

CDS General Knowledge Practice Set

Section	Questions	Marks	Time	-Ve
GK	120	100	2 hrs	1/3

Q1. Regions of unsustainable agriculture or having unstable government or both, that typically suffer high rates of habitat destruction, are :

1. Japan
2. Central America
3. Sub-Saharan Africa
4. Amazonian tropical forests in South America

- (a) 1,2
(b) 1,2,3
(c) 2,3,4
(d) 1,2, 3, 4

Q2. Apart from pesticide misuse, other factors that pose a constant threat to bee populations and thus being responsible for pollinator decline are rapid transfer of parasites and diseases of pollinator species loss of habitat and forage hive destructions air pollution

- (a) 1,2
(b) 2,3
(c) 2,3,4
(d) 2,3,4

Q3. Enhanced growth of aquatic vegetation in respect of phytoplankton and algal blooms through eutrophication

1. disrupts natural functioning of ecosystem leading into lack of O₂ needed for survival of fish and other aquatic animals
2. causes decreased biodiversity
3. causes health problems due to interference with drinking water treatment
4. disturbs levels of nitrates and phosphates

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2,3
(c) 1,2,3
(d) 1,2,4

Q4. Biodiversity hotspots in India are

1. The Eastern Ghat
2. Eastern Himalayas
3. Andaman and Nicobar islands
4. The Western Ghat

- (a) 1,2
(b) 2,3
(c) 2, 4

- (d) 2,3,4

Q5. In which categories did Marie Curie win her two different Nobel prizes?

- (a) Physics and Chemistry
(b) Chemistry and Medicine
(c) Physics and Medicine
(d) Chemistry and Peace

Q6. Which one of the following is an element?

- (a) Topaz
(b) Diamond
(c) Ruby
(d) Sapphire

Q7. Nail polish remover contains

- (a) acetone
(b) benzene
(c) formaldehyde
(d) acetic acid

Q8. The cleaning of dirty clothes by soaps and detergents is due to a type of molecules called surfactants, which are present in soaps and detergents. The surfactant molecules remove the dirt by

- (a) making the cloth slippery
(b) producing some gases between the dirt and the cloth
(c) dissolving the dirt
(d) forming some aggregates of themselves and take away the dirt in the core of the aggregates

Q9. Which one among the following metals is used for making boats because it does not corrode by sea water?

- (a) Tungsten
(b) Nickel
(c) Antimony
(d) Titanium

Q10. What is the main constituent of a pearl?

- (a) Calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate
(b) Calcium sulphate only
(c) Calcium oxide and calcium sulphate
(d) Calcium carbonate only

Q11. Antacids are commonly used to get rid of acidity in the stomach. A commonly used antacid is

- (a) sodium hydrogen phthalate
(b) magnesium hydroxide
(c) calcium hydroxide
(d) manganese acetate

Q12. A compound that is a white solid which absorbs water vapour from the air is

- (a) sodium nitrate
- (b) calcium chloride
- (c) sodium carbonate
- (d) calcium sulphate

Q13. When carbon dioxide is passed through lime water, the solution turns milky, but, on prolonged passage, the solution turns clear.

This is because

- (a) the calcium carbonate formed initially is converted to soluble calcium bicarbonate on passage of more carbon dioxide
- (b) the reaction is reversible and lime water is regenerated
- (c) the calcium bicarbonate formed initially is converted to soluble calcium carbonate on passage of more carbon dioxide
- (d) the initially formed insoluble compound is soluble in carbonic acid.

Q14. Buffer solutions

1. resist changes in PH.
2. change pH only with addition of a strong base
3. are important in living systems.

The correct statement(s) is/are

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Q15. Example of a Lewis acid is

- (a) NaOH
- (b) $AlCl_3$
- (c) K_2CO_3
- (d) KOH

Q16. The Heisenberg's uncertainty principle can be applied to

- (a) A flying concord
- (b) An electron
- (c) A moving cricket ball
- (d) A proton

Q17. The density of water varies with temperature which helps the aquatic animals to live in cold water. At what temperature is the density of water maximum?

- (a) $1^\circ C$
- (b) $2^\circ C$
- (c) $3^\circ C$
- (d) $4^\circ C$

Q18. A perfect black body has the unique characteristic feature as

- (a) a good absorber only
- (b) a good radiator only
- (c) a good absorber and a good radiator
- (d) neither a radiator nor an absorber

Q19. The force acting on a particle executing simple harmonic motion is

- (a) directly proportional to the displacement and is directed away from the mean position
- (b) inversely proportional to the displacement and is directed towards the mean position
- (c) directly proportional to the displacement and is directed towards the mean position
- (d) inversely proportional to the displacement and is directed away from the mean position

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Q20. When you pull out the plug connected to an electrical appliance, you often observe a spark. To which property of the appliance is this related?

- (a) Resistance
- (b) Inductance
- (c) Capacitance
- (d) Wattage

Q21. A device, which is used in our TV set, computer, radio set for storing the electric charge, is

- (a) resistor
- (b) inductor
- (c) capacitor
- (d) conductor

Q22. You are asked to jog in a circular track of radius 35 m. Right one complete round on the circular track, your displacement and distance covered by you respectively

- (a) zero and 220 m
- (b) 220 m and zero
- (c) zero and 110 m
- (d) 110 m and 220 m

Q23. Statement I: When a gun is fired it recoils, i.e., it pushes back, with much less velocity than the velocity of the bullet. Statement II: Velocity of the recoiling gun is less because the gun is much heavier than the bullet.

- (a)

- (b)
(c)
(d)

Q24. As a metal brick, thrown into a deep lake, sinks deeper and deeper, the buoyant force acting on it

- (a) Increases
(b) Decreases
(c) Vanishes at a particular depth
(d) Remains constant

Q25. The current drawn in amperes by 750 W electric iron when operated at 220 V is

- (a) 0.34
(b) 0.29
(c) 2.90
(d) 3.41

Q26. Which of the following is/are units of length?

