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ROUND 01-CURRENT AFFAIRS

1	(Visual) This person, an internationally acclaimed professional model, recently testified at UN backed Special Court for war-crimes in Sierra Leone at The Hague over allegations that Charles Taylor, a former president of Liberia, had given her some diamonds in 1997. The prosecution alleged that Charles Taylor passed on diamonds from war-torn Sierra Leone. Name this person in the picture	Naomi Campbell
2	Central bank of Sri Lanka celebrated its Diamond Jubilee recently. To mark the occasion a postage stamp was issued by the philatelic bureau. What is the value or the denomination of this postage stamp?	Rs.10
3	Regarded as the largest accidental oil spill in the history of petroleum industry, an accident in a BP oil drill in Gulf of Mexico left a ruptured well leaking millions of barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico in April this year. What is the name of the oil drill involved in this accident?	Deepwater Horizon
4	(Visual) The man you see in the picture is the founder and boss of Facebook, the phenomenally successful social network. At 26 years of age he is regarded as the youngest billionaire of the world Who is he?.	Mark Zuckerberg
5	Which Asian City is the host of 2010 World Expo, a grand exposition of world cultures under the theme of “ Better City – Better Life”	Shanghai
6	(visual) This Dutch 14 year old teenager, last month began her voyage from Gibraltar with the aim of becoming the youngest solo around-the-world sailor. This was after winning a legal battle against Dutch social services which argued that the voyage could harm her emotional and social development. If she returns before she turns 17 in September 2012 she will seize the record, set in May this year by 16 year-old Australian Jessica Watson. Who is this teenage sailor?	Laura Dekker
7	The wreck of the Ocean liner Titanic which sank on 14 April, 1912 was discovered in 1985 by an expedition led by Dr. Robert Ballard. Recently a US judge awarded the US exhibition company \$110m for salvaging artefacts from the wreck of the Titanic. The US federal judge ruled that, this company, which displays the Titanic artefacts in museums across the world, is entitled to their full market value. What is this company?	RMS Titanic Inc
8	He was the President of Malta from 1999 to 2004, and is widely regarded as one of the greatest political leaders of Malta, being instrumental in the country's accession to the European Union. He was elected President of the 45th session of the United Nations General Assembly in 1990, and was also the head of the Commonwealth Foundation in 2004.He died on August 12, 2010. Can you name him?	Guido de Marco(July 22, 1931-August 12,2010)
9	Recently it was announced that this Chinese bank, founded in 1951, with Head quarters in Beijing, created a record by raising USD 22.1 billion in its Initial Public Offering (IPO) . It is regarded as the World's Biggest	Agricultural Bank of China Limited (Accept Agbank or ABC)

	ever IPO. What is this bank?	
10	This year, The UNESCO, The cultural arm of the United Nations, established 21 new World Heritage sites, making a total of 911 sites around the world, of which eight are in Sri Lanka. The highlands in south-central Sri Lanka which include the Peak Wilderness Protected Area, the Horton Plains National Park and the Knuckles Conservation Forest, was named among the 21 new conservation sites. Which city hosted this year's UNESCO meeting establishing the new sites?.	Brasilia

