

1 [Q] The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on January 10, 2023 approved the procurement of Helina missiles. It has been designed to destroy:

- (a) Tanks
- (b) Drones
- (c) Frigates
- (d) Helicopters
- (e) Submarines

[ANS] a

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2 [Q] In Defence sector, IDD is Indigenously Designed, Developed and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Mastered
- (b) Measured
- (c) Manufactured
- (d) Marked
- (e) Modified

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- (b) Vessels
- (c) Veneers
- (d) Verticals
- (e) Vehicles

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4 [Q] Retirement Day of which former Army Chief was observed as Veterans' Day on January 14, 2023?

- (a) P. N. Thapar
- (b) K.M. Cariappa
- (c) K. S. Thimayya
- (d) Sam Manekshaw
- (e) Rajendrasinhji Jadeja

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6 [Q] Who among the following became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army in 1949?

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- (d) Sam Manekshaw
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Army Day parade was conducted out of New Delhi. Every year, January 15 is observed as Army Day to commemorate General (later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa taking over command of the Indian Army from General Sir Francis Roy Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949. Cariappa, thus became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief, post-Independence.

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8 [Q] India on January 10, 2023 successfully carried out a test launch of tactical ballistic missile Prithvi-II from a test range off the Odisha coast. The missile has a strike range of:

- (a) 150 km
- (b) 250 km
- (c) 350 km
- (d) 450 km
- (e) 550 km

[ANS] c

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9 [Q] The government is setting up PARAKH as a National Assessment Centre for school education. PARAKH is \_\_\_\_ Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development

- (a) Proper
- (b) Primary
- (c) Performance
- (d) Priority
- (e) Preferential

[ANS] c

[SOL] The National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) has notified India's first national assessment regulator, PARAKH, which will work on setting norms, standards and guidelines for student assessment and evaluation for all recognised school boards in the country. "The Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH) as a centre, hereby, established within the education survey division of the NCERT, with immediate effect," the council said in a notification issued in December 2022.

10 [Q] January 11 to 17, 2023 was observed as \_\_\_\_\_ in India.

- (a) National Productivity Week
- (b) National Innovation Week
- (c) National Nutrition Week
- (d) Oil Conservation Week
- (e) Road Safety Week

[ANS] e

[SOL] Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India is observing the Road Safety Week from January 11 to 17, 2023 under "Swachhata Pakhwada", to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.

11 [Q] Former Union minister Sharad Yadav died on January 12, 2023 at the age of 75. He served in cabinet of which Prime Minister?

- (a) Indira Gandhi
- (b) Morarji Desai
- (c) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- (d) Atal Bihar Vajpayee
- (e) Rajiv Gandhi

[ANS] d

[SOL] Former Union minister and once the Janata Dal (United)'s chief Sharad Yadav died in Gurugram on January 12, 2023 at the age of 75. Yadav was ten-time MP – seven times in the Lok Sabha and three times in the Rajya Sabha. Under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1998-2004), He served as Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Minister of Labour and Employment and Minister of Civil Aviation. In the cabinet of Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, he served as Minister of Textiles in 1989–1990. He was elected to the Lok Sabha, seven times across constituencies in three different states – four times from Madhepura in Bihar, twice from Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and once from Badaun in Uttar Pradesh.

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- (a) P. V. Narasimha Rao
- (c) Inder Kumar Gujral
- (d) H. D. Deve Gowda
- (e) Manmohan Singh
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14 [Q] Santokh Chaudhary died at the age of 76 on January 14, 2023. He was Lok Sabha MP from which constituency in Punjab?

- (a) Sangrur
- (b) Ludhiana
- (c) Jalandhar
- (d) Chandigarh
- (e) Gurdaspur

[ANS] c

[SOL] Santokh Chaudhary, Congress Lok Sabha MP from Jalandhar, Punjab, died at the age of 76 on January 14, 2023 after suffering a cardiac arrest during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, following which the march was halted

15 [Q] NCP MP from Lakshadweep disqualified from the Lok Sabha in January 2023 following his conviction in a case:

- (a) S. S. Nabil Quereshi
- (b) P. P. Mohammed Faizal
- (c) J. J. Syed Farooqi
- (d) K. K. Mushirul Burhanuddin
- (e) M. M. Anjum Arshad

[ANS] b

[SOL] NCP MP from Lakshadweep P. P. Mohammed Faizal has been disqualified from the Lok Sabha following his conviction in a case. The MP along with three others were sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by Kavaratti Sessions Court in connection with an attempt to murder

case of 2009. The Lok Sabha Secretariat has issued a notification regarding his disqualification on January 14, 2023.