1. Nanometre
2. Light year
3. Astronomical Unit
4. Parsec

- (a) Only 1
(b) 1 and 2
(c) 1, 2, and 3
(d) All the four

Q27. Cobalt-60 is commonly used in radiation therapy because it emits

- (a) Alpha rays
(b) Beta rays
(c) Gamma rays
(d) X-rays

Q28. Cryogenic engines find applications in

- (a) Sub-marine propulsion
(b) Frost-free refrigerators
(c) Rocket technology
(d) Superconductivity

Q29. Who was the President of India at the time of proclamation of emergency in the year 1976?

- (a) V.V Giri
(b) Giani Zail Singh
(c) Fakhr-ud-din Ali Ahmad
(d) Shankar Dayal Sharma

Q30. Consider the following statements

1. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs constitute Consultative Committees of Members of both the Houses of Parliament.

2. The main purpose of these Committees are to provide a forum for formal discussions between the Government and Members of Parliament on policies and programmes of the Government. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
(b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q31. With respect to Article 371 A of the Constitution of India, the Governor of which one of the following States has special responsibility with respect to law and order of the State?

- (a) Assam
(b) Manipur
(c) Nagaland
(d) Andhra Pradesh

Q32. The 73rd Amendment of the Constitution provided constitutional status to the Panchayati Raj Institutions. Which of the following are the main features of this provision?

1. A three-tier system of Panchayati Raj for all states.
2. Panchayat election in every 5 years.
3. Not less than 33% of seats are reserved for women.

4. Constitution of district planning committees to prepare development plans. Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
(b) 1, 3 and 4
(c) 1, 2 and 4
(d) 2, 3 and 4

Q33. Under which of the following conditions security deposits of a candidate contesting for a Lok Sabha seat is returned to him/her?

1. The nomination made by the candidate if found to be invalid.
2. The candidate has withdrawn his/her nomination even though it is found valid.
3. The candidate lost the polls but secured 1/6th of the total number of valid votes polled in that election. Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) 1 and 2
(b) Only 3
(c) 2 and 3
(d) All of these

Q34. DIRECTIONS : The following questions are based on the following passage. A government in a democratic country has to respond to ongoing priorities in public criticism and political reproach and to the threats to survival it has to face. The removal of long standing deprivations of the disadvantaged people of our country may, in effect, be hampered by the biases in political pressure, in particular when the bulk of the social agitation is dominated by new problems that generate immediate and noisy discontent among the middle class Indians with a voice. If the politically active threats are concentrated only on some specific new issues, no matter how important (such as high prices of consumer goods for the relatively rich, or the fear that India's political sovereignty might be compromised by its nuclear deal with the USA), rather than on the terrible general inheritance of India of acute deprivation, deficient schooling, lack of medical attention for the poor and extraordinary under nourishment (especially of children and also of young women), then the pressure on democratic governance acts relentlessly towards giving priority to only those particular new issues rather than to the gigantic persistent deprivations that are at the root of so much inequity and injustice in India. The perspective of realisation of justice and that of an adequately broad nyaya are central not only to the theory of justice, but also to the practice of democracy.

What does the author mean by nyaya?

- (a) Judiciary and judicial processes
- (b) The rule of law and the Constitution
- (c) A concept of justice that combines theories of justice with the practice of democracy
- (d) Universal theories of justice that are applicable as standards in all societies

Q35. The tenure of every Panchayat shall be for five years from the date of

- (a) its first meeting
- (b) issue of notification for the conduct of elections to the Panchayat
- (c) declaration of the election results
- (d) taking oath of office by the elected members

Q36. With reference to the conduct of government business in the Parliament of India, the term 'closure' refers to

- (a) suspension of debate at the terminafan of a day's sitting of the Parliament

- (b) a rule of legislative procedure under which further debate on a motion can be hatted
- (c) the termination of a Parliamentary session
- (d) refusal on the part of tie Government to have the opposition look at important documents

Q37. Which one among the following statements is not correct? The word 'socialist' in the Preamble of the Constitution of India read with

- (a) Article 39
- (b) , would enable the court to uphold the constitutionality of nationalisation laws
- (c) Article 14, would enable the court to strike down astatute which failed to achieve the socialist goal to the fullest extent
- (d) Article 25, would enable the court to ensure freedom guaranteed under that Article

Q38. Which among the following provisions of the Constitution of India is/are fulfilled by the National Social Assistance Programme launched by the Government of India?

1. Fundamental Rights
 2. Fundamental Duties
 3. Directive Principles of State Policy
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below
- (a) 1 and 2
 - (b) 1 and 3
 - (c) Only 3
 - (d) All of these

Q39. Which one among the following committees of the Parliament of India has no members of the Rajya Sabha?

- (a) Public Accounts Committee
- (b) Estimates Committee
- (c) Public Undertakings Committee
- (d) Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Finance

Q40. In the SR Bommai vs Union of India case, which one among the following features of the Constitution of India was upheld by the Supreme Court as a basic structure?

- (a) Liberalism
- (b) Secularism
- (c) Dignity of the human person
- (d) Freedom of religion

Q41. Which of the following statements in the context of structure of the Parliament is/are correct?

1. The Parliament of India consists of the President, the Council of States and the House of the People.

2. The President of India is directly elected by an electoral college consisting of the elected members of both the Houses of the Parliament only. Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q42. Which of the following statement(s) is/are not correct for the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution of India?

1. It was inserted by the first amendment in 1951.
2. It includes those laws which are beyond the purview of judicial review.
3. It was inserted by the 42nd Amendment.
4. The laws in the Ninth Schedule are primarily those which pertain to the matters of national security. Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 3 and 4
- (d) 3 only

Q43. There shall be a Parliament for the Union which shall consist of the President and two houses to be known respectively as the Council of States and the House of the People. This comes under Article

- (a) 79
- (b) 78
- (c) 105
- (d) 110

Q44. The Constitution (73rd) Amendment Act, 1992 which aims at promoting the Panchayati Raj institutions in the country provides for which of the following?

