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In order to attract more investment to firm the economy in the ongoing recessive phase due to COVID -19 triggered lockdown,[X] government accorded approval to an ordinance suspending a majority of labour laws in the state for next 3 years. The state government has been tapping many options to support the economy in the post-lockdown period.

The ordinance[X] Temporary Exemption from Labour Laws Ordinance -- was put before the state cabinet in its recent meeting and it was passed recently. The step is expected to help both existing and new industrial units, said government sources.

The recommendations on the labour laws were presented by a group of state ministers comprising labour minister Swami Prasad Maurya and MSME minister Sidharth Nath Singh. With the approval to the ordinance, more than 30 clause of labour laws would now stand suspended in the state.

The CM.....[Y] had recently indicated an amendment in the labour laws to draw new investment to the state especially from China in the post-lockdown phase to support the depleting economy. In fact, the picture of revenue generation is a major cause of concern for the state authorities as the first month of the current financial year has accrued major losses leaving the state coffers literally empty. According to state finance minister Suresh Khanna, total tax demand for April 2020 was pegged at Rs 12141 crore but only Rs 1178 crore could be fetched.

“The economic activities in the states have been severely affected and slowed down due to the outbreak of Covid-19. As per the labour department sources, around 40 kinds of labour laws are enforced in.....[X], some of which are now redundant in the new ordinance while about seven to eight of them are being retained.

These include the Bonded Labour Act of 1976, Employee Compensation Act of 1923 and Building and Other Construction Workers’ Act of 1996. Laws pertaining to women and children, like Maternity Act, Equal Remuneration Act, Child Labour Act and Section 5 of the Payment of Wages Act which provides that wages of a person earning less than Rs

15,000 a month cannot be deducted, are also being retained.

Since labour is a[Z] subject, states can frame their own laws but will need the approval of the Centre to enforce them. Therefore, the ordinance will also be sent to the Central government for approval.

- 1. Name the Indian state who has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?**
(a) Maharashtra (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Karnataka (d) Tamil Nadu
- 2. Statutory Minimum wage is fixed under which act ?**
(a) Payment of wages act, 1936
(b) Equal Remuneration act, 1976
(c) Workmen’s Compensation act, 1923
(d) Minimum wages act, 1948
- 3. As per Maternity Benefit Act, the maximum period for which any woman shall be entitled to maternity benefit shall be ?**
(a) Twenty six weeks (b) twelve weeks
(c) Sixteen weeks (d) Twenty two weeks
- 4. Name the Chief Minister of [X] state who has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?**
(a) E.K. Palaniswami (b) B.S Yediyurappa
(c) Uddhav Thackeray (d) Yogi Adityanath
- 5. Under the Constitution of India, Labour is a subject in the which list and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?**
(a) Union list (b) State list
(c) Concurrent list (d) None of the above

Supreme Court (SC) orders to set up a high-powered committee to look into the demands by petitioners who seek restoration of 4G internet services in the Union Territory(UT) Jammu and Kashmir(J&K). It is headed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA),.....[X] which will be also comprises of the Chief Secretary of the UT and the Secretary of Ministry of Communications.

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A bench comprises of three judges which headed by Justice.....[Y], Justices R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai. The plea was filed by Foundation for Media Professionals, Soayib Qureshi and Private Schools Association of J&K.

A plea was filed by 'Foundation for Media Professionals' to restore the high-speed internet in J&K in view of the COVID-19 situation but the J&K administration dismissed the plea, insisting that high-speed internet will enable the spread of fake news/rumours and transfer of heavy data files (audio/video files) & may be utilised by terror outfits to pursue in planning attacks. In the earlier hearing, senior Advocate H Ahmadi, appearing for Foundation for Media Professionals, said non-availability of 4G services is affecting people's right to health and education. The SC in its judgment(January 10, 2020) stated that freedom of speech and expression, and the freedom of trade and commerce under the article.....[Z] of Indian Constitution through the internet are fundamental right under the Constitution and as such cannot be cut down without following the mandate of the Constitution and should meet the test of proportionality.

6. Name the present Union Home Secretary who has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Rajiv Gauba (b) Harshvardhan Shringla
(c) Ajay Kumar Bhalla (d) Pramod Kumar Mishra

7. Which Landmark constitutional case is known as the mandal Case ?

- (a) Indira Sawhney Vs Union of India
(b) Keshavanand Bharti Case
(c) Hussainara khatoon Vs Home Secretary, State of Bihar
(d) Ahmed Khan Vs Shah Bano Begum

8. Which qualification is wrong for being a judge in the Supreme Court ?

- (a) To be a citizen of India
- (b) He should be a respected jurist in the eyes of Parliament
- (c) Must be a judge in the High Court for at least 5 years
- (d) He should be a lawyer in the High Court for at least 10 years.

9. Name the Judge of Supreme court who presided the bench and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
(b) Justice Arun Mishra
(c) Justice R.F Nariman
(d) Justice N.V Ramana

10. Which article of Indian Constitution provides "Protection of certain rights regarding freedom of speech etc. and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) Article 14 (b) Article 19
(c) Article 21 (d) Article 32

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that a “new lockdown” will continue beyond the end of the current phase on 17 May, but that the government will provide a massive special economic package to revive the economy that has been battered by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The total cost of the package will be Rs 20 lakh crore. The PM said it would be named '.....[X]'. Modi said the fiscal package, which will benefit labourers farmers, honest tax payers, MSMEs and cottage industries, equals to.....[Y] per cent of India's GDP. This will be the fifth largest package announced by any country to tide over the economic impact of the novel coronavirus. "The package will have emphasis on land, labour, liquidity and laws, and will pave the way for a self-reliant India," PM Modi said, adding that Finance Minister[Z] will announce the contours of the package starting Wednesday. "This package is for that worker in the country, that farmer, who is working hard day and night; for the Indian middle class, for the industry which is committed to make India stronger."