16 [Q] The railways will run its Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train on a route connecting pilgrimage sites of Ayodhya in India and \_\_\_\_\_ in Nepal from February 17, 2023.

- (a) Birgunj
- (b) Chitwan
- (c) Pokhara
- (d) Janakpur
- (e) Bhaktapur

[ANS] d

[SOL] The railways will run its Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train on a route connecting pilgrimage sites of Ayodhya in India and Janakpur in Nepal in February. The 'Shri Ram-Janaki Yatra: Ayodhya to Janakpur' will start from Delhi on February 17. The Indian Railways said this initiative will strengthen the bilateral relations and promote cultural relations between the two countries.

17 [Q] Which organisation released its 'Survival of the Richest' report in January 2023? The report says that the richest 1% in India now own more than 40% of the country's total wealth.

- (a) Oxfam
- (b) Maplecroft
- (c) Economist Intelligence Unit
- (d) World Economic Forum
- (e) Transparency International

[ANS] a

[SOL] The richest 1% in India now own more than 40% of the country's total wealth, a new study showed on January 16, 2023. Rights group Oxfam International released the India supplement of its annual inequality report on the first day of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. The report is titled 'Survival of the Richest'.

18 [Q] A cost-of-living crisis, digital inequality, geopolitical contest for resources, natural disasters and extreme weather events are the biggest risks for India over the short and medium term. This was

stated by which organisation in its Global Risks Report 2023 released in January?

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19 [Q] What was the trade deficit of India with China in 2022?

- (a) USD 41.02 billion
- (b) USD 61.02 billion
- (c) USD 81.02 billion
- (d) USD 101.02 billion
- (e) USD 121.02 billion

[ANS] d

[SOL] In 2022, India's trade deficit with Beijing crossed the USD 100 billion mark for the first time, according to data released by the Chinese customs on January 13, 2023. The trade deficit for India stood at USD 101.02 billion, crossing the 2021 figure of USD 69.38 billion.

20 [Q] During his address at the Voice of Global South virtual summit on January 14, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the setting up of \_\_\_\_\_ project whereby India will provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises.

- (a) Aarogya Maitri
- (b) Aarogya Sewa
- (c) Aarogya Manthan
- (d) Aarogya Dosti
- (e) Aarogya Sahyog

[ANS] a

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PM announced the launch of "Aarogya Maitri" project whereby the country will provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises. Modi also announced that India will launch the Global South Science and Technology Initiative to share its expertise in areas such as space technology and nuclear energy, and establish the Global South Center of Excellence for research on development solutions for developing countries and called for a human-centric globalisation to address their concerns.

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- (a) Community
- (b) Center
- (c) Initiative
- (d) Cooperative
- (e) Enterprise

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- (a) Initiative

- (b) Cooperation
- (c) Excellence
- (d) Expertise
- (e) Innovation

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23 [Q] Akihiro Nishimura, who visited India in January 2023, is the \_\_\_\_ of Japan.

- (a) Education
- (b) Environment
- (c) Defence
- (d) Foreign
- (e) Trade

[ANS] b

[SOL] Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav on January 12, 2023 held a bilateral meeting with Japan's Minister of the Environment Akihiro Nishimura in New Delhi.

24 [Q] Janaina Tewaney Mencomo, who visited India in January 2023, is the \_\_\_\_ Minister of Panama.

- (a) Education
- (b) Environment
- (c) Defence
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[ANS] d

[SOL] India and Panama have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the training of diplomats. External

Affairs Minister Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said that in a bilateral meeting with Panama's Foreign Minister Janaina Tewaney Mencomo in Indore on January 9, 2023, they also discussed the opportunities for greater economic, health, finance and people to people linkages.

25 [Q] World Hindi Day was observed on January 10, 2023. The day marks the holding of the First World Hindi Conference in \_\_\_\_ in 1975.

- (a) Amritsar
- (b) Cuttack
- (c) Nagpur
- (d) Mysore
- (e) Coimbatore

[ANS] c

[SOL] World Hindi Day was celebrated on January 10, 2023. The World Hindi Day is commemorated every year on January 10 with the objective to promote use of Hindi language abroad. On this day in 1975, the First World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur.

