

1. Which institution regulates the 'Digital lending activities' in India?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payments Corporation of India
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released guidelines to strengthen the regulatory framework for digital lending activities. RBI also specified that the lending business can only be carried out by entities regulated by the central bank or those permitted under the law. This has been released in an effort to mitigate the concerns from credit delivery through digital lending methods.

2. Which countries are associated with 'Trans-Himalayan multi-dimensional connectivity network'?

- A. India–Nepal
- B. China–Nepal ☒
- C. India–Bangladesh
- D. China–Bangladesh



- ✓ China has agreed to finance a feasibility study for a cross-border railway with Nepal under the trans-Himalayan multi-dimensional connectivity network. This is a part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). China also pledged USD 118 million for China-assisted projects in the country. China will carry out the feasibility study of Keyrung–Kathmandu Railway under the grant assistance.

3. Which institution launched 'SPARK', virtual space tech park?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. DRDO
- C. ISRO ☒
- D. BEL



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently unveiled 'SPARK', a virtual space tech park, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. It was launched by ISRO Chairman S Somanath and the virtual space museum hosts several documents, images and videos related to launch vehicles, satellites, scientific missions as well as pioneers of India's space sector.

4. As per recent changes in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules, which category of beneficiaries are excluded?

- A. Central Government Employees
- B. State Government Employees
- C. Income Taxpayers ☒
- D. Non-Resident Indians



- ✓ The government has made changes to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules to be made effective from Oct.1, 2022. According to a notification from the finance ministry, any citizen who is or has been an income taxpayer will not be eligible to join the pension scheme. If an income tax-paying investor joins the APY scheme on or after October 1, the APY account will be liable to be closed.

5. 'NIPAM', which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics Manufacturing
B. Intellectual Property ☒
C. Climate Change
D. Food distribution



- ✓ National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) is a programme to spread Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and provide basic training. The program has met its goal of providing the training to one million students on July 31, 2022, before its deadline of August 15, 2022.

6. What is the official slogan of the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- A. Inclusive and Impressive
B. Games Wide Open ☒
C. Global Partnership
D. Brotherly and Beautiful



- ✓ The organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics unveiled 'Games Wide Open' as they announced prices for tickets for the fans. In French, the slogan is 'Ouvrons grand les Jeux'. The 2024 Summer Olympics or the 33rd Olympiad is scheduled to take place in July–August 2024.

7. Which country is the host of 'Pitch Black', an international Air Combat Exercise?

- A. USA
B. Australia ☒
C. France
D. Israel



- ✓ Australia is the host of 'Pitch Black', an international Air Combat Exercise. India is set to participate in the 17–Nation Exercise. It includes the participation of around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 countries. Other participants include Australia, Canada, India, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE, the UK and the US.

8. 'Lockdown Lyrics', which was released recently, is a book written by which author?

- A. Sanjukta Dash ☒
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Vikram Seth



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released a book titled 'Lockdown Lyrics', a collection of poems written by poet Sanjukta Dash. Dash, an Odia poet has three anthologies of poetries in Odia language. 'Lockdown Lyrics' is her debut book in English. It was written based on the experiences during the pandemic.

9. Which is the first Indian city to publish the transportation emissions data in collaboration with Google?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Aurangabad ☒
- D. Guwahati



- ✓ Aurangabad has become the first in the country to release the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google. Under the EIE feature, cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions. The EIE feature in India is only available for Aurangabad, Bengaluru, Chennai and Pune and Aurangabad is the first city to make the transportation emissions data public.

10. Which body maintains the 'Depositor Education and Awareness' (DEA) Fund?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payment Corporation of India
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ Unclaimed deposits are defined as balance in savings, current accounts, or term deposits which are not claimed for within ten years from date of maturity. These amounts are transferred by banks to 'Depositor Education and Awareness' (DEA) Fund maintained by the Reserve Bank of India. RBI has been encouraging people to claim such deposits from the respective banks. However, the amount of unclaimed deposits is on the rise.