

## Section 3

### General Awareness

126. As we all know banks are required to give 40% of their total advances to priority sector areas. Which of the following will be considered a loan to priority sector ?
- (A) Loan to a student for getting medical education at a college in United Kingdom.
  - (B) Loan to a farmer for rebuilding his house which was demolished in recent flood.
  - (C) Loan to a private transporter to purchase another fleet of 10 trucks and 30 taxis to play in 4 metros.
- (1) Only (A)                      (2) Only (B)  
(3) Both (A) and (B)        (4) All (A), (B) and (C)  
(5) None of the above
127. As per the news published in various newspapers loans to 'MSEs' by rural banks, will be treated as priority sector loans. What is full form of MSE ?
- (1) Multi Service Enterprises
  - (2) Micro Software Enterprises
  - (3) Micro and Small Enterprises
  - (4) Mutual funds and Service Entities
  - (5) None of the above
128. Pranab Mukherjee in his speech at G-30 International banking Seminar in Istanbul emphasised that the Global community should continue with stimulus packages for a few more months. Which of the following statement(s) correctly describe(s) the real message of this statement ?
- (A) The Global community should continue to help developing economies by providing loans at concessional rates.
  - (B) All big/multinationals are required to follow financial discipline strictly so that business remains free from frauds and financial irregularities.

- (C) The Global community should help business organizations in such a way that they can come out of the recessions and slowdowns more efficiently.
- (1) Only (A)                      (2) Only (B)  
(3) Only (C)                      (4) Both (A) and (C)  
(5) None of these
129. Which of the following states was amongst those which were badly affected by the floods in September/October 2009 ?
- (1) Orissa                      (2) Karnataka  
(3) Himachal Pradesh      (4) Jammu and Kashmir  
(5) None of these
130. As per newspaper reports two companies "Ultra-Tech" and "Samruddhi" are planning a merger and takeover in days to come. Both these companies are in which of the following sectors of manufacturing/production ?
- (1) Textiles                      (2) Aluminium  
(3) Cement                      (4) Energy  
(5) None of these
131. As per the reports published in the newspapers, ₹ 4,500 crore 'NCDs' of a well known company were oversubscribed within few hours of its opening. What is the full form of the term 'NCDs' ?
- (1) Net Commercial Debentures  
(2) New Commercial Derivatives  
(3) Net Commercial Delistings  
(4) New Capital Disclosures  
(5) Non Convertible Debentures
132. Which of the following is NOT a money/finance related term ?
- (1) Market Capitalisation (M-Cap)  
(2) Price-Earning Ratio (P-E Ratio)  
(3) Disinvestment  
(4) Demerger  
(5) Depth charges
133. As per newspaper reports U.S. Government is considering providing a stimulus package to its citizens in the form of "Spending and Tax Cuts". What does it really mean ?
- (A) If one spends more on some specific items, one gets more tax benefit.  
(B) If one spends more on some specific items, one has to pay more tax.  
(C) Govt. is planning to bring in more money in its social welfare fund so that it can provide more tax benefits to the general public.
- (1) Only (A)                      (2) Only (B)  
(3) Only (C)                      (4) Only (A) and (C)  
(5) None of these
134. As per the decision taken by the Government of India, it is planned to release one metric tonne wheat from its reserve stocks. How will this action of the Govt. affect the market in general ?
- (A) This will arrest the price hike of wheat in the market.  
(B) This will give relief to those who are concerned because of low production of food grains in Kharif and are expecting a steep rise in prices of the commodity.
- (C) This is being done to replace old stock of wheat with new arrivals as the older stock has now lost its storage value and requires immediate disposal and consumption thereof.
- (1) Only (A)                      (2) Only (B)  
(3) Only (C)                      (4) Only (A) and (B)  
(5) All (A), (B) and (C)
135. Which of the following places is popularly known as the hub of the country's onion trade ?
- (1) Shimla                      (2) Jaipur  
(3) Kolkata                      (4) Lucknow  
(5) Nashik
136. Which of the following countries has become the first major economy post-crisis which has seen a rise in the short term interest rates and has come out of stimulus creating policy regimes ?
- (1) USA                      (2) United Kingdom  
(3) Japan                      (4) Australia  
(5) None of these
137. The "World Economic Outlook" is published by which of the following organizations regularly ?
- (1) World Bank  
(2) International Monetary Fund  
(3) Asian Development Bank  
(4) World Trade Organisation  
(5) None of the above
138. Who amongst the following has written the book "A Train to Pakistan" ?
- (1) Kamla Das                      (2) Amita Desai  
(3) Vikram Seth                      (4) Khushwant Singh  
(5) None of these
139. Amongst the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China), which of the following two were in Negative territory in terms of GDP growth for most of the time during 2009 ?
- (A) India                      (B) China  
(C) Russia                      (D) Brazil
- (1) Only (A) and (D)  
(2) Only (C) and (D)  
(3) Only (B) and (C)  
(4) Only (A) and (B)  
(5) All (A), (B), (C) and (D)
140. As per some financial newspapers/magazines, which of the following countries is widely regarded as the "Sick man of Europe" and also "one patient" whom USA wants to nurse back to regain its financial/economic health as soon as possible ?
- (1) Britain                      (2) Germany  
(3) Italy                      (4) Russia  
(5) France
141. Which of the following organizations/agencies has agreed to provide a US\$ 500 million loan to India for its newly launched Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) ?
- (1) World Bank                      (2) IMF  
(3) ADB                      (4) UNESCO  
(5) None of these

142. Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner who was on a visit to India is the President of  
(1) Brazil (2) New Zealand  
(3) Argentina (4) Peru  
(5) Austria
143. Which of the following countries has agreed to let U N Inspectors visit its controversial nuclear site after a great persuasion ?  
(1) Pakistan (2) India  
(3) Iran (4) South Korea  
(5) None of these
144. The World Habitat Day is observed on which of the following days every year ?  
(1) 5th September (2) 5th October  
(3) 15th September (4) 15th October  
(5) 25th November
145. The 2016 Olympic Games will be organised in  
(1) New Delhi (2) Perth  
(3) Paris (4) Rio de Janerio  
(5) Salt Lake city
146. Which of the following two rivers were mainly responsible for the recent flood in some parts of the country ?  
(1) Ganga-Yamuna (2) Narmada-Godavari  
(3) Ganga- Chambal (4) Kaveri- Godavari  
(5) Krishna -Tungabhadra
147. As per a newspaper report, only few countries are left to make Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), a universal treaty. Which of the following is one of them ?  
(1) Japan (2) India  
(3) Italy (4) France  
(5) Russia
148. The G-20 Summit was held in which of the following places in October 2009 ?  
(1) Paris (2) Vienna  
(3) Tokyo (4) Pittsburgh  
(5) London
149. As per the decision taken in the recent G-20 summit, the voting rights in which of the following organizations will be revised to give more quotas to India and China ?  
(1) IMF  
(2) WTO  
(3) Asian Development Bank  
(4) UN Security Council  
(5) All of the above
150. Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis was to contest general elections to get a third term in office recently. Costas Karamanlis is from which of the following countries ?  
(1) Brazil (2) Portugal  
(3) Greece (4) Mexico  
(5) Macedonia
151. Pankaj Advani won National Snooker Championship -2009 recently by defeating  
(1) Devendra Joshi (2) Dhruv Sitwala  
(3) Yasin Merchant (4) Kamal Chawla  
(5) Sourav Kothari
152. The Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14 envisages the annual export of US \$ 200 billion by the year  
(1) 2011 (2) 2010 (3) 2012  
(4) 2013 (5) 2014
153. Which of the following is True about the National Health Policy 2002? It envisages to  
(A) Increase public expenditure from 0.9% to 2% by 2010.  
(B) Co-operation of NGOs in national disease control programme.  
(C) Mandatory two years rural service before awarding graduate medical degree.  
(1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)  
(3) Only (C) (4) Only (B) and (C)  
(5) All (A), (B) and (C)
154. Which of the following schemes/missions was launched to encourage reforms and planned development of certain identified cities in India ?  
(1) Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme  
(2) Indira Awas Yojana  
(3) Bharat Nirman  
(4) Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission  
(5) None of the above
155. India will host the world Tiger Summit for the first time in 2010. The Summit will be organised in  
(1) Kolkata (2) Bharatpur  
(3) Junagarh (4) Ranthambore  
(5) None of these
156. Rajiv Gandhi National Sadhbavana Award 2008 was given to whom amongst the following recently ?  
(1) Gautam Bhai (2) Shabana Azmi  
(3) Javed Akhtar (4) Deep Joshi  
(5) None of these
157. Which of the following countries has been fully suspended from the Common wealth of Nations after its refusal to announce General Elections which have been due since long ?  
(1) Pakistan (2) Nepal  
(3) Fiji (4) Sri Lanka  
(5) None of these
158. Which of the following States demanding that the Central Govt. to recognize it as a category 'A' State ?  
(1) Rajasthan (2) Gujarat  
(3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Madhya Pradesh  
(5) Uttarakhand
159. The Government of India has agreed to abolish Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council and install an alternative administrative framework in its place. The council was working in which of the following states ?  
(1) Asom (2) Meghalaya  
(3) West Bengal (4) Bihar  
(5) Jharkhand
160. India has decided to provide funds for development of a military-cum-civilian airport in Palely. Palely is a town in  
(1) Nepal (2) Sri Lanka  
(3) Myanmar (4) Bangladesh  
(5) Bhutan

