

Quiz Date: 23rd September 2023

Q1. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the Alliance of Sahel States (AES)?

- (a) Mali
- (b) Burkina Faso
- (c) Niger
- (d) Chad
- (e) Mauritania

Q2. What is the causative agent of canine brucellosis?

- (a) Brucella canis
- (b) Brucella abortus
- (c) Brucella melitensis
- (d) Brucella suis
- (e) None of the above

Q3. What is the recommended course of action for dogs infected with Brucella canis?

- (a) Euthanasia
- (b) Antimicrobial treatment
- (c) Isolation from other dogs
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of the above

Q4. Which of the following countries did not participate in the Climate Ambition Summit?

- (a) China
- (b) United States
- (c) India
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of the above

Q5. Which country is now ranked as the world's freest economy?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Hong Kong
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) New Zealand
- (e) United States

Q6. Which of the following is the top export item from India?

- (a) Petroleum products

- (b) Jewellery
- (c) Automobiles
- (d) Machinery
- (e) Pharmaceuticals

Q7. What is the process for impeaching a US President?

- (a) The House of Representatives votes to impeach the President, and then the Senate holds a trial to determine whether to remove the President from office.
- (b) The Senate votes to impeach the President, and then the House of Representatives holds a trial to determine whether to remove the President from office.
- (c) The Supreme Court votes to impeach the President, and then the House of Representatives holds a trial to determine whether to remove the President from office.
- (d) The House of Representatives and the Senate vote together to impeach the President, and then the Supreme Court holds a trial to determine whether to remove the President from office.
- (e) None of the above.

Q8. Which of the following is a new product launched by NPCI?

- (a) Credit Line on UPI
- (b) UPI LITE X
- (c) UPI Tap & Pay
- (d) Hello! UPI – Conversational Payments on UPI
- (e) All of the above

Q9. Which of the following is not a feature of Hello! UPI – Conversational Payments on UPI?

- (a) It enables users to make voice-enabled UPI payments via UPI Apps, telecom calls, and IoT devices in Hindi and English.
- (b) It will soon be available in several other regional languages.
- (c) It is a new product launched by NPCI.
- (d) It is an alternative to the conventional Scan and Pay method.
- (e) It enhances QR Code and Near Field Communication (NFC) technology adoption for digital payment.

Q10. What is the main objective of KVIC?

- (a) To promote khadi and village industries
- (b) To provide employment in rural areas
- (c) To preserve traditional skills and crafts
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of the above

Q11. Which language book won the 2023 Booker Prize?

- (a) Time Shelter by Georgi Gospodinov (Bulgarian)
- (b) Seven Moons by Shehan Karunatilaka (Sri Lankan English)
- (b) The Promise by Damon Galgut (South African English)
- (c) The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles (American English)
- (d) Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart (Scottish English)
- (e) None of the above

Q12. What is the objective of the Ghar Ghar KCC campaign?

- (a) To achieve saturation of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme.
- (b) To promote financial inclusion in rural areas.
- (c) To bolster the economic well-being of farmers.
- (d) All of the above.
- (e) None of the above.

Q13. Which of the following is not an outcome of COP27?

- (a) The Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan
- (b) The New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate finance
- (c) The Global Goal on Adaptation
- (d) The adoption of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement
- (e) The establishment of a new climate fund

Q14. Which of the following statements is TRUE about the Kisan Rin portal?

- (a) It is a comprehensive hub that offers a comprehensive view of crucial farmer-related information.
- (b) It is designed to provide farmers with easy access to vital data.
- (c) It aims to bring transparency to agricultural finance.
- (d) All of the above.
- (e) None of the above.

Q15. What are some of the grounds for impeaching a US President?

- (a) Treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.
- (b) Failure to uphold the Constitution.
- (c) Abuse of power.
- (d) All of the above.
- (e) None of the above.