1. Constitution of District Planning Committees
 2. State Election Commissions to conduct all panchayat elections
 3. Establishment of State Finance Commission
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 2 only
 - (c) 2 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

Q45. A mother of blood group O has a group O child. What could be the blood group of father of the child?

- (a) Only O
- (b) A or B or O
- (c) A or B
- (d) Only AB

Q46. Which one of the following glands produces the growth hormone (somatotrophin)?

- (a) Adrenal
- (b) Pancreas
- (c) Pituitary
- (d) Thyroid

Q47. In human body, what is the number of cervical vertebrae?

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 8
- (d) 12

Q48. The plant dye Henna imparts orange-red colour to skin and hairs due to its reaction with which of the following?

- (a) Proteins and amino acids
- (b) Lipids
- (c) Carbohydrates
- (d) Nucleic acids

Q49. Which one of the following animals breathe through the skin?

- (a) Fish
- (b) Pigeon
- (c) Frog
- (d) Cockroach

Q50. Which one among the following is a major source of sugar?

- (a) Watermelon
- (b) Beetroot
- (c) Sugarcane
- (d) Date

Q51. Why are pregnant women recommended substantial intake of green leafy vegetables in their diet, especially in the 1st trimester?

- (a) They are a rich source of chlorophyll
- (b) They are a rich source of lecithin
- (c) They are a rich source of folic acid which is required for DNA synthesis
- (d) They are a rich source of essential fatty acids required for cell anabolism

Q52. Which one among the following is not correct about Down's syndrome?

- (a) It is a genetic disorder
- (b) Affected individual has early ageing
- (c) Affected person has mental retardation
- (d) Affected person has furrowed tongue with open mouth

Q53. The fossil of Archaeopteryx represents the evidence of origin of

- (a) birds from reptiles
- (b) mammals from reptiles
- (c) reptiles from amphibians
- (d) mammals from birds

Q54. Which organelle in the cell, other than nucleus, contains DNA?

- (a) Endoplasmic reticulum
- (b) Golgi apparatus
- (c) Lysosome
- (d) Mitochondria

Q55. Which one among the following is the correct pathway for the elimination of urine?

- (a) Kidneys, Ureters, Bladder, Urethra
- (b) Kidneys, Urethra, Bladder, Ureters
- (c) Urethra, Ureters, Bladder, Kidneys
- (d) Bladder, Ureters, Kidneys, Urethra

Q56. What does sphygmomanometer measure?

- (a) Blood pressure
- (b) Velocity of fluids
- (c) Temperature
- (d) Curvature of spherical surfaces

Q57. The acronym SRO, being used in the capital market for various market participants, stands for which one of the following?

- (a) Self regulatory Organisations
- (b) Small Revenue Operators
- (c) Securities Roll-back Operators
- (d) Securities Regulatory Organisations

Q58. Match the following

List I List II

(Five Year Plan) (Emphasis)

- A. First - 1. Food security and women empowerment
- B. Second - 2. Heavy industries
- C. Fifth - 3. Agriculture and community development
- D. Ninth - 4. Removal of poverty

Codes: A B C D

- (a) 1 2 4 3

- (b) 1 4 2 3

- (c) 3 2 4 1

- (d) 3 4 2 1

Q59. Which one among the following is a fixed cost to a manufacturing firm in the short run?

- (a) Insurance on buildings
- (b) Overtime payment to worker
- (c) Cost of energy
- (d) Cost of raw materials

Q60. The Government of India and Reserve Bank of India have decided to introduce 1 billion pieces of ₹ 10 notes in polymer/ plastic on a field trial basis. Which of the following is/ are the objectives behind this move?

1. Increase of the lifetime of the notes.
2. Combating counterfeiting.
3. Reducing the cost of minting of currency.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Only 3
- (d) All of the above

Q61. Which of the following statements about International Monetary Fund (IMF) are correct?

1. The IMF is a United Nations specialized agency.
2. The IMF was founded at the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944 to secure international monetary cooperation.
3. The objective of the IMF is to stabilize currency exchange rates, and to expand international liquidity (access to hard currencies). Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only (4) 1 and 3 only
- (d)

Q62. An exceptional demand curve is one that slopes

- (a) downward to the right
- (b) upward to the right
- (c) horizontally
- (d) upward to the left

Q63. The latest information about agricultural markets is collected and published by the:

- (a) Food Corporation of India

- (b) Directorate of Economics and Statistics
- (c) National Council of Applied Economic Research
- (d) Indian Statistical Institute

Q64. Fiscal Policy is connected with

- (a) exports and imports
- (b) public revenue and expenditure
- (c) issue of currency
- (d) population control

Q65. Which of the following is not a function of the National Development Council?

- (a) Review the working of the Five Year Plans
- (b) Consider important socioeconomic policies
- (c) Decide on allocation among the states
- (d) Improve the efficiency of administrative services required for plan implementation.

Q66. Project GAGAN has been designed to

- (a) provide a dependable aerial defense system
- (b) ensure a more reliable meteorological forecast system
- (c) meet the precision approach requirements of the Civil Aviation sector
- (d) track the migratory birds and study their pattern of migration.

Q67. In the context of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, 2012 (Rio+20), the principle of Common but Differentiated

Responsibility (CBDR) means

1. It is the concern of all humanity to address the issues of environment.
2. Responsibility will differ according to differing capacities of the states to address environmental issues in development.
3. The concept of historical responsibility demands that the bulk of responsibility is placed on those who have most contributed to environmental degradation.
4. Developing countries have a responsibility to develop in a sustainable manner.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 2, and 3 only
- (d) 3 and 4 only

Q68. The purpose of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act is, among other things:

- (a) to regulate government borrowing
- (b) to allow urban local bodies to incur debts
- (c) to make the state governments responsible for the implementation of central schemes
- (d) none of the above

Q69. Who among the following was the Governor-General of India immediately preceding Chakravarti Rajagopalachari?