26 [Q] Which city hosted the first 'Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion' meeting of the G20 from January 9 to 11, 2023?

- (a) Dehradun
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Chandigarh
- (e) New Delhi

[ANS] b

[SOL] The first 'Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion' meeting of the G20 was organised in Kolkata from January 9 to 11, 2023.

27 [Q] Mir Barkat Ali Khan, popularly known as Prince Mukarram Jah Bahadur (89), the eighth Nizam of Hyderabad, passed away in which country on January 14, 2023?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Jordan
- (c) Turkey
- (d) Algeria
- (e) Morocco

[ANS] c

[SOL] Mir Barkat Ali Khan, popularly known as Prince Mukarram Jah Bahadur (89), the eighth Nizam of Hyderabad, passed away in Istanbul, Turkey, on January 14, 2023.

28 [Q] Which of the following has the world's most powerful passport according to the Henley Passport Index?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Ireland
- (c) Chile
- (d) Japan
- (e) Norway

[ANS] d

[SOL] With visa-free entry in 59 countries, the Indian passport ranks 85th in the list of most powerful passports in the world, according to the Henley Passport Index released on January 10, 2023. It has slipped two spots from the 83rd rank in 2022. Japan's passport continues to be the most powerful in the world, with visa-free entry in 193 countries.

29 [Q] The North American Leaders Summit was held on January 11, 2023 in:

- (a) New York
- (b) Ottawa
- (c) Montreal
- (d) Mexico City
- (e) Washington

[ANS] d

[SOL] President Joe Biden and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau pledged their resolve to promote prosperity for people throughout the hemisphere as they opened wide-ranging talks about the fragile security situation in Haiti, North American trade, political unrest in Brazil and more on the sidelines of the North American Leaders Summit in Mexico City on January 11.

30 [Q] A crash of a plane of Yeti Airlines killed more than 70 people in which neighbouring country on January 15, 2023?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Bhutan

(e) Nepal

[ANS] e

[SOL] At least 68 of the 72 people aboard died after a plane of Yeti Airlines, which took off from Kathmandu, crashed into a gorge while landing at Pokhara International Airport on January 15, 2023. Yeti Airlines ANC ATR 72 was flying from Kathmandu to Pokhara.

31 [Q] Who represented India at the Miss Universe 2022 held at New Orleans (US) in January 2023?

(a) Sarita Patel

(b) Khushi Sen

(c) Mamta Shetty

(d) Divita Rai

(e) Sini Jadhav

[ANS] d

[SOL] Miss Universe 2022 was held at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center in New Orleans (US) on January 14, 2023. R'Bonney Gabriel (28) of the United States was crowned as Miss Universe 2022. 1st Runner-Up was Venezuela's Amanda Dudamel while 2nd Runner-Up was Dominican Republic's Andreína Martínez, India's Divita Rai finished in top-16.

32 [Q] Who was crowned Miss Universe 2022 held at New Orleans (US) in January 2023?

(a) Olivia Jordan

(b) R'Bonney Gabriel

(c) Ariadna Gutiérrez

(d) Monika Radulovic

(e) Sthefany Gutiérrez

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33 [Q] Lisa Marie Presley died in US aged 54 on January 12, 2023. She was a well-known:

- (a) Singer
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Actress
- (d) Chef
- (e) Fashion designer

[ANS] a

[SOL] Elvis Presley's only child Lisa Marie Presley, whose turbulent life also included a music career, passed away aged 54 on January 12, 2023.

34 [Q] Constantine II, died aged 82 on January 10, 2023. He was the last king of:

- (a) Cyprus
- (b) Romania
- (c) Italy
- (d) Greece
- (e) Belgium

[ANS] d

[SOL] Greece's last king, Constantine II, died in Athens aged 82 on January 10, 2023. Constantine came to the throne in 1964 during a turbulent period in Greek history that culminated in a military coup three years later. Constantine II succeeded King Paul in March 1964 at the age of 23.

35 [Q] Jeff Beck died in US on January 11, 2023 at the age of 78. He was a well-known:

- (a) Violinist
- (b) Sitarist
- (c) Guitarist
- (d) Pianist
- (e) Flautist

[ANS] c

[SOL] Jeff Beck, the influential guitarist who rose to rock and roll stardom with 1960s supergroup the Yardbirds and later enjoyed a prolific solo career, died on January 11, 2023. He was 78 years old.