

SBI Probationary Officers (PO) Written Exam General Awareness Sample Questions and Answers

General Awareness

1. What is the population of India ?

- (A) 98 crores
- (B) More than 2 billion
- (C) More than 1 billion
- (D) Less than 96 crores
- (E) 96 crores

2. Thermostat is an instrument used to_____

- (A) measure flow of current
- (B) measure intensity of voltage
- (C) regulate temperature
- (D) regulate velocity of sound
- (E) None of these

3. Wimbledon Trophy is associated with_____

- (A) Football (B) Cricket
- (C) Hockey (D) Basketball
- (E) Lawn Tennis

4. GNP stands for_____

- (A) Gross National Product

- (B) Group Net Product
- (C) Grand Nuclear Process
- (D) Group Networking Process
- (E) None of these

5. 'Acoustics' is the science of the study of _____

- (A) Light (B) Sound
- (C) Electricity (D) Magnetism
- (E) None of these

6. Noise pollution is measured in the unit called _____

- (A) micron
- (B) nautical miles
- (C) ohms
- (D) ampere
- (E) decibel

7. 'Heavy Water' is used in which of the following types of industries ?

- (A) Sugar
- (B) Nuclear Power
- (C) Textile
- (D) Coal
- (E) None of these

8. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'Indomitable Spirit'?

- (A) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (B) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- (C) Justice K. G. Balakrishna

(D) Mr. Natwar Singh

(E) None of these

9. Which of the following is not the name of popular IT/Software Company ?

(A) Wipro (B) Mastek

(C) Toyota (D) IBM

(E) Infosys

10. 'Yen' is the currency of _____

(A) South Korea

(B) China

(C) Indonesia

(D) Malaysia

(E) None of these

11. Baichung Bhutia whose name was in news is a well known _____

(A) Music Director of Indian films

(B) English author of Indian origin

(C) Journalist

(D) Politician

(E) Sports Personality

12. 'Richter Scale' is used to measure which of the following ?

(A) Intensity of Tsunami Waves

(B) Intensity of Earthquake

(C) Density of salt in Sea water

(D) Flow of electric current

(E) None of these

13. Which of the following best explains 'e-governance'?

- (A) Improving the functioning of government
- (B) Teaching government employees the basics of computing
- (C) Delivery of public services through internet
- (D) Framing of cyber-laws of chatting on internet
- (E) Convergence of e-mail and video-conferencing

14. CAS is associated with which of the following ?

- (A) Legal System Reforms
- (B) Piped gas line
- (C) Cable T.V.
- (D) Mobile phone regulation
- (E) None of these

15. Tata Steel recently acquired the Corus, a steel giant situated in_____

- (A) South Africa
- (B) Ukraine
- (C) Australia
- (D) Italy
- (E) Britain

16. Which of the following is the abbreviated name of the Organization/Agency working in the field of Space Research ?

- (A) ISBN
- (B) ISRO

(C) INTELSET

(D) INTACH

(E) None of these

17. 'Handshaking' in Networking parlance means

(A) connecting computers to a hub

(B) distributed Networks

(C) having same operating system on different computers

(D) sending e-mail

(E) None of these

18. VAT stands for

(A) Value And Tax

(B) Value Added Tax

(C) Virtual Action Tasks

(D) Virtual Assessment Tech-nique

(E) None of these

19. Alzheimer's disease is the ailment of which of the following organs /parts of the human body ?

(A) Kidney

(B) Heart

(C) Liver

(D) Stomach

(E) Brain

20. Global warming is a matter of concern amongst the nations these days. Which of the following countries is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the World ?

(A) U.S.A.

- (B) China
- (C) India
- (D) Britain
- (E) None of these

21. Which of the following books has been written by Bill Gates ?

- (A) Microsoft Secrets
- (B) The Road Ahead
- (C) The Elephant Paradigm
- (D) e-commerce
- (E) None of these

22. Which of the following is the name of the social network service run by the Google on the internet ?

- (A) Online Space
- (B) Orkut
- (C) Net-Space
- (D) Wikipedia
- (E) None of these

23. Which of the following states is a relatively new addition ?

- (A) Goa
- (B) Delhi
- (C) Uttarakhand
- (D) Himachal Pradesh
- (E) Bihar

24. DOT stands for_____

- (A) Disc Operating Therapy

- (B) Department of Telephones
- (C) Directorate of Technology
- (D) Damage on Time
- (E) None of these

25. Which of the following States/ parts of India is completely land locked having no contact with sea ?

- (A) Karnataka
- (B) Orissa
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) North-East
- (E) None of these

26. TRAI regulates the functioning of which of the following services ?

- (A) Telecom (B) Trade
- (C) Port (D) Transport
- (E) None of these

27. At present for the ATMs in India, the most commonly used network communication mode is _____

- (A) Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT)
- (B) General Packet Radio Service (GPRS)
- (C) Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)
- (D) Dial-in Connection
- (E) None of these

