

1. Which Indian filmstars was recently conferred Honorary Doctorate by Bedfordshire University, (U.K.) ?

- (A) Amitabh Bachhan
- (B) Shah Rukh Khan
- (C) Om Puri
- (D) Amir Khan

**Ans : (B)**

2. Williams Sisters won the U.S. Open Women's Doubles Title 2009 after defeating in the final—

- (A) Leizal Herber and Cara Blank
- (B) Kim Clijsters and Anna Kournikova
- (C) Coroline Wozniacki and Dinara Safina
- (D) Nathalie Deshy and Sania Mirza

**Ans : (A)**

3. Which one of the following is a military alliance ?

- (A) ASEAN
- (B) SAARC
- (C) NATO
- (D) NAFTA

**Ans : (C)**

4. The recipient of the 42nd Jnan Peeth Award is—

- (A) Manohar Shastri
- (B) Harish Pandya
- (C) Satya Vrat Shastri
- (D) K. Kamal Kumar

**Ans : (C)**

5. World Development Report is an annual publication of—

- (A) UNICEF
- (B) UNDP
- (C) WTO
- (D) World Bank

**Ans : (D)**

6. Which one of the following is correct ?

Player — Sport

- (A) Jeev Milkha Singh —Tennis
- (B) Jhulan Goswami —Cricket
- (C) Baichung Bhutia —Hockey
- (D) Pankaj Advani —Badminton

**Ans : (B)**

7. Which one of the following industrialists was declared 'The Business Person of the year 2008' by the Times of India Survey ?

- (A) Anil Ambani

- (B) Rahul Bajaj
- (C) Ratan Tata
- (D) Gautam Adani

**Ans : (C)**

8. Naina Devi peak forms a part of—

- (A) Himalayan range located in Sikkim
- (B) Himalayan range located in Kumaon region
- (C) Himalayan range located in Nepal
- (D) Himalayan range located in Jammu & Kashmir

**Ans : (B)**

9. The aim of the ISRO's OCEANS AT-2 satellite is—

- (A) To provide ocean scientists knowledge about mineral resources under the sea
- (B) To aid fishermen in identifying fishing zones
- (C) To aid weathermen to forecast cyclones and weather conditions
- (D) All the above

**Ans : (D)**

10. Who amongst the following is not the recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award ?

- (A) Vijendra Singh
- (B) Sushil Kumar
- (C) M. C. Marykom
- (D) Abhinav Bindra

**Ans : (D)**

11. Nilgiri, Himgiri and 'Beas' are—

- (A) Aircraft Carrier ships
- (B) Frigates
- (C) Nuclear submarines
- (D) Oil tankers of ONGC

**Ans : (B)**

12. The age of a tree can be calculated by—

- (A) Number of branches
- (B) Its height
- (C) Girth of its trunk
- (D) Number of its annual rings

**Ans : (D)**

13. Which one of the statements below explains the external economies of scale ?

- (A) Starting a computer firm in a Techno Park to avail the expertise
- (B) Expanding firms employing specialist accountants, lawyers and managers
- (C) A manufacturer spreading the research and development cost over the output
- (D) A major supermarket gaining bulk discounts on direct purchase

**Ans : (C)**

14. Which one of the following types of unemployment is common in Indian agriculture ?

- (A) Frictional

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- (B) Structural
- (C) Disguised
- (D) Seasonal

**Ans : (D)**

15. A rolling plan refers to a plan which—

- (A) Does not change its targets every year
- (B) Changes its allocations every year
- (C) Changes its allocations and targets every year
- (D) Changes only its targets every year

**Ans : (C)**

16. An instrument of qualitative credit control in India is—

- (A) Open market operations
- (B) Credit rationing
- (C) Change in reserve ratio
- (D) Bank rate policy

**Ans : (B)**

17. Laissez-faire is a feature of—

- (A) Socialism
- (B) Communism
- (C) Capitalism
- (D) Mixed Economy

**Ans : (C)**

18. Which one of the following is not a source of the tax revenue in Indian States ?

- (A) Land Revenue
- (B) Motor Vehicle Tax
- (C) Entertainment Tax
- (D) Corporate Tax

**Ans : (D)**

19. CSO has changed its base year for National Income estimation. The new base year is—

- (A) 1990-91
- (B) 1993-94
- (C) 1994-95
- (D) 1995-96

**Ans : (B)**

20. Which is the biggest enterprise of the Government of India ?

- (A) Postal and Telegraph
- (B) Railways
- (C) Banking
- (D) Shipping

**Ans : (B)**

21. In which type of competition does Marginal Revenue Curve coincide with Average Revenue Curve ?

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- (A) Monopoly
- (B) Imperfect Competition
- (C) Perfect Competition
- (D) Monopolistic Competition

**Ans : (C)**

22. According to J. A. Schumpeter, entrepreneurs are entitled to enjoy the profit for their..... activities.

- (A) Innovative
- (B) Risk taking
- (C) Risk averting
- (D) Hard work

**Ans : (A)**

23. Demonstration effect means—

- (A) Effect of advertisement
- (B) Imitating effect of consumption
- (C) Effect of entertainment
- (D) Effect of an experiment

**Ans : (B)**

24. Homogeneous product is a feature of—

- (A) Imperfect market
- (B) Monopoly
- (C) Oligopoly
- (D) Perfect market

**Ans : (D)**

25. Which part of the Indian Constitution declares the Ideals of Welfare State ?

- (A) Fundamental Rights
- (B) Fundamental Duties
- (C) Preamble
- (D) Directive Principles of State Policy

**Ans : (D)**

26. Who said, "Parliamentary System provides a daily as well as a periodic assessment of the Government" ?

- (A) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- (B) Shri B. N. Rao
- (C) Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru
- (D) Dr. Rajendra Prasad