- (a) The Marquess of Linlithgow
- (b) Lord Mountbatten
- (c) Lord Wavell
- (d) Lord Chelmsford

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Q70. The Treaty of Amritsar was concluded between Maharaja Ranjit Singh and who of the following?

- (a) Lord Cornwallis
- (b) Lord Dalhousie
- (c) Lord Hastings
- (d) Lord Minto

Q71. Who among the following has issued the coin rupee for the first time?

- (a) Muhammad bin Tughluq
- (b) Ala-ud-din Khilji
- (c) Sher Shah
- (d) Akbar

Q72. Consider the following statements

1. Dayanand Saraswati founded the Arya Samaj in 1875.
2. The Arya Samaj repudiated the authority of the caste system.
3. Dayanand Saraswati was born in the Brahman family. Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1 and 3

Q73. Which two of the following plays did Kalidasa write before writing Abhigyanashakuntalam?

1. Vikramorvashiyam
2. Malavikagnimitram
3. Swapnavasavadattam
4. Kadambari

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 1 and 4
- (d) 3 and 4

Q74. Consider the following statements about Vijayanagara empire

1. Vijayanagara was noted for its markets dealing in spices, textiles and precious stones.

2. Krishnadeva Raya's rule was characterised by the strain within the imperial structure,

3. The Amara-Nayakas were military commanders who were given territories to govern by the Royas. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Only 3
- (b) 1 and 2
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) All of these

Q75. Which one among the following statements about Ashokan edicts is correct?

- (a) The Pillar edicts were located in all parts of the empire
- (b) The edicts give details of his personal concerns but are silent on events of the empire
- (c) The subject of inscribed matter on Rock edicts differs completely with that of the Pillar edicts
- (d) The Greek or Aramaic edicts are versions or translations of the texts used in other edicts

Q76. Which one among the following was not true about the Kerala king, Marthanda Verma?

- (a) He ruled over Travancore
- (b) He subdued the feudatories
- (c) He gave heavy bribes to the European officers to maintain peace
- (d) He organised a strong modern army

Q77. The Viceregal Lodge at Shimla is a well-known ancient monument. Which of the following statements about the monument are correct?

1. The Lodge was built by 17th Viceroy, Earl Dufferin.
2. The present shape of the building was given by Earl of Marquis of Lansdowne.
3. It is famous for holding three meetings before Independence of India including the Cabinet Mission.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) 1 and 2

Q78. Which one among the following principles was not propagated by the Theosophical Society?

- (a) Belief in Karma and Rebirth
- (b) Belief in Universal Brotherhood and Humanity
- (c) Belief in Vedantic Philosophy
- (d) Belief in the Eradication of Untouchability

Q79. Which one among the following depicts the correct meaning of the term Tins-i-Kamil concerning crops in Mughal India?

- (a) Paddy crop
- (b) Cash crop
- (c) Coarse crop
- (d) Crop grown,

Q80. Which of the following was/were not related to Buddha's life?

1. Kanthaka
2. Alara Kalama
3. Channa
4. Goshala Maskariputra

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 4
- (c) 1 and 2
- (d) 3 and 4

Q81. Statement I: Kali age reflects the presence of deep social crisis characterised by varnasankara i. e., intermixture of varnas or social orders. Statement II: The Vaisyas and Sudras (peasants, artisans and labourers) either refused to perform producing functions or pay taxes or supply necessary labour for economic production resulting in weakening of Brahminical social order and social tension.

- (a) Both the statements are true and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I
- (b) Both the statements are true, but Statement II is not the correct explanation of Statement I.
- (c) Statement I is true, but Statement II is false.

(d) Statement I is false, but Statement II is true.

Q82. The Fourth Buddhist Council was held in Kashmir under the leadership of

- (a) Bindusara
- (b) Ashoka
- (c) Kunal
- (d) Kanishka

Q83. Match the following

List I (Text) - **List II** (Author)

A. Kitab-al-Hind- 1. Ibn Battuta

B. Rehla - 2. Al-Biruni

C. Humayun Nama- 3. Lohori

D. Badshah Nama - 4. Gulbadan Begum

Codes: A B C D ABC D

- (a) 2 4 1 3
- (b) 3 1 4 2
- (c) 3 4 1 2
- (d) 2 1 4 3

Q84. Which of the following statement(s) about caste movements in early 20th century Kerala is/are false?

1. Kerala's first modern novel Indulekh attacked the social dominance of Nambudiri Brahmans in Kerala.
 2. C.V. Raman Pillai's novel Marthanda Varma was written against the exploitation of peasants by Nair landlords.
 3. Sree Narayana Guru was one of the founders of the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam that was engaged in the upliftment of the Ezhavas in Kerala.
 4. Dr. Palpu, the first Ezhava graduates was one of the founders of the S Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yog that was engaged in the upliftment the Ezhavas in Kerala.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 2 and 4

Q85. In which one of the following countries is the volcano 'Guallatiri' located?

- (a) Peru
- (b) Chile
- (c) Tanzania
- (d) Ecuador

Q86. Which of the following sequences of the oil refineries of India as they occur from South to North is correct?

- (a) Kochi-Mangalore-Mumbai-Koyali
- (b) Koyali-Mumbai-Mangalore-Kochi
- (c) Kochi-Mumbai-Mangalore-Koyali
- (d) Mangalore-Kochi-Mumbai-Koyali

Q87. Assertion Venus is the brightest object in the sky after the Sun. Reason (R) Venus is the second planet from the Sun in our solar system.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

Q88. Assertion The Himalayan meadows are suitable for transhumance. Reason (R) In these areas transport facility to move from one place to another is good.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

Q89. Which one of the following does not have a heavy water plant?

- (a) Narora
- (b) Sriharikota
- (c) Kakrapar
- (d) Kota

Q90. Which among the following Rajdhani trains covers the longest distance?

- (a) 2433 Chennai Central
- (b) 2431 Trivandrum Central
- (c) 2435 Dibrugarh Town
- (d) 2429 Bangluru City Junction

Q91. The Earth moves around the Sun in an elliptical trajectory due to gravity. If another Sun like star is brought near the Earth, what will be the shape of the trajectory?

