

Quiz Date: 17th October 2023

Q1. How many types of activities are covered by the Green Credit program?

- (a) 6
- (b) 8
- (c) 10
- (d) 5
- (e) 12

Q2. Sri Lanka's initial focus for trade agreement renegotiations involves which three countries?

- (a) Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam
- (b) India, China, and Thailand
- (c) United States, United Kingdom, and Canada
- (d) Australia, New Zealand, and Malaysia
- (e) Indonesia, Singapore, and Philippines

Q3. Who is the State Minister of Finance in Sri Lanka who announced the intention to renegotiate trade agreements?

- (a) Shehan Semasinghe
- (b) Ajay Sahai
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- (e) Xi Jinping

Q4. When was the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) formed?

- (a) 1997
- (b) 1985
- (c) 2000
- (d) 2010
- (e) 1995

Q5. Who proposed the idea of an Indian Ocean Rim for socioeconomic cooperation?

- (a) Nelson Mandela
- (b) Mahatma Gandhi
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (d) Rajiv Gandhi
- (e) Narendra Modi

Q6. When was the previous IOC Session held in India before the 141st session in Mumbai?

- (a) 2020
- (b) 1990

- (c) 1983
- (d) 1976
- (e) 1952

Q7. Who extended an invitation to host the 2029 Youth Olympics at the 141st IOC Session in Mumbai?

- (a) Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde
- (b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (c) Deputy CM Ajit Pawar
- (d) President of the IOC, Thomas Bach
- (e) Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor

Q8. What event led to the declaration of "National Space Day" in India on August 23rd every year?

- (a) Successful Mars Orbiter Mission
- (b) Chandrayaan 3 mission's lunar landing
- (c) ISRO's launch of 104 satellites in a single mission
- (d) India's first spacewalk
- (e) Inauguration of India's first space station

Q9. What is the total balance in Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts as of October 4, 2023?

- (a) ₹1.75 lakh crore
- (b) ₹2.05 lakh crore
- (c) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- (d) ₹2.25 lakh crore
- (e) ₹2.00 lakh crore

Q10. What drives the interest in Jan Dhan enrolments according to the provided information?

- (a) High-interest rates
- (b) Linking to government schemes and DBTs
- (c) Tax benefits
- (d) A wide network of ATMs
- (e) Low initial deposit requirements

Q11. Which village in Punjab was recently awarded the title of "Best Tourism Village of India 2023" by the Union Ministry of Tourism?

- (a) Nawanpind Sardaran
- (b) Amritsar
- (c) Patiala
- (d) Ludhiana
- (e) Jalandhar

Q12. Where is the tallest statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar outside of India located?

- (a) Maryland, USA
- (b) London, UK
- (c) Toronto, Canada
- (d) Sydney, Australia
- (e) Singapore

Q13. Who was the first chairman of NASA and played a pivotal role in shaping the agency's mission and accomplishments?

- (a) Neil Armstrong
- (b) John F. Kennedy
- (c) T. Keith Glennan
- (d) Alan Shepard
- (e) Sally Ride

Q14. What chess championship did Grandmaster Raunak Sadhwani win in Sardinia, Italy?

- (a) FIDE World Junior Blitz Chess Championship
- (b) FIDE World Chess Championship
- (c) FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship
- (d) Chess Olympiad
- (e) Bullet Chess Championship

Q15. Who are the Sangha sisters?

- (a) Five sisters from Nawanpind Sardaran who have dedicated themselves to preserving their ancestral homes and promoting sustainable tourism in their village.
- (b) Five sisters from Amritsar who are known for their philanthropic work.
- (c) Five sisters from Patiala who are successful entrepreneurs.
- (d) Five sisters from Ludhiana who are famous for their singing and dancing skills.
- (e) Five sisters from Jalandhar who are national level athletes.

Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Green Credit program covers 8 types of activities, including tree plantation, water management, sustainable agriculture, waste management, air pollution reduction, and mangrove conservation and restoration.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. India, China, and Thailand. Sri Lanka's initial trade agreement renegotiation efforts are primarily directed towards these three countries.

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Shehan Semasinghe is the State Minister of Finance in Sri Lanka and made the announcement regarding the renegotiation of trade agreements.

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. IORA was formed in 1997, initially known as the Indian Ocean Region-Association for Regional Cooperation.

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Nelson Mandela, the former president of South Africa, proposed the idea of an Indian Ocean Rim for socioeconomic cooperation during a visit to India in 1995.

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. The last IOC Session in India took place in 1983 in New Delhi.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended the invitation to host the 2029 Youth Olympics, showcasing India's willingness to contribute to the global sports arena.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. The declaration of "National Space Day" was a result of the successful landing of Chandrayaan 3 on the lunar surface.

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. As per the latest government data, the total balance in PMJDY accounts reached ₹2.05 lakh crore as of October 4, 2023.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. The interest in Jan Dhan enrolments is primarily driven by the linking of all government schemes and Direct Benefit Transfers (DBTs) to bank accounts under PMJDY.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Nawanpind Sardaran is a village in the Gurdaspur district of Punjab, India. It was awarded the title of "Best Tourism Village of India 2023" by the Union Ministry of Tourism for its efforts in preserving its cultural heritage and promoting sustainable tourism.

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. 19-foot tall statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was formally inaugurated in a suburb of Maryland, Washington, USA. This statue is being considered as the tallest of its

kind outside of India.

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. T. Keith Glennan served as the first chairman of NASA and had a significant influence on the agency's early direction.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Raunak Sadhwani won the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship in Sardinia, Italy.

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Sangha sisters are five sisters from Nawanpind Sardaran who have played a pivotal role in the village's transformation into a popular tourist destination. They have restored and renovated their ancestral homes, Kothi and Pipal Haveli, into homestays, and have actively involved the local community in promoting sustainable tourism.



