

151. Which of the following is a Credit Rating Agency functioning for the financial sector in India ?
 (1) VISA (2) BOISL
 (3) NEFT (4) ICRA
 (5) None of these
152. Which of the following is NOT a division of Department of Economic Affairs of the Govt. of India ?
 (1) Budget Division
 (2) Banking and Insurance Division
 (3) Foreign Trade Division
 (4) Fund Bank Division
 (5) Forward Trading and Forward Markets Division
153. Many times we read a term LIBOR in financial newspapers/magazines. What is the full form of LIBOR ?
 (1) Liberal International Best Offered Rates
 (2) London Inter Bank Offered Rate
 (3) Liberal International Bank Offered Rate
 (4) London Inter Bank Opportunity Rate
 (5) None of the above
154. Which of the following is/are the objective (s) of village energy security programme of the Govt. of India ?
 (A) Programme is launched to provide energy security through biomass as some of these villages cannot be electrified through conventional means.
 (B) To create avenues for local employment.
 (C) To create awareness that environment can be saved by promoting the use of non-conventional methods of energy production.
 (1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
 (3) Only (C) (4) All (A), (B) and (C)
 (5) None of these
155. The Reserve Bank of India has taken some initiatives to prevent a US type sub-prime Crisis in India. Which of the following is/are such initiatives ?
 (A) Banks are advised to set up credit counselling centres.
 (B) Banks should stop giving housing loans to big borrowers (Asking for loans of ₹ 50 lakh and above).
 (C) Banks should not give loans to builders and property dealers/developers.
 (1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
 (3) Only (C) (4) All (A), B and (C)
 (5) None of the above
156. As announced in the Monetary and Credit Policy of the RBI for 2008-09 all money transactions of which of the following limits are mandatorily routed through electronic payment mechanism ?
 (1) ₹ 25 lakh
 (2) ₹ 50 lakh
 (3) ₹ 75 lakh
 (4) ₹ 1 crore
 (5) ₹ 5 crore
157. Which of the following products specifically launched by the Dena Bank provides the facility of internet banking to the clients of the bank ?
 (1) Dena i connect
 (2) Dena Niwas
 (3) Gold International Debit card
 (4) Dena Vidya Lakshmi
 (5) None of the above
158. Which of the following is/are major initiatives to reduce poverty and unemployment, taken up by the Govt. of India recently ?
 (A) Higher allocation for National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
 (B) Increasing the coverage of Antyodaya Anna Yojana to 2.5 crore families.
 (C) Implementation of differential rate of interest scheme by public sector banks.
 (1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
 (3) Only (C) (4) All (A), B and (C)
 (5) None of the above
159. Which of the following is NOT the name of any fertilizer used for agricultural purposes ?
 (1) Urea (2) DAP
 (3) MOP (4) SSP
 (5) NPDP

160. Indonesia has decided to resign from the membership of which of the following organizations ?
(1) World Trade Organization (WTO)
(2) Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
(3) Asian Development Bank
(4) Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC)
(5) None of the above
161. As per the estimates given by the United Nations Organization, the World Economy will grow at which of the following rates in 2008 ?
(1) 0.5% (2) 1%
(3) 1.5% (4) 1.8%
(5) 2.5%
162. The Govt. of India in its Union Budget for 2008-09 announced a package of ₹ 60000 crore to help which of the following sections of the society ? (package is raised to about ₹ 72000 crore now).
(1) To farmers as their loan waiver
(2) To textile industry
(3) To fishermen who lost their boats in tsunami
(4) Children who were rescued from hazardous industries as child labour
(5) None of the above
163. Which of the following is a micro finance firm/company operating in many states in India ?
(1) Spandana (2) Swayam
(3) Anvarat (4) Aarohan
(5) None of these
164. "Doing Business Report" is prepared by which of the following organizations/agencies every year ?
(1) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
(2) World Trade Organization (WTO)
(3) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(4) World Bank
(5) None of the above
165. Robert Mugabe's name was in news as he has taken over as the
(1) Prime Minister of Zimbabwe
(2) President of Zimbabwe
(3) Prime Minister of South Africa
(4) President of Lebanon
(5) Prime Minister of Lebanon
166. As per the reports published in the newspapers some Indian banks have made agreements with some carbon credit service providers like Cantor CO₂ E India and MITCON etc. How this tie up will help Indian companies/banks ?
