

1. Sea Guardian drones, which were seen in the news recently, were obtained from which country?

[A] Israel

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] United Kingdom

[D] France



- ✓ The Indian Navy has taken two MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones from an American defence company, on lease for 1 year. The unmanned aerial vehicles, manufactured by US firm General Atomics, have been obtained on lease, to enhance surveillance over the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The vehicles arrived at the naval air station INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu.

2. On Nov.29 every year, the UN observes 'International Day of Solidarity' related to which country?

[A] Israel

[B] Palestine ☒

[C] Turkey

[D] Syria



- ✓ 'International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People' is observed every year on November 29, across the world. The day was established in the year 1977 and it marks the day in 1947 when the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution partitioning Palestine into an Arab State and a Jewish State. The UN Chief called on Israel and Palestine to achieve a two-State solution.

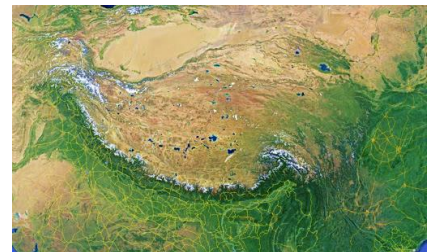
3. Which region of India is the most polluted in the country, as per the recent study by CPCB and IIT Delhi?

[A] Indo-Gangetic Plain ☒

[B] Western Coastal Plain

[C] Eastern Coastal Plain

[D] All over North India



- ✓ As per the recent study conducted by the Central Pollution control board and IIT- Delhi, Indo-Gangetic plains continue to be the most polluted region in the country, in terms of PM 2.5 levels. The study also revealed that the rate of increase in pollution levels southern and eastern India is greater than the Indo-Gangetic plains, between 2000 and 2019. It also found that air pollution in rural areas of the country increased similar to that of urban areas.

**4. Which organisation released 'Guidelines on physical activity and sedentary behaviour'?**

[A] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[B] World Health Organization ☒

[C] Indian Council of Medical Research

[D] United Nations



- ✓ **The World Health Organisation has released 'Guidelines on physical activity and sedentary behaviour'. As per the guidelines, at least 150 to 300 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity per week is recommended for all adults.**
- ✓ **It also highlights that one in four adults, and four out of five adolescents, do not get enough physical activity, which causes a significant loss in productivity.**

**5. Which city has become the world's most air connected city, as per the International Air Transport Association (IATA)?**

[A] Chennai

[B] New Delhi

[C] Shanghai ☒

[D] Melbourne



- ✓ **As per International Air Transport Association's (IATA), recent report, China's Shanghai has become the world's most connected city, replacing London from the top spot. According to the IATA, London has witnessed a 67% fall in air connectivity due to the prevalent COVID-19 pandemic. With Shanghai added to the top list, world's four most connected cities are now in China.**

**6. 'Hualong One', which was seen in news recently, was the first domestically made nuclear reactor of which country?**

[A] Russia

[B] China ☒

[C] Israel

[D] Germany



- ✓ **China's first domestically made nuclear reactor 'Hualong One', has started its operations, as per the China National Nuclear Corp (CNNC). The third-generation pressurised water nuclear reactor has been connected to the national grid. The reactor can generate 10 billion kw-hours of electricity each year and cut carbon emissions by 8.16 million tons.**

7. Which word has been selected as the 'Top Word of 2020', by Merriam–Webster?

- [A] Lockdown
- [B] Pandemic ☒
- [C] Vaccine
- [D] Immunity



- ✓ **US based– Merriam–Webster, known for its dictionaries, has recently announced 'pandemic' as its 2020 word of the year.**
- ✓ **As per the company, when the World Health Organisation declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic on March 11, the searches on the site for 'pandemic' rose hugely. The word has roots in Latin and Greek. It is a combination of pan, meaning all, and demos, meaning people.**

8. Which word is named as the 'Word of the Year 2020' as per the most searched words on the Cambridge Dictionary in 2020?

- [A] Lockdown
- [B] Quarantine ☒
- [C] Vaccine
- [D] Immunity



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- ✓ **The Cambridge Dictionary has named 'Quarantine' as the Word of the Year 2020 based on its data which showed that the word 'Quarantine' is one of the most searched words on the Cambridge Dictionary in 2020.**

9. Which country hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> India – Sri Lanka – Maldives Trilateral Meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation?

- [A] India
- [B] Sri Lanka ☒
- [C] Maldives
- [D] Japan



- ✓ **The 4<sup>th</sup> Trilateral Meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation between India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives was hosted by Sri Lanka. It was held in Colombo and India was represented by the National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. The earlier such meetings were held in Maldives (2011), Sri Lanka (2013) and in India (2014).**

**10.** 'Technical Recession', which was making news recently refers to the contraction of GDP for how many consecutive quarters?

[A] Two ☒

[B] Four

[C] Six

[D] Eight



- ✓ The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India has contracted by 7.5% in the second quarter of the financial year 2020–21. The contraction in GDP is registered for the second consecutive quarter and hence India is said to have entered 'Technical Recession'. The real GDP in the first quarter of 2020–21 (April – June) registered a record low of 23.9% contraction.
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