

GENERAL AWARENESS

Questions asked in various Bank P.O. Examinations held in last 12 months

1. The International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on:

- (1) 20th February (2) 20th March
(3) 25th May (4) 21st February
(5) 21st March

2. In 2006 Mahesh Bhupathi completed his Career Grand Slam as he won the fourth Grand Slam mixed doubles title. Which of the following is the open mixed doubles title he won in January 2006?

- (1) Australian Open (2) US Open
(3) French Open (4) Wimbledon
(5) None of these

3. The World Economic Forum Meet was organized in January 2006 in Davos. Which of the following two countries were in the spotlight in the meet?

- (1) Brazil and Russia (2) Russia and China
(3) China and Brazil (4) India and China
(5) India and Brazil

4. Who amongst the following is going to establish a fund of Rs 1000 crores for financing the food processing industry?

- (1) State Bank of India (2) SIDBI
(3) ECGC (4) NABARD
(5) None of these

5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to withdraw its nominee directors from the boards of which of the following types of banks?

- (1) Co-operative Banks (2) Nationalized Banks
(3) Private Sector Banks (4) Foreign Banks
(5) None of these

6. Some countries/organizations recently decided to suspend any help/aid to Palestine. Which of the following is/are the reason(s) for the same?

- (A) It is because Hamas got victory in general elections held in Palestine.
(B) UN has imposed sanctions on Palestine as it has violated norms of the IAEA on nuclear policy.
(C) It is openly supporting Iran's nuclear programme whereas USA is dead against it.

- (1) (A) and (C) both (2) Only (B)
(3) Only (C) (4) (A) and (B) both
(5) Only (A)

7. Sonia Gandhi is the Member of the Lok Sabha from which of the following seats?

- (1) Allahabad (2) Lucknow
(3) Sultanpur (4) Amethi

(5) None of these

8. As announced in the Budget 2006-07 the Crop loan Credit to the farmers will be given at the rate of 7% upto a loan limit of:

- (1) Rs 1 lakh (2) Rs 2 lakhs
(3) Rs 3 lakhs (4) Rs 4 lakhs
(5) Rs 5 lakhs

9. 'New Horizons' space craft which was launched by the NASA is launched to study which of the following planets?

- (1) Mars (2) Saturn
(3) Jupiter (4) pluto
(5) Mercury

10. As per the estimates released by the agencies Per Capita Income of average Indian in 2005-06 (at 1999-2000 prices) was **approximately**:

- (1) Rs 15,000 (2) Rs 18,000
(3) Rs 20,000 (4) Rs 22,000
(5) Rs 25,000

11. Which of the following years was adjudged as the 'Hottest Year of the Century' as per the report prepared by the NASA?

- (1) 2003 (2) 2004
(3) 2005 (4) 2000
(5) None of these

12. As per a survey conducted by an agency what was India's rank in the field of Internet usage in 2005?

- (1) 2nd (2) 3rd
(3) 4th (4) 8th
(5) 10th

13. Which of the following **correctly** describes what 'The Sultan's Elephant' is?

- (1) It is the name of the new film directed and produced by Maniratnam.
(2) It is a street theatre performance which took place in London recently.
(3) It is a comedy serial being telecast on DD Metro these days.
(4) It is a novel written by Khushwant Singh
(5) None of these

14. Naushad who died recently was a famous:

- (1) Politician (2) Social worker
(3) Sports personality (4) Music Director
(5) Painter

15. The 6th International Indian Film Academy Awards function was organized in which of the following

places?

- (1) Dubai
(2) Bangalore
(3) Panaji
(4) Moscow
(5) Amsterdam

16. Which of the following banks was adjudged best in 'Corporate Governance' and was given Golden Peacock Award, 2005, for the same?

- (1) Bank of India
(2) Punjab National Bank
(3) ICICI Bank
(4) State Bank of India
(5) None of these

17. The 6th African Union Summit was held in January 2006 in Khartoum. Where is this place Khartoum? It is in:

- (1) Ghana
(2) South Africa
(3) Angola
(4) Chad
(5) Sudan

18. Which amongst the following is one of the books by Bill Gates?

- (1) Business @ The Speed of Thought
(2) The Google Story
(3) Net and Internet
(4) The World is Flat
(5) None of these

19. Which of the following countries has developed a low cost anti-rabies vaccine, which is also the world's first combination rabies vaccine?