(A) The tie up is for building awareness, towards global warming.
(B) It will help in trade of carbon credits in global markets.
(C) It will help those companies who wish to enter into business of the production of nuclear energy.
(1) Only (A)
(2) Only (B)
(3) Both (A) and (B)
(4) All (A), B and (C)
(5) None of the above
167. Which of the following organizations/agencies has initiated a "Rural Development Programme" in Uttar Pradesh so that villages can be developed in an integrated manner ?
(1) State Bank of India
(2) RBI
(3) ECGC
(4) SIDBI
(5) NABARD
168. Which of the following organizations/agencies has prepared a report which says that half of the world population is NOT getting enough food and is food insecure ?
(1) World Trade Organization (WTO)
(2) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
(3) UNO
(4) International Labour Organization
(5) None of the above
169. India recently did a joint Naval exercise VARUNA in association with
(1) Canada (2) France
(3) Sri Lanka (4) USA
(5) Italy
170. Which micro finance company is helping small borrowers of the Eastern region by providing loans of ₹ 1000 to ₹ 10000 for their day to day needs ?
(1) Prerna (2) Grameen
(3) Pancham (4) Temptation
(5) Sadana
171. E. Shreedhar who was given Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award to Excellence in Public Administration 2008 is associated with which of the following organizations ?
(1) Steel Authority of India Ltd
(2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd
(3) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd
(4) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd
(5) None of the above
172. Who amongst the following authors was recently conferred the knighthood by the Britain ?
(1) Salman Rushdie
(2) V.S Naipaul
(3) Chetan Bhagat
(4) Khushwant Singh
(5) None of the above
173. Bill Gates recently decided to step down from the post of CEO of the company he was heading. What was the name of the company he was heading ?
(1) Equis (2) Microsoft
(3) Bank of America (4) Dowjones
(5) Shell Foundation
174. The Govt. of India has decided to raise the Minimum Support Price of which of the following commodities recently ?
(1) Sugar (2) Groundnut
(3) Paddy (4) Cotton
(5) Jute

175. Which of the following cricketer won the inaugural Castrol "Asian Cricketer of the Year Award for 2007" given away recently ?
(1) Saurav Ganguly
(2) Sachin Tendulkar
(3) M.S Dhoni
(4) Rahul Dravid
(5) None of the above
176. In India the inflation is calculated on the basis of which of the following indexes ?
(1) Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
(2) Consumer Price Index (CPI)
(3) Cash Reserve Ratio
(4) Sensitive Index of Bombay Stock Exchange (Sensex)
(5) None of the above
177. Which of the following is/are true about BRIC the group of four countries ?
(A) BRIC is the organization of four fastest developing economies.
(B) China and India are two nations in BRIC which are stronger in manufacturing activities whereas, Russia and Brazil are stronger in supply of raw material.
(C) All BRIC members possess a good stock of oil/petroleum and natural gas reserves.
(1) Only (A)
(2) Only (B)
(3) Both (A) and (B)
(4) All (A), (B) and (C)
(5) None of the above
178. India has signed an agreement to form a joint working group on local governance with which of the following countries recently ?
(1) Afghanistan (2) China
(3) Bangladesh (4) Pakistan
(5) None of these
179. Which of the following nations in Indian subcontinent generates about 5000 MW electricity the excess of which would be imported by India ?
(1) Nepal (2) Bhutan
(3) Bangladesh (4) Myanmar
(5) Pakistan
180. Who amongst the following tennis players announced his/her retirement from the games recently ?
(1) Samantha Stosur (2) Lisa Raymond
(3) Serena Williams (4) Venus Williams
(5) Justine Henin
181. As per the recommendations of the 12th Finance Commission what should be the share of states in net proceeds of sharable central taxes ?
(1) 20% (2) 25.5% (3) 30.5%
(4) 33% (5) 35.5%
182. Which of the following is NOT an item of the Public Debt as referred in the financial documents of the Govt. of India ?
