

GENERAL AWARENESS

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1. 'India Today' is—

- (A) A staggering mass of problems
- (B) Former British India minus Pakistan and Bangladesh
- (C) A News magazine mainly devoted to current affairs
- (D) The Union of India, a member of United Nations

Ans : (C)

2. The book 'It was Five Past Midnight' is on—

- (A) Bhuj Earthquake
- (B) Orissa Floods
- (C) Andhra Cyclone
- (D) Bhopal Gas Tragedy

Ans : (D)

3. Teen Bigha Corridor links—

- (A) India and Pakistan
- (B) India and China
- (C) Bangladesh and Pakistan
- (D) Bangladesh and India

Ans : (D)

4. What is the field in which outstanding work may be recognized with the award of Pulitzer Prize ?

- (A) Science and Technology
- (B) Literature and Journalism
- (C) International Understanding
- (D) Environmental Studies

Ans : (B)

5. Vijay Stambha at Chittor was built by—

- (A) Maharana Pratap
- (B) Rana Sangram Singh
- (C) Rana Kumbha
- (D) Rana Ratan Singh

Ans : (C)

6. The device used to change the speed of an electric fan is—

- (A) Amplifier
- (B) Regulator
- (C) Switch
- (D) Rectifier

Ans : (B)

7. Namdhapa National Park is in—

- (A) Mizoram
- (B) Manipur
- (C) Tripura
- (D) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans : (D)

8. Which scripture was called his 'mother' by Gandhiji ?

- (A) Ramayana
- (B) The New Testament
- (C) Bhagwat Gita
- (D) The Holy Quran

Ans : (C)

9. On which of the following rivers is the Tehri Hydropower Complex located ?

- (A) Alaknanda
- (B) Mandakini
- (C) Dhaul Ganga
- (D) Bhagirathi

Ans : (D)

10. Nobel Prize winning Indian Amartya Sen is known for his work in which area ?

- (A) Physics
- (B) Environmental Protection
- (C) Chemistry
- (D) Economics

Ans : (D)

11. Who has been crowned Miss Universe, 2008 ?

- (A) Miss Japan
- (B) Miss Venezuela
- (C) Miss Philippines
- (D) Miss Malaysia

Ans : (B)

12. Wholesale price based inflation rate in India reached its highest level in 13 years on 27th July, 2008. It was—

- (A) 11.75 per cent
- (B) 11.85 per cent
- (C) 12.00 per cent
- (D) 12.05 per cent

Ans : (D)

13. The French Open, 2009 Men's Singles was won by—

- (A) Roger Federer
- (B) Rafael Nadal
- (C) Bob Bryan
- (D) Katarina Srebotnik

Ans : (A)

14. The venue of the Energy Summit, 2008 was—

- (A) Jeddah
- (B) Tehran
- (C) Riyadh
- (D) Tripoli

Ans : (A)

15. CTBT stands for—

- (A) Continued Test Ban Treaty
- (B) Continued Test Based Treatments
- (C) Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
- (D) Commercial Test Based Tariff

Ans : (C)

16. Asia Cup, 2008 final was played between—

- (A) [India](#) and Sri Lanka
- (B) Pakistan and India
- (C) Sri Lanka and Pakistan
- (D) Bangladesh and India

Ans : (A)

17. For which one of the following, M. S. Dhoni was chosen for the year 2007 ?

- (A) Arjun Award
- (B) Dronacharya Award
- (C) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- (D) None of the above

Ans : (C)

18. Full form of MCA is—

- (A) Ministry of Company Affairs
- (B) Master of Computer Application
- (C) Member Chartered Accountant
- (D) Master of Commerce and Arts

Ans : (B)

19. China has hosted the—

- (A) XXIX Olympic Games
- (B) XXVIII Olympic Games
- (C) XXVII Olympic Games
- (D) XXX Olympic Games

Ans : (A)

20. Rashtrapati Bhawan was designed by—

- (A) Edward Stone
- (B) Le Corbusier
- (C) Edwin Lutyens
- (D) Tarun Dutt

Ans : (C)

21. 'The Quit India Movement' was launched in 1942 in the month of—

- (A) January

- (B) March
 - (C) August
 - (D) December
- Ans : (C)

22. Match the following—

Column-I

- (A) Keshab Sen
- (b) Dayanand Saraswati
- (c) Atmaram Pandurang
- (d) Syed Ahmad Khan

Column-II

1. Prarthana Samaj
2. Brahma Samaj
3. Aligarh Movement
4. Arya Samaj

- (A) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 4 1 3 2
- (B) 1 4 2 3
- (C) 2 4 1 3
- (D) 3 2 4 1

Ans : (C)

23. Who was the first English President of the Indian National Congress ?

- (A) George Yule
- (B) William Wedderburn
- (C) A. O. Hume
- (D) Henry Cotton

Ans : (A)

24. Which one of the following personalities is known as 'Grand Old Man of India' ?

- (A) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (B) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (C) Motilal Nehru
- (D) Lala Lajpat Rai

Ans : (B)

25. Who wrote Akbarnama ?

- (A) Akbar
- (B) Birbal
- (C) Abul Fazal
- (D) Bhagavan Das

Ans : (C)

26. The pledge for 'Poorna Swaraj' was taken at the Congress Session of—

- (A) Calcutta
- (B) Lahore
- (C) Allahabad
- (D) Madras

Ans : (B)

27. When was the Panchayati Raj System introduced in India ?

- (A) 1950 A.D.
- (B) 1945 A.D.
- (C) 1959 A.D.
- (D) 1962 A.D.