Modi said the Rs 20-lakh crore-package will include previous steps announced by the Reserve Bank of India, along with the measures announced by the government to tackle the fallout of Covid-19 in March. The government's decision to provide cash transfers and free foodgrains to India's poor totalled around 1 per cent of GDP. Liquidity boosting measures announced by the RBI in two tranches were equivalent to around 3.5 per cent of GDP. Besides providing a three-month loan moratorium, the RBI announced liquidity infusion measures through

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different routes, including those to specific sectors like non-banking finance companies, micro finance institutions and housing finance companies. The Modi government had also announced a Rs 40,000-crore production-linked incentive scheme to encourage large-scale electronics manufacturing in India in March. It remains to be seen if this will be included into the calculations of the economic package.

11. What is the name of financial package of Rs 20 lakh crore to ease the coronavirus distress announced by PM and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) PM Garib Kalyan Yojana
- (b) PM Jan Dhan Yojana
- (c) Pm Mudra Yojana
- (d) Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

12. On which of the following the financial package of rs 20 lakh crore is focused ?

- (a) Labour
- (b) Land
- (c) Liquidity
- (d) All of the above

13. The [X] economic package is how much equivalent to India's GDP and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) 8%
- (b) 9%
- (c) 10%
- (d) 12%

14. Which of the following statement is correct ?

- (a) Every member country of the IMF automatically becomes the member of the World Bank
- (b) The World Bank has 45 founder members
- (c) India is not the founding member of the World Bank
- (d) IMF is the part of World Bank group

15. Who is the present finance minister and has been replaced with [Z] in the above college ?

- (a) Nitin Gadkari
- (b) Anurag Thakur
- (c) Arun Jaitley
- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman

The two day long 73rd session of the World Health Assembly (WHA) of World Health Organization (WHO) was held virtually for the first time, amid COVID-19, from 18 – 19 May 2020. The objective of the meet was to reach a

consensus of EU backed draft stating an investigation on how the “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)” has originated.

From India, WHA73 was attended by[X] Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare. He has explained the steps taken by India to fight COVID-19 by fostering bilateral and regional partnerships including supply of essential medicines to 123 nations as an expression of solidarity. A draft resolution pushed by the 27-nation European Union and Australia, and supported by more than 120 countries including India called for a step-wise process of impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation of the WHO response to the pandemic as well as the identification of the zoonotic source of the coronavirus. Notably, the draft resolution does not mention China or its Wuhan city but indirectly eyeing on the latter.

Union Health Minister.....[X] is set to take charge as the chairman of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board at its 147th session, as the proposal regarding his appointment was signed at WHA73. He will succeed Dr Hiroki Nakatani of Japan.

WHO Executive Board is composed of 34 technically qualified members elected for[Y] terms. The main functions of the Board are to implement the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly and facilitate its work. The chairman's post is held by rotation for one year among regional groups. It is not a full time assignment and the minister will just be required to chair the Executive Board's meetings. The Board meets at least twice a year in January, and May. Keva Bain from the Bahamas, country's permanent representative to the United Nations (UN), has been elected to serve as president of the 73rd World Health Assembly.

The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of WHO. It is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States and

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focuses on a specific health agenda prepared by the Executive Board. The main functions of the World Health Assembly are to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed programme budget. The Health Assembly is held annually in[Z].

16. Who is Present Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- (c) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- (d) Harsh Vardhan

17. Which state has launched a corona mobile application to provide information regarding hospital beds and ventilators ?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat

18. For how many years WHO Executive Board members has been appointed and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) One year
- (b) Two Years
- (c) Three years
- (d) Five years

19. Who is the author of the book "Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City" ?

- (a) Shashi Tharoor
- (b) Lu Cixin
- (c) Salman Rushdie
- (d) Fang Fang

20. Name the city where WHO Health Assembly held annually and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) New York
- (b) Rome
- (c) Geneva
- (d) London

Seasoned diplomat[X], currently serving as Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, was appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. A 1985-

batch Indian Foreign Service officer,[X] succeeds[Y] who is credited with effectively presenting India's position on a range of crucial issues at the global body's United Nation for last several years.

.....[Y] one of the most visible faced of Indian diplomacy, played a crucial role in pushing for designation of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar as a "global terrorist" by the UN as well as in stalling China's efforts to raise the Kashmir issue at the world body.[Y] has been serving as India's Permanent Representative at the UN since January 2016. He is due for retirement shortly.

".....[X] has been appointed as the next Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at[Z] " the MEA said in a statement. At present, he is holding the key position of Secretary, Economic Relations, at the MEA headquarters in Delhi.

As part of a diplomatic reshuffle, the government also appointed Jaideep Mazumdar as India's ambassador to Austria. At present, Mazumdar is serving as Indian envoy to the Philippines. Joint Secretary Deepak Mittal was appointed as India's Ambassador to Qatar, a country considered important in the Gulf region. Mittal is currently serving as joint secretary in the Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran (PAI) division of the ministry. Another senior diplomat, Piyush Srivastava, has been named India's next Ambassador to Bahrain. At present, he is serving as Joint Secretary in the Nepal and Bhutan division of the ministry. The government has also appointed senior diplomat Namrata S Kumar as India's next ambassador to Slovenia.

