### S.S.C. Combined Graduate Level (Pre.) Exam 2008

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General Awareness** **: Solved Question Paper**  
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1. Which of the following is **not** considered as National Debt ?  
(A) National Savings Certificates  
(B) Long-term [Government](javascript:void(0);) [Bonds](javascript:void(0);)  
(C) Insurance Policies  
(D) [Provident](javascript:void(0);) [Fund](javascript:void(0);)  
Ans : (C)  
2. The main determinant of real wage is—  
(A) Extra earning  
(B) Nature of work  
(C) Promotion prospect  
(D) Purchasing power of money  
Ans : (D)  
3. The birthrate measures the number of births during a year per—  
(A) 100 population  
(B) 1000 population  
(C) 10000 population  
(D) 100000 population  
Ans : (B)  
4. Which of the following is **not** included in the National [Income](javascript:void(0);) ?  
(A) Imputed rent of owneroccupied houses  
(B) Government expenditure on making new bridges  
(C) Winning a lottery  
(D) Commission paid to an agent for sale of house  
Ans : (C)  
5. Personal [disposable income](javascript:void(0);) is—  
(A) Always equal to personal income  
(B) Always more than personal income  
(C) Equal to personal income minus indirect [taxes](javascript:void(0);)  
(D) Equal to personal income minus direct taxes  
Ans : (D)  
6. Who prepared the first estimate of National Income for the country ?  
(A) Central Statistical Organisation  
(B) National Income Committee  
(C) Dadabhai Naoroji  
(D) National Sample Survey Organisation  
Ans : (C)  
7. A Bill referred to a ‘Joint Sitting’ of the two Houses of the Parliament is required to be passed by—  
(A) A simple majority of the members present  
(B) Absolute majority of the total membership  
(C) 2/3rd majority of the members present  
(D) 3/4th majority of the members present  
Ans : (A)  
8. [Who is](javascript:void(0);) the constitutional head of the Government of [India](javascript:void(0);) ?  
(A) President  
(B) [Prime Minister](javascript:void(0);)  
(C) Chief Justice of India  
(D) Attorney General  
Ans : (A)  
9. Who certifies a Bill to be a Money Bill in India ?  
(A) [Finance Minister](javascript:void(0);)  
(B) President  
(C) Speaker of the Lok Sabha  
(D) Prime Minister  
Ans : (C)  
10. By which Amendment were ‘Fundamental Duties’ added to the Constitution ?  
(A) 40th Amendment  
(B) 42nd Amendment  
(C) 44th Amendment  
(D) 45th Amendment  
Ans : (B)  
11. The Vice-President of India is elected by—  
(A) The members of the Parliament  
(B) The members of the Rajya Sabha  
(C) The elected members of the Parliament  
(D) The members of the Parliament and State Legislatures  
Ans : (A)  
12. When was the comprehensive reorganisation of Indian States completed in accordance with the recommendations of States Reorganisation Commission ?  
(A) 1953  
(B) 1956  
(C) 1960  
(D) 1966  
Ans : (B)  
13. When Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, who said, “None will believe that a man like this in body and soul ever walked on this earth” ?  
(A) Bertrand Russell  
(B) [Leo](javascript:void(0);) Tolstoy  
(C) Albert Einstein  
(D) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan  
Ans : (C)  
14. Who built the ‘[Tower](javascript:void(0);) of Victory’ (Vijay Stambha) in the Chittor Fort ?  
(A) Rana Sanga  
(B) Rana Ratan Singh  
(C) Rana Hamir Deva  
(D) Rana Kumbha  
Ans : (D)  
15. In violation of the Salt Laws, Gandhiji started a movement called—  
(A) Non-Cooperation Movement  
(B) Swadeshi Movement  
(C) Civil Disobedience Movement  
(D) None of the above  
Ans : (C)  
16. In which of the following wars, were the French completely defeated by the English ?  
(A) [Battle](javascript:void(0);) of Wandiwash  
(B) Battle of Buxar  
(C) Battle of Plassey  
(D) Battle of Adyar  
Ans : (A)  
17. The [Cabinet](javascript:void(0);) Mission came to India in—  
(A) 1943  
(B) 1944  
(C) 1945  
(D) 1946  
Ans : (D)  
18. The first to come and the last to leave India were—  
(A) The Portuguese  
(B) The French  
(C) The English  
(D) The Dutch  
Ans : (A)  
19. IR 20 and Ratna are two important varieties of—  
(A) Wheat  
(B) Bajra  
(C) Jowar  
(D) Paddy  
Ans : (D)  
20. The Trans-Siberian [Railway](javascript:void(0);) (9438 km) connects…………..… in the West to ………..… in the East.  
(A) Moscow, Tashkent  
(B) St. Petersburg, Omsk  
(C) Moscow, Irkutsk  
(D) St. Petersburg, Vladivostok  
Ans : (D)  
21. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Academy is located at—  
(A) Secunderabad  
(B) Rae Bareilly  
(C) Jodhpur  
(D) [Delhi](javascript:void(0);)  
Ans : (B)  
22. Which one of the following rivers of Peninsular India does not join Arabian Sea ?  
(A) Periyar  
(B) Cauvery  
(C) Narmada  
(D) Tapti  
Ans : (B)  
23. Which one of the following correctly describes AGNI ?  
(A) A fighter [plane](javascript:void(0);)  
(B) A versatile tank  
(C) A long-range missile  
(D) A long-range gun  
Ans : (C)  
24. Instrument used for measuring area on maps is called—  
(A) Planimeter  
(B) Eidograph  
(C) Pantograph  
(D) Opisometer  
Ans : (A)  
25. If the [blood](javascript:void(0);) group of one parent is AB and that of the other O, the possible blood group of their child would be—  
(A) A or B  
(B) A or B or O  
(C) A or AB or O  
(D) A or B or AB or O  
Ans : (A)  