161. India recently finalized an agreement known as End Use Monitoring Agreement (EUMA) with which of the following countries ?  
(1) Italy (2) France  
(3) China (4) Israel  
(5) USA
162. Which of the following is the world's largest exporter of Cotton ?  
(1) India (2) South Africa  
(3) Pakistan (4) Bangladesh  
(5) None of these
163. President Hifikepunye Pohamba was on an official visit to India recently. He is the President of  
(1) Kenya (2) South Africa  
(3) Spain (4) Namibia  
(5) None of these
164. India's third Research Centre at Antarctica is named as  
(1) Bharti (2) Swagatam  
(3) Hindustan (4) Maitri  
(5) None of these
165. The Election Commission of which of the following countries got lot of reports alleging the fraud and malpractices in its recently concluded general elections?  
(1) Japan (2) Iran  
(3) Afghanistan (4) Nepal  
(5) None of these
166. Who amongst the following is the winner of the Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Peace and Reconciliation 2009 ?  
(1) Yukiya Amano (2) Aung San-Suu Kyi  
(3) Bill Gates (4) Hillary Clinton  
(5) None of these
167. Which of the following countries agreed recently to discontinue refuelling ships in the India Ocean for the NATO led coalition in Afghanistan ?  
(1) Japan (2) Indonesia  
(3) Bangladesh (4) Pakistan  
(5) None of these
168. "Oscar Awards" are given for the excellence in the field of  
(1) Literature (2) Sports  
(3) Journalism (4) Cinema  
(5) Social Service
169. Which of the following terms is NOT used in the game of Hockey ?  
(1) Bully (2) Short corner  
(3) Penalty corner (4) Centre forward  
(5) Drop Kick
170. "Durand Cup" is associated with the game of  
(1) Football (2) Polo  
(3) Cricket (4) Hockey  
(5) Badminton
171. Which of the following books is written by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan ?  
(1) The Power and the Glory  
(2) Wings of Fire  
(3) Two Lives  
(4) The Sea  
(5) Towards a Hunger Free World
172. Who amongst the following is the author of the book "Fool's Gold" ?  
(1) V. Harrison (2) Adam Smith  
(3) Alex Rutherford (4) Gillian Tett  
(5) None of these
173. Which of the following countries agreed to rejoin the six party talks aimed at ending its controversial nuclear programme ?  
(1) Somalia (2) North Korea  
(3) Iran (4) Pakistan  
(5) None of these
174. The Third International Conference on the climate took place in August-September 2009 in  
(1) Vienna (2) Geneva  
(3) New Delhi (4) London  
(5) Tokyo
175. Which of the following is the abbreviated name of the new Act which deals with money laundering ?  
(1) AILTA (2) PERDA  
(3) TERLS (4) SALT  
(5) PMLA