21. Name the diplomat who is appointed as the India's Permanent Representative to the United Nation and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) S. Jaishankar
- (b) Syed Akbaruddin
- (c) Anurag Srivastava
- (d) T S Tirumurti

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22. Which Conference adopted the United Nations Charter on 26th January, 1945?

- (a) London Conference
- (b) New York Conference
- (c) San Francisco Conference
- (d) Paris Conference

23. Name the former diplomat who has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) Syed Akbaruddin
- (b) T S Tirumurti
- (c) Hardeep Puri
- (d) Ashok Mukherji

24. Who is the present Union Foreign Affairs Secretary ?

- (a) S. Jaishankar
- (b) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
- (c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- (d) Sujatha Singh

25. Where is the Headquarter (HQ) of United Nations and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) Geneva
- (b) Berlin
- (c) New York
- (d) London

Congress floor leader in the Lok Sabha[X] has been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts (PAC of Parliament). While BJP's Girish Bhalchandra Bapat has been named as Chairman of the Committee on Public Estimates, his party colleague Meenakshi Lekhi has been appointed Chairperson of the Committee on Public Undertakings. BJP member Kirit Premjibhai Solanki is the new Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs) and party MP Ganesh Singh will head the Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The Chairmanship of the PAC, the most important parliamentary panel, conventionally goes to the principal opposition party, which passes it on to its leader in the House. Sometimes, the main opposition party gives it to another leader. Mallikarjun

Kharge who was the Congress leader in the 16th Lok Sabha, was the Chairman of the PAC earlier. Speaker of Lok Sabha[Y] is yet to constitute subject-wise committees. Though, theoretically, the presiding officer constitutes these panels, the exercise is handled by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister in consultation with leaders of party groups. Parties get the Chairmanship of the Committees on the basis of their strength in the two Houses.

The PAC is the oldest Parliamentary Committee in which members from the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha are elected every year for the [Z] member panel of PAC. The PAC examines the annual financial accounts of the government and others and accounts the sums granted by the parliament for the expenditure of the Government.

The committee should verify that the money shown in the accounts were used legally and applicable to the service and purpose for which have been applied. To examine the audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General(C&AG) of India on the income and expenditure of the autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies. Examine the reports of C&AG on Revenues Receipts, Government tax administration and cases involving the assessments, tax-evasion, non-levy of duties, misclassification etc.

26. Name the congress floor leader who has been appointed as the Chairman of Public Account committee (PAC) and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Mallikarjun Kharge
- (b) Sonia Gandhi
- (c) Shashi Tharoor
- (d) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary

27. Which of the following statement is not correct about Public Account Committee ?

- (a) PAC is made as per the provision of Government of India Act, 1919

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- (b) This committee consists of members from both the house of the Parliament
- (c) Term of the members of the committee is 5 years
- (d) A minister cannot be member of the committee

28. Who is present Speaker of Lok Sabha and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) Sumitra Mahajan
- (b) Om Birla
- (c) Venkaiah Naidu
- (d) Harivansh Narayan Singh

29. Which of the following committee regulates the programme and time table of the house of parliament ?

- (a) Committee on public understanding
- (b) Public Account Committee
- (c) Estimate Committee
- (d) Business Advisory Committee

30. How many members are in Public Account Committee and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) 22
- (b) 18
- (c) 15
- (d) 25

As a part of bureaucratic reshuffle,.....[X] senior IAS officer is appointed as the New Chief of Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE), Anurag Jain as the Vice-Chairman of Delhi Development Authority(DDA) and V Vidyavathi as the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) effective from 12th May 2020.[X] Odisha cadre IAS officer(1990 batch) replaces.....[Y] who was appointed as the Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy. He will take charge as the chairman of CBSE at Special Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, at[Z] Anurag Jain will take charge as the vice-chairman of DDA who currently works in his cadre state

Madhya Pradesh. Senior officer V Vidyavathi is appointed as the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) who is currently serving in her cadre state Karnataka and Rajendra Kumar is appointed as the Director General of Employees State Insurance Corporation(ESIC) currently serving in his cadre state Tamil Nadu. Predecessor of V Vidyavathi and She will succeed Usha Sharma. Shiv Das Meena, appointed as the secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy who was the additional secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Katikithala Srinivas, Gujarat-cadre IAS officer(1989 batch) is appointed as the additional secretary and Establishment officer, Department of Personnel and Training(DoPT). Vasudha Mishra, Telangana cadre IAS officer(1987 batch) as Secretary, Union Public Service Commission(UPSC) by the order of Personnel Ministry. He was holding the position of Special Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare.

Alok Kumar currently serving in his cadre state Tripura is appointed as the additional secretary, Cabinet Secretariat. Nivedita Shukla Verma, Uttar Pradesh cadre IAS officer(1991 batch) currently serving in his cadre state, is appointed as the additional secretary, Department of Defence. Around 19 officers are appointed to the posts of secretaries, additional secretaries and joint secretaries.