- (1) China
(2) India
(3) Britain
(4) USA
(5) None of these

20. Aung San Suu Kyi who was awarded the Olaf Palm Prize recently is a citizen of:

- (1) Singapore
(2) China
(3) Taiwan
(4) Myanmar
(5) Nepal

21. The XXI Winter Olympics will be held in 2010 at:

- (1) Tokyo
(2) Minsk
(3) Rome
(4) Vancouver
(5) Bangkok

22. Which of the following organizations has created an 'Investor Protection Fund', which is funded by fines and penalties collected by the organization itself from various clients?

- (1) SEBI
(2) RBI
(3) IRDA
(4) AMFI
(5) None of these

23. To tackle the widespread rural unemployment the Union Budget 2006-07 has **approximately** earmarked an amount of Rs:

- (1) 10000 crores
(2) 12500 crores
(3) 14300 crores
(4) 16700 crores
(5) 20000 crores

24. Earlier it was thought safe to allow each financial institution to carry out only one type of financial service. But now banks are selling shares, insurance companies can sell banking services. These new financial conglomerates are colloquially referred to as:

- (1) Multinationals
(2) Financial supermarkets
(3) Market regulators
(4) Brand Promoters

(5) None of these

25. Which of the following is the purpose owing to which banks have created Investment Fluctuation Reserves (IFR)? This will help them in managing:

- (1) Interest rate risk
(2) CRR
(3) SLR
(4) Foreign Currency Accounts
(5) None of these

26. As per the guidelines issued by the SEBI the Permanent Account Number (PAN) is a must for which of the following?

- (1) Demat Accounts
(2) All Saving Banks Accounts
(3) All Housing Loan Accounts
(4) All Current Accounts
(5) None of these

27. Many times we read a term 'Free Market' in newspapers. What does it mean? [Pick up the **correct** statement(s)]:

- (A) It is a market where pricing is driven by the laws of supply and demand.
(B) In free market things are available without restraints of the government.
(C) In such markets goods are free from extraneous influences such as tariff or quotas.

- (1) Only (A)
(2) Only (B)
(3) Only (C)
(4) (A) and (B) both
(5) (A), (B) and (C) all

28. Which of the following **correctly** describes what is e-Bharat?

- (1) It is a comprehensive governance programme for rural India launched by the Government of India.
(2) It is the new service launched by the MTNL which will provide cheap mobile connection to rural Indians.
(3) It is a newly launched internet service launched by the Tatas providing cheap connections to rural people.
(4) It is a call center service launched by the ITC to help farmers.
(5) None of these

29. Corporation Bank is also a distributor of the Mutual Fund products. For this the bank has an agreement with which of the following organizations?

- (1) Bajaj Allianz
(2) DSP Merrill Lynch
(3) HDFC Mutual Fund
(4) SBI Mutual Fund
(5) None of these

30. Which of the following was the reason owing to which Thaksin Shinawtra, the Thai Prime Minister has to resign even after his victory in recent general elections?

- (A) He got very marginal victory in General Elections
(B) Main opposition parties boycotted the poll hence they are not ready to accept the results of the election.
(C) He was found guilty of manipulating results of the elections in his favour

