**Ans:** December 26, 2024
- Q313.** What does DIPAM stand for in the context of disinvestment in India?  
**Ans:** Department of Investment and Public Asset Management
- Q314.** What does CCEA stand for in the approval process of govt plans?  
**Ans:** Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- Q315.** How much investment does the Indian government plan for the exploration of lithium blocks in Argentina?  
**Ans:** Rs 200 crore
- Q316.** In which provinces of Argentina are the lithium reserves primarily concentrated?  
**Ans:** Catamarca, Salta, and Jujuy
- Q317.** What is the primary expectation of S&P Global Ratings regarding credit strength in Asian emerging economies?  
**Ans:** Stability in credit ratings
- Q318.** How does Open Market Operation (OMO) contribute to monetary management?  
**Ans:** It involves outright purchase and sale of government securities
- Q319.** What is AFA validation in the context of CoFT requirements?  
**Ans:** Additional Factor of Authentication
- Q320.** What does ASEAN stand for?  
**Ans:** Association of Southeast Asian Nations



- Q321.** What is the significance of the United Nations declaring 2024 as the International Year of Camelids?  
**Ans:** To highlight their role in sustainable development and community well-being
- Q322.** Which state is hosting the 2023 edition of the Khelo India Youth Games?  
**Ans:** Tamil Nadu
- Q323.** Which sector received a significant share of gross inward FDI equity flows in October 2023?  
**Ans:** Manufacturing, retail, and wholesale trade
- Q324.** Which sport is making its debut in the Khelo India Youth Games in 2023?  
**Ans:** Squash
- Q325.** When is Angola set to exit the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?  
**Ans:** January 1, 2024
- Q326.** When is international day of epidemic preparedness celebrated?  
**Ans:** December 27
- Q327.** \_\_\_\_ has been recently appointed as the official brand ambassador for Sony Sports Network (SSN) to promote football enthusiasm in India?  
**Ans:** Kartik Aaryan
- Q328.** In which sports organization has Vita Dani been appointed to the governing board, making history as the first Indian to do so?  
**Ans:** International Table Tennis Federation's Foundation (ITTF)
- Q329.** On which date is the Amrit Bharat Express scheduled to be launched by the Indian Railways?  
**Ans:** December 30
- Q330.** Who recently assumed the position of India's new envoy to Sri Lanka, presenting credentials to President Ranil Wickremesinghe in Colombo?  
**Ans:** Santosh Jha
- Q331.** Where did the record-breaking gathering of 1500 tabla performers take place?  
**Ans:** Gwalior
- Q332.** What is the primary focus of the 'MedTech Mitra' program introduced by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya?  
**Ans:** Healthcare and Medical Technology
- Q333.** What is the name of the logistics initiative launched by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), marking its entry into the logistics sector?  
**Ans:** Namma Cargo
- Q334.** As of September 2023, how much investment has been attracted by India's government's PLI schemes in diverse sectors?  
**Ans:** Rs 95,000 crore
- Q335.** What is the total investment in the nine projects inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Chandigarh?  
**Ans:** 368 crore rupees
- Q336.** What was the growth rate of Indian banks' consolidated balance sheet in 2022-23?  
**Ans:** 12.2%
- Q337.** What is the status of Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) for private banks in 2022-23?  
**Ans:** 2.3%
- Q338.** Why did Israel grant Intel \$3.2 billion for its chip plant project?  
**Ans:** Intel's plan to build a \$25 billion chip plant in Israel
- Q339.** How much did the trade deficit narrow in November 2023?  
**Ans:** \$20.58 billion
- Q340.** What recent approval did RBI grant regarding IDFC and IDFC First Bank?  
**Ans:** Reverse merger of IDFC Ltd with IDFC First Bank
- Q341.** Which state received the largest share in the tax devolution, accounting for Rs 13,089 crore, in recent devolution?  
**Ans:** Uttar Pradesh



