

GENERAL AWARENESS, MARKETING & COMPUTER

The term GENERAL AWARENESS, another name for popular term GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, is widely used in the scheme of competitive examinations viz., Bank Probationary Officers' and Specialist Officers' Examinations, SSC Graduate and Matric Level Examinations and Assistant Administrative Officers' Examinations conducted by Insurance Companies (Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation etc.).

The term "General Awareness" is quite common today but the real meaning hidden in it is not so common. The scope of General Awareness is though defined but in vague manner. The Examination conducting agencies very often define the scope of General Awareness in their prospectus or Information Handout but you cannot understand all the manifestations of the scope and nature of General Awareness Test Paper. There are "certain events, happenings, incidents etc" pertaining to our surrounding about which an educated person is supposed to be aware of. These "certain events, happenings, incidents etc" have been conceptualised in a terminology what is called "General Awareness."

The knowledge about our surrounding increases with the growth and development of an individual. As a general perception it is believed that one should be acquainted with one's surrounding. A well informed and acquainted person is called to be an awakened and bonafide member of a society. How much informed someone is though depends on several factors — his/her area of interest, means of information, his/her professional or vocational requirements etc. If one should try to define the extent of one's surrounding it goes on

to encompass almost each and every thing under the sky, and all we know that sky has no limit. Thus, one could assume a very vast contents of knowledge and information related to one's surrounding.

Broadly speaking, the term "General Awareness" refers to "a well-balanced set of knowledge and information related to the important areas of human activity". Though the name itself suggests a "general" nature of information but it is not so general in the most of cases. As a matter of fact, the term "General" refers to the general knowledge and not specialised knowledge about the different subjects which are included in the ambit of General Awareness. A micro-analysis of the contents of General Awareness Test Paper suggests that unless one is clear about the fundamentals of human activities one is unable to understand one's surrounding in its right perception.

NATURE OF QUESTIONS

It should be noted that nature of questions in General Awareness Test Paper in the Bank P.O. and Specialist Officers' Examinations remains quite different from the other Objective Type Multiple Choice Examinations. Sometimes the given Alternative Answer Choices remain very closely related and sometimes some absurd Answer Choices are also included. Therefore, candidates are required to arrive at some logical and reasoned conclusion while answering the questions in General Awareness Test Paper. The candidates should be able to select the most appropriate Alternative Choice on the basis of correct information. The candidates should have the ability to discard unsuitable Alternative Choices and the ability to distinguish between "would be" and

"must be" Alternative Choices, because there remains only one Answer Choice which is "right" in all respects. Thus, candidates must have knowledge about the other Alternative Choices apart from the correct Answer Choice.

Majority of the questions in General Awareness Test Paper in Bank P.O. and Specialist Officers' Examinations remained based on CURRENT AFFAIRS unlike the other competitive Examinations.

MODEL SYLLABUS

Everybody knows very well that no examination conducting agency or board prescribes a detail syllabus for the General Awareness Test Paper.

However, the Test of General Awareness is intended to give an index of candidates' awareness of people and events past and present in different walks of life. Some questions will also be on Socio-Economic Environment, Problems of Weaker Sections of the Society and the Events occurring around one's surrounding.

On the basis of extensive research conducted by the **Think Tank of Pratiyogita Kiran and Kiran Prakashan** some important and useful facts have been emerged about the scope of General Awareness Test Paper. After analysing the question papers of previous Bank PO Examinations the **Think Tank of Pratiyogita Kiran and Kiran Prakashan** has prepared a model syllabus for the General Awareness Test Paper.

The questions in the General Awareness Test Paper relate to each and every field of human activity in its current perspective. However, the most important topics are given below:

Financial System in India, Banking System in India, History of Banking, Development of Banking, The Reserve Bank of India, Nationalisation of Banks, Functions of Banks, Banking Technology, Use of Modern Technologies in Banking, Value added Services, Marketing of Banking Products, Bank-Customer Relations, International Standard of Banking Services, Bank and Insurance, Mutual Fund, General Bank Management, International Banking, Economy, Science and Technology, Computers, Polity, Current Events of National and International Importance, Persons in News, Places in News, Awards and Honours, Books and Authors, National and International Organisations / Commissions/ Committees, Geography, Sports and Traditional General Knowledge.

