

1. What is the Global GDP Growth for this year, as forecasted by OECD's latest economic outlook?

- A) 9.5%
- B) 8%
- C) 5.6% ☒
- D) 2.3%



- ✓ Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development said in its latest economic outlook that global growth is set to hit 5.6% this year. It also highlighted that the Global GDP growth would moderate to 4.5% in 2022 and 3.2% in 2023.

2. Which Union Ministry is associated with the 'Dam Safety Bill, 2019' passed recently?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Jal Shakti ☒
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Environment, Forest



- ✓ The Rajya Sabha passed the Dam Safety Bill, 2019 recently. The union minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat clarified that the Bill was not intended to encroach upon the states' rights on their waters, dam ownership or maintenance, or even resources like power. The bill seeks to ensure the safety of dams across the country and prevent dam-related disasters.

3. Which institution released the publication titled 'State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2021-22'?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Finance Ministry
- C) RBI ☒
- D) ADB



- ✓ The Reserve Bank's annual publication titled 'State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2021-22' was released recently. As per the report, the combined debt-to-GDP ratio of states is expected to remain at 31 per cent by end-March 2022 which is higher than the target of 20 per cent to be achieved by 2022-23 (FY23).

4. 'GJ 367 b', which was discovered recently, is a

- A) Black-hole
- B) Exoplanet ☒
- C) Asteroid
- D) Meteor



- ✓ Scientists have recently discovered Mercury-like exo-planet 'GJ 367 b' where a year is only eight hours long. It's believed to be a rocky planet like Mercury and has half the mass of Earth. GJ 367 b also belongs to the 'ultra-short period' (USP) group of exo-planets that orbit their star in less than 24 hours. Planet GJ 367b was discovered by scientists at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) Institute of Planetary Research.

5. To mark 75 years of which company / group, commemorative postage stamp has been released by the Government of India?

- A) TATA Group
- B) Reliance Group
- C) Mahindra and Mahindra Group ☒
- D) Godrej Group



- ✓ To mark 75 years of Mahindra and Mahindra Group, the Government of India has released commemorative postage stamps.

- ✓ The Indian conglomerate was founded by KC Mahindra & his brother JC Mahindra in the year 1945. Soon in 1947, the company started manufacturing Willys Jeeps.

6. What is the theme of 'World Aids Day' 2021?

- A) Know your Status
- B) Communities Make the Difference
- C) Global Solidarity Shared Responsibility
- D) End inequalities. End Aids. End pandemics ☒



- ✓ 'World Aids Day' is observed every year on December 1, across the world. It was first observed in 1988. "End inequalities. End Aids. End pandemics." is the theme for this year's World Aids Day.

7. What is the theme of the 'International Volunteer Day' in 2021?

- A) Volunteer now for our common future ☒
- B) World needs Volunteers
- C) Volunteering during Pandemic
- D) Welcoming Volunteers



- ✓ Every year, International Volunteer Day is observed on December 5 to encourage the role of volunteers at national and international level for achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). This day recognises the contribution of volunteers across the globe.
- ✓ UNGA signified 2001 as International Year of Volunteers (IYV). The theme of this year's 'International Volunteer Day' is 'Volunteer now for our common future'.

8. When is the 'World Soil Day' observed every year?

- A) December 3
- B) December 5 ☒
- C) December 7
- D) December 9



- ✓ World Soil Day is celebrated every year on December 5, to highlight people's attention to the importance of soil and its sustainable management. This year's campaign is based on the theme of "Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity".

9. 'Ciprian Foias Prize' is associated with which field?

- A) Space Science
- B) Mathematics ☒
- C) Virology
- D) Business



- ✓ Eminent Indian-American mathematician Nikhil Srivastava, has been jointly selected for the inaugural \$5,000 Ciprian Foias Prize. He was awarded for his contribution in Operator Theory by the American Mathematical Society (AMS).

10. Who is the author of the book titled 'Public Service Ethics - A Quest for Naitik Bharat'?

- A) Prabhat Kumar ☒
- B) Vijay Kumar
- C) Irai Anbu
- D) Ajay Bhushan Pandey



- ✓ The Vice President recently released a book titled, 'Public Service Ethics - A Quest for Naitik Bharat' written by Prabhat Kumar, former Governor of Jharkhand and former Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India.