Q 1: Who amongst the following has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Himachal High Court?

a. Justice Manoj Sinha

b. Justice Usha Ranganathan

c. Justice Surya Kanth

d. Justice Meer Hasan

Correct Answer: Justice Surya Kant

- Justice Surya Kant has been appointed the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court
- He is appointed about nearly nine months after the Supreme Court collegium recommended his name for the post.

Q 2: Choose the correct statement about the Finance Commission:

1. Article 360 contains the provisions related to the Finance Commission

2. The Finance commission does not give any recommendation related to the Panchayats and municipalities of a State

a. Only 1

b. Only 2

c. Both 1 and 2

d. None

Correct Answer: None

- Statement 1 is wrong as the Article 280 contains the provisions related to the Finance Commission.
- Statement 2 is wrong: The Finance commission gives its recommendations to the president regarding the measures needed to augment the Fund of a State to supplement the resources of the panchayats and municipalities in the state.
This is done on the basis of the recommendations made by the State finance commissions


Q 3: Choose the correct statement about the GST Act:

1. The GST came into effect by One Hundredth (100th) Amendment of the Constitution of India
2. Only Petroleum products are outside the purview of GST
   a. Only 1
   b. Only 2
   c. None
   d. All of the above

Correct Answer: None

- The GST came into effect in 2017 through the implementation of One Hundred and First (101st) Amendment of the Constitution of Indian.
- It replaced existing multiple taxes levied by the central and state governments.
- Petroleum products, electricity, alcoholic drinks, and real estate are not taxed under GST. They are taxed separately by the state governments.

Q 4: Who has won the Nobel Prize 2018 for Chemistry?

a. Sudhanshu Rao and Gregory White
b. George P. Smith, Frances Arnold, Greg Winter
c. Edvard Moser, May-Britt Moser, John O'Keefe
d. Fraser Stoddart, Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Ben Feringa

Correct Answer: George P. Smith, Frances Arnold, Greg Winter
Three scientists have been awarded this year’s Nobel Prize in Chemistry for tapping the power of evolutionary biology to design molecules with various practical uses.

Frances Arnold is only the fifth woman to win a chemistry Nobel.

She was awarded half of the $1 million Nobel prize while Mr. Smith and Mr. Winter shared the other half.

Q5: Choose the correct statement about 'Mascot' mission:

1. It is a Japanese rover sent to Mars
2. MASCOT was launched by Hayabusa 2 probe
   a. Only 1
   b. Only 2
   c. Both 1 and 2
   d. None

Correct Answer: Only 2

- The Hayabusa2 probe of Japan launched the French-German Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout, or MASCOT
- MASCOT is an observation robot sent on Ryugu Asteroid
- Mission: to shed light on the origins of the solar system

Q 6: Marrakesh Treaty is related to which of the following?

a. Disabled people
b. Disaster Victims
c. Acid Attack Survivors
d. Cyber-Bullying

Correct Answer: Disabled people
The Marrakesh Treaty makes the access to reading material for people who are print-disabled the world over easier.

It is administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The 28-nation European Union recently ratified the Marrakesh treaty.