26. How many bones are there in the human body ?  
(A) 187  
(B) 287  
(C) 206  
(D) 306  
Ans : (C)  
27. Dinosaurs were—  
(A) Mammals that became extinct  
(B) Large herbivorous creatures which gave rise to hippopotamus species  
(C) Egg-laying mammals  
(D) Reptiles that became extinct  
Ans : (D)  
28. Sweat glands in mammals are primarily concerned with—  
(A) Removal of excess salts  
(B) Excretion of nitrogenous wastes  
(C) Thermoregulation  
(D) Sex-attraction  
Ans : (C)  
29. The vitamin that helps to prevent [infections](javascript:void(0);) in the human body is—  
(A) [Vitamin A](javascript:void(0);)  
(B) Vitamin B  
(C) [Vitamin C](javascript:void(0);)  
(D) [Vitamin D](javascript:void(0);)  
Ans : (A)  
30. The normal RBC count in adult male is—  
(A) 5•5 million  
(B) 5•0 million  
(C) 4•5 million  
(D) 4•0 million  
Ans : (B)  
31. A storm is predicted if atmospheric pressure—  
(A) Rises suddenly  
(B) Rises gradually  
(C) Falls suddenly  
(D) Falls gradually  
Ans : (C)  
32. The gas which turns into liquid at the lowest [temperature](javascript:void(0);) among the following is—  
(A) Hydrogen  
(B) Oxygen  
(C) Helium  
(D) Nitrogen  
Ans : (A)  
33. An egg sinks in soft water but floats in a concentrated solution of salt because—  
(A) Egg absorbs salt from the solution and expands  
(B) Albumin dissolves in salt solution and egg becomes lighter  
(C) The density of salt solution exceeds the density of eggs  
(D) Water has high surface tension  
Ans : (C)  
34. What should a person on a freely rotating turn table do to decrease his (angular) speed ?  
(A) Bring his hands together  
(B) Raise his hands up  
(C) Spread his hands outwards  
(D) Sit down with raised hands  
Ans : (C)  
35. Gunpowder consists of a mixture of—  
(A) [Sand](javascript:void(0);) and TNT  
(B) TNT and charcoal  
(C) Nitre, [sulphur](javascript:void(0);) and charcoal  
(D) Sulphur, sand and charcoal  
Ans : (C)  
36. Which of the following is the sweetest [sugar](javascript:void(0);) ?  
(A) Sucrose  
(B) [Glucose](javascript:void(0);)  
(C) [Fructose](javascript:void(0);)  
(D) Maltose  
Ans : (C)  
37. In nuclear reactors, graphite is used as a/an—  
(A) Fuel  
(B) Lubricant  
(C) Moderator  
(D) Insulator  
Ans : (C)  
38. Which of the following celestial bodies contains abundant quantities of helium-3, a potential source of energy ?  
(A) Earth  
(B) Moon  
(C) Venus  
(D) Saturn  
Ans : (D)  
39. Which of the following International Tennis Tournaments is held on grass court ?  
(A) US Open  
(B) French Open  
(C) Wimbledon  
(D) Australian Open  
Ans : (C)  
40. What is the name of the writer of Indian origin whose novel, The Inheritance of Loss has bagged Man Booker Prize ?  
(A) Vikram Seth  
(B) Kiran Desai  
(C) Salman Rushdie  
(D) V. S. Naipaul  
Ans : (B)  
41. Which country from the following is a permanent member of the UN Security Council ?  
(A) Switzerland  
(B) People’s Republic of China  
(C) Japan  
(D) Ukraine  
Ans : (B)  
42. The Loktak Lake on which a hydroelectric project was constructed is situated in the State of—  
(A) Madhya Pradesh  
(B) Manipur  
(C) Meghalaya  
(D) Himachal Pradesh  
Ans : (B)  
43. What is the motto [incorporated](javascript:void(0);) under our National Emblem ?  
(A) Satyam Shivam  
(B) Satyam Shivam Sundaram  
(C) Satyameva Jayate  
(D) Jai Hind  
Ans : (C)  
44. The H5N1 virus which causes bird flu was first discovered in—  
(A) 1991  
(B) 1995  
(C) 1997  
(D) 2001  
Ans : (C)  
45. The Southern tip of India is—  
(A) Cape Comorin (Kanyakumari)  
(B) Point Calimere  
(C) Indira Point in Nicobar Islands  
(D) Kovalam in Thiruvananthapuram  
Ans : (A)  
46. According to a resolution adopted by the [United Nations](javascript:void(0);) General Assembly, ‘International Day of Peace’ is observed every year on—  
(A) September 1  
(B) September 14  
(C) September 21  
(D) September 30  
Ans : (C)  
47. Where was the last Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) [Summit](javascript:void(0);) held ?  
(A) Sydney  
(B) [Auckland](javascript:void(0);)  
(C) New York  
(D) [Beijing](javascript:void(0);)  
Ans : (A)  
48. According to the UN Convention on the rights of children, which of the following is **not** a right ?  
(A) Safe [drinking](javascript:void(0);) water  
(B) Adequate standard of living  
(C) Education  
(D) Marriage  
Ans : (D)  
49. Who is the author of Ageless Body, Timeless Mind ?  
(A) V. S. Naipaul  
(B) [Deepak Chopra](javascript:void(0);)  
(C) Dom Moraes  
(D) Tony Kusher  
Ans : (B)  
50. Which cricketer holds the record for scoring highest number of runs in a [test match](javascript:void(0);) innings ?  
(A) Gary Sobers  
(B) Vivian Richards  
(C) Sunil Gavaskar  
(D) Brian [Lara](javascript:void(0);)  
Ans : (D)