

1. The expression "Tryst with Destiny" was first used by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on the occasion of—
(A) Dandi March (B) August 14/15 night
(C) Quit India Movement (D) None of these
Ans : (B)
2. Alpha-Keratin is a protein present in—
(A) Wool (B) Eggs
(C) Blood (D) Skin
Ans : (A)
3. To whom did Iltutmish dedicate the Qutub Minar?
(A) Razia Sultan (B) Qutubuddin Aibak
(C) Moinuddin Chishti (D) Qutubuddin Bhaktiyar Kaki
Ans : (B)
4. Who amongst the following is the author of the book "Many Lives Many Masters"?
(A) Robin Cook (B) L. K. Advani
(C) Brian Vix (D) None of these
Ans : (C)
5. Winter Olympics 2014 will be held in—
(A) Italy (B) Brazil
(C) USA (D) Russia
Ans : (D)
6. In which State was Krishnapatnam Port constructed?
(A) Odisha (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Kerala (D) Maharashtra
Ans : (B)
7. The well-known book "The Rediscovery of India" has been written by—
(A) L. K. Advani (B) Anita Desai
(C) Vikram Seth (D) Meghnad Desai
Ans : (D)
8. Which country gives Magsaysay awards?
(A) India (B) Britain
(C) China (D) The Philippines
Ans : (D)
9. Silver halides are used in photographic plates because they are—
(A) Reduced by light (B) Totally colourless
(C) Soluble in hyposolution (D) Oxidised in air
Ans : (A)
10. Tetra ethyl lead (TEL) is—
(A) An antioxidant (B) An antiknock compound
(C) A reductant (D) None of these
Ans : (B)
11. What is the full form of the term 'NPA' as used in banking environment?
(A) Not Profitable Assets (B) Net Performing Assets
(C) Non Performing Assets (D) New Potential Accounts
Ans : (C)

12. Yakshagan is the famous dance form of the State of–

- (A) Odisha (B) Karnataka
(C) Assam (D) Kerala

Ans : (B)

13. Bull fighting is the national game of–

- (A) Spain (B) Italy
(C) Poland (D) Sudan

Ans : (A)

14. The expected energy of electrons at absolute zero is called–

- (A) Work function (B) Potential energy
(C) Emission energy (D) Fermi energy

Ans : (D)

15. The electromagnetic waves do not transport–

- (A) Charge (B) Energy
(C) Information (D) Momentum

Ans : (C)

16. Which of the following country won the Cricket Asia Cup 2012 ?

- (A) India (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Pakistan (D) Bangladesh

Ans : (C)

17. Mahe, which is situated on the Malabar on the Western Ghats, is a part of–

- (A) Puducherry (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Maharashtra (D) Kerala

Ans : (A)

18. Who among the following Indian rulers was a contemporary of Akbar?

- (A) Ahilya Bai (B) Raja Sawai Jai Sing
(C) Rani Durgawati (D) Martanda Varma

Ans : (C)

19. Match List-I (Temple/Heritage Site) with List-II (State) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists–

List-I (Temple/Heritage Site)

- A. Brihadeswara Temple B. Dilwara Temple
C. Lingaraja Temple D. Hampi Group of Mountains

List-II (State)

1. Odisha 2. Tamil Nadu
3. Karnataka 4. Rajasthan

- (A) A3, B1, C4, D2 (B) A3, B2, C4, D1
(C) A2, B4, C1, D3 (D) A2, B3, C1, D4

Ans : (C)

20. The Tropic of Cancer passes through–

- (A) India and Saudi Arabia (B) India and Iran
(C) Iran and Pakistan (D) None of these

Ans : (A)

21. Who developed Hydrogen Bomb?

- (A) Samuel Cohen (B) Wernher von Braun
(C) Edward Teller (D) J. Robert Open Heimer

Ans : (C)

22. The most abundant element in the human body is—

- (A) Iron (B) Oxygen
- (C) Carbon (D) Nitrogen

Ans : (B)

23. In which one of the following Union Territories do the people of the Onge tribe live?

- (A) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (B) Daman and Diu
- (C) Dadar and Nagar Haveli (D) Lakshadweep

Ans : (A)

24. Which one of the following statements correctly describes the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of India?

- (A) It contains the scheme of the distribution of powers between the union and states
- (B) It allocates seats in the council of states
- (C) It contains the languages listed in the constitution
- (D) It contains the provisions regarding the administration of tribal areas

Ans : (B)

25. Who among the following is well known as an exponent of flute?

- (A) Madhup Mudgal (B) Shafaat Ahmad
- (C) Ronu Mazumdar (D) Debu Choudhari

Ans : (C)

26. Kuril Island is under territorial dispute between which countries—

- (A) Japan and Russia (B) South Korea and North Korea
- (C) Japan and South Korea (D) Japan and North Korea

Ans : (A)

27. Which of the following is not a writ provided in the Constitution of India—

- (A) Mandamus (B) Quo Warranto
- (C) Habeas Corpus (D) Injunction

Ans : (D)

28. A stick immersed in water appears bent due to the phenomena of—

- (A) Reflection of light (B) Diffraction of light
- (C) Refraction of light (D) Dispersion of light

Ans : (C)

29. The oldest style of composition of North Indian Classical music is—

- (A) Ghazal (B) Dhruvpad
- (C) Thumari (D) None of these

Ans : (B)

30. Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha at present is—

- (A) Ms. Sushma Swaraj (B) Mr. Karia Munda
- (C) Mr. Arun Jaitely (D) None of these

Ans : (B)

31. Who among the following presides over the National Development Council—

- (A) The Finance Minister of India
- (B) The Speaker of Lok Sabha
- (C) Prime Minister of India
- (D) The elected members from among the chief ministers of the States

Ans : (C)

