

1. Telecom Giant Optus, which was recently hit by a cyber-attack, is based in which country?

- A. Canada
- B. USA
- C. Australia ☒
- D. Russia



- ✓ Australian telecom giant Optus said personal information and form of identification of 1.2 million customers was compromised in the recent cyber attack. It is considered as one of the biggest cyber breaches the country has faced. The breach affected 10 million customers, equivalent to around 40% of Australia's population. The federal government has released changes to telecommunications laws, after the breach.

2. What is the charge levied for RuPay credit card use on UPI for transactions up to ₹2,000?

- A. 0.5%
- B. 2%
- C. 5%
- D. No charge ☒



- ✓ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has clarified that there will be no charge for RuPay credit card use on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions up to ₹2,000. Nil Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) would apply for this category up to the transaction amount less than and equal to ₹2,000. In September, RBI Governor launched the Rupay credit card on UPI network.

3. As per the recent World Bank report, what is India's GDP projection in the current fiscal year (2022-'23)?

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.5% ☒
- C. 7.0%
- D. 7.2%



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- ✓ The World Bank downgraded India's economic growth forecast to 6.5% for the current fiscal year (2022-'23) from its earlier estimate of 7.5% announced in June. The Reserve Bank of India had also cut its growth forecast to 7% from an earlier estimate of 7.2% after increasing the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.9% to fight inflation. UNCTAD also projected that India's economic growth will decline to 5.7% this year from 8.2% in 2021.

4. Annie Ernaux, the winner of 2022 Nobel Prize in literature, is an author from which country?

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



- ✓ **French author Annie Ernaux has been announced as the winner of the 2022 Nobel Prize in literature. The 82-year-old writer is known for her novels drawing on personal experience of class and gender. Over 20 books authored by Annie Ernaux have been school texts in France for decades. One of the contenders for the literature prize this year was the India-born writer and free-speech advocate Salman Rushdie.**

5. Which tennis player won the Tel Aviv Open title in 2022?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Stefanos Tsitsipas
- C. Roger Federer
- D. Novak Djokovic ☒



- ✓ **Ace tennis player Novak Djokovic won the Tel Aviv Open title in 2022 held in Israel. It is regarded as the biggest prize in tennis. The 35-year-old Serbian beat Croatia's Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-4 in the final to win his first title since Wimbledon in July. He was handed a large three-foot-tall trophy.**

6. Which country is the Champion of the sixth Asia Cup tournament held in 2022?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Sri Lanka ☒
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ **Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 23 runs in the Asia Cup final to secure its sixth title in Dubai. Sri Lanka scored 170-6 off their 20 overs, with Bhanuka Rajapaksa's unbeaten 71 from 45 balls. The Sri Lankan cricket team is being coached by former England coach Chris Silverwood.**

7. Which is the first institution in India to join IBM Quantum Network?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIM Ahmedabad
- C. IIM Bengaluru
- D. IIT Madras ☒



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT–Madras) has become the first Indian educational institute to join the New York–based IBM Quantum Network. This collaboration between IIT–M and IBM will benefit researchers from IIT Madras in research in the field of applied quantum computing with industry support from IBM Research India.

8. Which country launched 'ARPA–H (Advanced Research Projects Agencies for Health)' to reduce Cancer deaths?

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



- ✓ US President Joe Biden has announced an ambitious plan to reduce cancer deaths in the United States. A new agency named 'ARPA–H, Advanced Research Projects Agencies for Health' regarding the plan. Cancer is the second most cause of death in the country after heart disease. ARPA–H aims to prevent, detect, and treat diseases including Cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and other diseases.

9. When is the 'Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day' celebrated in India?

- A. September.14
B. September.12
C. September.14 ☒
D. September.18



- ✓ 'Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day' is celebrated every year on September 14 to mark the adaptation of Hindi (written in Devanagari script) as the official language by the Constituent Assembly on Sep.14, 1949. World Hindi Day 2020 is observed on Jan.10. The day commemorates the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference held in Nagpur of January 10, 1975.

10. What is the name of the typhoon which has hit Japan and China recently?

- A. Muifa ☒
B. Rita
C. Banga
D. Tiffany



- ✓ According to Japan Meteorological Agency, Typhoon Muifa hit Ishigaki Island, near Taiwan. The typhoon approached Japan's southern islands. Typhoon Muifa has also brought heavy downpours and winds to islands in Japan's Okinawa. China has also launched emergency response as the typhoon approaches.