

Quiz Date: 11th July 2023

Q1. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is transferring its Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) to the private sector. What are some key features of the SSLV?

- (a) High cost, long turn-around time, limited flexibility in accommodating multiple satellites
- (b) Low cost, short turn-around time, limited flexibility in accommodating multiple satellites
- (c) High cost, long turn-around time, flexibility in accommodating multiple satellites
- (d) Low cost, low turn-around time, flexibility in accommodating multiple satellites
- (e) Low cost, low turn-around time, limited flexibility in accommodating multiple satellites

Q2. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)?

- (a) K Rajaraman
- (b) Injeti Srinivas
- (c) Ravi Kumar
- (d) Arvind Sharma
- (e) None of the above

Q3. What was the total FDI inflow received by India in FY 2023?

- (a) US\$84.83 billion
- (b) US\$70.97 billion
- (c) US\$94.83 billion
- (d) US\$80.83 billion
- (e) US\$74.83 billion

Q4. Who administers and enforces the FCRA in India?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of External Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Q5. Which NGO recently had its FCRA licence cancelled by the Union government?

- (a) Sadbhavana Trust
- (b) Young Women's Christian Association of Delhi
- (c) CNI Shishu Sangopan Griha
- (d) Program for Social Action (PSA)
- (e) None of the above

Q6. The Ministry of Education has released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 for States/UTs for the year 2021-22. How many indicators are included in the PGI 2.0 structure?

- (a) 50
- (b) 60
- (c) 73
- (d) 80
- (e) 90

Q7. What is the main objective of the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0?

- (a) To rank states/UTs based on educational performance
- (b) To allocate funding for schools and teachers
- (c) To identify gaps and prioritize areas for intervention in the education system
- (d) To monitor student attendance and enrollment
- (e) To evaluate the effectiveness of teacher training programs



Q8. What is the objective of the ₹10,000-crore Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) operationalized by the National Housing Bank?

- (a) To provide housing loans to low-income individuals in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
- (b) To support the development of urban infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
- (c) To invest in rural infrastructure projects across the country.
- (d) To promote the construction of high-rise buildings in metropolitan areas.
- (e) None of the above.

Q9. Which organization released the updated bulletin on the ozone layer?

- (a) United Nations
- (b) World Health Organization
- (c) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- (d) European Ozone Research Coordinating Unit
- (e) Montreal Protocol Implementation Group

Q10. Which region shows strong signs of recovery in the ozone layer?

- (a) Arctic
- (b) Tropics
- (c) Subtropics
- (d) Antarctic
- (e) Equator

Q11. What was the theme of the 33rd Conference of State Finance Secretaries?

- (a) Fiscal Consolidation: States' Perspective
- (b) Debt Sustainability: States' Perspective
- (c) Productive Capacities: States' Perspective
- (d) Improving Quality of Expenditure: States' Perspective
- (e) Contingent Liabilities: States' Perspective

Q12. When was the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) established?

- (a) 1950
- (b) 1952
- (c) 1955
- (d) 1958
- (e) 1957

Q13. Among the following Indian states, which one attracted the highest FDI inflows in FY 2023?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Q14. What are the six priorities identified collectively by U20 cities?

- (a) Strengthening global governance, promoting economic growth, climate change mitigation, poverty alleviation, healthcare access, and education reform.
- (b) Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviors, accelerating climate finance, championing local culture and economy, ensuring water security, catalyzing digital urban futures, and reinventing frameworks for urban planning and governance.
- (c) Enhancing transportation infrastructure, addressing income inequality, promoting renewable energy, improving public health, strengthening cybersecurity, and enhancing education systems.
- (d) Empowering women and girls, promoting sustainable agriculture, enhancing disaster preparedness, advancing clean energy initiatives, ensuring affordable housing, and improving public transportation.

(e) Developing smart cities, expanding international trade, reducing carbon emissions, implementing waste management strategies, enhancing public safety, and improving educational opportunities.

Q15. Which country was the top investor in India in terms of FDI inflows in FY 2023?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) United States
- (c) Mauritius
- (d) United Arab Emirates
- (e) Netherlands

### Solutions

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. Some key features of the SSLV are low cost, low turn-around time, and flexibility in accommodating multiple satellites.

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. K Rajaraman has been appointed as the new chairman of the IFSCA. The IFSCA was formed in April 2020 through the enactment of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019. The headquarters of IFSCA is situated in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. India received a total FDI inflow of US\$70.97 billion in FY 2023, which includes equity inflows, reinvested earnings, and other capital sources. This marked a decrease from the US\$84.83 billion recorded in FY 2022.

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. The FCRA is administered and enforced by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. The FCRA licence of the Sadbhavana Trust, a Delhi-based NGO focused on empowering Dalit and Muslim women, was cancelled by the Union government.

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. The PGI 2.0 structure comprises 73 indicators grouped into two categories:

Outcomes and Governance Management (GM).

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. The main objective of the PGI 2.0 is to help states/UTs pinpoint the gaps in the education system and accordingly prioritize areas for intervention to ensure a robust school education system at every level.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. The National Housing Bank (NHB) has announced the operationalization of the ₹10,000-crore Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF), as outlined in this year's Budget. The fund aims to facilitate the creation of urban infrastructure in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, supplementing the efforts of state governments.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. World Meteorological Organization (WMO) released the updated bulletin on the status of the ozone layer after a gap of seven years.

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. Strong signs of recovery in the ozone layer were recorded over the Antarctic region.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Debt Sustainability: States' Perspective, the conference focused on discussing the importance of debt sustainability for the long-term fiscal health of states.

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. The WMO was established in 1950 to promote international cooperation in meteorology, climatology, hydrology, and related fields.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Maharashtra emerged as the top recipient of FDI with a total of US\$14.80 billion in FY 2023.

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. The six priorities identified collectively by U20 cities are:

Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviors  
Accelerating climate finance  
Championing local culture and economy  
Ensuring water security  
Catalyzing digital urban futures  
Reinventing frameworks for urban planning and governance.

S15. Ans.(a)

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Sol. Singapore accounted for the maximum inward FDI in India at US\$17.20 billion in FY 2023.