32. Under Right to Education Act, the children of which of the following age groups are eligible to get free education—
(A) Up to 5 years (B) Between 6 and 10 years
(C) Between 6 and 14 years (D) Between 8 and 12 years
Ans : (C)
33. The Indian Parliament consists of—
(A) Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and the President (B) Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
(C) Lok Sabha and State assemblies (D) Lok Sabha only
Ans : (A)
34. A line on a meteorological map joining places of equal rainfall is called—
(A) Isoclinic (B) Isobar
(C) Isogenic (D) Isohyet
Ans : (D)
35. In which part of a human body “Hippocampus” is located ?
(A) Brain (B) Eyes
(C) Ears (D) Nose
Ans : (A)
36. What is psephology ?
(A) Statistical study of elections voting etc. (B) Study of rainfall pattern
(C) Study of gene disorder (D) None of the above is true
Ans : (A)
37. This state contributes 70% of India’s coffee and silk. Name this state—
(A) Karnataka (B) Assam
(C) Rajasthan (D) Punjab
Ans : (A)
38. Which Sikh Guru was tortured and killed on the directions of Aurangzeb?
(A) Teg Bahadur (B) Arjan Dev
(C) Ram Das (D) None of these
Ans : (A)
39. Which of the following Muslim rulers remained in the captivity of his son?
(A) Akbar (B) Aurangzeb
(C) Shahjahan (D) Jahangir
Ans : (C)
40. Some of the rock-cut temples, known as the seven pagodas, were built by the—
(A) Pallavas (B) Cholas
(C) Rashtrakutas (D) None of these
Ans : (A)
41. Who amongst the following was impeached in England for acts committed as Governor-General of India?
(A) Wellesley (B) Warren Hastings
(C) Cornwallis (D) Cavendish Bentinck
Ans : (B)
42. The black hole theory was discovered by—
(A) Hargobind Khurana (B) C. V. Raman
(C) S. Ramanujan (D) S. Chandrashekhhar
Ans : (D)

43. The principal objective of Muhammad-bin-Tughluq in shifting his capital to Daultabad was to–
(A) Inflict sufferings on the residents of Delhi whom he regarded unworthy of his benevolence
(B) Expand his empire to the whole of South India
(C) Move away from the centre of Rajput resistance to his rule
(D) Find a better strategic location for the capital of his empire
Ans : (D)

44. Gujarat is the largest producer of salt in India because–
(A) It has extensive shallow seas
(B) It has extensive dry coast
(C) Its coastal waters are very saline
(D) Besides producing salt from saline water it has reserves of rock salt
Ans : (D)

45. Which of the following statements is not correct?
(A) Wheat is grown in Punjab (B) Tea is produced in Assam
(C) Coffee is grown in Karnataka (D) Saffron is produced in Himachal Pradesh
Ans : (D)

46. Who is responsible to collect the Service Tax?
(A) Income Tax Department (B) Postal Department
(C) Central Excise Department (D) Commercial Tax Department of the State/Union Territory
Ans : (C)

47. Which one of the following is not a gland?
(A) Liver (B) Kidney
(C) Stomach (D) Pancreas
Ans : (C)

48. Potassium permanganate is used for purifying drinking water, because it–
(A) Is an oxidising agent (B) Dissolves the impurities of water
(C) Is a reducing agent (D) None of these
Ans : (A)

49. Which city is also known as the “Big Apple”?
(A) Canberra, Australia (B) Madrid, Spain
(C) New York, The US (D) Lausanne, Switzerland
Ans : (C)

50. Which of the following was used as a chemical weapon in the First World War?
(A) Mustard gas (B) Water gas
(C) Hydrogen cyanide (D) Carbon monoxide
Ans : (A)

1. Which of the following Indian companies feature in Fortune Five hundred list for 2012?

- (A) Reliance Industries, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, IOC
- (B) Tata Motors, SBI, CTS, Wipro, IOC
- (C) Tata Steel, IOC, Reliance Industries, Ranbaxy
- (D) IOC, Reliance Industries, SBI, GAIL
- (E) IOC, Reliance Industries, ACC, BPCL

Ans : (A)

2. Which of these bodies decides the monetary policy in India ?

- (A) Reserve Bank of India (B) Ministry of Finance
- (C) Ministry of Commerce (D) Ministry of Finance and Commerce
- (E) Planning Commission

Ans : (A)

3. CPI and WPI as acronyms, refer to—

- (A) Political Parties (B) Purchasing capacity indices (C) Price indices
- (D) Poverty indices (E) Unemployment indices

Ans : (C)

4. What is Davos famous for ?

- (A) It is best known tourist place of Switzerland
- (B) G8 members meet here, every year (C) EU financial headquarters
- (D) World Economic Forum (E) Best ski resorts in the world

Ans : (D)

5. Which of the following are Millennium Development Goals ?

- (A) Poverty eradication, reducing child mortality, reducing trade barriers, combating AIDS
- (B) Poverty Reduction, environment sustainability, universal primary education, equal employment
- (C) Reduce unemployment, promote diversity, combating malaria, improving maternal health
- (D) Globalisation, reduction in poverty, combating AIDS, universal primary education
- (E) Poverty eradication, improving maternal health, universal primary education, combating AIDS

Ans : (E)

6. Which of following countries in Europe were most hit by sovereign debt crisis?

- (A) Greece, Germany, Spain, Iceland (B) Portugal, Spain, Italy, Czech Republic
- (C) Greece, Spain, France, Switzerland (D) Spain, Greece, Iceland, Portugal
- (E) Germany, U.K., France, Greece

Ans : (D)

7. Which of the following countries would account for maximum petroleum production of the world ?

- (A) Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kazakhstan, US, Nigeria
- (B) Russia, US, Iran, China, Saudi Arabia
- (C) Saudi Arabia, US, Venezuela, Iran, Iraq
- (D) Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Libya
- (E) Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Venezuela

Ans : (B)

8. Which of the following was not the reason for recent slide of Indian rupee?

- (A) Huge Trade Deficit (B) Low Growth and High Inflation
- (C) Low Capital Inflow (D) Burgeoning current account deficit
- (E) High unemployment rate

Ans : (E)

9. Which of followings combination belongs to Bretton Woods institute?

- (A) IMF, World Bank (B) IMP, WTO, Doha Round
(C) World Bank, WTO, IBRD (D) IMF, World Bank, UNESCO
(E) None of the above

Ans : (A)

10. Read the statements carefully and answer the questions that follow–

1. Earth Summit is held every year.
 2. Last Earth Summit took place in Rio de Janeiro.
 3. Another name for earth summit is United Nation Conference on Environment and Development.
- Which of the above is the right combination ?

