

Session 2 – Current Affairs, including GK

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Passage 1

A Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on November 9 delivered its judgment in the cross-appeals filed by the Hindu and Muslim sides challenging the three-way partition of the disputed 2.77 acres of Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land among __A__, __B__ and the __C__ in September 2010.

In a unanimous judgment, the Bench has ordered that a temple must be constructed at the disputed site and the Muslims must be compensated with five acres of land at a prominent place in Ayodhya. This order was an exercise of powers granted to the Supreme Court via __D__ of the Constitution. The court also ordered the Central government to formulate a scheme within three months to implement this order.

(Extracted from: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ayodhya-verdict-live-updates/article29929219.ece>)

Question 1

Who were the parties involved in the Ram Janmaboomi- Babri Masjid case?

- a. Ram Lalla
- b. Nirmokhi Akhara
- c. Sunni Waqf Board
- d. All of the above



Answer: d

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Question 2

Which is the appropriate option to fill the blank D?

- a. Article 136
- b. Article 142
- c. Article 124
- d. Article 132





Answer: b

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Question 3

The Babri Masjid which was demolished in 1992 by Kar Sevaks was constructed in the 16th century in Lodi style of architecture on orders of then Mughal Emperor Babur by _____.

- a. Man Singh
- b. Birbal
- c. Mir Bakshi
- d. Tansen



Answer: c

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Question 4

The Constitution guarantees freedom of religion under:

- a. Articles 25–28
- b. Articles 14–18
- c. Article 12
- d. Article 13



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Passage 2

India's flagship financial inclusion programme, __A__, has been able to make universal access to a bank account a near reality, but the level of usage of accounts remains quite low.

India has now 180 billion accounts. But 48 per cent of the bank accounts have seen no transactions in the last one year, according to the World Bank's Global Findex database. We must remember that the right measure of financial inclusion is not access, but regular usage.

For making successful use of financial services, people need to be literate enough to understand the basics of managing money. This skill is known as financial literacy.

Financial literacy is essential for enabling people to make right financial choices. In view of the lack of proper awareness, people buy insurance policies without adequate planning and give up midway because they don't have money to pay the premium. Aggressive pushing of products by insurance providers without adequately assessing the consistency in income streams of the buyers for servicing their policies can mean more harm to the poor.

(Extracted and edited from:

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/financial-literacy-is-key-to-financial-inclusion/article25726991.ece>)

Question 1

Which is the most appropriate option to fill in the blank A?

- a. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- b. Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana
- c. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- d. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

 Answer: a

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Question 2

RBI observed 'Financial Literacy Week' from June 3 - 7 with the theme:

- a. "Farmers" and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system
- b. Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao
- c. Nari Shakti - empowering the rural women financially
- d. Digital India, Modern India - online banking to all

 Answer: a

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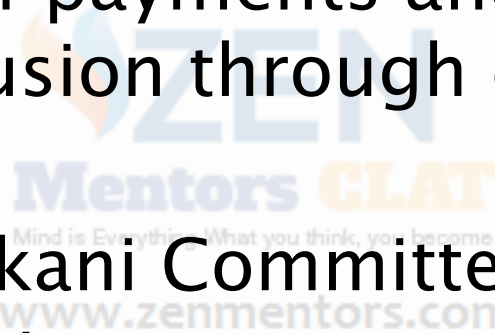
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Question 3

Which of the following high-level committees was constituted by RBI to encourage digitisation of payments and enhance financial inclusion through digitisation?

- a. Nandan Nilekani Committee
- b. Tarun Ramadorai
- c. Urjit Patel Committee
- d. Raghuram Rajan committee



 Answer: a

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Question 4

When was the Reserve Bank of India established?

- a. 1935
- b. 1947
- c. 1949
- d. 1950



 Answer: a

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Passage 3

“Yoga is above religion, caste, colour, gender and region — it is above everything. We should make efforts to take yoga from cities to villages and tribal areas. Let our motto be yoga for peace, harmony and progress,” said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, leading the fifth International Yoga Day celebrations at Prabhat Tara ground, Ranchi.

Stating that yoga has provided a perfect blend of knowledge, karma and *bhakti*, the Prime Minister noted: “I want to make yoga an integral part of the lives of the poor. Diseases make a poor person poorer; I want to take yoga from cities to the villages, to the jungles, to the poor and the Adivasis (tribals). Yoga belongs to everyone and everyone belongs to yoga.”