ROUND 2: SPORTS

1	(Visual) , She became the first Italian woman to win a Grand Slam title with a superb victory over Australia's Sam Stosur in the French Open final, early this year. Who is she?	Francesca Schiavone
2	(Visual) Soccer world Cup 2010 held in South Africa was concluded with Spain emerging as the new World Champions. Name this Barcelona midfielder who scored the extra time goal that sealed a 1-0 victory over Netherlands at Johannesburg Soccer City stadium?	Andres Iniesta
3	Alberto Contador sealed his third Tour de France title in four years this year (2010).What is the Cycling team, named after a Central Asian capital city, represented by Alberto Contador?	Astana
4	Muttiah Muralitharan in July became the first bowler to take 800 Test wickets on the final day of his Test career in Galle. Who was Murali's last and the 800 th victim in Tests?	Pragyan Ojha
5	The 2010 Formula One (F1) Grand Prix Calendar commenced with the Bahrain Grand Prix in March. What is the last race in the 2010 F1 calendar, to be held in November?	Abudhabi Grand Prix
6	2010 Commonwealth Games will see Delhi as the host city. Which city will host the 2014 commonwealth games?	Glasgow, Scotland
7	(visual) What you see on picture are the two Mascots of the 2012 London Summer Olympic and Paralympics Games. One of which is named after a Shropshire Village, whose 1890 Games inspired Baron Pierre de Coubertin to establish modern Olympic Games. The other is named after a hospital in Birmingham which is regarded as the birthplace of Paralympics games .What are the names given to these mascots(need both names correctly)?	Wenlock and Mandeville
8	(visual) This Kenyan runner recently broke the 13-year world record in the 800m set by Wilson Kipketer in1997 by clocking 1.41.09 at an IAAF World challenge in Berlin. Who is he?	David Lekuta Rudisha
9	It is known in US as the "Most exciting Two minutes in Sports", for its approximate duration. It is the Kentucky Derby; held annually on the first Saturday in May, capping the two -week long Kentucky -Derby festival. Which US city hosts the annual Kentucky Derby horse race?	Louisville.
10	During the last Test Series against India in July 2010, Mahela Jayewardene scored his 28 th Test hundred at SSC, surpassing Sir	10

	Donald Bradman's record number of centuries at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to become the highest century maker at a single ground. How many Test centuries has Mahela so far scored at the SSC?	
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ROUND 3: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING ASTRONOMY AND SPACE

1	(VISUAL) William Buckland(1784-1856), the Dean of Westminster, an English eccentric, who out of scientific curiosity ate the mummified heart of the French king Louise the XIV, is credited with naming the first ever dinosaur in 1824. What was the name given to this dinosaur?	Magalosaurus
2	In astrophysics, it is an argument that the darkness of the night sky conflicts with the assumption of an infinite and eternal static universe. The argument states that at any angle from the Earth the sight line will end at the surface of a star. To understand this we compare it to standing in a forest of white trees. If at any point the vision of the observer ended at the surface of a tree, wouldn't the observer only see white? This contradicts the darkness of the night sky and leads many to wonder why we do not see only light from stars in the night sky. Named after a German Astronomer who first described it in 1823, what is the term we use to identify this argument?	Olbers ' Paradox(accept <i>Dark night sky paradox</i>)
3	It was the first element to be named in honour of a living person. The 106 th element in the periodic table was named in 1994 after a scientist of the University of California Berkeley who was also part of the team which discovered element 98, the Californium. What is the name of this first element to be named after a living person?	Seaborgium (named after Glen Theodore Seaborg 1912-99)
4	This tree is known by its botanical name <i>Malus domestica</i> and belongs to the rose family. It is one of the most widely cultivated tree fruits and has its origins in Western Asia where its wild ancestors are still found today. What is the more popular or the common name of this tree species?	Apple
5	Discovered by William Herschel in 1787,It is the outermost major moon of the planet Uranus and the second largest of Uranian moons. It is named after a character in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream. What is this moon?	Oberon
6	Myopia is the medical term given to the short sightedness in eyes. What is the medical term given to the Opposite of myopia, the far sightedness?	Hyperopia/hyperopic or hypermetropia
7	(visual) This American scientist , who was the head of the Homestake Experiment that detected neutrinos in the Sun, became the oldest- ever winner of the Nobel Physics prize for his work when he was awarded it in 2002 at the age of 88 years 01 month and 26 days. Can you name him?	Raymond Davies Jr

8	Which spacecraft, launched by NASA in March 2009, recently discovered the first confirmed planetary system with more than one planet crossing in front, or transiting the same star?	Kepler
9	The USA launched its first orbiting space station in 1973. What was it called?	Skylab
10	What is the term given to the study of the surface and physical features of the moon?	Selenography