31. Who is appointed as the New Chief of CBSE and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Anita Karwal
- (b) Pramod Sinha
- (c) Manoj Ahuja
- (d) Ramesh Pokhriyal

32. The HRD ministry has launched which portal to monitor and record it's effort to combat COVID-19 related challenges?

- (a) Shakti
- (b) Yukti
- (c) Shiksha
- (d) Sanchay

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33. Who is appointed as the secretary to the dept. of School education and literacy and former chief of CBSE and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) Ayushi Srivastava
- (b) Anita Karwal
- (c) Snehalata Srivastava
- (d) Ved Prakash Sharma

34. Who is the present chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) ?

- (a) Ajay Kumar Bhalla (b) Vinod Kumar Yadav
- (c) Arvind Saxena (d) Tushar Mehta

35. Where is the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Situated and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Shimla
- (c) Dehradun (d) Mussoorie

The 2020 Pulitzer Prize winners were announced in 15 Journalism categories and 7 Book, Drama and Music categories by its administrator, Dana Canedy, via video-conference instead of a ceremony at Columbia University in New York, United States (US) due to the coronavirus pandemic for their "striking images of life" in the valley. The three Indian photojournalists namely[X], Mukhtar Khan and Channi Anand from Jammu and Kashmir who work for.....[Y] have won the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in feature photography. The award recognized their exceptional coverage of Jammu and Kashmir during the lockdown that was imposed on Jammu and Kashmir by the Central Government after the revocation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. The winning photographers captured images of protests, the police, paramilitary action and daily life in Jammu and Kashmir after phone and internet services were shut down in August 2019, making it difficult for the world to gain access to the region. Somehow, they managed to reach the airport and convinced Kashmiri passengers to carry photos stored in

drives and disks to Delhi and hand them over to the[Y] staff.[X] and Khan are residents of Srinagar in Kashmir while Anand lives in Jammu.

.....[Z] became the rare author to receive Pulitzers for consecutive books when his novel about a brutal Florida reform school during the Jim Crow era, 'The Nickel Boys,' was awarded the fiction prize 2020. In 2017, he won for his Civil War era novel 'The Underground Railroad'. The Anchorage Daily News and ProPublica won the Pulitzer Prize in public service for illuminating public safety gaps in Alaska, USA revealing that a third of villages had no police protection. The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States (US). It is presented by Columbia University.

36. Which Indian won the Pulitzer prize 2020 and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Dar Yasin (b) Ravish Kumar
- (c) Saurabh Dwivedi (d) Atif Ahmed

37. In which year was Pulitzer prize established ?

- (a) 1917 (b) 1918
- (c) 1922 (d) 1928

38. [X], Mukhtar Khan and Channi Anand worked for which news agency and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) Associated Press
- (b) NDTV
- (c) Zee news
- (d) Asian News International (ANI)

39. Who was the first recipient of Bharat Ratna ?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Jawahar Lal Nehru
- (c) Dr. Radhakrishnan (d) B.R Ambedkar

40. Who became the rare author to receive Pulitzer Prize for consecutive books and has

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been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) Salman Rushdie
- (b) Colson whitehead
- (c) J.K Rowling
- (d) Aravind Adiga

Indian professional tennis player.....[X] has created new history by becoming the 1st Indian to win Fed Cup Heart Award 2020 for Asia/Oceania zone. She beats Indonesia's 16-year-old Priska Madelyn Nugroho for this category & received the award for her successful return to the court after becoming a mother.[X] is one of 4 winners chosen by a public vote, alongside Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia (wins Qualifiers award), Mexico's Fernanda Contreras Gomez (Americas I zone) and Estonian Anett Kontaveit (Europe/Africa I zone). She got more than 10,000 votes (60%) out of a total of 16,985, has decided to give a prize money of \$ 2000 (about Rs 1.5 lakh) to the Telangana Chief Minister Relief Fund to help battle against coronavirus (COVID-19). Former doubles No.1 and[Y] Grand Slam winner.....[X] returned to the Fed Cup after four years and for the first time in history, India made it to the playoffs. After giving birth to her son Izhaan in October 2018,.....[X] returned to the court in January this year and won the.....[Z] along with Nadiia Kichenok.

Fed Cup is the world's largest annual international team competition in women's sport with 108 nations entered in 2019 was launched in 1963. Fed cup Heart Award is an International Tennis Federation(ITF) initiative established in 2009 to recognise players representing their countries in the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas.

41. Name the Indian professional Tennis Player who won the Fed Cup Heart Award and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Ankita Raina
- (b) Leander Paes
- (c) Rohan Bopanna
- (d) Sania Mirza

42. The famous Indian Express was a team of ?

- (a) Leander paes and Mahesh Bhupati
- (b) Mahesh Bhupati and Sania Mirza
- (c) Mahesh Bhupati and Rohan Boppana
- (d) Leander paes and Yuki Bhambri

43. Who won the Australian Open title for record 8th time which is most number of times by any player in the world ?

- (a) Rafael Nadal
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Serena Williams

44. How many Grand Slam titles Won by former world no. 1 and [X] in his/her Career ?

- (a) 5 times
- (b) 6 times
- (c) 7th times
- (d) 8th times

45. Name the title which won by [X] in Jan 2020 along with partner Nadiia Kichenok ?

- (a) Australian Open
- (b) French open
- (c) WTA Hobart Trophy
- (d) Dubai Open

India has lost its top spot & has slipped to the 3rd position(114) for the first time since 2016 in the International Cricket Council (ICC) test rankings, as its record of 12 test victories and one Test defeat in 2016-17 was removed in the latest chart as per rules.[X] topped the rank, followed by New Zealand(115).