- (3) Multiple and additional locations
 (4) Opportunity to have a large customer base
 (5) All of these
- 48.** For which of the following reasons RBI has raised cap on exports credit interest rates?
 (1) It has been revised in sync with foreign currency deposits
 (2) It has been revised in line with global rates
 (3) It has been revised in consonance with WTO commitments
 (4) It has been revised keeping in view the international export credit pricing
 (5) None of these
- 49.** Which of the following is the objective for amendment to the Indian Postal Act 1898?
 (1) Courier Companies shall be monitored by Postal Department
 (2) It will enlarge the role of courier companies in distribution of postal products
 (3) All documents weighing less than 300 gms will have to go to post and cannot be couriered
 (4) All documents weighing less than 500 gms will have to go to post and cannot be couriered
 (5) None of these
- 50.** For which of the following Banks, cabinet has given approval to write off accumulated losses amounting Rs 278.44 crore?
 (1) UCO
 (2) United Bank of India
 (3) Indian Bank
 (4) Oriental Bank of Commerce
 (5) None of these
- 51.** Expand the term LIBOR.
 (1) London Inter-Bank Operational Rate
 (2) London Inter-Bank Offsite Rate
 (3) London Inter-Bank Onsite Rate
 (4) London Inter-Bank Offered Rate
 (5) None of these
- 52.** Which of the following was the present Reverse Repo Rate as on June 9, 2006?
 (1) 5.00 (2) 5.75
 (3) 6.00 (4) 6.50
 (5) None of these
- 53.** Which of the following banks got permission in March 2006 to open a representative office at Shenzhen (China)?
 (1) Punjab National Bank (2) Allahabad Bank
 (3) Bank of Baroda (4) Bank of India
 (5) None of these
- 54.** Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'God's Little Soldier'?
 (1) Kiran Nagarkar (2) Amitabh Ghosh
 (3) Khushwant Singh (4) Anita Desai
 (5) Kuldeep Nayyar
- 55.** The first India-EU Business Conference on energy was held in:
 (1) New Delhi (2) London
- (3) Paris (4) Berlin
 (5) None of these
- 56.** Which of the following Cups/Trophies is NOT associated with the game of Hockey?
 (1) Surjeet Singh Cup (2) Irani Trophy
 (3) Federation Cup (4) Cuppuswamy Cup
 (5) Scindia Gold Cup
- 57.** Which of the following programmes is being implemented by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?
 (1) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY)
 (2) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)
 (3) District Rural Industrial Project (DRIP)
 (4) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP)
 (5) None of these
- 58.** Which of the following ministerial portfolio is being held by Mr Kamal Nath?
 (1) Communication
 (2) Commerce and Industry
 (3) Banking
 (4) Rural development
 (5) Agriculture
- 59.** Tata Group in association with which of the following banks has launched 'Tata Credit Card'?
 (1) Bank of India (2) State Bank of India
 (3) Central Bank of India (4) Bank of Baroda
 (5) None of these
- 60.** Nirmal Gram Panchayat (NGP) Award is given for which of the following causes?
 (1) Promoting rural health
 (2) Promoting education in rural areas
 (3) Promoting sanitation in rural areas
 (4) Promoting use of computers in rural areas
 (5) None of these
- 61.** Which of the following State governments decided to scrap Stamp Duty on government securities after a meeting with the bankers?
 (1) Delhi (2) Karnataka
 (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Maharashtra
 (5) None of these
- 62.** Which of the following Public Sector Banks has decided to acquire Bharat Overseas Bank?
 (1) PNB (2) IOB
 (3) BOB (4) Syndicate Bank
 (5) None of these
- 63.** In which of the following cities comprehensive 'Fleet Taxi Scheme' is being introduced?
 (1) Bangalore (2) Chennai
 (3) Delhi (4) Mumbai
 (5) Kochi
- 64.** For which of the following banks, "Protected Disclosure" scheme is being introduced?
 (1) Public Sector Banks
 (2) Co-operative Banks
 (3) Private Banks
 (4) Foreign Bank
 (5) None of these

65. Who amongst the following is the Prime Minister of Nepal after the King Gyanendra decided to reinstate the Parliament?

- (1) Sher Bahadur Deuba
- (2) Krishna Prasad Sitaula
- (3) Girija Prasad Koirala
- (4) Krishna Prasad Bhattarai
- (5) None of these

66. Thierry Henry who was adjudged as the 'Footballer of the Year 2005' is a citizen of:

- (1) Germany
- (2) France
- (3) Italy
- (4) Brazil
- (5) USA

67. Which of the following countries won the Thomas Cup Badminton title 2006 held recently?

- (1) China
- (2) Denmark
- (3) Japan
- (4) Bangladesh
- (5) North Korea

68. Which of the following banks launched India's first food and agriculture private equity fund?

- (1) Robo Bank
- (2) Citibank
- (3) HSBC
- (4) SBI
- (5) None of these

69. Which amongst the following organizations has tied up with 12 commercial banks to set up small enterprises financial corporations?

