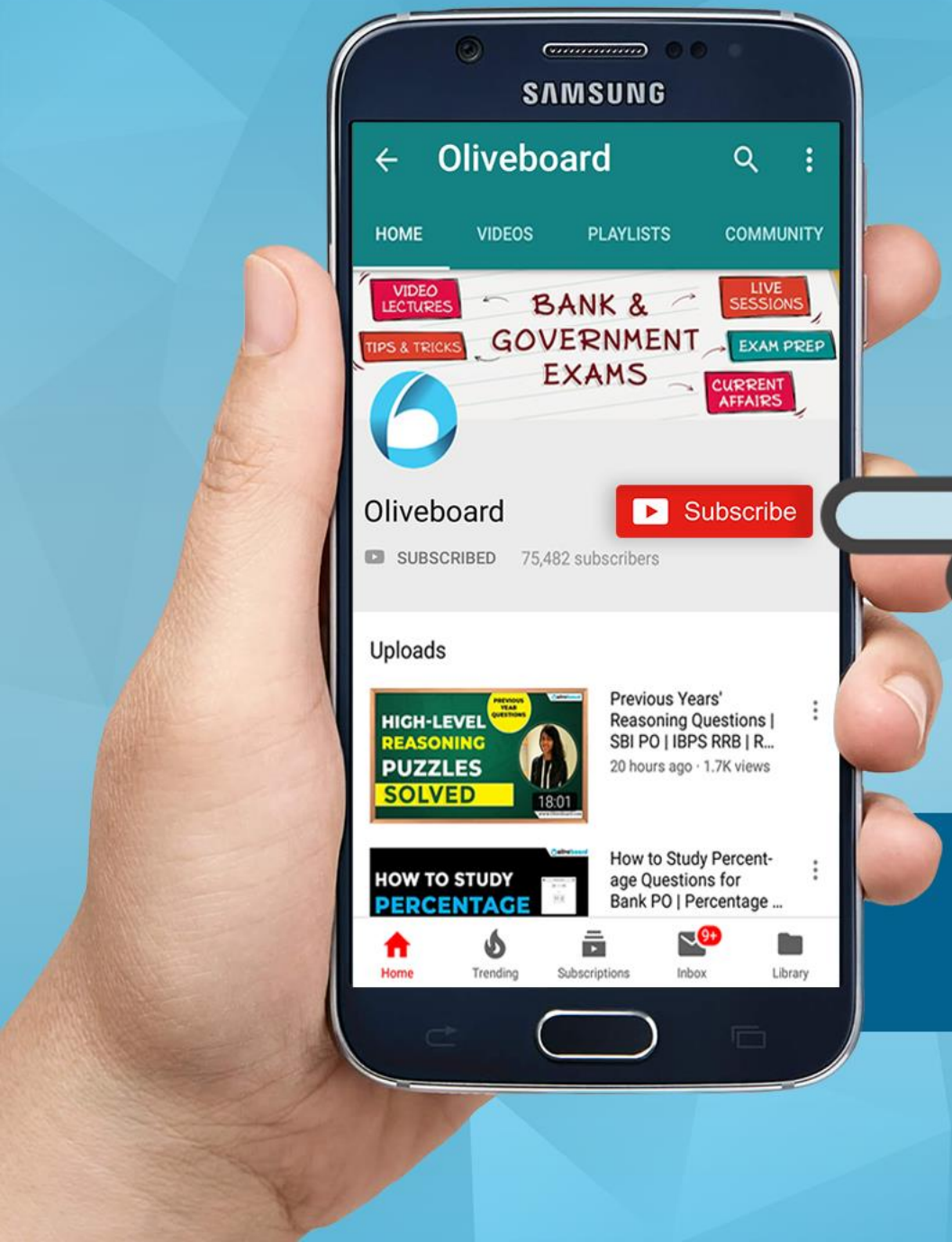
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1. According to the Moody’s, what will be the Current Account Deficit (CAD) of India for the FY 2018-19?

(1) 2.3% of GDP

(2) 2.7% of GDP

(3) 2.8% of GDP

(4) 2.5% of GDP

(5) 2.2% of GDP

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

Moody's Report - India's current account deficit (CAD) will widen to 2.5 per cent of the GDP in the current fiscal due to higher oil prices.

Nomura report - India's current account deficit is expected to widen to 2.8 per cent of the GDP in this financial year.