India still leads the ICC World Test Championship, a league comprising six series played by each of the top nine Test sides. This is the second closest the top three teams have been since the Test rankings were launched in 2003. The closest for the top three teams were in January 2016, when India had led Australia and South Africa by a single point.

T20 International(I)

India(266) is ranked in 3rd position with points, Australia [Y] (278) topped the list for the first time since the T20I rankings were introduced in 2011. England(268) have moved into 2nd position. Pakistan cricket team, who had

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overtaken New Zealand(260) to reach top position in January 2018 are now 4th

One Day International(ODI)

India(119) was positioned in 2nd place, with.....[Y] in 1st place & New Zealand(116) in 3rd, the top 110 rankings remained unchanged. The International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket Committee, chaired by former Indian cricketer & commentator,[Z] has recommended a ban on the use of saliva to make the ball shine due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. However, the committee considered ball-shining as safe from the use of sweat.

46. Which Country Cricket team topped the ICC test ranking as per latest chart and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

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| (a) South Africa | (b) England |
| (c) Australia | (d) Sri Lanka |

47. Which Cricketer had scored fastest century in One Day International (ODI) cricket ?

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| (a) AB de Villiers | (b) Virat Kohli |
| (c) Shahid Afridi | (d) Corey Anderson |

48. Which Country Cricket team topped the ICC ODI ranking as per latest chart and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

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|--------------|---------------|
| (a) India | (b) Australia |
| (c) Pakistan | (d) England |

49. Which Cricketer autobiography is "Playing it my way" ?

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| (a) Kapil Dev | (b) Sachin Tendulkar |
| (c) Ravi Shastri | (d) VVS Laxman |

50. Who is the Chairman of Cricket Committee of ICC and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

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| (a) Virendra Sehwag | (b) Sunil Gavaskar |
| (c) Anil Kumble | (d) Kapil Dev |

Legendary hockey Player, three-time Olympic Gold Medallist and the best centre-forward.....[X] passed away at the age of 95 at the Fortis Hospital, Chandigarh where he was admitted due to multiple organ failure and remained in ventilator support from 8th May 2020. He was born on 19th October, 1924 in Haripur, Jalandhar. He made his International debut in May 1947 tour of Sri Lanka. He was appointed as the Captain of Indian hockey team for the[Y] in 1956. Retiring from his active hockey career, he served as the Manager of India's World Cup winning team lead by Ajitpal Singh in 1975. He wrote his biography "The Golden Hat Trick: My Hockey Days" in 1977.

He served as the Secretary of the Punjab State Sports Council and Director of Sports in the Punjab Government and retired from his post from Punjab Government in 1992. In 2012 London Olympics he was named one of the 16 legends chosen by the International Olympic committee across modern Olympic history he was the only Indian. In the Asian Games 1982 in Delhi he was given the honour of lighting the torch.

In his Olympic debut in 1948 Games in London against Argentina he scored 6 goals and in the finals against Great Britain scored 2 goals and won the first gold medal for India as an independent nation. He holds the world record for Most goals(5) scored by an individual in a men's Hockey final of the Olympics which is still unbeaten. This record was made against Holland in 1952 when India won the finals with 6-1. Out of 13 goals of India at Helsinki 9 goals were scored by.....[X]. In the 1956 Melbourne Olympics he won the finals against Pakistan. He was the first hockey player to receive[Z] in 1957.

51. Name the legendary Hockey player who has been replaced with [X] in the above passage?

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| (a) Dhyan Chand | (b) Dhanraj Pillay |
| (c) Balbir Singh Sr. | (d) Manpreet Singh |

52. In which year India won Gold in Olympics for the first time ?

- (a) 1924 (b) 1928
(c) 1932 (d) 1936

53. Which nation has the most number of titles in the Men's FIH Hockey World Cup ?

- (a) Pakistan (b) India
(c) Australia (d) Germany

54. [X] was appointed as the Captain of Indian Hockey team for which Olympics in 1956 and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) London Olympics
(b) Berlin Olympic
(c) Melbourne Olympics
(d) Rome Olympics

55. [X] was the first hockey player to receive which award in 1957 and has been replaced [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) Bharat Ratna (b) Padma Vibhushan
(c) Padma Shri (d) Arjun Award

.....[X] of Every year is organised as World Press Freedom Day by the United Nations(UN) General Assembly with the recommendation of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) all over the world since 1993 to commemorate the Declaration of Windhoek and to provide broader public discussion of the challenges of press freedom and journalist's safety of the Journalists, civil society representatives, national authorities, academics. The theme of this year's World Press Freedom Conference is[Y]

This day reminds the governments of the need to respect the freedom of the press and reflect upon the issues faced by the professionals. Provides an opportunity on celebrating the fundamental principles of press freedom, asses the state of

press freedom throughout the world, defend the media from attacks on their independence, and to pay tribute to the journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This year the national and local celebrations for this day all around the world in online debates and workshops due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Host of this years event was the Netherlands and the events that were scheduled to happen in April at the World Forum in the Hague are postponed to October due to COVID-19.

The UNESCO plays a role on this day through the UNESCO-Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, Colombian journalist assassinated by drug gangs outside his newspaper El Espectador's office in 1986 since 1997 this is awarded to a press member who withstands the media oppression and danger and commits to the freedom of the press. India drops two points from its 2019 rank and ranks.....[Z] in World Press Freedom Index which is compiled and published by the Reporters without borders based on organisations assessment of the countries press freedom.

.....[X] acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom and a reflection to media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics.

