

1. Who will act as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee ?
(A) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha (B) The Vice-President of India
(C) The Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha (D) The Leader of the House

Ans : (*)

2. Who was chosen unanimously as the President of India ?

(A) K. R. Narayanan (B) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(C) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (D) Neelam Sanjiva Reddy

Ans : (D)

3. The Constitution of India was passed by the Constituent Assembly on—

(A) 26th November, 1949 (B) 26th January, 1949
(C) 17th October, 1949 (D) 14th November, 1949

Ans : (A)

4. The power to decide an election petition is vested in the—

(A) High Court (B) Election Commission
(C) Parliament (D) Supreme Court

Ans : (A)

5. The 1857 Mutiny failed mainly because—

(A) of lack of planning and leadership (B) it was premature
(C) the British got French support (D) the British numbered more.

Ans : (A)

6. The Story of 'My Experiments with Truth' is the autobiography of—

(A) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) Lala Lajpat Rai (D) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Ans : (B)

7. The basic characteristic of a capitalistic economy is—

(A) absence of monopoly (B) large-scale production in primary industries
(C) full employment (D) the private ownership of the means of production

Ans : (D)

8. Which one of the following taxes is not a direct tax?

(A) Sales tax (B) Estate duty
(C) Gift tax (D) Wealth tax

Ans : (A)

9. UNDP prepares—

(A) Human Development Index (B) Standard of Living Index
(C) Index Number of Price Level (D) Physical Quality Index

Ans : (A)

10. Fiscal policy refers to—

(A) Government borrowings from abroad
(B) Sharing of its revenue by Central Government with States
(C) Sale and purchase of securities by RBI
(D) Government taxes, expenditure and borrowings

Ans : (D)

11. Public opinion gets an authoritative expression in a democracy through—

(A) Pressure groups (B) Public meetings
(C) Newspapers (D) Parliament

Ans : (D)

12. Which one of the following is not a determining factor of a country's foreign policy ?

- (A) Cultural conditions (B) Religious conditions
(C) National interests (D) Interdependence

Ans : (D)

13. Which of the following is not correctly matched ?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh – Lucknow
(B) Arunachal Pradesh – Itanagar
(C) Himachal Pradesh – Shillong
(D) Andhra Pradesh – Hyderabad

Ans : (C)

14. Tides in the sea have stored in them–

- (A) Gravitational potential energy (B) A combination of all the three forms of energy
(C) Hydraulic energy (D) Kinetic energy

Ans : (D)

15. Delivery of developed foetus is scientifically called as–

- (A) Abortion (B) Ovulation
(C) Parturition (D) Oviposition

Ans : (C)

16. Thyroxine hormone is secreted by–

- (A) Adrenal gland (B) Testes
(C) Pituitary gland (D) Thyroid gland

Ans : (D)

17. The digestive juice which has no enzyme is–

- (A) Intestinal juice (B) Gastric Juice
(C) Bile (D) Saliva

Ans : (C)

18. An essential feature of seed germination is the presence of–

- (A) Light (B) Temperature
(C) Minerals (D) Water

Ans : (D)

19. Plants that grow on stones and rocks are–

- (A) Psammophytes (B) Lithophytes
(C) Halophytes (D) Aerophytes

Ans : (B)

20. Who among the following made the Ganapari festival very popular in Maharashtra ?

- (A) Mahadev Ranade (B) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
(C) Gopal Krishna Gokhale (D) Annie Besant

Ans : (B)

21. The Mughal ruler who built the Buland, Darwaza was–

- (A) Humayun (B) Bahadur Shah
(C) Akbar (D) Babur

Ans : (C)

22. Diarchy in the provinces was introduced through the–

- (A) Government of India Act, 1919 (B) Government of India Act, 1935
(C) Indian Councils Act, 1861 (D) Indian Councils Act, 1892

Ans : (A)

23. Which of the following is the world's largest desert?

- (A) The Great Australian Desert (B) Arabian Desert
(C) Gobi (D) Sahara

Ans : (D)

24. The rate of erosion in a stream is lowest where—

- (A) the river joins the sea (B) depth is greater
(C) breadth is greater (D) velocity is more

Ans : (A)

25. The name 'Sahyadri' is related to—

- (A) A rain-bearing wind (B) Himalayan Peak
(C) Western Ghats (D) Cyclone hazards

Ans : (C)

26. People die in an atmosphere of carbon dioxide because—

- (A) of want of oxygen (B) of suffocation
(C) it is a poisonous gas (D) it destroys tissues