Generally in Bank P.O. Examinations emphasis is laid on current developments and happenings concerned with each and every subject of the General Awareness. However, this does not mean that you should discard the fundamentals of the subject concerned. Without having knowledge about the basic and fundamental principles of any subject you cannot comprehend the latest development in the right perspective.

For the success oriented preparation of this section go through the magazines published by Kiran Prakashan Pvt. Ltd - Pratiyogita Kiran and Renu General Knowledge & World Vision.

In SBI Probationary Officer Exams questions on Computer and Marketing are also included in the General Awareness Test Paper. Therefore, candidates should pay attention to these two subjects while preparing for the General Awareness Test Paper. The coverage of Banking and Finance is gradually increasing in the Banking Examinations. The subject-matter of General Awareness Test Paper now covers the concepts of Micro and

Macro-Economics, Fundamentals of Economic Theory, Capital Markets, Banking Industry, Finance, Revenue and other Financial activities prominently. Consider the following questions which were asked in the SBI Probationary Officer Examination held on 28.04.2013 :

1. Invisible Export means export of _____
 - (1) Services
 - (2) Prohibited goods
 - (3) Restricted goods
 - (4) Goods as per OGL list
 - (5) Other than those given as options
2. A non -performing asset is ____
 - (1) Money at call and short notice
 - (2) An asset that ceases to generate income
 - (3) Cash balance in till
 - (4) Cash balance with RBI
 - (5) Balance with other banks

ANSWERS

1. (1) 2. (2)

In Bank Probationary Examinations, the economic policy of the Government, Monetary Policy, Guidelines issued by the apex bank Reserve Bank of India and market regulator securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) from time to time and Budget, form Integral part of the General Awareness Test Paper. So, candidates are advised to study the relevant topics attentively. Candidates should also read Economic Newspapers regularly so that they may keep themselves abreast of latest developments in the financial sector including Banking and Corporate world.

The very title "Economy" suggests that the scope of this section is limited to the "state of Indian economy" and majority of the questions will be asked from the economic developments in India and other policy changes. But the theoretical part of Economics is not less important. As a matter of fact, unless one is fundamentally clear about the basic principles of the discipline Economics, one cannot understand and comprehend the state of economy of any country. Sometimes concept based questions are also asked in the Bank P.O. and Specialist Officers' Examinations which are generally categorised as Traditional Economy. These questions generally pertain to "General Theories and Concepts of Economics such as Inflation, Deflation, Stagflation, Recession, Depression, Balance of Payments, Trade Balance, Fiscal Deficit, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Net Domestic Product (NDP), Net National Product (NNP), Capital Reserve Ratio (CRR), Special Drawing rights (SDR), Soft Loan, Demand and Supply Elasticity, Hard Currency, Devaluation, Foreign Exchange (FOREX), Human Development Index (HDI), Financial Statement, Money Bill, Consolidated Fund, Contingency Fund, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Scheduled and Non-Scheduled Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Stock and Share Markets etc. Moreover, the questions based on current developments in Economy are merely the practical applications of the above mentioned basic theories and concepts of Economics. Each and every current development is rooted in the past and therefore one must know the basic principles of the Economics to comprehend the recent developments. Again, almost each and every development is inter-related. For instance, if we discuss External Sector, then the

following five sub-topics come to the fore naturally— Financial conditions, Export, Import, Trade Balance and Foreign Exchange Reserve. If Trade Balance is negative then foreign exchange is required to maintain Balance of Payments. Thus, the various factors of Economics are inter-related and you cannot understand any concept in isolation. You are required to adopt an integrated approach. Once you miss the interrelation aspect of various factors you will get confused. Therefore, it is advised that first of all you must go through the basic principles and concepts of Economics and then keep a vigilant eye over the changing scenario of the state of Indian and world economy. With the commencement of era of liberalisation and globalisation of economy since the mid of 1991 the process of economic reforms is gaining momentum gradually. Consequently, the importance of private sector in economy is increasing progressively along with the public sector. Therefore, some questions are also asked from the private sector these days.

The nature of questions has underwent tremendous change in due course. The fact-related questions are giving way to data-based questions. Sometimes, you are required to remember even digits after the decimal point. This has made this section really very tough. But you have to succeed any how. Therefore, try to collect important data on regular basis and retain them to feel confident. Conclusively, it can be said that you are required to have a close watch on all the developments and emerging trends in Indian and world economy.