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Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Smriti Irani and others also held different Yoga Day events in Delhi and other cities at the same time as PM Modi.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted __A__ as International Yoga Day in 2014 on a proposal mooted by Prime Minister Modi. The International Day of Yoga is being celebrated annually since 2015.

(Extracted from: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/yoga-is-above-region-above-faith-above-everything-pm-modi/article28093641.ece>)

Question 1

Fill in the blank A:

- a. May 10
- b. June 21
- c. July 2
- d. August 5



Answer: a



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Question 2

Name the award established by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to recognize contributions made by media in spreading awareness about Yoga and for promotion and commemoration of International Yoga Day .

- a. Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS)
- b. Best Media Award for aiding the promotion of Yoga
- c. Yoga Divas Award to the Best Media House
- d. Yoga Promotion and Recognition Award

Answer: a



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Question 3

The theme for Yoga day 2019 is:

- a. Yoga for well being
- b. Yoga for Heart
- c. Yoga for Peace
- d. Yoga for spiritual development



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 Answer: b

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Question 4

With which of the following does the International Yoga day coincide?

- a. Summer Solstice
- b. Winter Solstice
- c. Equinox
- d. International Day of Human Space Flight



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Question 5

Who systematized and codified Yoga practices into Yoga sutras (in the Vedic age)?

- a. Patanjali
- b. Ramdev
- c. Vishnu Sharma
- d. Boddhisattava



Answer: a

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Passage 4

With the aim of enhancing the capabilities of the armed forces to fight wars in space, the government has approved the setting up of a new agency which will develop sophisticated weapon systems and technologies for the purpose.

"The Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has cleared the setting up of this new agency called the __A__ which has been entrusted with the task of creating space warfare weapon systems and technologies," sources in the Defence Ministry told ANI.

The decision was taken at the topmost level by the government some time ago and the agency has started taking shape under a Joint Secretary-level scientist.

The agency would be provided with a team of scientists which would be working in close coordination with the tri-services integrated defence staff officers.

The agency would be providing the research and development support to the __B__ which comprises members of the three services. The DSA has been created to help the country fight wars in the space.

In March this year, the country had carried out the __C__ which demonstrated its capability to shoot down satellites in space.

With this missile test, India joined an elite club of four nations with such capability. The test also helped the country develop deterrence capability against adversaries who may want to attack Indian satellites to cripple systems in times of war.

The Defence Space Agency is being set up in __D__ under an Air Vice Marshal-rank officer and will gradually take over the space-related capabilities of the three forces.

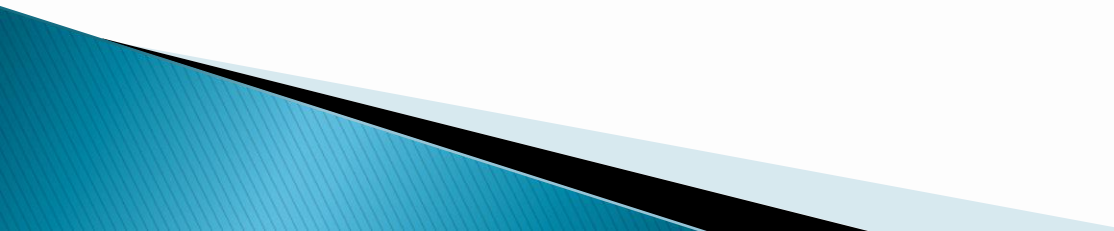
(Extracted from: https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/modi-govt-approves-new-agency-to-develop-space-warfare-weapon-systems-119061100627_1.html)

Question 1

Which of the following is the most appropriate option to fill in the blank A?

- a. Integrated Defense Organization
- b. Space Defense Organization
- c. Research and Development Organization for Space Defense
- d. Defense Space Research Organization

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Answer: d

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Question 2

Which of the following is the most appropriate to fill in Blank B?

- a. Combined Defense Services
- b. Integrated Defense Staff
- c. Chief of Defense Staff
- d. Defense Space Agency

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Answer: d

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Question 3

Fill in the blank C.

- a. Anti Satellite Test
- b. Satellite Weapon Test
- c. Sat Attack
- d. Satellite Destroyer Mission

Answer: a – Mission Shakti

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Question 4

Besides India, which of the following countries have developed ASAT capabilities?

- a. USA
- b. Russia
- c. China
- d. All of the above



 Answer: d

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Question 5

Fill in the blank D.

- a. Hyderabad
- b. Sriharikota
- c. Bengaluru
- d. New Delhi





Answer: c

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