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Important Days - General Knowledge

January 12 : National Youth Day. January 15 :Army Day.
January 26 :India's Republic Day and International Customs day.
January 30 :Martyrs' Day
February 24 :Central Excise Day.
February 28 :National Science Day.
March 8 :International Women's Day.
March 15 :World Disabled Day.
March 21 :World Forestry Day.
March 21 :International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
March 23 :World Meteorological Day.
April 5 :National Maritime Day.
April 7 :World Health Day.
April 18 :World Heritage Day.
April 22 :Earth Day.
May 1 :Workers Day (International Labor Day).
May 3 :Press Freedom Day.
May (2nd Sunday) : Mother's Day.
May 8 :World Red Cross Day.
May 11 :National Technology Day.
May 15 :International Day of the Family.
May 17 :World Telecommunication Day.
May 24 :Commonwealth Day.
May 31 :Anti-Tobacco Day.
June 4 :International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
June 5 : World Environment Day.
June(2nd Sunday) : Fathers Day.
June 26 :International day against Drug abuse & Illicit Trafficking.
June 27 :World Diabetes Day.
July 6 :World Zoonoses Day.
July 11 :World Population Day.
August 3 :International Friendship Day.
August 6 :Hiroshima Day,
August 9 :Quit India Day and Nagasaki Day.
August 15 :Independence Day.
August 29 :National Sports Day.
September 5 :Teachers' Day.
September 8 :World Literacy Day.
September 16 :World Ozone Day.

September 21 :Alzheimer's Day.
September 26 : Day of the Deaf.
September 27 : World Tourism Day.
October 1 : International day of the Elderly.
October 3 :World Habitat Day.
October 4 :World Animal Welfare Day.
October 8 :Indian Air Force Day.
October 9 :World Post Office day.
October 10 :National Post Day.
October 13 :UN International Day for National disaster reduction.
October 14 :World Standards Day.
October 15 :World White Cane Day(guiding the Blind).
October 16 :World Food Day.
October 24 :UN Day, World development information Day.
October 30 :World Thrift Day.
November 14 : Children's Day (in India)
November 20 :Africa Industrialization Day.
November 29 :International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People.
December 1 :World Aids Day.
December 4 :Navy Day.
December 7 :Armed Forces Flag Day.
December 10 :Human Right Day.
December 23 :Kisan Divas Farmer's Day).

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Current affairs
Beijing Olympics is the 29 th olympics

30th Olympics will be held in London

2010 th Common Wealth Games will be held at Delhi

2008 SAARC Submit was held in Srilanka

Biggest in the World

Biggest Continent:Asia

Biggest Ocean : Pacific ocean

Biggest River : Amazon

Biggest Lake :Lake Badkal,(Siberia)

Biggest gorge :Hudson Bay (North Canada)

Biggest Lake(Salt water) : Hells Canyon,(USA)

Biggest Point in the Ocean :Mariana Trench in Pacific Ocean

1.Red cross was founded by-J.H. Durant , Established in 1864 World red Cross day iscelebrated on May 8,The Birthday its founder J.H. Durant.
2.Sir Robert S.S Baden Powell is the founder of scouting
3.Who gave the call go back to Vedas-Dayanand
4.The construction of Qutab Minar was begun by Quatubuddin Aibak. but it was completed by lltutumish.
5.Who built the Sanchi Stupa- Agratala.
6.Who founded slave dynasty in 1206 A.D.- Quatubuddin Aibak.
7.The Capital of Tripura is Agratala.
8. The Capital of Mizoram is aizawl.
9. The Capital of Australia is –Canberra.
10.Spring tides occurs on- Full moon day as well on new moon day.
11.Tides in the oceans are caused by-Attraction of the moon.
12.Buddhism place of worship is-Pongda.
13.Jews place of worship is-Synagogue.
14.Holish book of Jews-Talmud.
15.Malguddi days written by –R.K. Naraynan
16.Das capital-Karl Marx
17.The father of Economics- Adam smith.
18.The Chipko Movement was associated with-preventing felling of trees.
19.Pashmina is a breed of -Sheep.
20.What is the meaning of Buddha –An enlightened one.
21.Which is the holy book of Parsis- Jorah
22.Parliament of U.S.A is known as- Congress
23. Parliament of Afghanistan- Shoora
24. Parliament of Russia-Duma.
25. Parliament of Japan –Diet.
26.SARS:-It Stands for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. SARS is caused by viruses from the corona and paramyxo virus family.
27.New Governors of India:-
-Kailashpati Mishara – Gujrat
-Ram Parkash Gupta –Madhya Pradesh
-O.P Verma -Punjab
-V.S Kokje - Himachal Pradesh
-Nirmal Chand - Rajasthan
28.LCA(Light Combat Aircraft)is named as “Tejas”
29. Lakshva is Pilot Less target Aircraft
30.Kalpna Chawla: She was an Indian born American Astronaut. She died with other six astronauts in the Columbia shuttle crash on feb.1,2003.She embarked on her second

Voyage in the United State space shuttle Columbia on Jan 16,earlier.She was an Indian born American Astronaut.She died with other six astronauts in the Columbia shuttle Columbia on jan 16,earlier.She
was one of the six astronaut crew that flew the
Columbia Flight STS-87in nov.1997 Chawla who had her schooling in Karnal (Haryana)and college education in Punjab did her Masters in Aerospase Engineering from the university of Taxes in in 1984 and Doctorate from Colorado University two year later. An avid flier, she held certified flight instructor's license with Airplane and Gladder ratings, commercial Pilot L icense for single and multi-engine land and seaplanes
31.Jan. 9,the day Mahatma Gandhi return from South Agrica in 1915-was chosen to celebrate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
33.Sriska and Ranthambore are the reserve for lion.
34.International Criminal court was launched formally in the mid march in the Hauge . The first eighteen judges took Oath in the grand ceremony. The court has been set up to handle genocide and the Worst case of war crime or mass atrocities against civilians when no national court
is able or willing to do so.
35.Right to Education:-article 21A provides the free and compulsory education to all children of
the age of six to fourteen.
36.Freedom of information bill:- The parliament approved the "Freedom of information bill".Now it is statutory right of the citizen to access information from the Government.
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39.Minister of state for defence is prof. Chaman lal gupta
40.Ajit singh is Agriculture Minister.
41. Sapan is not a member of G-8 group.
42. APSARA is the name of the India's first Nuclear Reactor.
43.The world environment day is celebrated on june 5.
44.Jainism:-Founded by (Rishabha)Varhamana Mahavira. He was a great 24th Triathankras (Pathfinder).Or prophet of Jainism .Mahavir was a
greast Kshtiya ,born at Kundagram (Vaishali) in bihar. He came to be known as Mahavir of jina. The conqueror of passing; his following are known as Janis. He passed away at age 72 in 462 B. C at Pavapuri, a place near modern Rajgir . Mahavira Teaching are known as the "Tri Ratna" or the three jewels of Jainisn,which lead to the attainment of salvation . They are (I) Right Knowledge and (II) Right Action .The Janis used and developed Prakrit,The language of the common people .Their religious literature was written in Ardhamagadhi.
45.Vasco da Gama landed in Calicut in 1498.
46.Ist Chinese traveler, Fahein came to India during the period of chandra Gupta-II(Vikramaditya)
47.2nd Chinese traveler Hieun Tsang came to India during the region of Harshvardhana
48.Who is the Napoleon of India –Samundra Gupta for his military exploits.

49.Harshvardhana written three books-1.Priya Darshika 2.Rattanavali 3.Naga Nanda. The official poet of harshvardhana was bana bhatt .Bana bhatta
composed harsha chirtra and kadambari
50.first battle of panipat in 1526 and founded
the Mugahal dynasty in India
51.Second battle of Panipat was fought between
Akbar and Ibrahim Lodhi at Panipat in 1556 Akbar
Defeated Himu and became the ruled of Delhi and Agra
52 Third battle of Panipat fought between Ahmed Shah Abdali of Afghanistan and Marathas in 1761.In this third battle of Panipat Marathas were completely routed by Ahmed Shah Abdali.
161.Indian National Army was founded by Subash Chander Bose in 1943 in Singapore alongwith Rasbihari Bose. The main aim of Azad Hind Fauz
was to liberation of India.
53.The Brahmo Samaj was established by Raja Ram Mohan Roy in 1828 whose leadership was later taken by Debendernath tagore and Keshub Chande Sen.
54.The Arya Samaj founded by Swami Dayananda Saraswati in 1875 attempted to reform the Hindu religion from its decadence.
55.The Ramakrishana Mission was founded by Swami Vevekananda in 1896 .
56.Annie besant:- Founded Theosophical society started home rule league in 1916. She was the first woman president of Indian National Congress.Indian National Congress Founded by A.O.Hume in 1885. However first President of Indian national congress was W.C. Banerjee.
57.Swadeshi movement was started in 1905.
58.Gadder party was founded by lala Hardayal singh in 1913 at Francisco.
59.Home rule league founded by Annie Besant and Bal Ganga Dhar Tilak in 1916.
1916.Rowlatt Act. Passed in 1919.
60.Non-Co-Operation movement started in 1920 by Gandhi ji. This movement ended in 1922 after Chauri Chaura incident.
61.Simons commission –1928
62.Civil Disobedience movement-1930
63. “Do or die” –Mahatma Gandhi
64. “Nightingale of India”-Saorjini Naidu.
65. “Father of Indian Unrest”-Bal Ganga Dhar Tilak.
66. “Architect of India”- Pandit Nehru.
67. “Man of Peace”-Lal Bhadur Shastri.
68. “Iron Man of India”-Sardar.
69. “jai hind” –subash chander bose
70. “Grand old man of India” –Dada Bhai Naoroji

Computer Knowledge

1. Lotus Organizer and Corel Central are examples of _____ software.
A. analytical
B. database

C. presentation
D. PIM
Answer: D
2. For which of the following tasks would PIM software be most useful?
A. Drafting a memo
B. Maintaining a schedule
C. Calculating a budget
D. Keeping track of recipes
Answer: B
3. The smallest unit of information in a database is called a:
A. byte.
B. record.
C. field.
D. cell.
Answer: C
4. In a database of employees, all the information about a particular person would constitute a:
A. file.
B. record.
C. field.
D. table.
Answer: B
5. A table is a collection of:
A. files.
B. worksheets.
C. fields.
D. records.
Answer: D
6. A _____ is a small program that helps to automate a frequently used series of commands in most productivity software tools.
A. template
B. macro
C. utility
D. wizard
Answer: B
7. If you are using a template in a productivity software application, you are most likely trying to:
A. assign a basic theme or structure to the file with which you are working.
B. perform a series of steps in a time-efficient manner.
C. gain assistance in performing complicated tasks.
D. combine different documents together to form a single integrated whole.
Answer: A
8. Software providers who develop many productivity tools may also provide stripped-down versions that combine the simpler features of these tools bundled together into a(n):
A. software suite.
B. personal information manager.

C. integrated software application.
D. limited software edition.
Answer: C
9. Microsoft Office is an example of a(n):
A. software suite.
B. open-source product.
C. integrated software application.
D. business-management application.
Answer: A
10. When talking to a speech recognition program, the program divides each second of your speech into 100 separate:
A. phonemes.
B. codes.
C. samples.
D. words.
Answer: C
11. A speech recognition system's codebook values are matched against a database of _____ as an early step in word construction.
A. phonemes
B. codes
C. samples
D. words
Answer: A
12. Quicken and TurboTax are both personal financial products developed by:
A. Microsoft.
B. Corel.
C. Intuit.
D. Adobe.
Answer: C
13. Individuals who want software to assist in automated checkbook balancing and bill paying for their personal bank and credit card accounts will likely use which of the following software products?
A. Microsoft Project
B. QuickBooks
C. Acrobat
D. Quicken
Answer: D
114. Small business owners who want software to assist in managing accounts payable and receivable will likely use which of the following software products?
A. QuickBooks
B. Business Plan Pro
C. Quicken
D. Microsoft Project
Answer: A

15. If you want software to assist in estimating the time it takes for a sequence of tasks to be accomplished and to track the progress of people working on these tasks, which of the following software products would you use?
A. Microsoft Project
B. Front Page
C. Business Plan Pro
D. Visio
Answer: A
16. Which of the following software products is most appropriate for plotting out your company's corporate strategy?
A. Microsoft Project
B. Front Page
C. Business Plan Pro
D. Visio
Answer: C
17. The category of software most appropriate for controlling the design and layout of complex documents like newsletters and brochures is:
A. word processing.
B. computer-aided design.
C. Web page authoring.
D. desktop publishing.
Answer: D
18. Which of the following software products would you use in order to enhance the quality of a photograph that you have recently imported from your digital camera, and would likely have been included with the digital camera when you bought it?
A. ArcSoft
B. Visio
C. Dreamweaver
D. TurboCad
Answer: A
19. Drawing flow charts, block diagrams, and other technical graphics is best accomplished using which of the following software products?
A. Jasc Paint Shop Pro
B. Microsoft Visio
C. Macromedia Dreamweaver
D. Adobe Illustrator
Answer: B
20. CAD software is most likely to be used by:
A. Web designers.
B. engineers.
C. project managers.
D. magazine editors.
Answer: B
21. All of the following are tasks performed by the operating system EXCEPT:
A. managing hardware on the computer.
B. controlling the access that application programs have to the CPU.

C. performing housekeeping tasks like file compression and disk defragmentation.
D. providing an interface for users to interact with the computer.
Answer: C
22. The category of operating system that you most likely have running on your desktop or laptop computer at home is a _____ operating system.
A. real-time
B. single-user, single-task
C. single-user, multi-task
D. multi-user, multi-task
Answer: C
23. The category of operating system that you most likely have running on your PDA computer is a _____ operating system.
A. real-time
B. single-user, single-task
C. single-user, multi-task
D. multi-user, multi-task
Answer: B
24. Which of the following is an example of a real-time operating system?
A. Lynx
B. MS DOS
C. Windows XP
D. Symbian
Answer: A
25. A real-time operating system is most likely to be used for which of the following tasks?
A. Controlling access to a shared printer in a network
B. Ensuring that the system clock works correctly on a server
C. Managing the access to system files in a laptop computer
D. Controlling the fuel injection system of an automobile engine
Answer: D
26. An essential difference between the operating system that runs a typical desktop computer and the operating system that runs a typical PDA is that:
A. the desktop OS has a graphical user interface whereas the PDA OS does not.
B. the desktop OS can run several programs simultaneously whereas the PDA OS cannot.
C. the desktop OS manages hardware resources whereas the PDA OS does not.
D. the desktop computer has an OS whereas a PDA does not.
Answer: B
27. The MS-DOS operating system is a:
A. graphical user interface, single-tasking operating system.
B. graphical user interface, multi-tasking operating system.
C. command-driven interface, single-tasking operating system.
D. command-driven interface, multi-tasking operating system.
Answer: C
28. Which of the following was an early desktop operating system that included an integrated graphic user interface with point-and-click features?
A. MS-DOS

B. Mac OS
C. Unix
D. Gnome
Answer: B
29. The most recent version of the Mac OS is based on the _____ operating system.
A. Windows
B. Linux
C. Unix
D. CMOS
Answer: C
30. The _____ operating system was initially created in the early 1970s at AT&T's Bell Labs.
A. Linux
B. DOS
C. Unix
D. GNU
Answer: C
31. The essential difference between an operating system like Linux and one like Windows is that:
A. Windows can run with an Intel processor, whereas Linux cannot.
B. Linux is proprietary, whereas Windows is not.
C. any programmer can modify Linux code, which is not permitted with Windows.
D. there are multiple versions of Linux, but only one version of Windows.
Answer: C
32. Which of the following is a correct association between a vendor and an operating system?
A. Redhat ? Linux
B. AT&T ? MS DOS
C. Microsoft ? Unix
D. Novell ? Linux
Answer: A
33. Which of the following is NOT an advantage of open-source operating systems over proprietary versions?
A. Free use and distribution
B. Availability of technical support
C. Availability of source code
D. Ability to modify code
Answer: B
34. Use of icons and windows are characteristic of a _____ interface.
A. command-driven
B. windows-oriented
C. graphical-user
D. menu-driven
Answer: C

35. The ability of an operating system to control the activities of multiple programs at the same time is called:
A. multitasking.
B. multi-processing.
C. multi-operating.
D. multi-paging.
Answer: A
36. The operating system controls access to the CPU by assigning a(n) _____ to each task requiring CPU utilization.
A. interrupt handler
B. slices of time
C. stack
D. event
Answer: B
37. When a peripheral device needs immediate attention from the operating system, it generates a(n):
A. interrupt.
B. spool.
C. stack.
D. page file.
Answer: A
38. User actions such as keystrokes or mouse clicks are referred to as:
A. interrupts.
B. tasks.
C. events.
D. processes.
Answer: C
39. An interrupt handler is a:
A. location in memory that keeps track of recently generated interrupts.
B. hardware device that manages the interrupts generated by peripheral units.
C. utility program that communicates interrupts to the operating system.
D. special numeric code that indicates the priority of an interrupt.
Answer: D
40. A spooler is a:
A. location in memory that maintains the contents of a document until it prints out.
B. queue of print jobs that are waiting to print.
C. program that coordinates the print jobs that are waiting to process.
D. message sent from the printer to the operating system when a print job is completed.
Answer: C
41. Virtual memory is typically located:
A. in RAM.
B. in the CPU.
C. in a flash card.
D. on the hard disk.
Answer: D
42. The purpose of a swap (or page) file is to:

A. maintain pages of documents that are being spooled to the printer.
B. hold a program's data or instructions in virtual memory when it can't fit in RAM.
C. prevent thrashing in a multi-tasking environment.
D. allow multiple print jobs to print their pages out simultaneously.
Answer: B
43. Thrashing is caused by:
A. over-reliance on swapping to virtual memory.
B. insufficient hard disk space.
C. too many processors being managed by the operating system.
D. inaccurate information stored in the registry.
Answer: A
44. Communication between the operating system and a peripheral device such as a CD-ROM drive or a printer is facilitated by a(n):
A. spooler.
B. network card.
C. device driver.
D. application program interface.
Answer: C
45. Common functions and routines that need to be executed by many computer programs can be made available via a(n) _____, which prevents the necessity for programmers to duplicate the effort of writing the same type of code.
A. utility program
B. system kernel
C. BIOS directory
D. application program interface
Answer: D
46. Which of the following is the correct sequence of actions that take place during the boot-up process?
A. Load operating system ? Activate BIOS ? Perform POST ? Check configuration settings
B. Activate BIOS ? Perform POST ? Load operating system ? Check configuration settings
C. Perform POST ? Load operating system ? Activate BIOS ? Check configuration settings
D. Activate BIOS ? Check configuration settings ? Perform POST ? Load operating system
Answer: B
47. The program that is responsible for loading the operating system into RAM is the:
A. BIOS.
B. bootstrap program.
C. device driver.
D. supervisor program.
Answer: A
48. The Basic Input/Output system resides in:
A. RAM.
B. ROM.

C. the CPU.
D. memory cache.
Answer: B
49. When you start up the computer, the boot-up stage at which the BIOS version, manufacturer, and data are displayed on the monitor is called:
A. bootstrap.
B. power-on self test.
C. system configuration.
D. kernel loading.
Answer: B
50. Part of the POST process is to ensure that the test of essential peripheral devices coincides with the hardware configurations that are stored in:
A. ROM.
B. the hard drive.
C. CMOS.
D. cache memory.
Answer: C

CURRENT GENERAL AWARENESS 2008

1. Who amongst the following is a recipient of V.V.Giri Memorial Award for the year 2008?
(a) K.P.Kannan
(b) Megha Patekar
(c) Depak Chawla
(d) B.B.Tondon
Ans (a)

2. Which of the following city is very recently renamed?
(a) Puducherry
(b) Kolkata
(c) Gaya
(d) Bangaluru
Ans (d)

3. Which of the following is not recognized by UNO as an International Year of 2008?
(a) Planet Earth
(b) Aids
(c) Potato
(d) Sanitation
Ans (b)

4. Who is the winner of Slaka Samman for the year 2008?

(a) Prabhash Joshi
(b) Nazma Hepthullah
(c) Ashok Chakradhar
(d) Rehman Rahi
Ans (a)

5. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards are given for the person who shown exemplary performance in the field of _____
(a) Sports
(b) Politics
(c) Science & Technology
(d) Literature
Ans (c)

6. What was the controversial issue for getting the confidence of Lok Sabha by the U.P.A. Government on 22nd July, 2008?
(a) Increase of prices
(b) Fall of Share Market
(c) Increase of inflation
(d) Nuclear Treaty with US
Ans (d)

7. Who amongst following is not named for one time Life Time Achievement Awards on the occasion of 60th Anniversary of India's Independence?
(a) Dilip Kumar
(b) Dev Anand
(c) Saroja Devi
(d) Tapan Sinha
Ans (b)

8. What is the estimated G.D.P. rate in 11th Five Year Plan?
(a) 8.8%
(b) 8.9%
(c) 9.0%
(d) 9.5%
Ans (c)

9. What is the range of Agni-3 Ballistic Missile which was launched by DRDA on 7th May, 2008?
(a) 1500
(b) 2000
(c) 3000
(d) 4500
Ans (c)

10. The agricultural growth rate in 2006-07 was -

(a) 1.75%
(b) 2.00%
(c) 2.6%
(d) 3.6%
Ans (c)

11. Who is the present Chief Minister of Bihar?
(a) R.L.Bhatia
(b) Rabri Devi
(c) Nitish Kumar
(d) Ram Vilash Paswan
Ans (c)

12. Who won the First Gold Medal in Beijing 2008 Olympic games For India in the individual category 10 metre rifle shooting ?
(a) Vijyendra Kumar
(b) Sushil Kumar
(c) Abhinav Bindra
(d) Anju Bobby George
Ans (c)

13. What was the major issue for the Left Parties (CPI and CPM) to withdraw support to UPA Government?
(a) To protect the secularism
(b) To protect the interest of the left parties
(c) Against the Nuclear Treaty with USA
(d)All the above
Ans (c)

14. Where was held the WTO (World Trade Organization) Ministerial Conference in July 2008 ?
(a) New Delhi
(b) Jakarta
(c) Beijing
(d) Jeneva
Ans (d)

15. Who is the chairman of U.P.A..?
(a) Sonia Gandhi
(b) Manmohan Singh
(c) Pranav Mukherjee
(d) Shivraj Patil
Ans (a)

16. What is the objective of eleventh Five Year plan (2007-12) ?
(a) Removal of Unemployment

(b) Inclusive growth
(c) Growth with social- justice
(d) Development of minorities
ANS (b)

17. Where will be held the first Youth Olympic Games in 2010 ?
(a) Beijing
(b) New Delhi
(c) Singapore
(d) London
Ans (c)

18. Where will be held the 30th Olympic Games in 2012 ?
(a) Beijing
(b) Kualalumpur
(c) Singapore
(d) London
Ans (d)

19. The name of Thaksin Shinawatra's is associated with which of the follwing countries ?
(a) USSR
(b) Kazakistan
(c) Thailand
(d) Soth Korea
Ans (c)

20. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'The Enchantress of Florence' ?
(a) Benajir Bhutto
(b) Salman Rushdie
(c) Laxmi Sehgal
(d) L.K.Advani
Ans (b)

21. Who amongst the following is the recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award given away in August 2008 ?
(a) Sanjeev Singh
(b) Prabhjot Singh
(c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
(d) Rahul Dravid
Ans (c)

22. Rafael Nadal who won Wimbledon Open 2008 Tennis Championship is a citizen of—
(a) Spain
(b) France
(c) Russia

(d) USA
Ans (a)

23. The Hiroshima Day was observed on which of the following days ?
(a) 6th August
(b) 14th November
(c) 19th September
(d) 2nd October
Ans (a)

24. Who amongst the following is NOT a recipient of the Dhyan Chand Award given away in August 2008 ?
(a) Sanjeeva Kumar Singh
(b) Mukh Bain Singh
(c) Hokam Singh
(d) Gyan Singh
Ans (a)

25. Who amongst the following is NOT a recipient of the Dronacharya Awards for the year 2007 given away in August 2008 ?
(a) Sanjeeva Kumar Singh
(b) GE Sridharan
(c) Jagdish Singh
(d) Prabhjot Singh
Ans (d)

Current Affairs 2008 : Objective Questions

1. Who is the winner of Dada Saheb Phalke Award for the year 2006 which was announced in July 2008 ?
a. Tapan Sinha
b. B.R.Chopra
c. Saumitra Chatterjee
d. Amitabh Bachchan
Ans. a
2. Who among the following is the author of the book "Unaccustomed Earth" ?
a. Shobha De
b. Arundhati Roy
c. A. P. J. Kalam
d. Jhumpa Lahiri
Ans. d
3. The CEO of the world’s largest financial institution, Citigroup, is

a. Ramani Ayer
b. Arun Sarin
c. Vikram Pandit
d. Indra Nooyi
Ans. c
4. Who among the following was crowned ‘FIFA 2007 World Footballer of the Year’ ?
a. Kaka
b. Zidane
c. Ronaldinho
d. Cristiano Ronaldo
Ans. a
5. What kind of mirror is used for rear view?
a. Concave
b. Convex
c. Plane
d. Simple glass
Ans. b
6. Who among the following has for Global WomensLeadership Award 2008 ?
a. Shabana Azmi
b. Sonia Gandhi
c. Luisa Dias Diogo
d. Vasundhara Raje
Ans. c
7. Who among the following is the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?
a. Narendra Bahadur Singh
b. R.S.Mathoda
c. Anand Mahindra
d. P.K.Mishra
Ans. a
8. Which of the following is the unit of frequency?
a. Ampere
b. Joule
c. Hertz
d. Newton
Ans. c
9. Which of the following have the highest upper limit of audible range?
a. Bats
b. Dogs
c. Human beings
d. Whales
Ans. a
10. Who among the following was ranked as the No.1 player in the annual golf rankings 2007?
a. Arjun Atwal
b. Mark Brown

c. Tiger Woods
d. Zach Johnson
Ans. c
11. The first-ever joint military exercise of Indian and Chinese troops was held in
a. Yunnan
b. Visakhapatnam
c. Beijing
d. Bengalaru
Ans. a
12. Who among the following is the Director-General of International Labour Organisation ?
a. Angel Gurria
b. Jacques Rogge
c. Jacques Diouf
d. Juan Somavia
Ans. d
13. Which of the following is concerned with the study of characteristics, origin and development of land forms?
a. Ecology
b. Geography
c. Geomorphology
d. Geology
Ans. c
14. Who among the following became the first batsman in the cricket history to score 150 or more runs in an innings in four consecutive Tests ?
a. Jacques Kallis
b. Sachin Tendulkar
c. Ricky Ponting
d. Kumara Sangakkara
Ans. d
15. The International Film Festival of India in November 2008 will be held in -
a. Goa
b. Maharashtra
c. Karnataka
d. Kerala
Ans. a
16. Which of the following countries is known as the Land of Midnight Sun ?
a. Belgium
b. Norway
c. Holland
d. Sweeden
Ans. b
17. Who among the following was elected the President of African National Congress in December 2007 ?
a. Tandja Mamadou
b. Mwai Kibaki

c. Jacob Zuma
d. Thabo Mbeki
Ans. c
18. The 6th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas-2008 was held in
a. New Delhi
b. Mumbai
c. Bengalaru
d. Lucknow
Ans. a
19. Who among the following is the new Governor of Bihar ?
a. R.S.Gavai
b. Syed Sibti Razi
c. S.K.Singh
d. R.L.Bhatia
Ans. d
20. 'Nano'- the world's cheapest car belongs to
a. Mitsubishi Motors
b. Tata Motors
c. General Motors
d. Honda Motors
Ans. b
21. China's first homegrown regional jet is
a. ARJ21 – 700
b. ARJ71 – 200
c. ARJ51 – 700
d. ARJ71 – 500
Ans. a
22. Who among the following was announced as the new Chairman of Pakistan People's Party after Benazir Bhutto's assassination?
a. Asif Ali Zardari
b. Makhdoom Amin Fahim
c. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari
d. Shah Mehmood Qureishi
Ans. c
23. Who among the following won the men's Wimbledon single title in July 2008 ?
a. Roger Federer
b. Rafael Nadal
c. Novak Djokovic
d. Andy Roddick
Ans. b
24. Madhesi National Liberation Front (MNLF) is an organisation active in which of the following countries ?
a. Pakistan
b. Uganda
c. Nepal
d. Myanmar

Ans. c
25. Who amongst the following was honoured with the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding given away in 2008 for the year 2007?
(a) Mr. Umaru Yar Adua
(b) Mr. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva
(c) Mr. Vladimir Putin
(d) None Of these
ANS-(d) Olafur Ragnar

1. On 7th May 2008, agni-I was test-fired. It was—

(A) Ballistic Missile

(B) Surface to air missile

(C) Land to sea missile

(D) Air to air missile

2. Which of the following High Courts has recently quashed the merit list issued in 2006 and 2007 by the centre and the UPSC—

(A) Bhopal High Court

(B) Rajasthan High Court

(C) Madras High Court

(D) Guwahati High Court

3. Recently the Acronym START came into News. START stands for—

(A) Strategic Association for Restructuring Trade

(B) Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty

(C) System Tracking and Reprocessing Team

(D) None of the above

4. People's Democratic Party emerged second largest party with 33·01% in elections held in—

(A) Bhutan

(B) Nepal

(C) Zimbabwe

(D) Italy

5. According to the World Conservation Union Report, the number of plant species in India listed as threatened is—

(A) 247 plant species

(B) 250 plant species

(C) 275 plant species

(D) 255 plant species

6. Which of the following states passed a Bill in March 2008, amending the Registration Act 1908 to prohibit foreigners from buying land in the state—

(A) Kerala

(B) Andhra Pradesh

(C) Goa

(D) Maharashtra

7. The renowned scientist John Wheeler who died in April 2008, was originally hailed from—

(A) Australia

(B) U.S.A.

