

## Current Affairs 2021: March ( Part – II)

Question 1. Indian Air Force (IAF) recently participated in 'Desert Flag VI', a multinational exercise. Where was this exercise held?

- a. Japan
- b. Australia
- c. USA
- d. UAE

**Answer: UAE**

Question 2. IAF participated in the aerobatic display that was held as a part of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the

- a. Sri Lankan Air Force
- b. French Air Force
- c. Russian Air Force
- d. US Air Force

**Answer: Sri Lankan Air Force**

Question 3. PM attended the Golden Jubilee (50<sup>th</sup> year) celebrations of Bangladesh's independence. Bangladesh became independent on

- a. 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1971
- b. 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1972
- c. 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1971
- d. 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1972

**Answer: 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1971**

Question 4. Maitri Setu, India-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge, will connect Sabroom (Tripura) to Ramgarh (Bangladesh). The bridge is going to come up on which of the following rivers?

- a. Teesta
- b. Gomti
- c. Feni
- d. Lohit

**Answer: Feni**

Question 5. A new passenger train has been launched between India and Bangladesh connecting New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) to Dhaka (Bangladesh). The name of this train is

- a. Maitree Express
- b. Bandhan Express
- c. Mitali Express
- d. Samjhauta Express

**Answer: Mitali Express**

Question 6. 8<sup>th</sup> March is observed as the International Women's Day (IWD). What was the theme of IWD 2021?

- a. Women's emancipation: Equal rights and opportunities
- b. Women at workplace: Equal pay for equal work
- c. Women in leadership: Achieving an Equal Future
- d. Women empowerment: Ensuring equal employment opportunities

**Answer: Women in leadership: Achieving an Equal Future**

Question 7. World Wildlife Day (WWD) is observed annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The theme of WWD 2021 was

- a. Preserving Wildlife for a Better Tomorrow
- b. Habitat Destruction Must End
- c. Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet
- d. Mankind and Wildlife: Working Towards a Symbiotic Existence

**Answer: Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**

Question 8. What is the name of the app that Indian Govt. has developed as an alternative to Whatsapp?

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- a. Sandes
- b. Koo
- c. Indchat
- d. Mobichat

**Answer: Sandes**

Question 9. Sagarika, India's 1<sup>st</sup> full-fledged international cruise terminal, has come up in

- a. Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
- b. Kochi (Kerala)
- c. Kolkata (West Bengal)
- d. Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)

**Answer: Kochi (Kerala)**

Question 10. Gandhi Peace Prize 2020 has been conferred on

- a. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (Bangabandhu)
- b. Sheikh Hasina
- c. Sir David Attenborough
- d. Maulana Wahiduddin Khan

**Answer: Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (Bangabandhu)**

Question 11. Name the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian woman cricketer to score 10,000 international runs.

- a. Jhulan Goswami
- b. Smriti Mandhana
- c. Mithali Raj
- d. Harmanpreet Kaur

**Answer: Mithali Raj**

Question 12. RBI has directed Banks to implement Cheque Truncation System (CTS) across all branches by

- a. 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021
- b. 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021
- c. 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021
- d. 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022

**Answer: 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

Question 13. RBI has extended the deadline to file an application for New Umbrella Entity (NUE) license till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021. Which of the statements given below isn't correct in the context of eligibility criteria to apply for an NUE?

- a. The minimum paid-up capital of the NUE should be Rs. 500 Crores and no single promoter or promoter group can have an investment greater than 40%.
- b. The entity applying for the NUE license must have at least 3 years experience in payments ecosystem.
- c. The NUE should be a firm authorized by RBI under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- d. None of the above

**Answer: None of the above**

Question 14. Which country stood as India's No.1 Trade partner in 2020?

- a. France
- b. China
- c. USA
- d. UK

**Answer: China**

Question 15. India and China have installed a hotline for direct communication between their

- a. Prime ministers
- b. Home ministers
- c. Foreign ministers
- d. Finance ministers

**Answer: Foreign ministers**

Question 16. ISRO's PSLV-C51 mission has successfully launched Amazonia-1 satellite for which of the following countries?

