

Quiz Date: 11th February 2024

Q1. What contributed to the recent surge in India's foreign exchange reserves to a one-month high of \$622.47 billion?

- (a) Increase in exports
- (b) RBI intervention and fluctuations in foreign asset values
- (c) Reduction in imports
- (d) Foreign aid influx
- (e) Stock market gains

Q2. What is the estimated current demand for hydrogen in Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) 500,000 tonnes per annum
- (b) 700,000 tonnes per annum
- (c) 900,000 tonnes per annum
- (d) 1.1 million tonnes per annum
- (e) 1.3 million tonnes per annum

Q3. How many Centers of Excellence (CoE) for research and innovation on green hydrogen does Uttar Pradesh plan to establish?

- (a) One
- (b) Four
- (c) Three
- (d) Two
- (e) Five

Q4. Which countries have been declared as guests of honor at the 2024 World

Governments Summit in Dubai?

- (a) India
- (b) Türkiye (Turkey)
- (c) Qatar
- (d) All the above three
- (e) None of the above

Q5. How did the SAFF Women's U-19 Championships conclude?

- (a) India won after a penalty shootout.
- (b) Bangladesh won after a coin toss.
- (c) India and Bangladesh were declared joint winners.
- (d) The match ended in a draw and was replayed.
- (e) None of the above.

Q6. How many age-group titles has India won in women's SAFF competitions after this victory?

- (a) Two
- (b) Three
- (c) Four
- (d) Five
- (e) Six

Q7. How many stalls were featured at the 'Vividhata ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Rashtrapati Bhavan?

- (a) 200

- (b) 250
- (c) 300
- (d) 320
- (e) 350

Q8. What is the total amount of the loan approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Brahmaputra River project in Assam, India?

- (a) \$100 million
- (b) \$150 million
- (c) \$300 million
- (d) \$250 million
- (e) \$200 million

Q9. How many transactions per day did the RBI achieve during the CBDC pilot project in December 2023?

- (a) 5 lakh transactions
- (b) 40 lakh transactions
- (c) 15 lakh transactions
- (d) 20 lakh transactions
- (e) 10 lakh transactions

Q10. Where was the Centre of Excellence for Nutritional Supplements Testing (CoE-NSTS) inaugurated?

- (a) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (b) Kolkata, West Bengal

- (c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- (d) New Delhi, Delhi
- (e) Bangalore, Karnataka

Q11. What is the primary purpose of the SARTHI initiative launched under PMFBY?

- (a) To provide financial assistance to farmers
- (b) To offer diverse insurance coverage for farmers
- (c) To facilitate agricultural training and knowledge-sharing
- (d) To establish digital grievance redressal mechanisms
- (e) To enhance crop yield through technological interventions

Q12. What was the main objective of NADA's "Road to Paris 2024" Conference?

- (a) To celebrate India's participation in the Paris Olympics.
- (b) To educate Indian sportspersons about the dangers of prohibited substances.
- (c) To promote the use of nutritional supplements among athletes.
- (d) To discuss cybersecurity measures for sports organizations.
- (e) To showcase India's achievements in forensic sciences.

Q13. What is the capacity of the C-390 Millennium aircraft?

- (a) 10 tons
- (b) 15 tons
- (c) 20 tons
- (d) 26 tons

(e) 30 tons

Q14. Which year does the OECD project to maintain India's GDP growth at 6.5%?

(a) FY24

(b) FY25

(c) FY26

(d) FY27

(e) FY28

Q15. What is one of the key elements of Governor Soundararajan's vision for Telangana's development?

(a) Promoting traditional industries like agriculture and handicrafts

(b) Investing in space exploration ventures

(c) Making the internet a basic right for all citizens of Telangana

(d) Building more highways and roads for better connectivity

(e) Establishing more tourist destinations across the state

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S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. India's foreign exchange reserves hit \$622.47 billion, a one-month peak, as of February 2, per RBI data released on February 9. The reserves surged by \$5.74 billion in the latest week, driven by RBI intervention and fluctuations in foreign asset values.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. The current hydrogen demand in Uttar Pradesh is estimated at 900,000 tonnes per annum, particularly in sectors such as fertilizers and refineries. This highlights the existing market size and potential for growth.

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S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Uttar Pradesh intends to establish two Centers of Excellence (CoE) dedicated to research and innovation in green hydrogen. These CoEs will be under the ambit of the UP New and Renewable Energy Development Agency, indicating a strategic focus on advancing green hydrogen technologies.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. The 2024 World Governments Summit, scheduled to be held in Dubai from February 12-14, has designated India, Türkiye, and Qatar as guests of honor. Themed 'Shaping Future Governments,' the summit aims to facilitate discussions among over 25 government and state heads worldwide.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. The SAFF Women's U-19 Championships ended in confusion as India and Bangladesh were declared joint winners. After a 1-1 draw and a coin toss favoring India, protests led to the match commissioner's reversal, resulting in both teams sharing the trophy. India clinched their fourth age-group title.

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. With the joint victory in the SAFF Women's U-19 Championships, India secured their fourth age-group title in women's SAFF competitions. This victory marked their first win on Bangladeshi soil in such competitions.

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. The event showcased over 320 stalls dedicated to exhibiting the unique handicrafts, handlooms, and agro products of the eight culturally rich states of Northeast India.

S8. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion risk management along the Brahmaputra River in Assam, India.

S9. Ans.(e)

Sol. The RBI successfully achieved the target of conducting 10 lakh transactions per day during the CBDC pilot project in December 2023, showcasing the scalability and effectiveness of the digital currency platform.

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. The CoE-NSTS was inaugurated at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, showcasing India's commitment to developing

advanced facilities for testing nutritional supplements for athletes.

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. The SARTHI initiative aims to provide various insurance products, covering health, life, property, agriculture tools, motor assets, and disaster risks, under the Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. The conference aimed to raise awareness about anti-doping measures and promote clean sports among Indian athletes ahead of the Paris Olympics.

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. The strategic partnership between Embraer and Mahindra aims to address the Indian Air Force's requirement for modernizing its fleet through the acquisition of the C-390 aircraft. The C-390 Millennium aircraft has a capacity for a 26-ton payload, making it suitable for various missions including cargo and troop transport, medical evacuation, search and rescue, firefighting, and humanitarian efforts.

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. For the fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26), the OECD maintains its growth forecast for India at 6.5%.

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. One of the key elements of Governor Soundararajan's vision for Telangana's development is making the internet a basic right for all citizens of the state.