(C) Finland

(D) Britain

8. Who received Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmanent and Development for 2007—

(A) Bill Gates

(B) Nelson Mandela

(C) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

(D) Arthur C. Clarke

9. The 2008 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize awarded to —

(A) Lydia Cacho Ribeiro

(B) Anna Politkovskaya

(C) May Chidiac

(D) U Win Tin

10. Which of the following Indian players has not completed 10,000 runs in Test cricket—

(A) Rahul Dravid

(B) Sachin Tendulkar

(C) Sunil Gavaskar

(D) Virendra Sehwag

11. On March 26, 2008, NASA's space shuttle which returned safely to Earth after completing 16 day mission to International Space Station was—

(A) Discovery

(B) Endeavour

(C) Columbia

(D) None of the above

12. Jules Verne is Europe's—

(A) Space shuttle

(B) Missile shield system

(C) Biggest spacecraft

(D) Mission to Antarctica

13. India's National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country's first—

(A) Dirrohoea map

(B) Malarial map

(C) Bird flu map

(D) Cancer map

14. 'The World Is What It Is' is the biography of—

(A) V. S. Naipal

(B) Khushwant Singh

(C) Amrita Preetam

(D) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

15. According to a World Bank Report India got remittances in 2007 worth—

(A) $ 30 billion

(B) $ 35 billion

(C) $ 25 billion

(D) $ 27 billion

16. The Summit of NATO (NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY) was held in April in—

(A) Romania

(B) Morocco

(C) Pakistan

(D) Indonesia

17. According to latest WHO report the number of estimated TB cases found every year in India is—

(A) 2·2 million

(B) 1·9 million

(C) 1·5 million

(D) 1·7 million

18. Tata purchased Jaguar and Rover from—

(A) Hyundai

(B) Maruti Suzuki

(C) Ford Motor

(D) None of the above

19. According to a survey, the country which has the highest number of internet users is—

(A) U.S.A.

(B) China

(C) Japan

(D) Germany

20. Which country has won the Women's Asia Cup Cricket 2008 which was held in Colombo in the monthe of May 2008 ?

(A) Brisbane

(B) Melbourne

(C) Sydney

(D) Perth

21. According to Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council (EAC) headed by C. Rangrajan the economic growth rate for 2008-09 will remain at—

(A) 8%

(B) 8·5%

(C) 9%

(D) 8·9%

22. The Pritzkar Architecture Prize has been won by—

(A) Bill Gates Foundation

(B) William Harvey

(C) Jea Nouvel

(D) None of the above

23. Which of the following cricket players has been banned for violating the player's code of conduct by PCB ?

(A) Danish Kaneria

(B) Shoaib Malik

(C) Mohammad Yousuf

(D) Shoaib Akhtar

24. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has now been extended to all 604 districts of the country with a total budget outlay of—

(A) 18000 crore

(B) 16000 crore

(C) 15000 crore

(D) 14000 crore

25. Inflation which soared above 7% in the month of April is measured by—

(A) Consumer Price Index

(B) Retail Price Index

(C) Whole Sale Price Index

(D) Industrial Price Index

26. The winner of Bahrain Grand Prix is—

(A) Lewis Hamilton

(B) Kartikeyan

(C) Felipe Massa

(D) Robert Kubica

27. The winner of Miss India Earth 2008 is—

(A) Tanvi Vyas

(B) Suman Kaur

(C) Rashmi Sehgal

(D) Rani Sharma

28. In face of rising prices, Central Government has decided to set strategic Reserve of foodgrains over and above buffer stock. The limit of the reserve is—

(A) 10 million tonnes

(B) 7 million tonnes

(C) 6 million tonnes

(D) 5 million tonnes

29. Which of following newspapers/magazines won six Pulitzer prizes—

(A) The New York Times

(B) The Times Magazine

(C) The Washington Post

(D) The Guardian

30. ‘Leftism in India, 1917-1947’ is a book written by—

(A) S. R. Chaudhuri

(B) K. Kanwar

(C) R. Nagaswamy

(D) Sudipto Chatterjee

31. Recently President Pratibha Patil visited three countries. Which of the following was not the part of her trip—

(A) Argentina

(B) Chile

(C) Mexico

(D) Brazil

32. GJM stands for—

(A) General Justice Movement

(B) Gorkha Janmukti Morcha

(C) Gorkhaland Janshakti Morcha

(D) Gorkha Janjagriti Morcha

33. The elections of which of the following countries were marred by controversy—

(A) Italy

(B) Spain

(C) Zimbabwe

(D) Nepal

34. Supreme Court has upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing 27% for candidates belonging to—

(A) SCs

(B) STs

(C) OBC

(D) Minorities OBC

35. At which of the following places have the remains of early human history been found in excavation—

(A) Chittorgarh

(B) Bhavnagar

(C) Kolkata

(D) Karaikal

36. ‘Salwa Judum’ is—

(A) Terrorist organization

(B) A branch of naxalite

(C) Name of a police force

(D) An anti naxalite movement

37. When was Nepal declared a Secular Nation—

(A) in 2005

(B) in 2007

(C) in 2008

(D) in 2006

38. The Director General of UN Food and Agriculture Organisation of present is—

(A) Jacques Diouf

(B) Kundekeh K. Yumkella

(C) Jammel Al Hiyilan

(D) Michael Griffin

39. According to a research, stem cells from skin can treat—

(A) Alzhumer

(B) Schizophrenia

(C) Parkinson’s disease

(D) None of the above

40. When did the Olympic torch relay begin ?

(A) in 1950

(B) in 1952

(C) in 1953

(D) in 1963

Answers with Hints

1. (A) 2. (C)

3. (B) The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (START-II) is a treaty between Russia and U.S.A. for reducing their nuclear arsenals. The treaty is due to expire in 2009.

4. (A) 5. (A) 6. (C) 7. (B) 8. (C) 9. (A) 10. (D) 11. (B) 12. (C)

13. (B) India’s Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country’s first malarial map identifying India’s 60 most malarial endemic districts that report over 50% of the country’s malaria’s cases.

14. (A) 15. (D) 16. (A) 17. (B) 18. (C)

19. (B) 20. (A) India won fourth consecutive times in Women's Asia Cup Cricket 21. (B)

22. (C) The Pritzkar Architecture Prize, considered to be equivalent of Nobel Prize for architecture has been won french architect Jea Nouvel for his creative experimentation in architecture.

23. (D) 24. (B) 25. (C) 26. (C) 27. (A) 28. (D)

29. (C) The Washington Post has won six Pulitzer Prizes, including Public service award for its reporting on conditions of U.S. War Veterans.

30. (A) 31. (A) 32. (B) 33. (C)

34. (C) The Supreme Court on April 10, 2008 upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing a quota of 27 per cent to the other Backward Classes in Central Educational Institutions.

35. (C)

36. (D) Salva Judam is an antinaxalite movement formed by group of people against attack from maxalites. The movement started from Dantewada district (Chhattisgarh).

37. (D) 38. (A) 39. (C) 40. (B)

Smallest in the World

Smallest Continent : Australia

Smallest Ocean : Artic

Smallest Republic : Nauru

Smallest Colony : Gibralter

Smallest State :Vatican

Smallest Landmass : The Australian main Land

Smallest Bird : Humming Bird

Smallest Flowering Plant : Wolfia

Smallest Planet : Pluto

. Programs that automatically submit your search request to several search engines simultaneously are called—
(1) Metasearch engines
(2) Webcrawlers
(3) Spiders
(4) Hits
(5) None of these

2. Graphical diagrams used to represent different multiple perspectives of a system include—
(1) use-case, class, and state diagrams
(2) state, interaction, derivative diagrams
(3) interaction, relationship, and class diagrams

(4) deployment, relationship, and use-case diagrams
(5) None of these

3. Database redesign is not terribly difficult if the—
(1) database is structured
(2) database is well-designed
(3) database has no data
(4) database is relatively small
(5) database is relatively large

4. Which of the following are normally used to initialize a computer system's hardware?
(1) Bootstrap memory
(2) Volatile memory
(3) Exteranl mass memory
(4) Static memory
(5) Random access memory

5. If you wanted to locate the hardware address of a local device, which protocol would you use?
(1) ARP
(2) RARP
(3) ICMP
(4) PING
(5) PONG

6. What is Internet 2?
(1) A new type of cabling system for Wide Area Networks
(2) A second local area network that can connect with another online LAN to share access
(3) A new standard for Internet browsers
(4) An association to develop advanced Internet technology
(5) None of these

7. The term, "hypertext", means—
(1) Non-sequential writing
(2) Hypermedia
(3) Blinking text
(4) Text with heavy formatting
(5) None of these

8. While searching a website, you have been unable to find information that was on the site several months ago. What might you do to attempt to locate that information?
(1) Visit Google's cached page to view the older copy.
(2) Forget about it, as there is no way to find this information.
(3) Visit a partner site of the organization to see if it is there.
(4) Use the wayback machine.

(5) None of these

9. Which kind of lock includes a keypad that can be used to control access into areas?
(1) Cipher
(2) Warded
(3) Device
(4) Tumbler
(5) Typelock

10. A……..sometimes called a boot sector virus, executes when a computer boots up because it resides in the boot sector of a floppy disk or the master boot record of a hard disk.
(1) system virus
(2) trojan horse virus
(3) file virus
(4) macro virus
(5) None of these

11. Carbon credit is meant for—
(1) Deforestation
(2) Protection of environment
(3) Rural infrastructure
(4) Diamond trading
(5) Precision farming

12. Acetic acid is present in—
(1) Vinegar
(2) Curd
(3) Lime
(4) Fish
(5) Rancid butter

13. Deep litter and cage systems are associated with—
(1) Dairy development
(2) Pig farming
(3) Poultry growing
(4) Quali farming
(5) Sheep rearing

14. When milk is churned, the cream is separated due to—
(1) Gravitational force
(2) Centrifugal force
(3) Frictional force
(4) Electro magnetic effect
(5) None of the above

15. Agricultural scientist who got Nobel prize for peace—
(1) Dr Norman E. Borlaug
(2) Dr M.S. Swaminathan
(3) Dr Hargovind Khorana
(4) Dr Chandrasekhar
(5) Dr Watson

16. Free flow of capital, goods and services is envisaged under—
(1) WTO
(2) Food Bill
(3) AEZ
(4) Essential commodities Act
(5) Warehouse Bill

17. Process involved in the conversion of milk to curd is—
(1) Oxidation
(2) Dehydration
(3) Hydrogenation
(4) Fermentation
(5) Hydration

18. National Policy for Farmers 2007 is formulated based on the recommendations of—
(1) Committee on Financial Inclusion
(2) Vaidyanathan Committee
(3) Forward Market Commission
(4) Working Group on Agriculture
(5) National Commission on Farmers

19. The Head Quarters of CFTRI—the leading institute for research on various food products is located at—
(1) Mysore
(2) New Delhi
(3) Mumbai
(4) Gurgaon
(5) Jammu

20. Common refrigerant used in fridges and cold storages—
(1) Neon
(2) Freon
(3) Crypton
(4) Argon
(5) Ice

21. Who among the following is the author of the novel ‘Two Lives’?
(1) Salman Rushdie
(2) Vikram Seth

(3) Arundhati Roy
(4) Ruskin Bond
(5) Dhruv Sawhney

22. Who among the following has been appointed as the first Chief Information Commissioner of India?
(1) Vijay Shankar
(2) T.N. Seshan
(3) Wajahat Habibullah
(4) Mathew Varghese
(5) M.H. Baig

23. On which of the following dates is World AIDS Day observed?
(1) December 9
(2) December 1
(3) November 30
(4) October 24
(5) December 30

24. Which of the following is India's first indigenous animation film?
(1) Hanuman
(2) Ramayana
(3) Harry Potter
(4) Mughal-e-Azam
(5) Ram Sita

25. Who among the following has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashimir?
(1) Mufti Mohammed Sayeed
(2) Ghulam Nabi Azad
(3) Omar Abdullah
(4) M.H. Baig
(5) T. N. Seshan

ANSWERS:
1. (1) 2. (1) 3. (1) 4. (5) 5. (1)
6. (4) 7. (2) 8. (3) 9. (4) 10. (1)
11. (2) 12. (1) 13. (3) 14. (2) 15. (1)
16. (1) 17. (4) 18. (5) 19. (1) 20. (2)
21. (2) 22. (3) 23. (2) 24. (1) 25. (2)

Longest River : Nile (Egypt)

Longest Road :Pan American Highway

Longest Railway Line : Trans-Siberian Railway (Russia)

Longest Airport : Lhasa Airport(Tibet)

Longest Ship Canal :Suez Canal

Longest Railway Tunnel : Sekan Rail Tunnel(Japan)

Longest Railway Platform :Khargpur(West Bengal)

Longest Mountain Range :Andes(South America)

General Awareness for forthcomming exams

1. The World Heritage Day is observed on—

(A) March 18

(B) April 20

(C) March 20

(D) April 18i

Ans : (D)

2. Which of the following held the post of Deputy Prime Minister of India simultaneously with Jagjivan Ram?

(A) Y.B. Chavan

(B) Charan Singh

(C) Guljari Lal Nanda

(D) B.D. Jatti

Ans : (B)

3. The first Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded to Tinbergen and Frisch in—

(A) 1969

(B) 1968

(C) 1970

(D) 1967

Ans : (A)

4. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'Straight from the Heart '?

(A) Kapil Dev

(B) Nelson Mandela

(C) Benazir Bhutto

(D) Tami Hoag

Ans : (D)

5. 'From each according to his ability, to each according to his work' is the basis of—

(A) Socialism

(B) Capitalism

(C) Communism

(D) Fascism

Ans : (C)

6. The head of the State Bank of India is Designated as -—

(A) Executive Director

(B) Governor

(C) Deputy Governor

(D) Chairman

Ans : (D)

7. Which of the following gases does not form part of the atmosphere?

(A) Nitorgen

(B) Chlorine

(C) Oxygen

(D) Carbon dioxide

Ans : (B)

8. The headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defence is located in—

(A) Marlborough House

(B) The Pentagon

(C) White House

(D) None of these

Ans : (B)

9. The Secretariat of the UN is headed by—

(A) Security Council

(B) Secretary General

(C) Chairman

(D) President of General Assembly

Ans : (B)

10. India's national calendar is based on—

(A) Saka era

(B) Christian era

(C) Buddhist era

(D) Vedic era

Ans : (A)

11. Who amongst the following won the "WTA Player of the year" Award ?

(A) Serena Williams

(B) Jelena Jankovic

(C) Sania Mirza

(D) Justin Henin

Ans : (D)

12. The foreign trade policy announced in the year 2004 was announced for a period of -

(A) Two Years

(B) Five Years

(C) Six Years

(D) Four Years

Ans : (B)

13. When was the capital of India shifted from Calcutta to Delhi?

(A) 1906

(B) 1910

(C) 1911

(D) 1901

Ans : (C)

14. 'Economic Justice' as one of the objectives of the Indian Constitution has been provided in the—

(A) Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

(B) Preamble and Directive Principles

(C) Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

(D) None of these

Ans : (A)

15. India earns maximum foreign exchange through the export of—

(A) Tea

(B) Jute

(C) Coffee

(D) None of these

Ans : (A)

16. Which article of the Indian Constitution recognises Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of India?

(A) Article 345

(B) Article 343

(C) Article 348

(D) None of these

Ans : (B)

17. In its thirteenth flight PSLV-C9 successfully launched ten satellites with a total weight of 820 kg. Which of the following satellites launched by PSLV-C9 is not a nano satellite ?

(A) NLS-4

(B) NLS-5

(C) RUBIN-8A

(D) IMS-1

Ans : (D)

18. Name the periodical which Gandhiji published during his stay in South Africa—

(A) Indian Opinion

(B) Young India

(C) Afrikaner

(D) None of these

Ans : (A)

19. Which country is known as the 'Sugar Bowl' of the world?

(A) India

(B) Cuba

(C) Brazil

(D) U.S.A.

Ans : (B)

20. Which of the following ports has a free trade zone?

(A) Cochin

(B) Mumbai

(C) Mormugao

(D) Kandla

Ans : (D)

21. Which of the following museum is located at New Delhi?

(A) Government Museum

(B) Salar Jung Museum

(C) National Museum of Natural History

(D) Prince of Wales Museum

Ans : (A)

22. Which of the following commissions is responsible for control and utilisation of water resources in India?

(A) Floods Commission

(B) Central Forestry Commission

(C) Central Water Commission

(D) Planning Commission

Ans : (C)

23. The Reserve Bank of India was established in—

(A) 1935

(B) 1947

(C) 1952

(D) 1969

Ans : (A)

24. Lala Hardayal was an active member of which of the following parties?

(A) Gadar Party

(B) Anushilan Samiti

(C) Kirti-Kisan Sabha

(D) Hindustan Socialist Association

Ans : (A)

25. Who amongst the following of Indian origin is nominated as the Governor of Louisiana an American State ?

(A) Lakshmi Mittal

(B) Bobby Jindal

(C) Ratan Tata

(D) V.S.Naipaul

Ans : (B)

1. Miss Universe 2008 is—
(A) Riyo Mori
(B) Dayana Mendoza
(C) Lisa Lazarus
(D) Simaran Kaur Mundii
(E) None of these
2. Who among the following has awarded UNESCO / Guillermo Cano world press freedom award for 2008 ?
(A) Anna Politkovskaya
(B) Amira Hass
(C) Raul Rivero
(D) Lydia Cacho Rebeiro
(E) None of these
3. The present Governor of Bihar is—
(A) R.L.Bhatia
(B) R.S.Gavai

(C) Buta Singh
(D) S.S.Sidhu
(E) None of these
4. India test-fired Nuclear Capable Agni III on May 7, 2008 for—
(A) Fourth time
(B) Second time
(C) Third time
(D) Fifth time
(E) None of these
5. Tenth century coins have been found from the city of—
(A) Guwahati
(B) Bareily
(C) Khandwa
(D) Ranchi
(E) None of these
6. The cyclone which struck Myanmar in May 2008 was—
(A) Willy-willy
(B) Nargis
(C) Fanoos
(D) Nasim
(E) None of these
7. The number of children, who are deprived of basic healthcare in India, as per the report—state of the World's Mothers—brought out by global humanitarian organization 'save the children' is—
(A) 60 million
(B) 50 million
(C) 67 million
(D) 55 million
(E) None of these
8. The country where the system of two Supreme Courts has been proposed is—
(A) Pakistan
(B) Nepal
(C) Sri Lanka
(D) Bhutan
(E) None of these
9. Which of the following is not a member of the NATO ?
(A) Austria
(B) Poland
(C) Hungary
(D) Spain
(E) None of these
10. Who became Britain's first Asian woman Lord Mayor ?
(A) Rekha Rani
(B) Anjula Sood
(C) Reshma Shah
(D) Kavita Sahni

(E) None of these
11. The newly elected President of Paragury is—
(A) Fernando De Silva
(B) Fernando Lugo
(C) Fernando Silvio
(D) Fernando Dominique
(E) None of these
12. Silvio Berlusconi was recently elected to the post of Prime Ministership of Italy. He belongs to—
(A) Italian Nationalist Party
(B) The Patriotic Alliance
(C) People's Party of Italy
(D) People of Freedom Party
(E) None of these
13. PLA stands for—
(A) Party of Leninist Association
(B) People's Liberation Army
(C) People for Liberal Alliance
(D) People for Left Alliance
(E) None of these
14. The number of African countries which attended the recently concluded India-Africa Forum Summit is—
(A) 14
(B) 15
(C) 16
(D) 17
(E) None of these
15. According to a recent survey which of India's states has topped in rural electrification ?
(A) Maharashtra
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Karnataka
(E) None of these
16. Simran Kaur Mundi has been chosen—
(A) Miss India Earth 2008
(B) Miss India Universe 2008
(C) Miss India World 2008
(D) None of the above
(E) None of these
17. Which one of the following won Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for 2007 ?
(A) Olafur Ragnar
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20. India ranks …… in foreign exchange forex reserve.
(A) Third
(B) Second
(C) Fifth
(D) Fourth
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21. Raghuram Rajan Committee is related to—
(A) Austerity in government expenditure
(B) Study of causes of rising prices
(C) Financial sector reforms
(D) Export-import balance
(E) None of these
22. The International Monetary Fund has estimated India’s contribution to World Gross Domestic Product in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) terms for 2007 to—
(A) 4·6%
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(C) 7·1%
(D) 3·9%
(E) None of these
23. According to data released by the Ministry of Finance, currently the per capita debt on each of the roughly 110 crore Indians stands at—
(A) Rs. 71502
(B) Rs. 7218
(C) Rs. 10550
(D) Rs. 6103
(E) None of these
24. Which one of the three single cross improved hybrids of maize has not been developed and recommended for an All India level use by Chaudhry Charan Singh Haryana Agriculture University ?
(A) HPM–6
(B) HM–8
(C) HM–10

(D) HQPM–7
(E) None of these
25. US has decided to remove ……from its list of states sponsoring terrorism.
(A) Cuba
(B) Iraq
(C) North Korea
(D) Libya
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(C) $ 26·25 billion
(D) 20·5 billion
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(D) May 4, 2008
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(C) Australia
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31. Apart from ISRO, three other agencies/institutions were also involved in the execution of PSLV-C9. Which of the following was not involved ?
(A) DRDO

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(C) Cosmos International Germany
(D) University of Toronto, Canada
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32. The Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline, slated to begin in 2009 was conceptualised first in—
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(C) 1985
(D) 1993
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(E) None of these
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(C) Islamabad (Pakistan)
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(C) Hyderabad
(D) Noida
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(C) Churchill Brothers
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(D) Ajim Premji
(E) None of these
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(A) 2015
(B) 2025
(C) 2030
(D) 2032
(E) 2040
Ans (B)
23. Who has been conferred to Miss India World 2008 ?
(A) Simran Kaur Mundi
(B) Tanvi Vyas
(C) Parvathy Omanakuttan
(D) Pooja Chitgopekar
(E) None of these
Ans (C)
24. The 20th Interpol Asian Regional Conference was held in March 2008 at _
(A) India
(B) Hong Kong
(C) Kuala Lumpur
(D) Moscow
(E) None of these
Ans (B)
25. Who is the new President of Russia ?
(A) Vladimir Putin
(B) Dmitry Medvedev
(C) Viktor Chernomyrdin
(D) Boris Yeltsin
(E) None of these
Ans (B)

AWARDS GENERAL AWRENESS

1. Magsaysay Award for public service for the year 2007 is-
(a) Jovito R. Salonga
(b) Mahabir Pun
(c) Kim Sun Tai
(d) Tan xhiyang
Ans (c)

2. M.S. Swaminathan received
(a) Magsaysay award (b) Padma Vibhushan
(c) Padmabhushan award (d) all the above
Ans (d)

3. Arjuna Award was introduced in
(a) 1961 (b) 1969 (c) 1972 (d) 1995
Ans (a) Arjuna award is given to prominent sports persons in India.

4. Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2006 was awarded to -
(a) C. Subramaniam (b) Shabana Azmi
(c) Satish Dhawan (d) Word Health Organisation
Ans (b)

5. Name the film which won Best Picture Oscars Award at the 80th Annual Academy Awards in 2008-
(a) Mystic River (b) Cold Mountain
(c) No Country for Old Men
(d) Departed
Ans (c)

6. U-Tant award is given for:
(a) Contribution to east-west understanding
(b) Community leadership
(c) Social Service
(d) Journalism
Ans (c)

7. Who among the following has been awarded the Sydney peace Prize 2004 for her work in social campaigns and advocacy to non-violence?
(a) Medha Padkar (b) Vandana Shiva
(c) Arundharti Rai (d) Aparna Sen (e) None of these
Ans (c)

8. Which film has won best Feature Film Award in the 53rd National Film Award in the year 2007?
(a) Kaalpurush
(b) Rang De Basanti
(c) Fanna
(d) Don
Ans (a)

9. Doris Lessing , who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, is from -
(a) Iraq
(b) Nigeria
(c) United Kingdom

(d) Libya
Ans (c)
10. Which of the following authors won the Booker Prize for the year 2007 ?
(a) Margaret Atwood
(b) Anne Enright
(c) Graham Swift
(d) Ian Mc EwanAns (b)
11. The Nobel Prize winners for Medicine in 2007 is / are -
(a) Mario Capecchi
(b) Martin Evans
(c) Oliver Smithies
(d) All of the above
Ans (b)
12. The Ramon Magsaysay Award winner Shanta Sinha known as
(a) a campaigner for urban sanitation
(b) an anti-child labour activist
(c) an organiser of rain-water harvesting schemes
(d) an activist for the welfare of poor rural women
Ans (b)
13. The first recipient of Kalinga Prize was
Ans : French physicist Louis de Broglie
14. Kalinga Prize, an International prize is awarded annually for the recognition of outstanding achievement in the interpretation and popularization of
Ans : Science
15. Nehru Award is instituted for
Ans : International understanding and peace
16. The scientist who was conferred with all the three national awards: Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Bharat Ratna
Ans : Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
17. The first recipient of Gandhi Peace Prize was
Ans : Dr. Julius N. Nyerera
18. In the following who was not a Miss World
(a) Yuktha Mookhey
(b) Aishwarya Rai
(c) Priyanka Chopra
(d) Sushmita Sen
Ans (d)
19. Oscar Award is associated with
Ans : Cinema
20. The winner of the Jnanapeetam award for the first time
Ans : G. Sankara Kurup
21. Booker prize is given to the field of
Ans : Fiction writing
22. The Nobel Prizes were established by-
Ans : Alfred Bernhard Nobel
23. The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in the year

Ans : 1901
24. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology is
Ans : Emil Adolph von Behring (Germany)
25.The first winner of Nobel Prize in Peace is
Ans : Jean Henri Dunant (Switzerland) & Frederic Passy (France)
26. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Literature is
Ans : Sully Prudhomme (France)
27. Nobel Prize award in Economics has been awarded from the year
Ans : 1969
28. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Economic Science is
Ans : Ragnar Frisch (Norway) & Jan Tinbergen (Netherlands)
29. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Chemistry is
Ans : Jacobus H. van't Hoff (Netherlands)
30. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Physics is
Ans : Wilhelm C. Roentgen (Germany)
31. The founder of Nobel Prizes, Alfred Nobel belongs the country
Ans : Sweden
32. Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar is given in which field
Ans : Environment
33. Who was the second winner of 'Jnanapeetam Award'
Ans : Tharasankar Banerjee
34. Rabindranath Tagore was the Nobel prize winner for literature in 1913. Who received the award in 1914
(a) Rudyard Kipling
(c) Bernard Shaw
(c) Romain Rolland
(d) Nobody
Ans (D)
35. The winner of Nobel Prize for literature for 2007 is
Ans : Doris Lessing
36. The winner of Indira Gandhi Peace ,Integration and Disarmament Prize for 2007 is -
Ans : The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
37. Kalinga Prize is awarded by
(a) Indian Government
(b) Orissa Government
(c) SAARC
(d) UNESCO
Ans (d)
38. What is the highest peace time gallantry award in India
(a) Bharat ratna
(b) Param Vir Chakra
(c) Ashok Chakra
(d) Vir Chakra
Ans (c)
39. The highest science award in India
Ans ; S.S. Bhatnagar award

