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**Current Affairs**

**English**

**Q:1** Name the cricketer who became the costliest buy by any franchise in the IPL history.

1. Mitchell Starc
2. Pat Cummins
3. Sam Curran
4. Wanindu Hasaranga

**Q:2** Where is the World's largest meditation centre "The Swarved Mahamandir" inaugurated by PM Modi?

1. Surat
2. Varanasi
3. Prayagraj
4. Lucknow

**Q:3** Which country is the major source of Remittances in 2023 as per World Bank's latest report titled Migration and Development Brief?

1. China
2. UK
3. USA
4. India

**Q:4** Who among the following released the report titled Global Safety Report on Road Safety 2023?

1. WHO
2. DOTR
3. WTO
4. Both 1 and 2

**Q:5** Which among the following South Asian Nations announced the Gelephu Smart City Project to construct a Mega International City?

1. Myanmar
2. Bhutan
3. Nepal
4. Pakistan

**Q:6** Which among the following has become the second leading cause of death in the US as per reports from US Environmental Protection Agency(US EPA)?

1. Uranium
2. Obesity
3. Radon
4. Heart Attack

**Q:7** The United Nations has declared 2024 as the Year of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Rice
2. Millets
3. Camelids
4. Elephants

**Q:8** Which among the following diseases scientifically named as Cancrum Oris or Gangrenous Stomatitis has been included in the official list of Neglected Tropical Diseases by WHO?

1. Noma
2. Malaria
3. Ebola
4. Elephantiasis

**Q:9** Name the Spacecraft that detects the presence of Hydrogen Cyanide on Saturn's icy moon Enceladus.

1. Cassini
2. Voyager 1
3. Skylar
4. Atlantis

**Q:10** Who among the following climbed the highest peak of Antarctica, Mount Vinson with the aim to spread awareness about climate change taking place in Antarctica?

1. Sheikh Abdullah
2. Shaikh Hassan Khan
3. Mohammad Hafeez
4. Zander Khan



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#### Answer Key

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

#### Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Mitchell Starc**  
Australian Pacer Mitchell Starc becomes the most costliest buy in the IPL Auction history. He was bought by Kolkata Knight Riders for a whopping 24.75 crores. Australia's World Cup winning captain Pat Cummins also made history by becoming the second costliest buy in IPL History for 20.50 crores by Sunrisers Hyderabad.

**Q:2** The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Varanasi**  
The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the World's largest meditation centre "The Swarved Mahamandir" in Varanasi's Umara area. It is a seven floor temple with a seating capacity of 20,000 individuals.

**Q:3** The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **USA**  
The World Bank's latest report titled Migration and Development Brief stated that India will be the top recipient of remittances globally in 2023. The amount of remittances can reach upto USD 125 Billion by the end of 2023. The USA is the largest source of remittances.

**Q:4** The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Both 1 and 2**  
The Global Safety Report on Road Safety 2023 was released by The Department of Transportation (DOTR), the World Health Organisation and Road Safety partners together. The report was released in the Philippines. The report stated that Road traffic deaths fell slightly to 1.19 million per year.

**Q:5** The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Bhutan**  
The Gelephu Smart City Project was recently announced by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk. It will be a Mega International City situated near the Indian border. The aim of the city is to act as an economic corridor connecting South Asia with Southeast Asia via Indian Northeastern states.

**Q:6** The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Radon**

The reports from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) reveals that more than 21000 deaths per year happen due to lung cancer caused by Radon. It becomes the second leading cause of death in the United States. Radon is a radioactive gas formed when Uranium, Thorium or Radium break down in Rocks, Soil and Groundwater.

**Q:7** The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Camelids**  
2024 has been declared as the Year of Camelids by the United Nations. The Camelids as a group includes Bactrian Camels, Dromedaries, Guanacos, llamas, Vicunas etc. The Camelids have a significant importance in the lives of people worldwide.

**Q:8** The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Noma**  
The World Health Organisation announced the inclusion of Noma disease in the list of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). Its scientific name is Cancrum Oris or Gangrenous Stomatitis. The decision was taken at the 17th meeting of Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of Neglected Tropical Diseases (STAG-NTD).

**Q:9** The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Cassini**  
Data from the NASA's Cassini Spacecraft reveals the presence of Hydrogen Cyanide on Saturn's icy moon Enceladus. The Spacecraft reveals the icy moon has more chemical energy and could support complex organic compounds. The study was published in the weekly journal Nature Astronomy.

**Q:10** The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Zander Khan**  
Kerala Government Employee Shaikh Hassan Khan has created history by climbing the highest peak in Antarctica, The Mount Vinson. The aim of the summit was to spread awareness about climate change taking place in Antarctica. It is his fifth summit.