ROUND 4 : ARTS, LITERATURE, HISTORY AND ENTERTAINMENT

1	(visual) Recently, two Italians were arrested at Cairo airport trying to smuggle out this Van Gogh painting stolen from Egypt's Mahmoud Khalil museum. This painting, valued at more than \$50 million is believed to have been painted by Van Gogh in 1887. By what name is this painting identified?	Poppy Flowers (also known as <i>Vase And Flowers</i>)
2	Mary Poppins is regarded as one of the top musical films of the 1960s'. The 1964 film produced by Walt Disney starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke was based on series of books by an Australian Author? Who was she?	P.L Travers (Real name Helen Lyndon Goff)
3	(video) What you saw was a scene involving the star of the hugely popular TV series "different strokes" in which he played the character Arnold Jackson. This actor died recently. What is his name?	Gary Coleman
4	It is a historical fact that among the many ancient Buddhist shrines in Sri Lanka Velgam Vehera (also called Natanar Kovil by the Tamils) in Trincomalee district stands out as the only known example of a "Tamil Vihare or as the late Dr. Senerath Paranavithana described it in his delightfully informative book "Glimpses of Ceylon's Past" as a "Buddhist shrine of the Tamil people". Which Lankan king was supposed to have constructed the Velgam Vihare in second century?	Bhatika Tissa II
5	(Visual) This 19th-century German Philosopher and classical philologist wrote critical texts on religion, morality, contemporary culture, philosophy and science, displaying a fondness for metaphor, irony and aphorism. The widely known quotation " the thing that does not destroy makes me stronger " is also attributed to him? Can you name him?	Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche
6	(Video) What you saw was a scene from the Award winning movie "Avatar" directed by James Cameron. By what name is the humanoid indigenous inhabitants of the fictional moon Pandora identified in this 2009 film?	Na'vi
7	Year 2010 marks the 50 th anniversary of Late Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike becoming the world's first woman prime minister in 1960. She is credited with successfully negotiating with Indian Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri an agreement pertaining to the political status of the plantation workers of	1964(In New Delhi)

	Indian origin in Ceylon, most of whom had been disenfranchised soon after Ceylon became independent. Which year was this agreement, known as the Sirimavo-Shastri Pact, signed?	
8	It is one of Leonardo Da Vinci's notebooks and includes many of his scientific drawing and diagrams. It was bought by Bill gates for \$ 28 million in 1994 when it was sold in New York auction. What is the name given to this notebook or manuscript of Leonardo da Vinci?	Codex Hammer (Previously called Codex Leicester)
9	(Visual) What is the name given to these grotesque, malicious and rather dim-witted creatures in the Scandinavian folklore? They are said to steal sleeping children, sometimes replacing them with one of their own?	Trolls
10	(visual) This is the flag of the smallest country in mainland Africa. Its largest city is Serekunda and the country gained independence from Britain in 1965.Groundnuts are one of the few crops that will grow there and they are its most important export. What is this country?	Gambia

ROUND 5: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1	Braille is a system of raised dots that allows blind people to read by touch. The basic unit of Braille is made up of six dots, which allows for 63 possible combinations to represent letters, numbers, and punctuation marks. What is the name used to identify the basic unit of Braille?	Cell
2	ZIP codes are a system of postal codes used by the United States Postal Service (USPS) since 1963. The ZIP code, properly written ensures that mail travels more efficiently and more quickly. The basic format consists of five decimal numerical digits. What does the acronym ZIP stand for?	Zone Improvement Plan
3	With a purpose to give recognition to young mathematicians who have made major contributions, this is a Prize awarded to mathematicians not over 40 years by the International Mathematical Union (IMU) at an international congress held every four years. First awarded in 1936, to Finish mathematician Lars Ahlfors and American mathematician Jesse Douglas, It is often viewed as the top honour a mathematician can receive. What is this Award or Prize called?	The Fields Medal
4	This famous train service was launched on 14 November 1994 to carry passengers between London, Paris and Brussels through the Channel Tunnel. It can reach speeds of 300km/ph . What is the name of this famous train Service?	Eurostar
5	This charge card company was formed in 1950 by Frank X.McNamara, Ralph Schneider and Matty Simmons. When it first emerged, it became the first independent credit card company in the	Diners club