Ans : (C)

28. Who held the office of the Vice-President of India for two consecutive terms ?

- (A) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
- (B) Mr. R. Venkataraman
- (C) Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma
- (D) Mr. V. V. Giri

Ans : (A)

29. Which Amendment of the Indian Constitution inserted the two words—'Socialist' and 'Secular' in the Preamble ?

- (A) 28th
- (B) 40th
- (C) 42nd
- (D) 52nd

Ans : (C)

30. When there is a vacancy in the office of the President and the Vice President at the same time, the office is held temporarily by—

- (A) A person nominated by both the Houses of Parliament
- (B) The Speaker of Lok Sabha
- (C) The Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
- (D) The Chief Justice of India

Ans : (D)

31. The Constitution of India came into force on—

- (A) 26 January, 1950
- (B) 26 January, 1952
- (C) 15 August, 1948
- (D) 26 November, 1949

Ans : (A)

32. Who was the first Woman Governor of a State in free India from out of the following ?

- (A) Mrs. Sarojini Naidu
- (B) Mrs. Sucheta Kriplani
- (C) Mrs. Indira Gandhi
- (D) Mrs. Vijay Laxmi Pandit

Ans : (A)

33. The Parliamentary Committee which scrutinises the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is—

- (A) Estimates Committee
- (B) Select Committee
- (C) Public Accounts Committee
- (D) None of these

Ans : (C)

34. Fog is an example of—

- (A) Gas dispersed in gas
- (B) Liquid dispersed in gas
- (C) Solid dispersed in gas
- (D) Solid dispersed in liquid

Ans : (B)

35. Which from the following is a landlocked sea ?

- (A) Timor Sea
- (B) Arafura Sea
- (C) Greenland Sea
- (D) Aral Sea

Ans : (D)

36. Match the following—

Sea Ports

- (A) Bhatkal
- (b) Alleppey
- (c) Kakinada
- (d) Tuticorin

States

1. Kerala
2. Tamil Nadu
3. Karnataka
4. Andhra Pradesh

(A) (b) (c) (d)

(A) 1 3 4 2

(B) 4 3 2 1

(C) 3 1 4 2

(D) 2 4 1 3

Ans : (C)

37. Which one of the following represent the lines joining the places of equal rainfall ?

- (A) Isohypsies
- (B) Isohalines
- (C) Isobars
- (D) Isohyets

Ans : (D)

38. Equator represents—

- (A) Line joining North and [South poles](#)
- (B) Imaginary line passing round the Earth midway between North & South poles
- (C) A belt (ring) around the planet Saturn
- (D) Axis of rotation of Earth

Ans : (B)

39. [Global warming](#) is expected to result in—

- (A) Increase in level of sea
- (B) Change in crop pattern
- (C) Change in coast line

(D) All of the above
Ans : (D)

40. Earth Summit (Save Earth) was sponsored by—

- (A) UNESCO
 - (B) UNCED
 - (C) WHO
 - (D) UNICEF
- Ans : (B)

41. If two commodities are complements, then their cross-price elasticity is—

- (A) Zero
 - (B) Positive
 - (C) Negative
 - (D) Imaginary number
- Ans : (C)

42. Opportunity cost of production of a commodity is—

- (A) The cost that the firm could have incurred when a different technique was adopted
 - (B) The cost that the firm could have incurred under a different method of production
 - (C) The actual cost incurred
 - (D) The next best alternative output sacrificed
- Ans : (D)

43. Surplus earned by a factor other than land in the short period is referred to as—

- (A) Economic rent
 - (B) Net rent
 - (C) Quasi-rent
 - (D) Super-normal rent
- Ans : (C)

44. Who is the Ex-officio Chairman of the Planning Commission ?

- (A) Minister for Planning & Development
 - (B) Finance Minister
 - (C) Prime Minister
 - (D) Minister for Rural & Community Development
- Ans : (C)

45. Which from the following is not true when the interest rate in the economy goes up ?

- (A) Savings increases
 - (B) Lending decreases
 - (C) Cost of production increases
 - (D) Return on capital increases
- Ans : (D)

46. Which one of the following is not a method of measurement of National Income ?

- (A) Value Added Method
 - (B) Income Method
 - (C) Investment Method
 - (D) Expenditure Method
- Ans : (C)

47. Labour Intensive Technique would get chosen in a—

- (A) Labour Surplus Economy
- (B) Capital Surplus Economy
- (C) Developed Economy
- (D) Developing Economy

Ans : (A)

48. Which one of the following would not constitute an economic activity ?

- (A) A teacher teaching students in his class
- (B) A teacher teaching students under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- (C) A teacher teaching his own daughter at home
- (D) A teacher providing consultancy services from his residence