Solutions

S1. Ans.(d)

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Sol. The AES is a tripartite alliance between Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger. It was established in 2023 to address the growing threat of jihadism in the Liptako-Gourma region. Chad is not a member of the AES.

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Brucella canis is a bacterium that causes canine brucellosis, a highly contagious disease that can also be transmitted to humans.

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. There is no cure for Brucella canis infection in dogs, and infected dogs are considered carriers for life. Therefore, the recommended course of action is euthanasia.

S4. Ans(d)

Sol. China, the United States, and India, collectively responsible for 42% of global greenhouse gas emissions, were notably missing from this critical event.

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Singapore has claimed the top spot as the world's freest economy, unseating Hong Kong, according to the 2023 report by the Canadian think tank Fraser Institute.

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Petroleum products are the top export item from India. In 2022-23, India exported \$61.2 billion worth of petroleum products. The top 10 export items from India are:

1. Petroleum products
2. Jewellery
3. Automobiles
4. Machinery
5. Bio-chemicals
6. Pharmaceuticals
7. Cereals
8. Iron and steel
9. Textiles
10. Electronics

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. The process for impeaching a US President is as follows:

1. The House of Representatives votes to impeach the President. This requires a simple majority vote.

2. If the House impeaches the President, the Senate holds a trial to determine whether to remove the President from office. This requires a two-thirds majority vote.
3. If the Senate convicts the President, the President is removed from office.

S8. Ans.(e)

Sol. NPCI has launched all of the products mentioned in the options. Credit Line on UPI would enable pre-sanctioned credit lines from banks via UPI, UPI LITE X would facilitate offline payments and UPI Tap & Pay would enhance QR Code and Near Field Communication (NFC) technology adoption for digital payment. Hello! UPI – Conversational Payments on UPI would enable users to make voice-enabled UPI payments via UPI Apps, telecom calls, and IoT devices in Hindi and English, and will soon be available in several other regional languages.

S9. Ans.(e)

Sol. Hello! UPI – Conversational Payments on UPI is a new product launched by NPCI that enables users to make voice-enabled UPI payments via UPI Apps, telecom calls, and IoT devices in Hindi and English. It is not an alternative to the conventional Scan and Pay method, nor does it enhance QR Code and Near Field Communication (NFC) technology adoption for digital payment.

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. The main objective of KVIC is to promote khadi and village industries in order to provide employment in rural areas and preserve traditional skills and crafts.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Time Shelter by Georgi Gospodinov is a Bulgarian novel that won the 2023 Booker Prize. It is the first Bulgarian novel to win the prize. The novel is set in a future where people can visit their past memories. It is a meditation on time, memory, and loss.

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Ghar Ghar KCC campaign aims to achieve saturation of the KCC scheme, ensuring that every eligible farmer has access to this essential financial tool. By expanding the reach of the KCC scheme, this campaign will promote financial inclusion in rural areas and bolster the economic well-being of farmers.

S13. Ans.(e)

Sol. The other four options are all outcomes of COP27. The Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan is a set of actions that countries agreed to take to implement the Paris Agreement. The New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate finance is a

commitment by developed countries to provide \$100 billion per year in climate finance to developing countries by 2023. The Global Goal on Adaptation is a commitment by countries to adapt to the impacts of climate change. The adoption of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement is a decision by countries to allow them to cooperate with each other to achieve their emission reduction targets.

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Kisan Rin portal is all of the above. It is a comprehensive hub that offers a comprehensive view of crucial farmer-related information, such as loan disbursement specifics, interest subvention claims, and scheme utilization progress. It is designed to provide farmers with easy access to vital data, empowering them to make informed decisions about their financial matters. Additionally, it aims to bring transparency to agricultural finance.

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. The grounds for impeaching a US President are not specifically defined in the Constitution. However, the House of Representatives has interpreted the term "high crimes and misdemeanors" to include a wide range of offenses, such as treason, bribery, abuse of power, and failure to uphold the Constitution.