- (A) 1 and 2 (B) 2 and 3
(C) 1 and 3 (D) 1, 2 and 3
(E) 2 only

Ans : (B)

11. Which of the following countries meet more than one fourth of their energy requirement from nuclear power?

- (A) France, US, Russia, Germany
(B) France, Ukraine, Sweden, Korea
(C) France, India, Ukraine, Germany
(D) Germany, Russia, Canada, Japan
(E) Japan, Germany, Korea, England

Ans : (B)

12. Pick the right match from the following combinations–

- (A) Shenzhen-China, NSE-India, SGX-Singapore, DAX-Germany
(B) NASDAQ-US, MCX-India, SGX-Korea, FTSE-France
(C) NYSE-US, BSE-India, FTSE-England, DAX-Denmark
(D) NASDAQ-Canada, BSE-India, FTSE-France, DAX-Germany
(E) Shenzhen-Singapore, Shanghai-China, FTSE-France, BSE-India

Ans : (A)

13. Harish Hande who won the Magsaysay Award in 2011 is famous for–

- (A) RTE (B) RTI (C) Lokpal Bill
(D) MRTPC (E) SELCO

Ans : (E)

14. Indian government is planning to introduce GAAR. What is the purpose of GAAR ?

- (A) Increase rural income (B) Increase agriculture income
(C) Regulatory authority for managing agriculture resources
(D) Regulate foreign investment in agriculture (E) Curtail tax avoidance

Ans : (E)

15. Who is the Chairman of Indian Planning Commission ?

- (A) Dr. M. S. Ahluwalia (B) Dr. C. Rangarajan
(C) Dr. Manmohan Singh (D) Raminder Singh Gujral
(E) Dr. Subba Rao

Ans : (C)

16. Given below are some well-known awards and their respective fields. Choose the correct combination:

- (A) Palme d'Or – Television; Pulitzer – Advertising; Grammy – Music; Booker – Literature
(B) Pulitzer – Advertising; Grammy – Music; Cannes Lions – Advertising; Booker – Literature
(C) Grammy – Music; Booker – Journalism; Emmy – Television; Palme d'Or – Movies
(D) Cannes Lions – Movie, Grammy – Music, Pulitzer – Journalism, Emmy – Television
(E) Palme d'Or – Movie; Pulitzer – Journalism; Cannes Lions – Advertising, Booker – Literature

Ans : (E)

17. A few combinations of names of companies and their products are given below. Choose the right option:

- (A) Amazon – Kindle; Roxio – Angry Birds; Google – Ad Sense; Zynga – Nook
- (B) Amazon – Kindle; Nintendo – Wii; Rovio – Angry Birds; Zynga – Castle Ville
- (C) Zynga – Angry Birds; Nintendo – Wii; Google – Ad Sense; Rovio – Castle Ville
- (D) Amazon–Nook; Sony– Wii; Zynga – Castle Ville; Google – Ad Sense
- (E) Amazon – Nook; Nintendo – Wii; Rovio–Castle Ville; Roxio–Kindle

Ans : (B)

18. Read the following statements carefully–

I. Excise duty is a tax on manufacture or production of goods and services.

II. Not all kinds of excise duty is collected by the Central Government in India.

III. Excise duty is an indirect tax.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Statements I and II
- (B) Statements II and III
- (C) Statement I and III
- (D) All of the above
- (E) None of the above

Ans : (D)

19. From which of the following items India export the most ?

- (A) Textile goods (B) Jute (C) IT Services
- (D) Gems and Jewellery (E) Leather

Ans : (D)

20. Which of the following acids helps in human digestion?

- (A) Lactic (B) Tartaric (C) Hydrochloric
- (D) Sulphuric (E) Acetic

Ans : (C)

21. Which of the following is the right match for Olympics medal winners from India?

- (A) Sushil Kumar–Haryana, Mary Kom–Assam, Saina Nehwal– Andhra Pradesh, Vijay Kumar–Madhya Pradesh
- (B) Sushil Kumar–Rajasthan, Mary Kom–Manipur, Vijay Kumar– Himachal Pradesh, Yogeshwar Dutt–Haryana
- (C) Yogeshwar Dutt–Haryana, Mary Kom–Manipur, Vijay Kumar– Himachal Pradesh, Gaurav Narang– Andhra Pradesh
- (D) Yogeshwar Dutt–Delhi, Saina Nehwal– Uttarakhand, Sushil Kumar–Haryana, Mary Kom–Manipur,
- (E) Saina Nehwal– Uttarakhand, Gaurav Narang–Punjab, Sushil Kumar–Haryana, Mary Kom–Manipur

Ans : (C)

22. Which of the following African countries underwent political turmoil in the last two years?

- (A) Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan
- (B) Tunisia, Yemen, Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Kenya
- (C) Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Mauritania, Nigeria, Malta
- (D) Mauritania, Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Sudan, Maldives
- (E) Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, Algeria, Sudan, Kenya

Ans : (A)