- (a) Ellipse
- (b) Parabola
- (c) Circle
- (d) It will be undeterministic

Q92. Which one of the following places with petrochemical industries is most westward located in India?

- (a) Kota
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Barauni
- (d) Ujjain

Q93. Match the following

A. Manas

1. Meghalaya
- B. Pachmarhi
2. Asom
- C. Nokrek
3. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Achanakmar Amarkantak
4. Chhattisgarh

Codes A B C D A B C D

- (a) 4 3 1 2
- (b) 2 1 3 4
- (c) 4 1 3 2
- (d) 2 3 1 4

Q94. 'El Nino' associated with the formation of the South West Monsoon of India is

- (a) an abnormally warm ocean current
- (b) a periodic warm air-mass
- (c) a periodic warm wind
- (d) a periodic low pressure centre

Q95. Duncan Passage is located between

- (a) South and little Andaman
- (b) Little and Great Nicobar
- (c) North and Middle Andaman
- (d) Middle and South Andaman

Q96. Lack of atmosphere around the Moon is due to

- (a) low escape velocity of air molecule and low gravitational attraction
- (b) high escape velocity of air molecule and low gravitational attraction
- (c) low gravitational attraction only
- (d) high escape velocity of air molecule only

Q97. Farmers are requested to mix lime with soil while farming their fields. This is because

- (a) lime is very helpful in maintaining the water content in the soil
- (b) lime decreases the acidity of soil
- (c) lime decreases the basicity of soil
- (d) high concentration of lime is necessary for the plant growth

Q98. The waves that help scientists to understand the internal structure of the Earth are

- (a) primary waves
- (b) secondary waves
- (c) surface waves
- (d) longitudinal waves

Q99. The planetary winds that blow from the sub-tropical high pressure belts to the equator are known as

- (a) westerlies

- (b) doldrums
- (c) polar winds
- (d) trade winds

Q100. Which of the following are true of matrilineal societies?

1. Newly married couple stays with the woman's parents.
2. As per the rules of inheritance, the property passes from mother to daughter.
3. Women play a dominant role in the family.
4. Examples of matrilineal societies are those of the Khasi and Jaintia tribes of Meghalaya.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 4
- (d) 1, 2 and 4

Q101. Cordillera in North America is a

- (a) river basin
- (b) high plateau
- (c) inland lake
- (d) mountain system

Q102. 'Population dividend' refers to

- (a) total number of population
- (b) youthful age structure of a population
- (c) relatively high proportion of experienced aged people
- (d) migration from richer region to poorer region

Q103. Which one of the following days is observed as the World Environment Day?

- (a) 28th February
- (b) 4th March
- (c) 5th June
- (d) 16th September

Q104. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? Nobel Laureate of 2008 Discipline

- (a) Martti Ahtisaari: Peace
- (b) Yoichiro Nambu: Physics
- (c) Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio: Literature
- (d) Osamu Shimomura: Physiology

Q105. The 'Red Data Book' containing information on all wild plants and animals in danger of extinction has been published by which one of the following?

- (a) International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)
- (b) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

- (c) World Conservation Union (WCU)
 (d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Q106. Who among the following holds the world record for the fastest century in a One Day International cricket match?

- (a) Sanath Jayasuriya
 (b) Virendra Sehwag
 (c) Shahid Afridi
 (d) None of these

Q107. Consider the following statements

1. The gross revenue from the telecom sector in India accounts for 3% of the GDP (2009).
2. Centre for Development of Telematics is better known as C-DOT.
3. The switch from digital technology to the analog system revolutionised telephony in India. Which of the statements gives above is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1
 (b) Only 2
 (c) 1 and 2
 (d) 2 and 3

Q108. High Altitude Warfare School of the Indian Army is located at

- (a) Gulmarg
 (b) Siachin
 (c) Leh
 (d) Manali

Q109. Which one of the following is not a football tournament?

- (a) I-League
 (b) Irani Trophy
 (c) Bardoloi Trophy
 (d) Durand Cup

Q110. Which amongst the following countries is the largest troop contributor to the United Nations peace keeping mission?

- (a) India
 (b) China
 (c) Pakistan
 (d) Bangladesh

Q111. Along with goods manufactured using child labour, some of the developed countries have started to boycott goods manufactured in developing countries using 'sweat labour'.

- 'Sweat labour' implies goods produced by
 (a) female labourers at a very low wage
 (b) labourers working in inhuman/unhealthy working conditions

- (c) labourers working for more than eight hours a day without any break
 (d) labourers where there is a wage discrimination between male and female labourers

Q112. What is the target of the Millennium Development Goal of the United Nations with respect to Universal Primary Education?

- (a) All children both boys and girls would complete a full course primary schooling by 2015
 (b) All children both boys and girls are to be literate by 2050
 (c) All boys should go to school to complete a full course of primary schooling by 2025
 (d) All girls should be enrolled in primary school by 2015

Q113. The Indian Research Station 'Himadri' is located at

- (a) Siachen
 (b) Darjeeling
 (c) Arctic Region
 (d) Antarctica

Q114. Which of the following statements is correct with regard to Yudh Abhyas?

- (a) It is an Indian military 'war game' with regard to Pakistan
 (b) It is an Indian military exercise with Oman
 (c) It is an Indian military exercise with Bhutan
 (d) It is an Indian military exercise with US

Q115. The Indian Army undertook Operation Meghdoot to establish Indian control over

- (a) Sir Creek
 (b) Alksai Chin
 (c) Siachen Glacier
 (d) Drass Sector

Q116. Who among the following is the author of the book, 'Sachin : Born to Bat-The Journey of Cricket's Ultimate Centurian'?