The most appropriate way for the preparation of this section is to develop the spirit of inquiry and eagerness to learn something daily. First of all, you should comprehend the basic principles and concepts of Economics. For this, you should read the Text Books of Economics upto Standard XII particularly the

Text Books on Economic Theory, Micro Economics, Macro Economics and Indian Economy. The Text Books must be of a standard publication so that the authenticity of the facts is not mangled. You may rely on NCERT books. Secondly, for the knowledge of current developments in economy the best way is to read a leading national newspaper daily. After reading the newspaper try to note down important facts and data which appear to be important from examination point of view. For the data related to Indian economy you must refer to "Economic Survey" of the Ministry of Finance. For more facts and relevant data you must read **India** published by the Publication Division. The monthly magazine **Yojana** of the Publication Division provides adequate information on current developments.

Now consider the following questions :

- The NRIs while investing in the equity of a company cannot buy more than prescribed percentage of the paid up capital of that company. What is the prescribed percentage ?
(1) 2% (2) 3%
(3) 4% (4) 5%
(5) 6%
- Banks in India are required to maintain a portion of their demand and time liabilities with the Reserve Bank of India. This portion is called ____
(1) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
(2) Cash Reserve Ratio
(3) Bank Deposit
(4) Reverse Repo
(5) Government Securities
- BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange), the oldest stock exchange in Asia has joined hands with one more international index in February 2013. This association has resulted in change of name of BSE index. What is the change of name effected ?

- Dow Jones BSE Index
- NASDAQ BSE Index
- S&P BSE Index
- Euronext BSE Index
- Other than those given as options

4. RBI has released its guidelines for entry of new banks in the private sector in the month of February 2013. One of the norms is at least a prescribed percentage of branches of new bank should be set in unbanked rural centres with a population of upto 9,999 people. What is the percentage of such branches prescribed in the norms ?

- 10%
- 15%
- 18%
- 25%
- Other than those given as options

[1 to 4 : SBI PO Exam, 28.04.2013]

5. In the interim Budget for 2014-15 presented on February 17, 2014 defence spending was increased to Rs. 2.24 lakh crore (\$36.2 billion) a 10 per cent rise from 2013-14. In 2013 China hiked its defence spending by 10.7 per cent to
- \$ 115 billion
 - \$ 108 billion
 - \$ 112 billion
 - \$ 125 billion
 - None of these
6. Railway Minister Mallikarjun Kharge announced to set up which independent body to advise on fares and freight while presenting the interim Railway Budget 2014-15 on February 12, 2014?
- Rail Tariff Agency
 - Rail Fare and Freight Board
 - Rail Tariff Authority
 - Rail Revenue Authority
 - None of these

ANSWERS

- (4)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (1)
- (3)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

This section of General Awareness Test Paper is also termed as the "General Science". After analysing the questions of previous Bank P. O. and Specialist Officers' Examinations one may conclude that two types of questions are asked on Science and Technology. Firstly, there are questions which are concerned with the basic and fundamental principles of Science and secondly there are some questions which are concerned with the application of scientific principles to humans and latest developments in the field of Science and Technology.

The subject-matter of this section includes Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Health and Physiology, Space Technology and Research, Defence Research, Astrophysics, Genetics and Heredity, Cell Biology, Environmental Pollution, Biodiversity, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry.

For the preparation of this section you should read NCERT books on Science upto Standard XII. You can collect current developments from any leading newspaper.

Now consider the following examples to comprehend the nature of questions in this section :

1. Astronomers said on March 12, 2014 that they have discovered the largest yellow star ever in our galaxy which was named HR 5171 A. It is located from the Earth at a distance of
 - (1) 13,000 light years
 - (2) 12,00 light years
 - (3) 14,000 light years
 - (4) 15,000 light years
 - (5) None of these
2. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on February 20, 2014 launched an indigenously manufactured food and water borne pathogen detection kit, which will help determine what causes food poisoning and common food borne infec-

tions and water-borne infection. Which of the following pathogens can be detected by this kit ?