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2. What was the campaign theme of World Humanitarian Day, 2018?

(1) One Humanity

(2) Not a Target

(3) Youth in Humanitarian Action

(4) The World Needs More Humanitarian Heroes

(5) Inspiring the World's Humanity

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

World Humanitarian Day pays tribute to humanitarian workers killed while assisting thousands of the world's most destitute people caught in some of the most dangerous crises on earth.

This year's campaign of World Humanitarian Day is "Not a Target".

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3. Panini Language Laboratory was recently inaugurated in _____

(1) Bangladesh

(2) Canada

(3) Maldives

(4) Mauritius

(5) Nepal

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj inaugurated 'Panini Language Laboratory' at Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI) in Mauritius. The lab, gifted by the Indian government, will help MGI in teaching Indian languages in Mauritius.

4. Which state/Union Territory has been presented the WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 award?

(1) Pondicherry

(2) Himachal Pradesh

(3) Delhi

(4) Haryana

(5) Assam

Answer Key: 3

Solution:

Delhi government's additional director of health S.K. Arora has been awarded the prestigious WHO World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control.

Tobacco prevalence in Delhi has come down by 6.5% in the past six years. The National Health Policy 2017 has set targets of relative reduction in tobacco prevalence by 15% by 2020 and 30% by 2025.

5. Indiabulls Housing Finance appointed former deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India as an Independent Director of the company. Name the former deputy governor.

(1) Raghuram Rajan

(2) Harun R. Khan

(3) Usha Thorat

(4) R. Gandhi

(5) S. S. Mundra

Answer Key: 5

Solution:

Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBHFL) the country's second-largest housing finance company, appointed Mr. S.S. Mundra, former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as an independent director on the board of the company. Mr. Mundra's appointment is for a period of three years, until August 2021.

6. By which year, the National Nutrition Mission targets to bring down stunting of children in the age of 0-6 years from 38.4 % to 25%?

(1) 2025

(2) 2022

(3) 2027

(4) 2030

(5) 2032

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

The NDA government has decided to observe the month of September as National Nutrition Month. The National Nutrition Mission, which aims to bring down stunting of children in the age bracket of 0-6 years from 38.4 per cent as of March 2018 to 25 per cent by 2022. It also aims to reduce the levels of under-nutrition, anaemia and low birth weight babies.

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7. Name the indigenously developed anti-tank missile which was test fired recently in Pokhran.

(1) Dhanush

(2) Agni V

(3) AMCA

(4) HeliNa

(5) Vikram

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed HeliNa anti-tank missile at the Pokhran Range in Rajasthan. The HeliNa stands for Helicopter-launched Nag and is a variant of the land-launched Nag anti-tank guided missile. The HeliNa is designed to be launched from the helicopters operated by the Indian Army Aviation Corps. It has been designed to be launched from the HAL Light Combat Helicopter, the HAL Dhruv and its armed variant, HAL Rudra.

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8. Paytm has announced to launch AI cloud computing platform for developers, start-ups and enterprises in partnership with _____

(1) Alibaba

(2) Amazon

(3) Walmart

(4) Microsoft

(5) Google

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

Paytm has announced the launch of its artificial intelligence (AI) cloud computing platform Paytm AI Cloud for developers, start-ups, and enterprises in partnership with global tech giant Alibaba. The AI-powered cloud computing platform offers a suite of business-centric apps for organisations that need solutions for cloud computing. Microsoft and Amazon are few of the biggest cloud service providers in the country.

9. Which state government launched the first time Disaster Response Force (DRF) vehicles in its capital city?

(1) Andhra Pradesh

(2) Karnataka

(3) Telangana

(4) West Bengal

(5) Maharashtra

Answer Key: 3

Solution:

The government of Telangana launched for the first time Disaster Response Force (DRF) vehicles in the Hyderabad. The vehicles will be parked at 24 locations with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) DRF staff and they will reach the emergency spots in no time. The main aim to start this DRF is that a state should have its own Disaster force. Disaster personal will be available on the field for 24/7.

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10. According to the new Standard Operating Procedures, No ATM will be replenished with cash after _____ in rural areas from next year.