28. Which of the following is not a foreign bank operating in India ?

- (A) DBS Bank Ltd.
- (B) Sonali Bank

(C) J. P. Morgan Chase Bank

(D) Shinhan Bank

(E) All are Foreign Banks

29. Who is the author of the book 'Future Shock' ?

(A) Alvin Toffler

(B) Tom Peters

(C) Napoleon Hill

(D) Kenneth Blanchard

(E) None of these

30. Apex fares are _____

(A) more than the normal fare

(B) less than the normal fare

(C) offered only to corporate clients

(D) applicable to late night flights only

(E) applicable to international flights only

31. Who amongst the following is the Director of the film 'Water' which was in news ?

(A) Vidhu Vinod Chopra

(B) Mrinal Sen

(C) Gulzar

(D) Mahesh Bhatt

(E) None of these

32. The 10th plan period is upto _____

(A) 2007 (B) 2008

(C) 2009 (D) 2010

(E) None of these

33. OPEC is a group of countries which are_____

(A) exporting oil

(B) producing cotton

(C) rich and developed

(D) developing and poor

(E) nuclear powers

34. Intel Company mainly pro-duces_____

(A) Hard disks

(B) VCDs

(C) Monitors

(D) Software

(E) None of these

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35. Who amongst the following is the M.D./Chairman of one of the major Steel Companies ?

(A) Shri L. N. Mittal

(B) Shri K. K. Birla

(C) Shri Vijaypat Singhania

(D) Shri Mukesh Ambani

(E) Shri Anil Agarwal

36. Who is the President of Nass-com?

(A) Kiran Karnik

(B) Narayana Murthy

(C) Pramod Desai

(D) Devang Mehta

(E) None of these

37. Which of the following awards is not given for excellence in the field of literature ?

(A) Booker Prize

(B) Nobel Prize

(C) Pulitzer Prize

(D) Arjun Award

(E) Bharatiya Gnanpith Award

38. 'Singur' which was in news is a place in_____

(A) Orissa

(B) West Bengal

(C) Jharkhand

(D) Bihar

(E) Maharashtra

39. Who amongst the following is the author of the book series named as 'Harry Potter' ?

(A) J. K. Rowling

(B) Lindsay Lohan

(C) Julia Roberts

(D) Sandra Bullock

(E) None of these

40. Which of the following Satellites recently dedicated to nation helps Direct to Home Television Service in India ?

(A) Matsat

(B) Edusat

(C) Insat-4b

(D) Insat-IB

(E) None of these

41. Many a times we read some news items about the 'West Bank'. 'West Bank' is situated at the western side of the river _____

(A) Mississippi

(B) Amazon

(C) Nile

(D) Jordan

(E) None of these

42. Which of the following phenomenon is considered responsible for 'Global Warming' ?

(A) Greenhouse Gas Effect

(B) Fox Fire

(C) Dry Farming

(D) Radioactivity

(E) None of these

43. Which of the following instruments is not issued by a bank ?

(A) Demand Draft

(B) Pay Order

(C) Debit Card

(D) Credit Card

(E) National Saving Certificate

44. Name of Jyoti Randhawa is associated with which of the following games ?

(A) Golf

(B) Badminton

(C) Hockey

(D) Chess

(E) None of these

45. Which of the following Software Companies recently launched its education portal 'Unlimited Potential' in India ?

(A) Microsoft (B) Infosys

(C) Wipro (D) TCS

(E) None of these

46. Polly Umrigar who died was a well known _____

(A) Cricketer

(B) Tennis Player

(C) Golfer

(D) Chess Player

(E) Hockey Player

47. In India Census is done after a gap of every _____

(A) Five years

(B) Seven years

(C) Eight years

(D) Ten years

(E) Fifteen years

48. Prof. Muhammad Yunus the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize 2006 is the exponent of which of the following concepts in the field of banking ?

- (A) Core Banking
- (B) Micro Credit
- (C) Retail Banking
- (D) Real Time Gross Settlement
- (E) Internet Banking

49. Who amongst the following was India's official candidate for the post of UNO's Secretary General ?

- (A) Mr. Shyam Saran
- (B) Dr. C. Rangarajan
- (C) Mr. Shashi Tharoor
- (D) Mr. Vijay Nambiar
- (E) None of these

50. Mr. Gordon Brown has taken over as the Prime Minister of _____

- (A) Italy
- (B) Canada
- (C) France
- (D) South Africa
- (E) Britain

Answers with Explanation:-

1. (C) 2. (C) 3. (E) 4. (A) 5. (B) 6. (E) 7. (B) 8. (A) 9. (C) 10. (E) 11. (E) 12. (B) 13. (C) 14. (C) 15. (E) 16. (B) 17. (A) 18. (B) 19. (E) 20. (B) 21. (B) 22. (B) 23. (C) 24. (E) 25. (D) 26. (A) 27. (A) 28. (E) 29. (A) . 30. (B) 31. (E) 32. (A) 33. (A) 34. (E) 35. (A) 36. (A) 37. (D) 38. (b) 39. (a) 40. (c) 41. (d) 42. (a) 43. (e) 44. (a) 45. (a) 46. (a) 47. (D) 48. (b) 49. (C) 50. (E)