- a. Brazil
- b. Argentina
- c. Chile
- d. Paraguay

**Answer: Brazil**

Question 17. Kieron Pollard has become the 3<sup>rd</sup> batsman in international cricket to hit Six 6s in an over. He achieved this record while playing against

- a. Pakistan
- b. Sri Lanka
- c. Bangladesh
- d. Afghanistan

**Answer: Sri Lanka**

Question 18. India has signed a defence agreement for potential sale of Brahmos missile to

- a. Mauritius
- b. Turkey
- c. Saudi Arabia
- d. Philippines

**Answer: Philippines**

Question 19. "My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future" is the memoir of

- a. Indra Nooyi
- b. Gita Gopinath
- c. Amartya Sen
- d. Raghuram Rajan

**Answer: Indra Nooyi**

Question 20. Name the 1<sup>st</sup> woman cricketer ever to score 7,000 One Day International runs.

- a. Stafanie Taylor
- b. Belinda Clark
- c. Mithali Raj
- d. Charlotte Edwards

**Answer: Mithali Raj**

Question 21. Name the Sahitya Akademi award winning author of "Sri Bahubali Ahimsa Digvijayam" (Kannada poem).

- a. M Veerappa Moily
- b. S L Bhyrappa
- c. Panje Mangesha Raya
- d. De Javare Gowda

**Answer: M Veerappa Moily**

Question 22. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the 2021 Index of Economic Freedom (IEF)?

- a. India's rank on IEF was 121.
- b. Singapore was ranked 1 on IEF.
- c. The index is published by the Heritage Foundation.
- d. All of the above

**Answer: All of the above**

Question 23. Which of the statements given below is true regarding the United Nations World Happiness Report (UNWHR) 2021?

- a. India's rank was 139<sup>th</sup> out of 149 countries.
- b. Finland was ranked 1 on UNWHR.
- c. Both A & B
- d. None of the above

**Answer: Both A & B**

Question 24. Name the Indian Navy's ocean surveillance ship for nuclear missile & satellite tracking.

- a. INS Chakra
- b. INS Shakti
- c. INS Dhruv
- d. INS Sajag

**Answer: INS Dhruv**

Question 25. Girish Chandra Murmu, who recently became the Chairman of the panel of external auditors of the United Nations (UN) for 2021, is India's

- a. Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)
- b. Controller General of Accounts (CGA)
- c. Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)
- d. Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

**Answer: Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)**

Question 26. Which of the following pairs of winners at the 67<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards is correctly matched?

- a. Best Actress: Kangana Ranaut for Panga (Hindi Film) and Manikarnika (Hindi Film)
- b. Best Actor: Manoj Bajpayee for Bhonsle (Hindi Film) & Dhanush for Asuran (Tamil Film)
- c. Best Director: Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan for Bahattar Hoorain (Hindi Film)
- d. All of the above

**Answer: All of the above**

Question 27. In the context of the 67<sup>th</sup> National Film awards, which of the following statements is correct?

- a. Marakkar - Lion of the Arabian Sea (Malayalam Film) won the Best Feature Film award.
- b. Kastoori (Hindi Film) was adjudged the Best Children's Film.
- c. Both A & B
- d. None of the above

**Answer: Both A & B**

Question 28. 22<sup>nd</sup> March is observed annually as the World Water Day (WWD). What was the theme of WWD 2021?

- a. Water: The Elixir of Life
- b. Access to Clean Drinking Water for All
- c. Valuing Water
- d. Water Conservation: The Key to Our Survival

**Answer: Valuing Water**

Question 29. Which of the following teams has won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2020-21 by beating Uttar Pradesh in the finals?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Mumbai
- c. Tamil Nadu
- d. Karnataka

**Answer: Mumbai**

Question 30. Goa and Telangana are the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> state respectively to have provided 100% Tap Water supply to their households under 'Jal Jeevan Mission'. Name the 1<sup>st</sup> Union Territory to have done so.

- a. Lakshadweep
- b. Puducherry
- c. Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- d. Andaman & Nicobar

**Answer: Andaman & Nicobar**