40.Phalke award is given to persons of which field
Ans : Film
41. Arjuna award is given for the excellence in
Ans : Sports
42. Who was the first Indian lady actress to receive the Padma Shri Award
Ans : Nargis Dutt
43. Dada Saheb Phalke award is for the contribution to
Ans : Cinema
44. Who was the first Ramon Magsaysay Award winner from India
Ans : Acharya Vinoba Bhave
45. The first woman to recipient of Bharat Ratna was
Ans : Indira Gandhi

1. The Kishenganga Power Project is in-
A. Orissa
B. Maharashtra
C. Gujarat
D. Jammu & Kashmir
Ans (D)
2. The late Nirmala Desh Pande was a famous
A. diplomat
B. astrologer
C. Social activist
D. film-star
Ans (C)
3. Who has been awarded the Prem Bhatia Award for the year 2008 ?
A. Nilanjana Bose
B. Rupashree Nanda
C. Nirupama Subramanian
D. None of these
Ans (C)
4. Microwave ovens cook dishes by means of
A. Ultraviolet rays
B. Infra-red rays
C. Convection
D. Conduction
Ans (D)
5. Most of the phenomena related to weather take place in
A. stratosphere
B. ionosphere
C. mesosphere
D. troposphere
Ans (D)

6. The current President of the World Bank is
A. Dominique Strauss-Kahn
B. James D. Wolfansen
C. Barbara Cartland
D. Robert Zoellick
Ans (D)
7. Amartya Sen, the NRI Nobel laureate got the honour for his work on
A. Game theory
B. Securities analysis
C. Poverty and famines
D.Impact of Industrialization
Ans (C)
8. The Quit India resolution was passed at the
A. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1940
B. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1941
C. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1942
D. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1945.
Ans (C)
9. Who among the following is not a ghazal singer?
A. Talat Aziz
B. Chandan Dass
C. Peenaz Masani
D. Jagdev Singh
Ans (D)
10. Nobel Prize for literature in 2007 was received by-
A. Doris Lessing
B. Albert Al Gore
C. Mohammad Yunus
D. None of these
Ans (A)
11. Meteorites are the heavenly bodies
A. between the Mars and the Jupiter
B. between the Saturn and the Neptune
C. between the Mars and the Venus
D. that burn brightly on entering the Earth’s atmosphere
Ans (D)
12. P-5 is a group of
A. highly developed countries
B. Highly populous countries
C. Permanent members of the Security Council
D. Established nuclear powers
Ans (C)
13. Arrange the following in chronological order:
a. Dandi March
b. McDonald Award
c. Hanging of Bhagat Singh

d. Meerut conspiracy case
A. a, b, c, d
B. b, a, c, d
C. d, c, a, b,
D. d, a, c, b
Ans (A)
14. Which of the following is a land-locked state?
A. Gujarat
B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Tamil Nadu
Ans (C)
15. Which of the following is not an official language as per the 8th schedule?
A. Konkani
B. Sindhi
C. Manipuri
D. English
Ans (D)
16. Which of the following used in making computer chips ?
A. Carbon
B. Uranium
C. Silicon
D. Rubidium
Ans (C)
17. In order to see an undersea object while in a ship, you would make use of a
A. telescope
B. periscope
C. marinoscope
D None of these
Ans (B)
18. Baan Ki-moon , the UNO Secretary-General belong to
A. Saudi Arab
B. Egypt
C. South Korea
D. Brazil
Ans (C)
19. The deepest ocean in the world is
A. The Indian ocean
B. The Atlantic ocean
C. The Pacific ocean
D. None of these
Ans (C)
20. The oldest mutual fund in India is the
A. SBI Mutual Fund
B. BOB Mutual Fund
C. PNB Mutual Fund

D. Unit Trust of India
Ans (D)
21. A candidate for elections to the Lok Sabha stands to lose his Deposit Money if he fails to get
A. 1/5 of the total valid votes
B. 1/8 of the valid votes
C. 1/6 of the valid votes polled
D. none of these
Ans (A)
22. The Varanasi–Kanyakumari National Highway is called
A. N.H. – 8
B. N. H. – 7
C. N.H. – 12
D. N.H. – 9
Ans (B)
23. Which of the following areas of output is witnessing a new revolution?
A. oilseeds
B. fisheries
C. fruits
D. cereals
Ans (A)
24. The W.T.O. came into being on
A. 1st April, 1995
B. 1st April, 1994
C. 1st Jan., 1995
D. 1st Jan., 1996
Ans (C)
25. Bangal was partitioned during the viceroyalty of
A. Lord Rippon
B. Lord Curzon
C. Lord Hardinge
D. Lord Minto
Ans (B)
26. Tata purchased Jaguar and Rover from-
A. Hyundai
B. Maruti-Suzuki
C. Ford Motor
D. General Motor
Ans (C)

1. Which of the following has been selected for best parliamentarian of the year award 2007 ?
a) Priya Ranjan Das Munshi

b) Mani Shankar Aiyyar
c) P.Chidambaram
d) Sushama Swaraj
ANS : a
2. Fernando Lugo's name was in news recently as he has taken over as the president of
a) Paraguay
b) Sudan
c) Afghanistan
d) Pakistan
ANS : a
3. ISRO has launched successfully ten satellites through PSLV-C9 on -
A. 15th March,2008
B. 30th March,2008
C. 28th April,2008
D. 4th May,2008
ANS : c
4. The newly constituted National Knowledge Commission is headed by
a) C. Rangarajan
b)Prof. R. S. Sharma
c) Sam Pitroda
d) Ms. Girija Vyas
ANS : c
5. India enacted an important event of Indian National Movement celebrating the seventy- fifth anniversary. Which was it?
a) Quit India Movement
b) Delhi Chalo Movement
c) Civil Disobedience Movement
d) Non – Cooperation Movement
ANS :c
6. Pope Benedict XVI belongs to which country?
a) Italy
b) Germany
c) France
d) Poland
ANS : b
7. The media campaign " The World Is Waiting" is related to which of the following companies?
a) Lufthansa
b) Qatar Airways
c) Indian Airlines
d) British Airways
ANS : d
8. Who among the following has been elected as President of the International Council of Science Union?
a) E. Sreedharan
b) N. Ram

c) M. G. K. Menon
d) Goverdhan Mehta
ANS : d
9. Which of the following countries launched the smallest combat aircraft in the world?
a) Germany
b) India
c) Russia
d) USA
ANS : b
10. Who among the following British Governor- Generals shifted India's capital from Calcutta to Delhi in 1911?
a) Lord Louis Mountbatten
b) Lord Canning
c) Lord Hardinge
d) Warren Hastings
ANS : c
11. "Golden Handshake" is the term associated with
a) Share market
b) Retirement benefits
c) Voluntary retirement benefits
d) Smuggling
ANS : c
12. Which of the following is the first surface- to- surface missile in India?
a) Prithvi
b) Trishul
c) Agni
d) Naag
ANS : a
13. Which country will be host 15th SAARC Summit in 2008 ?
a) Maldives
b) Sri Lanka
c) India
d) Pakistan
ANS : b
14. Mist is caused by
a) Dry ice
b) Ice at low temperature
c) Water vapours at low temperature
d) Carbon- monoxide in solid form
ANS : c
15. Who among the following has been chosen the Miss India Universe for the year 2008 ?
a) Parvathy Omanakuttan
b) Simaran Kaur Mundi
c) Amrita Thapar
d) Tanvi Vyas

ANS : b
16. Who among the following was the author of “Rajtarangini”, commonly regarded as the first genuine history of India written by an Indian?
a) Banbhatta
b) Ravikirti
c) Pushpadanta
d) Kalhana
ANS : d
17. Who among the following advocated Scientific Socialism?
a) Robert Owen
b) Proudhon Pierre Joseph
c) Karl Marx
d) Saint Simon Henri Claude
ANS : c
18. Which of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution deal with the Directive Principles of State Policy?
a) 26 to 41
b) 31 to 56
c) 36 to 51
d) 41 to 66
ANS: c
19) Which one of the following travelers is not associated with the description of the glories of Vijayanagar kingdom?
a) Abdur Razzaq
b) Paes
c) Ibn Batutah
d) Nuniz
ANS : c : Abdur Razzaq- Deva Raya II
Paes- Krishna Deva Raya
Ibn Batutah- Harihara I
Nuziz- Achyut Deva Raya
20. The Chinese pilgrim Fa – Hien visited India during the reign of
a) Kanishka
b) Chandragupta I
c) Chandragupta II
d) Harshavardhana
ANS : c
21. Which of the following is the economic growth percentage projected in the 11th Five Year Plan draft that was approved by the Planning Commission in November 2007?
a) 8%
b) 9%
c) 9.5%
d) 10%
ANS : b
22. The Indian Navy’s only sailing ship, which returned to Kochi after a 10- month voyage around the globe is,

a) INS Vibhuti
b) INS Tarangini
c) INS Prabhat
d) INS Viraat
ANS : b
23) Who among the following is the Director General of International Monetary Fund (IMF) ?
a) Thaksin Shinawatra
b) Liang Guanglie
c) Dominique Strauss Kahn
d) Paul Wolfowitz
ANS : c
24) Who is the author of the book “Super Star India : From Incredible to Unstopable”?
a) Bill Clinton
b) Hillory Clinton
c) Dalai Lama
d) Imran Khan
ANS : a
25) What does CECA stand for?
a) Community Enabled Cooperative Arrangement
b) Comprehensive Ecological Cooperation Agreement
c) Comprehensive Ecological Cooperation Arrangement
d) Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
ANS : d
26) John wheeler was associated with -
a) Physics
b) Chemistry
c) Botany
d) History
Ans : a

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (WORLD)

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01 The first Prime minister of Bangladesh was Mujibur Rehman
02 The longest river in the world is the Nile
03 The longest highway in the world is the Trans-Canada
04 The longest highway in the world has a length of About 8000 km
05 The highest mountain in the world is the Everest

06 The country that accounts for nearly one third of the total teak production of the world is Myanmar
07 The biggest desert in the world is the Sahara desert
08 The largest coffee growing country in the world is Brazil
09 The country also known as "country of Copper" is Zambia
10 The name given to the border which separates Pakistan and Afghanistan is Durand line
11 The river Volga flows out into the Capsian sea
12 The coldest place on the earth is Verkoyansk in Siberia
13 The country which ranks second in terms of land area is Canada
14 The largest Island in the Mediterranean sea is Sicily
15 The river Jordan flows out into the Dead sea
16 The biggest delta in the world is the Sunderbans
17 The capital city that stands on the river Danube is Belgrade
18 The Japanese call their country as Nippon
19 The length of the English channel is 564 kilometres
20 The world's oldest known city is Damascus
21 The city which is also known as the City of Canals is Venice
22 The country in which river Wangchu flows is Myanmar
23 The biggest island of the world is Greenland
24 The city which is the biggest centre for manufacture of automobiles in the world is Detroit, USA
25 The country which is the largest producer of manganese in the world is USA
26 The country which is the largest producer of rubber in the world is Malaysia
27 The country which is the largest producer of tin in the world is Malaysia
28 The river which carries maximum quantity of water into the sea is the Mississippi
29 The city which was once called the `Forbidden City' was Peking
30 The country called the Land of Rising Sun is Japan
31 Mount Everest was named after Sir George Everest
32 The volcano Vesuvius is located in Italy
33 The country known as the Sugar Bowl of the world is Cuba
34 The length of the Suez Canal is 162.5 kilometers
35 The lowest point on earth is The coastal area of Dead sea
36 The Gurkhas are the original inhabitants of Nepal
37 The largest ocean of the world is the Pacific ocean
38 The largest bell in the world is the Tsar Kolkol at Kremlin, Moscow
39 The biggest stadium in the world is the Strahov Stadium, Prague
40 The world's largest diamond producing country is South Africa
41 Australia was discovered by James Cook
42 The first Governor General of Pakistan is Mohammed Ali Jinnah
43 Dublin is situated at the mouth of river Liffey
44 The earlier name of New York city was New Amsterdam
45 The Eifel tower was built by Alexander Eiffel
46 The Red Cross was founded by Jean Henri Durant
47 The country which has the greatest population density is Monaco
48 The national flower of Britain is Rose

49 Niagara Falls was discovered by Louis Hennepin
50 The national flower of Italy is Lily
51 The national flower of China is Narcissus
52 The permanent secretariat of the SAARC is located at Kathmandu
53 The gateway to the Gulf of Iran is Strait of Hormuz
54 The first Industrial Revolution took place in England
55 World Environment Day is observed on 5th June
56 The first Republican President of America was Abraham Lincoln
57 The country famous for Samba dance is Brazil
58 The name of Alexander's horse was Beucephalus
59 Singapore was founded by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles
60 The famous British one-eyed Admiral was Nelson
61 The earlier name of Sri Lanka was Ceylon
62 The UNO was formed in the year 1945
63 UNO stands for United Nations Organization
64 The independence day of South Korea is celebrated on 15th August
65 `Last Judgement' was the first painting of an Italian painter named Michelangelo
66 Paradise Regained was written by John Milton
67 The first President of Egypt was Mohammed Nequib
68 The first man to reach North Pole was Rear Peary
69 The most famous painting of Pablo Picasso was Guermica
70 The primary producer of newsprint in the world is Canada
71 The first explorer to reach the South Pole was Cap. Ronald Amundson
72 The person who is called the father of modern Italy is G.Garibaldi
73 World literacy day is celebrated on 8th September
74 The founder of modern Germany is Bismarck
75 The country known as the land of the midnight sun is Norway
76 The place known as the Roof of the world is Tibet
77 The founder of the Chinese Republic was San Yat Sen
78 The first Pakistani to receive the Nobel Prize was Abdul Salam
79 The first woman Prime Minister of Britain was Margaret Thatcher
80 The first Secretary General of the UNO was Trygve Lie
81 The sculptor of the statue of Liberty was Frederick Auguste Bartholdi
82 The port of Banku is situated in Azerbaijan
83 John F Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harry Oswald
84 The largest river in France is Lore
85 The Queen of England who married her brother-in-law was Catherine of Aragon
86 The first negro to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was Ralph Johnson Bunche
87 The first British University to admit women for degree courses was London University
88 The principal export of Jamaica is Sugar
89 New York is popularly known as the city of Skyscrapers
90 Madagascar is popularly known as the Island of Cloves
91 The country known as the Land of White Elephant is Thailand
92 The country known as the Land of Morning Calm is Korea
93 The country known as the Land of Thunderbolts is Bhutan

94 The highest waterfalls in the world is the Salto Angel Falls(Venezuela)
95 The largest library in the world is the United States Library of Congress Washington DC

1. Who amongst the following is a recipient of V.V.Giri Memorial Award for the year 2008?
(a) K.P.Kannan
(b) Megha Patekar
(c) Depak Chawla
(d) B.B.Tondon
Ans (a)

2. Which of the following city is very recently renamed?
(a) Puducherry
(b) Kolkata
(c) Gaya
(d) Bangaluru
Ans (d)

3. Which of the following is not recognized by UNO as an International Year of 2008?
(a) Planet Earth
(b) Aids
(c) Potato
(d) Sanitation
Ans (b)

4. Who is the winner of Slaka Samman for the year 2008?
(a) Prabhash Joshi
(b) Nazma Hepthullah
(c) Ashok Chakradhar
(d) Rehman Rahi
Ans (a)

5. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards are given for the person who shown exemplary performance in the field of _____
(a) Sports
(b) Politics
(c) Science & Technology
(d) Literature
Ans (c)

6. What was the controversial issue for getting the confidence of Lok Sabha by the U.P.A. Government on 22nd July, 2008?
(a) Increase of prices
(b) Fall of Share Market
(c) Increase of inflation

(d) Nuclear Treaty with US
Ans (d)

7. Who amongst following is not named for one time Life Time Achievement Awards on the occasion of 60th Anniversary of India's Independence?
(a) Dilip Kumar
(b) Dev Anand
(c) Saroja Devi
(d) Tapan Sinha
Ans (b)

8. What is the estimated G.D.P. rate in 11th Five Year Plan?
(a) 8.8%
(b) 8.9%
(c) 9.0%
(d) 9.5%
Ans (c)

9. What is the range of Agni-3 Ballistic Missile which was launched by DRDA on 7th May, 2008?
(a) 1500
(b) 2000
(c) 3000
(d) 4500
Ans (c)

10. The agricultural growth rate in 2006-07 was -
(a) 1.75%
(b) 2.00%
(c) 2.6%
(d) 3.6%
Ans (c)

11. Who is the present Chief Minister of Bihar?
(a) R.L.Bhatia
(b) Rabri Devi
(c) Nitish Kumar
(d) Ram Vilash Paswan
Ans (c)

12. Who won the First Gold Medal in Beijing 2008 Olympic games For India in the individual category 10 metre rifle shooting ?
(a) Vijyendra Kumar
(b) Sushil Kumar
(c) Abhinav Bindra
(d) Anju Bobby George

Ans (c)

13. What was the major issue for the Left Parties (CPI and CPM) to withdraw support to UPA Government?
(a) To protect the secularism
(b) To protect the interest of the left parties
(c) Against the Nuclear Treaty with USA
(d)All the above
Ans (c)

14. Where was held the WTO (World Trade Organization) Ministerial Conference in July 2008 ?
(a) New Delhi
(b) Jakarta
(c) Beijing
(d) Jeneva
Ans (d)

15. Who is the chairman of U.P.A..?
(a) Sonia Gandhi
(b) Manmohan Singh
(c) Pranav Mukherjee
(d) Shivraj Patil
Ans (a)

16. What is the objective of eleventh Five Year plan (2007-12) ?
(a) Removal of Unemployment
(b) Inclusive growth
(c) Growth with social- justice
(d) Development of minorities
ANS (b)

17. Where will be held the first Youth Olympic Games in 2010 ?
(a) Beijing
(b) New Delhi
(c) Singapore
(d) London
Ans (c)

18. Where will be held the 30th Olympic Games in 2012 ?
(a) Beijing
(b) Kualalumpur
(c) Singapore
(d) London
Ans (d)

19. The name of Thaksin Shinawatra's is associated with which of the follwing countries ?
(a) USSR
(b) Kazakistan
(c) Thailand
(d) Soth Korea
Ans (c)

20. Who amongst the following is the author of the book ‘The Enchantress of Florence’ ?
(a) Benajir Bhutto
(b) Salman Rushdie
(c) Laxmi Sehgal
(d) L.K.Advani
Ans (b)

21. Who amongst the following is the recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award given away in August 2008 ?
(a) Sanjeev Singh
(b) Prabhjot Singh
(c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
(d) Rahul Dravid
Ans (c)

22. Rafael Nadal who won Wimbledon Open 2008 Tennis Championship is a citizen of—
(a) Spain
(b) France
(c) Russia
(d) USA
Ans (a)

23. The Hiroshima Day was observed on which of the following days ?
(a) 6th August
(b) 14th November
(c) 19th September
(d) 2nd October
Ans (a)

24. Who amongst the following is NOT a recipient of the Dhyan Chand Award given away in August 2008 ?
(a) Sanjeeva Kumar Singh
(b) Mukh Bain Singh
(c) Hokam Singh
(d) Gyan Singh
Ans (a)

25. Who amongst the following is NOT a recipient of the Dronacharya Awards for the year 2007 given away in August 2008 ?
(a) Sanjeeva Kumar Singh
(b) GE Sridharan
(c) Jagdish Singh
(d) Prabhjot Singh
Ans (d)

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Q1. Which of the folowing is NOT a recipient of Dhyan Chand Award 2008 announced in August 2008 ?

(a) Hukum Singh

(b)Gyan Singh

(c) Sanjeev Kumar Singh

(d)Mukh Bain Singh

Q2.The Banerjee Committee is related to the probe of which incident:

(a) Mumbai blasts

(b)Godhra incident

(c) Kandhar plane Hijack

(d)Parliament Attack

Q3. The company ‘Suzlon Energy’ is a leading player in the field of:

(a) Wind Energy

(b)Geothermal Energy

(c) Solar Energy

(d)Tidal Energy

Q4.The Southernmost point of India is:

(a) Kanyakumari

(b)Indira Point(Pygmalion Point)

(c) Cape of Good Hope

(d)None of the above

Q5.The country having the highest life expectancy in the world is:

(a) USA

(b)Germany

(c) Norway

(d)Japan

Q6. 49th Parallel is the boundary line between:

(a) India & Srilanka

(b)USA & Canada

(c) Australia & New Zealand

(d)North America & South America

Q7. Aswan Dam is built over river:

(a) Tigris

(b)Danube

(c) Nile

(d)Amazon

Q8. The 8th schedule of the Constitution gives:

(a) A list of 22 languages recognized by the Constitution

(b)Administration and control of Scheduled areas and Scheduled tribes.

(c) The list of States and Union territories

(d)Provisions regarding disqualifications on the ground of political defection

Q9.Who was the creator of the world's first free email service'Hotmail'?

(a) Narayanmurthi

(b)Vinod Dham

(c) Sabeer Bhatia

(d)Azim Premji

Q10.What is the name of the world's fastest computer?

(a) Blue Gene

(b)Road Runner

(c) Apple

(d)Gen-X Turbo

Q11.For which sport is the Wellington Cup given in India?

(a) Shooting

(b)Wrestling

(c) Rowing

(d)Swimming

Q12. In the Indian context the term ‘De-notified tribes’ refers to:

(a) Aboriginal tribes

(b)Nomadic tribes

(c) Tribes living in Himalayan region

(d)Tribes which were earlier classified as criminal tribes

Q13.The word ‘Hindu’ as a reference to the people of India(Hindu) was first used by:

(a) Arabs

(b)Greeks

(c) Roman

(d)Turks

Q14.Zero was invented by:

(a) Aryabhatta

(b)Varahamihira

(c) Bhaskaracharya

(d)Ramanujan

Q15.The only sanke that builds nest is:

(a) King Cobra

(b)Rattle Snake

(c) Saw-scaled Viper

(d)Krait

Q16.The concept of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) originated in :

(a) U.K.

(b)U.S.A.

(c) Australia

(d)Ireland

Q17.Which of the following animal stores water in its intestine?

(a) Kangaroo

(b)Zebra

(c) Camel

(d)Uromastix

Q18.Ashtapradhan was a council of ministers in the administration of:

(a) Asoka

(b)Chandragupta Vikramaditya

(c) Rana Pratap

(d)Shivaji

Q19. Arakan Yoma is the extension of the Himalayas located in:

(a) China

(b)Nepal

(c) Myanmar

(d)Bangladesh

Q20.The first president of the muslim league was:

(a) M.A.Jinnah

(b)Salimullah Khan

(c) Maulana Mohammad Ali

(d)Shaukat Ali

Q21.The largest producer of Mica in the world is:

(a) Russia

(b)U.S.A

(c) Germany

(d)India

Q22. The most abundant inert gas in the atmosphere is:

(a) Xenon

(b)Krypton

(c) Argon

(d)Helium

Q23. ‘Heavy water’ is used in:

(a) Car radiators

(b)Nuclear Reactor

(c) As a coolant in refrigerator

(d)for dry-cleaning purposes

Q24. The chemical compound used in Narco-test is:

(a) Sodium Hypochlorite

(b)LSD

(c) Sodium Pentothal

(d)None of these

Q25. Which of the following is used for the production of X-Rays?

(a) Alpha Rays

(b)Beta Rays

(c) Gamma Rays

(d)Cathode Rays

Answers:

1-c 2-b 3-a 4-b 5-d

6-b 7-c 8-a 9-c 10-b

11-c 12-d 13-a 14-b 15-c

16-b 17-c 18-d 19-c 20-b

21-d 22-c 23-b 24- c 25-d

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General Awareness

1. Miss Universe 2008 is—
(A) Riyo Mori
(B) Dayana Mendoza
(C) Lisa Lazarus
(D) Simaran Kaur Mundii
(E) None of these
2. Who among the following has awarded UNESCO / Guillermo Cano world press freedom award for 2008 ?
(A) Anna Politkovskaya
(B) Amira Hass
(C) Raul Rivero
(D) Lydia Cacho Rebeiro
(E) None of these
3. The present Governor of Bihar is—
(A) R.L.Bhatia
(B) R.S.Gavai
(C) Buta Singh
(D) S.S.Sidhu
(E) None of these
4. India test-fired Nuclear Capable Agni III on May 7, 2008 for—
(A) Fourth time
(B) Second time
(C) Third time
(D) Fifth time
(E) None of these
5. Tenth century coins have been found from the city of—
(A) Guwahati
(B) Bareily
(C) Khandwa
(D) Ranchi
(E) None of these
6. The cyclone which struck Myanmar in May 2008 was—
(A) Willy-willy
(B) Nargis
(C) Fanoos

(D) Nasim
(E) None of these
7. The number of children, who are deprived of basic healthcare in India, as per the report—state of the World's Mothers—brought out by global humanitarian organization 'save the children' is—
(A) 60 million
(B) 50 million
(C) 67 million
(D) 55 million
(E) None of these
8. The country where the system of two Supreme Courts has been proposed is—
(A) Pakistan
(B) Nepal
(C) Sri Lanka
(D) Bhutan
(E) None of these
9. Which of the following is not a member of the NATO ?
(A) Austria
(B) Poland
(C) Hungary
(D) Spain
(E) None of these
10. Who became Britain's first Asian woman Lord Mayor ?
(A) Rekha Rani
(B) Anjula Sood
(C) Reshma Shah
(D) Kavita Sahni
(E) None of these
11. The newly elected President of Paragury is—
(A) Fernando De Silva
(B) Fernando Lugo
(C) Fernando Silvio
(D) Fernando Dominique
(E) None of these
12. Silvio Berlusconi was recently elected to the post of Prime Ministership of Italy. He belongs to—
(A) Italian Nationalist Party
(B) The Patriotic Alliance
(C) People's Party of Italy
(D) People of Freedom Party
(E) None of these
13. PLA stands for—
(A) Party of Leninist Association
(B) People's Liberation Army
(C) People for Liberal Alliance
(D) People for Left Alliance

(E) None of these
14. The number of African countries which attended the recently concluded India-Africa Forum Summit is—
(A) 14
(B) 15
(C) 16
(D) 17
(E) None of these
15. According to a recent survey which of India's states has topped in rural electrification ?
(A) Maharashtra
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Karnataka
(E) None of these
16. Simran Kaur Mundi has been chosen—
(A) Miss India Earth 2008
(B) Miss India Universe 2008
(C) Miss India World 2008
(D) None of the above
(E) None of these
17. Which one of the following won Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for 2007 ?
(A) Olafur Ragnar
(B) Javed Akhtar
(C) Luiz Lula da Silva
(D) The Milinda and Gates Foundation
(E) None of these
18. The book 'Unaccustommed Earth' is written by—
(A) P. M. Nayyar
(B) Shobha De
(C) Jhumpi Lahiri
(D) None of these
(E) None of these
19. The 2008 Edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack–Crickets major annual reference work has named "The Leading Cricketer of the World for 2007"—
(A) Mc Grath
(B) Jacques Kallis
(C) Ricky Ponting
(D) Sachin Tendulkar
(E) None of these
20. India ranks …… in foreign exchange forex reserve.
(A) Third
(B) Second
(C) Fifth
(D) Fourth

(E) None of these
21. Raghuram Rajan Committee is related to—
(A) Austerity in government expenditure
(B) Study of causes of rising prices
(C) Financial sector reforms
(D) Export-import balance
(E) None of these
22. The International Monetary Fund has estimated India's contribution to World Gross Domestic Product in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) terms for 2007 to—
(A) 4·6%
(B) 6·4%
(C) 7·1%
(D) 3·9%
(E) None of these
23. According to data released by the Ministry of Finance, currently the per capita debt on each of the roughly 110 crore Indians stands at—
(A) Rs. 71502
(B) Rs. 7218
(C) Rs. 10550
(D) Rs. 6103
(E) None of these
24. Which one of the three single cross improved hybrids of maize has not been developed and recommended for an All India level use by Chaudhry Charan Singh Haryana Agriculture University ?
(A) HPM–6
(B) HM–8
(C) HM–10
(D) HQPM–7
(E) None of these
25. US has decided to remove ……from its list of states sponsoring terrorism.
(A) Cuba
(B) Iraq
(C) North Korea
(D) Libya
(E) None of these
26. In the year 2006-07 India received Foreign Direct Investment Worth—
(A) $ 25 billion
(B) $ 24·5 billion
(C) $ 26·25 billion
(D) 20·5 billion
(E) None of these
27. For the first time, the T.V. Cameras and print cameramen were allowed to record proceedings of the Lok Adalats dispensing justice on—
(A) May 3, 2008
(B) May 5, 2008
(C) May 7, 2008