- (a) Khalid AH Ansari
 (b) Boria Majumdar
 (c) Kiran Nagarkar
 (d) Ed Hawkins

Q117. Outstanding historian Eric Hobsbawm who expired on 1 st October, 2012, has authored a large number of books. The title of his famous autobiography is

- (a) Bandits

(b) Uncommon People: Resistance, Rebellion and Jazz

(c) The New Century: In Conversation with Antonio Polito

(d) Interesting Times: A 20th Century Life

Q118. The Saudi Arabia government has recently decided to strictly implement a law called Nitaqat law. As a result

(a) 10% jobs in Saudi should be reserved for Saudi nationals

(b) 50% jobs in Saudi should be reserved for Saudi nationals

(c) A foreigner will be allowed to work in Saudi Arabia for a maximum period of 10 years

(d) 'Foreigner's' job contracts in Saudi Arabia will be on year to year basis

Q119. Heena Sidhu, who recently won a World Cup Gold Medal for India, is associated with

(a) shooting

(b) archery

(c) weightlifting

(d) boxing

Q120. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. In June 2014, the World Heritage Committee has inscribed the Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (GHNPCA) on the World Heritage **List** on the basis of UNESCO Guidelines.

2. The Great Himalayan National Park (GHNP) is located in Sikkim. Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

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11. b 12. d 13. a 14. b 15. b 16. d 17. d 18. c
19. c 20. a 21. c 22. a 23. a 24. d 25. d 26. d
27. c 28. c 29. c 30. c 31. c 32. a 33. b 34. c
35. a 36. a 37. d 38. c 39. b 40. b 41. a 42. a
43. a 44. c 45. b 46. c 47. b 48. a 49. c 50. c
51. c 52. b 53. a 54. d 55. a 56. a 57. a 58. C
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75. b 76. c 77. c 78. d 79. b 80. b 81. d 82. d
83. d 84. c 85. b 86. a 87. a 88. a 89. b 90. b
91. d 92. a 93. d 94. a 95. a 96. a 97. b 98. b
99. d 100. b 101. d 102. b 103. c 104. d 105.
a 106. c 107. d 108. a 109. b 110. d 111. b

112. a 113. c 114. d 115. c 116. a 117. d
118. a 119. a 120. a

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5. Marie Curie win her two different Noble prizes in two different category i.e., Physics and Chemistry for the discovery of radium and polonium.

6. Diamond is an element. It is an allotrop of carbon. While ruby, topaz and sapphire are mineral (i.e., compounds). These are the valuable gemstones.

7. Acetone is used as a solvent. It is an ingredient of nail polish remover.

8. The cleaning of dirty clothes by soaps and detergents is due to a type of molecules called surfactants. The surfactant molecules remove the dirt by forming some aggregates of themselves and take away the dirt in the core of aggregates. The spherical aggregate of surfactant molecules in water is called a micelle.

9. Titanium (Ti) metal is used for making boats because it does not corrode by the sea water.

10. Pearl consists of approximately 85% calcium carbonate.

11. Generally are weak bases. Antacid which naturalises stomach acidity, a commonly used antacid is magnesium hydroxide. Magnesium hydroxide is common component of antacids and laxatives.

12. A compound calcium sulphate (CaSO_4) which is a white solid is highly hygroscopic in nature. It has a very remarkable property of setting into a hard, solid mass on wetting with water.

13. Lime water is actually $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$. When it reacts with CO_2 , insoluble CaCO_3 is formed which turns solution milky. When excess CO_2 is added, CaCO_3 reacts with water and CO_2 to form Calcium bicarbonate which is soluble. That is why the solution clears out.

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17. Density of water is maximum at 4°C .

18. A perfect black body emits and absorbs all colours of light. A good absorber is a good emitter.

19. The restoring force acting on the particle is always proportional to the displacement of the particle from the equilibrium position and

is always directed towards the equilibrium position.

20. As the plug is pulled out, the value of resistance in the circuit decreases and hence more current tries to flow through the circuit. Pulling out the plug breaks the circuit and to complete the circuit for the flow of electricity a spark is observed.

21. Capacitor (condenser) is used to store energy in an electric field. Capacitance of a capacitor C, defined as the ratio of charge $\pm Q$ on each conductor to the voltage V between them. $C = Q/V$

22. Displacement = Shortest distance between initial and final point = 0
Distance travelled by you = $2\pi r$ (Circumference of the circular track)
 $35 \text{ m} \times 2 \times 3.14 = 220 \text{ m}$

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30. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs handles affairs relating to the Parliament of India and works as a link between the two chambers, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. It constitutes consultative committees of members of Parliament and makes arrangements for holding their meetings, both during and between sessions.

31. Article 371A deals with the Special provision with respect to the State of Nagaland.

32. The salient features of the 73rd Amendment Act, 1992 are: -
· To provide 3-tier system of Panchayati Raj for all States having population of over 20 lakhs.
· To hold Panchayat elections regularly every 5 years.
· To provide reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women (not less than 33%)
· To appoint State Finance Commission to make recommendations as regards the financial powers of the Panchayats.

33. The deposit made by a candidate shall be returned if the following conditions are satisfied:- (i) the candidate is not shown in the **list** of contesting candidates, that is to say, either his nomination was rejected or after his nomination was accepted, he withdrew his candidature; or (ii) he dies before the commencement of the poll; or (iii) he is elected; or (iv) he is not elected but gets

more than 1/6th of the total number of valid votes polled by all the candidates at the election.

34. nyaya is a concept of justice that combines theories of justice with the practice of democracy.

35. According to Article 243(E), every Panchayat, unless sooner dissolved under any law for the time being in force, shall continue for five years from the date appointed for its first meeting and no longer.

36. "Closure" is one of the means by which a debate may be brought to a close by a majority decision of the House, even though all members wishing to speak have not done so.

37. Traffic in human beings and beggars and other similar forms of forced labour are prohibited and any contravention of this provision shall be an offence punishable in accordance with law. The terms '**Socialist**' was added by the 42nd Amendment and assert that the government must adopt **socialistic** policies to ensure decent life for all Indian citizens. Thus, the word **Socialist** in the preamble of the Constitution of India read with Article 23.

38. The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) represents a significant step towards the fulfilment of the Directive Principles in Article 41 of the Constitution. It came into effect from 15th August 1995.