- (1) Salmonella and Listeria
- (2) Staphylococcus aureus
- (3) Vibrio cholerae and vibrio parahaemolyticus
- (4) All of the above
- (5) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (2) 2. (4)

POLITY

This section of General Awareness Test Paper requires basic knowledge about the Constitution of India and current developments, changes etc. in the political set-up of the country. The very name "Polity" implies "politics at work". Any political development has its root in the provisions of the Constitution. It means that the knowledge of basic principles of the Constitution is necessary to assess the working of the Governments at national and State level. As far as current questions are concerned you should have a close watch on the contemporary burning problems of governance and political system as a whole including the formation of Government at the Centre and in different States and Union Territories. Therefore, you should read Constitution of India to learn the implications of latest developments in Indian polity.

The Constitution of India is a lengthy written document which incorporates more than 400 Articles divided into 22 Parts and 12 Schedules. It deals with each and every aspect concerned with the governance of the country. There are certain provisions in the Constitution to deal with emergency situations arising out of internal disturbances, war and financial crisis.

The subject-matter of this section includes ; Making of Constitution, Salient Features of the Constitution, Union of India, Citi-

zenship, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Union Government (Parliament, President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers), Comptroller and Auditor-General, Attorney-General, Finance Commission, Election Commission, Judiciary (Supreme Court, High Court and other sub-ordinate Courts), State Government (Governor, Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Council), Union Public Services Commission and State Public Services Commissions, Emergency Provisions, Centre-State Relations, Money Bill and Ordinary Bill, Passage of the Bill, Consolidated Fund of India, Contingency Fund of India, Amendments to the Constitution, Important Articles, Schedules, Panchayati Raj System etc. In addition, you should remember important political terms and their exact meanings.

For the preparation of this section of General Awareness Test Paper, you should first read the Constitution of India and then try to co-relate latest developments in Indian political system with the provisions of the Constitution. Make a habit of noting down important developments on regular basis for quick reference in future.

Now consider the following examples to understand the pattern and nature of questions in this section :

1. The 15th Lok Sabha met on February 21, 2014 on its last day as the House was adjourned *sine die*. Which of the following important Bills were passed by the 15th Lok Sabha?
 - (A) Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bill, 2012
 - (B) The National Food Security Bill, 2013
 - (C) Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, 2014
 - (D) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2013

(E) The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Bill, 2013

- (1) Only A, B and D
- (2) Only B, C, D and E
- (3) Only A, C and E
- (4) All A, D and E
- (5) All A, B, C, D and E

2. India on March 4, 2014 signed agreements with the member countries of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on

- (1) Cultural exchanges
- (2) Weather warning
- (3) Establishment of permanent Secretariat
- (4) All of the above
- (5) None of these

3. The Election Commission on March 5, 2014 announced poll schedule for the 16th Lok Sabha which is spread over 73 days. Counting of votes will be held on

- (1) May 16, 2014
- (2) May 18, 2014
- (3) May 14, 2014
- (4) May 22, 2014
- (5) None of these

4. The Supreme Court got its full strength of _____ judges on February 17, 2014, with the swearing-in of Justices Rajesh Kumar Agrawal and Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana by Chief Justice of India P Sathasivam.

- (1) 29
- (2) 30
- (3) 31
- (4) 33
- (5) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (5) 2. (4) 3. (1) 4. (3)

TRADITIONAL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

It has been said earlier that most of the questions in General Awareness Test Paper of Bank P.O. and Management Trainee Examinations remains based on Current Events and only few questions are asked on Traditional General Knowledge. However, the prevalent pattern could be changed in future examinations and hence, you should pay attention to the following topics of the Traditional General Knowledge :

- (i) Important Abbreviations
- (ii) Books and Authors
- (iii) Important Places and Monuments
- (iv) Great Personalities
- (v) Important Facts Related to Awards and Honours
- (vi) United Nations and Other Organisations
- (vii) Location of Important Organisations, Research Institutes and Laboratories
- (viii) Important City/Town on the Bank of River
- (ix) Indian Culture-Dance, Music, Art, Architecture, Sculpture, Painting.
- (x) National Insignia
- (xi) Important Treaties, Conventions etc.
- (xii) Inventions and Inventors, Scientific Instruments.
- (xiii) Terms and Trophies Associated with Sports and Games.
- (xiv) Important Dates, Years and Decades

Now consider the following examples :

1. Who amongst the following established the 'Anandvan' a rehabilitation centre for Leprosy patients in Maharashtra ?
- (1) Baba Amte
 - (2) Pandurang Shashtri Athawle
 - (3) Medha Patkar
 - (4) Asaram Bapu
 - (5) None of these