23. Which of the following education institutions was Mr. Rajat Gupta, the former McKinsey chief associated with?

(A) XLRI Jamshedpur (B) Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
(C) Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (D) Indian Institute of Management Lucknow
(E) Indian School of Business, Hyderabad

Ans : (E)

24. Which country was the highest producer of cars in the world in 2011 ?

(A) USA (B) Germany (C) Korea
(D) Japan (E) China

Ans : (E)

25. What is the approximate share of manufacturing sector in Indian GDP in 2011-12?

(A) 22% (B) 24% (C) 31%
(D) 15% (E) 10%

Ans : (D)

26. Which of the following combination of scholars have won the Nobel Prize in Economics?

(A) Amartya Sen, Joseph Stiglitz, Oliver Williamson
(B) Mehboob Haque, Amartya Sen, Robert McNamara
(C) Amartya Sen, Mohammad Yunus, Ronald Coase
(D) Mohammad Yunus, Paul Krugman, Oliver Williamson
(E) Amartya Sen, Elvin Roth, Mohammad Yunus

Ans : (A)

27. For which of the following reasons was Maruti in the news in July, 2012 ?

(A) Producing most fuel efficient cars (B) Transferring its production to Gujarat
(C) Industrial violence (D) Disrupting daily movement of vehicles in New Delhi
(E) In July, it became the highest producer of cars in the country

Ans : (C)

28. What is meaning of one unit carbon permit?

(A) One cubic metre of carbon dioxide (B) One quintal of carbon dioxide
(C) One metric ton of carbon dioxide (D) One thousand metric tons of carbon dioxide
(E) One million ounce of carbon dioxide

Ans : (C)

29. Who is author of "Imagining India" ?

(A) Khushwant Singh (B) Nandan Nilekani (C) Gurcharan Das
(D) Chetan Bhagat (E) APJ Abdul Kalam

Ans : (B)

30. V. Kurien was associated with—

(A) Operation Flood (B) Operation Milk (C) Operation Blue Star
(D) Operation X (E) White Operation

Ans : (C)

1. In which of the following States are India's maximum number of mines producing minerals (excluding minor minerals, petroleum (crude), natural gas and atomic minerals) located ?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Gujarat
(C) Jharkhand (D) Andhra Pradesh

Ans : (B)

2. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) is an organisation under which of the following ?

- (A) International Monetary Fund (B) World Economic Forum
(C) United Nations (D) World Bank

Ans : (C)

3. Who has written the biography of the Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, 'Sonia Gandhi: An Extraordinary Life, An Indian Destiny'?

- (A) Rani Singh (B) Anjali Joseph
(C) Rana Dasgupta (D) Moni Mohsri

Ans : (A)

4. Who among the following has won the 26th Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration?

- (A) Balraj Puri (B) Shyam Benegal
(C) Mohan Dharia (D) Javed Akhtar

Ans : (C)

5. Article, 32 of the Indian Constitution stands for—

- (A) Right to Constitutional Remedies (B) Right Against Exploitation
(C) Right to Religion (D) Right to Equality

Ans : (A)

6. 'Peepli Live' is a film directed by—

- (A) Anusha Rizvi (B) Aamir Khan
(C) Kiran Rao (D) David Dhawan

Ans : (A)

7. What constitutes the social infrastructure of an economy ?

- (A) Transport, health and banking (B) Education, health and other civic amenities
(C) Industry, trade and transport (D) Education, industry and agriculture

Ans : (B)

8. The asteroids revolve round the Sun in between—

- (A) Mars and Jupiter (B) Jupiter and Saturn
(C) Earth and Mars (D) Saturn and Uranus

Ans : (A)

9. 'Free throw' is given in which of the following games ?

- (A) Basketball (B) Cricket
(C) Football (D) Volleyball

Ans : (A)

10. Who created the new form of information presentation known as World Wide Web ?

- (A) Robert Morris Jr. (B) Michael Dertouzas
(C) Tim Berners-Lee (D) Bob Kahn

Ans : (C)

11. Which city is also known as the "Big Apple"?

- (A) New York, USA (B) Canberra, Australia
(C) Madrid, Spain (D) Lausanne, Switzerland

Ans : (A)

12. Which of the following vegetable oils does not contain essential fatty acids?

- (A) Groundnut oil (B) Mustard oil
(C) Sunflower oil (D) Coconut oil

Ans : (C)

13. Absolute zero is–

- (A) a state when an object is non-existent (B) a state when an ailing person loses all hope
(C) last stage of the dying star (D) the lowest temperature theoretically possible

Ans : (D)

14. Which of the following oceans has the shape of English alphabet S ?

- (A) Arctic Ocean (B) Indian Ocean
(C) Atlantic Ocean (D) Pacific Ocean

Ans : (C)

15. What is 'Barak' ?

- (A) Residential complex of an Army unit (B) A barrage on river Brahmaputra
(C) A ship-based missile system (D) A peak in Kargil

Ans : (C)

16. Where is the Bandipur National Park?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Karnataka
(C) Assam (D) Odisha

Ans : (B)

17. What is 'Jhum' ?

- (A) A type of cultivation (B) A tribe
(C) A folk dance (D) Name of a river valley

Ans : (A)

18. If saving exceeds investment, the national income will–

- (A) rise (B) fluctuate
(C) fall (D) remain constant

Ans : (C)

19. 'Teratali' is the folk dance of–

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

Ans : (C)

20. UN Day is celebrated on–

- (A) October, 24 (B) January, 24
(C) June, 24 (D) September, 24

Ans : (A)

21. What are the blood corpuscles that help to build up resistance against diseases?

- (A) Monocytes (B) Neutrophils
(C) Leucocytes (D) Lymphocytes

Ans : (C)

22. What is the chromosome number in a human ovum ?

- (A) 24 (B) 46
(C) 48 (D) 50

Ans : (B)

