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**1. What is the theme of the 'National Maritime Day' 2022?**

- A. Sustainable Maritime Activities
- B. Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19 ☒
- C. Climate Change and Shipping
- D. Ship for Global Growth



- ✓ India recently celebrated the 59<sup>th</sup> National Maritime Day which falls on April 5 every year. This year's theme is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19'. The first anniversary of the day was held in 1964 to raise awareness about international trade and economy. An award ceremony is held to honour those who made important contributions to the Indian maritime industry.

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**2. Gazeta Wyborcza, which was awarded Golden Pen of Freedom award, is a Newspaper from which country?**

- A. Ukraine
- B. Poland ☒
- C. Sweden
- D. Russia



- ✓ Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza was awarded Golden Pen of Freedom by World Association of News Publishers. The award was announced during the 2022 World News Media Congress currently taking place in Zaragoza, Spain. The Golden Pen of Freedom is WAN-IFRA's annual award recognising individuals or organisations who contribute to the defence and promotion of press freedom.

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**3. Which was the most visited centrally-protected ticketed monument for foreign visitors, as per the 'India Tourism Statistics 2022'?**

- A. Taj Mahal
- B. Red Fort
- C. Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram ☒
- D. Qutub Minar



- ✓ Union Ministry of Tourism released a report titled 'India Tourism Statistics 2022'. It was released by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on World Tourism Day. The Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu was the most visited centrally-protected ticketed monument for foreign visitors. In 2021-22, Taj Mahal was the most popular centrally-protected ticketed monument for domestic visitors. The Red Fort and the Qutub Minar were the second and third most visited sites.

4. The Union Cabinet approved a Plan to modernise which three Railway stations?

- A. New Delhi, Ahmedabad and CSMT Mumbai ☒
- B. New Delhi, Chennai and CSMT Mumbai
- C. New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Varanasi
- D. New Delhi, Cochi and Chennai



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a proposal for the redevelopment of three major railway stations — New Delhi, Ahmedabad and CSMT Mumbai. With an approximate total investment of nearly Rs 10,000 crore, the stations will be redeveloped using Green Building Techniques with solar energy, water conservation, and recycling and improved tree cover. They will be integrated with other modes of transportation like metro and bus. The total cost of redevelopment of 199 stations including these three major stations is Rs 60,000 crores.

5. Which company has announced to set up its first cloud region in Greece?

- A. Amazon
- B. Microsoft
- C. Google ☒
- D. Meta



- ✓ Alphabet Inc's Google has announced to set up its first cloud region in Greece, as the country is making efforts to become a world cloud computing hub. The deal is estimated to contribute some USD 2.13 billion to the GDP of Greece and create some 20,000 jobs by 2030. A cloud region is based around a cluster of data centres. Microsoft has also decided to build a data centre hub in the country.

6. What is the theme of the 'International Translation Day 2022'?

- A. A world without barriers ☒
- B. Accessibility and Translation
- C. Translation includes All
- D. Strengthening Peace



- ✓ Every year International Translation Day is observed on September 30 to honour the work of translators and language professionals across the world. The theme for this year's International Translation Day is "A world without barriers". September 30 was chosen as it also coincides with the feast of the Bible translator, St. Jerome.

7. Which Indian personality has won the 'Changemaker' award at the UN SDG Action Awards?

- A. Srishti Bakshi ☒
- B. Kapil Mandawewala
- C. Amit Saraogi
- D. Kaif Ali



- ✓ Srishti Bakshi, a women's rights activist from India, was honoured with the 'Changemaker' award at the UN SDG Action Awards. The activist has travelled 3,800km around the country in less than a year to raise awareness on gender-based violence and inequality. She was awarded for "confronting gender-based violence and advocating for safe access to public spaces."

8. Which state won the first prize for the best adventure tourism destination and all-around development of tourism?

- A. Tamil Nadu                      B. Kerala  
C. Goa                                  D. Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ Uttarakhand received the first prize in two categories, for the best adventure tourism destination and all-around development of tourism from the Ministry of Tourism. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar presented National Tourism Awards 2018–19, on the occasion of World Tourism Day. He also launched photography and videography contest during the event.

9. 'World Rabies Day' is observed marking the death anniversary of which scientist?

- A. Louis Pasteur ☒                      B. Sir Isaac Newton  
C. Anton van Leeuwenhoek                      D. Wilhelm Rontgen



- ✓ 'World Rabies Day' is observed every year on September 28, to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this disease. It also marks the death anniversary of the French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

10. Sukapaika River, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Odisha ☒  
B. West Bengal  
C. Bihar  
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Odisha state government to sanction budgetary allocation of Rs 4967 lakh towards rejuvenation of Sukapaika Drainage Channel project by March 2023. The NGT directed to rejuvenate the dead river, to mitigate the drinking water crisis of at least three blocks of Cuttack district.