(1) 9 PM

(2) 6 PM

(3) 5 PM

(4) 4 PM

(5) 8 PM

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

No ATM will be replenished with cash after 9 PM in cities and 6 PM in rural areas from next year. The deadline for putting money in the ATMs located in Naxal-hit areas is 4 PM. The new Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) will come into effect from February 8, 2019 in view of the spurt in incidents of attacks on cash vans, cash vaults, ATM frauds and other internal frauds leading to increased sense of insecurity.

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11. Umang App has been launched by which of the following ministry?

(1) Ministry of Finance

(2) Ministry of commerce and Industry

(3) Ministry of Welfare and Development

(4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(5) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer Key – (4)

Solution –

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) along with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) have developed the UMANG app.

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12. _____ will set up a Re-water research centre to replenish and rejuvenate water resources.

(1) Ministry of Agriculture

(2) IIT Bombay

(3) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

(4) IIT Kharagpur

(5) Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

IIT Kharagpur will set up a Re-Water Research Centre, to replenish and rejuvenate water resources. The move is to tackle the challenge of resolving two burning issues faced by urban India sewage disposal and access to clean potable water. The pilot plant is expected to be ready by March 2019.

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13. Which one of the following is the headquarters of Capital Local Area Bank Ltd?

(1) Jalandhar

(2) Jaipur

(3) Varanasi

(4) Guwahati

(5) Navi Mumbai

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

Capital Local Area bank is the first small Finance bank. It Headquartered in Jalandhar, Punjab. This bank received license from Reserve Bank of India in 2016.

14. Which government has awarded the Legion of Merit to General Dalbir Singh Suhag?

(1) UK

(2) USA

(3) Australia

(4) Japan

(5) India

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

The United States government has awarded the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to General Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retired), of the Indian Army, for exceptionally meritorious service as chief of the Army staff, Indian Army. The award was presented to General Suhag at Pentagon, Washington DC.

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15. CII is planning to launch a new index to judge the quality of fiscal deficit. What should be the base year of the index?

(1) 2004-05

(2) 2005-06

(3) 2010-11

(4) 2018-19

(5) 2013-14

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is planning to launch a new index to judge the quality of fiscal deficit in states and the Centre, starting from 2004-05. The index will be based on six parameters that include fiscal deficit, revenue deficit, revenue expenditure, capital expenditure, tax revenues and debt payment or servicing.

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16. The first-ever bilateral air exercise ‘Elang Shakti’ commenced between _____

(1) India and Malaysia

(2) India and Australia

(3) India and Indonesia

(4) India and Singapore

(5) India and Russia

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

The first-ever joint air exercise ‘Elang Shakti’ between the Indian Air Force and the the Royal Malaysian Air Force commenced Subang Air Base in Malaysia. This exercise seeks to deepen defence and military ties between the two countries.

17. _____ has acquired artificial intelligence start-up Liv.ai recently.

(1) JD.com

(2) Snapdeal

(3) Amazon

(4) eBay

(5) Flipkart

Answer Key: 5

Solution:

India’s largest online marketplace Flipkart has bought Liv.ai, an artificial intelligence (AI) start-up which has built a platform that converts speech to text in 10 Indian languages. Liv.ai converts speech to text in Hindi, Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam, among others.

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18. Uttar Pradesh government and _____ have joined hands to set up a Centre of Excellence for the proposed Bundelkhand Defence Corridor.

(1) Union Ministry of Defence

(2) IIT Kharagpur

(3) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

(4) IIT Kanpur

(5) Bharat Electronics Ltd

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

The Uttar Pradesh government and the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K), have joined hands to set up a Centre of Excellence for the proposed Bundelkhand Defence Corridor. The proposed centre would entail investment of about Rs 3.65 billion, to be contributed by the state government and IIT-K.

19. Who has been topped on the Forbes list of highest earning women sportsperson in the world?

(1) Angelique Kerber

(2) Serena Williams

(3) PV Sindhu

(4) Simona Halep

(5) Maria Sharapova

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

Tennis legend Serena Williams has topped on the Forbes list of highest-earning women sportspersons in the world. PV Sindhu is seventh on the Forbes list. She is the only Indian emerged in the top 10 list.

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20. Which state government decided to rename its capital as ‘Atal Nagar’?

(1) Haryana

(2) Chhattisgarh

(3) Uttar Pradesh

(4) Punjab

(5) West Bengal

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

Chhattisgarh government decided to re-name state's new capital city of Naya Raipur as “Atal Nagar” in memory of late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It has also been decided to develop an “Atal Memorial” in an area of five acres at state’s new capital.

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