

1. Channel Islands are an archipelago in the English Channel, located between which two countries?

- A) France and the UK
 B) France and Italy
 C) France and Canada
 D) Italy and Germany



- ✓ Channel Islands are an archipelago in the English Channel, located between France and the UK, 22 kilometres from the coast of Normandy, France. They include two Crown dependencies: The Bailiwick of Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- ✓ They recognise Queen Elizabeth II as their head of state and the UK is responsible for the defence and international relations of the islands. Recently, 60 French fishing boats made a blockade in the Jersey islands, which followed a deployment of two Royal Navy vessels from the UK.

2. The Supreme Court has recently struck down the Housing Industry Regulation Act of which state, as unconstitutional?

- A) Kerala
 B) West Bengal
 C) Odisha
 D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Supreme Court has struck down West Bengal's Housing Industry Regulation Act (HIRA) 2017, saying it was 'unconstitutional' as it is in direct conflict with the Centre's Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA). As per the verdict, Sections 88 and 89 of the RERA did not implicitly permit the states to create their own legislation creating a parallel regime.

3. Giant wood moth, the heaviest moth in the world, are typically found in which country?

- A) Japan
 B) India
 C) Australia
 D) China



- ✓ Giant wood moth is the heaviest moth in the world, with the wingspan of about 23 cm. Their scientific name is 'Endoxyla cinereus' and they belong to the family of Cossidae. The moth is typically found in Australia and New Zealand.
- ✓ A giant moth with a wingspan measuring up to 25cm has been recently found at a Queensland school in Australia. They have an extremely short life cycle with only a few days. They die after mating and laying eggs.

4. Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

- A) UK
 B) Uganda
 C) Nigeria
 D) Iran



- ✓ The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) is a rebel group which operates in African countries including northern Uganda, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- ✓ Recently in a landmark judgment, the international criminal court has sentenced a former militia leader from Uganda and commander in the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), to 25 years in prison after he was found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

5. Which institution releases the monthly 'Food Price Index'?

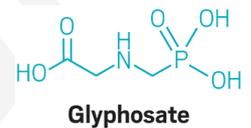
- A) NITI Aayog
 B) Finance Ministry
 C) FAO
 D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ The United Nations food agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization releases the Food price index, which measures monthly changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar. In the recent food price index, World food prices increased for an 11th consecutive month in April at 120.9 points.
- ✓ This is also the highest level of the index since May 2014. The rise in the main indices was led by the price rise of Sugar, as per the United Nations food agency.

6. What is 'Glyphosate', which was recently banned by Telangana Government?

- A) Herbicide
 B) Fertilizer
 C) Pesticide
 D) Fungicide



- ✓ Glyphosate is an herbicide, which used to kill weeds, especially used in cotton farms and to kill annual broadleaf weeds and grasses that compete with crops. The Telangana Government has imposed a total ban on glyphosate, a controversial herbicide, as the chemical's rampant use, especially in cotton, is polluting soil and causing health hazards to human beings.

7. Which technology company has created a 2-nanometer chip, the smallest and most powerful microchip?

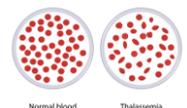
- A) Qualcomm
 B) IBM
 C) AMD
 D) Samsung



- ✓ IBM announced that it has created a 2-nanometer chip, which is the smallest and most powerful microchip ever developed. At present, most of the computer chips powering devices use 10-nanometer or 7-nanometer process technology.
- ✓ Some companies have introduced 5-nanometer chips. The lower the number, more advanced is the processor.

8. What is the name of the blood disorder, which involves lesser haemoglobin and red blood cells?

- A) Anemia
 B) Thalassemia
 C) Leukaemia
 D) Haemophilia



- ✓ Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder characterised by less oxygen-carrying protein- haemoglobin and less red blood cells in the body than normal. May 8 is observed as World Thalassemia Day every year. The day commemorates the struggles of the patients suffering from this genetic disorder.
- ✓ This year's theme for the day is "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassemia Community".

9. What is the theme of the 2021 International Nurses Day?

- A) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Safe Motherhood
- B) Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human Right
- C) Nurses: Working with The Poor; Against Poverty
- D) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare



- ✓ The World Nurses Day is celebrated every year across the world on May 12 to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.
- ✓ The day is also mark to recognize the strong commitment and dedication that nurse's display in the practice of their profession.

10. Which day is celebrated in India on May 11, to mark the achievement of its nuclear tests made at Pokhran in 1998?

- A) National Nuclear Power Day
- B) National Technology Day
- C) National Nuclear Weapon Day
- D) Pokhran Day



- ✓ May 11 is celebrated as National Technology Day in India every year, to mark the day on which India conducted its nuclear tests at Pokhran, Rajasthan in the year 1998. India conducted its 1st nuclear test, code named "Smiling Buddha" in 1974. In 1998, under the code name Operation Shakti, the next nuclear mission was carried out.
- ✓ Dr APJ Abdul Kalam led the scientific team which carried out the nuclear weapon tests on May 11. At present, India is among eight countries in the world that own a nuclear weapons program.