**Ans : (A)**

27. The legal advisor to the State Government is known as—

- (A) Advocate-General
- (B) Attorney-General
- (C) Solicitor-General
- (D) State Public Prosecutor

**Ans : (A)**

28. The maximum duration of Zero Hour in Lok Sabha is—

- (A) 30 minutes
- (B) One hour
- (C) Two hours
- (D) Unspecified

**Ans : (B)**

29. Which agency acts as co-ordinator between Union Government, Planning Commission and State Governments ?

- (A) National Integration Council
- (B) Finance Commission
- (C) National Development Council
- (D) Inter-State Council

**Ans : (C)**

30. When will demand become a grant ?

- (A) When a demand is proposed
- (B) After the discussion on demand is over
- (C) After the demand is granted
- (D) When the Budget Session is closed

**Ans : (C)**

31. What makes the Judiciary the guardian of the Constitution ?

- (A) Independence
- (B) Service Conditions
- (C) Salary
- (D) Judicial Review

**Ans : (D)**

32. What is the name of Judicial organ of UNO ?

- (A) Supreme Court
- (B) Court of International Justice
- (C) Judicial Forum
- (D) International Court of Justice

**Ans : (D)**

33. The Election disputes regarding the Election of President and Vice-President can be heard by—

- (A) Parliament
- (B) Central Election Commission
- (C) Supreme Court
- (D) Attorney-General of India

**Ans : (C)**

34. Balwant Rai Mehta Committee suggested that the structure of Panchayati Raj should consist of—

- (A) The village, the block and the district levels

- (B) The mandal and the district levels
- (C) The village, the district and the State levels
- (D) The village, the mandal, the district and the State levels

**Ans : (A)**

35. Which of the following has banned 'floor crossing' by the members elected on a party ticket to the legislature ?

- (A) 52nd Constitution Amendment
- (B) Representation of People Act
- (C) National Security Act
- (D) Maintenance of Internal Security Act

**Ans : (A)**

36. The expression 'Creamy Layer' used in the judgement of the Supreme Court relating to the case regarding reservations refers to—

- (A) Those sections of society which pay Income-tax
- (B) Those sections of socially and educationally backward classes of the society that are economically advanced
- (C) Those sections of the society that are considered advanced according to Karpuri Thakur formula
- (D) All sections of upper castes of the society

**Ans : (B)**

37. When was the Panchtantra written ?

- (A) Maurya Period
- (B) Kanishka Period
- (C) Gupta Period
- (D) Harsha Period

**Ans : (C)**

38. Which one among the following is regarded as the 'Magna Carta' of Indian education ?

- (A) Wood's Despatch
- (B) Hunter's Commission
- (C) Sadler Commission
- (D) Wardha Scheme

**Ans : (A)**

39. The battle of Mahabharata is believed to have been fought at Kurukshetra for—

- (A) 14 days
- (B) 16 days
- (C) 18 days
- (D) 20 days

**Ans : (C)**

40. The Mukteswara Temple is located at—

- (A) Puri
- (B) Belur
- (C) Konark

(D) Bhubaneswar

**Ans : (D)**

41. Which king of the Gupta Dynasty was called the 'Napoleon of India' ?

(A) Samudragupta

(B) Chandragupta Vikramaditya

(C) Sri Gupta

(D) Chandragupta-I

**Ans : (A)**

42. Between which two rulers was the First Battle of Panipat fought?

(A) Akbar and Bahlol Lodi

(B) Babur and Ibrahim Lodi

(C) Bairam Khan and Sikandar Lodi

(D) Shah Jahan and Daulat Khan Lodi

**Ans : (B)**

43. Who is the author of Ain-i-Akbari ?

(A) Abul Fazal

(B) Abdus Samad

(C) Bairam Khan

(D) Raja Todarmal

**Ans : (A)**

44. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists—

List-I — List-II

(A) Peshwas 1. Nagpur

(B) Gaekwads 2. Pune

(C) Bhonsles 3. Indore

(D) Holkers 4. Baroda

Codes :

(A) (B) (C) (D)

(A) 2 4 1 3

(B) 1 3 2 4

(C) 2 4 3 1

(D) 4 3 2 1

**Ans : (A)**

45. Which reformer from Maharashtra was known as Lokhitavadi ?

(A) Pandit Ramabai

(B) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

(C) M. G. Ranade

(D) Gopal Hari Deshmukh

**Ans : (D)**

46. 'Din-e-Ilahi' of Akbar was not a success because—

(A) After Akbar, it was not patronized

- (B) The Muslims did not accept other religious practices
- (C) It was not suitably projected to the masses
- (D) All the above

**Ans : (D)**

47. Who was the author of the book 'My Experiments with Truth' ?

- (A) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (B) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (C) M. K. Gandhi
- (D) Vinoba Bhave

**Ans : (C)**

48. Give the correct chronological order of the following events—

1. Formation of Muslim League
2. Formation of All India Untouchability League
3. Formation of All India Trade Union Congress
4. Formation of Indian National Congress

- (A) 2, 4, 1, 3
- (B) 3, 4, 1, 2
- (C) 4, 3, 1, 2
- (D) 4, 1, 3, 2

**Ans : (D)**

49. 80% of the coal in India comes from—

- (A) Jharia and Raniganj
- (B) Kantapalli and Singareni
- (C) Singrauli and Korba
- (D) Neyveli

**Ans : (A)**

50. Dry zone agriculture in India contributes nearly 40% of the total—

- (A) Commercial crops
- (B) Fodder crops
- (C) Food crops
- (D) Plantation products

**Ans : (D)**