2. Dinar is the currency of which of the following countries ?

- (1) Sudan
- (2) Myanmar
- (3) Afghanistan
- (4) Pakistan
- (5) None of these

3. Every year March 20 is celebrated as what day ?

- (1) World Sparrow Day
- (2) International Women's Day
- (3) World Cuckoo Day
- (4) International Child Day
- (5) International Mother's Day

4. Which of the following term is associated with the game of Cricket ?

- (1) Bouncer
- (2) Love
- (3) Goal
- (4) Mid Court
- (5) Colliston

[3 & 4 : SBI PO Exam, 28.04.2013]

ANSWERS

1. (1) 2. (5) 3. (1) 4. (1)

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The scope of this section is very vast and everything which is current concerned with any topic whether it is Economy, Polity, Science, Persons, Places, Awards or Sports is included under the Current Affairs of National and International importance. However, we can deal with Persons, Places, Books, Awards and Sports separately. Now the question arises : What kind of questions should be placed in the ambit of Current Affairs of National and International Importance ? We can say that current events and happenings concerned with the Summits, Conferences, International Treaties and Agreements, Wars, Natural Calamities, Epidemics etc. For the preparation of this section you must read a leading national newspaper. You may also take help of monthly competition magazines and books such as RENU GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & WORLD VISION, PRATIYOGITA KIRAN and KIRAN'S CURRENT AFFAIRS & NEWS IN FOCUS.

PERSONS & PLACES IN NEWS

A person becomes the subject of discussion for various reasons — new appointment, resignation, death etc. A large number of questions asked is based on some achievement and other deeds of persons in Bank P.O. and Management Trainee Examinations. Similarly, places become important when any summits, conferences and other events are organised there. After analysing the question pattern of previous Bank P.O. and Management Trainee Examinations you should try to develop skill required to distinguish between what is important and what is not important from examination point of view. Then try to collect information about important persons and places from the newspapers.

Now consider the following examples to comprehend the nature of questions based on Persons and Places in News :

1. Who among the following took over as the Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency in February 2014?

- (1) Riyaz Haddi
- (2) Shekhar Chopra
- (3) K S Popli
- (4) Rama S Verma
- (5) None of these

2. Select the correct statement(s) about renowned columnist Khushwant Singh who passed away on March 20, 2014 :

- (1) He was born on February 2, 1915 in Hadali village, now in Pakistan
- (2) He was honoured with Padma Vibhushan in 2007
- (3) He was the founder-editor of Yojana (1951-53)
- (4) He was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 1974
- (5) All of the above

3. Who among the following was placed at the top spot as the world's richest person according to *Forbes* magazine's an-

nual rich list, released in March 2014?

- (1) Carlos Slim Helu
- (2) Bill Gates
- (3) Amancio Ortega
- (4) Warren Buffet
- (5) None of these

4. The five-day India Aviation - 2014 show was concluded on March 16, 2014 in

- (1) Bengaluru
- (2) Jaipur
- (3) Hyderabad
- (4) Chennai
- (5) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (3) 2. (5) 3. (2) 4. (3)

AWARDS & HONOURS

Under this section awards and honours of both national and international level are included. For the preparation of this section you should collect news from a leading national newspaper. However, you must look very cautiously for such news because these are not covered comprehensively in the newspaper. The information concerned with any award is not given in an organised manner. But you may have adequate information about any award in reputed monthly competition magazines and books such as PRATYOGITA KIRAN, RENU GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & WORLD VISION and KIRAN'S CURRENT AFFAIRS & NEWS IN FOCUS.

Now consider the following examples :

1. Which film won seven Oscars, the most for the event, at 2014 Academy Awards ceremony, on March 2, 2014?

- (1) Gravity
- (2) 12 Years A Slave
- (3) Blue Jasmine
- (4) American Hustle
- (5) None of these

2. Who among the following received the Rotary International's highest award - Award of Honour - in New Delhi on Feb-

ruary 19, 2014 for eradication of polio in India?

- (1) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- (2) Pranab Mukherjee
- (3) Sonia Gandhi
- (4) Ghulam Nabi Azad
- (5) None of these

3. Who among the following was awarded a star on the iconic Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles in March 2014?