(D) May 4, 2008
(E) None of these
28. As a part of the partial solution to the world's energy crisis, the scientists of which of the following countries are building a nuclear fusion laboratory designed to recreate the temperatures and pressure of an exploding star ?
(A) U.K.
(B) U.S.A.
(C) Australia
(D) France
(E) None of these
29. Recently, a fatal disease broke out in China infecting thousands of children and causing death of some of them. The disease was—
(A) Bird flu
(B) Filariasis
(C) Hand, mouth and foot disease
(D) Chicken pox
(E) None of these
30. Two Indian doctors from Kolhapur have achieved a path breaking success in the research of—
(A) Genetics
(B) Stem cell
(C) New protein structure
(D) Habit pattern of different people
(E) None of these
31. Apart from ISRO, three other agencies/institutions were also involved in the execution of PSLV-C9. Which of the following was not involved ?
(A) DRDO
(B) Antrix Corporation
(C) Cosmos International Germany
(D) University of Toronto, Canada
(E) None of these
32. The Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline, slated to begin in 2009 was conceptualised first in—
(A) 1991
(B) 1989
(C) 1985
(D) 1993
(E) None of these
33. In addition to Kolkata and Delhi, the Union Government plans to start Metro rail service in four more cities. Which of the following is not included in the plan ?
(A) Kochi
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Pune
(D) Chennai
(E) None of these

34. President Pratibha Patil recently visited Chile, Brazil and Mexico. During her trip, with which of the following countries did India sign an extradition treaty—
(A) Brazil
(B) Chile
(C) Mexico
(D) None of these
(E) None of these
35. The winner of the 2008 Wimbledon Open Tennis Tournament men's single title is -
(A) Roger Federer
(B) Andy Roddick
(C) Novak Djokovic
(D) Rafael Nadal
(E) None of these
Answers :
1. (B) 2. (D) 3. (A) 4. (C) 5. (C) 6. (B) 7. (C) 8. (A) 9. (A) 10. (B)
11. (B) 12. (D) 13. (B) 14. (A) 15. (C) 16. (B) 17. (A) 18. (C) 19. (B) 20. (D)
21. (C) 22. (A) 23. (B) 24. (A) 25. (C) 26. (B) 27. (A) 28. (A) 29. (C) 30. (B)
31. (A) 32. (B) 33. (C) 34. (A) 35. (D)

1. India has successfully test-fired its 150-250 km range Prithvi missile On May 23, 2008. Prithvi Missile is a —
(A) Surface to surface missile
(B) Surface to air missile
(C) Land to sea missile
(D) Air to air missile
2. Which of the following High Courts has recently quashed the merit list issued in 2006 and 2007 by the centre and the UPSC—
(A) Bhopal High Court
(B) Rajasthan High Court
(C) Madras High Court
(D) Guwahati High Court
3. Recently in May 2008 a assembly election was held in the India State of—
(A) Manipur
(B) Karnataka
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) None of the above
4. People’s Democratic Party emerged second largest party with 33·01% in elections held in—
(A) Bhutan
(B) Nepal
(C) Zimbabwe

(D) Italy
5. According to the World Conservation Union Report, the number of plant species in India listed as threatened is—
(A) 247 plant species
(B) 250 plant species
(C) 275 plant species
(D) 255 plant species
6. Which of the following states passed a Bill in March 2008, amending the Registration Act 1908 to prohibit foreigners from buying land in the state—
(A) Kerala
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Goa
(D) Maharashtra
7. The renowned science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke who died in Sri Lanka, originally hailed from—
(A) Australia
(B) Britain
(C) Finland
(D) U.S.A.
8. Who received Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmanent and Development for 2007—
(A) Bill Gates
(B) Nelson Mandela
(C) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
(D) Arthur C. Clarke
9. World Press Freedom Day is observed on—
(A) May 3
(B) May 15
(C) May 25
(D) May 27
10. Which of the following Indian Political Leader has written the book "Jyoti Punj"?
(A) L.K.Adwani
(B) Sonia Gandhi
(C) Jaswant Singh
(D) Narendra Modi
11. India has successfully launched how many satellires simultaneously ?
(A) 8
(B) 10
(C) 7
(D) 4
12. Jules Verne is Europe’s—
(A) Space shuttle
(B) Missile shield system
(C) Biggest spacecraft
(D) Mission to Antarctica

13. India’s National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country’s first—
(A) Dirrohoea map
(B) Malarial map
(C) Bird flu map
(D) Cancer map
14. ‘The World Is What It Is’ is the biography of—
(A) V. S. Naipal
(B) Khushwant Singh
(C) Amrita Preetam
(D) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
15. According to a World Bank Report India got remittances in 2007 worth—
(A) $ 30 billion
(B) $ 35 billion
(C) $ 25 billion
(D) $ 27 billion
16. The Summit of OIC (Organization of Islamic Countries) was held in March in—
(A) Senegal
(B) Morocco
(C) Pakistan
(D) Indonesia
17. According to latest WHO report the number of estimated TB cases found every year in India is—
(A) 2·2 million
(B) 1·9 million
(C) 1·5 million
(D) 1·7 million
18. Tata purchased Jaguar and Rover from—
(A) Hyundai
(B) Maruti Suzuki
(C) Ford Motor
(D) None of the above
19. According to a survey, the country which has the highest number of internet users is—
(A) U.S.A.
(B) China
(C) Japan
(D) Germany
20. India won its first tri series against Australia in—
(A) Brisbane
(B) Melbourne
(C) Sydney
(D) Perth
21. According to Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council (EAC) headed by C. Rangrajan the economic growth rate for 2008-09 will remain at—
(A) 8%

(B) 8·5%
(C) 9%
(D) 8·9%
22. The Pritzkar Architecture Prize has been won by—
(A) Bill Gates Foundation
(B) William Harvey
(C) Jea Nouvel
(D) None of the above
23. Which of the following cricket players has been banned for violating the player's code of conduct by PCB ?
(A) Danish Kaneria
(B) Shoaib Malik
(C) Mohammad Yousuf
(D) Shoaib Akhtar
24. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has now been extended to all 604 districts of the country with a total budget outlay of—
(A) 18000 crore
(B) 16000 crore
(C) 15000 crore
(D) 14000 crore
25. Inflation which soared above 7% in the month of April is measured by—
(A) Consumer Price Index
(B) Retail Price Index
(C) Whole Sale Price Index
(D) Industrial Price Index
26. The winner of Bahrain Grand Prix is—
(A) Lewis Hamilton
(B) Kartikeyan
(C) Felipe Massa
(D) Robert Kubica
27. The winner of Miss India Earth 2008 is—
(A) Tanvi Vyas
(B) Suman Kaur
(C) Rashmi Sehgal
(D) Rani Sharma
28. In face of rising prices, Central Government has decided to set strategic Reserve of foodgrains over and above buffer stock. The limit of the reserve is—
(A) 10 million tonnes
(B) 7 million tonnes
(C) 6 million tonnes
(D) 5 million tonnes
29. Which of following newspapers/magazines won six Pulitzer prizes—
(A) The New York Times
(B) The Times Magazine
(C) The Washington Post
(D) The Guardian

30. ‘Leftism in India, 1917-1947’ is a book written by—
(A) S. R. Chaudhuri
(B) K. Kanwar
(C) R. Nagaswamy
(D) Sudipto Chatterjee
31. Recently President Pratibha Patil visited three countries. Which of the following was not the part of her trip—
(A) Argentina
(B) Chile
(C) Mexico
(D) Brazil
32. GJM stands for—
(A) General Justice Movement
(B) Gorkha Janmukti Morcha
(C) Gorkhaland Janshakti Morcha
(D) Gorkha Janjagriti Morcha
33. The elections of which of the following countries were marred by controversy—
(A) Italy
(B) Spain
(C) Zimbabwe
(D) Nepal
34. Supreme Court has upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing 27% for candidates belonging to—
(A) SCs
(B) STs
(C) OBC
(D) Minorities OBC
35. At which of the following places have the remains of early human history been found in excavation—
(A) Chittorgarh
(B) Bhavnagar
(C) Kolkata
(D) Karaikal
36. ‘Salwa Judum’ is—
(A) Terrorist organization
(B) A branch of naxalite
(C) Name of a police force
(D) An anti naxalite movement
37. When was Nepal declared a Secular Nation—
(A) in 2005
(B) in 2007
(C) in 2008
(D) in 2006
38. The Director General of UN Food and Agriculture Organisation of present is—
(A) Jacques Diouf
(B) Kundekeh K. Yumkella

(C) Jammel Al Hiyilan
(D) Michael Griffin
39. According to a research, stem cells from skin can treat—
(A) Alzhumer
(B) Schizophrenia
(C) Parkinson's disease
(D) None of the above
40. Which of the following States Hs declared 2008 as the "year of Education" ?
(A) Bihar
(B) Haryana
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) Gujarat
Answers with Hints
1. (A) 2. (C) 3. (B) . 4. (A) 5. (A) 6. (C) 7. (B) 8. (C) 9. (A) 10. (D) 11. (B) 12. (C)
13. (B) India's Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country's first malarial map identifying India's 60 most malarial endemic districts that report over 50% of the country's malaria's cases.
14. (A) 15. (D) 16. (A) 17. (B) 18. (C) 19. (B) 20. (A) 21. (B)
22. (C) The Pritzkar Architecture Prize, considered to be equivalent of Nobel Prize for architecture has been won french architect Jea Nouvel for his creative experimentation in architecture.
23. (D) 24. (B) 25. (C) 26. (C) 27. (A) 28. (D)
29. (C) The Washington Post has won six Pulitzer Prizes, including Public service award for its reporting on conditions of U.S. War Veterans.
30. (A) 31. (A) 32. (B) 33. (C)
34. (C) The Supreme Court on April 10, 2008 upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing a quota of 27 per cent to the other Backward Classes in Central Educational Institutions.
35. (C)
36. (D) Salva Judam is an antinaxalite movement formed by group of people against attack from maxalites. The movement started from Dantewada district (Chhattisgarh).
37. (D) 38. (A) 39. (C) 40. (B)

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GENERAL AWRENESS FOR UPSC /BANK PO/BANK CLERK
1. Magsaysay Award for public service for the year 2007 is-
(a) Jovito R. Salonga
(b) Mahabir Pun

(c) Kim Sun Tai
(d) Tan xhiyang
Ans (c)
2. M.S. Swaminathan received
(a) Magsaysay award (b) Padma Vibhushan
(c) Padmabhushan award (d) all the above
Ans (d)
3. Arjuna Award was introduced in
(a) 1961 (b) 1969 (c) 1972 (d) 1995
Ans (a) Arjuna award is given to prominent sports persons in India.
4. Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2006 was awarded to -
(a) C. Subramaniam (b) Shabana Azmi
(c) Satish Dhawan (d) Word Health Organisation
Ans (b)
5. Name the film which won Best Picture Oscars Award at the 80th Annual Academy Awards in 2008-
(a) Mystic River (b) Cold Mountain
(c) No Country for Old Men
(d) Departed
Ans (c)
6. U-Tant award is given for:
(a) Contribution to east-west understanding
(b) Community leadership
(c) Social Service
(d) Journalism
Ans (c)
7. Who among the following has been awarded the Sydney peace Prize 2004 for her work in social campaigns and advocacy to non-violence?
(a) Medha Padkar (b) Vandana Shiva
(c) Arundharti Rai (d) Aparna Sen (e) None of these
Ans (c)
8. Which film has won best Feature Film Award in the 53rd National Film Award in the year 2007?
(a) Kaalpurush
(b) Rang De Basanti
(c) Fanna
(d) Don
Ans (a)
9. Doris Lessing , who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, is from -
(a) Iraq
(b) Nigeria
(c) United Kingdom
(d) Libya
Ans (c)
10. Which of the following authors won the Booker Prize for the year 2007 ?
(a) Margaret Atwood

(b) Anne Enright
(c) Graham Swift
(d) Ian Mc EwanAns (b)
11. The Nobel Prize winners for Medicine in 2007 is / are -
(a) Mario Capecchi
(b) Martin Evans
(c) Oliver Smithies
(d) All of the above
Ans (b)
12. The Ramon Magsaysay Award winner Shanta Sinha known as
(a) a campaigner for urban sanitation
(b) an anti-child labour activist
(c) an organiser of rain-water harvesting schemes
(d) an activist for the welfare of poor rural women
Ans (b)
13. The first recipient of Kalinga Prize was
Ans : French physicist Louis de Broglie
14. Kalinga Prize, an International prize is awarded annually for the recognition of outstanding achievement in the interpretation and popularization of
Ans : Science
15. Nehru Award is instituted for
Ans : International understanding and peace
16. The scientist who was conferred with all the three national awards: Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Bharat Ratna
Ans : Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
17. The first recipient of Gandhi Peace Prize was
Ans : Dr. Julius N. Nyerera
18. In the following who was not a Miss World
(a) Yuktha Mookhey
(b) Aishwarya Rai
(c) Priyanka Chopra
(d) Sushmita Sen
Ans (d)
19. Oscar Award is associated with
Ans : Cinema
20. The winner of the Jnanapeetam award for the first time
Ans : G. Sankara Kurup
21. Booker prize is given to the field of
Ans : Fiction writing
22. The Nobel Prizes were established by-
Ans : Alfred Bernhard Nobel
23. The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in the year
Ans : 1901
24. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology is
Ans : Emil Adolph von Behring (Germany)
25.The first winner of Nobel Prize in Peace is

Ans : Jean Henri Dunant (Switzerland) & Frederic Passy (France)
26. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Literature is
Ans : Sully Prudhomme (France)
27. Nobel Prize award in Economics has been awarded from the year
Ans : 1969
28. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Economic Science is
Ans : Ragnar Frisch (Norway) & Jan Tinbergen (Netherlands)
29. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Chemistry is
Ans : Jacobus H. van't Hoff (Netherlands)
30. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Physics is
Ans : Wilhelm C. Roentgen (Germany)
31. The founder of Nobel Prizes, Alfred Nobel belongs the country
Ans : Sweden
32. Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar is given in which field
Ans : Environment
33. Who was the second winner of 'Jnanapeetam Award'
Ans : Tharasankar Banerjee
34. Rabindranath Tagore was the Nobel prize winner for literature in 1913. Who received the award in 1914
(a) Rudyard Kipling
(c) Bernard Shaw
(c) Romain Rolland
(d) Nobody
Ans (D)
35. The winner of Nobel Prize for literature for 2007 is
Ans : Doris Lessing
36. The winner of Indira Gandhi Peace ,Integration and Disarmament Prize for 2007 is -
Ans : The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
37. Kalinga Prize is awarded by
(a) Indian Government
(b) Orissa Government
(c) SAARC
(d) UNESCO
Ans (d)
38. What is the highest peace time gallantry award in India
(a) Bharat ratna
(b) Param Vir Chakra
(c) Ashok Chakra
(d) Vir Chakra
Ans (c)
39. The highest science award in India
Ans ; S.S. Bhatnagar award
40.Phalke award is given to persons of which field
Ans : Film
41. Arjuna award is given for the excellence in
Ans : Sports

42. Who was the first Indian lady actress to receive the Padma Shri Award
Ans : Nargis Dutt
43. Dada Saheb Phalke award is for the contribution to
Ans : Cinema
44. Who was the first Ramon Magsaysay Award winner from India
Ans : Acharya Vinoba Bhave
45. The first woman to recipient of Bharat Ratna was
Ans : Indira Gandhi

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(A) M.Natarajan
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Ans [A]

2. The 2007 FIFA Woman player of the year is –
(A) Birgit Prinz
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(C) Marta
(D) Sania Mirza
(E) None of these
Ans [C]

3. The Mascot of the 2008 Olympic Games is-
(A) Fuwa
(B) Athena and Phevos
(C) Izz
(D) Cobi
(E) None of these
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4. Which among the following States would observe 2008 as the‘Year of Education’ ?
(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Haryana
(C) Bihar
(D) Karnataka
(E) Rajasthan
Ans [B]

5. Who has written “two lives” ?
(A) Vikram Seth
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6. Which of the following sites has been included in UNESCO's list of the world ?
(A) Akbar's tomb at Sikandara
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(E) None of these
Ans [D]

7. Rupees one lakh Nano Car has been unveiled in the 9th Auto Expo 2008 by –
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Ans [B]

8. Which of the following banks has started the first biometric ATM in India ?
(A) Punjab National Bank
(B) State Bank Of India
(C) Bank Of Baroda
(D) Oriental Bank Of Commerce
(E) Central Bank Of India
Ans [A]
9. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for infrastructural development in rural areas , is set up and managed by-
(A) RBI
(B) SBI
(C) NABARD
(D) IMF
(E) SEBI
Ans [C]

10. Non-scheduled banks are :
(A) Banking companies other than those included in the second scheduled of the RBI
(B) Private sector banks
(C) Indigeneous banks
(D) Rural money lenders
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

11. In January 2008, RBI has decided to issue ….. denomination banknotes with inset letter ‘S’ in both numbering panels:
(A) Rs. 5
(B) Rs. 10
(C) Rs. 20
(D) Rs. 50
(E) None of these
Ans [B]

12. Which mutual fund has topped in assets Under Management (AUM):
(A) Reliance Mutual Fund
(B) ICICI Mutual Fund
(C) Standard Chartered Mutual Fund
(D) Tata Mutual Fund
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

13. What is the average debt burden per farmer household :
(A) Rs. 4,185
(B) Rs. 10,500
(C) Rs. 7,200
(D) Rs. 12,585
(E) Rs 15,345
Ans [D]

14. Housing Finance Companies are regulated by:
(A) NHB
(B)HUDCO
(C)RBI
(D) SEBI
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

15. The abbreviation GAPP stands for :
(A) General Accepted Accounting Policies
(B) General Accepted Accounting Practices
(C) General Accepted Accounting Principles
(D) General Accounts and Audit Procedures

(E) None of these
Ans [C]

16. Basic objective of Financial Management is :
(A) Maximising the profit
(B) Maximising the shareholder's wealth
(C) Ensuring financial discipline in the organization
(D) Arrangement of funds
(E) None of these
Ans [B]

17. Who was the chief guest at the 2008 Republic Day Parade:
(A) Nicholas Sarkozy (France)
(B) Gordon Brown (UK)
(C) Angela Markel (Germany)
(D) Naveen Chandra Ram Gulam (Mauritius)
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

18. What is India's HDI rank in the latest Human Development Report of 2007 ?
(A) 126
(B)127
(C)128
(D) 129
(E)130
Ans [C]

19. Which of the following is India's largest power manufacturing company ?
(A) NTPC
(B) NHPC
(C) Tata power
(D) Reliance Energy
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

20. Which of the following country is not a member of the SAARC /
(A) Bangladesh
(B) Bhutan
(C) Maldives
(D) Myanmar
(E) India
Ans [D]

21. Who among the following is the author of the book "Death and After" ?
(A) V. R. Iyer
(B) Montek Singh Ahluwalia

(C) L. K. Advani
(D) Namita Gokhale
(E) Sonia Gandhi
Ans [A]

22. Which of the following States has emerged as the top State in terms of per capita income in 2007 ?
(A) Punjab
(B) Maharashtra
(C) Andhra Pradesh
(D) Haryana
(E) West Bengal
Ans [D]

23. Which of the following organizations agencies has established a fund known as "Investor Protection Fund" ?
(A) SEBI
(B) NABARD
(C) AMFI
(D) BSE
(E) NSE
Ans [A]

24. Who among the following persons has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Railway Board ?
(A) Rakesh Mohan
(B) K C Jena
(C) Ashen Prasad
(D) R R Singh
(E) None of these
Ans [B]

25. "Hand – in – Hand 2007" was a joint army exercise between :
(A) India and China
(B) India and US
(C) India and Japan
(D) India and Israel
(E) India and Pakistan
Ans [A]

CURRENT EVENTS WORLD MARCH 2008

Colombian Forces Kill Rebel Leader in Ecuador (March 1): Colombian troops cross into Ecuadorean territory and kill FARC's Raúl Reyes and 23 other rebels. In response, Venezuela and Ecuador break off diplomatic relations with Colombia and send troops to the Colombian border.

Fighting Between Israel and Hamas Continues (March 2): More than 100 Palestinians are killed in five days as members of Hamas and the Israeli military trade rocket fire. The violence intensifies after Hamas begins to launch longer-range rockets at Israel and as the fighting enters the West Bank. In response to the mounting civilian deaths, Palestinian prime minister Mahmoud Abbas suspends peace talks with Israel.

Putin's Choice for President Is Easily Elected (March 2): As expected, Dmitri A. Medvedev, a former aide to Russian president Vladimir Putin who has never held elected office, wins the presidential election in a landslide. Putin will remain in a position of power, serving as Medvedev's prime minister.

Security Council Imposes Third Round of Sanctions on Iran (March 3): Resolution, the third since December 2006, punishing Iran for refusing to stop uranium enrichment allows inspections of cargo leaving and entering Iran that officials suspect is carrying banned materials, expands monitoring of financial institutions, and bans the travel and freezes the assets of people and businesses involved in Iran's nuclear program.

Eight Students Killed at Jerusalem Seminary (March 6): A Palestinian gunman from East Jerusalem fires hundreds of rounds of automatic weapons fire at the Mercaz Harav yeshiva in Jerusalem, killing eight students. The attack is the most deadly on Israeli citizens in two years.

Pakistani Leaders Agree to Limit Musharraf's Power (March 9): The two political parties that dominated February's parliamentary elections, the Pakistan People's Party and the Pakistan Muslim League-N, agree that once the new Parliament is seated, they will reinstate the Supreme Court justices Musharraf ousted in late 2007 and pass legislation voiding the law that Musharraf passed legalizing the firings. The Supreme Court, once reinstated, could reverse the ruling that legitimized Musharraf's controversial reelection as president when he was still the military chief.

China Cracks Down on Protests by Monks in Tibet (March 10): Some 400 Buddhist monks participate in a protest march in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, to commemorate the failed uprising of 1959, that resulted in the Dalai Lama fleeing to India. (March 14): The protests, the largest in two decades, turn violent, with ethnic Tibetans reportedly attacking Chinese citizens and vandalizing public and private property. Chinese police use force to suppress the demonstrations. Tibetan leaders say that more than 100 Tibetans are killed, but Chinese officials say there are only 16 fatalities and deny that police had used lethal force. The demonstrations and violence spill into Gansu, Qinghai, and

Sichuan Provinces in western China. Chinese officials accuse the Dalai Lama of masterminding the protests, a charge the spiritual leader denies.

Body of Iraqi Archbishop Is Found (March 13): Paulos Faraj Rahho, who led Mosul's Chaldean Catholic Church, had been kidnapped in February. His remains were recovered in Mosul.

Bush Acknowledges Toll of War on Anniversary of War (March 19): On the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, President Bush insists that the outcome will be worth the sacrifice, yet he admits the cost of war had exceeded expectations in money and loss of life. "Five years into this battle, there is an understandable debate over whether the war was worth fighting, whether the fight is worth winning, and whether we can win it," he said. "The answers are clear to me. Removing Saddam Hussein from power was the right decision, and this is a fight that America can and must win."

Taiwan Elects New President (March 22): Ma Ying-jeou, of the Nationalist Party, prevails over Frank Hsieh, of the Democratic Progressive Party, 58.4% to 41.6%. Ma favors closer ties to mainland China.

Pakistan Leader Nominates a Prime Minister (March 22): Asif Ali Zardari, leader of the Pakistan People's Party, selects Yousaf Raza Gilani, who served as speaker of Parliament in the 1990s under Benazir Bhutto, as prime minister. (March 24): On the same day that Parliament approves Gilani as prime minister, Gilani releases the Supreme Court justices that President Pervez Musharraf ousted and detained in late 2007. (March 31): Musharraf swears in the new cabinet, which is comprised of his political opponents.

U.S. Suffers 4,000th Death in Iraq (March 23): A roadside bomb in Baghdad kills four U.S. soldiers, bringing the death toll of American troops to 4,000. President Bush said of the losses, "I have vowed in the past, and I will vow so long as I'm president, to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain, that, in fact, there is an outcome that will merit the sacrifice."

Iraqi Troops Attack Militants in Basra (March 25): About 30,000 Iraqi troops and police, with air support from the U.S. and British military, attempt to oust Shiite militias, primarily the Mahdi Army led by radical cleric Moktada al-Sadr, that control Basra and its lucrative ports in southern Iraq. Sadr declared a cease-fire in August 2007, but has allowed his forces to fight in self defense. (March 29): The Mahdi Army maintains control over much of Basra, despite the assault by Iraqi troops. The operation, ordered by Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, is criticized for being poorly planned and executed.

Fighting spills into the Sadr city section of Baghdad. (March 31): After negotiations with Iraqi officials, Moktada al-Sadr orders his militia to end military action in exchange for amnesty for his supporters, the release from prison of his followers who have not been convicted of crimes, and the government's help in returning to their homes Sadrists who fled fighting. The compromise is seen as a defeat to Maliki, who is criticized for poorly

organizing the invasion. In addition, more than 1,000 Iraqi soldiers and police officers either refused to participate in the operation or deserted their posts.
Zimbabwe Votes in Presidential Election (March 29): President Robert Mugabe, who has been in power since 1980, faces his toughest challenge yet from Morgan Tsvangirai, of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change. Zimbabwe has been in economic collapse since 1980, with an inflation rate of more than 100,000%.