- (1) ECGC
- (2) SIDBI
- (3) NABARD
- (4) UTI Bank
- (5) None of these

70. Which of the following countries got the status of 10th largest Importer and Exporter of commercial services? (According to World Trade Report)

- (1) China
- (2) North Korea
- (3) India
- (4) Egypt
- (5) None of these

71. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards are given for excellence in which of the following fields?

- (1) Sports
- (2) Science and Technology
- (3) Literature
- (4) Social Science
- (5) Journalism

72. Ms Angela Merkel who was in news recently is the:

- (1) Chancellor of Germany
- (2) Foreign Minister of France
- (3) Foreign Secretary of USA
- (4) Prime Minister of Denmark
- (5) None of these

73. 'NASA' is the space research organization of:

- (1) Russia
- (2) UK
- (3) USA
- (4) China
- (5) Germany

74. Evo Morales is:

- (1) President of Bolivia
- (2) Prime Minister of Bolivia
- (3) President of Chad
- (4) Prime Minister of Chad

(5) None of these

75. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'Speed Post'?

- (1) Shashi Deshpande
- (2) Anita Desai
- (3) Shobha De
- (4) Maneka Gandhi
- (5) None of these

76. 'Swati Ghate' who won the National Championship is associated with which of the following games?

- (1) Chess
- (2) Badminton
- (3) Golf
- (4) Athletics
- (5) None of these

77. Which of the following instruments is used to regulate temperature to a particular level?

- (1) Telemeter
- (2) Voltmeter
- (3) Thermostat
- (4) Periscope
- (5) None of these

78. 'Arcelor' which was in news recently is a major firm making:

- (1) Cement
- (2) Paper
- (3) Electronic Gadgets
- (4) Drugs
- (5) Steel

79. 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' is observed on:

- (1) 10th June
- (2) 26th June
- (3) 26th July
- (4) 10th July
- (5) None of these

80. Samurai Bonds are offered in which of the following countries?

- (1) South Korea
- (2) North Korea
- (3) Japan
- (4) Singapore
- (5) China

81. The head office of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is in:

- (1) Manila
- (2) Jakarta
- (3) Honolulu
- (4) Nairobi
- (5) Tokyo

82. Kyoto Protocol which took effect in February 2005 is related to which of the following issues?

- (1) Subsidy to Agriculture
- (2) Cloning
- (3) Global Warming
- (4) Enrichment of Uranium
- (5) None of these

83. Who amongst the following is the author of the book The Heart of India?

- (1) Meera Syal
- (2) Gita Mehra
- (3) Ruskin Bond
- (4) Mark Tully
- (5) None of these

84. Sometimes some natural calamities bring some opportunities for the people of different nations to come together and work for the cause of humanity. Which of the following was one such incidence/calamity which helped people of Pakistan to associate themselves with the people of India and vice versa? (Incident took place in 2005).

- (1) Heavy rains and flood in Mumbai
- (2) Tsunami in Asian countries
- (3) Severe earthquake in parts of J&K
- (4) Bomb blast in tube rail in London

(5) None of these
85. As evident from the performance of India on economic front during 2005-06 it can be very well concluded that India did excellent in all sectors except one which is:

- (1) Banking sector (2) Industrial sector
 (3) Service sector (4) Agriculture sector
 (5) None of these

86. The 'Economist' weekly published from USA titled who amongst the following as the 'Biotech Queen of India'?

- (1) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (2) Tina Ambani
 (3) Kanan Bhatt (4) Naina Lal Kidwai
 (5) None of these

87. Which of the following cities has become the 2nd Indian city with Metro Railway Service?

- (1) Mumbai (2) Bangalore
 (3) Ahmedabad (4) Delhi
 (5) Kolkata

88. Immediately prior to Rajnath Singh who amongst the following was the President of BJP?

- (1) L.K. Advani (2) Uma Bharati
 (3) Pramod Mahajan (4) Atal Behari Vajpayee
 (5) None of these

89. Scientists in which of the following countries were successful in creation of Human Embryo by the process of cloning?