39. The Estimates Committee is a Parliamentary Committee consisting of 30 Members, elected every year by the Lok Sabha from amongst its Members. The Chairman of the Committee is appointed by the Speaker from amongst its members. The term of office of the Committee is one year.

40. The case of S.R. Bommai vs Union of India is a landmark case in the purview of the Indian Constitutional history relating to the proclamation of emergency under Article 356 of the Constitution. The case mainly came up with the issue of the power of the President to issue proclamation under Article 356 of the Constitution including the power to dissolve State Legislative Assemblies and also issues relating to federalism and secularism as a part of basic structure.

41. Article 79- There shall be a Parliament for the Union which shall consist of the President and two Houses to be known respectively as the Council of States and the House of the People. Article 54 - The President shall be elected by the members of an electoral college

consisting of the elected members of both Houses of Parliament; and the elected members of the Legislative Assemblies of the States.

42. The Ninth Schedule was added by the 1st Amendment 1951 to protect the laws included in it from judicial scrutiny on the ground of violation of fundamental rights. However in 2007 Supreme Court ruled that the laws included in it after 24 April 1973 are now open to judicial review.

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45. The blood group of father of the child could be A or B or O.

46. Somatotrophin is produced by the anterior pituitary. It is a peptide hormone that induces growth, cell reproduction and regeneration.

47. In vertebrates, cervical vertebrae are immediately inferior to the skull. They are smallest of true vertebrae and their number in human body is 7.

48. Henna (*Lawsonia intermis*) is a flowering plant. It is used to dye skin, hair, fingernails, leather and wood. Colouring feature of henna is due to lawsone, an organic compound that shows affinity for proteins and amino acids in animals.

49. Frog takes respiration in water through the moist skin. Whereas on the Earth respiration occurs through lungs. Fish has gills, Cockroach has spiracles and pigeon possesses lungs to respire.

50. Sugarcane is a main raw material for the production of sugar, sugar producing countries are Cuba, Brazil, India and China.

51. A pregnant woman requires an additional 400mg of folic acid daily during the first trimester of pregnancy. Green vegetables are rich in folic acid because they have folate.

52. Down's syndrome is characterised by an extra chromosome. It is also known as trisomy. All the given characters are observed in Down's syndrome, except option (b) only early ageing which is the symptom of progeria disease.

53. *Archaeopteryx* is a genus of theropod dinosaur that is closely related to birds. It demonstrates the evidence of origin of birds from reptiles.

54. Mitochondrial DNA is the DNA located in organelles called mitochondria. In eukaryotic cells it converts chemical energy from food into a Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) that cells can use.

55. The kidneys filter metabolic wastes, excess ions, and chemicals from the blood to form urine. The ureters are a pair of tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the urinary bladder. The urethra is the tube through which urine passes from the bladder to the exterior of the body.

56. Sphygmomanometer is an instrument to measure the blood pressure. It is made up of an inflatable cuff to restrict the blood flow and a mercury or manometer to measure pressure.

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58. 1. First Five Year Plan (1951-56)- Agriculture and community development **2.** Second Five Year Plan (1956-61)- Heavy Industry **3.** Fifth Five Year Plan (1974-79)- Removal of Poverty **4.** Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002)- Food Security and woman empowerment

59. In the short run insurance premium are fixed costs because they are independent of the level of production.

60. The government and the RBI have decided to launch one billion pieces of Rs 10 bank notes made of plastic on a field trial basis in 5 cities viz. Kochi, Mysore, Jaipur, Bhubhaneswar and Shimla. Primary goal of introduction of polymer notes is to increase its life. It could also help in combating counterfeiting. RBI will embark on polymer notes on a long term basis only if the cost-benefit calculus is decidedly positive in all dimensions.

61. The IMF is a UN's specialized agency. IMF was formed in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference to promote international economic cooperation, international trade, employment, and exchange-rate stability, including by making financial resources available to member countries to meet balance-of-payments needs.

62. When the curve slopes downwards from left to right; higher prices reduce the quantity demanded.

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70. The Treaty of Amritsar of 1809 was an agreement between the British East India Company and Ranjit Singh, the Sikh leader who founded the Sikh empire. The treaty

settled Indo-Sikh relations for a generation. The immediate occasion was the French threat to northwestern India, following Napoleon's Treaty of Tilsit with Russia (1807) and Ranjit Singh's attempt to bring the Cis-Sutlej states under his control. The British wanted a defensive treaty against the French and control of Punjab to the Sutlej River. Although this was not a defensive treaty, it did fix the frontier of lands controlled by Ranjit Singh broadly along the line of the Sutlej River.

71. The first Rupee (Silver coin) was introduced by Sher Shah and was called "Rupia" which remained in use throughout the Mughal rule.

72. Dayanand Saraswati founded the Arya Samaj which was an organization for teaching the true Vedic religion and also a social reform movement. He fought for equal rights for all and emphasized on social upliftment of women and the so-called lower caste. He denounced superstitions and condemned practices such as animal sacrifices.

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74. For effective administration the vast territory of the Rajya was divided as vassal states and provinces ruled directly by the king's direct representatives. While the vassal states were administered by the Nayakas or Samantas, the territories directly under the king were called Rajyas, Mandalas and sometimes Chavadis.

75. The edicts focus on social and moral precepts rather than religious practices or the philosophical dimension of Buddhism. Major themes are Ashoka's conversion to Buddhism, the description of his efforts to spread Buddhism, his moral and religious precepts, and his social and animal welfare programs.

76. Anizham Thirunal Veerabaala Marthanda Varma was king of Travancore from 1729 until his death in 1758. He was the only Indian King to beat the European armed force at the 1741 Battle of Colachel against the Dutch.

77. The Viceregal Lodge, also known as Rashtrapati Niwas, is located on the Observatory Hills of Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. It was built during the regime of Lord Dufferin. Its construction started in 1880 and was completed in 1888. The cabinet Mission 1946 was held in the The Viceregal Lodge.