23. Which one of the following is the greatest circle ?

- (A) Arctic Circle (B) Equator
(C) Tropic of Capricorn (D) Tropic of Cancer

Ans : (B)

24. Who is Julian Assange ?

- (A) Founder, Google (B) Founder of Rediffmail
(C) Founder, WikiLeaks (D) Nobel Laureate, Peace

Ans : (C)

25. What does the letter 'S' denote in 'AFSPA', an abbreviation we very often see in newspapers ?

- (A) Sovereign (B) Special
(C) State (D) Security

Ans : (B)

26. The present 'Somnath Temple' located in the Kathiawar region of Gujarat is the seventh temple built on the original site. It was completed on—

- (A) January 10, 1991 (B) August 6, 1992
(C) March 20, 1994 (D) December 1, 1995

Ans : (D)

27. 'Akbar' built Fatehpur Sikri (city of victory) near Agra, commemorating the emperor's conquest of—

- (A) Gujarat (B) Bengal
(C) Magadh (D) Sindh

Ans : (A)

28. Who among the following has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA) by Ministry of Women and Child Development recently?

- (A) Nandita Das (B) Kareena Kapoor
(C) Kajol (D) Priyanka Chopra

Ans : (D)

29. King Idris was the last monarch of—

- (A) Egypt (B) Iran
(C) Libya (D) Afghanistan

Ans : (C)

30. What is 'Operation Twist' in news in September, 2011 ?

- (A) US program to support overthrow of Assad regime in Syria.
(B) US program to locate Libyan dictator Gaddafi.
(C) US program to sell short-term debt and buy long-term debt.
(D) US program to trade deficit with China.

Ans : (C)

31. Which country's Progress cargo rocket launch, ferrying food and fuel to the International Space Station, ended in a failure recently?

- (A) Russia (B) China
(C) Japan (D) USA

Ans : (A)

32. Which of the following is not among the State/union territories that underwent a name-change after their creation?

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Uttarakhand

(C) Puducherry (D) Odisha

Ans : (A)

33. India assumed the Chairmanship of which of the following international organisations in September, 2011 ?

(A) G-77 (B) Non-Aligned Movement

(C) G-24 (D) BRICS

Ans : (C)

34. The Union Environment Ministry has decided to declare Sathymangalam Wildlife Sanctuary a 'Tiger Reserve'. The sanctuary is in which State ?

(A) Tamil Nadu (B) Karnataka

(C) Puducherry (D) Andhra Pradesh

Ans : (A)

35. Which of the following has conducted a study on the economic impact of interlinking of rivers programme?

(A) CRISIL (B) NCAER

(C) Planning Commission (D) CMIE

Ans : (B)

36. Education Innovation Fund for India is an initiative of-

(A) Intel (B) IBM

(C) Microsoft India (D) Hewlett-Packard

Ans : (D)

37. Which Indian petroleum company was in news recently for the first hydrocarbon discovery in Sri Lanka ?

(A) RIL (B) Cairn India

(C) ONGC (D) Essar Oil

Ans : (B)

38. The term 'Golden Revolution' is most closely related to which of the following missions ?

(A) National Mission on Clean Coal Technologies. (B) National Bamboo Mission.

(C) National Solar Mission. (D) National Horticulture Mission.

Ans : (D)

39. What is the number of digits in the MICR (Magnetic Ink Character Recognition) code mentioned at the bottom of the cheque just after the cheque number ?

(A) 6 (B) 7

(C) 8 (D) 9

Ans : (D)

40. Which of the following has become the first Indian State to launch health insurance policy covering all its people?

(A) J and K (B) Haryana

(C) Kerala (D) Goa

Ans : (D)

1. Government of India launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission in—
(A) 2002 (B) 2005
(C) 2007 (D) 2010
Ans : (B)

2. When is National Energy Conservation Day celebrated ?
(A) 16th August (B) 5th September
(C) 10th November (D) 14th December
Ans : (D)

3. Which of the Cups/Trophies is associated with the game of Football ?
(A) SAFF Cup (B) Deodhar Trophy
(C) Indira Gandhi Gold Cup (D) Wimbledon Trophy
Ans : (A)

4. According to Transparency International Corruption Perception Index, 2011, what is India's rank amongst 183 countries?
(A) 91 (B) 93
(C) 95 (D) 97
Ans : (C)

5. Many times we read a term DoT in various newspapers in connection with 2G Spectrum. What is its full form?
(A) Directorate of Technology (B) Directorate of Tele-Services
(C) Department of Transport (D) Department of Telecom
Ans : (C)

6. Which of the following books is written by Sunil Gavaskar ?
(A) A Brief History of Time (B) A Sense of Time
(C) Sunny Days (D) Great Expectations
Ans : (C)

7. Which of the following international events is associated with the game of Car Racing—
(A) Singapore Grandprix (B) Dubai Open
(C) Twenty20 (D) FIFA World Cup
Ans : (A)

8. For training troops in counter terrorist operations and for enhancing defence cooperation and military relations, which country held Joint- Military Training Exercise, SHAKTI- 2011 with India ?
(A) Sri Lanka (B) USA
(C) France (D) UK
Ans : (C)

9. Which country has test-fired nuclear capable Hatf-7 cruise missile ?
(A) Japan (B) China
(C) Russia (D) Pakistan
Ans : (D)

10. In which year Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted ?
(A) 1965 (B) 1969
(C) 1972 (D) 1974
Ans : (B)

11. Iron Lady 'Irom Chanu Sharmila' belongs to—
(A) Arunachal Pradesh (B) Nagaland
(C) Meghalaya (D) Manipur

Ans : (D)

12. Which state has topped in India's Child Right Index, 2011 ?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Kerala
- (C) Gujarat (D) Maharashtra

Ans : (B)

13. India celebrated its Republic Day on January 26, 2012.

- (A) 61st (B) 62nd
- (C) 63rd (D) 64th

Ans : (C)

14. The weight in the revised Wholesale Price Index implemented from September 2010 is given to which of the following items ?

