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Q:1 Name the Australian Bowler who recently entered into the 500 wickets elite club in Red Ball cricket.

1. Mitchell Starc
2. Pat Cummins
3. Nathan Lyon
4. Josh Hazelwood

Q:2 Who among the following launched India's first winter Scientific expedition to the Arctic?

1. Sarbananda Sonowal
2. Kiren Rijuju
3. Ashwini Vaishnav
4. Gajendra Singh

Q:3 DPIIT in alliance with _____ hosted a consultation workshop on Alleviating Heat Stress by Enhancing Production of Affordable Cooling Devices (AHEAD).

1. IUCN
2. World Bank
3. ADB
4. WWF

Q:4 Kakrapar Atomic Power Project Unit 4 is the _____ indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR) of 700 MW being set up in the country.

1. First
2. Second
3. Third
4. Fourth

Q:5 Who among the following conducted for the first time a successful life saving Bone Marrow Transplant for a seven year old child?

1. Medanta
2. Apollo
3. Army Hospital R&R
4. AIIMS

Q:6 _____, the Head of the Russian Orthodox Church has been put on the Wanted list by Ukraine for supporting and abetting the Russia-Ukraine Conflict.

1. Patriarch Kirill
2. Patriarch Heymen

3. Patriarch Vladimir

4. Patriarch Joseph

Q:7 Which among the following North Eastern State established State Beverages Corporation Limited ending 30 year long period of prohibition of alcohol in the state?

1. Nagaland
2. Manipur
3. Meghalaya
4. Tripartite

Q:8 Which among the following indigenous Missile Weapon System creates history by becoming first in the world to target 4 UAV targets simultaneously ?

1. Agni
2. Prithvi
3. Aakash
4. Nag

Q:9 Who among the following has been awarded with 2023 Falling Walls Prize for his groundbreaking work in eliminating Malaria?

1. Abdoulaye Diabate
2. Yusuf Omarzai
3. Rajeev Singh
4. Abid Abisi

Q:10 Which among the following modes of travelling have led to the movement of First People to North America 24000 years ago?

1. Sea Waters
2. Land Bridge
3. Sea Ice Highway
4. None of the above



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Answer Key

1. (3)	2. (2)	3. (2)	4. (2)	5. (3)
6. (1)	7. (2)	8. (3)	9. (1)	10. (3)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Nathan Lyon**
Australian Off Spinner Nathan Lyon achieved the milestone of 500 Test Wickets during Australia's 360 run victory over Pakistan. Faheem Ashraf was Lyons' 500th wicket.

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Kiren Rijuju**
Union Minister Shri Kiren Rijuju launched India's first winter Scientific expedition to the Arctic. It was launched from the Ministry of Earth Sciences Headquarters in New Delhi. The expedition from November to March will allow researchers to conduct unique scientific observations during Polar nights.

Q:3 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **World Bank**
The Consultation workshop on Alleviating Heat Stress by Enhancing Production of Affordable Cooling Devices (AHEAD) was successfully hosted by DPIIT. The event was conducted by DPIIT in collaboration with the World Bank, MoEFCC and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). It was the first ever industry-led workshop focusing on recognizing cooling as a climate adaptation issue.

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Second**
The Kakrapar Atomic Power Project Unit 4 achieved Criticality for the first time on December 17, 2023. Criticality means the start of controlled fission chain reaction. Kakrapar Atomic Power Project Unit 4 is the second indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR) of 700 MW being set up in the country.

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Army Hospital R&R**
Doctors at the Army Hospital R&R in Delhi Cantt in an extraordinary medical achievement have conducted for the first time a successful life saving Bone Marrow Transplant for a seven year old child. The Child was diagnosed with a rare primary immunodeficiency disorder.

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Patriarch Kirill**
Patriarch Kirill, the Head of the Russian Orthodox Church has been put on the Wanted list by Ukraine. He is a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin and has backed the Kremlin's war against Ukraine.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Manipur**
The Manipur State Beverages Corporation Limited (MSBCL) was established after approval by the Manipur Cabinet. Its establishment legalises the production, sale and consumption of alcohol in specific regions of the state. It ends the 30 year long period of prohibition of alcohol in the state.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Aakash**
India has become the first country in the world to showcase capability of engaging 4 Aerial targets simultaneously with Akash Surface-to-air weapon system. The demonstration took place at Suryalanka Air Force Station during Exercise AstraShakti 2023.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Abdoulaye Diabate**
African Scientist from Burkina Faso Abdoulaye Diabate was conferred with the 2023 Falling Walls Prize for Science and Innovation Management. The Scientist has been given the award for his groundbreaking research on gene drive technology that can eradicate Malaria and its carriers.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Sea Ice Highway**
Study conducted by US scientists states that the first people reached North America via "Sea Ice Highway" around 24000 years ago. The study was presented at the American Geophysical Union Annual Meeting (AGU23).