(1) Treasury Bills
(2) Loans from foreign countries
(3) Deposits under Special Deposit Schemes
(4) Loans given by the Public Sector banks to individuals
(5) Loans from World Bank of IMF
183. Who amongst the following is the author of the book "We The People" ?
(1) Janardhan Thakur
(2) Khushwant Singh
(3) Arun Gandhi
(4) Morarjee Desai
(5) Nani Palkhiwala
184. Which of the following is/are the main objectives of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act passed in 2003 ?
(A) To tackle challenges affecting country's economic growth.
(B) To minimize the impact of fiscal indiscipline.
(C) To find out a rationale formula of distribution of revenue between states and union govt.
(1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
(3) Both (A) and (B) (4) All (A), (B) and C
(5) None of these
185. Which of the following schemes/policies cannot be called as a Social Sector Programme or Policy ?
(1) Foreign Trade Policy
(2) Mid Day Meal Scheme
(3) Integrated Child Development Services
(4) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
(5) All are social sector programmes/policies
186. Village Grain Bank Scheme was launched by the Govt. of India with which of the following main objectives ?
(A) To provide samples of all varieties of foodgrains so that they can be made available to research institutes for development of high yielding varieties of the same.
(B) To keep a stock of the grain to protect India against starvation during natural calamities or during lean season.
(C) To keep a stock of foodgrain for export purposes.
(1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
(3) Only (C) (4) Both (A) and (B)
(5) None of these
187. Which of the following is/are the goals of the Bharat Nirman programme launched by the Govt. of India ?
(A) To bring an additional one crore hectare of land under assured irrigation.
(B) To provide road connectivity to all the villages having a population of 1000.
(C) To construct at least 1 crore additional houses to accommodate Urban poors so that slums are cleared from all the four metropolitan cities by 2012.
(1) Only (A)
(2) Only (B)
(3) Only (C)
(4) Both (A) and (B)
(5) None of the above
188. The proceeds from the disinvestments of Govt's stake in various public sector units are pooled in which of the following funds ?
(1) Consolidated Fund of India
(2) National Investment Fund
(3) Pradhan Mantri Rahat Kosh
(4) Contingency Fund of the Govt of India
(5) None of the above

189. Which of the following **cannot** be called as a main source of Tax Revenue of the Union Govt. ?
(1) Excise Duties (2) Custom Duties
(3) Service Tax (4) Income Tax
(5) Employment Tax
190. Which of the following days is deserved as 'International Family Day' ?
(1) 25th August
(2) 15th April
(3) 5th June
(4) 15th May
(5) None of the above
191. Shiv Charan Mathur has taken over as the Governor of
(1) Maharashtra (2) Asom
(3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Bihar
(5) None of these
192. The first Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in North-Eastern states will be set up in the state of
(1) Manipur
(2) Arunachal Pradesh
(3) Nagaland
(4) Tripura
(5) Mizoram
193. Which of the following countries has become first to pass Climate Act ?
(1) USA (2) China
(3) Canada (4) Australia
(5) India
194. Which of the following countries won the UEFA Football Final of 2008 ?
(1) Italy (2) Spain
(3) France (4) Portugal
(5) Britain
195. Who amongst the following was honoured recently by the French govt. for his Life Time remarkable contribution to Indian Cinema ?
(1) Yash Chopra (2) Abhishek Bachchan
(3) Dilip Kumar (4) Om puri
(5) Anupam Kher
196. Who amongst the following has written the novel "Sea of Poppies" ?
(1) Kiran Desai (2) Chetan Bhagat
(3) Anita Desai (4) Amitav Ghosh
(5) None of these
197. Which of the following programme was specially launched to develop road connectivity for North Eastern States ?
(1) NREGA (2) SARDPNE
(3) NRCP (4) IPMD
(5) PMGSY
198. Who amongst the following won the US Open Golf Championship 2008 ?
(1) Simon Wakefield (2) Jack Nichlaus
(3) Tiger Woods (4) Rocco Mediate
(5) None of these
199. 'Goodbye Shahzadi' is a book written by
(1) Dharendra Sharma
(2) Ashok Mehta
(3) Janardhan Thakur
(4) Arun Gandhi
(5) Shyam Bhatia
200. Which of the following Indian films was screened at the Cannes Film Festival 2008 ?
(1) Devdas (2) Sri 420
(3) Parinita (4) Mera Naam Joker
(5) Guide