56. On which day World Press Freedom Day is observed every year by United Nation and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) 02nd May (b) 03rd May
(c) 04th May (d) 05th May

57. who were the first Europeans, brought a printing press to India ?

- (a) French (b) Dutch
(c) English (d) Portuguese

58. What is the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2020 and has been replaced with [Y] in the

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above passage ?

- (a) Journalism without fear or favour
- (b) Let Journalism Thrive
- (c) keeping Power in check : Media, Justice and the rule of law
- (d) Media for democracy

59. Which Viceroy of India initiated the Vernacular Press Act ?

- (a) Lord Canning
- (b) Lord Minto
- (c) Lord Rippon
- (d) Lord Lytton

60. What was the rank of India in World Press Freedom Index 2020 and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) 135th
- (b) 138th
- (c) 142nd
- (d) 144th

As extremely severe cyclone.....[X] entered the Indian shores in West Bengal and Odisha on Wednesday, lakhs of people have been evacuated from vulnerable areas and shifted to safety. Amphan—the second super cyclone to have had formed over the Bay of Bengal in two decades—made a landfall between Digha, some 180 km south of Kolkata in West Bengal, and Hatiya islands in Bangladesh during the afternoon to evening hours of Wednesday, May 20, with the maximum sustained wind speed of 155-165 kmph gusting to 190 kmph.

Cyclone Phailin in 2013 and the super cyclone of..... [Y] — both of which hit coastal Odisha — have been the most powerful cyclones in the Bay of Bengal in the past two decades in terms of wind speed. By the time it makes landfall in West Bengal, Amphan is expected to tone down into a category 4 Extremely Severe Cyclonic (ESC) storm with wind speed of 165-175 kmph and gusting to 195 kmph. Last year, Fani, which was an ESC made landfall in Odisha and ravaged the State, claiming at least 40 lives.

[X] brought “heavy to extremely heavy rainfall” over Gangetic West Bengal and heavy to very

heavy rainfall over north coastal Odisha 19 and 20 May. Storm surge of about 4-6 meters above astronomical tide is likely to inundate low lying areas of South & North 24 Parganas and about 3-4 meters over the low lying areas of East Medinipur district of West Bengal during the time of landfall, said an evening update from the Press Information Bureau.

61. In the above passage, name of the cyclone has been redacted with [X]. What is it ?

- (a) Amphan
- (b) Fani
- (c) Vayu
- (d) Gaja

62. In the above passage, name of the year has been redacted with [Y]. What is it ?

- (a) 1996
- (b) 1997
- (c) 1998
- (d) 1999

63. In February 2019, massive forest fires broke out in numerous places across the Bandipur National Park of the state in India.

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

64. In Southeast Asia tropical cyclones are known as

- (a) Hurricanes
- (b) Cyclones
- (c) Typhoons
- (d) None of the above

65. Which of the following country had named the super cyclone Amphan (pronounced Um-Pun)?

- (a) Taiwan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Thailand

66. Consider the following statements

- (1) Cyclones are named by five regional bodies of World meteorological organization (WMO)
- (2) Regional body maintains the list of names suggested by member countries.
- (3) Final name is assigned in Chronological order of the occurrence.

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(4) If a Cyclone caused heavy damage its name cannot be used again.

Which of the above statements are true?

- (a) 1,2,3 (b) 2,3,4
(c) 1,3,4 (d) All the above

The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 was promulgated recently. The Ordinance amends the[X]. The Act provides for the prevention of the spread of dangerous epidemic diseases. The Ordinance amends the Act to include protections for (Y) personnel combatting epidemic diseases and expands the powers of the central government to prevent the spread of such diseases. President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent for promulgating an ordinance making acts of violence against healthcare personnel fighting COVID-19 pandemic as cognizable and non-bailable offences. The ordinance which amends the..... [Y] also provides for compensation for injury to..... (Y) service personnel or for causing damage or loss to property.

"The president has given his assent for promulgation of the ordinance," the Health Ministry said in a statement, adding that commission or abetment of such acts of violence will be punishable with an imprisonment for a term of three months to five years, and with fine of Rs 50,000 to Rs 2, 00,000. In case of causing grievous hurt, imprisonment shall be for a term six months to(Z) and with fine of Rs 1, 00,000 to Rs 5,00,000.

In addition, the offender will also be liable to pay compensation to the victim and twice the fair market value for damage of property, the ministry said. The Union Cabinet approved promulgation of The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 to amend the(X) to protect healthcare service personnel and property, including their living/working premises against violence during epidemics. The current ordinance is intended to ensure that during any situation akin to the current pandemic, there is zero tolerance to any

form of violence against healthcare service personnel and damage to property, the Health Ministry said in a statement.

67. President of India can issue an Ordinance under which of the following articles of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Article 123 (b) Article 84
(c) Article 213 (d) Article 105

68. The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 was promulgated recently amends (X). Which of the following acts is redacted with (X) in the above passage?

- (a) Epidemic Diseases Act, 1837
(b) Epidemic Diseases Act, 1854
(c) Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
(d) Epidemic Diseases Act, 1918

69. The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 amends to include protections for (Y) personnel combatting epidemic diseases. Who among the following is redacted with (Y) in the above passage?

- (a) Healthcare (b) Policemen
(c) Army (d) Courier

70. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding the Ordinance Making Power of the President of India?