Deepest Ocean : Pacific ocean

Deepest Lake :Lake Badkal,(Siberia)

Deepest gorge : Hells Canyon,(USA)

Deepest Point in the Ocean :Mariana Trench in Pacific Ocean

1. India has successfully test-fired its 150-250 km range Prithvi missile On May 23, 2008. Prithvi Missile is a —
(A) Surface to surface missile
(B) Surface to air missile
(C) Land to sea missile
(D) Air to air missile
2. Which of the following High Courts has recently quashed the merit list issued in 2006 and 2007 by the centre and the UPSC—
(A) Bhopal High Court
(B) Rajasthan High Court
(C) Madras High Court
(D) Guwahati High Court
3. Recently in May 2008 a assembly election was held in the India State of—
(A) Manipur
(B) Karnataka
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) None of the above
4. People's Democratic Party emerged second largest party with 33·01% in elections held in—
(A) Bhutan
(B) Nepal
(C) Zimbabwe
(D) Italy
5. According to the World Conservation Union Report, the number of plant species in India listed as threatened is—

(A) 247 plant species
(B) 250 plant species
(C) 275 plant species
(D) 255 plant species
6. Which of the following states passed a Bill in March 2008, amending the Registration Act 1908 to prohibit foreigners from buying land in the state—
(A) Kerala
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Goa
(D) Maharashtra
7. The renowned science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke who died in Sri Lanka, originally hailed from—
(A) Australia
(B) Britain
(C) Finland
(D) U.S.A.
8. Who received Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmanent and Development for 2007—
(A) Bill Gates
(B) Nelson Mandela
(C) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
(D) Arthur C. Clarke
9. World Press Freedom Day is observed on—
(A) May 3
(B) May 15
(C) May 25
(D) May 27
10. Which of the following Indian Political Leader has written the book "Jyoti Punj"?
(A) L.K.Adwani
(B) Sonia Gandhi
(C) Jaswant Singh
(D) Narendra Modi
11. India has successfully launched how many satellires simultaneously ?
(A) 8
(B) 10
(C) 7
(D) 4
12. Jules Verne is Europe's—
(A) Space shuttle
(B) Missile shield system
(C) Biggest spacecraft
(D) Mission to Antarctica
13. India's National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country's first—
(A) Dirrohoea map
(B) Malarial map

(C) Bird flu map
(D) Cancer map
14. ‘The World Is What It Is’ is the biography of—
(A) V. S. Naipal
(B) Khushwant Singh
(C) Amrita Preetam
(D) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
15. According to a World Bank Report India got remittances in 2007 worth—
(A) $ 30 billion
(B) $ 35 billion
(C) $ 25 billion
(D) $ 27 billion
16. The Summit of OIC (Organization of Islamic Countries) was held in March in—
(A) Senegal
(B) Morocco
(C) Pakistan
(D) Indonesia
17. According to latest WHO report the number of estimated TB cases found every year in India is—
(A) 2·2 million
(B) 1·9 million
(C) 1·5 million
(D) 1·7 million
18. Tata purchased Jaguar and Rover from—
(A) Hyundai
(B) Maruti Suzuki
(C) Ford Motor
(D) None of the above
19. According to a survey, the country which has the highest number of internet users is—
(A) U.S.A.
(B) China
(C) Japan
(D) Germany
20. India won its first tri series against Australia in—
(A) Brisbane
(B) Melbourne
(C) Sydney
(D) Perth
21. According to Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Council (EAC) headed by C. Rangrajan the economic growth rate for 2008-09 will remain at—
(A) 8%
(B) 8·5%
(C) 9%
(D) 8·9%
22. The Pritzkar Architecture Prize has been won by—

(A) Bill Gates Foundation
(B) William Harvey
(C) Jea Nouvel
(D) None of the above
23. Which of the following cricket players has been banned for violating the player's code of conduct by PCB ?
(A) Danish Kaneria
(B) Shoaib Malik
(C) Mohammad Yousuf
(D) Shoaib Akhtar
24. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has now been extended to all 604 districts of the country with a total budget outlay of—
(A) 18000 crore
(B) 16000 crore
(C) 15000 crore
(D) 14000 crore
25. Inflation which soared above 7% in the month of April is measured by—
(A) Consumer Price Index
(B) Retail Price Index
(C) Whole Sale Price Index
(D) Industrial Price Index
26. The winner of Bahrain Grand Prix is—
(A) Lewis Hamilton
(B) Kartikeyan
(C) Felipe Massa
(D) Robert Kubica
27. The winner of Miss India Earth 2008 is—
(A) Tanvi Vyas
(B) Suman Kaur
(C) Rashmi Sehgal
(D) Rani Sharma
28. In face of rising prices, Central Government has decided to set strategic Reserve of foodgrains over and above buffer stock. The limit of the reserve is—
(A) 10 million tonnes
(B) 7 million tonnes
(C) 6 million tonnes
(D) 5 million tonnes
29. Which of following newspapers/magazines won six Pulitzer prizes—
(A) The New York Times
(B) The Times Magazine
(C) The Washington Post
(D) The Guardian
30. 'Leftism in India, 1917-1947' is a book written by—
(A) S. R. Chaudhuri
(B) K. Kanwar
(C) R. Nagaswamy

(D) Sudipto Chatterjee
31. Recently President Pratibha Patil visited three countries. Which of the following was not the part of her trip—
(A) Argentina
(B) Chile
(C) Mexico
(D) Brazil
32. GJM stands for—
(A) General Justice Movement
(B) Gorkha Janmukti Morcha
(C) Gorkhaland Janshakti Morcha
(D) Gorkha Janjagriti Morcha
33. The elections of which of the following countries were marred by controversy—
(A) Italy
(B) Spain
(C) Zimbabwe
(D) Nepal
34. Supreme Court has upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing 27% for candidates belonging to—
(A) SCs
(B) STs
(C) OBC
(D) Minorities OBC
35. At which of the following places have the remains of early human history been found in excavation—
(A) Chittorgarh
(B) Bhavnagar
(C) Kolkata
(D) Karaikal
36. 'Salwa Judum' is—
(A) Terrorist organization
(B) A branch of naxalite
(C) Name of a police force
(D) An anti naxalite movement
37. When was Nepal declared a Secular Nation—
(A) in 2005
(B) in 2007
(C) in 2008
(D) in 2006
38. The Director General of UN Food and Agriculture Organisation of present is—
(A) Jacques Diouf
(B) Kundekeh K. Yumkella
(C) Jammel Al Hiyilan
(D) Michael Griffin
39. According to a research, stem cells from skin can treat—
(A) Alzhumer

(B) Schizophrenia
(C) Parkinson’s disease
(D) None of the above
40. Which of the following States Hs declared 2008 as the "year of Education" ?
(A) Bihar
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Answers with Hints
1. (A) 2. (C) 3. (B) . 4. (A) 5. (A) 6. (C) 7. (B) 8. (C) 9. (A) 10. (D) 11. (B) 12. (C)
13. (B) India’s Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country’s first malarial map identifying India’s 60 most malarial endemic districts that report over 50% of the country’s malaria’s cases.
14. (A) 15. (D) 16. (A) 17. (B) 18. (C) 19. (B) 20. (A) 21. (B)
22. (C) The Pritzkar Architecture Prize, considered to be equivalent of Nobel Prize for architecture has been won french architect Jea Nouvel for his creative experimentation in architecture.
23. (D) 24. (B) 25. (C) 26. (C) 27. (A) 28. (D)
29. (C) The Washington Post has won six Pulitzer Prizes, including Public service award for its reporting on conditions of U.S. War Veterans.
30. (A) 31. (A) 32. (B) 33. (C)
34. (C) The Supreme Court on April 10, 2008 upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing a quota of 27 per cent to the other Backward Classes in Central Educational Institutions.
35. (C)
36. (D) Salva Judam is an antinaxalite movement formed by group of people against attack from maxalites. The movement started from Dantewada district (Chhattisgarh).
37. (D) 38. (A) 39. (C) 40. (B)

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1. The Kishenganga Power Project is in-
A. Orissa

B. Maharashtra
C. Gujarat
D. Jammu & Kashmir
Ans (D)
2. The late Nirmala Desh Pande was a famous
A. diplomat
B. astrologer
C. Social activist
D. film-star
Ans (C)
3. Who has been awarded the Prem Bhatia Award for the year 2008 ?
A. Nilanjana Bose
B. Rupashree Nanda
C. Nirupama Subramanian
D. None of these
Ans (C)
4. Microwave ovens cook dishes by means of
A. Ultraviolet rays
B. Infra-red rays
C. Convection
D. Conduction
Ans (D)
5. Most of the phenomena related to weather take place in
A. stratosphere
B. ionosphere
C. mesosphere
D. troposphere
Ans (D)
6. The current President of the World Bank is
A. Dominique Strauss-Kahn
B. James D. Wolfansen
C. Barbara Cartland
D. Robert Zoellick
Ans (D)
7. Amartya Sen, the NRI Nobel laureate got the honour for his work on
A. Game theory
B. Securities analysis
C. Poverty and famines
D.Impact of Industrialization
Ans (C)
8. The Quit India resolution was passed at the
A. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1940
B. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1941
C. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1942
D. Bombay session of I.N.C. in 1945.
Ans (C)

9. Who among the following is not a ghazal singer?
A. Talat Aziz
B. Chandan Dass
C. Peenaz Masani
D. Jagdev Singh
Ans (D)
10. Nobel Prize for literature in 2007 was received by-
A. Doris Lessing
B. Albert Al Gore
C. Mohammad Yunus
D. None of these
Ans (A)
11. Meteorites are the heavenly bodies
A. between the Mars and the Jupiter
B. between the Saturn and the Neptune
C. between the Mars and the Venus
D. that burn brightly on entering the Earth's atmosphere
Ans (D)
12. P-5 is a group of
A. highly developed countries
B. Highly populous countries
C. Permanent members of the Security Council
D. Established nuclear powers
Ans (C)
13. Arrange the following in chronological order:
a. Dandi March
b. McDonald Award
c. Hanging of Bhagat Singh
d. Meerut conspiracy case
A. a, b, c, d
B. b, a, c, d
C. d, c, a, b,
D. d, a, c, b
Ans (A)
14. Which of the following is a land-locked state?
A. Gujarat
B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Tamil Nadu
Ans (C)
15. Which of the following is not an official language as per the 8th schedule?
A. Konkani
B. Sindhi
C. Manipuri
D. English
Ans (D)

16. Which of the following used in making computer chips ?
A. Carbon
B. Uranium
C. Silicon
D. Rubidium
Ans (C)
17. In order to see an undersea object while in a ship, you would make use of a
A. telescope
B. periscope
C. marinoscope
D None of these
Ans (B)
18. Baan Ki-moon , the UNO Secretary-General belong to
A. Saudi Arab
B. Egypt
C. South Korea
D. Brazil
Ans (C)
19. The deepest ocean in the world is
A. The Indian ocean
B. The Atlantic ocean
C. The Pacific ocean
D. None of these
Ans (C)
20. The oldest mutual fund in India is the
A. SBI Mutual Fund
B. BOB Mutual Fund
C. PNB Mutual Fund
D. Unit Trust of India
Ans (D)
21. A candidate for elections to the Lok Sabha stands to lose his Deposit Money if he fails to get
A. 1/5 of the total valid votes
B. 1/8 of the valid votes
C. 1/6 of the valid votes polled
D. none of these
Ans (A)
22. The Varanasi–Kanyakumari National Highway is called
A. N.H. – 8
B. N. H. – 7
C. N.H. – 12
D. N.H. – 9
Ans (B)
23. Which of the following areas of output is witnessing a new revolution?
A. oilseeds
B. fisheries

C. fruits
D. cereals
Ans (A)
24. The W.T.O. came into being on
A. 1st April, 1995
B. 1st April, 1994
C. 1st Jan., 1995
D. 1st Jan., 1996
Ans (C)
25. Bangal was partitioned during the viceroyalty of
A. Lord Rippon
B. Lord Curzon
C. Lord Hardinge
D. Lord Minto
Ans (B)
26. Tata purchased Jaguar and Rover from-
A. Hyundai
B. Maruti-Suzuki
C. Ford Motor
D. General Motor
Ans (C)

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(C) Bank Of Baroda
(D) Oriental Bank Of Commerce
(E) Central Bank Of India
Ans [A]
9. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for infrastructural development in rural areas , is set up and managed by-
(A) RBI
(B) SBI
(C) NABARD
(D) IMF
(E) SEBI
Ans [C]

10. Non-scheduled banks are :
(A) Banking companies other than those included in the second scheduled of the RBI
(B) Private sector banks
(C) Indigeneous banks
(D) Rural money lenders
(E) None of these
Ans [A]
11. In January 2008, RBI has decided to issue ….. denomination banknotes with inset letter ‘S’ in both numbering panels:
(A) Rs. 5
(B) Rs. 10
(C) Rs. 20
(D) Rs. 50
(E) None of these
Ans [B]

12. Which mutual fund has topped in assets Under Management (AUM):
(A) Reliance Mutual Fund
(B) ICICI Mutual Fund
(C) Standard Chartered Mutual Fund
(D) Tata Mutual Fund
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

13. What is the average debt burden per farmer household :
(A) Rs. 4,185
(B) Rs. 10,500
(C) Rs. 7,200
(D) Rs. 12,585
(E) Rs 15,345
Ans [D]

14. Housing Finance Companies are regulated by:
(A) NHB
(B)HUDCO
(C)RBI
(D) SEBI
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

15. The abbreviation GAPP stands for :
(A) General Accepted Accounting Policies
(B) General Accepted Accounting Practices
(C) General Accepted Accounting Principles
(D) General Accounts and Audit Procedures
(E) None of these
Ans [C]

16. Basic objective of Financial Management is :
(A) Maximising the profit
(B) Maximising the shareholder's wealth
(C) Ensuring financial discipline in the organization
(D) Arrangement of funds
(E) None of these
Ans [B]

17. Who was the chief guest at the 2008 Republic Day Parade:
(A) Nicholas Sarkozy (France)
(B) Gordon Brown (UK)
(C) Angela Markel (Germany)
(D) Naveen Chandra Ram Gulam (Mauritius)
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

18. What is India's HDI rank in the latest Human Development Report of 2007 ?
(A) 126
(B)127
(C)128

(D) 129
(E)130
Ans [C]

19. Which of the following is India's largest power manufacturing company ?
(A) NTPC
(B) NHPC
(C) Tata power
(D) Reliance Energy
(E) None of these
Ans [A]

20. Which of the following country is not a member of the SAARC /
(A) Bangladesh
(B) Bhutan
(C) Maldives
(D) Myanmar
(E) India
Ans [D]

21. Who among the following is the author of the book "Death and After" ?
(A) V. R. Iyer
(B) Montek Singh Ahluwalia
(C) L. K. Advani
(D) Namita Gokhale
(E) Sonia Gandhi
Ans [A]

22. Which of the following States has emerged as the top State in terms of per capita income in 2007 ?
(A) Punjab
(B) Maharashtra
(C) Andhra Pradesh
(D) Haryana
(E) West Bengal
Ans [D]

23. Which of the following organizations agencies has established a fund known as "Investor Protection Fund" ?
(A) SEBI
(B) NABARD
(C) AMFI
(D) BSE
(E) NSE
Ans [A]

24. Who among the following persons has been appointed as the new chairman of Indian Railway Board ?
(A) Rakesh Mohan
(B) K C Jena
(C) Ashen Prasad
(D) R R Singh
(E) None of these
Ans [B]

25. “Hand – in – Hand 2007” was a joint army exercise between :
(A) India and China
(B) India and US
(C) India and Japan
(D) India and Israel
(E) India and Pakistan
Ans [A]

Q:1 India has different categories of Commercial Banks . Which of the following is not one such category ?
(a) Private Banks (b) Commodities bank
(c) Nationalized Banks (d) none of these
Q:2 Which of the following departments of the Government of India is helping banks in disbursement of rural credit by the banks ?
(a) Railways (b) State road transport
(c) Posts & Telegraph (d) Ministry of health (e) None
Q:3 Which of the following types of banks are allowed to operate foreign currency account?
(A) Foreign Banks (B) Regional Rural Banks (C) Nationalised Banks

(a) Only A (b) Only B
(c) Only C (d) All A, B & C
Q:4 Maria Sharapova won the Women’s Singles Australian Open Tennis Championship 2008 after defeating
(a) Ana Ivanovic (b) Sania Mirza
(c) Dinara Safina (d) Mathalie Dechy
Q:5 Shinzo Abe who on a visit to India in recent past is the ?
(a) Prime Minister of South Korea (b) Prime Minister of North Korea
(c) Prime Minister of Japan (d) President of South Korea
Q:6 Hem Dutta who was honouredwith the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhawana Award 2007 is a famous ?
(a) Author (b) Social activist
(c) Player (d) Film producer
Q:7 As per the recent agreement between India and one other country the Indian rupee can be easily swapped .

(a) Taka (b) Rial
(c) Kyat (d) Yen (e) Rubble
Q:8 India’s foreign exchange reserves declined sharply in recent past . What was the main reason for the same ?
(a) Heavy demand of the same by foreign tourists
(b) Import of wheat from Pakistan & South Korea
(c) Appreciation of Rupee value
(d) none of these
Q:9 In the human body which of the following stores extra blood for release when shortage occurs
(a) Liver (b) Pancreas
(c) spleen (d) none
Q:10 Historical materialism is a tenet of which one of the following political theories ?
(a) Capitalism (b) Liberalism
(c) Fascism (d) Marxism
Q:11 Gautam Budha delivered his first sermon at which one of the following places ?
(a) Kushinagar (b) Sarnath
(c) Bodh Gaya (d) none of these
Q:12 Which one of the following was fought earliest ?
(a) Battle of Ambur (b) Battle of Buxar
(c) Battle of Plassey (d) none
Q:13 How is Asafa Powell well known as ?
(a) Swimmer (b) Football player
(c) Boxer (d) 100 m sprinter
Q:14 A bus moving at a speed of 24 m / s begins to slow at a rate of 3 m/s each second . How far does it go before stopping
(a) 96 m (b) 92 m
(c) 60 m (d) 48 m
Q:15 Which one of the following is correct ?
A negatively charged glass rod always
(a) less electrons than protons (b) less electrons than neutrons
(c) less protons than electrons (d) none
Q:16 Which one of the following is correct ?
The wave length of X – rays
(a) is longer than the wavelength of sound waves
(b) is longer than the wavelength of yellow sodium light
(c) is longer than the wavelength of radio waves
(d) is of the order of 0.1 nanometer
Q:17 Which one of the following is correct ?
Electrical lines of force
(a) exist everywhere
(b) exist in the immediate vicinity of positive charge
(c) exist in the immediate vicinity of negative charge
(d) are imaginary
Q:18 Which one of the following elements is a metalloid ?
(a) P (b) Al

(c) As (d) Po
Q:19 The range of the voltmeter can be increased by connecting ?
(a) High resistance in series (b) Low resistance in series
(c) High resistance in parallel (d) none
Q:20 The lamination of a transformer are made from ?
(a) Copper (b) Mild steel
(c) Nickel alloy steel (d) Zinc – copper alloy
Q-21 Pistons of the compressor used in refrigerator are made of ?
(a) Cast iron (b) Copper
(c) Gunmetal (d) Mid Steel
Q:22 Who was the first ruler of Delhi?
(a) Noorjahan (b) Razia Begum
(c) Mirabai (d) Samyukta
Q:23 When was Guru Nanak Dev born
(a) 1469 (b) 1369
(c) 1226 (d) 1556
Q:24 The Planet which is fastest from the Sun is
(a) Uranus (b) Saturn
(c) Jupiter (d) Neptune
Q-25 The Gateway of India is in
(a) Delhi (b) Mumbai
(c) Kolkata (d) Chenai

ANSWERS
1 (b) 2 (e) 3 (c) 4 (a) 5 (c) 6 (b) 7 (e) 8 (c) 9 (c)
10 (d) 11 (b) 12 (a) 13 (b) 14 (a) 15 (c) 16 (d) 17 (d)
18 (c) 19 (a) 20 (a) 21 (a) 22 (b) 23 (a) 24 (d) 25 (b)

1. ‘Destination India’, conference on commerce and trade was organised at:
(a) Zurich (b) Bangalore (c) Singapore (d) Tokyo
2. According to a survey by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry which of the following countries tops the list on labour productivity:
(a) India (b) Luxembourg (c) Belgium (d) France
3. India’s first Asset Reconstruction Company’s road map was prepared by
:(a) SBI (b) IDBI (c) ICICI (d) HDFC
4. Which of the following country is the new member of International Coffee Organisation?
(a) India (b) Sri Lanka (c) Kenya (d) Vietnam
5. Who among the following headed the Indo-UK Round Table conference held at London to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries?
(a) Swaraj Paul (b) Jaswant Singh(c) K.C. Pant (d) Yashwant Sinha

6. ‘Diva’ a specially ! ! designed women’s international credit card has been launched by:
(a) Federal Bank (b) Standard Chartered Bank(c) Dresdner Bank (d) ABN-Amro Bank
7. Richard Grasso is the head of:
(a) NASDAQ(b) London Stock Exchange(c) New York Stock Exchange(d) Dubai Stock Exchange
8. ‘Indiva’ is the multipurpose vehicle, launched by____at the international motorshow in Geneva.
(a) TELCO (b) BAJAJ and SIL (c) LML (d) HONDA
9. Match the following Company/organisation Chief Executive Officer
I. General Electricals A. Harvey PittII. Star Alliance B. S. DevarajahIII. Securities and C. Jeff Immelt Exchange Commission D. Cheong Choong KongIV. Manufacturer’s Association of Information Technology Code:I II III IV
(a) A B C D(b) B A C D(c) C D B A(d) D C A B
10. Nokia Corporation, the leading mobile phone makers is a___based company.
(a) USA (b) Japan (c) Philippines (d) Finland! !
11. ICENET is the network connecting the offices of the:
(a) Central Board of Excise and Customs(b) State Bank of India(c) Human Resource Ministry(d) External Affairs Ministry
12. Geographical Information System Software known as ‘Gram Chitra’ was unveiled by:
(a) C-DAC (b) Media Labs Asia(c) Satyam Infoway (d) Honda
13. The Kofi Annan Institute for IT Excellence, has been set by India at____:(a) Kenya (b) Guatemala (c) Ghana (d) Durban
14. India’s first Defence Intelligence Agency became operational in___2002.
(a) June (b) March (c) April (d) May
15. The first hydel project in Andaman and Nicobar islands has been commissioned by:
(a) NHPC (b) Dabhol Power Corporation(c) BHEL (d) NTPC
16. First Indian Laboratory (and India to be the 26th country) to be accredited by the College of American Pathology is:
(a) Cipla lab (b) Speciality Ranbaxy Ltd(c) Zydu! ! s Cadila Ltd (d) Sun Pharma lab

17. Smart Kid Insurance policy has been launched for students by:
(a) Tata-AIG (b) SBI-Cardif(c) ICICI Prudential (d) LICI
18. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of Central Electricity Authority:
(a) J.L. Bajaj (b) H.L. Bajaj(c) Y.N. Prasad (d) J.L. Raina
19. Chilka Development Authority, the first organisation in the Asian subcontinent to receive Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award for the year 2002 is in:
(a) Kerala (b) Orissa (c) Assam (d) Uttaranchal
20. The chief architect of Ganga Action Plan, an environmentalist and recipient of various awards died recently. Name him.
(a) Md. Bazzi (b) Arshad-uz-Zaman(c) Dr T.N. Khoshro (d) George Soros
21. CBE-2002 a NATO exercise by Canada, Greece, Hungary, Turkey, UK and US was launched in____, for NATO peace programme.
(a) Georgia (b) Angola (c) Durban (d) Ireland
22. 2002 MN is the name of:
(a) Supercomputer (b) Asteroid(c) Spacecraft (d) Star

23. ‘Orange Prize’ is given in the field of:
(a) literature (b) sports (c) medicine (d) acting
24. In the global tea production, India accounts for____per cent of tea production.
(a) 27 (b) 26.7 (c) 24.3 (d) 27.7
25. USA has signed a legislation to protect the country from biological terrorist attack worth:
(a) $ 4.6 billion (b) $ 6 billion(c) $ 7 billion (d) $ 8 billion
26. World day to combat desertification and drought is observed on:
(a) June 17 (b) June 20 (c) April 17 (d) July 20
27. Name the robot spacecraft, launched by NASA to observe frozen core of comets.
(a)! ! Contour (b) Odyssey (c) Dumar (d) Columbia
28. Blue Ocean, the World’s most powerful Supercomputer, is specifically designed for:
(a) NASA(b) US Naval Oceanographic office(c) US Federal Reserve Bank(d) US Intelligence Agency
29. To review the disclosure and investor protection guidelines, a committee was constituted by SEBI under:
(a) T.N. Chaturvedi (b) A.K. Basu(c) N.J. Reddy (d) Y.H. Malegam
30. First State to introduce a life insurance scheme covering 1.2 crore students and three lakh teachers is:
(a) Karnataka (b) Madhya Pradesh(c) Maharashtra (d) Rajasthan
31. Hrithik Roshan has turned down an offer to act in the Warner Brother’s film,____due to unavailability of dates.
(a) Escape from Taliban(b) Hamlet(c) Three Wall(d) Hey Ram! Genocide in the land of Gandhi
32. “The Shade of Swords” is a book written by:
(a) M.J. Akbar (b) Manil Suri(c) Urmila Lanba! ! (d) Vasant Potdar
33. India’s first Jan Shatabdi Express between Mumbai-Goa was commenced on:
(a) April 16, 2002 (b) April 20, 2002(c) June 20, 2002 (d) June 16, 2002
34. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of IIM Ahmedabad:
(a) Y.C. Deveshwar (b) N.R. Narayana Murthy(c) Sanjiv Gupta (d) M. Damodaran
35. Automobile Industry’s man of the year 2002 is:
(a) Carlos Ghoshn (Japan) (b) Dr Mark Faber(c) Dr Doom (d) Lious Haochuang
36. Who among the following has been named as the White Lightning in the cricket?
(a) Adam Parore (New Zealand)(b) Allan Donald (South Africa)(c) Ben Hollioake (Australia)(d) Dion Nash (New Zealand)
37. Which Indian cricketer has bagged a deal with ESPN?
(a) Md Kaif (b) Yuvraj(c) Sachin Tendulkar (d) Anil Kumble
38. Who among the following is the official sponsors of the Indian team at the Asian Games to be held ! ! in Busan, South Korea?
(a) Phillips (b) Sahara (c) LG (d) Samsung
39. ‘24 Brand Mantras’, is a book written by:
(a) Bimal Chowdhary (b) Shiv Khera(c) Arindam R. Chowdhary (d) Jagdeep Kapoor
40. Ist developing country in the world to make use of fire optics technology is:
(a) China (b) Japan (c) India (d) Vietnam
41. Defence Research and Development Organisation was formed in the year:
(a) 1980 (b) 1958 (c) 1956 (d) 1975

42. Who among the following has been appointed as the President of the flagship channel Zee TV:
(a) Apurva Purohit (b) Pritish Nandi(c) Jitendra K. Singh (d) Raghu Rai
43. India's first commercially manufactured sports car is:
(a) Reeva (b) Indigo (c) Sedan (d) Fibro
44. How many new railway zones have been notified by the Railway Ministry in July 2002:
(a) 10 (b) 8 (c) 14 (d) 5
45. Name the quarterly magazine, launched by The Time Grou! ! p.
(a) Bindia (b) b-drive(c) businessdrive.com (d) none of these
46. According to Economic Intelligence Unit, maximum amount of FDI is received by:
(a) India (b) China (c) South Korea (d) Brazil
47. European Union Summit was held in Slovenia at:
(a) Bled (b) Geory (c) Repti (d) Ottowom
48. Transport Research and Injury Prevention Programme was awarded the Stockholm award and is unveiled by:
(a) IIT, Kanpur (b) IIT, Delhi(c) IIT, Kharagpur (d) IIT, Chennai
49. Alvaro Silva Calderon was appointed as the Secretary General of:
(a) OPEC (b) FIEO (c) NACO (d) AIMPLB
50. ASEAN was set up in the year:
(a) 1985 (b) 1975 (c) 1967 (d) 1958
ANSWERS
1. (a)2. (b)3. (c)4. (d)5. (c)6. (b)7. (c)8. (a)9. (c)10. (d)11. (a)12. (b)13. (c)14. (c)15. (a)16. (b)17. (a)18. (b)19. (b)20. (c)21. (a)22. (b)23. (a)24. (d)25. (a)26. (a)27. (a)28. (b)29. (d)30. (a)31. (b)32. (a)33. (a)34. (b)35. (a)36. (b)37. (c)38. (d)39. (d)40. (c)41. (c)42. (a)43. (a)44. (d)45. (b)46. (c)47. (a)48. (b)49. (a)50. (c)

1. The World Heritage Day is observed on—

(A) March 18

(B) April 20

(C) March 20

(D) April 18i

Ans : (D)

2. Which of the following held the post of Deputy Prime Minister of India simultaneously with Jagjivan Ram?

(A) Y.B. Chavan

(B) Charan Singh

(C) Guljari Lal Nanda

(D) B.D. Jatti

Ans : (B)

3. The first Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded to Tinbergen and Frisch in—

(A) 1969

(B) 1968

(C) 1970

(D) 1967

Ans : (A)

4. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'Straight from the Heart '?

(A) Kapil Dev

(B) Nelson Mandela

(C) Benazir Bhutto

(D) Tami Hoag

Ans : (D)

5. 'From each according to his ability, to each according to his work' is the basis of—

(A) Socialism

(B) Capitalism

(C) Communism

(D) Fascism

Ans : (C)

6. The head of the State Bank of India is Designated as -—

(A) Executive Director

(B) Governor

(C) Deputy Governor

(D) Chairman

Ans : (D)

7. Which of the following gases does not form part of the atmosphere?

(A) Nitorgen

(B) Chlorine

(C) Oxygen

(D) Carbon dioxide

Ans : (B)

8. The headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defence is located in—

(A) Marlborough House

(B) The Pentagon

(C) White House

(D) None of these

Ans : (B)

9. The Secretariat of the UN is headed by—

(A) Security Council

(B) Secretary General

(C) Chairman

(D) President of General Assembly

Ans : (B)

10. India's national calendar is based on—

(A) Saka era

(B) Christian era

(C) Buddhist era

(D) Vedic era

Ans : (A)

11. Who amongst the following won the "WTA Player of the year" Award ?

(A) Serena Williams

(B) Jelena Jankovic

(C) Sania Mirza

(D) Justin Henin

Ans : (D)

12. The foreign trade policy announced in the year 2004 was announced for a period of -

(A) Two Years

(B) Five Years

(C) Six Years

(D) Four Years

Ans : (B)

13. When was the capital of India shifted from Calcutta to Delhi?

(A) 1906

(B) 1910

(C) 1911

(D) 1901

Ans : (C)

14. 'Economic Justice' as one of the objectives of the Indian Constitution has been provided in the—

(A) Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

(B) Preamble and Directive Principles

(C) Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

(D) None of these

Ans : (A)

15. India earns maximum foreign exchange through the export of—

(A) Tea

(B) Jute

(C) Coffee

(D) None of these

Ans : (A)

16. Which article of the Indian Constitution recognises Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of India?

(A) Article 345

(B) Article 343

(C) Article 348

(D) None of these

Ans : (B)

17. In its thirteenth flight PSLV-C9 successfully launched ten satellites with a total weight of 820 kg. Which of the following satellites launched by PSLV-C9 is not a nano satellite ?

