Quiz Date: 20th October 2023

Q1. Which company is set to establish a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India as part of the MQ-9B drone agreement?
(a) Lockheed Martin
(b) General Atomics
(c) Northrop Grumman
(d) Boeing
(e) Raytheon

Q2. Who chairs the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) that recently approved higher Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for Rabi crops for the 2024-25 season?
(a) Shri Narendra Modi
(b) Shri Rahul Gandhi
(c) Shri Amit Shah
(d) Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
(e) Dr. Manmohan Singh

Q3. To encourage crop diversification and reduce dependence on imports, the government is promoting the cultivation of which types of crops?
(a) Fruits and vegetables
(b) Rice and maize
(c) Oilseeds, pulses, and millets
(d) Cotton and jute
(e) Sugarcane and tobacco

Q4. Which major Indian states are the top cane-growing states facing issues due to poor monsoon rains?
(a) Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat
(b) Maharashtra and Karnataka
(c) Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
(d) Punjab and Haryana
(e) Bihar and West Bengal

Q5. What is the basis for calculating Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief for government employees and pensioners?
(a) Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
(b) Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Workers (CPI-AW)
(c) Consumer Price Index for Urban Non-Manual Employees (CPI-UNME)
(d) Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW)
(e) Producer Price Index (PPI)

Q6. Which initiative provides financial support, quality seeds, and timely weather information to empower farmers in making informed decisions regarding their crops?
(a) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
(b) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA)
(c) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
(d) Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme
(e) Make in India

Q7. What is the percentage increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and pensioners announced by the Union Government?
(a) 2%
(b) 3%
(c) 4%
(d) 5%
(e) 6%

Q8. Who secured the top position in the 15th Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI)?
(a) Iceland
(b) Denmark
(c) Argentina
(d) Netherlands
(e) India

Q9. In the 15th Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI), what is India's rank among the 47 retirement income systems analyzed?
(a) 30
(b) 45
(c) 10
(d) 25
(e) 5

Q10. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Odisha by President Droupadi Murmu?
(a) Naveen Patnaik
(b) Raghubar Das
(c) Narendra Modi
(d) Amit Shah
(e) Sushil Kumar Modi

Q11. Who is the current Governor of Tripura?
(a) Biplab Kumar Deb
(b) Manik Sarkar

(c) Pratibha Baidya
(d) Ramesh Bais
(e) Indra Sena Reddy Nallu

Q12. Who recently partnered to produce wearable devices based on RISC-V technology, challenging the dominance of proprietary technologies by Arm Holdings?
(a) Qualcomm and Microsoft
(b) Google and Apple
(c) Qualcomm and Google
(d) Samsung and Intel
(e) Microsoft and Arm Holdings

Q13. Which film received the Best Feature Film award at the 69th National Film Awards?
(a) Rocketry
(b) Godavari
(c) RRR
(d) The Kashmir Files
(e) Mimi

Q14. Where is Tamil Nadu's pioneering artificial intelligence (AI)-based early warning system for safeguarding wild elephants from train collisions being implemented?
(a) Coimbatore–Palakkad railway section
(b) Chennai–Bengaluru railway section
(c) Ettimadai–Walayar railway section
(d) Madukkarai–Solakkarai railway section
(e) None of the above

Q15. Where will Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurate the priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor and launch the RapidX train on October 20, 2023?
(a) Delhi
(b) Mumbai
(c) Bengaluru
(d) Sahibabad, Uttar Pradesh
(e) Meerut

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S1. Ans.(b)
Sol. General Atomics plans to establish the MRO facility in India as part of the agreement.

S2. Ans.(a)
Sol. The CCEA, headed by the Prime Minister, plays a crucial role in approving policies related to economic affairs, including MSP for crops.

S3. Ans.(c)
Sol. The government is actively promoting the cultivation of these crops to enhance food security and increase farmers' income.

S4. Ans.(b)
Sol. Maharashtra and Karnataka are the major cane-growing states facing problems due to inconsistent monsoon rains.

S5. Ans.(d)
Sol. Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief are calculated based on the CPI-IW.

S6. Ans.(d)
Sol. The KCC Scheme, along with other related initiatives, aims to provide financial support, quality seeds, and timely weather information to empower farmers.

S7. Ans.(c)
Sol. The Union Government increased the Dearness Allowance by 4% for Central Government employees and pensioners to help them cope with the rising cost of living, effective from July 1, 2023.

S8. Ans.(d)
Sol. The MCGPI ranked the Netherlands at the first position in the evaluation.

S9. Ans.(b)
Sol. India's rank in the MCGPI 2023 was 45 out of the 47 retirement income systems studied, as it improved from its 2022 ranking.

S10. Ans.(b)
Sol. Raghubar Das, the former Chief Minister of Jharkhand, has been appointed as the Governor of Odisha by President Droupadi Murmu.

S11. Ans.(e)
Sol. Indra Sena Reddy Nallu is the current Governor of Tripura.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Qualcomm and Google. They teamed up to create wearable devices using RISC-V technology, aiming to challenge the proprietary technologies offered by Arm Holdings.

S13. Ans.(a)
Sol. Rocketry. It was awarded the Best Feature Film.

S14. Ans.(c)
Sol. Tamil Nadu is implementing this AI-based early warning system along the Ettimadai–Walayar railway section to protect wild elephants.

S15. Ans.(d)
Sol. The event will take place at the Sahibabad RapidX Station in Uttar Pradesh.