- A. The President can promulgate an Ordinance when either of the two Houses of Parliament is not in session.
B. The Ordinance must be approved by Parliament within six weeks of reassembling or it shall cease to operate.
C. A constitutional amendment can also be made through ordinance route.
D. Article 213 deals with the Ordinance making power of the Governor of a state

71. What is the maximum punishment for causing grievous hurt under the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, which

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has been redacted with..... (Z) in the above passage?

- (a) One Year (b) Two Years
- (c) Seven Years (d) Ten Years

Biography of Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle "Finding Freedom: Harry and Meghan and the Making of A Modern Royal Family" by royal reporters.....and[X] scheduled to release on 11th August tops the pre order charts as it went online in Amazon. The Book reveals details of the royal couple Harry and Meghan The Duke and Duchess of[Y], quit as senior members of the royal family earlier this year stepped back as frontline royals to settle in Los Angeles, United States with their one-year son Archie. The authors..... and[X] have witnessed the lives of this royal couple as the members of the selected reporters who covered the British Royal Family and their engagements. The book is aimed to portray the real life of Harry and Meghan as the humanitarians and charitable work and them being the inspiration to many around the world and to dismiss the rumours and misconception about the royal couple. "Finding Freedom" is an up-close and a portrait of the confident, influential and forward thinking couples.

Popular author[Z] has authored a book titled 'Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes. The e-book format was released on the occasion of his 86th birthday. The illustration has been done by Samrat Halder and published by Speaking Tiger's children's imprint Talking Cub. The book 'Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes', narrates some of[Z] childhood adventures on boats, trains and planes. He was born in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and grew up in Jamnagar, Dehradun, New Delhi and Shimla. As a young man, he spent four years in the Channel Islands and London.

72. Who has authored the biography of the Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle in the book titled "Finding Freedom" and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Nicholas Witchell and J,K Rowling
- (b) Carolyn Durand and Omid Scobie
- (c) George Orwell and Jane Austen
- (d) Joseph Murphy and Rhonda Byrne

73. Who authorise British East India Company to trade in the East ?

- (a) Queen Victoria I (b) Queen Elizabeth
- (c) King George V (d) Queen Elizabeth II

74. Which Royal title was associated with Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle and has been associated with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) Duke & Duchess of Cambridge
- (b) Duke and Duchess of Cornwall
- (c) Duke & Duchess of Sussex
- (d) Duke and Duchess of Wales

75. Name the author who authored the book titled "Hop on: My adventures on Boats, trains and Planes and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) Salman Rushdie (b) Ruskin Bond
- (c) Shashi Tharoor (d) Arundhati Roy

National Anti Terrorism Day is observed every year on in order to raise awareness amongst people that terrorism has no religion, also to spread the message of peace, harmony, and brotherhood. The day commemorates the death anniversary of former Prime Minister (PM)[Y]. He served the nation from 1984 to 1989. The day is observed to make the young minds aware that terrorism activities are wrong, and they should never fall prey to terrorists in any manner. To pledge that terrorism should never be practiced in any form. On this day, we also remember our soldiers, who sacrificed their lives for us. Hence, we honour them by paying tribute to all of them.

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On[X], 1991,.....[Y] India's former Prime Minister, was assassinated by a human bomb in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu. He was visiting Tamil Nadu to campaign for National elections in the state, as the President of Congress Party. He was appointed as the sixth Prime Minister (PM) of India in 1984. National-Anti Terrorism Day was announced by former PM Vishwanath Pratap Singh after the assassination of[Y], with the aim to highlight the importance of fighting with the activities of terrorism. On this day, all the offices of Government of India (GOI), public sector and other public institutions take a pledge to put in every effort to win battle against terrorism and eradicate it from the society

76. On which day national Anti-Terrorism day is observed every year and has been replaced with [X] in the above passage ?

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| (a) 11 th May | (b) 16 th May |
| (c) 21 st May | (b) 24 th May |

77. Which article of Indian Constitution deals with appointment of the Prime Ministers and other Union ministers ?

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|----------------|----------------|
| (a) Article 72 | (b) Article 76 |
| (c) Article 74 | (d) Article 75 |

78. According to 91st Constitutional Amendment the total number of ministers including the prime ministers shall not exceed ?

- (a) 10% members of the Parliament
- (b) 15% members of the Parliament
- (c) 15% of the of the Lok Sabha
- (d) 20% members of the Lok Sabha

79. Name the former Prime Minister who has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

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| (a) Indira Gandhi | (b) Sanjay Gandhi |
| (c) Moraraji Desai | (d) Rajiv Gandhi |

80. Name the words used by First PM Jawaharlal Nehru while giving a speech on the eve of India's

Independence ?

- (a) 'Trust with destiny'
- (b) 'Freedom for the nation'
- (c) 'Indian Constitution Importance'
- (d) None of the above

After chak-hao, the black rice of Manipur, Gorakhpur terracotta & Kovilpatti kadalai-mittai, the[X] cultivated and harvested in the Karewa (highlands) of Jammu and Kashmir gets Geographical Indication(GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry. The Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, and is facilitated by the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology, Kashmir, and[X] Research Station, Dussu (Pampore). It is the only[X] in the world grown at an altitude of 1,600 metre(m) to 1,800 m Above Mean Sea Level(AMSL), which differentiates from other.....[X] varieties available around the world.[Y] is the largest producer of.....[X] and India is a close competitor. It has long & thick stigmas, natural deep-red colour, high aroma, bitter flavour, chemical-free processing, and high quantity of crocin (colouring strength), safranal (flavour) and picrocrocin (bitterness). It is a globally renowned spice, rejuvenates health, used in cosmetics and for medicinal purposes, associated with traditional Kashmiri cuisine and represents the rich cultural heritage of the region. In India, GI registration is administered by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 which came into force with effect from September 2003.[Z] (2004) is the 1st Indian product to get a GI tag. Other Indian products with GI tag– Tirupati Laddu, Madhubani Paintings, Nagpur Orange, Kashmir Pashmina, Rajasthani Kathputlis, and Lucknow Chikan Crafts among others.