Ans : (C)

49. The Finance Commission—

- (A) Draws up Five Year Plans
- (B) Formulates Monetary Policy
- (C) Recommends pay revision of Central Government Employees
- (D) Adjudicates on the sharing of resources between Centre and the States

Ans : (D)

50. Net National Product of a country is—

- (A) GDP minus depreciation allowances
- (B) GDP plus net income from abroad
- (C) GNP minus net income from abroad
- (D) GNP minus depreciation allowances

Ans : (D)

51. Jaundice is caused due to the infection of—

- (A) Brain
- (B) Liver
- (C) Kidney
- (D) Spleen

Ans : (B)

52. The average heart beat rate per minute in a normal person is—

- (A) 82
- (B) 92
- (C) 72
- (D) 98

Ans : (C)

53. EEG records the activity of—

- (A) Heart
- (B) Lungs
- (C) Brain
- (D) Muscles

Ans : (C)

54. The colour of cow's milk is slight yellow due to the presence of—

- (A) Xanthophyll

- (B) Riboflavin
 - (C) Ribulose
 - (D) Carotene
- Ans : (D)

55. Which one of these is a communicat disease ?

- (A) Diabetes
 - (B) Diphtheria
 - (C) Arthritis
 - (D) Cancer
- Ans : (B)

56. The concertration of which of following decreases in anaemia ?

- (A) Haemoglobin
 - (B) Collagen
 - (C) Hyoglobin
 - (D) Myosin
- Ans : (A)

57. Which of the following diseases usually spreads through air ?

- (A) Plague
 - (B) Typhoid
 - (C) Tuberculosis
 - (D) Cholera
- Ans : (A)

58. Cereals are a rich source of—

- (A) Starch
 - (B) Glucose
 - (C) Fructose
 - (D) Maltose
- Ans : (A)

59. Aspirin is common name of—

- (A) Salicylic Acid
 - (B) Salicylate
 - (C) Methyl Salicylate
 - (D) Acetyl Salicylic Acid
- Ans : (D)

60. Small Pox is caused by—

- (A) Rubeola Virus
 - (B) Variola Virus
 - (C) Varicella
 - (D) Myxovirus
- Ans : (B)

61. Carbon monoxide is an inflammable gas. Which one of the following is also inflammable ?

- (A) Helium
- (B) Nitrogen

- (C) [Oxygen](#)
- (D) [Hydrogen](#)

Ans : (D)

62. Aerobic respiration process requires—

- (A) [Heat](#)
- (B) Water
- (C) Oxygen
- (D) Sunlight

Ans : (C)

63. Which one of the following metals does not react with water to produce Hydrogen ?

- (A) Potassium
- (B) Cadmium
- (C) Sodium
- (D) Lithium

Ans : (B)

64. Ozone consists of—

- (A) Oxygen only
- (B) Oxygen and Nitrogen
- (C) Hydrogen and Carbon
- (D) Oxygen and Carbon

Ans : (A)

65. Which of the following liquids has the least density ?

- (A) Fresh water
- (B) Salt water
- (C) Petrol
- (D) Mercury

Ans : (C)

66. Which of the following principle is used to produce 'low-temperatures' ?

- (A) Super conductivity
- (B) Joule-Kelvin effect
- (C) Thermo-electric effect
- (D) Adiabatic demagnetization

Ans : (D)

67. A photo-electric cell converts—

- (A) Mechanical [energy](#) to electric energy
- (B) Heat energy to mechanical energy
- (C) Light energy to chemical energy
- (D) Light energy to electrical energy

Ans : (D)

68. Two stones of different masses are dropped simultaneously from the top of a building—

- (A) Smaller stone reaches the ground earlier
- (B) Larger stone reaches the ground earlier
- (C) Both the stones reach the ground at the same time

(D) Depends on the composition of the stone
Ans : (C)

69. Pulsars are—

- (A) Stars moving towards the Earth
- (B) Stars moving away from Earth
- (C) Rapidly spinning stars
- (D) High temperature stars

Ans : (C)

70. Biggest planet of solar system is—

- (A) Earth
- (B) Mars
- (C) Saturn
- (D) [Jupiter](#)

Ans : (D)

71. The 'National School of Drama' is situated in which of the following cities ?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Bhopal
- (D) Kolkata

Ans : (B)

72. When was our National Anthem first sung and where ?

- (A) 24th January, 1950 in Allahabad
- (B) 24th January, 1950 in Delhi
- (C) 26th December, 1942 in Calcutta
- (D) 27th December, 1911 in Calcutta

Ans : (D)

73. The ozone hole that has been detected lies in the atmosphere above—

- (A) Arctic Ocean
- (B) Antarctica
- (C) India
- (D) Alaska

Ans : (B)

74. Brain drain—

- (A) Is a disease
- (B) Refers to dropouts from educational and technical institutions
- (C) Is fruitless expenditure of scientific and industrial research
- (D) Refers to emigration of skilled persons

Ans : (D)

75. How many spokes are there in the Dharma Chakra of the National Flag ?

- (A) 22
- (B) 24
- (C) 18
- (D) 14

Ans : (B)