

Quiz Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Q1. In September, FDI investments in India experienced a:

- (a) Continuous decline
- (b) Slight increase
- (c) Significant surge
- (d) Stable trend
- (e) Unpredictable fluctuation

Q2. Which country emerged as the top investor with \$5.22 billion FDI during April-September in India?

- (a) United States
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Japan
- (d) United Kingdom
- (e) United Arab Emirates

Q3. What was the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for India's services sector in September 2023?

- (a) 60.1
- (b) 13
- (c) 61
- (d) 54%
- (e) 57.5

Q4. What percentage of Gross Value Added (GVA) does the services sector hold in India?

- (a) 13%
- (b) 54%
- (c) 61%
- (d) 60.1%
- (e) 5 %

Q5. What is the global ranking of Delhi's Khan Market in terms of retail rents according to Cushman & Wakefield's report?

- (a) 18th
- (b) 22nd
- (c) 25th
- (d) 21st
- (e) 20th

Q6. What are the top three most expensive main streets in India, according to Cushman & Wakefield?

- (a) Khan Market, Connaught Place, Linking Road
- (b) Connaught Place, Park Street, Galleria Market
- (c) Galleria Market, Khan Market, Linking Road
- (d) Linking Road, Park Street, Connaught Place
- (e) Park Street, Khan Market, Connaught Place

Q7. What is the allocated budget for the development of 25 inland waterways projects in the Northeast?

- (a) Rs 500 crore
- (b) Rs 750 crore
- (c) Rs 1,000 crore
- (d) Rs 1,100 crore
- (e) Rs 1,250 crore

Q8. Which country recently announced the successful testing of the Burevestnik nuclear-powered missile?

- (a) United States
- (b) Russia
- (c) China
- (d) France
- (e) United Kingdom

Q9. What was the net value of government bonds purchased by Indian private sector banks in the recent single-session acquisition?

- (a) 50 billion rupees
- (b) 75 billion rupees
- (c) 83.43 billion rupees
- (d) 100 billion rupees
- (e) 150 billion rupees

Q10. Why did the government cancel the bid process for IDBI Bank's asset valuer?

- (a) Excessive bidder interest
- (b) Lack of interest from bidders
- (c) Competitive bids
- (d) Successful completion of the valuation process
- (e) Unspecified reasons

Q11. What percentage of stake will the government and LIC collectively hold in IDBI Bank post the strategic sale?

- (a) 34%
- (b) 61%
- (c) 94.72%
- (d) 15%

(e) 19%

Q12. Who has been honored with the prestigious 'Bal Sahitya Puraskar' for the year 2023 by the Sahitya Akademi?

- (a) Dr. Hamom Nabachandra Singha
- (b) Dr. Khundongbam Gokulchandra Singh
- (c) Prof. Naorem Bidyasagar Singha
- (d) Dilip Nongmaithem
- (e) None of the above

Q13. What distinguishes tantalum's pure form in terms of its physical properties?

- (a) Brittle nature
- (b) Low melting point
- (c) Ductility
- (d) Lightweight composition
- (e) Low corrosion resistance

Q14. What is the significant achievement of the Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) in Kozhikode in the field of agriculture?

- (a) Successful development of a groundbreaking black tea variety
- (b) Introduction of an innovative research process in spice cultivation
- (c) Achievement of a high-yielding black pepper variety named 'IISR Chandra'
- (d) Implementation of conventional methods for spice cultivation
- (e) Establishment of a new agriculture research center in Kozhikode

Q15. What field did Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman receive the Nobel Prize for in 2023?

- (a) Physics
- (b) Chemistry
- (c) Medicine
- (d) Literature
- (e) Peace

## Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. September showed some improvement as investments rose to \$4.08 billion compared to \$2.97 billion in the same month the previous year.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Singapore emerged as the leading investor with \$5.22 billion in FDI during April-September.

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. In September, the PMI for India's services sector reached 61, indicating a significant growth.

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. The services sector accounts for 54% of Gross Value Added (GVA) in India's economy.

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Khan Market holds the 22nd position globally in retail rents, as per Cushman & Wakefield's 'Main Streets Across the World' report.

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. The top three most expensive main streets in India are Khan Market, Connaught Place, and Linking Road.

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced a grant of over Rs 1,100 crore for the development of 25 inland waterways projects in the Northeast.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Russia recently announced the successful testing of the Burevestnik nuclear-powered missile.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Indian private sector banks collectively purchased government bonds worth 83.43 billion rupees in the recent session.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. The cancellation was prompted by receiving only a single bid, necessitating a fresh Request For Proposal (RFP) to attract more participants.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. After the strategic sale transaction, the government will own 15%, and LIC will hold 19%, making their total collective holding in IDBI Bank equal to 34%.

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. Dilip Nongmaithem received the 'Bal Sahitya Puraskar' for 2023.

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tantalum, in its pure form, is ductile, allowing it to be stretched into thin wires

without breaking.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Achievement of a high-yielding black pepper variety named 'IISR Chandra.' The IISR in Kozhikode successfully developed a groundbreaking black pepper variety, marking a significant milestone in agriculture.

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2023.