- (1) Kate Winslet
- (2) Scarlett Johansson
- (3) Brittany Murphy
- (4) Keira Knightley
- (5) None of these

4. Eminent Gandhian and environmentalist Chandi Prasad Bhatt was selected for the 2013 Gandhi Peace Prize on February 28, 2014. In which year did he receive the Mag-saysay Award?

- (1) 1982
- (2) 1984
- (3) 1986
- (4) 1992
- (5) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (1) 2. (2) 3. (1) 4. (1)

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Generally the widely-read books and the books selected for various literary awards both at national and international levels are important from the examination point of view. Sometimes questions are also asked on the famous books of the past. For the preparation of this section you should have a close watch on the books which are described in the newspapers. The national daily **THE HINDU** provides a special supplement on book review every fortnightly. You should try to note down information about important books and their authors for quick reference later on just before the examination.

Now consider the following examples :

1. Who amongst the following is the author of the novel "Without Dreams" ?

- (1) Shahbano Bilgrami

- (2) Saeed Mirza
 (3) Javed Akhtar
 (4) Shabana Azmi
 (5) None of these
2. Who amongst the following is the author of the book "No Full Stops in India" ?
 (1) Mary Tully
 (2) B.K. Nehru
 (3) D. R. Mankekar
 (4) R. K. Narayan
 (5) Mark Tully
3. One of the famous Indian Sportsperson released his/her autobiography 'Playing to Win' in November 2012. Name the sportsperson correctly.
 (1) Satna Nehwal
 (2) Mary Kom
 (3) Yuvraj Singh
 (4) Sachin Tendulkar
 (5) Sushil Kumar
4. Who is the author of the book 'Women of Vison' ?
 (1) Ravinder Singh
 (2) Preeti Shenoy
 (3) Amish Tripathi
 (4) Durjoy Dutta
 (5) Alam Srinivas

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ANSWERS

1. (3) 2. (5) 3. (1) 4. (5)

SPORTS UPDATE

This section of General Awareness Test Paper is very important from examination point of view. There are several sports and games of national and international importance taking place round the year. However, there are some sports events which are organised after every two years or four years such as SAARC Games (SAF), National Games, Olympics, Asian Games, World Cup Hockey, World Cup Football, World Cup Cricket etc. Such events are very important and you should retain relevant information regarding such sporting events. Sometimes comparatively less important sports event appear in the examinations. You should try to

remember the winner and runner-up of an event or the name/country of winning team and also the name of that team which occupies second place. You should also remember the medal tallies of recently concluded Olympics, Asian Games, SAF Games, National Games etc.

Now consider the following examples to comprehend the nature of questions on Sports Update :

1. Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup on March 8, 2014 in Mirpur defeating Pakistan by five wickets in the final. Who among the following was adjudged Player-of-the Series ?
 (1) Lahiru Thirimanne
 (2) Lasith Malinga
 (3) Kumar Sangakkara
 (4) Kusal Perera
 (5) None of these
2. Indian woman shooter who won the gold medal in the air pistol event in the seventh Asian air gun Championship in Kuwait City on March 10, 2014, is
 (1) Annu Raj Singh
 (2) Harveen Srao
 (3) Shweta Chaudhury
 (4) Heena Sidhu
 (5) None of these

3. Which of the following teams won the title at the second edition of Hero Hockey India League in Ranchi on February 23, 2014 ?
 (1) Punjab Warriors
 (2) Delhi Waveriders
 (3) Ranchi Rhinos
 (4) Uttar Pradesh Wizards
 (5) None of these
4. Who among the following won the women's singles title in the All-England Open Badminton on March 9, 2014 in Birmingham ?
 (1) Li Xuerui
 (2) Wang Shixian
 (3) Yu Yang
 (4) Wang Xiaoli
 (5) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (1) 2. (4) 3. (2) 4. (2)

CONCLUSION

On the basis of above discussion it can be said that most of the questions in General Awareness Test Paper in Bank P.O. and Specialist Officers' Examinations remain based on CURRENT EVENTS concerned with all the disciplines of General Awareness. Therefore, candidates are advised to collect minute details regarding important events from newspapers under different heads described above.

You can make your preparation perfect by going through the reputed magazines like RENU GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & WORLD VISION and PRATIYOGITA KIRAN. Moreover, practice makes a man perfect. Try to assess your knowledge by solving model practice sets given in the magazines mentioned above and the Practice Work Book published by **Kiran Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.**