



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The 'Helina' and 'Dhruvastra' are third-generation anti-tank guided missiles. They were successfully test-fired by India recently. Both were indigenously developed by DRDO.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Russia says it detected first case of H5N8 avian flu in humans, alerts WHO. There are different subtypes of avian influenza viruses. While the highly contagious strain H5N8 is lethal for birds it has never before been reported to have spread to humans. About Avian influenza (bird flu): It is a viral infection that can infect not only birds, but also humans and other animals. Most forms of the virus are restricted to birds. It is a highly contagious viral disease affecting several species of food-producing birds (chickens, turkeys, quails, guinea fowl, etc.), as well as pet birds and wild birds. Occasionally mammals, including humans, may contract avian influenza. Influenza A viruses are classified into subtypes based on two surface proteins, Hemagglutinin (HA) and Neuraminidase (NA).

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

IAEA Chief has said that a three-month "temporary solution" had been found to allow the agency's monitoring in Iran to continue, although its level of access will be limited. What's the issue? Iran's conservative-dominated parliament passed a law in December demanding the country suspend some inspections if the US failed to lift sanctions. The law is due to go into effect on Tuesday. Significance of the move: This is an attempt by the U.S. President Joe Biden's administration, European powers and Iran to rescue the 2015 nuclear deal that has been on the brink of collapse since former President Donald Trump withdrew from it. About IAEA: Set up as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization in 1957 within the United Nations family. Reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council. Headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

4. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Tripura, in a first-ever initiative, has started using plastic waste for the construction of roads. Tripura

Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb said that the main aim is to reduce plastic waste and make the environment plastic-free.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Qualification of High court judge –

He should be a citizen of India. He should have held a judicial office in the territory of India for ten years, or he should have been advocate of a high court (or high court in succession) for ten years. There is no minimum prescribed age for high court judge, also unlike Supreme Court, there is no provision of appointment of a distinguished jurist as a judge of a high court. Tenure of Judge He holds office until he attains the age of 62 years. Any question regarding his age will be decided by the president after consultation with Chief Justice of India., and his decision is final. He can resign anytime by writing to president. He can be removed by president on the recommendation of Parliament.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was in Assam on February 22, 2021, to inaugurate and lay foundation stone of various development projects in the state. During the visit, PM dedicated to the nation and laid foundation stone of following projects: INDMAX Unit at Indian Oil's Bongaigaon Refinery.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

India's nuclear policy

India is not member of either NPT or CTBT. India opposed the indefinite extension of the NPT in 1995 and also refused to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

After the 1998 nuclear test India also enunciated a doctrine of 'No First Use' (NFU) of nuclear weapons. The doctrine was formally adopted in January, 2003, and says that nuclear weapons will only be used in retaliation against a nuclear attack on Indian Territory or on Indian forces anywhere. China also has policy of No First Use Policy, while Pakistan does not have such Policy. India has opposed the international treaties aimed at non-proliferation since they were selectively applicable to the non-nuclear powers and legitimised the monopoly of the five nuclear weapons powers.

India is not a member of Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG). India's entry to NSG is defied by China, which wants entry of Pakistan also.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The exercise involves all three Commands of the Indian Navy, the Tri-Services Command at Port Blair, and elements of Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard.

It is held every two years.

It is the largest exercise conducted by Indian Navy.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Go Electric” Campaign was launched recently. Ministry: Union Ministry for Road Transport & Highways Objective: To spread awareness on the benefits of e-mobility and EV Charging Infrastructure and electric cooking in India. The campaign would help in reducing the import dependence. It would be an important step towards a cleaner and greener future. It will also boost the confidence of Electric Vehicle manufacturers. Electric fuel is a major alternative for fossil fuels. These fuels have an import bill of Rs. 8 lakh Crore. The electric fuel has low cost, reduced emissions. It is also indigenous.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

In 1962, after the signing of a treaty with France, the territories of Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe, and Yanam became part of the Indian Union. In the same year, then Home Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri introduced a Constitution Amendment Bill in Parliament, which grouped these territories into the Union Territory of Pondicherry, and also inserted a new Article 239A into the Constitution. The new article gave Parliament power to create a legislature for Union Territories.