	world. What is this company?	
6	Larry Page and Sergey Brin founded the company Google in Menlo Park, California, USA, to promote the web search engine that they developed as a research project while attending Stanford University. Which year was this?	1998
7	Which Asian capital city is located on the banks of “Chao Phraya River”?	Bangkok
8	A country in the Pacific Ocean was known until 1976 as Ellice Islands. What is its present name?	Tuvalu
9	The Gulf Cooperation Council [GCC] is a regional grouping established in an agreement concluded on 25 May 1981 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia between six Persian Gulf countries .These countries declared that the GCC is established in view of the special relations between them, their similar political systems based on Islamic beliefs, joint destiny and common objectives. Five of the six full members of GCC are : Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, ,Qatar, ,Oman and the U.A.E. which is the sixth full member of GCC?	Bahrain
10	The Black Box or the flight data recorder is a device now fitted to thousands of commercial passenger planes and responsible for saving countless lives. It was invented by an Australian at Melbourne's Aeronautical Research Laboratory while helping to investigate the 1953 mystery crash of a Comet jetliner when he came up with the idea of recording pilots and instrument readings to explain accidents. This inventor died in July 2010. Who was he?	Dr. David Warren

TIE BREAKERS

ROUND 1

1	Early this month a 7.1 magnitude earthquake caused widespread damage in Christchurch, New Zealand's second largest city, prompting its Prime Minister to announce "The damages are incredibly frightening. The only thing you can say it's a miracle that no-one lost their life". Who is the current Prime Minister of New Zealand?	John Key
2	The 2010 Commonwealth Games are the nineteenth Commonwealth Games and the ninth to be held under that name. The Games are scheduled to be held in Delhi India between 3 October and 14 October 2010. The games will be the largest multi-sport event conducted to date in Delhi and India generally, which has previously hosted the Asian games in 1951 and 1982. What is the motto of the 2010 Commonwealth Games?	Come out and play
3	The sociologist and International President of the women's International League for peace and Freedom shared the Nobel Peace prize with Nicolas Butler in 1931. Can you name her?	Jane Adams

TIE BREAKER ROUND 2

1	Name the CEO of British Petroleum (BP) who was forced to resign recently , mainly due to his handling of the Deepwater Horizon oil drill rig accident in the Gulf of Mexico?	Tony Hayward
2	For the first time in its history, the Russian federation will host a Winter Olympics Games in 2014. Which Russian city is selected to host the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Feb 2014?	Sochi
3	The pH (potential hydrogen) is a measure of the concentration of hydrogen ions, which shows whether something is acid or base (also known as alkali). Which Danish chemist in 1909 developed the pH system?	Soren Sorenson

TIE BREAKER ROUND 3

1	This multinational company is regarded the words largest mining company. With a market capitalization of \$190 billion, it is also one of the largest listed companies in the world. ". Earlier this year the firm was instrumental in the opposition to Kevin Rudd, then Australia's prime minister, who was trying to impose a supertax on mining firms (Mr Rudd resigned in June, partly as a result). What is this company?	BHP Billiton
2	Cuba's former President Fidel Castro recently released the first volume of his memoirs. It focuses on the story of how just a few hundred revolutionaries under Mr Castro's command defeated the Cuban army in 1958. What is the title of this book?	The Strategic Victory
3	In the movie, "Avatar" what is the all important element found on Pandora ?	Unobtanium

ANSWERS (FOR THE USE OF MARKERS ONLY)

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
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2	Rs.10	Andres Iniesta	Olbers ‘ Paradox(accept <i>Dark night sky paradox</i>)	P.L Travers (Real name Helen Lyndon Goff)	Zone Improvement Plan
3	Deepwater Horizon	Astana	Seaborgium (named after Glen Theodore Seaborg 1912-99)	Gary Coleman	The Fields Medal
4	Mark Zuckerberg	Pragyan Ojha	Apple	Bhatika Tissa II	Eurostar
5	Shanghai	Abudhabi Grand Prix	Oberon	Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche	Diners club
6	Laura Dekker	Glasgow, Scotland	Hyperopia(accept hyperopic or hypermetropia	Na’vi	1998
7	RMS Titanic Inc	Wenlock and Mandeville	Raymond Davies Jr	1964(In New Delhi)	Bangkok
8	Guido de Marco	David Lekuta Rudisha	Kepler	Codex Hammer (accept Codex Leicester)	Tuvalu
9	Agricultural Bank of China Limited (Accept Agbank or ABC)	Louisville.	Skylab	Trolls	Bahrain
10	Brasilia	10	Selenography	Gambia	Dr. David Warren