- (A) Food items (B) Manufactured items
- (C) Fuel (D) Primary articles

Ans : (D)

15. Which blood vessel in human body normally carry the amount of urea—

- (A) Hepatic Vein (B) Portal Vein
- (C) Dorsal Aorta (D) Renal Vein

Ans : (B)

16. The Directive Principle of State Policy was adopted from the—

- (A) Britain Constitution (B) Irish Constitution
- (C) US Constitution (D) Swiss Constitution

Ans : (B)

17. Where was electricity first introduced on a commercial scale in India ?

- (A) Kolkata (B) Mumbai
- (C) Chennai (D) Darjeeling

Ans : (D)

18. 'Yang in Yin' formed the basis of Chinese—

- (A) Medicine (B) Philosophy
- (C) Religion (D) Astronomy

Ans : (B)

19. Virgin Forest are located in—

- (A) Assam (B) Gujarat
- (C) Kerala (D) Mizoram

Ans : (C)

20. The State contributes 70% of India's coffee and silk. Name this state—

- (A) Karnataka (B) Assam
- (C) Rajasthan (D) Punjab

Ans : (A)

1. The famous tombs of the seven Qutub Shahi rulers are located close to which of the following forts?

- (A) Red Fort in Delhi (B) Agra Fort in Agra
(C) Golconda Fort in Hyderabad (D) Gwalior Fort in Gwalior

Ans : (C)

2. Which of the following world famous events is/are held to mark the Onam festivities in Kerala?

- (A) Snake Boat race (B) Bull race
(C) Cock fights (D) All these

Ans : (A)

3. Which one of the following famous events is being held in Jaipur, Rajasthan in January every year since 2006 ?

- (A) Gangaur Festival (B) Jaipur Literature Festival
(C) Elephant Festival Jaipur (D) None of these

Ans : (B)

4. Who is the present Cabinet Minister of Tourism, Government of India?

- (A) Ambika Soni (B) Sultan Ahmed
(C) Subodh Kant Sahai (D) None of these

Ans : (C)

5. Which of the following rivers does not originate in Indian territory?

- (A) Brahmaputra (B) Mahanadi
(C) Ravi (D) None of these

Ans : (A)

6. What was the official mascot of the Commonwealth Games 2010 held in India?

- (A) Shera, the tiger (B) Appu, the elephant
(C) Chhau, the deer (D) None of these

Ans : (A)

7. The Indus Valley Civilisation was famous for—

- (A) well-planned cities (B) efficient civil organisation
(C) development of art and architecture (D) All of these

Ans : (D)

8. The world famous Red Fort of Delhi was built by which of the following Mughal rulers ?

- (A) Akbar (B) Jahangir
(C) Aurangzeb (D) Shahjehan

Ans : (D)

9. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation (India), was born in—

- (A) Sabarmati (B) Ahmedabad
(C) Porbandar (D) South Africa

Ans : (C)

10. In which region of India did the dance form 'Mohiniattam' develop?

- (A) Manipur (B) Kerala
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Odisha

Ans : (B)

11. Which musical instrument did the famous Indian musician Ustad Bismillah Khan play?

- (A) Shehnai (B) Sarod
(C) Flute (D) Tabla

Ans : (A)

12. The national monument India Gate, located in the capital of India, was built to commemorate—
(A) the Indian soldiers who lost their lives in World War I.
(B) the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to India, prior to the Delhi durbar, in December 1911.
(C) the successful operation of liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan, by the Indian armed forces.
(D) the freedom of the country from British rule.

Ans : (A)

13. Which of the following city is widely regarded or known as the 'garden city' of India?
(A) Chandigarh (B) Bengaluru
(C) Jaipur (D) New Delhi

Ans : (B)

14. The world famous Sanchi Stupa, possibly the oldest stone structure in India, was originally commissioned by—

(A) Emperor Ashoka (B) Chandragupta Maurya
(C) Satakarni (D) Gautama Buddha

Ans : (A)

15. The Indian folk dance "Cheraw" is also known as the—

(A) Bamboo dance of Mizoram. (B) Batukamma dance of Andhra Pradesh
(C) Bihu dance of Assam. (D) Garba dance of Gujarat.

Ans : (A)

16. On April 02, 2011 India won the World Cup trophy in which sport ?

(A) Hockey (B) Cricket
(C) Kabaddi (D) Boxing

Ans : (B)

17. Which of the following founders of Indian IT giants was awarded the Padma Vibhushan Award in 2011, by the Hon'ble President of India?

(A) N. R. Narayana Murthy (B) Azim H. Premji
(C) Ratan Tata (D) B. Ramalinga Raju

Ans : (B)

18. Who was awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award by the Hon'ble President of India in 2011 ?

(A) Gagan Narang (Shooting) (B) Leander Paes (Tennis)
(C) Saina Nehwal (Badminton) (D) Abhinav Bindra (Shooting)

Ans : (A)

19. The film that won the "Best Feature Film" Award in the 58th National Film Awards of the Government of India, announced in May 2011, was made in which language ?

(A) Bengali (B) Marathi
(C) Hindi (D) Malayalam

Ans : (D)

20. What is the name of the cruise ship that met with an accident in mid January 2012 off the coast of Italy, resulting in many casualties ?

(A) MS Majesty of the Seas (B) Costa Concordia
(C) Titanic (D) MS Marco Polo

Ans : (B)

21. Which of the following brands was the title sponsor of India Fashion. Week pageant organised by Fashion Design Council of India in October 2011 ?