- Q342.** What is the total amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks as of March 2023?  
**Ans:** ₹42,270 crore
- Q343.** Who is leading the three-member ad hoc committee for the WFI?  
**Ans:** Bhupinder Singh Bajwa
- Q344.** What characterizes the Forex Correspondent Scheme (FCS)?  
**Ans:** Perpetual authorization for FxCs
- Q345.** What does SEBI propose for the Indian stock market?  
**Ans:** Same-day settlement for select stocks
- Q346.** In the context of Indian Economy, what does SEBI stand for?  
**Ans:** Securities and Exchange Board of India
- Q347.** What is the primary role of Payment Aggregators (PAs) in the financial ecosystem?  
**Ans:** Streamlining Payment Processes for Merchants
- Q348.** What political party did Vijayakanth establish in 2005?  
**Ans:** DMDK
- Q349.** By what year are the plans projecting the Kudankulam nuclear power plant to reach full capacity?  
**Ans:** 2027
- Q350.** Who has recently been approved as the part-time Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?  
**Ans:** C S Rajan
- Q351.** Which sector does the Sustainable Energy Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) primarily focus on?  
**Ans:** Renewable Energy Infrastructure
- Q352.** What is the current market share of electric cars in the Indian automobile market, and what is the objective of the proposed EV policy in this context?  
**Ans:** 1.3%; Striving for a comprehensive increase beyond current levels
- Q353.** What does DIPAM stand for in the context of disinvestment in India?  
**Ans:** Department of Investment and Public Asset Management
- Q354.** Which aspect is NOT covered by the proposed amendments in the J&K Panchayati Raj Act?  
**Ans:** Allocation of funds for PRIs
- Q355.** What is the estimated cost of the Bikaner-III Neemrana-II Transmission project?  
**Ans:** ₹1,544 crore
- Q356.** In which provinces of Argentina are the lithium reserves primarily concentrated?  
**Ans:** Catamarca, Salta, and Jujuy
- Q357.** What is the approved stake percentage for ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Ltd (ICICI AMC) in Federal Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?  
**Ans:** 9.95%
- Q358.** When did the RBI introduce the framework for dealing with Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)?  
**Ans:** 2014
- Q359.** Which banks are designated as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) by the RBI?  
**Ans:** All of the above
- Q360.** What does ASEAN stand for?  
**Ans:** Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- Q361.** What is the main focus of the XPoS mission?  
**Ans:** Exploring polarimetry in X-rays
- Q362.** Which state is hosting the 2023 edition of the Khelo India Youth Games?  
**Ans:** Tamil Nadu
- Q363.** What is the primary focus of the newly established FTA between the GCC and South Korea?  
**Ans:** Fostering investment connections and diversifying the economic portfolio

- Q364.** Who recently inaugurated the Government's Praja Palana programme in Ibrahimpatnam, Telangana?  
**Ans:** Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu
- Q365.** Who was awarded the "Man of the Year-2023" by Shri Amit Shah on December 28, 2023?  
**Ans:** Mr. L.P. Hemanth K. Srinivasulu
- Q366.** When was Argentina's BRICS membership set to take effect, and how many new members were announced in August?  
**Ans:** January 1, 2024; Six new members
- Q367.** What is the revised return on the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme (SSAS) for the first quarter of 2024?  
**Ans:** 8.2%
- Q368.** How many quarters has the Public Provident Fund (PPF) rate remained unchanged as of the latest announcement?  
**Ans:** 6
- Q369.** What is the tax status of returns on the PPF and SSAS schemes?  
**Ans:** Tax-exempt
- Q370.** What is the primary objective of China's ocean drilling vessel Mengxiang?  
**Ans:** To reach the Earth's mantle from the sea surface.
- Q371.** How much did the number of individual taxpayers filing returns increase from 2013-14 to 2021-22?  
**Ans:** 90%
- Q372.** What is the total amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks as of March 2023?  
**Ans:** ₹42,270 crore
- Q373.** Which year saw the introduction of a lower tax rate for corporations relinquishing exemptions?  
**Ans:** 2019
- Q374.** Which industry vision does Bima Vistaar align with?  
**Ans:** Insurance for all by 2047
- Q375.** What was the growth rate of India's key infrastructure sectors in November?  
**Ans:** 7.8%
- Q376.** How did coal and refinery product outputs perform in November?  
**Ans:** Increased by 10%
- Q377.** What is the primary role of Payment Aggregators (PAs) in the financial ecosystem?  
**Ans:** Streamlining Payment Processes for Merchants
- Q378.** What is the primary reason for redirecting the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft to study asteroid Apophis?  
**Ans:** To gather data during Apophis's close encounter
- Q379.** What does Apophis represent in Egyptian mythology?  
**Ans:** Serpent-shaped god representing darkness and disorder
- Q380.** Who is set to be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi?  
**Ans:** Emmanuel Macron