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81. Which product of Jammu & Kashmir has been awarded with GI tag recently and has been awarded with [X] in the above passage ?

- (a) Kashmiri Walnut (b) Papier Mache
(c) Kashmiri Saffron (d) Kashmiri Apple

82. Which of the following is the benefit of getting GI tag ?

i. It helps consumers to get quality products of desired traits.

ii. Legal protection to the products

iii. Promotes the economic prosperity of the producers of GI tagged goods

- (a) Only i, ii (b) Only ii, iii
(c) Only ii (d) All i, ii, iii

83. What is the time limit of the Geographical Indication tag ?

- (a) 10 years (b) 20 years
(c) 50 years (d) for unlimited time

84. Name the country which is largest producer of [X] and has been replaced with [Y] in the above passage ?

- (a) China (b) Russia
(c) Iran (d) Brazil

85. Which was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag and has been replaced with [Z] in the above passage ?

- (a) Mysore Silk (b) Darjeeling Tea
(c) Mysore Sandalwood (d) Kolhapuri Chappal

86. The central government has declared the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' system completely to roll out in all UTs and states from _____.

- (a) June 2020 (b) August 2020
(c) March 2021 (d) January 2021

87. The police of which state/UT got India's first 'Thermal Corona Combat Headgear' to ensure the safety of frontline warriors and enforce social distancing?

- (a) Punjab (b) Karnataka
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Delhi

88. Name the country which has named one of its streets after Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore on his 159th birth anniversary recently.

- (a) United Kingdom (b) Israel
(c) United State of America (d) Russia

89. Roberto Azevedo has announced step down (resignation) from the director-general of which world organisation?

- (a) United Nation Development Programme (UNDP)
(b) United Nation International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
(c) Oil and Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
(d) World Trade Organisation (WTO)

90. Padma Bhushan recipient and National Professor Anisuzzaman who passed away recently, belongs to which country?

- (a) Bangladesh
(b) Israel
(c) Afghanistan
(d) United Arab Emirates (UAE)

91. Central government has announced to raise the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in defence manufacturing under automatic route from 49% to _____%.

- (a) 64 (b) 74
(c) 76 (d) 80

92. Name the company which has bought 1.34% of stake in Jio platforms for Rs 6,598.38 recently in May 2020.

- (a) Walmart (b) Google
(c) General Atlantic (d) Daimler

93. World Telecommunications and Information Society Day is celebrated every year on May 17. Where is International Telecommunication Union (ITU) located?

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- (a) Wellington (b) Vienna
(c) Rome (d) Geneva

94. The Indian army has proposed ____ year stints for citizens including youth professionals to join as officers and other ranks in army under “Tour of Duty”.

- (a) 3 (b) 2
(c) 5 (d) 7

95. Name the country which has approved the new political map which includes India’s Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura under its territory.

- (a) Pakistan (b) China
(c) Nepal (d) Myanmar

96. The Indian railways has operationalised 1st 12,000 hp electric made in India Locomotive named WAG12. Name the company which manufactured the locomotive (JV with France based Atlsom).

- (a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
(b) Chittaranjan Locomotives Works
(c) Diesel Locomotives Works
(d) Madhepura Electric Locomotive Pvt. Ltd

97. Name the person who has been appointed as the chairman of NABARD recently till July 2022.

- (a) P.V.S Suryakumar
(b) Govinda Rajulu Chintala
(c) Shaji K V
(d) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

98. Which Indian state has rolled out ‘Rajiv Gandhi KisanNyay Yojana’ for farmers?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Chhattisgarh
(c) Punjab (d) Jharkhand

99. Name the company which acquires popular GIF database GIPHY.

- (a) Microsoft (b) Twitter
(c) Facebook (d) Snapchat

100. Name the person who inaugurates Indian Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC), first of its kind Institutional Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre.

- (a) Dipankar Datta
(b) BiswanathSomadder
(c) Mohammad Rafiq
(d) A K Sikri

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Answer Key

1. B	22. C	43. B	64. C	85. B
2. D	23. A	44. B	65. D	86. C
3. A	24. C	45. C	66. D	87. D
4. D	25. C	46. C	67. A	88. B
5. C	26. D	47. A	68. C	89. D
6. C	27. C	48. D	69. A	90. A
7. A	28. B	49. B	70. C	91. B
8. B	29. D	50. C	71. C	92. C
9. D	30. A	51. C	72. B	93. D
10. B	31. C	52. B	73. B	94. A
11. D	32. B	53. A	74. C	95. C
12. D	33. B	54. C	75. B	96. D
13. C	34. C	55. C	76. C	97. B
14. A	35. D	56. B	77. D	98. B
15. D	36. A	57. D	78. C	99. C
16. D	37. A	58. A	79. D	100. D
17. B	38. A	59. D	80. A	
18. C	39. C	60. C	81. C	
19. D	40. B	61. A	82. D	
20. C	41. D	62. D	83. A	
21. D	42. A	63. B	84. C	