(A) Lakme (B) Wills Lifestyle
(C) Raymond (D) Allen Solly
Ans : (B)

22. What is the expansion of the term WAN in computer terminology?
(A) Wide Area Network (B) Wide Angle Network
(C) Word Application Network (D) Word Application Node
Ans : (A)

23. Who is the first Indian woman to have won a medal at the Olympic games?
(A) Sania Mirza (B) Saina Nehwal
(C) PT Usha (D) Kranam Malleswari
Ans : (D)

24. Global warming increases primarily due to increase in the levels of gas in the atmosphere.
(A) Carbon monoxide (B) Ozone
(C) Carbon dioxide (D) CNG
Ans : (C)

25. Who is the current Chairman of the Planning Commission of India?
(A) Montek Singh Ahluwalia (B) Manmohan Singh
(C) Pranab Mukherjee (D) None of these
Ans : (B)

26. 'Epicentre' is a term commonly associated with which of the following?
(A) Tsunami (B) Earthquake
(C) Dust storm (D) Hurricane
Ans : (B)

27. The international awards given by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences located in Beverly Hills, California (USA) for excellence in the field of cinema are popularly known as—
(A) IIFA Awards (B) Oscars
(C) BAFTA Awards (D) Grammys
Ans : (B)

28. Who was the last Mughal emperor in India?
(A) Tippu Sultan (B) Sher Shah Suri
(C) Bahadur Shah Zafar (D) Asaf Ali
Ans : (C)

29. The mobile handset Black Berry is manufactured by—
(A) Nokia (B) RIM
(C) Motorola (D) Datawind
Ans : (B)

30. According to the Tiger Census 2010 conducted by the Government of India, which Indian state has the largest population of tigers ?
(A) Karnataka (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Gujarat (D) Assam
Ans : (A)

31. Who won the maximum amount of money, Rs, 5 crores in "Kauri Banega Crorepati" on 2nd Nov. 2011 ?
(A) Sunil Kumar (B) Anil Kumar
(C) Sushil Kumar (D) Praveen Kumar

Ans : (C)

32. Who has written "Abhigyan Shakuntalam" ?

- (A) Tulsidas (B) Kalidas
- (C) Vyas (D) Surdas

Ans : (B)

33. Which of the following sanctuaries is famous for one-horned Rhinoceros?

- (A) Manas Sanctuary (B) Palamu Sanctuary
- (C) Periyar Sanctuary (D) Kaziranga National Park

Ans : (D)

34. The headquarters of Indian Mountaineering Foundation is at—

- (A) Kolkata (B) Darjeeling
- (C) Delhi (D) Siliguri

Ans : (C)

35. Which is the highest mountain peak in India?

- (A) K2 (B) Everest
- (C) Kanchanjunga (D) Makalu-I

Ans : (C)

36. There are states andUTs in India.

- (A) 32, 9 (B) 23, 8
- (C) 28, 7 (D) 25, 9

Ans : (C)

37. ITPO stands for—

- (A) International Traders and Promoters Organisation
- (B) India Trade Promotion Organisation
- (C) Indian Telecommunication and Postal Offices
- (D) Both (B) and (C) above

Ans : (B)

38. Kushok Bakula is the new name of which airport ?

- (A) Srinagar Airport (B) Leh Airport
- (C) Guwahati Airport (D) Chennai Airport

Ans : (B)

39. What is the name of the baby girl born in Lucknow, India on October 31, 2011 and symbolically recognised by UN as the seven billionth inhabitant of world?

- (A) Nafisa (B) Nargis
- (C) Zeenat (D) Zubeida

Ans : (B)

40. Which of the following countries is not a permanent member of UN Security Council?

- (A) USA (B) UK
- (C) France (D) Spain

Ans : (D)

1. Christian Louboutin, who designed the shoe named 'Bollywoody' is based in—

- (A) France (B) Italy
- (C) Russia (D) Romania

Ans : (A)

2. Who has developed the world's first hydrogen-powered three-wheeler, HyAlfa which was showcased at Delhi Auto Expo 2012 ?

- (A) UN Industrial Development Organisation
- (B) International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies
- (C) Mahindra and Mahindra and IIT-Delhi
- (D) All these

Ans : (D)

3. "You look the world, we look after you" is the tag line of which brand?

- (A) Microsoft (B) LIC
- (C) SOTC (D) Bharti Airtel

Ans : (C)

4. Recently, Iran's first nuclear power plant has started contributing to its national grid. Where in Iran is it located?

- (A) Siraf (B) Bushehr
- (C) Knvormuj (D) Borazjan

Ans : (B)

5. Infocrossing was acquired by—

- (A) Wipro (B) JSW Steel
- (C) Craves Software International (D) Godrej Sana Lee

Ans : (A)

6. Boston Communications Group was acquired by—

- (A) Elder Pharmaceutical (B) Megasoft
- (C) Novo Zymes (D) Wipro

Ans : (B)

7. MTV Networks India was acquired by—

- (A) The Television 18 group (B) Reliance Communications
- (C) Punjab Chemicals and Crop Protection (D) Fashion TV

Ans : (A)

8. The web driven photo printing service 'Snapfish' is owned by—

- (A) HP (B) Microsoft
- (C) Yahoo (D) Google

Ans : (A)

9. Which mobile company has signed a deal with Apple to sell their iPhone in India?

- (A) Vodaphone (B) RCom
- (C) Airtel (D) Idea

Ans : (A)

10. Which one of the following is the most famous product of Harley Davidson?

- (A) Cars (B) Motorcycles
- (C) Jackets (D) Helicopters

Ans : (B)

11. In IPL-5, Kevin Pietersen has been selected to play with which team ?

- (A) Delhi Daredevils (B) Deccan Chargers
- (C) Rajasthan Royals (D) Royal Challengers

Ans : (A)

12. Who partnered Leander Paes to win Chennai Open Tennis Championship in January 2012 ?

(A) Janko Tipsarevic (B) Mahesh Bhupathi
(C) Andy Ram (D) Rohan Bopanna
Ans : (A)