(A) NLS-4

(B) NLS-5

(C) RUBIN-8A

(D) IMS-1

Ans : (D)

18. Name the periodical which Gandhiji published during his stay in South Africa—

(A) Indian Opinion

(B) Young India

(C) Afrikaner

(D) None of these

Ans : (A)

19. Which country is known as the 'Sugar Bowl' of the world?

(A) India

(B) Cuba

(C) Brazil

(D) U.S.A.

Ans : (B)

20. Which of the following ports has a free trade zone?

(A) Cochin

(B) Mumbai

(C) Mormugao

(D) Kandla

Ans : (D)

21. Which of the following museum is located at New Delhi?

(A) Government Museum

(B) Salar Jung Museum

(C) National Museum of Natural History

(D) Prince of Wales Museum

Ans : (A)

22. Which of the following commissions is responsible for control and utilisation of water resources in India?

(A) Floods Commission

(B) Central Forestry Commission

(C) Central Water Commission

(D) Planning Commission

Ans : (C)

23. The Reserve Bank of India was established in—

(A) 1935

(B) 1947

(C) 1952

(D) 1969

Ans : (A)

24. Lala Hardayal was an active member of which of the following parties?

(A) Gadar Party

(B) Anushilan Samiti

(C) Kirti-Kisan Sabha

(D) Hindustan Socialist Association

Ans : (A)

25. Who amongst the following of Indian origin is nominated as the Governor of Louisiana an American State ?

(A) Lakshmi Mittal

(B) Bobby Jindal

(C) Ratan Tata

(D) V.S.Naipaul

Ans : (B)

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1. WHO IS THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF CII ?

ANS- K.V.KAMATH
2. WHAT IS THE FULLFORM OF "BRIC" ?
ANS- BRAZIL,RUSSIA ,INDIA,CHINA
3. WHICH FILM HAS BAGGED THE BEST MOVIE AWARDS IN IIFA AWARDS WHICH WAS HELD IN BANGKOK ?
ANS- CHAK DE INDIA (YASH CHOPRA)
4. WHO IS THE WINNER OF FRENCH OPEN 2008 MEN'S TITLE ?
ANS- RAFAEL NADAL
5. WHO IS THE WINNER OF DLF IPL CRICKET TOUNAMENT 2008 ?
ANS- RAJASTHAN ROYALS
6. NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN?
ANS- JUSTICE RAJENDRA BABU
7. WHO IS THE INDIAN HOCKEY COACH ?
ANS- JOKIM KARVALO
8. WHICH FILM HAS BAGGED THE BEST FILM OF GOLDEN PALM AWARD IN CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2008 ?
ANS- ENTRE LES MURS (THE CLASS)
9. WHO IS THE winner of IIFA Best Actor award 2008 ?
ANS- SHAHRUKH KHAN (CHAK DE INDIA)
10.WHO IS THE CHIEF OF INDIAN AIR FORCE ?
ANS- FALI HOMI MAJOR
11.WHO IS THE MISS UNIVERSE INDIA 2008 ?
ANS- SIMARAN KAUR MUNDI
12.WHO IS THE Miss INDIA WORLD 2008
ANS- PARVATHY OMNAKUTTAN
13.VENUE OF 15TH SAARC SUMMIT 2008?
ANS- COLOMBO (SRI LANKA)
14.WHO GOT DADA SAHEB PHALKE RATNA AWARD 2008?
ANS- B.R.CHOPRA
15.WHO IS THE WINNER OF WORLD CUP CRICKET 2007 ?
ANS- AUSTRALIA
16.WHO IS THE WORLD CUP CRICKET 2007 RUNNER UP ?
ANS- SRI LANKA
17.WHO IS THE WINNER OF FRENCH OPEN 2008 WOMENS TITLE ?
ANS- Ana Ivanovic
18.WHO COMPLETED 16000 RUNS IN ODI RECENTLY ?
ANS- SACHIN TENDULKAR
19.WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF RUSSIA ?

ANS-DMITRI MEDWEDEV
20.WHO IS THE PRIME MINISTER OF RUSSIA ?
ANS- VLADIMIR PUTIN
21.WHO IS THE WORLD BANK PRESIDENT ?
ANS- ROBERT ZOELLICK
22.INDIA HAS SUCCESSFULLY TEST FIRED AGNI III IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2008. WHICH TYPE OF MISSILE BELONGS TO AGNI III -
ANS - SURFACE TO SURFACE INTERMEDIATE RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 The oldest mountain ranges in India are
(a) The Vindhyas (b) The Nilgiris
(c) The Aravali Hills (d) The Himalayas
2 The Sardar Sarover project is being built on the river
(a) Tapti (b) Godavari
(c) Narmada (d) Krishna
3 Which of the following is not associated with oilfields in India ?
(a) Bijapur (b) Ankleshwar
(c) Digboi (d) Mumbai high
4 Kaziranga is Known for
(a) Project Tiger (b) Two horned Rhino
(c) One horned Rhino (d) Operation Flood
5 Which one of the following is an important tribe of the Dhauladhar range
(a) Abor (b) Gaddi
(c) Lepcha (d) Tharu
6 Which two countries are connected by an underwater tunnel ?
(a) France and England (b) Belgium and England
(c) Spain and England (d) Singapore and Malaysia
7 The cogentrix power plant was planed to be located in
(a) Orissa (b) Gujarat
(c) Karnataka (d) Assam

8 Clear night are cooler than cloudy nights because of
(a) Condensation (b) Radiation
(c) Insulation (d) Conduction
9 Which of the follwing industrial towns is located on the Chhota Nagpur Plateau
(a) Bhilai (b) Ranchi
(c) Asansol (d) Durgapur
10 Which one of the following is a satellite town ?
(a) Faizabad (b) Murshidabad
(c) Ghaziabad (d) Moradabad
11 The term boat people refers to the migrants from
(a) Sri lanka to India (b) Taiwan to china
(c) Vietnam to Thailand (d) Vietnam to U.S.A
12 Which of the following factors are responsible for the rapid growth of sugar production in south India as compared to north India
(1) Highest per acre yield of sugarcane (2) Higher sucrose content of sugarcane
(3) Lower labour coast (4) Longer crushing period
Select the correct answer from the codes given
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1,2, and 4
(c) 1,3 and 4 (d) 1,2, and 4
13 The highest yield of rice per hectare in India is in
(a) West Bengal (b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Punjab (d) Haryana
14 The regions which have 10-20 cm rainfall in October and November & than less 5 than 5cm in rest of the month belong to the following state.
(a) Tamil Nadu & Himachal Pradesh. (b) Karnataka & Maharashtra
(c) Rajasthan & Gujarat (d) Uttar Pradesh
15 Six-eight month rainy season prevail in parts of –
(a) Sikkam & Karnataka (b) Assam & Kerala
(c) Himachal Pradesh & Gujarat (d) Arunachal Pradesh
16 South-West monsoon reaches Assam in –
(a) End of September (b) Mid –August
(c) November (d) Mid –September
17 Which of the following is not cited as a a reason for the black colour of black soils?
(a) Admixture of humus on cultivation (b) Presence of Titaniferous Magnetile
(c) Black constituents of the parent rock (d) Preponderance of phosphorus
Q-18 Which of the following coal fields and the states in which they occur is not correctly matched
(a) Jharia-Jharkhand (b) Talcher-Maharashtra
(c) Sohagpur-Chattisgarh (d) Singaraini-Andhra Pradesh
19 The second largest linguistic unit in Indian is
(a) Tamil (b) Hindi
(c) English (d) Telugu
20 Which of the following is not correctly matched?
(a) Rourkela-Orissa (b) Durgapur-Andhra Pradesh
(c) Bhilai-Madhya-Pradesh (d) Bokaro-Jharkand
21 The Principal copper deposits of Indian lie in

(a) Hazaribagh and Singhbhum in Jharkhand
(b)Khetri and Dariba in Rajasthan
(c) Malajkhand in Madhya Pradesh
(d) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
22 The largest producer of salt in Indian is
(a) Rajasthan (b) Maharashtra
(c) Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu
23 The chief petroleum states in Indian are
(a) Rajasthan and Gujarat (b) Assam and Gujarat
(c) Gujarat and Maharashtra (d) Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
24 Rock phosphate deposits are found in
(a) Rajasthan and Nainital (b) Singhbhum and Visakhapatnam
(c) Chickmaglur and Shimoga (d) Kydermukh
25 Which one of the following plants is not a thermal plant ?
(a) Pykara (b) Dhuvaran
(c) Faridabad (d) Obra

ANSWERS

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SBI CLERK GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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AWARDS GENERAL AWRENESS FOR UPSC /BANK PO/BANK CLERK
1. Magsaysay Award for public service for the year 2007 is-
(a) Jovito R. Salonga
(b) Mahabir Pun
(c) Kim Sun Tai
(d) Tan xhiyang
Ans (c)
2. M.S. Swaminathan received
(a) Magsaysay award (b) Padma Vibhushan
(c) Padmabhushan award (d) all the above
Ans (d)
3. Arjuna Award was introduced in

(a) 1961 (b) 1969 (c) 1972 (d) 1995
Ans (a) Arjuna award is given to prominent sports persons in India.
4. Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2006 was awarded to -
(a) C. Subramaniam (b) Shabana Azmi
(c) Satish Dhawan (d) Word Health Organisation
Ans (b)
5. Name the film which won Best Picture Oscars Award at the 80th Annual Academy Awards in 2008-
(a) Mystic River (b) Cold Mountain
(c) No Country for Old Men
(d) Departed
Ans (c)
6. U-Tant award is given for:
(a) Contribution to east-west understanding
(b) Community leadership
(c) Social Service
(d) Journalism
Ans (c)
7. Who among the following has been awarded the Sydney peace Prize 2004 for her work in social campaigns and advocacy to non-violence?
(a) Medha Padkar (b) Vandana Shiva
(c) Arundharti Rai (d) Aparna Sen (e) None of these
Ans (c)
8. Which film has won best Feature Film Award in the 53rd National Film Award in the year 2007?
(a) Kaalpurush
(b) Rang De Basanti
(c) Fanna
(d) Don
Ans (a)
9. Doris Lessing , who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, is from -
(a) Iraq
(b) Nigeria
(c) United Kingdom
(d) Libya
Ans (c)
10. Which of the following authors won the Booker Prize for the year 2007 ?
(a) Margaret Atwood
(b) Anne Enright
(c) Graham Swift
(d) Ian Mc EwanAns (b)
11. The Nobel Prize winners for Medicine in 2007 is / are -
(a) Mario Capecchi
(b) Martin Evans
(c) Oliver Smithies
(d) All of the above

Ans (b)
12. The Ramon Magsaysay Award winner Shanta Sinha known as
(a) a campaigner for urban sanitation
(b) an anti-child labour activist
(c) an organiser of rain-water harvesting schemes
(d) an activist for the welfare of poor rural women
Ans (b)
13. The first recipient of Kalinga Prize was
Ans : French physicist Louis de Broglie
14. Kalinga Prize, an International prize is awarded annually for the recognition of outstanding achievement in the interpretation and popularization of
Ans : Science
15. Nehru Award is instituted for
Ans : International understanding and peace
16. The scientist who was conferred with all the three national awards: Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Bharat Ratna
Ans : Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
17. The first recipient of Gandhi Peace Prize was
Ans : Dr. Julius N. Nyerera
18. In the following who was not a Miss World
(a) Yuktha Mookhey
(b) Aishwarya Rai
(c) Priyanka Chopra
(d) Sushmita Sen
Ans (d)
19. Oscar Award is associated with
Ans : Cinema
20. The winner of the Jnanapeetam award for the first time
Ans : G. Sankara Kurup
21. Booker prize is given to the field of
Ans : Fiction writing
22. The Nobel Prizes were established by-
Ans : Alfred Bernhard Nobel
23. The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in the year
Ans : 1901
24. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology is
Ans : Emil Adolph von Behring (Germany)
25.The first winner of Nobel Prize in Peace is
Ans : Jean Henri Dunant (Switzerland) & Frederic Passy (France)
26. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Literature is
Ans : Sully Prudhomme (France)
27. Nobel Prize award in Economics has been awarded from the year
Ans : 1969
28. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Economic Science is
Ans : Ragnar Frisch (Norway) & Jan Tinbergen (Netherlands)
29. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Chemistry is

Ans : Jacobus H. van't Hoff (Netherlands)
30. The first winner of Nobel Prize in Physics is
Ans : Wilhelm C. Roentgen (Germany)
31. The founder of Nobel Prizes, Alfred Nobel belongs the country
Ans : Sweden
32. Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar is given in which field
Ans : Environment
33. Who was the second winner of 'Jnanapeetam Award'
Ans : Tharasankar Banerjee
34. Rabindranath Tagore was the Nobel prize winner for literature in 1913. Who received the award in 1914
(a) Rudyard Kipling
(c) Bernard Shaw
(c) Romain Rolland
(d) Nobody
Ans (D)
35. The winner of Nobel Prize for literature for 2007 is
Ans : Doris Lessing
36. The winner of Indira Gandhi Peace ,Integration and Disarmament Prize for 2007 is -
Ans : The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
37. Kalinga Prize is awarded by
(a) Indian Government
(b) Orissa Government
(c) SAARC
(d) UNESCO
Ans (d)
38. What is the highest peace time gallantry award in India
(a) Bharat ratna
(b) Param Vir Chakra
(c) Ashok Chakra
(d) Vir Chakra
Ans (c)
39. The highest science award in India
Ans ; S.S. Bhatnagar award
40.Phalke award is given to persons of which field
Ans : Film
41. Arjuna award is given for the excellence in
Ans : Sports
42. Who was the first Indian lady actress to receive the Padma Shri Award
Ans : Nargis Dutt
43. Dada Saheb Phalke award is for the contribution to
Ans : Cinema
44. Who was the first Ramon Magsaysay Award winner from India
Ans : Acharya Vinoba Bhave
45. The first woman to recipient of Bharat Ratna was
Ans : Indira Gandhi

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SYMBIOSIS ENTRANCE TEST GENERAL AWARENESS SOLVED PAPER

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SYMBIOSIS ENTRANCE TEST GENERAL AWARENESS

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1.Which is the first Indian bank to get approval to start normal banking operation in china?
(A) Indian Bank
(B) Punjab National Bank
(C) Corporation Bank
(D) State Bank of India
Ans (D)
2. Saint Gobain is a French-
(A) Glass maker
(B) Perfume
(C) Tourist spot
(D) Saint
Ans (A)
3. Mercedes sedans are assembled in which town of Maharashtra ?
(A) Nasik
(B) Baramatti
(C) Pimpri
(D) None of these
Ans (D) Correct answer is at Pune
4. The company whose chemical plant in Bhopal had a disastrous gas leak in 1984 was :
(A) Carbide Ltd
(B) Union Carbide
(C) Deepak Fertilizer
(D) Saurashtra Chemical
Ans (B)
Business Line is the name of the newspaper that belongs to the stable of :
(A) The Times of India
(B) The Hindu

(C) Hindustan Times
(D) The Indian Express
Ans (B)
6. 'Know Now' , this is the base line of a brand , 150 years old, that is in the business of providing information to its customers. Which company ?
(A) Reuters
(B) Dow Jones
(C) AFP
(D) None of these
Ans (A)
7. Which of the following companies has started a rural marketing network called "e-chaupal" ?
(A) ITC
(B) Dabur
(C) Hindustan Lever
(D) Procter & Gamble
Ans (A)
8. C.K.Prahalad ,praising their chain , described them as "a member of managerial and organizational simplicity." Whom did he refer to ?
(A) Maharashtra's sabji mandis
(B) Mumbai's Dabbawallahs
(C) Fast food joints of Mumbai
(D) None of the above
Ans (B)
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (WORLD)

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE FOR FORTHCOMMING EXAMINATION
01 The first Prime minister of Bangladesh was Mujibur Rehman
02 The longest river in the world is the Nile
03 The longest highway in the world is the Trans-Canada
04 The longest highway in the world has a length of About 8000 km
05 The highest mountain in the world is the Everest
06 The country that accounts for nearly one third of the total teak production of the world is Myanmar
07 The biggest desert in the world is the Sahara desert
08 The largest coffee growing country in the world is Brazil

09 The country also known as "country of Copper" is Zambia
10 The name given to the border which separates Pakistan and Afghanistan is Durand line
11 The river Volga flows out into the Capsian sea
12 The coldest place on the earth is Verkoyansk in Siberia
13 The country which ranks second in terms of land area is Canada
14 The largest Island in the Mediterranean sea is Sicily
15 The river Jordan flows out into the Dead sea
16 The biggest delta in the world is the Sunderbans
17 The capital city that stands on the river Danube is Belgrade
18 The Japanese call their country as Nippon
19 The length of the English channel is 564 kilometres
20 The world's oldest known city is Damascus
21 The city which is also known as the City of Canals is Venice
22 The country in which river Wangchu flows is Myanmar
23 The biggest island of the world is Greenland
24 The city which is the biggest centre for manufacture of automobiles in the world is Detroit, USA
25 The country which is the largest producer of manganese in the world is USA
26 The country which is the largest producer of rubber in the world is Malaysia
27 The country which is the largest producer of tin in the world is Malaysia
28 The river which carries maximum quantity of water into the sea is the Mississippi
29 The city which was once called the `Forbidden City' was Peking
30 The country called the Land of Rising Sun is Japan
31 Mount Everest was named after Sir George Everest
32 The volcano Vesuvius is located in Italy
33 The country known as the Sugar Bowl of the world is Cuba
34 The length of the Suez Canal is 162.5 kilometers
35 The lowest point on earth is The coastal area of Dead sea
36 The Gurkhas are the original inhabitants of Nepal
37 The largest ocean of the world is the Pacific ocean
38 The largest bell in the world is the Tsar Kolkol at Kremlin, Moscow
39 The biggest stadium in the world is the Strahov Stadium, Prague
40 The world's largest diamond producing country is South Africa
41 Australia was discovered by James Cook
42 The first Governor General of Pakistan is Mohammed Ali Jinnah
43 Dublin is situated at the mouth of river Liffey
44 The earlier name of New York city was New Amsterdam
45 The Eifel tower was built by Alexander Eiffel
46 The Red Cross was founded by Jean Henri Durant
47 The country which has the greatest population density is Monaco
48 The national flower of Britain is Rose
49 Niagara Falls was discovered by Louis Hennepin
50 The national flower of Italy is Lily
51 The national flower of China is Narcissus
52 The permanent secretariat of the SAARC is located at Kathmandu

53 The gateway to the Gulf of Iran is Strait of Hormuz
54 The first Industrial Revolution took place in England
55 World Environment Day is observed on 5th June
56 The first Republican President of America was Abraham Lincoln
57 The country famous for Samba dance is Brazil
58 The name of Alexander's horse was Beucephalus
59 Singapore was founded by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles
60 The famous British one-eyed Admiral was Nelson
61 The earlier name of Sri Lanka was Ceylon
62 The UNO was formed in the year 1945
63 UNO stands for United Nations Organization
64 The independence day of South Korea is celebrated on 15th August
65 `Last Judgement' was the first painting of an Italian painter named Michelangelo
66 Paradise Regained was written by John Milton
67 The first President of Egypt was Mohammed Nequib
68 The first man to reach North Pole was Rear Peary
69 The most famous painting of Pablo Picasso was Guermica
70 The primary producer of newsprint in the world is Canada
71 The first explorer to reach the South Pole was Cap. Ronald Amundson
72 The person who is called the father of modern Italy is G.Garibaldi
73 World literacy day is celebrated on 8th September
74 The founder of modern Germany is Bismarck
75 The country known as the land of the midnight sun is Norway
76 The place known as the Roof of the world is Tibet
77 The founder of the Chinese Republic was San Yat Sen
78 The first Pakistani to receive the Nobel Prize was Abdul Salam
79 The first woman Prime Minister of Britain was Margaret Thatcher
80 The first Secretary General of the UNO was Trygve Lie
81 The sculptor of the statue of Liberty was Frederick Auguste Bartholdi
82 The port of Banku is situated in Azerbaijan
83 John F Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harry Oswald
84 The largest river in France is Lore
85 The Queen of England who married her brother-in-law was Catherine of Aragon
86 The first negro to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was Ralph Johnson Bunche
87 The first British University to admit women for degree courses was London University
88 The principal export of Jamaica is Sugar
89 New York is popularly known as the city of Skyscrapers
90 Madagascar is popularly known as the Island of Cloves
91 The country known as the Land of White Elephant is Thailand
92 The country known as the Land of Morning Calm is Korea
93 The country known as the Land of Thunderbolts is Bhutan
94 The highest waterfalls in the world is the Salto Angel Falls(Venezuela)
95 The largest library in the world is the United States Library of Congress Washington DC

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BANK PO GENERAL AWARENESS

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Q:1 India has different categories of Commercial Banks . Which of the following is not one such category ?
(a) Private Banks (b) Commodities bank
(c) Nationalized Banks (d) none of these
Q:2 Which of the following departments of the Government of India is helping banks in disbursement of rural credit by the banks ?
(a) Railways (b) State road transport
(c) Posts & Telegraph (d) Ministry of health (e) None
Q:3 Which of the following types of banks are allowed to operate foreign currency account?
(A) Foreign Banks (B) Regional Rural Banks (C) Nationalised Banks

(a) Only A (b) Only B
(c) Only C (d) All A, B & C
Q:4 Maria Sharapova won the Women's Singles Australian Open Tennis Championship 2008 after defeating
(a) Ana Ivanovic (b) Sania Mirza
(c) Dinara Safina (d) Mathalie Dechy
Q:5 Shinzo Abe who on a visit to India in recent past is the ?
(a) Prime Minister of South Korea (b) Prime Minister of North Korea
(c) Prime Minister of Japan (d) President of South Korea
Q:6 Hem Dutta who was honouredwith the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhawana Award 2007 is a famous ?
(a) Author (b) Social activist
(c) Player (d) Film producer
Q:7 As per the recent agreement between India and one other country the Indian rupee can be easily swapped .
(a) Taka (b) Rial
(c) Kyat (d) Yen (e) Rubble
Q:8 India's foreign exchange reserves declined sharply in recent past . What was the main reason for the same ?
(a) Heavy demand of the same by foreign tourists
(b) Import of wheat from Pakistan & South Korea
(c) Appreciation of Rupee value
(d) none of these

Q:9 In the human body which of the following stores extra blood for release when shortage occurs
(a) Liver (b) Pancreas
(c) spleen (d) none
Q:10 Historical materialism is a tenet of which one of the following political theories ?
(a) Capitalism (b) Liberalism
(c) Fascism (d) Marxism
Q:11 Gautam Budha delivered his first sermon at which one of the following places ?
(a) Kushinagar (b) Sarnath
(c) Bodh Gaya (d) none of these
Q:12 Which one of the following was fought earliest ?
(a) Battle of Ambur (b) Battle of Buxar
(c) Battle of Plassey (d) none
Q:13 How is Asafa Powell well known as ?
(a) Swimmer (b) Football player
(c) Boxer (d) 100 m sprinter
Q:14 A bus moving at a speed of 24 m / s begins to slow at a rate of 3 m/s each second . How far does it go before stopping
(a) 96 m (b) 92 m
(c) 60 m (d) 48 m
Q:15 Which one of the following is correct ?
A negatively charged glass rod always
(a) less electrons than protons (b) less electrons than neutrons
(c) less protons than electrons (d) none
Q:16 Which one of the following is correct ?
The wave length of X – rays
(a) is longer than the wavelength of sound waves
(b) is longer than the wavelength of yellow sodium light
(c) is longer than the wavelength of radio waves
(d) is of the order of 0.1 nanometer
Q:17 Which one of the following is correct ?
Electrical lines of force
(a) exist everywhere
(b) exist in the immediate vicinity of positive charge
(c) exist in the immediate vicinity of negative charge
(d) are imaginary
Q:18 Which one of the following elements is a metalloid ?
(a) P (b) Al
(c) As (d) Po
Q:19 The range of the voltmeter can be increased by connecting ?
(a) High resistance in series (b) Low resistance in series
(c) High resistance in parallel (d) none
Q:20 The lamination of a transformer are made from ?
(a) Copper (b) Mild steel
(c) Nickel alloy steel (d) Zinc – copper alloy
Q-21 Pistons of the compressor used in refrigerator are made of ?

(a) Cast iron (b) Copper
(c) Gunmetal (d) Mid Steel
Q:22 Who was the first ruler of Delhi?
(a) Noorjahan (b) Razia Begum
(c) Mirabai (d) Samyukta
Q:23 When was Guru Nanak Dev born
(a) 1469 (b) 1369
(c) 1226 (d) 1556
Q:24 The Planet which is fastest from the Sun is
(a) Uranus (b) Saturn
(c) Jupiter (d) Neptune
Q-25 The Gateway of India is in
(a) Delhi (b) Mumbai
(c) Kolkata (d) Chenai

ANSWERS
1 (b) 2 (e) 3 (c) 4 (a) 5 (c) 6 (b) 7 (e) 8 (c) 9 (c)
10 (d) 11 (b) 12 (a) 13 (b) 14 (a) 15 (c) 16 (d) 17 (d)
18 (c) 19 (a) 20 (a) 21 (a) 22 (b) 23 (a) 24 (d) 25 (b)

Highest Mountain Peak : Mount Everest(8848m)

Highest Lake : Titicaca (Bolivia)

Highest Waterfall: Angel Falls(Venezuela)

Highest Continent : Antartica

Highest Airport : Lhasa Airport(Tibet)

Highest Plateau : Tibet

Highest Capital City La Paz(Bolivia)

Highest Active Volcano : Guayathiri(Chilli)

CUREENT AFFAIRS JULY 2008

Annual Statement on Monetary Policy for the Year 2008-09:

RBI Governor presented the First Quarter Review of Annual Statement on Monetary Policy for the Year 2008-09 on 29th July, 2008. The highlights of the policy are; Bank Rate kept unchanged, Reverse Repo Rate under LAF kept unchanged, Repo Rate increased by 50 basis points from 8.5 per cent to 9.00 per cent, Cash Reserve Ratio to be increased by 25 basis points to 9.0 per cent with effect from the fortnight beginning August 30, 2008. GDP growth projection for 2008-09 revised from the range of 8.0-8.5 per cent to around. While the policy actions would aim to bring down the current intolerable level of inflation to a tolerable level of below 5.0 per cent as soon as possible and around 3.0 per cent over the medium-term, at this juncture a realistic policy endeavour would be to bring down inflation from the current level of about 11.0-12.0 per cent to a level close to 7.0 per cent by March 31, 2009.

Dada Saheb Phalke Award for the year 2006:

Directorate of Film Festivals of India (DFFI) announced the name of Bengali Director Tapan Sinha for the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke Award for the year 2006. Shri Tapan Sinha aged 84 years received 19 National Film Awards so far. Recently he received “One Time Award for Life Time Achievement” on the occasion of 60 years of Independence.

Shri Ram Bharan Yadav is the first President of Nepal:

Indian origin Shri Ram Bharan Yadav has been elected as the first President of Nepal. He won 308 votes of 590 votes in parliament. His rival Ramaraj Prasad supported by Maoist Party has got 282 votes. Four members who are supporters of former King Gnanendra abstained from polling. Shri Ram Bharan Yadav is the leader of Nepali Congress and supported by CPN-UML and MPRF.

UPA Chairperson Mrs. Sonia Gandhi inaugurated the largest port in India:

Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of UPA, inaugurated the largest port in India at Krishna Patnam Village, in Potti Sri Ramulu Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh. The port will have the capacity of 125 million tons of goods after completion three phases of construction.

Ministry of defence proposes Kirti Chakra for Kabul embassy martyrs:

Ministry of defence has recommended Kirti Chakra, the second highest peace time gallantry award, for four victims of a suicide attack on the Indian embassy in Kabul on July 7. Brigadier R.D. Mehta, Indian Foreign Service Officer Mr. V.Venkateswara Rao, Indo Tibetan Border Police Personnel Mr. Roop Singh and Mr. Ajai Prathania are the names selected for the top honour. Shri V. Venkateswara Rao would be the first IFS

officer to be decorated with the honour of bravery. There have been instances when some civilians and Jammu and Kashmir Policemen have been honoured with the Chakra for exceptional courage. Foreign secretary Shiva Kumar Menon had described the deceased as “martyrs” whose contributions could not be ignored.

55th Film Fare Awards announced for the 2007:

“Parutthi Veeran” has been selected as the “Best Tamil Movie” and “Happy Days” as the “Best Telugu Movie”. The Best Tamil Movie “Parutthi Veran” has got six awards. Telugu Best Movie "Happy Days" has also got six awards. Mr. Sivakumar and Telugu actress Jaya Prada (M.P.) have been honored with life time achievement awards.