Ans : (A)

27. Which of the following acts as photosensitizer during photosynthesis ?

- (A) Chlorophyll (B) Chlorine
(C) Oxygen (D) Nitrogen

Ans : (A)

28. What happens when bleaching powder is left exposed to air ?

- (A) It gradually loses its oxygen (B) It gradually loses its chlorine
(C) It turns dark brown in colour (D) It turns yellow in colour

Ans : (B)

29. Arsenic pollution leads to—

- (A) Dyslexia (B) Allergy
(C) White foot disease (D) Black foot disease

Ans : (B)

30. Which one of the following does not contribute to pollution ?

- (A) Hydroelectric Power Plant (B) Atomic Power Plant
(C) Thermal Power Plant (D) Nuclear Power Plant

Ans : (A)

31. Which of the following are the two major components of dry air (by volume) ?

- (A) Nitrogen and Ammonia (B) Oxygen and Carbon dioxide
(C) Nitrogen and Oxygen (D) Oxygen and Argon

Ans : (C)

32. Tactile hair is found in the body of—

- (A) Reptiles (B) Birds
(C) Insects (D) Mammals

Ans : (D)

33. The source of energy in the Sun is—

- (A) radioactivity (B) electrical energy
(C) nuclear fission (D) nuclear fusion

Ans : (D)

34. Which one of the following materials is used as controller in a nuclear reactor power generator–

- (A) Graphite (B) Heavy water
- (C) Cadmium (D) Beryllium

Ans : (C)

35. Banking of curves on road or railway track is done to provide–

- (A) gravitational force (B) angular velocity
- (C) centripetal force (D) centrifugal force

Ans : (C)

36. is type of application software used for communication.

- (A) Database (B) Image editing
- (C) FIP (D) Word processing

Ans : (C)

37. A floppy disk is–

- (A) used as the primary memory in computer systems (B) made up of magnetic material
- (C) a semiconductor random-access memory (D) an EPROM

Ans : (B)

38. MDI stands for–

- (A) Multiple Design Interaction (B) Multiple Document Interaction
- (C) Multiple Document Interface (D) Multiple Design Interface

Ans : (C)

39. Find the odd one out–

- (A) FCI – Financial assistance to commercial institutions
- (B) EXIM Bank– Financing of export-import trade
- (C) IDBI – Industrial Finance
- (D) SIDBI – Financial assistance to small industries

Ans : (A)

40. The Twelfth Five-Year Plan will be operative for the period–

- (A) 2012 – 2017 (B) 2013 – 2018
- (C) 2010 – 2015 (D) 2011 – 2016

Ans : (A)

41. The State with largest gap in male and female literacy is–

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Kerala
- (C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

Ans : (A)

42. "Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven." Who said these words?

- (A) William Wordsworth (B) Lord Tennyson
- (C) William Shakespeare (D) Milton

Ans : (D)

43. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) is associated with the ban on which of the following ?

- (A) Ban on nuclear tests for developing arsenals (B) Ban on terrorism
- (C) Ban on certain organisations under UN Laws (D) Ban on money laundering activities

Ans : (A)

44. The Pulitzer Prize is associated with which of the following?

- (A) Journalism (B) Olympic Games

(C) Environmental Protection (D) Civil Aviation

Ans : (A)

45. Which one of the following is not an example of Lotic ecosystem ?

- (A) Pond (B) Estuary
(C) Stream (D) Lagon

Ans : (A)

46. Permissible noise level at industrial area during daytime is–

- (A) 120 dB (B) 140 dB (C) 40 dB (D) 75 dB

Ans : (D)

47. Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistan Prime Minister, was assassinated in–

- (A) Rawalpindi (B) Islamabad
(C) Hyderabad (D) Karachi

Ans : (A)

48. Which of the following is correctly matched?

Research Institutes Headquarters

- (A) Silk Research Institute – Bangalore
(B) Sugar Research Institute – Chennai
(C) Leather Research Institute – Lucknow
(D) Rice Research Institute – Cuttack

Ans : (D)

49. Who was affectionately known as the Grand Old Man of India ?

- (A) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (B) Dadabhai Naoroji
(C) Gopal Krishna Gokhale (D) Mahatma Gandhi

Ans : (B)

50. India test-fired successfully its Agni-V, surface-to-surface ICBM from Wheeler Island on–

- (A) 17th March, 2012 (B) 19th April, 2012
(C) 7th March, 2012 (D) 7th April, 2012

Ans : (B)