- (1) Japan (2) South Korea
 (3) Britain (4) Germany
 (5) Sweden

90. Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi served as Chief Ministers of Bihar for how many years uninterruptedly before Nitish Kumar took over as the Chief Minister?

- (1) 7 years (2) 9 years
 (3) 12 years (4) 15 years
 (5) 22 years

91. Which of the following is the full form of the term MPLADS?

- (1) Madhya Pradesh Lead Area Development Scheme
 (2) Member of Parliament's Local Area Development Scheme
 (3) Madhya Pradesh Local Area Development Scheme
 (4) Member of Parliament Leading Area Demonstration Scheme
 (5) None of these

92. Which of the following is the youngest member of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation?

- (1) Bhutan (2) Bangladesh
 (3) Nepal (4) Sri Lanka
 (5) Afghanistan

93. Which of the following States will not get any benefit from the Sardar Sarovar Dam directly?

- (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Gujarat
 (3) Maharashtra (4) Rajasthan
 (5) Chattisgarh

94. Which of the following SAARC countries got a Parliament after a long gap of 30 years?

- (1) Nepal (2) Bhutan
 (3) Maldives (4) Afghanistan

(5) None of these

95. Sri Lankan Government is holding peace talks with which of the following groups of people?

- (1) Naxalites (2) Maoists
 (3) GNLF (4) DGHC
 (5) LTTE

96. Which of the following is the full form of PURA?

- (1) Perfect Urban Rural Association
 (2) Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas
 (3) Preferential and Uniform Re-enforcement Act
 (4) Programme on Urban Rural Association
 (5) None of these

97. The 93rd Session of the Indian Science Congress was organized in:

- (1) Kolkata (2) Chennai
 (3) Jaipur (4) New Delhi
 (5) Hyderabad

98. Which of the following is the trade agreement among SAARC member countries which came into effect from January 2006?

- (1) SCUBA (2) SAFTA
 (3) ASEAN (4) ASSOCHAM
 (5) None of these

99. Which of the following Brands was placed at the top of the Fifth Brand Equity Survey of India for 2005?

- (1) Lux (2) Dettol
 (3) Colgate (4) Bata
 (5) None of these

100. Which of the following Stock Exchanges has completed 213 years of its existence? The Exchange has recently sold part of its holdings to public.

- (1) New York Stock Exchange
 (2) London Stock Exchange
 (3) Tokyo Stock Exchange
 (4) Bombay Stock Exchange
 (5) None of these

101. India's first Natural Disaster Information System was recently launched at:

- (1) Mumbai (2) Bangalore
 (3) Chennai (4) Port Blair
 (5) Kolkata

102. In the opinion of Prof Amartya Sen the development in which of the following areas could make a 'dramatic' difference in rural India?

- (A) Health System
 (B) Education
 (C) Marketing of Agro Products

- (1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
 (3) (A) and (B) both (4) Only (C)
 (5) None of these

103. Which of the following branches is called the study of Sound?

- (1) Aetiology (2) Anatomy
 (3) Astrophysics (4) Acoustics
 (5) None of these

104. Which of the following is/are NOT one of the objectives of International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

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- (A) To ensure exchange rate stability.
 (B) To ensure Balanced International Trade
 (C) To replace World Trade Organisation in years to come
 (1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
 (3) Only (C) (4) (A) and (B) both
 (5) (A) and (C) both

105. Which of the following is the major contributor for 24 hour banking?

- (1) Credit Card (2) ATM
 (3) Mobile banks (4) Networked Branches
 (5) Any City Banking

106. Which of the following is NOT a member of the G-8?

- (1) Russia (2) Canada
 (3) Italy (4) Japan
 (5) Sweden

107. In India, Tanks are a popular method of irrigation in:

- (1) Eastern States (2) South India
 (3) North-East States (4) Western India
 (5) None of these