Miss Dayana Mendoza crowned as Miss Universe 2008:
Miss Dayana Mendoza of Venezula crowned as Miss Unverse by last year’s Miss Universe Rio Morry, at Convention Center - Diamond Bay NhaTrang City in Vietnam. 22 years of Miss Dayana Mendoza is selected among the 80 contestants from various countries. Miss Columbia Taliana Vargas was the first runner up followed by Miss Dominican Republic Marianne Cruz second runner up, Russia Vera Krasova third runner up and Miss Mexico Elisa Najera fourth runner up. Miss India Simron Kour disappointed the Indians. Miss Venezuela answered for a question, “Men always go to the straight point while women choose another way. Women should do like man do as some are not daring to express their thoughts for many reasons”.

UAA Dhirubhai Ambani award to Prof Robert H Grubs:

Nobel laureate Professor Robert H Grubbs was awarded the prestigious UAA Dhirubhai Ambani Lifetime Achievement Award by Reliance Industries Executive Director Nikhil R Meswani, at the University Institute of Chemical technology. Professor Grubbs is the Victor and Elizabeth Atkins professor of Chemistry at California Institute of Technology, USA. More

Booker Prize for Salman Rashdi’s “Midnights Children”:

Salman Rashdi’s writing “Midnights Children” was selected by SMS voters for prestigious “Best of the Booker” prize. 7801 readers participated in the voting. 36% voters voted for “Midnights Children”. Mr. Salman Rashdi had already won the Booker Prize in 1993.

Jampa Lahiri won the Franc Ocaner Prize:

Indian origin American Author Ms. Jampa Lahiri won the prestigious Franc Ocaner Prize for her writing “Un accustom Earth”. It is the highest prize for small stories. She will be awarded 27000 pounds (Rs.2.31 Lakhs). Her writing was unanimously elected for prize.

Left parties withdrawn support to UPA Government:

As the Prime Minister, Man Mohan Sing attended G8 Summit at Tokyo, Left parties withdrawn support to UPA Government. They oppose the nuclear agreement. Mr. Man Mohan has expressed to win the confidence of the Lok Saba. The Congress Party has only 153 members in Lok Sabha and his group UPA has 226 members. The required strength is 272. The UPA is consulting the small parties for their support.

Gulam Nabi Ajad, Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir resigned:

Mr. Gulam Nabi Azad handed over his resignation letter to the Governor at Raj Bhavan on 7th July, 2008 as he had no hopes winning the majority in assembly, consequently withdrawing the support by P.D.P. Mr. Narendra Nath Vohra, Governor of Jammu & Kashmir requested the chief minister to continue until the new C.M. is elected. As the no other party has sufficient majority in the assembly, president’s rule may be imposed in Jammu & Kashmir.

India failed to chase Asia Cup 2008:

Sri Lanka won the Asia Cup fourth time by lead of 100 runs on India. First batted Sri Lanka scored 273 in 49.5 over loosing all wickets. Sanat Jaya Scored 125 in 114 deliveries (9X4, 5X6). Later India failed to chase the target and scored 173 in 39.3 over loosing all wickets. Sehwag 60 and Dhoni 49 are the highest scores of India. Mr. Ajanta Mendis (8-1-13-16) shown the ever time performance in the history of Asia Cup.

Nadal clinches first Wimbledon title (2008):

Nadal bagged the first Wimbledon title with his victory 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-7 (8-10), 9-7 on Roger Federer(Switzerland). Nadal was the first man of Spain to win the Wimbledon title after 1966 and also he was the first man to win both French and Wimbledon titles in one calendar year. He checked the Federer from creating record of winning six Wimbledon Titles successively.
Vinus Williums wins Wimbledon (Women) Title 2008: Vinus Williams (U.S.A) bagged the Wimbledon (Women) Title 2008 by defeating her sister Serena (7-5, 6-4). Serena (U.S.A.) defeated Vinus Williams in the last year final. It is the fifth Wimbledon Title for Vinus Williams (28years). Ms. Martina Navrati lova (Check/America) was the winner of highest number of Wimbledon Titles (Women) (9). Helen wills Moodi was the winner of second highest number of Wimbledon Titles (8).

One Time Life Time Awards Announced by the Central Government of India:

To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of India's Independence, the Government of India has decided to confer the " One Time Award for Life Time Achievement " to four eminent film personalities - Dilip Kumar(Actor), Tapan Sinha(Director), Lata Mangeshkar(Singer) and Saroja Devi(Actress).
Three new earth like planets were discovered: European scientists discovered three earth like planets and they were named "Super Earth". They are 4.2, 6.7 and 9.4 times bigger than the earth.

Nepal former King Gyanendra quits Narayanahithi:

Former King of Nepal Shri Gyanendra vacated official Raj Bhavan Narayathi Hithi and shifted to Nagarjuna Palace. It was effect of the decision taken by the newly elected united government headed by Grija Prasad Koirala, Prime Minister of Nepal. The new government has ended the Nepal's 239-year-old monarchy.

Narendra Nath Vohra has been appointed as the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir:

Ex Secretary of Central Home Department and senior IAS officer Shri Narendra Nath Vohra has been appointed as the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir replacing Lt. Gen. (Retd.) S. K. Sinha, PVSM.
Rafael Nadal wins French Men's Title fourth time: Rafael Nadal crushed Roger Federer in French Open Men's Final on 9th May, 2008 by winning 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 on red clay court. It is the fourth time for Rafael Nadal to win French Men's Title. Unfortunately Roger Federer was the rival for third time (2006, 07 and 08). Rafael Nadal won it for the first time against Mariano Puerta in 2005.

Serbia's Ana Ivanovic bagged her first grand slam:

Serbia's Ana Ivanovic bagged her first grand slam by beating Russian 13th seed Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-3 in the French Open final on 7th June, 2008. The 20-year-old second seed became the first woman representing Serbia to win a major title.
Mr. Yadurappa elected as the Chief Minister of the first B.J.P. Government in south India : Mr. Yadurappa elected as the leader of the first B.J.P. Government in south India by winning 110 seats of total 224 seats in Karnataka Legislative Assembly. He is supported by six Independent members to show the majority. Mr. Yadurappa sworn in as chief minister of Karnata at 1.50 p.m. on 30th May, 2008.

New Scheme "Yashoda" launched:

With the inspiration of Yashoda in Mahabharata who cared and brought up lord Krishna, the Central Government with the help of Norway (Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI)) has launched “Yashoda Scheme” at Sambalpur for the first time in country. NIPI wouldl contribute Rs.1.5 core for Orissa for implementation of the scheme. The Scheme was launched in the country after the success of 'Janani Surakshya Yojana with an objective to bring a change in the post natal care. NIPI Director and former union Health Secretary P K Hota informed about the scheme. Under the schemes the "Yoshodas" would be recruited to look after the "Bal Krishnas" on a monthly honorium of Rs 3000. Yashodas" would stay in hospitals for 48 hours and take care of the new born children. The 'Yashodas' would also look after the mothers of the new born children. Jharsuguda and Angul will be covered under the scheme very shortly.

Prithvi Successfully launched :

On 24th May, 2008 India successfully launched : Prithvi Successfully launched: On 24th May, 2008 India successfully launched Prithvi Missile Chandipur Integrated Test Range in Orissa. It can chase the targets in range of 150 to 250 kilometers by carrying payloads of one ton. Prithvi was developed with sole technology of D.R.D.O. Liquid fuel is used in Prithvi and also can be used with solid fuels. It can be easily transported by vehicles to the borders.

CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR FORTHCOMMING EXAM

1. UNESCO’ recognizes Kalka-Shimla Railway as world heritage site .

2. Miss Venezuela Dayana Mendoza crowned Miss Universe 2008.

3.NREGA workers in rural poor category are to be included under Janashree Bima Yojana

4. Nalanda, one of the world's oldest universities, is being revived by the Bihar government. Ancient Nalanda's pre-eminence in Buddhist studies has got the governments of Japan, China and Singapore interested in the project. Nalanda University was an ancient seat of Buddhist learning, set up around 450 AD. It was one of the world's first residential universities, accommodating 10,000 students and 2000 teachers in its heyday. It was destroyed in 1193 by invaders led by Bakhtiar Khilji.

5. The Union Cabinet has allowed steel tycoon L.N. Mittal to acquire a 49 per cent stake in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation's (HPCL's) nine million tonne Guru Gobind Singh

refinery in Bathinda, Punjab. The project also involves a 1000 km pipeline from the Mundra port in Gujarat to Bathinda and a crude oil terminal at Mundra.

6. Cherrapunjee, the old colonial name by which this quaint Meghalaya town attained international fame as the place with the highest recorded rainfall, will now be known as Sohra.

7. The Red Fort, Delhi's defining monument and a symbol of India's sovereign nationhood, is now a world heritage site. Humayun's Tomb and the Qutub Minar complex are two Delhi sites that made it to the list in 1993. There are 24 other UNESCO World Heritage sites in India, among them being the Taj, The Ajanta, Ellora and Elephanta caves, the Kaziranga, Keoladeo and Sundarban National Parks, the Darjeeling mountain railway, and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus.

8. The new seven wonders of the World: Taj Mahal (1630 A.D.) Agra, India; Pyramid At Chichen Itza, Mexico; Machu Picchu (1460-1470), Peru; Christ Redeemer (1931), Brazil; Great Wall of China; Petra (9 B.C.-40 A.D.), Jordan.

9. Vice President of India, Shri Mohd. Hamid Ansari on 04 July, 2008 released a book I Believe: A Philosophy for the Global Society¡¦ written by Dr. Karan Singh

10. On June 22, 2007, Indian-American astronaut Sunita Williams back to earth after a record I95-day stay in space. She surpassed the 188-day four-hour mark set by US astronaut Shannon Lucid in 1996.

11. National Film Awards, 2005:Best feature Film: Kaalpurush (Bengali), directed by Buddhadeb Dasgupta. Best Director: Rahul Dholakia, Parzania (English). Best Actor: Amitabh Bachchan, Black.Best Actress: Sarika, Parzania.Best Playback singer (Male): Naresh Iyer, Roo ba roo, (Rang De Basanti). Best Playback singer (Female) Shreya Ghoshal, Apne aansoo peene ke liye, (Paheli).Best Music Direction: Lalgudi Jayaraman, Sringaram. Best Popular Film: Rang De Basanti (Hindi).

12. Filmmaker Shyam Benegal has won the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke award for 2005.

13. Everybody Loves a Good Drought is written by renowned journalist P. Sainath, winner of the 2007 Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize, in the category for Journalism, Literature and Communication.

14. The Union government has cleared a gigantic Rs 10,000 crore project with Israel to develop an advanced medium-range surface-to-air (MR-SAM) missile system capable of detecting and destroying hostile aircraft, missiles and spy drones at a range of 70 km.

15. Gen Deepak Kapoor is the Army Chief of India.

16. Phoenix is a robotic spacecraft on a space exploration mission to Mars. The scientists will use instruments aboard the Phoenix lander to search for environments suitable for microbial life on Mars, and to research the history of water there.Phoenix landed on Mars in May 2008.

17. An Automated Transfer Vehicle or ATV is an unmanned re-supply spacecraft developed by the European Space Agency (ESA). ATVs are designed to supply the International Space Station with propellant, water, air, payload and experiments.

18. Ashoka Chakra, 2007 award, the country's highest peacetime award, has beenposthumously awarded to Col Vasanth Venugopal of 9 Maratha Light Infantry, Capt Harshan R. of 2 Para (Special Forces) and Naib Subedar Chunni Lal of 8 Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry.

19. Ace shooter Manavjit Singh Sandhu is the recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award, 2006, India's highest sporting honour.

20. Guru Nanak Dev University has won Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy, 2005-06—the highest award for excellence in university sports.

21. The 15th century Maitreya Temple in Ladakh has won the Award of Excellence at the 2007 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage awards. Mumbai University's 132—year old grand Cowasjee Jehangir Convocation Hall has been conferred an Award of Distinction.

22. Scientists have for the first time found uranium in "exceptionally high concentration" in Ladakh, the icy Himalayan region in J&K that has strategic significance for India.

23. Wing Commanders Rahul Monga and Anil Kumar of Indian Air Force covered in 80 days record time a distance of 40,497 km over 19 countries—from the lofty Rockies in the western North America to the frozen waters of the North Atlantic, with dense forests and arid deserts thrown in between. They beat the world record of 99 days set by Colin Bodil of UK in 2001.

24. The ambitious Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project would include six mega investment regions of 200 square kilometres each and will run through Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The investment regions are: Dadri-Noida-Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh; ManesarBawal in Haryana, Khushkhera-Bhiwadi-Neemra in Rajasthan, Pitampura-Dhar-Mhow in Madhya Pradesh, Bharuch-Dahej in Gujarat and Igatpuri-Nashik-Sinnar in Maharashtra.

25. The first individual genome ever sequenced—a complete DNA blueprint of celebrity scientist Craig Venter—has revealed genetic variation among humans far richer than previously magined. The 2.8 billion contiguous bits of genetic code will also hasten advances in preventative medicine.

26. On September 2, 2007, India successfully placed into orbit its latest communication satellite, INSAT-4CR, using the GSLV-F04 rocket.

27. Central Bank of India has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Shield for excellent implementation of official language policy of government of India for in 2005-06.

28. The Tale of Genjt : The Sacred Tree is the second of the six volumes of the first novel written in human history—and by a woman.

29. Two of India's big money minting sites—Vapi in Gujarat and Sukinda in Orissa—are among the world's top 10 most polluted areas, according to a report prepared by a US environmental group. The top ten in the list are: Sumgayit, Azerbaijan; Linfen, China; Tianying, China; Sukinda, India; Vapi, India; La Oroya, Peru; Dzerzhinsk, Russia; Norilsk, Russia; Chernobyl, Ukraine; and Kabwe, Zambia.

30. Russia has tested the world's most powerful non-nuclear bomb—an air delivered thermobaric bomb to use the technical jargon. The Russian designers dubbed it as the "father of all bombs" because it is four times more powerful than the US-built Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb (MOAB), which is also known as the "mother of all bombs".

31. Twenty five years ago, Carnegie Mellon University 'professor Scott E. Fahiman was the first to use three keystrokes— a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis—as a horizontal "smiley face" in a computer message.

32. Burj Dubai is the world's tallest building since July 2007, and has also become the tallest free standing structure on earth, reaching 1,822 feet. Still under construction, the Burj Dubai has surpassed Canada's Toronto-based CN Tower, which at 1822 feet had been the world's tallest free standing structure since 1976. In July 2007, the Dubai Tower as it is known in English, moved past Taiwan's 1667 foot Taipei 101, the highest skyscraper in the world since 2004.

33. Tamll Nadu will, as of now, is the only State to have two Ultra-Mega Power Projects (UMPP) of 4,000 megawatts capacity each. Cheyur district in Tamil Nadu has been identified as place for setting up of the first project. The Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu is likely to be chosen for the second UMPP in the State. Sasan in Madhya Pradesh and Mundra in Rajasthan are two of the ten UMPPs that have already been awarded to the winning bidders.

34. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is developing an India-specific navigation system in the lines of the Global Positioning System (GPS). The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), comprising seven satellites, will be ready in 2011-12. At present, the Global Positioning System (GPS) is controlled by the US defence department. Russia is also in the process of restoring its own navigation system of 24 satellites, Glossnass, by 2009. Besides, Europe is building a satellite navigation system, Galileo, which would be ready in 2012-13.

35. UK is the first country in the world to allow human-animal embryos for research. The embryos or 'cybrids' as they are known, are banned elsewhere, including in the US, Australia and Canada. The cybrids will be more than 90% human and less than 1% animal.

36. Japan launched its first lunar probe on September 14, 2007. The probe is nicknamed Kaguya after a fairy tale princess.

37. Nobel Prize for Peace, 2007, has been won by IPCC, UN climate panel, headed by Indian environmental warrior Rajendra Kumar Pachauri, and former Vice-President of USA and climate campaigner Al Gore.

38. Anne Enright'sThe Gathering has won the Booker Prize, 2007. She became only the second Irish woman to win the Booker in its 38 years.

39. The Golden Notebook was the breakthrough novel written by Doris Lessing, winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize for literature. Published in 1962, the book tracked the story of Anna Wulf, a woman who wanted to live freely and was in some ways Lessing's alter ego. Lessing inspired a generation of feminists with this novel.

40. On October 24, 2007, China launched its first moon orbiter, Chang'e one, named after a mythical Chinese goddess who flew to the moon.Chang'e 1's goal was to analyze the chemical and mineral composition of the lunar surface.

41. Carbon trading is part of the larger emission trading, which is a method worked out to control pollution by using economic incentives.

42. Participatory Notes (PNs) are instruments used by foreign funds not registered in India, for
trading in the domestic market. They are a derivative instrument issued against an underlying security that permits the holder to get a share in the income from the underlying security.

43. The first two Hawks, the Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) aircraft, landed at the Bidar Air force station in Karnataka in November 2007, paving the way for the gradual replacement of the MiG 21s. Of the 66 Hawks to be inducted into the IAF, 24 are being built and supplied by BAE systems, while Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bangalore, will manufacture the remaining 42 aircraft in India.

44. On December 6, 2007, India unleashed a new "interceptor" missile to "kill" an incoming "hostile" missile over the Bay of Bengal. During the test, a Prithvi missile, modified to "mimic" a hostile ballistic missile with a 300-1,000 km range, was first fired from the Balasore interim test range in Orissa. The incoming missile was then tracked by Long-Range Tracking Radars (LRTRs) developed with Israeli help and is a part of the automated command and control network. LRTRs in turn conveyed the "threat" to the

"endo" (taking the "enemy" missile at an 15-20 km altitude above the earth) missile battery in far away Wheeler Island. Finally, the interceptor missile blasted off to eventually destroy the "enemy" missile in fireworks over the Bay of Bengal.

45. Indian Railways has signed an agreement with NTPC for setting up a 1,000 mw power plant in Nabinagar (Bihar) with a total investment of about Rs 4,000 crore. The project will be implemented by a joint venture company-Bharatiya Rail Bijlee. The project will primarily be a captive power plant for the Railways.

46. Tata Motors and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have teamed-up to launch a vehicle that will run on hydrogen, leaving behind only water vapour as exhaust. While Indian Space Research Organisation will handle the technological aspects, like storage and handling of fuels, Tata will manufacture the cars.

47. The One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) project, a brainchild of MIT professor Nicholas Negroponte, is in talks with several State governments to provide these laptops, which cost around $180 or Rs 7,160 in schools. The OLPC Foundation, along with Reliance Communications
(RCom), did a pilot project with a school in Khairat village in Raigadh, Maharashtra in the month of October 2007.

48. Indians have joined an exclusive league of scientists—from the US, Russia and Europe—who have the capability to design and build cryogenic engines which are critical for hoisting communication satellites as well as manned missions to space.

49. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) will now combat possible chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear casualties and pandemics in the country. Eight battalions, each consisting of 1158 personnel on deputation for five years from CRPF, ITBP, BSF and CISF have been trained to counter any emergency, be it a poisonous gas leak or damage due to radiation, in any
part of the country. While one battalion each has already been put in position at Guwahati, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Anakonam (Chennai), Pune, Baroda and Chandigarh, the eighth battalion will be stationed at Greater Noida.

50. The breath-taking Akshardham Temple in Delhi has earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the 'World's Largest Comprehensive Hindu Temple'.

51. President appointed New Governors in the follwing States of India in the month of July 2008 is as following :

Assam - Shiv Charan Mathur

Sikkim - Balmimiki Prasad Singh

Meghalaya - .R.S.Mushahari

Manipur - Gurbachan Singh Jagat

Himachal Pradesh - Prabha Rau

Maharashtra- S.C.Jamir

Goa- S.S.Sidhu

Kerala - R.S.Gavai

Bihar- R.L.Bhatia

52. 34th G-8 summit concluded between 7-9 July ,2008 at Toyako (Japan).

53. Tendulkar honoured with best Asian ODI batsman award by ACC

CURRENT AFFAIRS 2008 QUESTIONS

1.WHO IS THE WINNER OF MEN'S SINGLE TITLE OF WIMBLEDON OPEN TENNIS 2008 ?
ANS- RAFAEL NADAL
2. WHO IS THE WINNER OF ASIA CUP CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2008 ?
ANS- SRI LANKA
3. WHO IS THE PRESENT GOVERNOR OF Goa ?
ANS- SHIVINDER SINGH SIDHU
4. WHO IS THE INDIAN HOCKEY COACH ?
ANS- JOKIM KARVALO
5. WHICH FILM HAS BAGGED THE BEST FILM AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2006 IN 54TH NATIONAL FILM AWARD ?
ANS- PULIJANMAM
6. WHO IS THE WINNERof BEST ACTOR AWARD IN THE 54TH NATIONAL FILM AWARD ?

ANS- SOUMITRA CHATTERJEE(PODOKKHEP)
7. WHO IS THE CHIEF OF INDIAN AIR FORCE ?
ANS- FALI HOMI MAJOR
8. WHO IS THE MISS UNIVERSE INDIA 2008 ?
ANS- SIMARAN KAUR MUNDI
9. WHO IS THE MISS INDIA WORLD 2008 ?
ANS- PARVATHY OMNAKUTTAN

10. VENUE OF 15TH SAARC SUMMIT 2008?
ANS- COLOMBO (SRI LANKA)
11. WHO GOT DADA SAHEB PHALKE RATNA AWARD 2008?
ANS- B.R.CHOPRA
12. WHO IS THE WINNER OF WORLD CUP CRICKET 2007 ?
ANS- AUSTRALIA
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ANS- SRI LANKA
14. WHO IS THE WINNER OF WIMBLEDON OPEN 2008 WOMENS SINGLE TITLE ?
ANS- VENUS WILLIAMS
15. WHO COMPLETED 16000 RUNS IN ODI RECENTLY ?
ANS- SACHIN TENDULKAR
16. THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CENSUS WAS CONDUCTED IN -
ANS - 2005
17. WHO IS THE PRIME MINISTER OF RUSSIA ?
ANS- VLADIMIR PUTIN
18. WHO IS THE PRESENT GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA ?
ANS- S.C.JAMIR
19. ACCORDING TO THE GLOBAL PEACE INDEX RELEASED IN MAY 2008 , THE MOST PEACEFUL COUNTRY ON THE EARTH IS -
ANS - ICELAND
20. THE COUNTRY WHICH ANNOUNCED TO HAVE ITS OWN VERSION OF STAR WARS IN 2008 IS -
ANS - JAPAN
21. WOMEN RESERVATION BILL IS ALSO KNOWN AS -
ANS - 108TH (CONSTITUTION) AMENDMENT BILL
22. WORLD BANK HAS MADE A FORECAST FOR INDIA'S GDP GROWTH FOR 2008 TO BE - ANS - 7.0 %
23. WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY IS OBSERVED ON -
ANS - MAY 17
24. UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD SUMMIT WAS HELD ON JUNE 3-5,2008 IN -
ANS - ROME
25. IN WHICH CITY, THE MAXIMUM FOREIGN COMPANIES ARE REGISTERED ?
ANS - NEW DELHI

1. WHO IS THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF CII ?

ANS- K.V.KAMATH

2. WHAT IS THE FULLFORM OF "BRIC" ?
ANS- BRAZIL,RUSSIA ,INDIA,CHINA
3. WHICH FILM HAS BAGGED THE BEST MOVIE AWARDS IN IIFA AWARDS WHICH WAS HELD IN BANGKOK ?
ANS- CHAK DE INDIA (YASH CHOPRA)
4. WHO IS THE WINNER OF FRENCH OPEN 2008 MEN'S TITLE ?
ANS- RAFAEL NADAL
5. WHO IS THE WINNER OF DLF IPL CRICKET TOUNAMENT 2008 ?
ANS- RAJASTHAN ROYALS
6. NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN?
ANS- JUSTICE RAJENDRA BABU
7. WHO IS THE INDIAN HOCKEY COACH ?
ANS- JOKIM KARVALO
8. WHICH FILM HAS BAGGED THE BEST FILM OF GOLDEN PALM AWARD IN CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2008 ?
ANS- ENTRE LES MURS (THE CLASS)
9. WHO IS THE winner of IIFA Best Actor award 2008 ?
ANS- SHAHRUKH KHAN (CHAK DE INDIA)
10.WHO IS THE CHIEF OF INDIAN AIR FORCE ?
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ANS- VLADIMIR PUTIN
21.WHO IS THE WORLD BANK PRESIDENT ?
ANS- ROBERT ZOELLICK
22.INDIA HAS SUCCESSFULLY TEST FIRED AGNI III IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2008. WHICH TYPE OF MISSILE BELONGS TO AGNI III -
ANS - SURFACE TO SURFACE INTERMEDIATE RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE

Top 10 Countries by Literacy

Rank /Country /Literacy (%)
1 Finland 100
2 Georgia 100
3 Greenland 100
4 Luxembourg 100
5 Latvia 99.8
6 Estonia 99.8
7 Barbados 99.7
8 Poland 99.7
9 Samoa 99.7
10 Lithuania 99.6

Top 10 Countries by HIV/AIDS - deaths

Rank/Country/HIV/AIDS - deaths
1 South Africa 370,000
2 Nigeria 310,000
3 India 310,000
4 Zimbabwe 170,000
5 Tanzania 160,000
6 Kenya 150,000
7 Ethiopia 120,000
8 Mozambique 110,000
9 Congo, Democratic Republic of the 100,000 10 Zambia 89,000

Top 10 Countries by HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS

Rank /Country/ HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS
1 South Africa 5,300,000
2 India 5,100,000
3 Nigeria 3,600,000
4 Zimbabwe 1,800,000
5 Tanzania 1,600,000
6 Ethiopia 1,500,000
7 Mozambique 1,300,000
8 Kenya 1,200,000
9 Congo, Democratic Republic of the 1,100,000
10 United States 950,000

Rank Country Infant mortality rate (deaths/1,000 live births)
1 Angola 184.44
2 Sierra Leone 158.27
3 Afghanis an 157.43
4 Liberia 149.73
5 Niger 116.83
6 Somalia 113.08
7 Mozambique 109.93
8 Mali 105.65
9 Guinea-Bissau 103.5
10 Chad 102.07

Top 10 Countries by Population

Rank Country Population
1 China 1,321,851,888
2 India 1,129,866,154

3 United States 301,139,947
4 Indonesia 234,693,997
5 Brazil 190,010,647
6 Pakistan 164,741,924
7 Bangladesh 150,448,339
8 Russia 141,377,752
9 Nigeria 135,031,164
10 Japan 127,433,494

Current General Knowledge

1.Who is the present Governor of Reserve Bank of India ?

(a) Bimal Jalan

(b) Sriprakash Jaiswal

(c) D. Subbarao

(d) Y.V.Reddy

Ans: (c)

2. As per the recent study conducted by the US Census Bureau and Boston Consulting Group, by the year ……., the world will face deficit of around 56 million skilled manpower but India would be the only country with a surplus of manpower.

(a) 2020

(b) 2011

(c) 2019

(d) 2015

Ans: (a)

3. As per the recent study conducted by the US Census Bureau and Boston Consulting Group, by the year 2020, the world will face deficit of around 56 million skilled manpower but India would be the only country with a surplus of …….. youth.

(a) 47 million

(b) 57 million

(c) 45 million

(d) 37 million

Ans: (a)

4. Which of the following is the Union minister of state for labour and employment

(a) Oscar Fernandes

(b) Antony

(c) George Fernandes

(d) Shivraj Patil

Ans: (a)

5. The new policy is ready and will be placed before the Union Cabinet for approval soon. The new policy aims at empowering all individuals through improved skills, knowledge and internationally recognised qualifications to enable them access to decent employment and to promote inclusive national growth. Name the new policy ?

(a) National Skill Development Policy

(b) National Development Policy

(c) Indian Skill Development Policy

(d) None of these

Ans: (a)

6. Recently, MOSTLY MEN, were crushed to death and several others injured in a stampede caused by a rush of devotees in the ……. temple in the 15th century Mehrangarh Fort on a hillock on the first day of Navaratri festival.

(a) Chamunda Devi

(b) Naina Devi

(c) Nanda Devi

(d) None of these

Ans: (a)

7. Jagdish Khattar, former Maruti MD, announced his foray into the organised multi-brand car sales and service business with an investment of Rs 1,000 crore over the next five years. The new company, …… is backed by Rs 80-crore investment from Wipro chairman Azim Premji's PremjiInvest and Rs 28 crore from IFCI Venture Capital Funds.