13. Which player has won FIFA's Ballon d'Or Trophy for the straight third time as world's Best Player in 2011 ?

(A) Lionel Messi (B) Xavi Hernandez
(C) Cristiano Ronaldo (D) Carlos Tevez
Ans : (A)

14. Who was the first Indian to win the World Amateur Billiards title?

(A) Geet Sethi (B) Wilson Jones
(C) Michael Ferreira (D) Manoj Kothari
Ans : (B)

15. Who has won the recent Africa Open Golf title ?

(A) Louis Oosthuizen (B) Van der Walt
(C) Retief Goosen (D) Jaco Van Zyl
Ans : (A)

16. Who is the Governor of Andhra Pradesh?

(A) E.S.L. Narasimham (B) Kiran Kumar Reddy
(C) Y.S.R. Reddy (D) Jalagam Vengala Rao
Ans : (A)

17. Who has inaugurated NCC Republic Day Camp 2012 ?

(A) Hamid Ansari (B) Pratibha Patil
(C) Mira Kumar (D) Manmohan Singh
Ans : (A)

18. Who is the Chairman of SAIL ?

(A) C. S. Verma (B) C. Rangarajan
(C) P. Chidambaram (D) Veerappa Moily
Ans : (A)

19. Kisan Ghat is the memorial ground of which political leader ?

(A) Chaudhary Charan Singh (B) Jagjivan Ram
(C) Jayaprakash Narayan (D) Rajendra Prasad
Ans : (A)

20. Who was the first Indian scientist to become the Member of Parliament ?

(A) Vikram Sarabhai (B) Sir C. V. Raman
(C) Meghnad Saha (D) S. Chandrasekhar
Ans : (C)

21. RBI's action to reduce CRR would—

(A) increase stress on money markets.
(B) decrease stress on money markets.
(C) warrant banks to invest more in government securities.
(D) warrant increase in interest rates by banks.
Ans : (B)

22. How does RBI ease liquidity in the economy?

A. By cutting frequency of open market operations.
B. By cutting cash reserve ratio.
C. By cutting the repo and reverse repo rates.

(A) A and B (B) B and C
(C) A, B and C (D) A and C
Ans : (B)

23. Which among the following has been discontinued recently after the Cabinet decision on small saving schemes?

(A) National Savings Certificates (B) Kisan Vikas Patras
(C) Monthly Income Schemes (D) Recurring Deposit Schemes
Ans : (B)

24. Which among the following organised the annual India Economic Summit in India ?

(A) FICCI (B) CII
(C) AIMA (D) World Economic Forum
Ans : (B)

25. Interest payable on Savings Bank Accounts in India is–

(A) not regulated. (B) regulated by RBI.
(C) regulated by State Governments. (D) regulated by Central Government.
Ans : (A)

26. Slogan 'Applying Thought' is used by?

(A) TCS (B) Wipro
(C) Infosys (D) Mahindra Satyam
Ans : (B)

27. What was the approximate pay package (equivalent in Rs.) of Apple CEO Tim Cook drawn in 2011 ?

(A) 2000 Cr (B) 800 Cr
(C) 100 Cr (D) 500 Cr
Ans : (A)

28. Which among the following is also known as a Pacific Rim Trade Group?

(A) Mercosur (B) ASEAN
(C) APEC (D) OPEC
Ans : (C)

29. Which country's Parliament has passed laws recently against 500 polluting companies to pay a price equivalent to US\$ 22.90 A ton for carbon emissions from mid 2012 ?

(A) USA (B) Canada
(C) Australia (D) New Zealand
Ans : (C)

30. 'Tranquility Base' is situated on the surface of–

(A) Moon (B) Mars
(C) Jupiter (D) Saturn
Ans : (A)

31. Which of these political leaders won the Nobel Prize for Literature?

(A) Benito Mussolini (B) Woodrow Wilson
(C) Winston Churchill (D) William Gladstone
Ans : (C)

32. Who was the Danish Anatomist, whose 374th Birth Anniversary was celebrated on Jan 11 and was widely regarded as the Father of Geology ?

(A) Nicholas Steno (B) Jon Hronsky
(C) Joannes Janssonius (D) Johan Huizinga

Ans : (A)

33. What is the real name of the fictional character 'Winnie-the-Pooh' ?

- (A) Edward Bear (B) Christopher Robin
- (C) A. A. Milen (D) None of these

Ans : (C)

34. What is the name of the tallest bridge in the world ?

- (A) Baluarte, Mexico (B) London Bridge, Arizona
- (C) Golden Gate Bridge, California (D) Brooklyn Bridge, New York

Ans : (A)

35. Who is the Director of Agni-IV Missile?

- (A) Tessy Thomas (B) Avinash Chander
- (C) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (D) S. K. Sharma

Ans : (A)

36. Who is the absolute owner of the luxury Tourist Train 'Maharaja Express' as per Delhi High Court ?

- (A) IRCTC (B) Cox and Kings
- (C) Thomsons (D) None of these

Ans : (A)

37. The tag line 'Pure bhi Poora bhi' belongs to—

- (A) Reliance Petroleum (B) Indian oil
- (C) Bharat Petroleum (D) IBP

Ans : (D)

38. The software named 'Seamonkey' is used in computer to—

- (A) delete the virus infected files (B) recover lost data
- (C) browse the Internet (D) use as a media player

Ans : (C)

39. Which company has bagged the ICS national award for adopting governance practices ?

- (A) ONGC (B) BEL
- (C) Indian oil (D) BHEL

Ans : (A)

40. Stephen Hawking, the famous Scientist who turned 70 recently, has been working throughout his life on the theory of the origin of the Universe. What do Scientist call this theory?

- (A) The Universal Truth (B) The Theory of Everything
- (C) The Grand Unified Theory (D) The Theory of Universe

Ans : (B)