108. Which of the following package is best suited for preparing "Presentations"?

- (1) Excel (2) Unix
 (3) Windows (4) Word
 (5) Power-Point

109. Which of the following films was adjudged the 'Best Motion Picture of the Year' in the Oscar Awards Ceremony 2006?

- (1) Walk the Line (2) The Constant Gardener
 (3) Memories of the Geisha (4) Crash
 (5) None of these

110. What is the name for the process that is used to convert a sense of instructions, or program, written in a high-level language into instructions (or a program) that can be run on a computer?

- (1) Assembling (2) Compiling
 (3) Translating (4) Uploading
 (5) None of these

111. _____ means the altering of computer system software to achieve a task for which it was not originally designed.

- (1) Pegging (2) Hacking
 (3) Trekking (4) Breaking
 (5) All of these

112. Authentication can be provided by adding _____ to a message.

- (1) Sign (2) Manual Signature
 (3) Digital Signature (4) Initials
 (5) None of these

113. What is the name for a webpage address?

- (1) Directory (2) Domain
 (3) Extension (4) Protocol
 (5) URL

114. The ability of an OS to run more than one application at a time is called:

- (1) multitasking
 (2) object-oriented programming
 (3) multi-user computing
 (4) time-sharing
 (5) None of these

115. A leased line can transmit:

- (1) Only Data (2) Only Voice
 (3) Only Video (4) Only Text
 (5) All the above

116. The word 'FTP' stands for:

- (1) File Translate Protocol (2) File Transit Protocol
 (3) File Typing Protocol (4) File Transfer Protocol
 (5) None of these

117. What characteristic of read-only memory (ROM) makes it useful?

- (1) ROM information can be easily updated
 (2) Data in ROM is nonvolatile, that is, it remains there even without electrical power
 (3) ROM provides very large amounts of inexpensive data storage
 (4) ROM chips are easily swapped between different brands of computers
 (5) None of these

118. A computer cannot "boot" if it does not have the:

- (1) Compiler (2) Loader
 (3) Operating System (4) Assembler
 (5) None of these

119. Example of non-numeric data is:

- (1) Employee address (2) Examination score
 (3) Bank balance (4) All of the above
 (5) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (5)	2. (1)	3. (4)	4 (4)	5. (3)
6. (5)	7. (4)	8. (3)	9. (4)	10. (3)
11. (3)	12. (3)	13. (2)	14. (4)	15. (5)
16. (2)	17. (5)	18. (1)	19. (2)	20. (4)
21. (4)	22. (1)	23. (1)	24. (2)	25. (1)
26. (1)	27. (5)	28. (1)	29. (2)	30. (2)
31. (2)	32. (3)	33. (3)	34. (1)	35. (4)
36. (3)	37. (3)	38. (5)	39. (5)	40. (1)
41. (3)	42. (4)	43. (1)	44. (4)	45. (4)
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51. (4)	52. (2)	53. (2)	54. (1)	55. (1)
56. (2)	57. (2)	58. (2)	59. (2)	60. (3)
61. (4)	62. (2)	63. (4)	64. (3) & (4)	
65. (3)	66. (2)	67. (1)	68. (1)	69. (2)
70. (3)	71. (2)	72. (1)	73. (3)	74. (1)
75. (3)	76. (1)	77. (3)	78. (5)	79. (2)
80. (3)	81. (1)	82. (3)	83. (4)	84. (3)
85. (4)	86. (1)	87. (4)	88. (1)	89. (2)
90. (4)	91. (2)	92. (5)	93. (4)	94. (4)
95. (5)	96. (2)	97. (5)	98. (2)	99. (3)
100. (1)	101. (2)	102. (3)	103. (4)	104. (3)
105. (2)	106. (5)	107. (2)	108. (5)	109. (4)
110. (2)	111. (2)	112. (3)	113. (5)	114. (1)
115. (5)	116. (4)	117. (2)	118. (3)	119. (1)