78. The Theosophical Society was officially formed in New York City, United States, in November 1875 by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Henry Steel Olcott, William Quan Judge and others.

79. In Mughal period Cash crops were called Tins-i-Kamil or jins-i-ala.

80. Goshala Maskariputra was the founder of Ajivika Sect. He was the contemporary of Mahavir.

81. Statement II is correct because vaisyas and shudras refused to perform producing functions or pay taxes which resulted in the weakening of Brahminical social order.

82. The Fourth Buddhist Council was held at Kundalvana, Kashmir in 72 AD under the patronage of Kushan king Kanishka and the president of this council was Vasumitra, with A?vaghosa as his deputy. This council distinctly divided the Buddhism into 2 sects- Mahayan & Hinayan.

83. Al-Biruni wrote the book Kitab-Al-Hind in 11th century in Turkish language. Ibn Batuta is known for his extensive travels, accounts of which were published in the Rihla (lit.

"Journey"). Over a period of thirty years, Ibn Battuta visited most of the known Islamic world as well as many non-Muslim lands. Gulbadan Begum, the daughter of Mughal emperor Babar, wrote the Humayun Nama, the account of the life of her halfbrother, Humayun. Abdul Hamid Lahori a court historian of Shah Jahan wrote the book Padshahnama also referred as Badshahnama. In this book Shah Jahan's first twenty years of reign were described.

84. Marthanda Varma is written by C.V. Raman Pillai which was published in 1891. It is presented as a historical romance recounting the history of Venad (Travancore) during the final period of Rajah Rama Varma's reign and subsequently to the accession of Marthanda Varma.

85. Guallatire is one of the most active volcanoes in northern Chile.

86. The correct sequence is Kochi- Mangalore- Mumbai Koyli

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89. Sriharikota does not have a heavy water plant. Satish Dhawan Space Centre is a rocket launch centre located in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

90. The Thiruvananthapuram Rajdhani (12431/32) is the longest running Rajdhani Express train, which covers about 3,149 km.

It runs from Thiruvananthapuram Central (Kerala) to Hazrat Nizamuddin (Delhi).

Thiruvananthapuram is the capital of Kerala.

91. The shape of the trajectory will be undeterministic.

92. Kota petrochemical industry is the most westward located in India.

93. 1. Manas- Asom 2. Pachmarhi - Madhya Pradesh 3. Nokrek - Meghalaya 4.

Achanakmar-Amarkantak- Chhattisgarh,

94. El Niño is a warm ocean current. The term El Niño refers to the large-scale ocean-atmosphere climate interaction linked to a periodic warming in sea surface temperatures across the central and east-central Equatorial Pacific.

95. Duncan Passage is a strait in the Indian Ocean. It separates South and Little Andaman.

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97. Farmers are advised to mix lime with soil while farming their fields because it increases the pH of acidic soil (the higher the pH the less acidic the soil); in other words, soil acidity is reduced and alkalinity increased.

98. Secondary waves (S waves) are the second fastest travelling seismic waves (after primary waves) and can travel through solids but not through liquids or gases. It helps scientists to understand the internal structure of the Earth.

99. Trade winds blow from the subtropical highs or horse latitudes toward the low pressure of the ITCZ (Intertropical Convergence Zone).

100. While all other seas in the world are defined at least in part by land boundaries, the Sargasso Sea is defined only by ocean currents. The Sargasso Sea does not have a coastline as it is located in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

101. Cordilleras of North America is a part of the Cordilleran mountain system found in the western part of North America and extending through the coterminous United States and Alaska, Canada, and Mexico.

102. Population dividend or Demographic dividend refers to a period - usually 20 to 30 years - when fertility rates fall due to significant reductions in child and infant mortality rates. It occurs when the proportion of working people in the total population is high because this indicates that more people have the potential to be productive and contribute to growth of the economy.

103. World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 5 June to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. It is run by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

104. Osamu Shimomura won Noble prize in chemistry. He worked for green Fluorescent protein.

105. A Red Data Book contains lists of species whose continued existence is threatened. Species are classified into different categories of perceived risk. Each Red Data Book usually deals with a specific group of animals or plants (e. reptiles, insects, mosses). It has been published by International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

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107. The gross revenue from the telecom sector in India accounts for 7% of the GDP (2009).

108. The High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) is a training and research establishment of the Indian Army. In 1948, Indian Army established a ski school in Gulmarg which later became the High Altitude Warfare School of the Indian army.

109. Irani Trophy is associated with cricket. It was named after the late Z.R. Irani, who was associated with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

110. Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India have consistently occupied the top 3 places of top troop contributor lists for almost a decade (United Nations, 2005-2013).

111. Those who are employed for long hours, at low pay and in poor working conditions are called sweat labour. This can be common for workers in many poor countries.

112. The second goal in the United Nations Millennium Development Goal ensures that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.

113. Himadri Station is India's first Arctic research station located at Spitsbergen, Svalbard, Norway. It was inaugurated on the 1st of July, 2008 by the Minister of Earth Sciences.

114. The India-US Combined Military Training Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2014 concluded at Ranikhet in Uttarakhand on 30 September 2014. It was the tenth exercise in the Yudh Abhyas series that started in 2004 under US Army Pacific partnership program.

115. Operation Meghdoot was the codename for the Indian Armed Forces operation to capture the Siachen Glacier in the disputed Kashmir region, precipitating the Siachen Conflict. It was launched on 13 April 1984. This military operation was unique as the first assault launched in the world's highest battlefield.

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118. The Nitaqat law makes it mandatory for local companies to hire one Saudi national for every 10 migrant workers. There has been widespread perception that the policy would lead to denial of job opportunities for a large number of Indians working there. The Nitaqat (naturalisation) law, reserves 10 per cent private jobs for the locals.

119. Heena Sindhu is associated with shooting.

120. In June 2014, the Great Himalayan National Park was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. The UNESCO World Heritage Site Committee granted the status to the park under the criteria of "exceptional natural beauty and conservation of biological diversity". It is located in Kullu region in the state of Himachal Pradesh.