(a) Carnation Auto India Ltd

(b) Carnation Automobile Ltd

(c) Carnation India Ltd

(d) None of these

Ans: (a)

8. What is the full form of "NPPA"

(a) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

(b) National Product Pricing Authority

(c) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Agency

(d) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Administration

Ans: (a)

9. DRUG price regulator ……. has slashed prices of three bulk drugs, including salbutamol sulphate used for the treatment of bronchial asthma.

(a) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

(b) National Product Pricing Authority

(c) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Agency

(d) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Administration

Ans: (a)

10. Which of the following is used for treatment of malaria ?

(a) sulphamethoxazole

(b) salbutamol sulphate

(c) potassium penicillin V

(d) benzathine penicillin G

Ans: (a)

11. Recently, Mr Fernandes released a Blue Book on ITIs ……. and Skill Gap Studies in the key sectors of construction, retail, health, automotive and finance at the CII Global Summit on Skills Development.

(a) Getting Started, Unleashing Skilled India: Transforming ITIs together

(b) India: Transforming ITIs together

(c) Unleashing Skilled India: Transforming ITIs together

(d) None of these

Ans: (a)

12. Which of the following is the MD of SBI Life Insurance

(a) Uday Shankar Roy

(b) Sriprakash Jaiswal

(c) Shivshankar Menon

(d) JM Panchal

Ans: (a)

13. According to the recent ET-Brand Finance India's Top 50 Most Valuable (Company) Brands 2008 study, …….. emerged as the most valuable financial services brand value at Rs 16,595 crore.

(a) State Bank of India

(b) Allahabad Bank

(c) Union Bank of India

(d) United Bank of India

Ans: (a)

14. HOURS after issuing an advisory to which of the following states asking them to contain the anti-Christian violence, the Centre recently dashed off a separate and far sterner advisory describing the communal developments there as a ‘breach of the Constitution and law of the country’ and directing the state to ‘urgently’ take necessary steps to restore peace and normalcy.

(a) Karnataka and Orissa

(b) Jharkhand and Orissa

(c) Karnataka and Jharkhand

(d) West Bengal and Maharashtra

Ans: (a)

15. Who is the foreign secretary of India.

(a) Uday Shankar Roy

(b) Sriprakash Jaiswal

(c) Shivshankar Menon

(d) JM Panchal

Ans: (c)

16. Who is the US secretary of state

(a) Condoleezza Rice

(b) Sriprakash Jaiswal

(c) Shivshankar Menon

(d) JM Panchal

Ans: (a)

17. What is the full form of “NHRC”

(a) National Human Rights Commission

(b) National Human Role Commission

(c) National Home Rule Commission

(d) National Human Rights Consideration

Ans: (a)

18. EXPRESSING concern over the National Human Rights Commission's (NHRC) report over the atrocities committed by the counter-Naxalite Salwa Judum movement in ……., the Supreme Court recently asked the state government to come up with its stand on the remedial measures.

(a) Chhattisgarh

(b) West Bengal

(c) Madhya Pradesh

(d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans: (a)

19. ……. will start mobile operations in the North East recently. It will initiate its Rs 200-crore rollout in a phased manner, starting with Assam.

(a) Tata Teleservices

(b) Reliance Communication

(c) BSNL

(d) MTNL

Ans: (a)

20. Which of the following telecom operator has around 3 million subscribers in the East and enjoys around 10% market share ?

(a) Tata Teleservices

(b) Reliance Communication

(c) BSNL

(d) MTNL

Ans: (a)

21. In the Kolkata circle, Tata Teleservices enjoys …… market share of subscribers.

(a) 15.5%

(b) 16%

(c) 10%

(d) 10.5%

Ans; (a)

22. Name the America's fourth-largest i-bank which filed for bankruptcy recently.

(a) Lehman Brothers

(b) World Bank

(c) Bank of America

(d) None of these

Ans: (a)

23. Who is the CHIEF minister of West Bengal ?

(a) Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee

(b) Jyoti Basu

(c) Mamata Banerjee

(d) Somen Mitra

Ans: (a)

24. Recently, the CHIEF minister of West Bengal exercised the provisions of "Rule 25(4)(b) in Para III of Rules of Business of the Government" to direct that the licence of …….. under the West Bengal Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1972 be renewed immediately.

(a) Metro Cash & Carry India Pvt Ltd

(b) Cash & Carry India Pvt Ltd

(c) Big Bazaar

(d) Kolkata Bazaar

Ans: (a)

25. Who is the principal issuing authority of licence under Rule 6 (1) of the West Bengal Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Rules, 1982 to Metro Cash & Carry India Pvt Ltd?

(a) the secretary, South 24-Parganas Regulated Market Committee

(b) the president, South 24-Parganas Regulated Market Committee

(c) the chairman, South 24-Parganas Regulated Market Committee

(d) None of these

Ans: (a)

26. As per the recent study conducted by the US Census Bureau and Boston Consulting Group, which of the following country will be the only country to have surplus skill power?

(a) India

(b) China

(c) USA

(d) Germany

Ans: (a)

Current Events in science and technology

A high-resolution image was made of a key protein influenza uses to hijack a host cell into making copies of itself. This may lead to new drugs to combat future influenza pandemics.

Researchers at Princeton University have developed a way to self correct nanostructures after fabrication. Self-perfection by liquefaction (SPEL) takes advantage of liquid behavior to achieve roughness improvement from 8.4 nm to less than 1.5 nm, which better than the 3 nm "red-zone limit" outlined by the International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors.

Microsoft has given up its attempt to buy Yahoo with ongoing differences on price and several other requirements. Yahoo stocks are expected to fall significantly while Microsoft should go higher.

May 3, 2008

Space Shuttle Discovery rolled out to the launch-pad in preparation of STS-124 to install the Japanese Experiment Module (Kibo), becoming the largest module for the International Space Station.

May 1, 2008

Researchers create a new generation of nanomotors that are far more powerful than existing motors; opening new possibilities for nanomachines as transport and delivery systems.

April 30, 2008

HP Labs announces the creation of the memristor, at times described as the fourth basic electronic element. The memristor was first predicted in 1971 by Leon Chua. The discovery may have a tremendous impact on computing and electronics, joining the other basic electronic elements the resistor, capacitor, and inductor.

April 29, 2008

Rockstar North releases Grand Theft Auto IV which is anticipated to be the fastest selling and most acclaimed video game of all time.

Yale School of Medicine researchers may have found how metastasis occurs. Apparently it happens when a cancer cell fuses with a white blood cell.

Nine countries launch the International Cancer Genome Consortium to collaborate on producing genomic data on 50 types of cancer, then make the data publicly available to help scientists develop new treatments.

April 25, 2008

Some synthetic food dyes blamed for hyperactivity in children have been found to reduce the risk of cancer.

April 24, 2008

University of Michigan researchers have created an easily manufactured superlens that focuses light 10 times more sharply than a conventional lens; surpassing the diffraction limit. This could lead to smaller features on computer chips and higher capacity optical media, and may impact wireless power transfer.

April 21, 2008

Windows XP SP3: Service Pack 3 is available to manufactures and will be released for consumers on April 29,2008

Using the right nutrients bacteria can be temporarily awoken from stasis and more effectively killed with antibiotics. Providing potentially more effective treatment of persistent diseases such as tuberculosis and urinary tract infections.

April 18, 2008
For the first time holographic storage technology will be commercially available shortly. The 300GB discs are slightly thicker than DVD's and will last for 50 years.
April 17, 2008
Eastern and southeast Asia is identified as the source of the annual flu epidemic by Cambridge University by analyzing 13,000 viral samples from 2002 to 2007. It appears in one of eight countries 6 to 9 months before anywhere else.
April 16, 2008
Recreating undulating skin, similar to dolphins, could reduce aircraft and submarine drag by 50%.
Scientists at Copenhagen University found that vitamins and antioxidant supplements did not make people live longer, and in some cases reduced their lifespan. (BBC)
April 15, 2008
Drug-treated blood stem cells which were made resemble immature heart cells were used in the rodent model to improve their damaged hearts. Using photoacoustic tomography (PAT) scientists can pinpoint the part of the brain involved in epileptic seizures.

A Florida Atlantic University anthropologist has synthesized the voice of Neanderthals using new reconstructions of vocal tracts. Seagate Technology sues small solid-state drive competitor STEC, Inc. alleging infringement of patents. If it wins the case it would set a precedent forcing other manufactures to pay Seagate royalties.
April 14, 2008
IBM demonstrates high-k/metal gate technology for the 32-nanometer process which increases chip speed by up to 30 percent and reduces power consumption by up to 50 percent compared to 45-nanometer chips.
April 13, 2008
Kanzius RF therapy is coming closer to human trials for cancer treatment. It uses gold or carbon nanoparticles which will attach to cancer cells, then nontoxic radio waves are used to heat up and kill cancer cells while leaving healthy cells unaffected.

April 12, 2008
An easy method of making transparent graphene has been developed by Rutgers University. As graphene can move electrons tens of times faster than silicon it can be faster and use less power. April 11, 2008
Cyberwalk: A virtual-reality-based omnidirectional treadmill has been developed that will allow unrestrained walking in all directions.

Carbon nanotubes have been made semitransparent, flexible and in multiple colors, which could impact flat panel displays and solar cells.

April 10, 2008
IBM has demonstrated racetrack memory for the first time. As a 3D component using spin-coherent electric current it has the promise to be fast, low energy, high density memory that could remove the need for RAM and replace harddrives.

April 9, 2008
Michael Chertoff calls for IT security professionals to undertake a massive project to protect the United States from a catastrophic cyber attack, which could damage the country as badly as the September 11, 2001 attacks.

April 8, 2008
The first frog with no lungs is discovered in Kalimantan, Indonesia. It acquires all its oxygen through the skin and is the third example of lung loss. Researchers believe this occurred because of the fast moving cold water favored negative buoyancy and a flat body.
U.S. researchers found proteins from alligator white blood cells killed antibiotic resistant MRSA and six out of eight different strains of the fungus Candida albicans.
The Scripps Research Institute create a chip that permits a classroom demonstration of evolution; where a ligase becomes 90 times more efficient after just 70 hours of evolution.
Researchers in Canada report they have developed a special filter to remove prions from blood donations, which would remove the concern of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (human version of mad cow disease).
Soyuz TMA-12: Yi So-yeon has become the first South Korean astronaut.

April 7, 2008

Protein synthesis is directly observed for the first time.

TOP TWENTY (20) WORLD'S BILLIONAIRES (FORBES)

1.Warren Buffett
2. Carlos Slim Helu
3. William Gates III
4. Lakshmi Mittal
5. Mukesh Ambani
6. Anil Ambani
7. Ingvar Kamprad
8. KP Singh
9. Oleg Deripaska
10. Karl Albrecht

11. Li Ka-shing
12. Sheldon Adelson
13. Bernard Arnault
14. Lawrence Ellison
15. Roman Abramovich
16. Theo Albrecht
17. Liliane Bettencourt
18. Alexei Mordashov
19. Prince Alwaleed
20. Mikhail Fridman

TOP TEN ASIA'S BILLIONAIRES 2008

TOP TEN ASIA'S BILLIONAIRES (FORBES)

Rank	Name	Citizenship	Age	Net Worth ($bil)	Residence
5	Mukesh Ambani	India	50	43.0	India
6	Anil Ambani	India	48	42.0	India
8	KP Singh	India	76	30.0	India
11	Li Ka-shing	Hong Kong	79	26.5	Hong Kong
23	Raymond, Thomas	Hong Kong	NA	19.9	Hong Kong
29	Lee Shau Kee	Hong Kong	80	19.0	Hong Kong
43	Shashi & Ravi Ruia	India	NA	15.0	India
60	Azim Premji	India	62	12.7	India
64	Sunil Mittal & family	India	50	11.8	India
76	Kumar Birla	India	40	10.2	India

CURRENT EVENTS WORLD FEBRUARY 2008

Dozens Die in Suicide Bombing (Feb. 1): Nearly 100 people die when two women suicide bombers attack crowded pet markets in eastern Baghdad.

Serbian President Is Reelected (Feb. 3): Incumbent Boris Tadic, a pro-Western leader who favors joining the European Union and closer ties with the U.S., defeats Tomislav Nikolic, of the hardline nationalist Radical Party, in the second round of presidential elections. Tadic takes 50.5% of the vote to Nikolic's 47.7%.

Israel Hit By First Suicide Bomb in Over a Year (Feb. 4): The militant group Hamas claims responsibility for the attack that kills one person in Dimona. A second attacker is shot and killed by police.

U.S. Director of National Intelligence Warns of Al Qaeda Threat (Feb. 5): Mike McConnell tells the Senate Intelligence Committee that al-Qaeda has improved its recruiting and training techniques and has produced a new group of Western operatives that could carry out an attack in the U.S.

Inquiry Concludes Bhutto Died of a Head Injury (Feb. 7): Scotland Yard investigators report that former Pakistani prime minister Benazir Bhutto died of an injury to her skull. They say she hit her head when the force of a suicide bomb tossed her. Bhutto's supporters, however, insist she died of a bullet wound.

Bomb Kills Top Hezbollah Leader (Feb. 12): A top Hezbollah military commander, Imad Mugniyah, who is thought to be behind a series of bombings and kidnappings in the 1980s and 1990s, is killed in a car bombing in Damascus, Syria. Mugniyah was one of America's most wanted men with a price tag of $25 million on his head. Hezbollah accuses Israel for arranging his death.

Iraqi Parliament Passes Breakthrough Legislation (Feb. 13): Three measures are approved in one package by Parliament. The package includes a law that outlines provincial powers and an election timetable, a 2008 budget, and an amnesty law that will affect thousands of mostly Sunni Arab prisoners. Passage of the measures is considered a major step toward national reconciliation. (Feb. 26): A divided Iraqi Presidency Council vetoes the package.

Panamanian Investigators Release Report on Mass Poisoning (Feb. 14): The Panamanian government reports a precise death toll for the 2006 poisoning for the first time. Investigators conclude that at least 174 people were poisoned resulting in 115 deaths. The death toll may be higher, however, since many cases in remote areas of the country were probably not reported.

Kosovo Declares Independence (Feb. 17): Three months after negotiations between the European Union, Russia, and Washington on the future of Kosovo end in stalemate, Kosovo's prime minister Hashim Thaci declares independence from Serbia. Serbian prime minister Vojislav Kostunica says he would never recognize the "false state." International reaction is mixed, with the United States, France, Germany, and Britain indicating that they planned to recognize Kosovo as the world's 195th country. Serbia and Russia, however, call the move a violation of international law. (Feb. 18): The United States and several other nations, including Britain, Germany, and France, recognize Kosovo as a sovereign and independent state.

Dozens Die in Suicide Bombing in Afghanistan (Feb. 17): About 80 people are killed and nearly 100 injured when a suicide bomber attacks at a crowded dogfight near Kandahar. A local police chief Abdul Hakim Jan is among the dead. It is the worst suicide attack since 2001.

Castro Resigns as President of Cuba (Feb. 19): Fidel Castro, who temporarily handed power to his brother Raúl in July 2006 when he fell ill, permanently steps down after 49 years in power. (Feb. 24): Raúl Castro succeeds his brother, Fidel, as president of Cuba.

He says that there will be few changes made in governing and that he will consistently consult Fidel when making decisions.

Musharraf Suffers Resounding Defeat in Elections (Feb. 18): President Pervez Musharraf's party, the Pakistan Muslim League-Q, which has been in power for five years, loses most of its seats in Parliamentary elections. The opposition Pakistan People's Party, which was led by former prime minister Benazir Bhutto until her assassination in December 2007 and is now headed by her widow, Asif Ali Zardari, wins 80 of the 242 contested seats. The Pakistan Muslim League-N, led by another former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, takes 66 seats. Musharraf party's wins 40. His defeat is considered a protest of his attempts to rein in militants, his coziness with President Bush, and his dismissal of Supreme Court Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry. (Feb. 21): The Pakistan People's Party and the Pakistan Muslim League-N say they will form a coalition government and exclude Musharraf and members of his government.

Dozens of Shiite Pilgrims in Iraq Are Killed in Suicide Attack (Feb. 24): At least 52 people, who were headed to the shrine of Imam Hussein in Karbala to celebrate Arbaeen, are killed in the attack at a rest stop. (Feb. 25): In the second day of attacks against Shiite pilgrims, at least four people are killed by suicide bombers.

Fighting in Gaza Intensifies (Feb. 27): An Israeli airstrike into Gaza kills five members of Hamas, which then launched rockets into southern Israel, killing a civilian. Back-and-forth strikes continue throughout the day.

Kenyan Government and Opposition Reach Power-Sharing Deal (Feb. 28): Agreement, hashed out over protracted negotiations between President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga, creates a prime minister position, which will be filled by Odinga. In addition, cabinet positions will be divided between the two rivals.

1. The nodal agency of Government of India for Administrative reforms is—

(A) Ministry of Personnel

(B) Home Ministry

(C) Cabinet Secretariat

(D) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

2. At present, how many states have Legislative Councils ?

(A) 7

(B) 6

(C) 5

(D) 4

3. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited came into existence on—

(A) January 1, 1998

(B) October 1, 2000

(C) August 15, 2002

(D) September 15, 2003

4. The Internet Subscribers in India till March 2007 were—

(A) 10 million

(B) 9·5 million

(C) 9·2 million

(D) 8·5 million

5. Coal—the main source of energy in the country accounts……of the country's commercial requirement.

(A) 70%

(B) 80%

(C) 65%

(D) 67%

6. Who said—"There is no future in any job, the future lies in the man who holds the job ?"

(A) George Orwell

(B) Thomas Fuller

(C) Jawahar Lal Nehru

(D) G. W. Crane

7. The difference between the beginning of Vikram Era and that of Saka Era (calendars) is—

(A) 60 years

(B) 80 years

(C) 58 years

(D) 90 years

8. Which of the following was famous for naval power in ancient India ?

(A) Satvahan

(B) Chola

(C) Chalukyas

(D) Maurya

9. Comptroller and Auditor General and Attorney General have been mentioned respectively in—

(A) Article 180 and 78

(B) Article 182 and Article 76

(C) Article 148 and Article 76

(D) None of the above

10. Army War College is situated at—

(A) Gurgaon

(B) Pune

(C) Jabalpore

(D) Mhow

11. Aeroflot (Airways) belongs to—

(A) Australia

(B) Hong Kong

(C) Russia

(D) Poland

12. The first Indian to join the Indian Civil Service was—

(A) B. N. Bannerjee

(B) Satyendra Nath Tagore

(C) Badruddin Tayyabji

(D) None of these

13. The sobriquet–'Little Corporal' is associated with—

(A) Napolean

(B) Lal Bahadur Shastri

(C) Gladstone

(D) C. F. Andrews

14. Russia's highest military decoration is known as—

(A) Military Cross

(B) Medal for Valour

(C) Victory Medal

(D) Order of the Patriotic War

15. When was National Authority, Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) set up ?

(A) May 5, 1997

(B) August 20, 1998

(C) September 15, 2000

(D) January 9, 2002

16. Aqua regia is a mixture of—

(A) One part HNO_3 and three parts HCl

(B) Three parts HNO_3 and one part HCl

(C) One part H_2SO_4 and three parts HCl

(D) Three parts H_2SO_4 and one part HCl

17. A. C. is used in homes because—

(A) It is safe

(B) It is easily reproducible

(C) It is cheap

(D) It is economical in transmission

18. The Tattvabodhini Sabha was founded by—

(A) H. V. Derozio

(B) Rammohan Roy

(C) Debendranath Thakur

(D) Swami Vivekananda

19. The Chief Election Commissioner is—

(A) Elected by the Parliament

(B) Appointed by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

(C) Appointed by the President

(D) Nominated by the Prime Minister

20. Which dance is in the form of dance drama in Kerala and is usually performed in the open and lasts the whole night ?

(A) Mohiniattam

(B) Kathakali

(C) Ottam Thullal

(D) Kuchipudi

21. Author of the novel ‘Madame Bovary’ is—

(A) Emil Zola

(B) Flaubert

(C) Kafka

(D) Victor Hugo

22. The Chief Justice of High Court is appointed by—

(A) The Governor of the State

(B) The President of India

(C) The Chief Ministers of the States

(D) The Chief Justice of Supreme Court

23. The birthplace of which of the following English writers in Mumbai will be converted into a museum dedicated to him ?

(A) Rudyard Kipling

(B) Robert Browning

(C) Jim Corbett

(D) William Blake

24. Kuchipudi is a dance from—

(A) Kerala

(B) Tamil Nadu

(C) Karnataka

(D) Andhra Pradesh

25. The new Comptroller and Auditor General of India is—

(A) V. N. Kaul

(B) V. K. Joshi

(C) D. K. Sikri

(D) V. Rai

Answers

1. (D)

2. (C) Only in Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, there are two houses known as Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.

3. (B)

4. (B) Based on reports received from Internet Service Providers till March 2007 there are approximately 9·2 million Internet Subscribers in India.

5. (D)

6. (D)

7. (B)

8. (B)

9. (C)

10. (D)

11. (C)

12. (B)

13. (A)

14. (D)

15. (A) The NA, CWC (National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention was set up on May 5, 2007 by a resolution of Cabinet Secretariat to fulfil obligations of the International Chemical Weapons Convention concluded on January 14, 1993 for prohibiting development, stockpiling, use, transfer and execution of chemical weapons by member states.

16. (A)

17. (D)

18. (C)

19. (C)

20. (B)

21. (B)

22. (A)

23. (A)

24. (D)

25. (D)

List of Gandhi Peace Prize Recipients

Gandhi Peace Prize Recipients
No /Year / Name / Recipient /Description
1. 1995 Julius Nyerere 1st President of Tanzania
2. 1996 A. T. Ariyaratne Founder of Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement
3. 1997 Gerhard Fischer
4. 1998 Ramakrishna Mission Founded by Swami Vivekananda
5. 1999 Baba Amte Social Worker
6. 2000 Nelson Mandela (co-recipient) Former President of South Africa
7. 2000 Grameen Bank (co-recipient) Founded by Mohammad Yunus
8. 2001 John Hume Northern Irish Politician
9. 2002 Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
10. 2003 Václav Havel
11. 2004 Coretta Scott King Widow of Martin Luther King
12. 2007 Desmond Tutu

List of Dadasaheb Phalke Award Winners

Dadasaheb Phalke Award Winners
Year / Winner / Occupation / State
1969 Devika Rani actress Andhra Pradesh
1970 B. N. Sircar producer West Bengal
1971 Prithviraj Kapoor actor (posthumous) Punjab
1972 Pankaj Mullick composer (music director) West Bengal
1973 Ruby Myers (Sulochana) actress Maharashtra
1974 Bomireddi Narasimha Reddy Director Andhra Pradesh
1975 Dhirendranath Ganguly actor, director West Bengal
1976 Kanan Devi actress West Bengal
1977 Nitin Bose cinematographer, director, writer, West Bengal, Maharashtra
1978 Rai Chand Boral composer, director West Bengal
1979 Sohrab Modi actor, director, producer Maharashtra
1980 Paidi Jairaj actor, director Andhra Pradesh
1981 Naushad Ali composer (music director) Uttar Pradesh
1982 L. V. Prasad actor, director, producer Andhra Pradesh
1983 Durga Khote actress Maharashtra

1984 Satyajit Ray director West Bengal
1985 V. Shantaram actor, director, producer Maharastra
1986 B. Nagi Reddy producer Andhra Pradesh
1987 Raj Kapoor actor, director Punjab
1988 Ashok Kumar actor West Bengal, Maharashtra
1989 Lata Mangeshkar singer Maharashtra
1990 A. Nageswara Rao actor Andhra Pradesh
1991 Bhalji Pendharkar director, producer, writer Maharashtra
1992 Bhupen Hazarika composer (music director) Assam
1993 Majrooh Sultanpuri lyricist
1994 Dilip Kumar actor Peshawar, Pakistan
1995 Dr. Rajkumar actor Karnataka
1996 Sivaji Ganesan actor Tamil Nadu
1997 Pradeep lyricist
1998 B.R. Chopra director, producer Punjab
1999 Hrishikesh Mukherjee director West Bengal, Maharashtra
2000 Asha Bhosle singer Maharashtra
2001 Yash Chopra director, producer Punjab
2002 Dev Anand actor, director, producer Punjab
2003 Mrinal Sen director West Bengal
2004 Adoor Gopalakrishnan director Kerala
2005 Shyam Benegal director Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka
2006 not anounced
2007 Ravi Tandon director

List of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees
S.No./ Year /Name of the Sportsperson(s)/ Sport Discipline
01 1991-92 Viswanathan Anand Chess
02 1992-93 Geet Sethi Billiards
03 1993-94 Not Conferred* -
04 1994-95 Cdr. Homi D. Motivala and Lt. Cdr. P. K. Garg Yachting (Team Event)
05 1995-96 Karnam Malleswari Weightlifting
06 1996-97 Leander Paes and Nameirakpam Kunjarani (Joint) Tennis and Weightlifting respectively
07 1997-98 Sachin Tendulkar Cricket
08 1998-99 Jyotirmoyee Sikdar Athletics
09 1999-2000 Dhanraj Pillay Hockey
10 2000-01 Pullela Gopichand Badminton

11 2001-02 Abhinav Bindra Shooting
12 2002-03 Anjali Ved Pathak Bhagwat and K. M. Beenamol (Joint) Shooting and Athletics respectively
13 2003-04 Anju Bobby George Athletics
14 2004-05 Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore Shooting
15 2005-06 Pankaj Advani Billiards & Snooker
16 2006-07 Manavjit Singh Sandhu Shooting

Important Days

January 9 NRI Day
January 10 World Laughter Day
January 12 National Youth Day
January 15 Army Day
January 26 India's Republic Day, International Customs Day
January 30 Martyrs' Day; World Leprosy Eradication Day
2nd Sunday of February World Marriage Day
February 24 Central Excise Day
February 28 National Science Day
Second Monday March Commonwealth Day
March 8 International Women's Day; Intl. literacy Day
March 15 World Disabled Day; World Consumer Rights Day
March 18 Ordnance Factories Day (India)
March 21 World Forestry Day; International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 22 World Day for Water
March 23 World Meteorological Day
March 24 World TB Day
April 5 International Day for Mine Awareness; National Maritime Day
April 7 World Health Day
April 17 World Haemophilia Day
April 18 World Heritage Day
April 21 Secretaries' Day
April 22 Earth Day
April 23 World Book and Copyright Day
May 1 Workers' Day (International Labour Day)
May 3 Press Freedom Day; World Asthma Day
May 2nd Sunday Mother's Day
May 4 Coal Miners' Day
May 8 World Red Cross Day
May 9 World Thalassaemia Day
May 11 National Technology Day
May 12 World Hypertension Day; International Nurses Day
May 15 International Day of the Family
May 17 World Telecommunication Day

May 24 Commonwealth Day
May 31 Anti-tobacco Day
June 4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 5 World Environment Day
June 3rd Sunday Father's Day
June 14 World Blood Donor Day
June 26 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
July 1 Doctor's Day
July 6 World Zoonoses Day
July 11 World Population Day
August 3 Internatioal Friendship Day
August 6 Hiroshima Day
August 8 World Senior Citizen's Day
August 9 Quit India Day, Nagasaki Day
August 15 Indian Independence Day
August 18 IntI. Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
August 19 Photography Day
August 29 National Sports Day
September 2 Coconut Day
September 5 Teachers' Day; Sanskrit Day
September 8 World Literacy Day (UNESCO)
September 15 Engineers' Day
September 16 World Ozone Day
September 21 Alzheimer's Day; Day for Peace & Non-violence (UN)
September 22 Rose Day (Welfare of cancer patients)
September 26 Day of the Deaf
September 27 World Tourism Day
October 1 International Day for the Elderly
October 2 Gandhi Jayanthi
October 3 World Habitat Day
October 4 World Animal Welfare Day
October 8 Indian Air Force Day
October 9 World Post Office Day
October 10 National Post Day
October 2nd Thursday World Sight Day
October 13 UN International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
October 14 World Standards Day
October 15 World White Cane Day (guiding the blind)
October 16 World Food Day
October 24 UN Day; World Development Information Day
October 30 World Thrift Day
November 9 Legal Services Day
November 14 Children's Day; Diabetes Day
November 17 National Epilepsy Day
November 20 Africa Industrialisation Day
November 29 International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People

December 1 World AIDS Day
December 3 World Day of the Handicapped
December 4 Indian Navy Day
December 7 Indian Armed Forces Flag Day
December 10 Human Rights Day; IntI. Children's Day of Broadcasting
December 18 Minorities Rights Day (India)
December 23 Kisan Divas (Farmer's Day) (India